

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MARCH 2022



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – February 2022

The Parish Council met on 7th February.

Public Time

A member of the public attended to comment on a planning application.

Speed Cameras

The speed signs have arrived and hopefully by the time you are reading this will have been installed. Many residents have commented on traffic speeding through the village over the years or requested signs and it is great to finally have them in place.

Planning

1. NE/22/00028/FUL– 9a Main Street – Erection of timber garage – No objection raised
2. NE/22/00060/FUL – 17 Pridmore Close – single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension – no objection raised

Allotments

The work to clear the overgrown area continues.

Churchyard Trees

The inspection of the horse chestnuts on the boundary with St Mary's Hill has been completed by the Tree Surgeon. The report recommends that one tree is reduced in height and the second is either reduced in height or removed completely as it is diseased and in poor condition. The trees are subject to preservation orders so the Council will seek agreement on the way forward before any action is resolved.

Parish Clerk

Due to the increasing workload placed upon Parish Clerks, both from NNC and national government it was agreed to increase the Clerk's hours. Woodnewton has been at the lower end of the scale in terms of hours worked when compared to similar sized parishes. A council's activities are heavily dependant on having a good Clerk and we are very lucky to have Amy working with us.

Hedges & Verges

As with many things in the village the Council relies on the goodwill of residents to assist in keeping the village tidy. Please have a look around your property and if you have overhanging trees or hedges which are encroaching on to the road or path, please cut them back. Likewise, it is greatly appreciated if you can keep any verge areas by your house mown.

Road Closures

We have been notified of road closures in the village on:

- Sunday 13th March – local event
- Thursday 31st March – roadworks

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will be on April 11th at the village hall. This is your opportunity to come and meet the Council, listen to the plans for the next 12 months and raise any issues you may have. More details next month.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Save the Date - 3rd June 2022

Details to be confirmed but it was agreed that a community event would be held on Friday 3rd June. Please look out for more information in future editions of the newsletter

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14th March at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton – March 2022

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

WANSFORD 10.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing

YARWELL 7.00 p.m. Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing

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

13th March – no service at St. Mary's

(9.30 a.m. services at Nassington and Wansford. 11.00 a.m. at Yarwell)

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

27th March – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

(Mothering Sunday Family Service at Nassington – 9.30 a.m.)

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

It's not fair! Does God care about Justice?

The beginning of March brings the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on 2nd. We have two Benefice Communion services that day, as noted in the service list above. Our theme for Lent this year is "Embracing Justice". Each year at the start of Lent, we are challenged to turn away from sin and towards new life. Together we acknowledge that our own lives, our communities and our world stand in need of God's redeeming and transforming power. Through Lent this year, across the villages of our group we will be using a booklet produced by the Church of England called Live Lent: Embracing Justice which invites us to examine our own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray – for the church and the world far and near – that 'justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 4.24).

The booklet has daily reflections, readings and prayers to lead us through the theme, and there is a family version as well, with weekly challenges to share together. These will be available in the church porch at the beginning of March for anyone who would like to take one. We will also have two Lent groups meeting on Wednesday evenings on Zoom and Thursday afternoons in person. Details of locations and access are available from Rev. Jane. (01780 782271)

To encourage our thinking as we consider this important theme, Revd Peter Morrell, one of our Benefice clergy, has written the following reflection. I do hope that this will encourage you to engage with the theme during March and April this year, whether from a Christian or secular perspective.

With every blessing, Rev. Jane

JUSTICE

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

So wrote the Judean prophet, Amos, some seven centuries before the birth of Christ (Am. 5.24). Western culture in general and Britain's in particular are firmly rooted in Judeo-Christian tradition. Perceived wrong-doing in a primitive

hunter/gatherer community was punished at the behest of its leader. There were no safeguards for the wrongly accused. By the time that Israel became a national reality, the Book of Exodus was evidencing the existence of impartial justice delivered by judges (Ex. 23.1-9). Properly administered, impartial justice protects the vulnerable from the powerful. Both wronged and wrongdoer are treated fairly. All relevant evidence is placed before the court. Every witness is treated equally. Judgement is consistent with both the evidence the court accepts, with its reasons, and with the relevant, community-sanctioned law. All parties in the case have a right of appeal to a higher court.

The alternative to institutional justice is revenge. Practised in history, it continues; not much in Britain, but in places where access to impartial justice is either difficult or non-existent. Even here, the cries of the wronged at what they perceive as the leniency of a judge-imposed sentence on the wrongdoer are witness to the potency of revenge. The danger is that an act of vengeance may spark another, establishing a cycle that is hard to break. Properly administered, institutional justice prevents that.

