

WOODNEWTON NEWS

APRIL 2022



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – March 2022

The Parish Council met on 14th March

Public Time

No members of the public attended

Speed Cameras

Two of the cameras have been installed. The one on Nassington road has some teething problems and the electrician is investigating further to resolve. We are awaiting the installation of the metal post to mount the third camera. This will be placed on the right-hand side bank as you come over the bridge from the Oundle direction to slow traffic before Pound Lane and the left-hand blind bend.

Planning

(a) NE/22/00154FUL – Works to Church End Cottage – No objection raised

(b) NE/21/00060/FUL – The Old School House tree work – No objection raised

Allotments

FREE ALLOTMENT PLOT OFFERED

An allotment plot requiring some ground clearance and work to bring it back into production is offered free of rent for 2 years. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

Kurt Grunseid

The family of the late Kurt Grunseid have approached the PC to offer a very generous donation to the children's play area, an important part of the family's memories and happy times since the family's arrival to the village in 1973. They would like to sponsor a new piece of equipment and a commemorative bench. The Council sent condolences to the family and thanked them for this very kind offer and will work with them to fulfil their wishes.

Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00pm Monday 11th April, Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to come and meet the Parish Council. Learn about the projects that are underway and planned for the next year and raise any issues or concerns that you have. We look forward to seeing you.

Jubilee Celebrations – Friday 3rd June 2022

Volunteers are required to help organise the planned celebrations. The idea is to form a small working group to plan the events and oversee the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Conveyancing Solicitor or Practitioner wanted for advice and assistance.

If anyone in the village is suitably qualified and would volunteer to help the Parish Council with a Land Registry issue, we would be very grateful. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Amy Miller – Parish Clerk: woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 11th April following the APM**

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman



St Mary's Church News

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

(and additional Holy Week Services in other Benefice churches)

3rd April – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

10th April – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

11th, 12th 13th April – 6.00 p.m. Holy Week Compline at YARWELL

14th April – 7.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at NASSINGTON

15th April – 2.00 p.m. Service of Devotions for Good Friday

17th April – 9.30 am Holy Communion for Easter Day (Modern Language)

24th 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

All are warmly invited to our services as we journey through Lent and Holy Week and rejoice in the good news of the Easter message of hope and new life.

As I write this in mid-March I am enjoying the many signs of spring around me. The snowdrops (one of my favourites!) are going over and the daffodils and crocuses are taking their place. The blackthorn is blossoming and forming frothy white displays in hedgerows that are just beginning to turn green. It is a wonderful time of hope and expectation as we move out of winter.

However, of course I am also writing surrounded by the daily news from Ukraine; news of bombed cities, terrified and hungry citizens and many, many refugees fleeing their war-torn homeland. I have no idea what the news will be of when you read this in the April magazine; my deep, deep prayer is that there will at least be a ceasefire and negotiations, but there is also the shadow of continued fighting and so much more suffering and even an escalation of the conflict.

In the first days of the conflict I joined an incredibly moving online service led by the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese in Europe. The service included a reflection from an Anglican chaplain in Moscow and even contributions from the church warden of the Anglican Church in Kyiv. It was so poignant to see her speaking from her apartment in the city knowing that later that night she may be sheltering in a basement or tube station. To hear her pray the Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian as we all prayed the same words in our language was so powerful, reminding me of what we have in common in faith and in our very humanity.

I think we all have particular images from our newspapers or TV screens that encapsulate something of this dreadful situation. For me, these have guided my prayers and the reflections I have shared in church and I am sure that for all of us these pictures have had an impact on us, leading to action and thought.

It seems even more telling that all this is taking place in the Christian season of Lent which looks to Jesus' death on the Cross to draw all people into God's love and the overcoming even of death in the glory of the Resurrection. Easter is about hope from despair, about confidence in the providence of God

from the depths of lament. For those of us of faith, prayers for peace, for an awareness of truth, for the overcoming of evil and the defeat of the corruption of truth are deep in our hearts. For so many of any faith or none is the desire to do something to help those in need and it has been a real sign of hope in the outpouring of love and care for those who have experienced such suffering in this conflict.

