Woodnewton News

December 2026

Jingle AND Mingle

JOIN US FOR A

Christmas Party

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER
AT 7:30PM

Woodnewton Village Hall

Mince pies and mulled wine
Bring your own drinks & nibbles



Prize for the best Christmas jumper

Christmas Greetings &Happy New Year to all our old & new friends and neighbours in the village - especially to those of you have come to our rescue one way or another!

Jennie & Phil Wood

Marilyn and Russ
would like to wish all their Woodnewton friends a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Peter Clark
wishes all his friends and neighbours in Woodnewton a
Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

SEASON GREETINGS
to all friends and neighbours and anybody else who know us from
Alex & Grant

Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas
From Adrian Geraldine and Molly

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.
Liz and Eric Cooper

The Newsletter team sends thanks for the kind donations.

Parish Council News – Chairman's Update, November 2026

The Parish Council met on 2 November. Cllr Kisiel sent apologies; there were no declarations of interest or members of the public present.

Churchyard and Cemetery:

The churchyard has received its final grass cut of the season, and the Council expressed satisfaction with the new contractor. Cemetery fees will rise by 3.5%, in line with September's annual CPI inflation rate and the arrangements agreed in November 2020. The Clerk will publish the revised fees.

Road Safety:

All three Vehicle Activated Signs continue to work well.

Playground:

Considerable work was completed during October's Village Clean Up Day, including replacing bearings and seals on exercise equipment and generally tidying the site. Sealant has been applied between the safety matting tiles around the slide to address gaps and lifting edges. A few minor issues remain to be resolved.

Planning:

The Council raised no objections to the proposed like-for-like replacement of the front and rear doors at 46 Main Street.

Safeguarding:

The Council formally adopted its new Safeguarding Policy, with Cllr Guttridge appointed as safeguarding contact.

Village WhatsApp Group:

Following discussion, the Council agreed that its proposed presence on the village WhatsApp group should be for information only, providing links to official Council information and news rather than two-way dialogue. The Clerk will simplify the proposed policy accordingly, with formal adoption expected in December.

Allotments and Coronation Orchard:

The Council welcomed the new dead hedge, constructed from waste collected during the Village Clean Up Day, as an environmentally friendly initiative. A resident's concern about a tree on land outside Council or Highways ownership will be referred to Spire Homes. Cllr Blackmore has submitted an NNC Community Grant application for watering bags and deer protection for the Coronation Orchard, with a decision expected before year-end.

Village Maintenance:

The former bonfire site has been cleared and raked and will be left to re-wild naturally. Thanks were extended to everyone involved. Bulbs have also been planted around the churchyard.

Finances and Budget:

The Council approved its second-quarter financial reconciliation and budget position (July–September). Councillors were invited to propose projects for 2027/28 ahead of setting next year's precept.

Other Matters:

Future topics include village information boards, children's tree planting, the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan consultation, newsletter articles and EV charging updates. The Clerk has responded to the Town and Parish Council Consultation and Engagement Strategy survey and will contact Ward Cllr Simon Fairhall for details of the new PCSO.

The meeting closed at 20.52.

Paul Blackmore, Chairman, WPC

Next Parish Council meeting: Monday 7 December 2026.

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton October 2026

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

13th December – No service at Woodnewton – Holy Communion at Nassington and Wansford 9.30 a.m. and Yarwell 11.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 16th December 7.00 p.m. CAROL SERVICE followed by refreshments

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

TUESDAY 22nd December – 4.00 p.m. Christingle Making and Service

CHRISTMAS DAY – 9.30 a.m. Christmas Communion

27th December – 10.00 a.m. BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION at THORNHAUGH

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

proof read this please - it's from the vicar so only spelling and grammar: only one paragraph mark between para so I can paste straight back.

 It's no coincidence, I think, that a number of world religions have a festival involving light in the darkest days of winter. There is Diwali, Hanukkah, and of course, Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of Christ, our Light, into the World. We need, I think, to be reassured that the dark does not have the final word; that light will prevail. That is at the heart of the Christian message, read on Christmas Day and many times before and after: "the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it".