The Hebrew Bible urges that reciprocity, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (e.g. Ex 21.24), should guide the administration of justice. There is much to be said for that. Persistently ignored to the benefit of wrongdoers, public confidence in a legal system is lost and the law taken into private hands.

However, an alternative means of dealing with wrongdoers has begun to be used in this country. Restorative Justice is based upon Judeo-Christian principles of confession, remorse, apology and forgiveness. Space prevents me from discussing the process further here, but those interested should visit restorativejustice.org.uk. The proven benefits in terms of the reduction in both re-offending and of the cost of running our criminal justice system are considerable. Given its Judeo-Christian roots, Restorative Justice may be an appropriate subject for Lenten reflection.

Revd. Peter Morrell

Heart Safe Communities UK Free CPR & Use of Defibrillator Training

Our journey began in Nassington eighteen months ago where we have been working to build a 'Heart Safe Community' by raising awareness, provide free training and install a network of public access defibrillators. So far we have 12 of the planned 20 defibrillators in Nassington and helped to facilitate others in the local area. We have trained over 170 people from Nassington and surrounding communities. Training is open to anyone from anywhere.

Given our success and a determination to help others we have now established a new national charity 'Heart Safe Communities UK'. Our aim is to help inspire others by raising awareness, facilitating training, and encouraging communities to work together with us to build networks of strategically placed defibrillators. We want to see as many people as possible to be within the Resuscitation Council's recommended retrieval distance of 100 metres or a 2-3 minute brisk walk from potentially life saving equipment. In addition to this we will be lobbying for a national definition for 'Heart Safe Communities'.

Nationally only about 3% of the population are currently within the recommended retrieval distance. In Nassington when our network is completed virtually 100% of people in the community will be within 100 metres of a defibrillator. Hopefully we can create a ripple effect and many others will have the same coverage one day.

We have now added other training venues to our timetable. Training dates are currently advertised on the Nassington Heart Safe Community website. They will also be accessible via the new Heart Safe Communities UK website in the near future. Training sessions are held on Saturdays and last just 1 hour. We offer a choice of 5 start times on training days 09:00, 10:15, 11:30, 13:00, 14:15. We have trained people between the ages of 9 to almost 90 so far. We ask that any participants under 16 are accompanied by an adult and actively welcome families to come as a group. All participants receive a certificate of attendance.

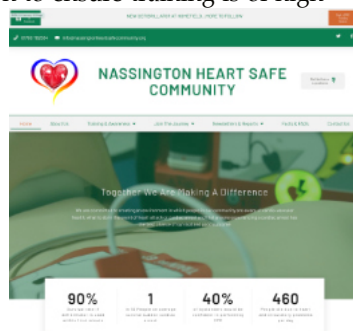
Places can be booked at any of the venues advertised on the website. Our next training sessions will be on 12th March (King's Cliffe Social Club), 9th April (Highgate Hall, Elton) and 14th May (King's Cliffe Social Club). Others can be found in the website. There are 30 places on each training day but just six places in each session to ensure training is of high quality.

We would be delighted if you would join us to learn how you too can save a life. Sessions are aimed at people who have never had any training, anyone wanting to undertake a refresher or simply practise their skills.

Just go to <https://www.nassingtonheartsafecommunity.org> and book your place(s) by following the link to the training page. Booking is easy, takes just a couple of minutes and you'll receive immediate confirmation of your place. If you have any questions, need any help or would like to help us in any way please email info@hscuk.org.uk or call us on 0300 10 200 11

We will be launching a new website for Heart Safe Communities UK in the very near future at <https://hscuk.org.uk> please look out for this watch this. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @HSCUKCharity.

We would welcome your support Together we can save lives.



Kurt Grunseid

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to a dear friend Kurt who passed away in January after a long illness.

Kurt moved to Woodnewton in 1973 together with his wife Gwen and their two young children, Louise and Jane. Tragically Gwen died a few years later leaving Kurt to raise his girls on his own, which he did with great determination.

Kurt worked at Pedigree Pet Foods for many years as a Projects Manager, a job which was extremely demanding. Nevertheless he rose to the task working full time and bringing up his young children. When he eventually left Pedigree Pet Foods he set up his own business sorting out people's personal computers. He continued doing this until very recently, working with small businesses and farmers. His skills sorting out computer problems were renowned. He would help anyone in the village for little or no fee. When asked how much it cost his answer would be "Just give me a bottle of wine" or "never mind you can do me a favour sometime".

