

WOODNEWTON NEWS

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Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – February 2021

The Parish Council met on 1st February.

The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry on under the current restrictions.

Public Time

No Residents joined Public Time this month. Do not forget that anyone can join Public Time to raise any issue with the Council. This is an important part of the monthly meeting and continues even though meetings are held remotely. If you wish to join and raise an issue, please contact the Clerk for the meeting link. woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

Speeding

The Council have submitted a revised Section 50 Licence to ENC Highways to add two more potential camera/speed detection signs to those already approved. Both these new locations are in Main Street.

Gym Equipment for the Playing Field

The first steps towards the installation of the gym equipment in the Playing Field have been taken with an initial funding search proving positive.

Planning

20/01717/FUL, 20/01665/FUL and NE/21/00071/TCA were all considered and returned to ENC with No Objection raised. NE/21/00058/PDU was considered. No Objection was raised providing the development stays within the footprint of the existing barns and that regulations are followed regarding any badger setts on site.

20/01561/FUL it was noted that Planning Permission had been granted.

Financial Review

Every quarter the Council reviews the financial position and looks at expenditure against budget for the period. The financial update is reviewed independently of the Clerk by a nominated Councillor and then presented to the meeting for agreement and sign-off.

Lockdown Crime Update

Our Police Liaison Rep updated the Council on the changes to crimes reported across Northamptonshire during the lockdown. As you might expect with so many people at home all the time, the number of burglaries and vehicle thefts has reduced significantly but complaints about noise and anti-social behaviour from neighbours has increased.

Residents Survey

It is 15 years since the Parish Council completed a full survey of the village to get an insight into residents' views, the make-up of our society and the future needs to be addressed. The change to the new Unitary Authority in April will bring new challenges with many strategic policies being reviewed and changed to reflect the new geographic area under its control. It is vitally important that the Council can respond to consultations with facts, and that working in the new Oundle rural parishes group we can have our voice in driving the direction of Council strategy. Over the next few weeks, you will have full details about the survey, and it would be great if you could take the time to respond so that the conclusions are fully representative of all residents. *Note: this is not the same as the official Census which is happening in March this year.*

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 1st March at 8.00pm**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR VILLAGE: YOUR SAY

The Parish Council will be undertaking a residents survey over the next few weeks to get your views.

Please keep an eye out for the full details of when and how to access the survey.

To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council: woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton – March 2021

7th March – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

14th March – 9.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Family Service AT NASSINGTON

21st March – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

28th March – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

Services in our other churches in our Benefice are listed in the church porch, or add your name to the weekly email list from Rev. Jane: jdailby@aol.com

I know many people are saying it, but it hardly seems possible that it is a year since we first went into lock-down. As I write this in mid-February, I am finalising plans for a very different Lent, with online groups and finding ways of making connections in new ways.

It is encouraging though, that during this lock-down we have been able to continue with in-church services as well as on Zoom. As you will see we have three out of our usual four services in March. Mothering Sunday falls on 14th of the month, and I am hoping that we will be able to have a family service that day at Nassington for all the families of the benefice. As with so much, it all depends upon the regulations when we get there! You will find details of the other services in our group of churches and our own plans to mark Mothering Sunday in Woodnewton in the church porch.

Holy Week and Easter come at the beginning of April, but, rather as we did at Christmas, we will find ways of celebrating this significant time together in new and creative ways. Again, details will be on the noticeboards.

The heart of the message of Easter is that death and darkness do not have the last word, and that God's love and power is stronger than all that we might face. We need to hold on to that, whilst admitting that these are tough times. Knowing that God walks with us can give us the strength to seek the light alongside us in the darkness of the tunnel, as well as looking for the light at the end of the tunnel, as we all are. May we seek God's love and light in all things and celebrate his presence with us.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery

Covid 19 Vaccination Programme Update

The Covid Vaccination programme is now well underway and we have now completed groups 1 - 4 (or at least all of these patients have been offered the jab).

Cohort 5 (65-69) have been invited via letter from NHS England. These letters will direct the patients to the mass vaccination sites at City Care Centre or East of England Showground. The surgery does not have access to CCC or East of England Showground bookings.

Cohort 6 (16-64 with underlying health conditions) have been invited by text to book at Stanground Surgery. **Cohort 7 (over 60 up to 64)** - this group are also being invited, sending texts to the oldest first.

Further groups will follow in the coming months - **Cohort 8 – 55-59** and finally **Cohort 9 – 50-55**

If you fall into any of the above categories (5,6 & 7) and have not received a letter or text invite, please contact Wansford Surgery reception to arrange an appointment.