Light is central to our preparations and celebrations through the Advent and Christmas season. We begin, as December begins, with the expectation of Christmas, the celebration of Christ's coming as the Light of the World. Advent, the church's season leading up to Christmas, is a time of the light of hope becoming brighter each day, a time of expectation for the yearly celebration of the coming of Christ, God's Son, into the world. In our church buildings, this is symbolised in our Advent wreath: four candles in a ring representing the weeks of expectant waiting, surrounding a white candle in the centre, representing Christ, the Light of the World. Each week one more candle is lit, and then the final white candle is lit on Christmas Day; each week the light on the wreath is brighter. Light can represent hope, and we look towards hope brightening our lives in these dark winter days.

Our services in church also focus on the growing light of the season. Advent this year begins on 29th November, so by the time we come together for our first church service of December, we will be lighting two of our Advent candles.

Our carol service takes place on the evening of Wednesday, 16th December at 7.00 p.m., when we will have three of our Advent candles lit. Do come and join us to sing your favourite carols! The light will grow even brighter at our Christingle service at 4.00 p.m. on the Tuesday before Christmas (22nd), when we will be making Christingles and sharing in a short all-age service. All are welcome; you can make a Christingle whatever your age! Christingles have their own candles, of course, and it is one of my favourite Christmas moments when the candles on the oranges are lit, the lights are turned off, and we sing Away in a Manger in the candlelight. The central Christ candle of our Advent ring is lit, of course, on Christmas Day. Do come and join us for a simple service of Holy Communion suitable for all at 9.30 a.m. December ends with a celebration of the light of Christ at a benefice (group) service for all our churches at Thornhaugh at 10.00 a.m. on 27th December.

May this month be full of light for us all to drive away the darkness; the light of the love of family and friends and the light of hope shining ever brighter in our lives and in the dark places of our world. May Christ, the Light of the World, illuminate our path as we look to a new year to come.

With every blessing, Revd. Jane.

Allotment News



The Allotment Table with surplus fruit & veg from allotments has, over the years, raised over £4,000 for Cancer Research. Amazing! Thank you to the many people who support this with with their donations when buying from the table. Cancer Research touches us all.

Of course, there would not be a Table without the allotment holders! These stalwarts first take out the annual tenancy from the Parish Council & then work against all the odds to provide fruit & veg for their families (this year has been especially 'challenging'). Meanwhile they continue to support Cancer Research by placing any surplus on the table. Well done to you all.

What's On?

Save the Date – 26th & 27th June 2027

Friends of St Mary's Church are planning a village fundraising event over the weekend of 26th and 27th June 2027. We've chosen a weekend that avoids clashing with other local events, so please put the dates in your diary!

More details will follow in a future edition of Woodnewton News.



Christmas at the Railway

Steam trains, Santa and festive fun at Wansford Station

Selected dates, Saturday 28 November to Thursday 24 December

Santa visits **every child on board**, and each child receives a Christmas Wish Coin to swap for a present of their choice at Santa's Toy Shop. Lower ticket prices than last year!

Choose your train

Santa Specials: a steam journey to Peterborough and back, hauled by the Polish Tank Engine or, on selected dates, the visiting GWR *Pendennis Castle*.

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At Wansford Station

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NVR

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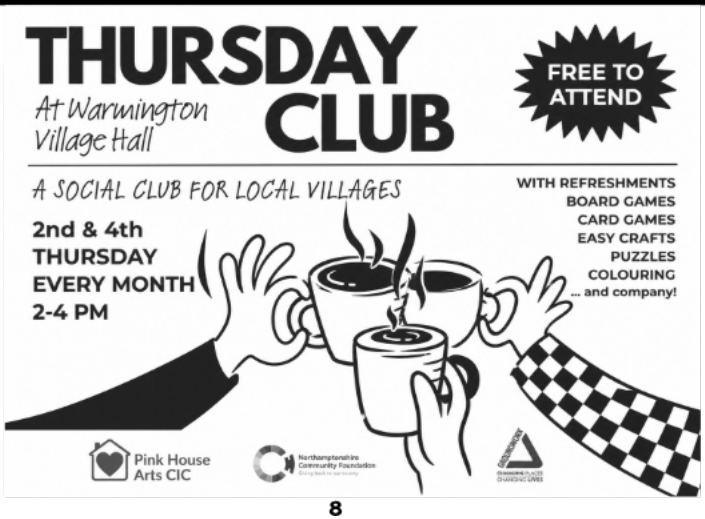
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Come & Chat



The 'Come and Chat' mornings are usually held on the last Thursday of every month from 10.30 to midday, BUT the next date is the 17th December. 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/

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Pop-up Café 6.00–7.00pm

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Christmas and New Year Wishes

Woodnewton Parish Council wishes all residents and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

As we welcome 2027, let's continue to make Woodnewton a friendly, caring and supportive community.

