

# WOODNEWTON NEWS

## JANUARY 2024



Photo: Matt Roberts

# Woodnewton Parish Council

## Parish Council Report – December 2023



The Parish Council met on 4th December.

### Public Time

Two members of the public attended to express their thoughts on the litter bins in the village. Both felt the number of current bins (three) was inadequate and that more would encourage less rubbish and less dog waste issues. There were suggestions of further bins by the Nene Way on Nassington Road and near the grit bin on the road to Conegar Farm. It was explained there is a cost for more village bins, both in terms of the bins themselves and the related waste collection contract. It was AGREED to add this as an agenda item for further discussion at the January meeting and associated increased costs to be clarified by the clerk.

### Churchyard

Cllr Pythian updated that the rewilding in the Cemetery had been cut back but not the Church Yard. Cllr Hansford offered to help with this. It was noted that some of the village hedge cutting still had not been carried out. This was done and invoiced late December last year, clerk to check with contractor as to when these works will be done. Subsequent to the meeting the hedge cutting has been completed.

### Planning

(a) NE/23/00961/TCA 18 Main Street Cypress tree reduction: Noted that permission was granted

(b) NE/23/00848/TCA 14 Main Street Holly tree and stump removal: Noted that permission was granted

### Financial Update

Discussions took place with regards to the precept setting for 2024/25 The current financial year has a budget of £22,143 and a precept of £17,385, with the shortfall agreed to be financed out of reserves. Costs for next year were discussed. Keeping current inflation rates in mind, the budget was split out by known costs for 2024/25 (ie. mowing contracts, electricity) flexed costs for unknowns. There are no large projects being planned. A budget was agreed of £21,916 for 2024/25, a reduction on the previous year. A 12.5% increase would be required to support this budget and protect the carry forward reserves expected to be circa £13k (of which £10k is ringfenced for emergency repairs) The budget would require a minimum precept increase of £2,173 (£17,385 to £19,558) an increase of 12.5%. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Hansford and AGREED by all.

### Coronation Orchard

After further research has been carried out and allowing a donation of 2 pear and 2 apple trees it was agreed to purchase 1 Crab apple, 1 Quince, 2 Greengage, 3 Victoria plum, 2 Bramley apple, 1 Mulberry, 1 Damson and 1 Medlar plus the associated tree guards and stakes. The clerk to effect the order as soon as possible as it was agreed the trees should really go in this month and whilst the ground was wet. It was then suggested the grass should be seeded in April.

### Village Information Boards

The concept was further discussed. Cllr Swallow had researched the cost of the boards, and it was suggested that perhaps we start with just three boards with illustrations and explanatory text, populated with Woodnewton History. Due to the current lack of funding available for these boards and work to be done with sourcing possible grants this item remains ongoing.

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday 8th January 2024

**Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman**



# St Mary's Church News

## **Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton January 2024**

7th January – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

14th January – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

21st January – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

28th January – 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 (01780 782271)**

Happy New Year!

I hope that your Christmas celebrations went well and that there will be joy for you and those you love in 2024. There was so much going on in our churches over Christmas and it is good to begin with a “thank you letter” to all those who worked so hard in so many ways to make sure that our celebrations were so wonderful. Thank you to everyone who shared in our Christmas services in church and provided a warm welcome for regulars and visitors alike. Thank you to our wonderful cleaners and flower arrangers, those who came up with new ideas and those who made sure that our traditional celebrations continued, those who prepared services and the church buildings, rang bells, made refreshments and provided wonderful music. All that you did was so much appreciated!

It seems rather strange to be writing those words, knowing that when you read them, the Christmas events will have taken place and enjoyed, but I am writing this well before most of our Christmas activities have even taken place. Printing deadlines always mean that I am writing my letter in the middle of the preceding month. I don't suppose I am the only one who, for one reason or another, is always planning into the future while something else equally special is going on. For example, as well as thinking about the January magazine, I am also starting to think about Lent and Easter.

