

WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2021



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – November 2021

The Parish Council met on Monday 1st November

Public Time

3 members of the public attended to raise matters that were of concern to them.

Churchyard and Cemetery Wildlife Project

A management plan and detailed map for the project was discussed. The aim of the project is to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the churchyard and cemetery and improve the environmental value of both areas on behalf of the village community. Our churchyard contains wildlife, which is rare in Northamptonshire, notably a small remnant of natural limestone grassland, but currently this is not able to flourish. With careful management the churchyard has the potential to be much richer in wildlife and to become a valuable and valued resource for the village community.

In contrast, the cemetery was formerly part of an arable field, so it no longer has any flower-rich grassland. Nevertheless, if managed sympathetically, it could still support valuable wildlife habitat.

The project will begin next year, and the Council is looking for volunteers for a ‘Rewilding Group’ to help with the work involved and for surveys etc so the changes can be measured and documented.

Speed Camera

The funding and Council contribution to the speed camera was outlined. Two cameras and installation costs would be approximately £7000.

Playing Field

Unfortunately, the Council was not successful in the first grant application for the gym equipment. A second application for a slightly smaller amount has now been made to a different fund. This will mean a larger contribution from Council funds if the project goes ahead.

Financial Review

The quarterly review of the budget and finances was completed with no issues arising.

Peterborough Gateway Development

Councillors recently attended an exhibition of the proposed plans for the extension of the Peterborough Gateway warehouse and distribution park. The plans, which are in the early stages would see 300 acres of farmland at Alwalton Hill stretching from the A605 Peterborough Services roundabout to almost the old Oundle Road at Alwalton turned into a warehouse park. Details can be found at equitesparkpeterborough.co.uk.

Remembrance Day

The Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of the village at the Remembrance Service at St Mary’s.

Bonfire Site

Reminder to all – The Bonfire site is CLOSED. Please do not bring any more rubbish, it is not a year-round dumping ground.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6th December at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman



St Mary's Church News

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

5th December – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

12th December – No Service at Woodnewton

19th December – 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)

22nd December (Wednesday) 7.00 pm CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Eve – 10.00 a.m. Christingle Making and Family Service

Christmas Day – 10.00 am Christmas Communion

26th December – 10.00 am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION

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

I am sure that we are all looking forward to a Christmas that is rather different from last year. Although we are still living with Covid 19 around us, we are all probably hoping that we will be able to share together with family and friends during December. Certainly in the church we are planning our usual Christmas events and services, even though I anticipate that we will still be wearing masks, particularly when there are more people in church or when we are singing a lot.

As you will see from our service list, we have our carol service planned for 22nd December, and we will be in the church this year. We are also having a Christingle making session and short service on Christmas Eve morning. I hope that lots of our families will come along - all will be welcome! Of course, Christingles are not just for children, and anyone who would appreciate a more informal Christmas service will also be most welcome. Come and give it a try!

Our Christmas morning service will round off our Christmas celebrations, again in the church. It is good to be able to worship in our churches again this year, and Woodnewton church is quite warm with the heating on (it's known in the benefice as just about the warmest of the churches!) However, it has been good to have outdoor services this last year, whether imposed because of covid, or simply as a reminder that God is with us wherever we are, not just in the church building. I have found holding services in our churchyard very special, and they are also a witness to those passing by. We'll plan some more for next year, but when the weather is warmer!

Thinking of keeping warm, our church is not inexpensive to run, (with heating and so many other outgoings!) and in amongst the many worthy appeals for help at this time of year, could we ask you to consider a donation to our church, please? Like so many organisations, we have taken a real financial hit during covid and so if you think you could consider a donation, please contact me, or a member of our PCC. (On a very simple level, cheques can be made payable to St. Mary's, Woodnewton PCC) Any help you can offer will help ensure that our church is here for many Christmases to come!

However you are planning to spend the Christmas season, may you be blessed by Christ the Light of the World, who is with us always and shines through the darkness of whatever we encounter with the light of his love.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

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Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery - Communicare

After a lapse of almost two years due to Covid, the PPG were pleased to hold their 40th AGM in an open environment at the Christie Hall, Wansford in October. It was good to see many new faces amongst the audience.

