

WOODNEWTON NEWS

APRIL 2025



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What's On?



Nassington School
May Fayre
Saturday 17th May 2025

If you would like to run a stall at the event, such as: homemade goods, jewellery, plants, crafts and artwork, home accessories, we would love to hear from you!

Please Contact:
fonsnassingtonschool@gmail.com

During the month of May, donations such as: unopened bottles of alcohol, soft drinks, Smellies, jars, tins, Books



NASSINGTON HISTORY GROUP

Cows and Crucifixion.
A remarkable Roman settlement at Fenstanton.
Sunday April 6th
3pm - 5pm

Venue: Nassington Village Hall

Learn about Roman Britain in this area and the fate of some of the enslaved. Speaker: David Ingham

For further details contact
Karen Palenski (07957128462 or nassingtonhistory.com)

Entrance fee £3 (cash only please)

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WEDNESDAY,
9 APRIL

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7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)

Pop-up Café 6pm – 7.30pm

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Parish Council Report – March 2025

The Parish Council met on 3rd March, 2025, at 8:00 PM in the Village Hall. Vice-Chairman Cllr Neville presided in the absence of the Chairman.

Churchyard & Cemetery

The Council opted out of Kier's grass mowing service for 2025, instead accepting a grant. Grass-cutting tenders will be sought in November to allow early decision-making for the next season.

Speeding Issues

No new updates; existing speed signs are functioning well.

Playing Fields & Playground

No major issues reported. Some minor maintenance tasks, including vegetation removal and post repairs in the toddler area, will be addressed in the village clean-up.

Planning

Application NE/24/01000/FUL for The Old Smithy, Pound Lane was refused.

Financial Report

Payments approved include staff salaries, street lighting costs, and village maintenance.

Asset Register

The 2025 register was reviewed and approved for year-end reporting and insurance.

Allotments

The Council thanked Mr. Berton for assisting with bonfire site maintenance.

Village Maintenance

A successful litter pick event was well-attended, and a new sign has been installed to address ongoing issues with dog waste. The Council also approved £120 for bulb planting around the village.

Streetlights

The SSE energy contract was renewed for three months.

Correspondence

Topics included litter collection, a bouncy castle request for June, and reports of drone activity near Apethorpe Palace.

Community Engagement

The April Woodnewton News will invite residents to the Annual Parish Meeting on April 15, featuring a guest speaker from Northampton Fire & Rescue Service offering home fire safety advice.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30 PM.

St. Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton April 2025

Services at WOODNEWTON unless otherwise noted

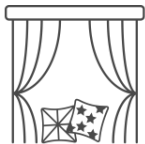
- 6th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)
- 13th 10.00 a.m. Palm Sunday benefice service at Yarwell with procession beginning at the crossroads opposite the old bus stop.
- Monday to Wednesday (14th to 16th) 6.00 p.m. Holy Week Compline at Apethorpe
- 17th 6.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Benefice Service and Tenebrae at Nassington
- 18th 10.00 a.m. The Easter Story Craft Church at Nassington
12 noon Good Friday Devotions at Wansford
2.00 p.m. Good Friday Devotions at WOODNEWTON
- 20th 9.30 a.m. Easter Day Communion
- 27th 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**

Easter is late this year, and I imagine that when we finally get to Easter Day on 20th, we'll be worrying about whether there are any daffodils left! Still, I know we will be surrounded by many other glories of our spring gardens by then so celebrating the new life of Easter will feel very appropriate. Our services in church in the lead up to Easter Day guide us through the story of Jesus' last week on earth and what we do seeks to reflect that story, helping us to see how his light, the Light of World, can never be extinguished. Each of the services helps us in our imaginations to join in with this great story of hope and dawning new light in the midst of whatever darkness we might face. Do come and join us on this journey!

We begin on Palm Sunday with a traditional procession (and maybe even a donkey!) through Yarwell, sharing with the people of Jerusalem who welcomed Jesus with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna. This is a benefice service for all our churches, as it is good to gather together from all our villages as we begin this most holy journey. In the next three days we will share Compline at Apethorpe, with readings and prayers about the events before Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper. On the evening of Maundy Thursday itself we have a Communion service at Nassington followed by a service called Tenebrae. Tenebrae means darkness and what we do at this service reflects the gathering darkness as Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane. The service begins with lit candles and after each reading or prayer, one of the candles is extinguished until only one remains alight. Even in the darkness the light of hope still shines. On Good Friday we have our usual Devotions remembering the crucifixion, but also a morning time together at Nassington Church where we will have crafts for children taking them through the whole of the Holy Week story and on to Easter Day. All are welcome from across our villages, and if you haven't been to our Craft Church before, do come along and have a go! We have our usual Easter Day Communion services (and no doubt some Easter Eggs!) but the events of Easter Day began "early in the morning, while it was still dark." It was then that women went to the tomb of Jesus, and the disciples' understanding of the Resurrection began to dawn, just as the dawn broke. There is something very special about being out as the sun rises on Easter Day and this year we have a special dawn service in Thornhaugh churchyard. We will gather outside the church at 5.45 a.m. and have prayers and readings as the dawn breaks. It may seem like a very early start, but I am sure it will be worth it, and there will be coffee and croissants afterwards before we go back the rest of the day. May this be a very blessed Eastertide for us all, and may the light of hope dawn for us once again, in our lives and in the lives of those we love, and in the darkness of our troubled world.

Every blessing,

Rev. Jane



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What's On?

