
Woodnewton
News
July 2026

What's On?

Do come and Join us on

Sunday 19th July

2-5pm

Scones & Strawberries

St Marys – Woodnewton. Church,

Proceeds towards – Toilet & Kitchen Servery.

Friends of St Marys (FOSM)

Woodnewton History Group

An illustrated talk by
Jim Irvine

RUTLAND ROMAN VILLA & MOSAIC

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Woodnewton Village Hall

Sunday, 6th September, 2026 at 3pm

Come and hear the full story of how farmer's son, Jim found fragments of pottery in one of their fields, which had been left flooded after the winter of 2019/2020 had been very wet. You will have the opportunity of purchasing his book 'Finding Troy' at a discounted price.





£3 (cash) including refreshments | woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com

Chairman's Notes – Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting, 18 May 2026

Two meetings were held on 18 May: the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, a statutory meeting held each May, followed by the regular monthly Parish Council meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, I was honoured to be unanimously re-elected as Chairman for 2026–27. Cllr Neville was re-elected Vice Chairman and all councillors agreed to continue in their current roles. The Council also approved its annual policies and procedures, set meeting dates for the coming year, and agreed that the next Annual Meeting will be held in May 2027.

The regular Parish Council Meeting then commenced.

One resident attended to discuss extending village rewilding schemes and the future care of the Coronation Orchard. Several useful suggestions were made and it was encouraging to hear that a small group of volunteers may be interested in becoming involved. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Churchyard and Cemetery

The Council agreed that the rewilding areas are developing well and may benefit from additional seeding. More intensive maintenance would require significant volunteer support, so the areas will largely be left to develop naturally.

Following discussions with Yarwell Parish Council regarding the cost of churchyard wall repairs, it was agreed that reserves for future repairs to the Woodnewton churchyard wall should be gradually increased.

A resident also suggested installing bird and bat boxes around the village. The possibility of involving volunteers, including younger residents during school holidays, will be promoted in the next newsletter.

Road Safety and Playground

The village speed warning signs remain operational.

A new North Northamptonshire Speedwatch scheme is being introduced, offering volunteer training and funding towards equipment. If sufficient volunteers come forward, the Parish Council will consider providing additional funding. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk or Chairman.

All playground repairs have now been completed and we await the results of the annual ROSPA inspection in June.

Finance

The Council approved the Internal Audit Report together with the associated financial statements and certificates.

Village Maintenance and Community

No planning applications were received.

Following unsuccessful grant applications and the lengthy delay since replacement was first agreed, the Council resolved to purchase a new village noticeboard at a cost of £960 plus VAT from reserves. Assistance will be required with installation.

A local farmer has kindly agreed to remove the remaining bonfire site ash and debris for spreading on suitable farmland. Volunteers will be sought to help clear unsuitable materials beforehand.

The Council approved funding for a replacement flag for the playing field flagpole, which will be flown on appropriate occasions. Cllr Swallow will also coordinate additional bulb planting following this year's successful spring displays, with £150 allocated for next season's bulbs.

Several streetlight photocells have failed, causing lights to remain on during daylight hours. Replacement units have been obtained for three lights. As the LED lamps consume very little power and operate on an unmetered supply, there is currently minimal financial impact, although longer-term replacement options will be investigated.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Paul Blackmore

Chairman, Woodnewton Parish Council

Next meeting: Monday 6 July 2026, 8.00pm, Village Hall.

St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton July 2026

5 July	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)
12 July	No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.
19 July	11.00 a.m. BENEFICE SERVICE AT YARWELL WITH BISHOP DEBBIE SELLIN
	(No service at Woodnewton)
	6.00 p.m. Holy Communion at Apethorpe
26 July	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 (01780 782271 – jdtailby@aol.com)

You will see from our service list that the Bishop of Peterborough, Right Revd. Debbie Sellin, will be visiting the Benefice on 19th July. There will be a benefice service for all our parishes at Yarwell that day, along with a service of Holy Communion in the evening at Apethorpe for those who would like to take Communion. All are welcome to either or both services. The morning service is at Yarwell as the Yarwell PCC invited the Bishop to mark the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene, the saint to whom that particular church is dedicated. Of course all churches are dedicated to God, but nearly all also have a dedication to a saint, to an angel, to Christ or the Holy Trinity. This is an ancient tradition stretching back in Christian churches to at least the 4th century, giving a church a particular identity and connection with a leader of faith who was and continues to be an inspiration.

Across the six churches of our benefice, three of our churches are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary; Nassington, Wansford and, of course, our own church here in Woodnewton. Nassington has "All Saints" along with Mary in its dedication; we might say that that's just about the most inclusive dedication there could be. To complete the list, Thornhaugh is dedicated to St. Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples; Apethorpe to St. Leonard, a less well-known saint from France; and Yarwell to St. Mary Magdalene, one of the women who accompanied Jesus in the Gospels and the first witness to the resurrection. We have a wonderful array of saints here, reflecting faith, trust and commitment to God's purpose; an example to us all.

