

# Woodnewton Parish Council

### Parish Council Report - May 2023

The Parish Council met on 9th May 2023

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**

One member attended to discuss the progress of the rewilding project. It was agreed that, while progress had been made, the extent of the project did not go as far as originally envisaged, but that it is still in the early stages of a long-term project. One member of the public attended to comment on a planning application.

### Churchyard

Concerns were raised about the increased number of cuts in the fastest growing period and the need to find another area in the church yard to rewild following the decision not to continue with rewilding around the newer graves. Suggestions were made for more suitable areas to be considered such as around the older graves, which were accepted. After a discussion it was agreed that a revised plan which would best reflect all the views expressed would be implemented.

### Playing Field

Minor repairs identified through the monthly safety check had been carried out by Cllr Blackmore. The annual ROSPA safety assessment has been confirmed for June. The Clerk confirmed that all the documentation for the registration of the field had been sent to the Land Registry. The Council registered its thanks to Mr Hegarty for all his help and advice on this matter.

### **Planning**

NE/23/00130/FUL- application for stone build machinery store and home office at the rear barn 17 Main Street. The LPA has asked the PC to remove their objection. Following a discussion about permanent structures being permitted beyond the building line the PC agreed not to remove their objection but would be willing to consider a temporary wooden structure\garden structure such as a shed on the site.

NE/23/00410/FUL - 15 Main Street, temporary garden structure - no objection

#### Finances & Audit

Council NOTED that the expenditure of £54,747 for the year breached the £25,000 limit triggering an external audit requirement.

Council approved the annual statements for:

- Internal Audit Report 2022/2023
- Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023
- Annual Accounting Statement 2022/2023
- Period for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the Council's Accounts, as Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 14th July 2023.

#### Coronation Celebrations

It was a agreed that the Sunday picnic had been well attended with over 200 visitors on the playing fields with their picnics and drinks enjoying the sunshine, surroundings and celebrating the Coronation in the company of friends and neighbours. Over 30 volunteers helped on the "help out day" clearing the land in preparation for the planting of the Community Orchard and were rewarded with tea and cake for their efforts. The Parish Council wish to thank all those who helped organise, set up and those who supported the events over the fantastic Coronation Weekend.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 8.00pm Tuesday 5th June.

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

# St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton June 2023 4th June – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

I Ith June No service at St. Mary's. Services at 9.30 am at Nassington and Wansford and I I am at Yarwell

18th June- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

25th June - 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP for Whit Sunday (Traditional Language)

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM (phone or online). Log-in details from Rev. Jane

I am writing this in the middle of May, as the hedgerows are now fully green, the may blossom is out and the cow parsley adorns the road verges. I love this time of year when there seems to be an explosion of white and green across our landscapes. We will still be enjoying this freshness in June, I know. Also, at the end of May, in the church, our Easter season draws to an end with the celebrations of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, often still called Whit Sunday in our church calendar. In the church we have different colours to represent our different church seasons: Easter and Christmas are joyfully white, special celebrations of God's gift of the Holy Spirit are red, the more reflective preparation seasons of Advent and Lent are purple, and for everything else, it is green. It always seems to me to be particularly appropriate that this "green season" begins after Easter-time as we enjoy the greening of our countryside. Green indicates growth, and in church one focus is reflecting on what we have learnt and experienced through the festival seasons and how that can help us to grow. It's also an opportunity to give thanks for what has helped us in the past and to plan for the future. We are particularly grateful to those in our church community who help that growth and change - those who care for our church building, decorate and clean, who facilitate our worship, those who support us financially, and who make sure that the church is available for those who come to us for a baptism, a wedding or a funeral. This is indeed a time to say thank you to them and to note that their efforts, though often unseen are so important to our life together. More widely, maybe this is a time to consider who and what helps us to grow as individuals and families, and to make sure they know that we appreciate all they do. And we enjoy our wonderful countryside as well!

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

(jdtailby@aol.com 01780 782271)

### The Old School House, Main Street

The Woodnewton Schoolhouse and Land Charity is a local charity that is separate from the Church of England and village church, although the trustees are the incumbent and the church wardens of Woodnewton Church. The trust deeds indicate that the charity may use its funds "for the work and ministry of the church in the village."

The Trust has responsibility for the Old School House that is now no longer needed as the retired school mistress who lived in the house is no longer with us. The Trust now plans to sell the property and as it is required to obtain the best price for it, the hope is that it can be sold with planning permission for some development.

Once the property is sold, the Trust will be able to use the income from the invested proceeds for the benefit of the village and the church. This would include supporting the toilet and kitchen project in the church and well as maintaining the general fabric of the church, but also the hope is that by working with the Parish Council, other village projects could benefit from the money available. There could also be the possibility of supporting local individuals in the way the Mildmay Charity and the Thomas Woolsey Charity do in nearby villages. These two charities offer grants to young people and others in education or in particular need.

