

WOODNEWTON NEWS

MARCH 2024



Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – February 2024



The Parish Council met on 12th February.

Public Time

A Trustee of the Schoolhouse Charity came to talk about plans for the potential development of the Schoolhouse site.

Churchyard

Cllr Pythian reported that the strimming of the wild areas had been carried out by Cllr Swallow and a volunteer. Thanks were expressed to both. Ideas from the community are being sought for the next stage of the biodiversity project.

Speed Camera Data

Cllr Blackmore reported that all three devices were working properly. No further issues were apparent.

Playing Field/Playground

Cllr Swallow reported that the monthly inspection had revealed that the table tennis bat holder had become unattached from the table. A repair would be instigated when possible.

Cllr Blackmore reported that he had repaired the broken goalposts.

Planning

(a) NE/24/00056/TCA: No objections raised.

(b) NE/23/00781/LBC and NE/23/00780/FUL: Noted

Allotments

Cllr Goodhall reported that a resident had applied for an allotment plot, but this had yet to be formally agreed. Access to the Coronation Orchard site was also discussed with the need to take back part of an existing plot. Discussions with current tenants would be held.

Village Maintenance

Cllr Swallow reported that the gully on the corner of Main Street and Conegar Lane was blocked. It has been reported but no action has yet been taken.

Thanks was expressed to Cllr Swallow and another willing volunteer who had cleaned out the waste bins by the village hall.

Cllr Hansford reported that the area of verge in the entrance of Lyndsay Close had ceased being mown by volunteers and this was unlikely to resume. Thought should be given to adding this area to the Contractors cutting schedule. A discussion was held on how this could be achieved without adding to overall costs, but no decision was made.

Village Clean Up Day

The Spring Clean Up Day & Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 13th April. 10:00am at the Village Hall. Volunteers wanted. Refreshments will be provided. Keep an eye on the Village WhatsApp Group for more details and elsewhere in the magazine.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 11th March 2024

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman



St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton March 2024

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

10th March– No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington (informal Mothering Sunday Service) at 9.30 am and Yarwell (Mothering Sunday Communion) at 11 am.

17th March – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

24th March – PALM SUNDAY – Benefice Service and Procession at Thornhaugh. Meet on the village green beside the village sign at 10.00 a.m.

25th – 27th March – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at Apethorpe and 6.00 p.m. Compline at Yarwell.

28th March – Maundy Thursday – A Passover with Jesus 6.00 p.m. at Nassington.

29th March – Good Friday – The Final Hour at the Cross 2.00 p.m. at WOODNEWTON

31st March – EASTER DAY Easter Communion at WOODNEWTON – time to be confirmed. Please see church noticeboard or contact Revd Jane

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane (01780 782271)

Easter plans already! As you will see from the service list it's a busy month with different services across our benefice churches (the churches in our group of parishes) marking important days in the church's calendar. Lent continues through March with Mothering Sunday on 10th March as a pause for refreshment in the middle of our Lent disciplines. We all need time to pause and refresh now and again, and Mothering Sunday reminds us of that, as well as giving thanks for all those who care for us and love us, particularly our mothers and those who are like mothers to us. As you will see from the service list we have services that day at Nassington, Wansford and Yarwell.

After that we set off again on our Lent journey as, in our imaginations, and finally we share Jesus' last week on earth. We begin with a benefice service at Thornhaugh on Palm Sunday with a real journey, albeit a short one, as we process down through the village with our palms. Each day of Holy Week there are services in our various churches as we journey to the cross together. There is Morning Prayer and Compline on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and then in Nassington Church on Maundy Thursday we have an evening called "A Passover with Jesus" as we share in some of the food, readings and prayers that Jesus would have shared with his disciples at the Last Supper, drawing out its meanings for us now. We are starting at 6 pm so that hopefully families and individuals will be able to join us. It would help us to know how many we are expecting so if let me know if you're planning to come, that would be great, but don't worry if you don't – just come along and be part of something rather different from our usual services.

On Good Friday our travels take us to the foot of the cross and this service is here in Woodnewton at 2.00 p.m before we end our journey in the joyful Garden of Resurrection on Easter morning. The time of the easter Communion at Woodnewton is still to be confirmed – the time will be on the church noticeboard.

Needless to say all are welcome at our services in any of our churches over this very special month in the church's life. There are simple, informal services and more formal services; hopefully something for everyone – and all are most welcome.

Where-ever your journeys take you in the next few months, may you be blessed and encouraged, and may you have good travelling companions!

With every blessing,

Revd. Jane

What's On?

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY & LITTER PICK

Saturday 13th April

Meet from 10:00am at the village hall

Come and help us to maintain and improve the communal areas and facilities throughout Woodnewton.

There are always plenty of jobs on the list for the Spring clear-up so if you can spare a few hours to join us, we can make a real difference.

If possible; please bring along tools/wheelbarrow for clipping, pruning and clearing.



What's On?

