

WOODNEWTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2023





Parish Council Report – January 2023

The Parish Council met on 9th January 2023

Public Time

No members of the public attended.

Allotments

A recent inspection of the allotments found 3 plots having no evidence of much activity, care or general maintenance. Plots will continue to be monitored periodically and tenants may be asked to give up their plots or find someone to share with at the next lease renewal.

Church Wall

Council has had a survey of the roadside element of the church wall completed to look at options and costs for repairs/renewal. This would be a major piece of work and require financing in addition to the contingency fund already held. The Council will keep the wall under review.

Planning

Council has sent a formal complaint to NNC regarding the recent planning decisions and the process followed. Council also noted with interest the third-party review of the whole planning process at NNC which was instigated due to poor performance of the department.

EV Chargers

The Council is starting to investigate the feasibility of installing EV Charge points in the Village Hall Car Park.

Speeding

Cllr Blackmore presented the data download from the 3 speed cameras at each entrance to the village. A summary is given in the table below and a copy of the full report can be obtained from woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

	Apethorpe Road	Nassington Road	Oundle Road
	(Data from May-Dec '22)	(Data from May-Dec '22)	(Data from Aug-Dec '22)
No. of vehicles coming into the village	62,000	33,000	75,000
Average speed	24.5 mph	24.7 mph	28.1 mph
Maximum speed recorded	62 mph	49mph	65 mph
% Vehicles under 30mph	81%	90%	72%

Litter Picking

Saturday 18th February 10:00am at the Village Hall. Please come and join in as we venture to the far corners of the parish to clean up before spring arrives. The plan is to split into groups with each going to a different road and further out than we normally manage to cover at the Clean-Up Day.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 8.00pm Monday 13th February

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman



St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton February 2023

5th February	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)
12th February	No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am & Yarwell at 11 am.
19th February	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)
26th February	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

Writing this in the middle of January, I am on the look out for those first signs of spring – the slightly lighter mornings and the gradual lengthening of the late afternoon light, the first signs of plants nudging their way up out of the soil, and of course, particularly the wonderful snowdrops that always lift my spirits and remind me that winter is (almost!) on the way out. By the time our February magazine is issued we should have our usual, splendid show of snowdrops in the churchyard that I often mention about this time of year. They are just about my favourite flower, so I'm afraid they get used regularly in my letters!

I'm also aware of the "snow" part of their name so I'm hoping that February and March don't bring any snow, as I know they can! Apparently, statistically we are more likely to have a white Easter than a white Christmas, although I think that with our changing climate I think that is less likely now. When she was a teenager my sister often used to spend Easter sailing on the Norfolk Broads and often had photos of snow on the boats to share. Brrr!

I hope that we all have something that can lift our spirits through the winter, or whenever life seems challenging. I'm not a winter person so really look forward to the warmer months, but we all have times, I think, that we just have to slog through looking out for signs of better things to come. I know that for some those times will be far more than just putting up with the cold weather, and that signs of hope are sometimes few and far between. That seems particularly so at the moment as many struggle with the cost of living, the state of the NHS and all the other concerns about our future that surround us. That is when we need friends and family to keep us going, and for me, and I hope for you, a sense of God's presence to help lead us through and open our eyes to the signs of hope.

Spring brings the celebration of Easter; for many the ultimate sign of triumph over adversity, of God's love and power conquering even death. That celebration, though, is preceded by Lent, which begins in the middle of February this year. Lent begins with the story of Jesus in the wilderness and journeying through Lent reminds me that God walks with us through the emptiness of the wilderness and opens our eyes to glimpses of better things to come, even in the most unlikely places. Whatever your glimpses of encouragement may be, may you find them around you. And don't forget to go and enjoy the snowdrops in the churchyard!

Rev. Jane (jdtailby@aol.com 01780 782271)

What's On?



COME & CHAT

Join us on

THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY

WOODNEWTON

VILLAGE HALL

10.30am

This is not a fundraising event, just an opportunity for the 'community' to get together. £1 per person will be charged to cover the refreshments and hall costs



A Few Tickets
Remaining



SLEEPING BEAUTY

at Woodnewton Village Hall

Tickets: Adult £10 Children £5

Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm

Thursday 9 February at 7.30pm

Friday 10 February at 7.30pm

Saturday 11 February at 2.30pm

Saturday 11 February at 7.30pm

Tickets on sale by email from Thursday 5 January

boxofficewoodnewton@gmail.com

Tickets are non-refundable



For all our latest news follow us at Woodnewton Players

Sleeping Beauty by arrangement with Stage Right Creative Ltd. Written by Alice P Frayn

**Tea and Simnel Cake at
St Mary's Church
Sunday 26th March
Teas 2.00pm - 4.30pm
All Welcome**



Happy New Year!

We would like to start this year with a HUGE 'Thank You' to all of the parents, carers, teachers, villagers, and all those that have and continue to support FONS. Your time and donations have been incredible throughout the last term.

Your donations and support really makes a difference;

We believe it is important for us to share the outcome of our fundraising efforts.

Whilst not every activity we plan is for profit, we understand the importance of the contribution FONS are able to provide the school children alongside the regular government funding.

This school year we have been mindful of both the economic challenges we are facing, along with the need to consider environmental impacts such as cutting single use plastic and recycling/reusing when possible.

Last term we had a couple of new initiatives, such as the Halloween costume 'bring & buy' and the Christmas jumper 'bring & buy', both of which not only helped raise funds, but also recycled and repurposed items that may have been heading for waste/landfill.

Last school term, we raised close to £1,500 through the Film Night, Halloween bake sale and Christmas Raffle, along with a few smaller events/activities. The local Parish Council also kindly donated to FONS. So, Thank you to all who contributed.

