

WOODNEWTON NEWS

APRIL 2021



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – March 2021

The Parish Council met on 1st March.

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.

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. Two quotes have been received, both of which are in the region of £13,500. The Council has also consulted with the Table Tennis group about the type of table tennis table that could be installed as part of the same package. It was agreed that a long-lasting maintenance free material would be best, and a base layer made of rubber compound that is free draining. The total cost of the whole project for gym and sports equipment would be circa £18,000 of which approximately 90% could be grant funded.

Planning

20/01427/FUL; 20/0165/FUL: it was noted that Planning Permission had been granted by ENC.

Correspondence

Emails have been received regarding dog fouling on Orchard Lane, litter in the Village Hall car park and walkers not keeping to field footpaths. Woodnewton is a small village, and the Council would encourage all residents to think about others and act in a socially responsible manner.

Police

The Council understands that recent changes in Northamptonshire Police will result in each village having a named Police Officer who will be the point of contact. The force has also taken delivery of three new mobile Police Stations that will travel around the county and will also be available for events to make the Police more visible. The Police have also changed their strategic priorities to focus on 'quality-of-life improvements'. An example of this will be a crackdown on fly-tipping.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be held on 19th April at 7.30pm. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. It is the annual opportunity for the Council to report back on its activities and for any residents to ask questions or raise any issues they have which they would like the Parish Council to assist with.

To join the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk (woodnewtonpc@gmail.com) who will send out the meeting link.

Council Elections

The local elections that were postponed from May 2020 are being held this year. The Parish Council will be subject to election this time around (every 5 years). If anyone is interested in joining the Council and would like to put themselves forward for election, please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Spring Clean-Up

The Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday 10th April. 10.00am at the Village Hall,

Tasks big and small to suit all ages/fitness levels. This is a great opportunity to join in with your fellow residents and help to keep your village somewhere we can all be proud of. Meet friends new and old. Please bring basic tools/wheelbarrow if possible. We will be working in small groups or individually to remain in line with Covid-19 Guidance.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 12th April at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

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

4th April – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language) FOR EASTER DAY

11th April – No service at Woodnewton

18th April – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

25th April – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane

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

April begins with Easter Sunday as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus and the new life and hope he offers. This year, above all others, we need to hear again the message that nothing can separate us from the love of God and that his light shines for us all.

At St. Mary's we will hold our Easter Sunday service at 9.30 a.m. that morning. As I write, our other Holy Week services at Woodnewton and across the benefice have not yet been finalised, but details of services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will on the notice boards and in our weekly Sunday Link. Do get in touch with me if you can't find the information you need. What we will be able to do rather depends upon how the regulations have eased by the time we get to the beginning of April.

Many of us have received our vaccine shot by now, and others join that happy band each day. The new Archbishop of York spoke recently about the vaccine of hope, and it does feel that the vaccination programme has brought hope for so many after a year of lock-down and uncertainty. At Easter we also praise God for that other vaccine of hope, not developed by skilled researchers and scientists, but one that was won for us by our Lord Jesus Christ through his death on the cross. This isn't a vaccine we need to book in for, or wait our turn for; it is freely available to all. All we have to do is turn our eyes and our hearts towards Jesus and let him fill us with his love and compassion. He has understood all that we have gone through this year, and understands our continuing anxieties, but as we light a new Easter Candle in church on Easter Day, may his light and hope fill our lives and the life of our village and all those we love.

With every blessing

Rev. Jane

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions

At the time of writing the stay-at-home restrictions are being eased in a staged fashion starting on 29th March.

Step 1:

From 29th March outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29th March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme.

Step 2 - not before 12th April (subject to change)

Step 2 will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated. Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

Further steps are planned in May and June. These rules are correct at time of going to press and may be subject to change including delays to dates..

For the latest information visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Remember, just because you have been vaccinated doesn't mean you can ignore the restrictions. If you decide to travel on 29th March expect to find everyone and their dog doing the same thing so please take care.

Wansford Surgery Vaccination Programme Briefing

We are receiving a number of calls from patients concerned about their COVID-19 vaccination following the recent news that vaccine supply will be significantly constrained for the next few weeks.

We would therefore like to confirm the following to all of our patients

- If you have an appointment for your first dose vaccination at one of our vaccination centres, this is not affected and you should still attend
- We are assured by NHSE England that the supply issues will not affect 2nd dose vaccinations, therefore we do not expect any disruption to 2nd dose clinics
- 2nd dose clinics will take place between 11 and 12 weeks after 1st dose clinics. You will automatically receive an invite for your 2nd dose no more than a week prior to your 2nd dose clinic. Please do not call the practice unless asked to do so
- If you are in one of the top 9 cohorts and are waiting for your first dose vaccination, we will contact you to arrange your appointment as soon as we have available vaccine and confirmed clinic dates. In line with national guidance we continue to work through our patient lists in cohort order. Please do not call the practice unless you have been asked to do so.
- As soon as we have confirmation of vaccine deliveries for first doses we will arrange clinics and send out invites. Please respond to invites as quickly as you can after receiving them.
- If you receive an invite but do not wish to be vaccinated, please 'decline' the invitation so we can offer an appointment to another patient

We would like to thank those patients who continue to treat our staff and volunteers with patience, kindness, and respect at a time when our teams are working under increased pressure to keep you safe and well. It is very much appreciated.