Whatever the reason for always feeling we need to plan ahead (and that's no bad thing, of course), the danger is that we then don't enjoy what is going on around us at this moment. I remember learning at school a poem that began “What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?” Just taking a pause and being in the moment is important, or we can miss something special. These days that is called mindfulness, but Christian tradition has always encouraged us to pause and simply “be” for a while, remembering that this moment is God's gift and he is present there. Maybe a new year's resolution might be to “stand and stare” now and again to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings or the wonder of a particular moment. As I go back to planning for Lent and Easter, I will make sure that I do that now and again!

With every blessing for the new year.

Revd. Jane



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# What's On?



## KEEP CALM AND JOIN US

AT

### THE VILLAGE HALL

## **Thursday** night is Woodie Night

11<sup>th</sup> January 7:00pm till 10:00pm

Come along, bring friends and your own snacks and drinks

### **Line Dancing Class**

Woodnewton Village Hall every Monday 7-8pm

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### **Come & Chat**



Everyone is welcome for tea or coffee and biscuits for £1 and to have a catch up with friends.

There is also a raffle with the proceeds going towards another defibrillator for the village.

It's a great way to say hello to Woodnewton if you are new to the village.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>

10am - midday at the Village Hall



# Defibrillator Fund



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Woodie night on Thursday 7th December.

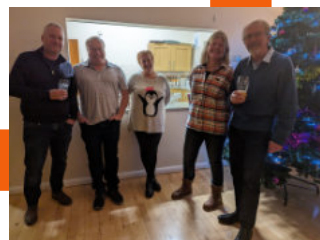
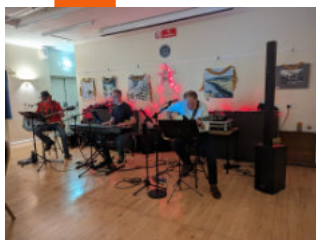
We had an excellent turn out and everyone enjoyed the live music, mulled wine and homemade mince pies.

We are delighted to confirm that £120 was collected for the defibrillator fund and will

keep you posted on the next event we have planned.

A big shout out to John Phythian, Matthew Roberts and especially Tony 'The Hat' who came from Raunds to provide the entertainment.

**"Happy New Year" from the Woodnewton Village Hall Committee**



## Phil & Jennie's Bench

When Phil & I celebrated our Golden Wedding last month, our family wished to mark it in some appropriate way & came up with the pleasing idea of a village bench. In cahoots with the Parish Council, they & our siblings organised this grand new bench to mark our many

years in wonderful Woodnewton.

The day after our 'party' our in-house team - working like a well-oiled machine on steroids - installed it, (most of you will have noticed) at the end of Orchard Lane.

As it is 'maintenance-free' we look forward to everyone being able to pause & enjoy the views overlooking the fields for many more years.

**Phil & Jennie**





## Parish Council in Action



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## Coronation Orchard



The Coronation Orchard behind the allotments is starting to take shape. After lots of work to clear the land during the year, the area was finished off with an earth mover in preparation for tree planting.

A determined band turned up on 20<sup>th</sup> December (just in time to go to press) to do the first planting of quince, mulberry, plums, pears and apples. The work was carried out very efficiently as it had all been completed by the time your editor turned up to take some photos. Luckily the good work was captured for posterity by Marcus Swallow and Alison Phythian.

Thanks to everyone's efforts we can look forward to having an new orchard on Orchard Lane. How very appropriate.







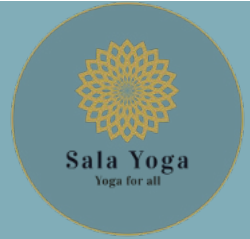
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The agenda is published on village notice boards and the village website.

To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council email: [woodnewtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woodnewtonpc@gmail.com)



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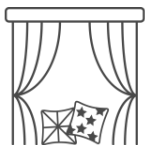
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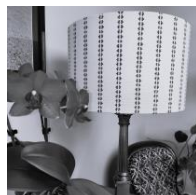


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