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Tea/Coffee and biscuits are available for a donation of £1 and everyone is welcome to pop in.

It's a good opportunity to meet with friends or to make new friends. If you are fairly new to the village do come along, you will be given a warm welcome.



Line Dancing Class

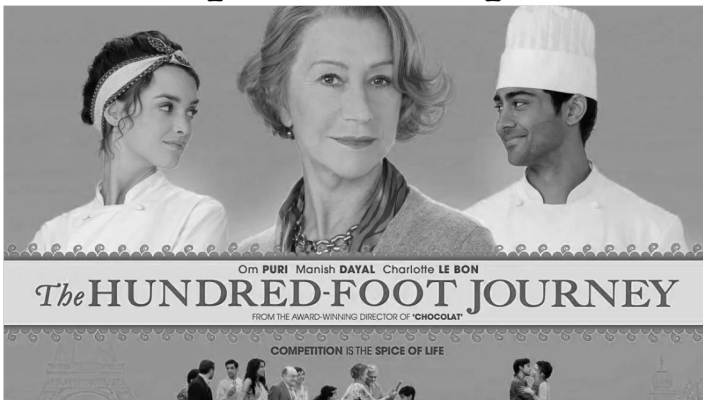
Woodnewton Village Hall every Monday 7-8pm

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



VILLAGE HALL FILM Club April 12th 7:30pm



The Hundred-Foot Journey is a heartwarming drama about an Indian family who opens a restaurant in a quaint French village, sparking a culinary rivalry with a Michelin-starred establishment run by a strict chef (Helen Mirren). As cultures and flavours clash, young chef Hassan (Manish Dayal) bridges the divide with his talent, blending French and Indian cuisine. The film is visually rich, with mouthwatering food and a feel-good story about acceptance, ambition, and the power of fusion. Its charm, performances, and lush cinematography make it a delightful watch.

Admission £5

Bring along your own drinks and nibbles.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Woodnewton Village Hall

Tuesday 15th April at 7:30pm

You are warmly invited to join us for a cup of tea and a chat with your Parish Councillors and hear what the Parish Council has been doing in the last year for the village.

We always welcome your feedback, and the meeting will also offer you an opportunity to have a say about any matters that are important to you and on anything you would like to raise that you consider valuable to the people of Woodnewton.

Guest speaker

Graham Dexter
Watch Commander

**Northamptonshire Fire
and Rescue Service**

NFRS is tasked with keeping our communities safe and well and the talk will cover what NFRS can do to help the residents of Woodnewton.

Graham will provide a wealth of information to help you maintain the safety of your home and prevent fire incidents from arising and discuss any issues you have that he can help address. You will also have an opportunity to arrange home fire safety visits, and if needed fit smoke alarms.



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Annual Parish Meeting

7:30 pm 15th April at the Village Hall

See details at the front of the magazine.

All villagers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

Our regular meetings continue on the **4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM**. This year, we've introduced a series of short talks on local history, presented by our own members. Upcoming topics include **Richard III, Past Railways of this Area**, and more.

Over the winter months, several of our members have been busy researching and writing editorials, which are now available on our website: <https://woodnewtonhistory.co.uk>.

If you have a passion for history and would like to join us, please get in touch at jennervalley@gmail.com. We'd love to welcome you!



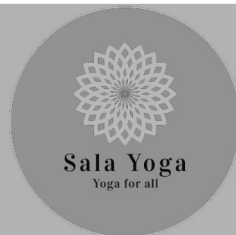
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Community News

Village Hall Bingo

Around 30 villagers had an evening of Bingo and baked spuds at the Village Hall on 15th March. The Village Hall team dusted down the 1970s vintage Roto Thro Bingo Machine and played the usual 6 rounds plus a flyer. Baked spuds and Chilli was provided for half time sustenance by Gary and Inez and a night of responsible gambling was enjoyed by all - at least that's what they said. Margaret was the big winner on the flyer (pictured below looking suitably delighted). The event raised over £175 for the Village Hall.

Thanks to all who came along and to the Village Hall Team for organising it.



Proposed Playground Development at Kings Cliffe Active

Kings Cliffe Active, a not-for-profit sports and recreation centre near Peterborough and Stamford, is expanding its playground facilities after securing £90,400 in funding from various sources, including Augean Community Fund, FCC Communities Fund, National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All, and Kings Cliffe Parish Council. This funding will help double the size and variety of play equipment at the 12-acre site.

Since its launch in 2006, KC Active has received over £2 million in grant funding to enhance sports and recreational activities for the local community. Existing facilities include football pitches, a floodlit multi-use games area (MUGA), tennis and netball courts, a gym, an outdoor playground, and picnic areas. The modern pump track, added in 2023, has been a major success, drawing visitors from across the region.

The new playground expansion will include the first installation of its kind in the UK, focusing on inclusive play equipment for older children and those with disabilities. Trustee Chair Guy Varty and project lead Cat Raitt emphasize that community input has been key in designing the new features. To further enhance the project, KC Active is aiming to raise an additional £5,000 by Spring 2025 through crowdfunding.

The development reinforces KC Active's mission to provide free, high-quality outdoor recreation for all ages. To donate, visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/kcactiveplay>.

For more information, contact office@kcactive.co.uk or visit <https://kcactive.co.uk/>





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Wednesday 14th May:

Lino cut. Landscapes

Learn to use lino tools and produce a range of landscapes at this introductory workshop.
 9am-1pm. £45 including all materials.

Wednesday 28th May:

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