The hope and expectation is that selling the Old School House will benefit our local community in many ways,

Revd Jane Tailby (Incumbent) jdtailby@aol.com 01780 782271

# 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)

8.30am - 10.00am
The Queens Head,
Nassington, PE8 5DG

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# Sat June 17th

Doors open 7.0pm

Bring your own drinks, but nibbles supplied

# Woodnewton Village Hall

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For all the family 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Woodnewton Village Hall

Doors Open 7:00pm

Eyes Down 7:30

£5 on the night (six games)

Bring your own drinks & Snacks



FLOWER FESTIVAL SATURDAY 22ND JULY 11AM - 4PM YARWELL CHURCH

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary Magdalene with a demonstration of bell ringing during the day and Refreshments and Craft Stalls at Yarwell Village Hall

Admission Free with donations invited in support of the Starsmore Jubilee Bell St Mary Magdalene & Yarwell Village, Yarwell, Main Street, Yarwell PE8 6PR.

## What's On?

Friday 2nd June
Bring Your own Bar & Snacks



# **July Special**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm to 10:00pm

It's so great to see so many people enjoying our monthly Friday 'bring your own' bar that we're making it extra special in July.

If you don't fancy fixing dinner, you could enjoy a delicious lasagne, freshly prepared by our professional chef. **Food must be pre-ordered**, details below. Food served at 7:00pm.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our future events!

Please pre-order food Freshly prepared lasagne & salad

£10.95

So that we can cater for everyone who would like food, we would ask you to please pre-order by **Tuesday 4**th **July**.

Contact: Eunice Williams

Email: unewilliams@hotmail.com

Mobile: 07904 997637 Landline: 01780 470708

# Woodnewton Coronation Weekend

The Coronation weekend in early may gave us all a good excuse to socialise and celebrate. The first of the Village Hall's Bring Your Own Socials took place on the eve of the Coronation and we were blessed with wonderful weather for the Coronation picnic on the Village playing field. On Monday a willing band of over 20 volunteers tackled the job of chopping down a jungle of brambles on an abandoned allotment in preparation for the planting of a Coronation Orchard in the autumn.

Here is a selection of Photos from the weekend. See who you recognise.





















### MUSIC-MUSIC-MUSIC

If you just happened to be walking past the church last Saturday (13th) just after 7pm, you would have stopped in your tracks because of the beautiful music coming from inside the church. The emotional rendition by Gill and Ian of 'All I ask of You' from Phantom of the Opera signified the start of the concert in aid of the Toilet and Servery project.

Songs from Musicals was the theme of the first part of the show, and we heard the euphonious voices of Ella, Hannah Tom, Polly, Elly and Daisy with their talented interpretations of popular songs from Les Misérables, West Side Story and My Fair Lady. Ben finished the first half with the help of the audience's participation with a very appropriate song for the evening, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' (Eurovision being held in Liverpool).



After the audience being served with their ploughman's supper, two young boys from the village started the second half with incredible instrumental performances. Archie's skill on the trumpet produced a very confident and tuneful, Danza Alegre, followed by his brother Jack skilfully playing the well-known piece for a solo trombone, the Acrobat. Their talent for their instruments and their performances were well appreciated by the audience. Ella, who we heard singing in the first half, showed us her incredible musicality on the flute with her beautiful performance of Tambourin.

With a tempo change, we heard the dulcet tones of Daisy singing 'On my Lips Every Kiss is Like Wine' and Ben's interpretation of 'Somewhere Out There'. Both tunes produced electrifying performances and sent goose bumps down my arms. Well, there had to be something from a Gilbert and Sullivan Show, didn't there? and what better song than 'Three Little Maids' sung harmoniously by Daisy, Polly and Elly. Their singing and skilful hand movements with their fans ended the second half on a 'high'.

To end the show, we had music from a newly formed U3A band with Mike and Rob on guitars, Eva on piano and Marilyn, the singer. Their chosen songs, like 'Crazy', 'Sway' and 'You're So Vain' were in a direct contrast to the other parts of the programme and although they were new to the show scene, their proficient playing together and singing produced a highly accomplished performance.

Keith Hannis, the experienced accompanist on the piano and his page turner, Gill Potts played an important part in keeping the rhythm and flow of the music producing, what someone in the audience described as a 'Magical Evening'.

Marilyn, who compered the show throughout had also produced the evening and had spent many hours in putting the programme together. The FOSM are very grateful to her for staging this successful show.

#### Woodnewton Come & Chat

There have been three 'Come and Chat' mornings in Woodnewton Village Hall, all of which have been really well supported.

It's a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and also meet new people from the village over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

We plan to meet 10.30 – 12.00hrs on the last Thursday of each month, so pop the dates in your diary.

A huge thank you to Marilyn, Janet, Meryl and Liz for volunteering to serve the teas and coffees, and to Russ and Geoff for helping to set up and pack away the tables and chairs. We look forward to seeing you soon.













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### King Charles III Coronation

#### **Coronation Fruit Trees Donations**

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Woodnewton Parish Council, Co-operative Bank:

Sort code: 08-92-99 Account number:65169465 Ref: Trees

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



Hall bookings may be made with Marilyn Jenner on 01780 470758 or <a href="mailto:villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com">villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com</a>, but are subject to change if the regulations change.



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.



#### For Sale

Pursuit Power Wheel Chair £350 Max Speed 4 mph. Range 12 miles. Max Weight 21st 6lbs Charger Supplied. Will deliver if needed Phone 01780 782483 or 07965194783



### **Useful Numbers and Information**

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