Easter is about hope, about the belief in God's providence. It is sometimes difficult to understand when we cry out, "O God, how can this happen – do something!" One of my Lent books, rather wonderfully, has been about hope and I have found some of the words particularly helpful. The author writes: "Trust in God's providence is beautifully expressed in the words of Jesus: Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. (Matthew 10. 29)" She then goes on to quote another Christian writer commenting on this verse: "not everything that happens to us is the will of God, yet in the last resort nothing happens without his will, i.e. through every event, however untoward, there is always a way through to God." These words are even more shot through with an incredible trust in the providence of God in the midst of great struggle when we realise that the writer was the German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was writing from prison after being imprisoned and eventually executed because of his open opposition to Nazism. "Providence" the author concludes, "is God's faithful love watching over all that happens to us and to our world." (Hope and the Nearness of God. Teresa White. 2022)

May we, in whatever challenges we face as individuals and in our world be encouraged by words of hope and signs of hope, wherever we encounter them, and may we be part of bringing hope to others.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

What's On?

By popular demand....

THE ANNUAL WOODNEWTON ALLOTMENTS & VILLAGE TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2022

11th April

Last year's challenge raised generous funds for Parkinson's Research while raising many a smile & amiable competition around the village. There are few rules other than do your best & no wilful destruction of the competition!

It is reported that Brian, champion in 2021, has spent long Winter evenings polishing his trophy ready to take on all-comers in 2022. Who's going to take him on this year?

(He is seen here receiving the trophy from Ruth Brinkler-Long Parkinson's Peterborough Branch Chairman).

First the serious bit:

Parkinson's [PD] is a progressive degenerative brain condition, causes not known and as yet no cure. If you want, there's lots of information at parkinsons.org.uk and look out for media coverage of WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY around MONDAY 11TH APRIL.

There has been much research and progress has been made, especially in containing symptoms, with an array of medication, diet, singing, shouting and vigorous aerobic exercise. Table tennis is especially good for combating symptoms. We are told a breakthrough is close and our determination is very strong!

Please sign up for the TALLEST SUNFLOWER competition by email, phone or in person to me or Jennie. Detail below.

The Competition:

Around the 11th April, for £5, we will supply you with 5 Titan Sunflower seeds. This variety is capable of growing 10 feet tall, can you go higher? If you wish, you can use your own seed of choice. We are giving more seeds this year to reduce the germination failure rate.

Optimum growth for each entry – the plants will reach optimum height at different rates so when yours can't get any higher contact Phil & Jennie who will confirm & record the height.

Competition closes around mid-September & the winner will be 'crowned' (date tbc) The title is held for 12 months.

We'll do a bulletin from time to time with photos of the best specimens and tips from the experts. Also, we'll let you know as we go along how much we have received in donations.

Of course, you are very welcome to make a larger donation. Please, if eligible, indicate that you are a tax payer so we can claim from HMRC.

If you want to join the fun [?] just reply and we'll arrange to hand over the seeds in exchange for your donation. The money will be paid into a Peterborough Parkinson's 'Just Giving' fund raising account.

Thank you,

Phil and Jennie Wood: 7 Wades Close. Tel 470462 e-mail philhwood@hotmail.com



Nassington Cricket Club

40 year celebration including T20 matches and entertainment with Jonathan Agnew

In May this year, Nassington Cricket Club will celebrate 40 years since the first match was played on their current ground. This coincides with the opening of the newly refurbished clubhouse.

To celebrate this occasion 3 evenings of events are planned, to which all are invited. The evenings are free to attend, and there will be the opportunity to purchase food & drinks as well as a raffle to raise money for the club. Prizes include tickets to Lords in August.

Wednesday 25th May from 6pm:

Special guest Jonathan Agnew will formally open the new clubhouse, followed by T20 1st XI Nassington v Newborough.

The evening will also include a raffle, BBQ, bar, cake stall and sweets stall for all to enjoy.

Thursday 26th May from 6pm:

U19s T20 Nassington v Newborough cricket match with BBQ and bar.

Friday 27th May from 6pm:

Juniors' match and family fun night, with BBQ, bar, sweets stall and games especially for younger members to enjoy.

