WOODNEWTON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026



What's On?

Woodnewton History Group

The Annual General Meeting of the History Group will be held on Thursday, 24th September at 7.30pm., at the village hall. Everybody invited.

You hear onTV or read on the internet about fascinating finds within the UK, why not come to the September talk and listen to a fascinating story by a Rutland farmer, Jim Irvine, about the most important Roman mosaic to have been found in Great Britain in the last 100 years.

An illustrated talk by

Jim Irvine

RUTLAND ROMAN VILLA & MOSAIC

(The most important Roman mosaic to be found in the UK for the past 100 years)

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

Parish Council News, Chairmans Update – July 2026

The Parish Council met on 6 July, Cllr Phythian and Cllr Kiesel sent apologies for absence, there were no conflict of interests declared and no members of the public attended.

Churchyard and cemetery: Following the preliminary discussion last month about potential costs for future repairs to the Churchyard retaining wall, the Council Resolved to increase the reserve (currently £10,000) by £1,000 each year. There was also an issue raised by the Historic Architect who recently conducted the Quinquennial Review at St Mary's, this concerned the steep drops to the road at the perimeter of the churchyard, it was recommended that warning signs were positioned at the three pathway entrances. WPC agreed to fund these however subsequent to the meeting they were 3D printed free of charge by Grant Neville (thank you Grant) and will be installed during August.

Road Safety and Playground

VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs): The 3 units continue to work well and the latest data update was provided by Cllr Blackmore, the key points being that during the past six months, around 100,000 vehicles entered the village via Oundle Road, with 77% travelling below 30mph. On both Apethorpe Road and Nassington Road, 82% of vehicles were below 30mph.

Community Speed watch: No responses were received to the message in the Newsletter regarding this initiative so there will be no further action at this time from WPC

Playground: The annual RoSPA inspection produced a very positive report, with all risks assessed as low. Minor trip hazards from branches have been dealt with, and Cllr Guttridge has installed new bearings on the Exercise equipment where some wear was noted. The Rubber Safety Tiles around the slide are on ongoing problem, particularly in the hot dry weather, we face a constant battle with gaps and edges lifting so we will investigate options and costs for replacement in the future. The Council formally thanked those involved in maintaining the playground and helping keep it a safe and welcoming facility.

Planning: The Council considered three local planning applications, covering properties on Main Street and Orchard Lane, and raised no objections to any of them.

Electric vehicle charging: Northamptonshire Council provided preliminary information about future plans for network of EV charging points in the county. Four potential sites have been identified in Woodnewton – two on Main Street near the church and two on Orchard Lane. The sites are on highways-owned land and are being progressed by North Northamptonshire Council and Connected Kerb. NNC is directly contacting residents for their views.

Village Improvements: The new Village Hall noticeboard has been ordered and is expected shortly. Work is also planned to improve the allotment paths and make plot boundaries clearer. The Council is committed to maintaining the Coronation orchard, with around £1,200 of work planned, while investigating whether grant funding may be available.

Village maintenance: Plans are progressing to clear and level the old bonfire site, with help from a local farmer. A new village flag has also been installed. The Council noted some concerns that the timing of verge cutting by could affect next year's daffodils, this will be monitored.

The meeting was closed at 21.10

Paul Blackmore; Chairman WPC

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 7 September 2026.

St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton September 2026

30th August – 10.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion at NASSINGTON

6th September – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

13th September – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

20th September – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

27th 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

(jdtailby@aol.com 01780782271

At the Church of England's General Synod in July, a new festival date was approved. It is a rare thing indeed for new festivals to be added to the calendar of the Church, which perhaps reflects the importance of this new celebration. The new festival is to be called "Creation in Christ" and offers an opportunity for Christians to give thanks for God's creation and redemption of the world, reflect on humanity's responsibility to care for the natural world and pray for its renewal. The feast day will be kept on the first Sunday of September, but in anticipation of this, the new festival will be the theme of our benefice service at Nassington on the last Sunday of August, a fifth Sunday, so a group service for all our churches together. It is indeed a wonderful opportunity to think about how much the natural world means to us, and to give thanks for the beauty we find around us, particularly in our lovely part of the world. This will also be an opportunity for us to consider the impact the exceptionally hot and dry weather has had on our local area, and indeed elsewhere in the world. I am rather hoping that we have had some decent rain by the time you read this!

I know that the natural world is often a theme of what I suggest in these reflections, and that got me thinking also about the wonder of our human creative talents. For some of us, we may think of these as God-given, but for others, they are just amazing in themselves. From the construction of the buildings around us, old and new, to music, art, scientific discoveries and technological developments, in so many fields and so much else, human creativity is truly marvellous. Of course, such creativity can be used for harm as well as good, and as with all gifts, we seek to ensure that they are used well. As we rejoice in the natural world around us, let us also give thanks for the creativity of the human heart and mind and hand. The Bible marks these gifts too, and in addition to the praise of God in his creation, the talents he gives to humankind are also noted. We are indeed, "marvellously and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139) and can do amazing things! Maybe we also need a festival to celebrate that as well!

With every blessing,

Revd. Jane.

Every 3rd Sunday, 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.

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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.



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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

St Mary's Churchyard

This area is maintained by the Parish Council. Following the most recent Church Survey, we have been advised that due to some steep drops around the perimeter, it would be prudent to install warning notices at each entrance.

These notices have now been produced and will be fitted by each gate during August.

Visitors are, as always, very welcome however for your safety we recommend remaining on the designated pathways and taking extra care particularly around the perimeter of the churchyard.

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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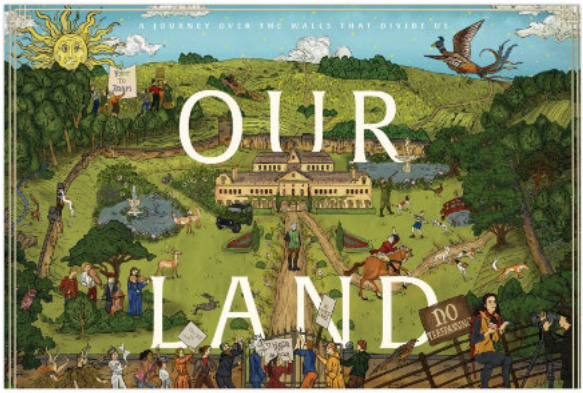
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