DON'T MISS OUT AND JOIN US AT

THE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday night is Woodie Night

7th March 7:00pm till 10:00pm

4th April 7:00pm till 10:00pm

Come along, bring friends and your own snacks and drinks



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THE LAST RIDER

Wednesday 13th March

Screening @ 7:30pm

(Doors Open @ 7pm)

Oundle Suite

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PE8 4JA

Tickets in Advance @ docsplus.
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£8 on the door (Cash or Card)

Laurence Way from
Gorillas cycling group will
lead the discussion

Come & Chat



The next Come & Chat will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 28th March from 10.30 am to midday. It's a great way to catch up with friends or make new ones. Tea/coffee and biscuits for £1.

Line Dancing Class

Woodnewton Village Hall every Monday 7-8pm

No experience necessary. The aim is to have fun and improve fitness along the way. No need to book. £4 a session. Ring/text/email Tasha for further details. 07789 230671 or nteall@btinternet.com

What's On?



Come and join us

Wednesday Welcome
1st & 3rd Wednesdays every month

2.00 - 3.30pm

"I remember when"

**do come for a relaxing time with music &
singing followed by a cup of tea and cake**



**Elton Hub @ The Chapel
Middle Street PE8 6RA**

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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.



WOODNEWTON NEWS

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WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

A lovely afternoon of food, wine and chat was had when the group started 2024 with their annual social at the home of Peter Atchison.

In January, we were given our first project to keep us busy for several months this year, when we were asked by the Parish Council to provide the information and images for the boards that are being installed in the village.

New to the website this month are: <https://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/plces/streets/meadow-gate> and more photographs in the Village section and 2014 Church Flower Festival have been added to the gallery: <https://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk/the-gallery/photographs>



The Village Hall Committee AGM will take place on 9th April at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Hall 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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ROBINSON CRUSOE

THE PANTOMIME

For one week every February Woodnewton Village Hall is transformed into an intimate little theatre by the Woodnewton Players. The tradition of the Woodnewton Panto was established in 2011 and the 2024 production was Robinson Crusoe. The original book of the Robinson Crusoe story was published in 1719 and is considered to be one of the very first English novels. I don't believe that the Pantomime was particularly faithful to Daniel Defoe's novel, which is a good thing as I am not sure there are many laughs in the original. Like the book, the pantomime does feature pirates and in particular the fearsome, wicked, evil- and according to the dame - strangely attractive *Blacktache*. I have



never actually read the book but I don't believe that the Crusoe family ran a Fish and Chip shop called Salty Towers in Widdling-by-the-Sea. Salty Towers with its



very realistically realised fish counter was the location for a typical slapstick routine involving *Robinson*, his brother *Sprat* and their "mother" *Dame Crystal Crusoe* and plenty of fishy jokes. Other artistically imagined locations included the docks, on board ship, a "dessert" island, jungles and a temple. Expensively realised special effects included face fulls of flour and coconuts falling from the tree of truth.



Key characters included *Calypso* - the Spirit of the Seventh Sea - who was dressed like a refugee from a 1970s glamrock band, exotically dressed *Friday* - the queen of the very well dressed Thousand Island and Robinson's love interest *Polly Perkins* who was played by a real Polly.



Amongst the imaginative musical score were two Barry Manilow numbers **Copacabana** and **Bermuda Triangle** - which



must be a first in a panto. The Beatles' **Octopuses Garden** is central to an underwater scene worthy of The Man from Atlantis and ELO's **Mr Blue Sky** features as the opening number. Polly's solo of Heart's **How do I get you alone?** was an audience favourite and the audience participation song based on **What shall we do with a drunken sailor?** was led by *Robinson Crusoe* playing his own concertina with great aplomb. Of particular note toward the end of the show was a wonderfully timed

rendition of Spandau Ballet's **G o l d** accompanied by a great lighting effect as the treasure chest was opened. The Players even managed a nod to Gilbert and Sullivan with *Blacktache's* stirring rendition of **I am a Pirate King** - even though there was no mention of Penzance.



Every performance was a sell out and each show had its own raffle so some audience members went away with a prize. Judging by the audience reception and the reaction of all involved it was another successful show. And the day after the final performance the Woondnewton Players Theatre is magically returned to being your Village Hall.



Keep your eyes open of news of next year's show and if you want to get involved on stage or behind the scenes, send an email to woondnewtonplayers@gmail.com.



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL



Spring Clean-Up & Litter Pick

Saturday 13th 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.



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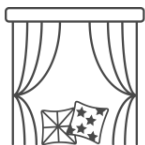
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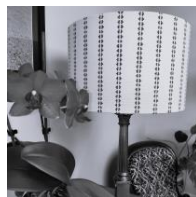


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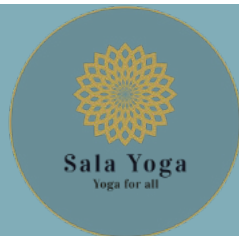
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