As we think about these traditional examples of faith, in whom we can still find inspiration and encouragement, we might also consider who we find inspirational now, who are the examples we now seek to follow? These may be well-known, or those in our own family or friendship circles, but perhaps this is a time to give thanks for them, and all that they bring to our lives. As we maybe seek to follow the example of the saints for whom our churches are named, let us seek those modern day good examples, for ourselves and those around us.

With every blessing,

Revd. Jane.

Every 3rd Sunday, 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
CRAFT CHURCH in NASSINGTON CHURCH
A time for everyone to join together from all the villages in our Watersmete Group, including WOODNEWTON. Come and join us for crafts and activities with prayers and songs.



ALL WELCOME!
Our next Craft Church is 17th May

Meet Paddington at the NVR This Summer

Families are invited to enjoy a marmalade-filled day out as everyone's favourite bear, Paddington™, visits the Nene Valley Railway on Sunday 23rd August.

Meet Paddington™ at the Railway combines unlimited travel on heritage trains with the opportunity to meet Paddington himself throughout the day, creating a memorable experience for visitors of all ages.

Guests purchasing a Day Pass will enjoy unlimited hop-on, hop-off travel on the railway's heritage services, giving families the freedom to explore the line at their own pace. Whether travelling on the train, discovering the railway's stations, or simply relaxing in the picturesque surroundings, the event offers a flexible day out suitable for the whole family.

Paddington™ will be making personal appearances at intervals throughout the day on the platform at Wansford Station, providing opportunities for photographs and unforgettable memories with one of Britain's most beloved children's characters.

Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic to enjoy on board the train, in one of the railway's picnic areas, or at any of the stations along the line. For those looking to make the day even easier, picnic bags can be pre-ordered when booking and collected from the Wansford Café.

A spokesperson for the Nene Valley Railway said:

"We know that family days out can quickly become expensive, which is why we have made a conscious decision not to increase our Day Pass prices for this event. We want as many families as possible to be able to enjoy meeting Paddington whilst also experiencing everything the railway has to offer.

Visitors can save money by booking their Day Passes in advance through the Nene Valley Railway website, with on-the-day tickets costing more.

Advance booking is recommended to secure the best value tickets and avoid disappointment.



Come & Chat



The 'Come and Chat' mornings are usually held on the last Thursday of every month from 10.30 to midday, the next date for your diary is the 30 July 2026.

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

WOODNEWTON
ART GROUP

The Woodnewton Art Group led by John Russell now has a Website at https://woodnewton25.wixsite.com/mysite**. You can also get to it via the homepage of the Woodnewton Hub:** http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk/

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL



Volunteers sought for new tasks and projects to help our village this summer, there is more detail about each in the Chairman's notes at the start of the newsletter so if you're interested and available to support your local community get in touch with Amy Miller at clerk@woodnewtonparish.gov.uk indicating which area you could assist with. Once we know who is willing to help we'll be in touch to coordinate next steps/dates and times for each.

- **Bonfire site clearance**
- **Creation of a properly trained and equipped Village Speed watch group**
- **Erection of the new Notice Board at the village hall**
- **Making and installing bird boxes to support our biodiversity efforts**

Please contact Amy Miller at clerk@woodnewtonparish.gov.uk.

Useful Numbers and Information

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artur.pereira@northants.pnn.police.uk

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Woodnewton Village Hall

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Renewable Energy Group Purchase Scheme Opens to Local Residents

Transition Oundle has launched a group purchase scheme for residents interested in renewable energy technologies, including solar PV panels, home battery storage, EV chargers and solar-to-water energy diversion systems.

Announced at the group's recent Home Energy Matters event, the scheme aims to help households explore ways of reducing energy costs and carbon emissions. Quotations and installations will be provided by local company GENR8 Energy Ltd, while Transition Oundle will coordinate expressions of interest.

Discounts are linked to the number of households taking part, with reductions ranging from 9% to 15% depending on participation levels.

Transition Oundle stresses that participation is entirely voluntary and encourages residents to research their options and obtain alternative quotations before making any purchasing decisions.

The offer is open to households within approximately 10km of Oundle, covering an area from Thrapston to Kings Cliffe and from Weldon to Elton. Initial expressions of interest will be used to prepare outline quotations, followed by site surveys and final quotations for those wishing to proceed. The deadline for final decisions is 17 August.

Alongside the scheme, Transition Oundle continues to support residents through other community energy initiatives, including the loan of a thermal imaging camera to identify heat loss, advice from local residents who have already installed energy-saving measures, and information on home energy efficiency and available funding.

Further information is available directly from Transition Oundle.



What's On?


THURSDAY CLUB
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What's On?


Woodnewton Players
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Panto Launch Event!
Our magical panto is now on its way,
With laughs and surprises to brighten your day.
Woodnewton will soon be the place to be,
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