If able to, we are asking all patients that are fit and well to park at the Stanground Sports Centre car park and walk to Stanground surgery as parking on site is limited.

2nd vaccinations - these will start from 19.3.21 (for those who were given the first jab 29/30/31 December). Patients will be invited nearer the time.

Mrs Kirstie Lawes - Practice Manager

Editors Note:

For reference the sites mentioned above with postcodes are listed below.

East of England Arena (Showground) PE2 6XE.

Stanground Surgery PE2 8RB. The Sports Centre car park PE7 3BW is a 2-3 minute walk.

The City Care Centre (CCC) PE3 6DB.

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Annual General Meeting 2021

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We are looking for new committee members and volunteers for when things return to normal. Use the same email to get in touch

Please check the website or Facebook page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>.

All Change at Wansford Surgery

After 33 years at Wansford Dr Amrit Takhar retired on 31st January 2021. His years have seen huge changes to the Practice and to Primary Care itself. He arrived in November 1987. At that time Wansford Surgery was a branch surgery of the main surgery in Kingscliffe. The surgery was a tiny 3 or 4 rooms in a converted garage on Peterborough Road. Amrit was a driving force in securing Old Hill Farm and its conversion to a state-of-the-art GP Practice. The new surgery was opened by John Major in 1991 and Drs Holland, Tuck and Takhar moved in. This was the start of the current Family Practice at Wansford with 4,000 patients and 120 square miles of rural territory. The core beliefs of personal high quality care were born. Amrit, like his partner John Holland before him became a GP Trainer and Wansford grew as a Training Practice, training many new generations of GPs. In 1994 Dr Holland retired and Dr Nally took over his role. We expanded into the Farm a little further and moved farm machinery out of the old barn to create a wonderful additional space which would become Wansford Research Centre and a Dental Practice: Wansford Smile Studio. Conversion of the piggery meant space for a Pharmacy; another exciting development.

Amrit has been an inspirational leader of the Practice. He is a blue sky thinker: a strategist. He has driven change and kept the Practice at the forefront of developments in Primary Care for more than 3 decades. He is a gentle leader; always keen to ensure fairness and provide the best environment for staff and patients alike to thrive.

He leaves the Practice – an expanded, visionary team comprising Paramedics, Nurses who now manage much of the chronic disease, Clinical prescribing pharmacists, specialist nurses and a thriving Research Unit (which is currently participating in the exciting Novovax Covid Vaccine Trial), as well as of course 5 Doctors and a Research Team.

He leaves a legacy which we do our best to continue to develop and grow. I am delighted to announce that Helen Eastwood is going to join me in the next stage of the adventure as we prepare to future-proof and maintain the highest standards of Primary Care at Wansford and Kingscliffe and the surrounding community.

We are delighted that Amrit will stay working with us closely as a Research GP which is his passion. We hope also that he will also enjoy easing himself gently into all that a well deserved retirement has to offer. We wish him all the very best and will endeavour to continue his great work.

Dr Rhiannon Nally

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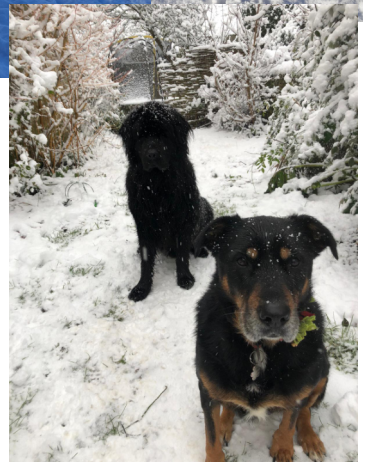
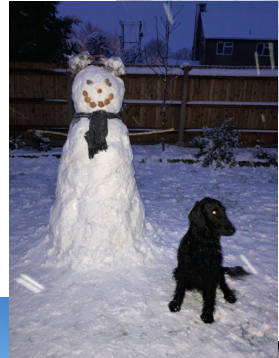
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Walking in a Winter Wonderland

By the time you read this the arctic conditions should be long gone but there were so many delightful photos taken around the village in the brief snowy spell I could not resist but to include a few. I think the dogs of Woodnewton have taken over!

Thanks to everyone who posted photos in the Community Whatsapp Group







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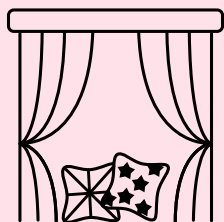
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