In his report the Chairman, Rev David Parkes expressed his thanks to the practice and his co-officials for their diligence in maintaining services during what had been a very difficult two years. Liaison between the PPG and surgery had continued with online meetings and representation has been maintained on the Peterborough Patient Forum and Patient Reference Group who meet regularly with the policy-making and fund-holding Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Donations over the two year period totalled £4775 – monies from the PPG had enabled the practice to purchase equipment costing £3035 for the benefit of patients. A further £4000 had recently been passed to the Kings Cliffe Active community garden project as requested and agreed with the donor.

The practice staff were commended on the efficient and convenient way they had organised the drive-through flu vaccination clinics at Kings Cliffe Active over the last two autumn periods.

Separate surveys of residents in and around Kings Cliffe by both Kings Cliffe Parish Council and the PPG to ascertain patient views on future provision of healthcare services in the area provided valuable information for future planning by the Practice. Dr Nally confirmed that services in Kings Cliffe will continue in some form but the situation will be kept under review.

With the imminent replacement of CCGs by newly formed Integrated Care Systems in April 2022, hard lobbying by the Practice and PPG has ensured that the Practice remains within the

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough system, thus allowing referral of patients to hospitals in our area. The alternative would have been the practice being placed in the Northamptonshire system with patients having to attend either Kettering or Northampton hospitals.

All current seven officials will continue in office but the Chairman made a request for younger people to come forward and join the committee – their input as the upcoming generation could be invaluable.

Dr Nally gave a resume of working practices that had been introduced as a result of the pandemic which had been immensely challenging. Remote appointments by phone or web-video, although not to everyone's satisfaction, had maintained a reasonable level of connection with patients and if there had been urgent need for face-to-face appointments, these had been made available. The practice size has increased to 8700 patients

Dr Takhar has now retired as a Practice Partner and Dr Nally has been joined by Dr Helen Eastwood as the second Partner. There are five female doctors working at the practice with an additional two male part-time doctors attending on certain days. Dr Nally stressed the difficulties in recruiting good doctors but felt that fortunately now there is a fairly stable workforce. She was also pleased that other professionals had joined the team – social prescribers, well-being coach, as well as others from voluntary groups providing assistance with lifestyle improvements and mental health issues.

Dr Nally commented on a presentation provided by the CCG about the forthcoming Integrated Care System (ICS) The vision of the change is to bring health and social care under one umbrella with better and fairer distribution of resources, both financial and staffing. It will also provide opportunities for

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levelling up of areas where more resources are badly needed. The structural changes will take place in April next year when ICSs will replace existing CCGs as the overall body, with two Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) formed to cover the north and south of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. Within these ICPs practices will be grouped to consist of around 50,000 patients.

Mr Simon Fairhall, chairman of the Trustees of Kings Cliffe Active, gave a presentation on the recently formed community garden project at KCA. This is currently 'work in progress' but is receiving support from various organisations with gardening supplies being sought from local businesses. Volunteers will be the mainstay - so far

interest seems high and community meetings are planned to further promote the project. He explained the layout of the area where raised beds, groups of trees, seating, etc will be provided. It is also hoped to open a small café and possible bowling green in the future.

Mrs Pippa Fairhall then spoke about her role as the Health and Wellbeing Coach at Wansford surgery – along with many activities now available at KCA to help people maintain a healthy and active life, she is also able to offer patients involvement in the garden project.

Wendy Spencer

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

The Group has started their face-to-face meetings again and have had some very in depth discussions on various topics, one being the three Mills of Woodnewton and newspaper articles. When all our research on the Mills has been collected, an editorial will appear on the website next month. All the newspaper articles on Woodnewton have been digitised, but due to copyright, they cannot appear on our website in this format, so we are looking for volunteers to help us type these up onto a Word document. Please contact Marilyn Jenner (woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com) if you would like to help us with this project.

New to the website during November was a report on the Woodnewton Tudor Pottery Kiln and Woodnewton Post Offices and Shops. You can find links to these two new items under "Latest Information".

Links have also been added on Nassington and Yarwell History projects and these can be found by hovering over the Link button on the menu and then clicking on the relevant page in the dropdown menu.

Thank you to the person who came forward to write more about the Care and Community Association and his report will appear on the website shortly.

