

WOODNEWTON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – July 2023



The Parish Council met on 3rd July 2023

Public Time

One member attended to discuss a planning application and concerns regarding the decision-making process at NNC.

Churchyard

Cllr Phythian gave a précis of the rewilding report received from Dr Townshend. He felt the rewilding in the cemetery was going well with no action at the current time required but planning over the next few months would be necessary. With regards to the Churchyard, he noted an overall reduction in the rewilding area now the areas around the modern graves were being included in the cutting regime. The area to the right-hand side of the church entrance although rich in plant life, it was agreed, should at present be kept tidy, but a possible inclusion for the future. It was agreed that several strips currently being rewilded could be widened and a larger area behind the church but not affecting the modern graves. Plant life noted included lady bed straw, yellow rattle and poppies. A drone aerial picture has been taken as a good indicator of fertile rewilding areas for future planning.

Speed Camera Data

The quarterly data for the 3 cameras as follows.

The Oundle road camera showed the average speed into the village was 28mph and 32mph leaving. 52k cars entered the village from this direction. The Apethorpe road camera showed the average speed into the village was 24mph and 25mph leaving. 34k cars entered from this direction. The Nassington road camera showed the average speed into the village was 24mph and 27mph leaving with only 13k cars entering the village from this direction.

Playing Field

The annual ROSPA safety assessment has been completed with no new findings or any urgent repairs required.

Planning

(a) NE/23/00608/VAR– Application for addition of solar panels on The Barns rear of 17 Main Street – No Objection

(b) NE/23/00500/FUL – New front porch, new attached garage, and new bay window to the rear to replace existing conservatory and new French casement windows to be installed to the rear elevation – 1 Orchard Lane – No objection

(c) NE/23/00130/FUL – oak structure The Barns rear of 17 Main Street – Permission Granted

(d) NE/23/00410/FUL – temporary outdoor structure 15 Main Street – Permission Granted

Allotments

An assessment of the allotments had identified a very small number of plots that looked as though they were not being maintained. If Plot holders wish to relinquish/share their plot, please contact Cllr Nigel Goodhall (Allotment Officer)

Roads & Footpaths

The Council has contacted Highways regarding the sub-standard reinstatement of the road following utility works in Main Street

Verbal Abuse

Parish Councillors are all volunteers who give up their time to represent Woodnewton residents to the best of their abilities and to keep the village and community somewhere everyone enjoys living. During a recent activity benefitting the whole community, Parish Councillors were subject to verbal abuse from a resident. This is completely unacceptable behaviour. If anyone is unhappy about the work of the Council, Public Time is available at the start of every meeting for residents to bring their concerns or raise any issues they wish.

The Parish Council met on 27th July 2023

An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held to consider planning applications with response deadlines that were outside of the normal meeting schedule.

Public Time

One member of the Public attended to express their views on the planning application listed on the agenda.

Whilst recognising that the plans had changed from the previous application and that some of their original concerns had been addressed, they stated that they still had concerns summarised as follows; The design prohibits further expansion of the Old School House. The loss of the historic stone wall and the impact on the surrounding conservation area. Loss of ecological habitat and the quality of the ecological report. Concerns over the motives behind the development.

Planning

NE/22/01622/FUL - The Council discussed the application at length, comparing the revised plans with the previous application and noting the changes made which addressed some of the objections previously raised. The Council unanimously agreed to 'Object' to the application on the following grounds. The overbearing size of the whole development for the size of the plot, The increased impact on the Conservation area because of the widening of the access, The loss of heritage assets (the stone wall at the front of the property).

NE/22/00723/FUL - the Council unanimously agreed to 'Object' to the application on the following grounds. Use of unsympathetic building materials not in keeping with other properties throughout the village

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

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

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

10th September

No service at St. Mary's. Services at 9.30 am at Nassington and Wansford and 11 am at Yarwell

17th September - 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

24th September – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM (phone or online).

Log-in details from Rev. Jane

The weekly cycle of prayer in the Church of England includes, on Mondays, prayers for the Media and the Arts. We may not think of praying for those involved in these areas of life very often, but it seems to me important that we do. We can understand how important it is to pray for those who work in the media, who influence our thinking by the way news is reported, and indeed what is reported.

The Arts, though, why pray for those involved in the Arts, in all the breadth and variety under that large umbrella? Perhaps it is something to do with remembering what lifts our hearts and our spirits above our day-to-day routine and enriches our lives. I, for one, am enjoying the Proms season, and I always appreciate a wander around an art gallery or a museum. We may all respond to what we see or hear in different ways, and enjoy different things, but we can give thanks for all that broadens our horizons and refreshes us, and indeed pray for those who share their talents with others. The Arts can educate, make us think, and offer new perspectives.

If we are thinking of refreshment and enjoyment, we ought probably to include Sport in our thanksgivings. Oddly enough, Sport doesn't feature in the weekly prayer cycle I mentioned, but I think it should, as again, those involved in sport entertain us, encourage us (and amaze us!) and indeed, influence our thinking. Those involved in the Media, the Arts and Sport all deserve our thanks, our thoughts and our prayers; that they may use their talents for good and be aware of their responsibilities in influencing others.

We often think of September as a new start for those who are involved in education so perhaps this is a time to consider what refreshes us and enriches our lives, whatever that is, and to seek that out that our lives may be renewed. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life in all its fullness." I wonder what "life in all its fullness" means to you? A question to lead us into the autumn, perhaps.

With every blessing,

Jane

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What's On?



