

WOODNEWTON NEWS

JUNE 2021



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Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – May 2021

The Parish Council met on 10th May.

The Council met in person this month for the first time in 14 months. Parish Council meetings by 'zoom' calls are no longer permitted.

The new Council met for the first time since the election when all the current Councillors were elected unopposed. We also welcomed Marcus Swallow as a new member of the Council following the elections.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held first, at which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the next 12 months were elected. Standing Orders and other formal procedures were also agreed.

Public Time

No Residents joined Public Time this month.

Playing Field

The new sign has been installed as required by the annual safety inspection and insurance assessment. It was agreed to purchase a second sign to be sited at the Ashby's Drive entrance to the field.

Planning

(a) NE/21/00614/TCA – Tree works 40 Main Street – no objection.

(b) NE/21/00587/FUL – works to 59 Main Street, replacement of windows and conservatory and door – no objection.

(c) NE/21/00599/LBC – works to 7A Main Street, single storey rear extension – no objection.

Accounts

A change by Local Authorities this year has meant that the Council has received the precept money in one lump sum instead of the normal 2 six-monthly payments. As a result, the bank balance as of 30th April 2021 stood at £34,580.97.

The Council agreed to continue membership of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) for the next twelve months. NCALC provides invaluable support, advice, and training for parish councils.

Allotments

The installation of the additional water tap has been completed. This extension allows easier access for the plots on the west of the area. Thanks to the volunteers who helped install the pipe and tidy up the trench afterwards. A patch of brambles due to be cleared at the same time was put on hold due to concerns over nesting birds and will now happen in the autumn.

Definitive Map

Cllr Neville had investigated and ascertained that two footpaths in the village needed to be added to the Definitive Map. The one between Main Street and The Paddocks and the one that runs behind the gardens of the houses on St Mary's Hill. The path between Main Street and Lindsey Close needed to be re-designated as a footpath only.

A PROPOSAL on the June agenda would be required asking for the Parish Council's permission to adopt the status of the above three paths to footpath status.

Parking

Complaints about inconsiderate parking at various points around the village continue. This is exacerbated by the narrow streets and sharp corners. The Parish Council has no authority to enforce any parking laws, however we do speak or write to those involved which often leads to

a resolution. The Council appeals to all residents to park with consideration for others and asks that if you are having additional vehicles at your house for any reason (i.e., building work, or a party) to ensure that they also park responsibly.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th June at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

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

6th June – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

13th June – No service at Woodnewton

20th June – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

27th June – 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: jdtailby@aol.com

It's well over a year ago since we started to learn to live with the restrictions placed upon our lives by the corona-virus. As we come to June, we are hopeful that most of those restrictions will now be lifted, although as we have learned through these last months, nothing is certain when dealing with something as unpredictable as a pandemic. In the church we are looking forward to being able accommodate more people for those great celebrations and commemorations of life, as well as being able to sing hymns inside again and to share special events together once more. We can't be certain when that will be, but there will be great joy when it happens!

I wonder how we have each dealt with our lock-down time? Some just got on with it, some found it challenging and even harmful, some felt re-assured, and we must remember those already largely confined to their homes and isolated for whom it felt little different. Some will find the easing of restrictions a great relief and others will be more cautious; we are all different. But we will all be changed in some way, perhaps. We might find we appreciate our freedoms more, or our local surroundings, we might realise how much we rely on others, we might have made new connections that will continue and grow.

In June in the church we begin the "Trinity Season" – a steady period after the festival times of Christmas and Easter. Now we seek to grow in our faith, understanding more of what we learned and experienced recalling the birth and then the death and resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps this year we will also grow in our understanding of ourselves and our community as we reflect upon our COVID-time experiences. The colour used in church in this season is green, the colour of growth and life. We seek to grow in the love of God, more and more understanding his care for us and his purposes for our church. We may be changed by the events and challenges of this last year, but God has walked with us and will continue to do so. May this be a time of growth and flourishing - for ourselves, our families, our community and our church, according to his good plans for us.

With every blessing

Rev. Jane

Update from Wansford Surgery

Hello everybody,

As we finally emerge from this most recent Lockdown and COVID restrictions emerge – we thought we'd give you a bit of an update about Services at the Surgery .

As for many of us it's been the toughest of years – we've had to transform the way we deliver care to our population in the midst of a global pandemic that has seen workload rise to unprecedented levels at times . In addition to this we have (as a Primary Care Network of Practices) vaccinated our entire adult population above 40 and managed to take part in a cutting edge COVID Vaccine Study called Novovax. You will be delighted to hear, I'm sure that despite the fact that Kings Cliffe Surgery has not been used for face to face consultations for a year it is now NOT going to close in the foreseeable future in order to accommodate an ever increasing Practice list size !

We have continued to see Patients face to face throughout the Pandemic at Wansford in a safe and socially distanced way . We will of course continue to offer this service and access will be by means of an initial phone call to one of our Clinicians who will arrange to see you at the Surgery if this is what's needed. It is true though that we are able to manage much of our patient contacts by phone or using online video link - this is proving very popular with patients who would otherwise have to leave work or young children for an appointment and many problems can be dealt with safely this way . Also please remember about our on line consultation facility – Engage Consult which can be accessed via the Practice Website and provides access 24 hours per day . We aim to respond to Online consultation requests within 48 hours .

So our news to you is that we are still here – still working away on your behalf. We are aware however that COVID has not disappeared as variant strains continue to emerge. We will not therefore change our working practices in the immediate term until it is really safe to do so . We are likely to continue with phone consultations to some degree as they have been so effective .