Based upon the government roadmap on easing of Covid restrictions, the Village Hall Committee expects the Hall to re-open for use from 21st June 2021. Provisional bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com, but are subject to change if the regulations change.



Re-opening Soon

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

What's it all about - Alfie?

For many dog walkers the daily routine of walking our pets has been one of the things that alleviates the boredom of Covid restrictions. Wandering around the village or on the footpaths across the fields and through woods often results in a chance encounter with somebody we know and we can have a quick exchange of news - which is usually not really that news-worthy - before we continue on our way.

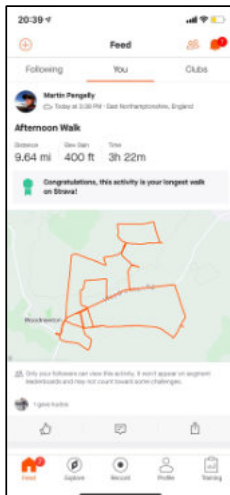
But sometimes a dog walk can lead to some unwanted drama and excitement. One evening in March Martin Pengelly was taking his lively Cockapoo Alfie for his late afternoon walk when Alfie decided that he needed more of an escape from lockdown and presumably following the scent of a wild animal, went off on an adventure in the fields north of Woodnewton. After Martin lost sight of him, he asked for help by posting in the Woodnewton Community Whatsapp group and over the next few hours a band of villagers spread out along the roads and paths around Woodnewton in search of the errant pooch.

Martin told me that there must have been about 15-20 people looking for Alfie and as darkness fell I can testify to the number of torches flashing around the fields and hedgerows as the search team looked for Alfie. My partner and I were part of the search and in darkness at about 7pm we crossed paths with Martin in the woods near Walcot Lodge and were all about to head for home, calling off the search until the sun came up again.

It's a troubling time when your dog goes missing as I can confirm as a few years ago ours ran away on bonfire night spooked by the fireworks. The fear that you might never see them again is no fun and with the current spate of dog thefts it's even more worrying.

As in our case there was a happy ending as Alfie was spotted actually close to home at around 8pm and was ushered home and re-united with Martin and Carolyn.

"What a wonderful village we live in." Martin said to me the following day. "All those people just coming out with their torches to look for Alfie." Martin also said he had walked over 9 miles looking for Alfie that evening - you can see proof of that in the GPS tracker map. You can also see that Alfie is completely unabashed upon his return home. Martin says that he is staying on his lead for the time being.



Woodnewton Community Group

Thanks go out to everyone who searched for Alfie. It really showed how useful the Woodnewton Community group can be in a time of need. If you want to join the Woodnewton Community Whatsapp Group send a request to Debra on 07971 696661. You can also join the Facebook Group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/853098948450562>. You can offer help to your fellow villagers and also request assistance or advice if you need it.

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting - 19th April at 7.30pm

The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Please contact the Parish Clerk or look at noticeboards for the details to join the meeting.

Want to contribute to village life?

Become a Parish Councillor – for details contact a current Councillor.

To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council:

woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

Not Gardeners' World

Last month we published a set of photos that had been taken around the village during the brief Arctic blast of winter that we got in February. Many of those were downloaded from the Woodnewton Community Groups on Whatsapp and Facebook and I could not resist using two of Daniel Hauck's delightful photos on the front and back cover. I make no apologies for featuring another of Daniel's pictures on the back cover this month.

I often ask for readers to send photos that can be included in our issues and with a few honourable exceptions, response is mixed. So I thought I would give you a theme for next month's issue. As the weather improves we are all tempted back outside into our gardens. I would like you to submit pictures of bits of your garden that you particularly like. Do you have something odd or interesting in the garden somewhere or some corner that you like to sit and contemplate the world? The quirkier the better.

I will start you off with an example. For reasons I never quite understood, the previous owner of our garden had accumulated a range of sheds in different places around the garden, all of them rather dilapidated. Although it's run down and only serves a very limited purpose of storing old bits of wood and as a home for spiders and mice, I rather like the old tin shed that hides in one corner and I include a picture of it here. It also features lurking moodily in the background of the cover photo.

Send pictures of your own interesting or favourite bits of garden to newswoodnewton@gmail.com before the 14th April deadline and I will publish as many as I can fit in the May issue. No prizes, but you may even get the cover shot if you send high resolution photos. Get snapping.

The Editor





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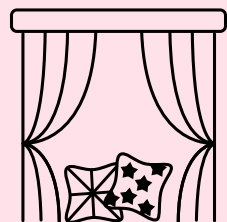
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