KEEP CALM
AND JOIN US
AT

THE VILLAGE HALL

Woodie Night

1st Sept 6pm till 10pm

Come along, bring friends and your own snacks and drinks

Wednesday Welcome

"I remember when"

Come and join us for a relaxing time with music & singing followed by a cup of tea & cake

Wednesday afternoon 6th & 20th September –

And 4th & 18th October

from 2.30 – 4.00pm

at Elton Chapel, Middle Street, Elton PE8 6RA

For more details contact Brenda and David

01832 280087 or bmparkes@outlook.com

No charge but donations appreciated

The Chapel is also open for 'Coffee & Chat' from 10am to noon every Wednesday morning, and 'Tea & Cake' from 2-4pm on the 3rd Sunday of August and September

What's On?



The monthly 'Come and Chat' morning appears to be as popular as when we first started in February. It is lovely to see so many of the residents making new acquaintances or refreshing old ones.



The dates for the rest of the year are:

September 28th

October 26th

November 30th

December 28th

From 10.30 to 12 noon.

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 23rd Sept 2023

8.30am – 10.00am

The Queens Head, Nassington, PE8 5DG

Full English breakfast and guest speaker Steve Titmarsh on the Assassination of John F Kennedy

RSVP to help cater with approximate numbers or for any queries please contact [Ian Scott mensbreakfast@btconnect.com](mailto:Ian.Scott.mensbreakfast@btconnect.com).

What's On?

Date for your Diary

The Friends of St Mary's Church are arranging a spectacular show of music, sound and light on Saturday, 2nd December. Richard J Hutchinson will be returning to Woodnewton to provide us with an enjoyable evening of light night music on his Yamaha Tyros 5 Orchestral Keyboard.

Further details next month.

Quiz Night 17th June

Very many thanks to all those who participated in the quiz, also thank you to everyone who donated to Sue Ryder and indeed the team that helped out on the night. It was a great success and raised the grand sum of £550 which was donated to the Sue Ryder charity.

An acknowledgement has been received from Sue Ryder, a copy of which is in the Village Hall.

Once again

Very many thanks to all.

Peter and Dillon

An update for our recent **Strawberry and Shortbread** event which was held to raise funds for St Mary's Kitchenette and Loo.

A big thanks to all who attended. Your kind donations raised over £180

Thank You

Our next event will be in December and may include Mince Pies, Mmmm.

And another step along the way for the aims of the friends of St Mary's.

What better way to start your day than some early morning alfresco Ping-Pong?



What's On?

WOODNEWTON BOULES - DEUX

Village Hall
Saturday Sept 23rd
10:30am Registration for
11:00am Start
Bring a Picnic or Barbecue

All ages and skill levels welcome
More details soon!

There's No Businesslike Show Business!



Friday 20th October

7:45

Nassington Church



Join the Yarwell and Nassington Band for a sparkling evening of entertainment!

Bar and Raffle

Tickets £10 from Nassington Stores, Mould's Butchers and Eventbrite. Buy 10 get one free.

Supporting the Nene Valley Care Trust

Lost the Plot?

I am not sure if you have noticed but this column does not appear in the Woodnewton News every month. Months can pass without an appearance. At least one person cares about this. That one person has said that they enjoy reading the column when it does appear and are disappointed when it doesn't. They were just probably being polite.

There is no great science to its appearance. If the editor of the News does not have enough interesting or relevant information to fill the monthly 12 pages then your correspondent is wheeled out to fill a page with these musings. Sometimes the inspiration comes, sometimes it's more of a struggle. I would hate to have to write a regular column for a national newspaper, although a Johnstonesque pay day once a month would be very pleasant. I have a great deal of respect for anyone who manages this feat, even if I don't necessarily respect what they actually produce.



I got to thinking about how technology could aid me with producing these occasional columns and the recent coverage in the news and media regarding AI made me wonder if I could employ the famous (and infamous) ChatGPT to start producing these columns for me. Could ChatGPT's Artificial Intelligence produce better copy for the Woodnewton News than my own AS (Artificial Stupidity)? Now the question that you need to ask yourself dear reader - if you have even got this far - is this: Was this column written by ChatGPT drawing upon its large language model which has swallowed the whole internet up to some time in 2020, or was it written by your usual columnist?

How would you tell? Is the style of the prose consistent with previous columns? Is it more or less humorous or useful than previous columns? Well in reality you probably don't actually care because you most likely picked up your copy of the Woodnewton News to see what's been happening at the Parish Council, to find out when the Church services are in September or to discover what events you need to add to your diary. You weren't expecting to do bit of sleuthing to decide if some technological marvel of the age is responsible for 500 words or so of (hopefully) diverting copy somewhere near the back of the magazine.

So full disclosure. This column was not written by an AI agent. But I did ask ChatGPT to tell me something unusual about Woodnewton and it came up with this:

"Wassailing is a ceremony that involves blessing apple trees to ensure a good harvest in the coming year. In Woodnewton, this tradition is carried out in a unique way – instead of apple trees, villagers wassail their plum trees"

So is this really Artificial Intelligence or is it just AMSU – Artificial Making Stuff Up? Answers on a postcard....

The Grumpy Geek



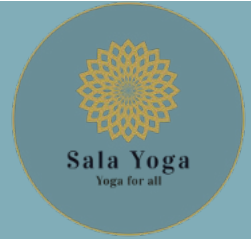
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and follow links to East Northamptonshire area

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



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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.



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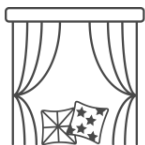
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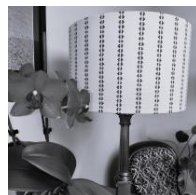


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