History of the club

In 1982 Nassington & Apethorpe Cricket Club started playing at Apethorpe Hall on the front lawn. The hall was sold, and so the team moved to the field in Nassington – then just a meadow with no pavilion or facilities.

The first clubhouse

A disused wooden scout hut was obtained and erected on site. Over the years improvements were made starting with replacing wooden walls with breeze blocks, followed by small side extensions and a separate score box.



Original scout hut wooden walls

Local involvement

A team of dedicated volunteers work at the club maintaining the ground, clubhouse and managing the bar. The goodwill and community spirit have ensured the club has continued to grow and offer a friendly and fun atmosphere.

Passion for cricket

Despite the deterioration of the clubhouse over the last few decades, cricket has gone from strength to strength. The club has always prided itself on family values, inclusion and the development of young players. Add to this the local support from parents and family members, the club has created an enviable atmosphere from the boundaries!

What does the current club offer?

Nassington CC welcomes players of all ages; youngsters can join with boys' and girls' teams ranging from Under 9 to U15. Senior teams play within both the Hunts and Rutland Leagues and a 2021 Clubhouse prior to new renovation Women's team last year played in a Leicestershire League. The club has been a pioneer for the development of female cricket with several members being selected for District and County teams. New members are always welcome.



Ongoing funds are required to help meet the costs of this renovation. The clubhouse will not only host cricket matches, it will also be available to hire for parties and gatherings making it such an important facility for Nassington and surrounding villages.



If you are kindly able to donate, please contact nassingtoncricket@gmail.com.

2022 current renovation of the clubhouse, hoping to be finished by the May 40th Birthday

What was On?

A Critical Review of the Pantomime “Mother Goose”

By the Newsletter's Arts and Culture Correspondent



After the debacle of Covid and the tragedy Of Ukraine, The noble villagers of Woodnewton and the surrounding villages were well ready for some fun and merriment. Well, this panto certainly did the Job! For our younger theatregoers, The Mother Goose Fable dates back to the early 18th century, when Charles Perrault's fairy tale collection, "Contes de ma Mère l'Oy", was first translated into English as, - Tales of My Mother Goose.

family exploited by a money grabbing landlord, sought to extract more rent from poor tenant families. They were saved by the arrival of a Goose who, amazingly, laid golden eggs. There is also a deep moral lesson in the fable, in that if you acquire a vast fortune, it must not corrupt your view of family, good fellowship and compassion

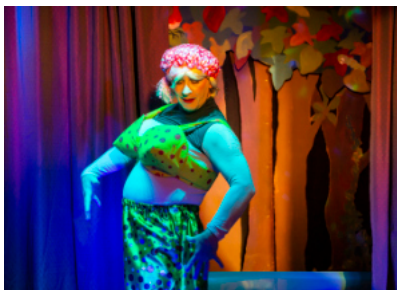
So the scene was set for our Panto. The orchestra opened the show with a musical overture. The Bar staff and front of house team created a cabaret style auditorium enjoyed by all. The company technical crew delivered great lighting and sound to the



audience. The village artisans gave us splendid painted scenic backdrops to Gooseland, the Magic Pool and Nowhere Land. Surprisingly, the combination of a large company of thespians and small stage, almost avoided on-stage collisions between the actors. All the ingredients of classic Panto were there. The good, the bad and the plain ugly portrayed their parts with aplomb, and a beautiful fairy princess was there to ensure the happy ending. Billy Gosling or Silly

Billy was the warm up man, Oh yes He Was! The Squire, the bailiffs and The Demon Discontent were initially classified as evil, but by dint of good behaviour, they transitioned to being decent folk by the end of the show. The Gosling family were the good guys and the romantic interest evolved twixt Colin and Jill Gosling and latterly The Squire and Mother Goose. The cast spoke in refined Oundle/ Northamptonshire accents with the exception of Mother Goose, who apparently acquired his/her accent in the Rovers





Return Inn in Coronation Street. The costume design was spectacular.