Lost the Plot?

The first time I remember coming across the use of the word upgrade it was used in the context of travel. In a previous life, what seems like a long time ago I used to travel a fair bit. I travelled for business and travelled on holiday whenever I could. Back then, before the ruination of travel by Michael O Leary's Ryanair you travelled in the hope that you might get an upgrade. An upgrade to business class, to a better hotel room or even a bigger rental car. Sometimes taking the upgrade is not such a great idea. I remember landing in Perth in Australia and being offered an upgrade from the Toyota that I had booked to an Australian Ford Falcon. It was dreadful: large, slow, cumbersome and with some of the worst switchgear I have ever experienced in a car (even including 1970s British Leyland products). Mostly though it was nice to get the free upgrade.

Now the word upgrade is far more common. Every young person seems to "upgrade" their phone every year, when the new iPhone or Samsung comes out. It's a clever ploy by the mobile operators and phone makers. Make the new one a little bit better - more megapixels, more gigabytes, more cameras, bigger screen, faster processor, new weird emoji filter thingies. Get your new phone and get tied into a new deal, a new contract, a new commitment to spend more money. People like to change their cars, get a new finance plan, get new bells and whistles and get tied into a new contract and a new monthly commitment. That's why everyone seems to drive shinier, newer cars than me. Why do I want to change my car every couple of years? With all the new technology embedded in cars these days, I will just about have mastered all the bells, whistles, touch screens and obscure unnecessary features and my deal will be up. I will have to find money for the balloon payment, or get another deal.

Don't get me wrong, I like an upgrade, I love my technology but by waiting a while, replacing my phone, laptop, car, whatever no more often than less regularly means I can really feel the difference. The laptop that I am typing this on replaced a 6 year old one and it feels so good - fast, responsive, great battery life, better screen and amazing speakers for such a small box. My phone is 6 years old and still works like a charm, everything I need works nicely and its single camera and small screen does just fine. It doesn't have face id to unlock it and so hasn't been afflicted by the problem of wearing a mask. Its battery does suffer a bit as its processor is not efficient at handling all the latest apps, but I can live with it, probably for another 12 months. It also has something that new phones don't have. It has a headphone jack so I don't have to worry about keeping bluetooth headphones charged if I want to listen to music or podcasts.

Some upgrades come free - well sort of. If you use Microsoft Office for personal or professional purposes you may have an Office 365 subscription. It costs you (say) £10 a month and you get unlimited use of Excel, Word, Powerpoint and other business applications. The vast majority of people (even professionals) who use these programs barely scratch the surface of their capabilities and probably don't realise that every month they are getting more capabilities added - automatically and invisibly upgraded. I have to make the sad admission that I have been using Excel since version 1.0 which was released back in 1986. Over the years I have used it more than is healthy and recently my new job has required me to use it extensively to do all kinds of things with data that I really don't wish I have to. But I have discovered new things it does, new powerful capabilities that have been added over the last few months. It's the kind of upgrade I fully approve of.

I also understand that the Tesla car company, run by that weirdo South African space cadet also upgrade their cars over the air, downloading new capabilities to customers while their cars are parked up. I heard a rumour that you could even order temporary upgrades. You want to go to Germany and test maximum velocity on the Autobahn? Just activate the autobahn feature. No point in having it on this gridlocked average speed checked island, so don't pay for it and get downgraded to the M25 package. Merry Christmas!

The Grumpy Geek

Announcements

Noel and Irene will not be sending cards this year and would like to wish all their friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. We will instead be making a donation to charity.

Thank you.

Irene

Joan, Trevor & Philip (Dillon)
Would like to send their
Friends & Neighbours
GOOD WISHES FOR
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



Colin Bullock sent in this autumnal aerial photo of the village. We are always happy to receive photo submissions from round and about the village. High resolution is best.

Veggies on Orchard Lane

A huge thank you to everybody who supported the allotment surplus produce table this year, that resulted in over £600, yes £600! being donated to Cancer Research. Thank you all so much.



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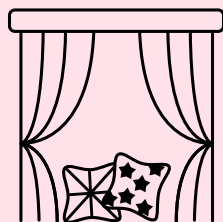
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