Kurt was a man of integrity and as straight and as true as they come. He was involved in so many village activities, litter picking, village sports days, barbecues, Clown Fests, Woodnewton Players and as a member of the Parish Council.

Kurt was a very private person and rarely spoke of his personal life. He did not suffer fools gladly and always spoke his mind, you could always rely on his word.

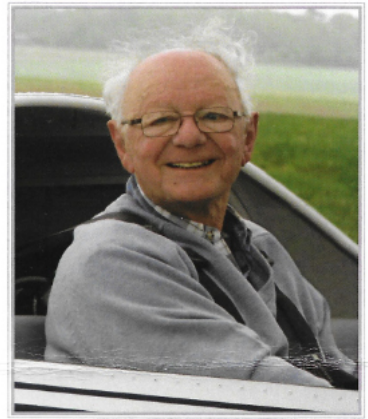
One of Kurt's endearing traits was when out with friends for a meal if you asked him what he thought of the food his answer would always be "It was alright". If he said this in a higher toned voice this meant that it was good. However if it was said in a lower tone this signified he thought it was poor.

All who knew him, I'm sure, had the upmost respect for him and I for one will treasure his friendship always.

I hope that when he reached the Pearly Gates and St Peter asked him what it was like for him on Earth he would answer "It was alright" hopefully in a higher toned voice.

God love you Kurty

Peter Clark



What's On?

WHO LET THE MEN OUT?



A chance for all men from our local villages to meet and socialise over a tasty breakfast
(Apethorpe, Woodnewton, Nassington, Yarwell, Wansford and Thornhaugh)

Saturday 19th March

8.30am – 10.00am

The Queens Head, Nassington PE8 6QB

Includes a first-hand experience talk on 'Handling the Media in War'

RSVP to help cater with approximate numbers or for any queries please contact Ian
Scott mensbreakfast@btconnect.com

The Mens breakfast enjoyed a second meeting since restrictions were eased on Saturday 5th February. Peter Morrell gave an entertaining talk titled 'The Trials and Tribulations of a Published Novelist' ahead of the launch of his new book on 21st April Reminiscences of a Nearly Somebody. We plan to meet again on Saturday March 19th at Queens Head, Nassington and the talk will be about 'Handling the Media in War' a first hand, personal account from David Pickup. Why not come along and join in the fun (plus a hearty full English) make new friends and hear about what is going on in our neighbouring villages.

Date for your diary.

Saturday 7th May at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton, 7 for
7.30pm

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The Woodnewton Village Hall Committee will hold its Annual General Meeting on 29th March at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall.

All are welcome to attend to find out more about the hall and the activities of the Committee and we are always looking for volunteers to join us or to help out with events and fund raising

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

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On Saturday 2nd April there will be a Big Life Affordable Art Fair at Woodnewton Village Hall from 11am-4pm.

There will be a range of stalls with artists selling pottery, textiles, jewellery, paintings, copper works, upcycled wood, clay sculptures, prints etc at affordable prices (nothing above £50) all original pieces of art.

There will also be a stall dedicated to raising funds for Big Life and if you are feeling peckish tea/coffee and cake are on offer as well as a cake stall with treats to take home. Big Life is a charity that was set up to address the problem of escalating poaching in East Africa. Its area of operation covers approximately 1.6 million acres across the Amboseli-Tsavo-Kilimanjaro ecosystem in East Africa. Big Life employs hundreds of Masai rangers who help to protect

and secure wildlife and critical habitat. It works on the ground in East Africa, partnering with local communities to protect nature for the benefit of all.

So please come along and have a great day, take home some wonderful art (and cake) and support this hardworking charity.

Saturday 2nd April

Woodnewton Village Hall 11am – 4pm



Anglian Water have informed the Parish Council that Oundle Road will be closed by the Bridge for 3 days from 30 March to 1 April 2022.

Please take alternative routes when accessing the outside world - if you have to.

Further details and a location map are available here:

<https://one.network/?tm=127480227>



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Trees, Hedges & Verges

Please keep any overgrown trees or hedges which are encroaching the road or path cut back.

It would also be appreciated if residents would mow the verge outside their property.

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



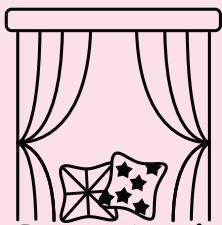
Normal service is returning to the village hall.

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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