Please note that we will now close for Staff training for a half day every month. The first half day closure will be the afternoon of Tuesday June 1st . On this afternoon we will offer an emergency service only .

So stay safe all. Let's hope we can look forward to longer warmer days as we enjoy a little more freedom .

Dr Rhiannon Nally

Partner, Wansford Surgery

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

The group has continued to meet up via Zoom, but is hoping to return to face-to-face meetings in July. If anybody is interested in joining the group, we are always happy to welcome new members - we meet once a month on a Thursday evening. Did you see the editorial about us in May's edition of Oundle Life?

Over the last couple of months, several editorials and photographs have been added to the website - just go to the homepage and click on the topic under 'Latest Information' and you will go straight through to the page.

Some of the group are planning to visit Northampton Archives when it opens in June - research is needed on the time capsule, plus other facts about our current research which cannot be found online.

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Gary's Walk

With the recent easing of lockdown restrictions I am now able to organise our first walk of 2021. Normally the first walk of the year would be a nice frosty one but I am looking at a walk closer to midsummer!

If you would like to join me on a walk on 12th June please meet at the Willow and Brook Apethorpe at 10.30 for a gentle circular walk via Kingscliffe.

Thanks

Gary



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.

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The Annual Woodnewton Tallest Sunflower Competition

Raising funds for **PARKINSON'S DISEASE** research

It's about 6 weeks since we launched the competition on World Parkinson's Day, 11th April. Loads of you have taken up the challenge and with support from allotment tenants, villagers, ex-villagers, friends and family we have so far reached £1000.00.

Donations have now dried to a trickle but we are open for business as long as you would like to keep giving. We still have seeds if you fancy a late run for the winning height! We also have a few sunflowers recently released from the greenhouse available in pots for a £10 donation each.

The improved weather makes it possible to think of planting out pot bound plants that have been too fragile to cope outside. Check around the allotments for what the 'experts' are doing or look over garden walls for exhibition standard flowers hidden away in super warm and rich, well sheltered, soil.

With Woodnewton's contribution the Peterborough Parkinson's branch has raised over £3000.00 from a variety of fund raising exploits.

Please look at parkinsons.org.uk for information about Parkinson's disease.

Thank you

Phil and Jennie Wood,
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Ken Mardling 1935-2021

Many of you will remember Ken & Val Mardling who, from 1993-2012, lived at the Old Post Office (previously known as The Gardens). We are sad to report that Ken passed away in April, aged about 85. Val continues to live in Swindon, near family. During his years here Ken whole-heartedly played a positive role in our village & local community. It seems appropriate to mark his time here in the Newsletter with a few memories from some of his many friends.

An affable, intelligent man with oodles of energy, Ken delighted in village life. His ready chuckle, his cheery chat & laughter made him both a pleasant neighbour & friend & great to work with. He gave his time & skills willingly, whether chairing committees or joining work parties.

"Ken was kind & well-respected. He was good to be around & to work with in a team." Roger F.

Roger refurbished the roundabout with Ken on the team, again a job well done amid much laughter & camaraderie. [Note the recurrent task as generations pass!]

When chairing committee meetings, his 'people' skills were notable; he would courteously & diplomatically intervene if pointless or negative waffle occurred & keep meetings on track.

"Ken was a kind & cheerful friend & neighbour. Our strongest memory is of our shared interest in Red Kites which the RSPB were introducing to this area & one year a pair nested in a tall tree near the brook in their garden which happily we could watch from ours. Before the two chicks fledged the RSPB officials came to tag them & we were able to see them being weighed etc & then tagged & returned to the nest. A very interesting experience which Ken shared with us. There is still a 'tagged' kite flying round locally." Geoff & Janet R.

Ken enjoyed Bowls too & entered into the local club activities with his usual commitment & enthusiasm. He took this commitment further when working as a volunteer with Oundle Branch of NAB, Northants Association for the Blind. The following excerpts from their letter shows their great appreciation & the esteem in which he was held. Initially he started as a volunteer mini-bus driver on the various outings:

"I had not met Ken before but we chatted as if we had known each other all our lives. He was so easy to get on with."

"(Members) were fond of him. He always had a laugh & joke with them & nothing was too much trouble."

"Val & Ken had a huge beautiful garden & for many years our Strawberry Tea Party held there was the highlight of our calendar. Most years the weather was kind to us, it was as good as a tea party at Buckingham Palace. Home-made cakes, sandwiches, strawberries & cream all topped off with Pimms. From volunteer driver, garden party host & long-serving member of the committee Ken was a friend to all." Christine Stewart

This appreciation of Ken Mardling & his years around Woodnewton can be neatly summed up with another neighbour's comment:

"Ken was a good friend to Woodnewton & a great fellow generally." Andrew D.



Woodnewton Players needs **YOU**

We are planning our next show which we hope to perform in February 2022 and are looking for new members to join the group

We have lots of opportunities on and off stage, some examples are:

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Off stage - scenery design and painting, costumes, props, front of house
and the list goes on

If you want to get involved and would like to find out more come and meet some of the current members in the White Swan on the following dates

3 June, 17 June, 1 July and 15 July from 7.30 to 8.30

Get in touch

Email: woodnewtonplayers@gmail.com

Call: Sarah on 470709

Join us at our launch meeting for the next show on Friday 30 July at 8.30pm in the village hall, which will be after our AGM

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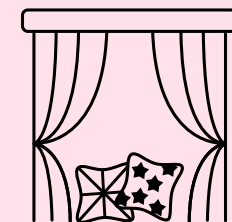
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