These contributions allow us to enrich the children's experiences, in particular, FONS were able to pay for the whole school to attend the Christmas Pantomime in Peterborough at the end of last term.

Events;

We will be hosting a Winter Disco for the children in February, and we will start planning for the summer term, in particular for our Annual traditional May Fayre.

Anyone can support;



We receive funding through outlets such as;

Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.co.uk) select Nassington school and complete your usual purchase. Amazon then donated a percentage to FONS.



If you want to sign-up or share the link; sign up now at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and search for **NASSINGTON**.

CLOTHES BANK
and shoes.

The clothes bank is located in the school car park for old clothes, textiles

FONS receive a monetary value for the weight of items each time it is collected.

Thank you all, FONS.

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

In January last year, the 1921 census became available to anybody who had a subscription with 'Find My Past'. It provides a unique snapshot that lets us step back 100 years and witness up close, a key moment in the lives of those who had survived the First World War, and who were embarking on a new decade.

John is in the process of transcribing the Woodnewton census for our website, which will allow people, who had ancestors living in the village at that time, to look back and see who were in their family, where they were living and where they worked.

For many of us who are researching our family history, it has revealed some incredible and interesting new facts.

Sale of mistletoe for St Mary's funds



Thank you everyone who contributed to the donations for mistletoe, in aid of St Mary's

Fundraising for Servery & toilet. We raised £80.

Best wishes for 2023, one & all.

Jennie



Annual General Meeting

The Village Hall Committee will hold their AGM on 13th March at the Village Hall.

All residents and users are welcome to attend

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

Village Hall Clothing Bank

There is now a Clothing Bank located on the Village Hall car park. If you have old clothing, shoes, handbags, belts or shoes that you no longer use and are cluttering up your house you can drop them off and help to fund the Village Hall.



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Community Litter Pick: Saturday 18th
February
10.00am Village Hall**

Volunteers wanted to come and join the fun!

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



Hall bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com, but are subject to change if the regulations change.

Under the current circumstances we may refuse bookings.



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

Sports News

A huge thank you to the Woodnewton Parish Council for installing the gym equipment.

We have had great fun exercising together outdoors donning hats, scarves and gloves on frosty days.

My inner physio was released leading a warm up and cool down to prevent injury.

A suggestion was made for mulled wine afterwards as a reward... the thermos flask is in the kitchen ready!

Meryl Goddard



Lost the Plot?

Jobs for the boys (and girls)

A recent piece I saw in my paper gave a list of the fastest growing professions in the UK.

As I am still hanging on as an ageing and increasingly cynical member of the workforce, some of these job titles do have some meaning to me. I know that some of our readers are in the sometimes fortunate position of being retired and I thought that I would try to shed some light on some of these mysteriously obscure sounding jobs. Some of my interpretations have some accuracy, some of them are wild guesses and some are just scurrilously inaccurate. I will leave you to interpret which is which. I apologise in advance to any readers that are proud members of any of these professions - somebody has to do it. Please don't send letters of complaint to the editor because he is famously tin-eared and is likely just to through them in the trash-can, recycle bin or wastebasket.

Customer success consultant

I actually have a couple of colleagues who do this job. Now as far as I can tell their job appears to be to help customers to whom we have sold stuff learn how to use the stuff that we have sold them and also deal with problems when they don't. This is a role that is required with most types of technology sold to businesses. Personally I think that if the stuff that you made was easy enough to use your customers could be successful without the need for additional consultation.

Sustainability manager

I suspect that this is the person who spends their time convincing people to drive battery powered cars and to use public transport or their bicycles whenever possible. I am sure that a sustainability manager had something to do with my employer doing away with parking spaces at the office to discourage commuting. They have been very successful because the office is always empty.

Product operations manager

This one I am really unsure about. Maybe they are the people who show the Customer success consultant how to operate the products that the customers should be able to operate on their own.

Sales development representative

This one I do recognise. This is generally the title given to the poor souls who spend their days in a call centre (virtual or real) and make calls to innocent victims trying to get them to buy solar panels / washing machine insurance / insulation / double glazing / broadband - delete as necessary.

Chief growth officer

I know this one too. In the old days this would be a company's top sales Honcho - Director or VP depending upon the level organisational pretension but now the word Sales has been replaced by Growth. I confess that my own job title has Growth in there and it's got nothing to do with gardening. I feel that this title may even be on the way out as Chief Revenue Officer now seems to be the job title of the week.

Enterprise account executive

This is not the person who is in charge of getting the bills paid on James T Kirk's space ship. He or she is Sales Representative. We have Enterprise Technology Partners who are our Sales, sorry Growth team.

Growth marketing manager

I think this the person in charge of sending thousands of sales emails out and making sure that the companies Facebook and LinkedIn pages are kept up to date with suitably impressive industry gobbledegook and inspirational imagery.

Cloud engineer

Arranges rain-dances?

Business development representative

See Sales Development representative above

Chief people officer

This is the latest iteration of what was called Personnel Manager when I joined the workforce (some years ago). This then morphed into the rather impersonal sounding Head of Human Resources and now they have settled on the much cuddlier Chief people officer.

I look forward with dread to the day when all of these jobs are performed by AI Robots who make calls and send emails trying to sell their goods and services to other AI Robots. I can then change my voicemail greeting so that it's not primarily designed to put off nuisance callers.

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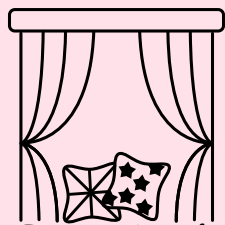
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