The transition of Mother Goose to a voluptuous young Lady (hmmm) after her immersion in the magic pool, set the hearts aflutter amongst some elders in the village, particularly for those who had forgotten their glasses. Mother Goose's wish to recapture the beauty of her youth did not bring her happiness. Alienated by her family, regretting her greed, it took the good fairy to restore her to the fine unbalanced person she was before. AAH, what an endearing storyline.

The highlight for your critic was the amazing Song and Dance routines executed by the massed company. Songs included some old Beatles classics which caused the audience to foot tap and, regrettably, join in song!

If there was to be a criticism, it was the failure of props. Ben Bogtrotter's Moustache kept falling off. This points to low budget funding by the prop master, a rivet Gun or Gorilla tape are better

solutions and these products are readily available at Homebase and B and Q stores. Priscilla the Goose also did much straining and clucking whilst she laid the enormous golden eggs. This clearly points to serious constipation, and perhaps a visit to the vet is warranted.

Now for the WAFTA (Woodnewton Acting, Film and Television Awards) Nominations. The Best Actor nomination must go to Robin Neighbour, alias Mother Goose. Never in the field of Panto has there been such a

plethora of great one liner jokes delivered, albeit focussed on the structure of the female brassiere. Robin's irreverent, politically incorrect and non-woke portrayal of Mother Goose was a delight to behold.

Next, The Wafta Nomination for Dance, Choreography, and Music Categories must go to Marilyn Oliver and the Whole Company for the stunning dance routines which adorned the show. Thank you the Woodnewton Players for a cracking evening of joy, humour, and fun. We in the community are ready for more of that. See you all next year please.



The Newsletter's Arts and Culture Correspondent

What's On?

Rekindle Childhood Memories



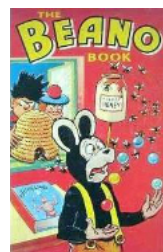
Enjoy a wonderfully nostalgic trip down memory lane on the Bank Holiday weekend 30th April to 2nd May from 11.00 a.m. till 5.00 p.m. in St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, PE8 5HD. You will see childhood playthings, fashions and furniture from the 1830s to the 1980s.

Exhibits will include Victorian children's boots, shoes, bonnets and christening robes adorned with fine lace and embroidery. An early wooden rocking crib, a cast



iron Victorian cot, rocking horses and china headed dolls that have survived for over a century. The exhibition will show the development of model making and building from early wooden bricks to Bayko, Meccano and early Lego. Visitors will see boxed sets of Tri-ang and Hornby train sets and layouts with trains running all weekend thanks to members of the Market Deeping Model Railway Club.

Do you remember playing with Dinky Toys, Pelham Puppets, Action Men and the Raleigh Chopper Bike or pushing your children in prams from the 1950s and 1960s? They will all be there? Ladybird books, comics and annuals including Beano, Bunty, Rupert, Eagle, Topper, Beazer and Dandy will be on display too. A video will run throughout the weekend to hopefully rekindle more memories.



Admission is £5 for adults (cash only please), accompanied children are free. The price includes a complimentary goody bag (whilst stocks last). Please note there are steps going down to get into the church

Refreshments will be served in the village hall and, it has been rumoured, the renowned flowerpot people and friends might be out and about in Main Street once again!

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WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

It was mentioned to me the other day that surely the History Group was nearly at the end of writing up the village history for the website. My answer was definitely 'no', it will never end - yesterday, last month and last year will all be tomorrow's history.

New to the site this month are editorials about some of the teachers/staff who worked at the school when it was open. <http://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/people/school-life/school-teachers> Also, there is a page on Conrad Wells' son, Robert, and why he didn't follow his father into the saddlery/harness-making profession. <http://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/military-records/world-war-2/robert-wells>

If you have interesting details about somebody who lived in the village, or an event that was held here, we would love to print a write-up on the website, so please contact us on woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com.

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WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Spring Clean-Up: Saturday 23rd April

10.00am Village Hall

Volunteers wanted to come and join the fun!

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.



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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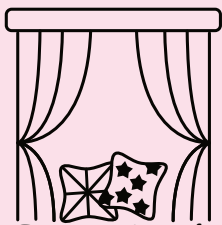
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June Moore, 5 Lindsey Close.

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