Enjoy the festive season and best wishes to everyone for the year ahead!

From everyone at Woodnewton Parish Council.

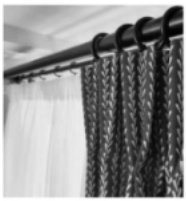
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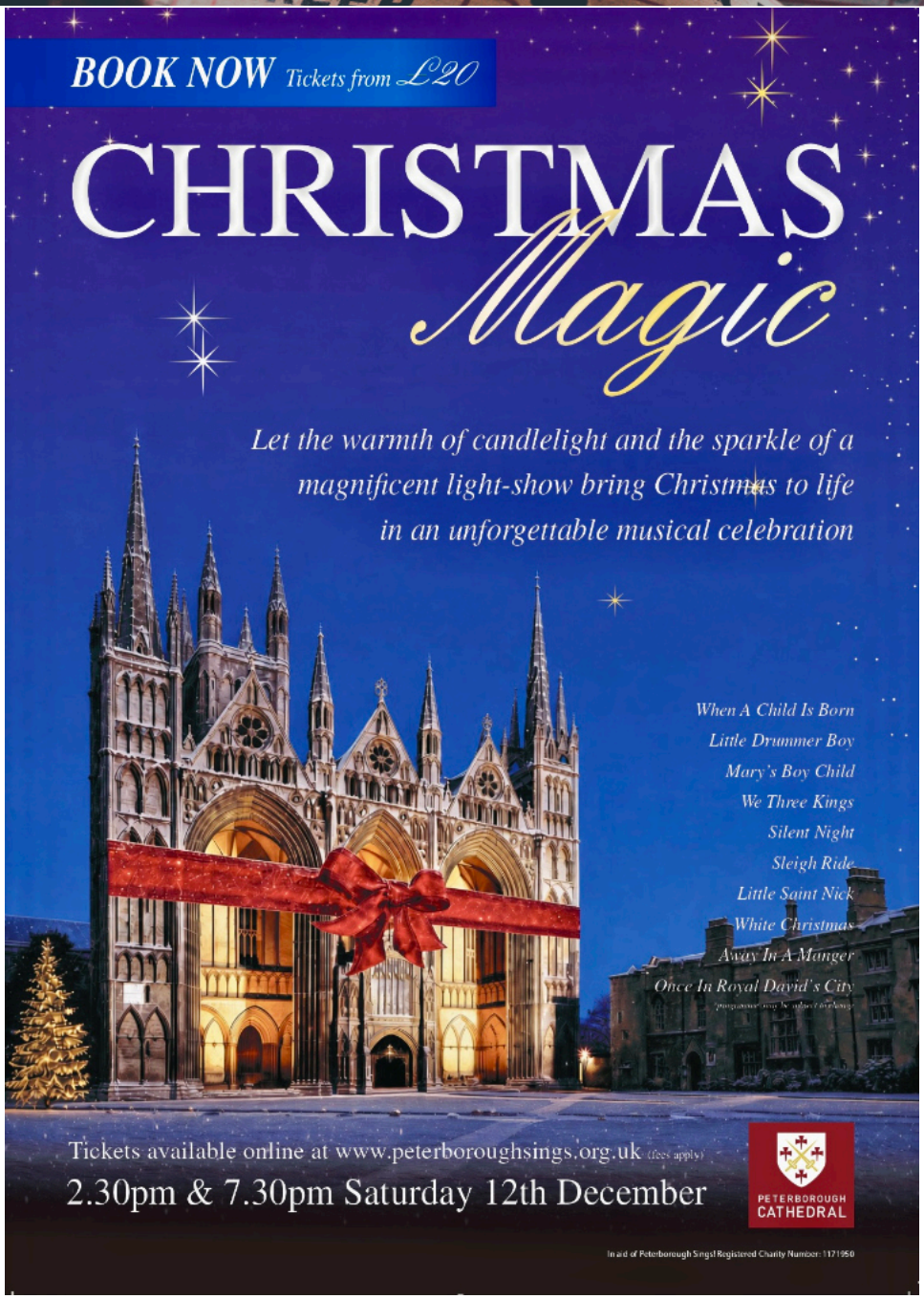
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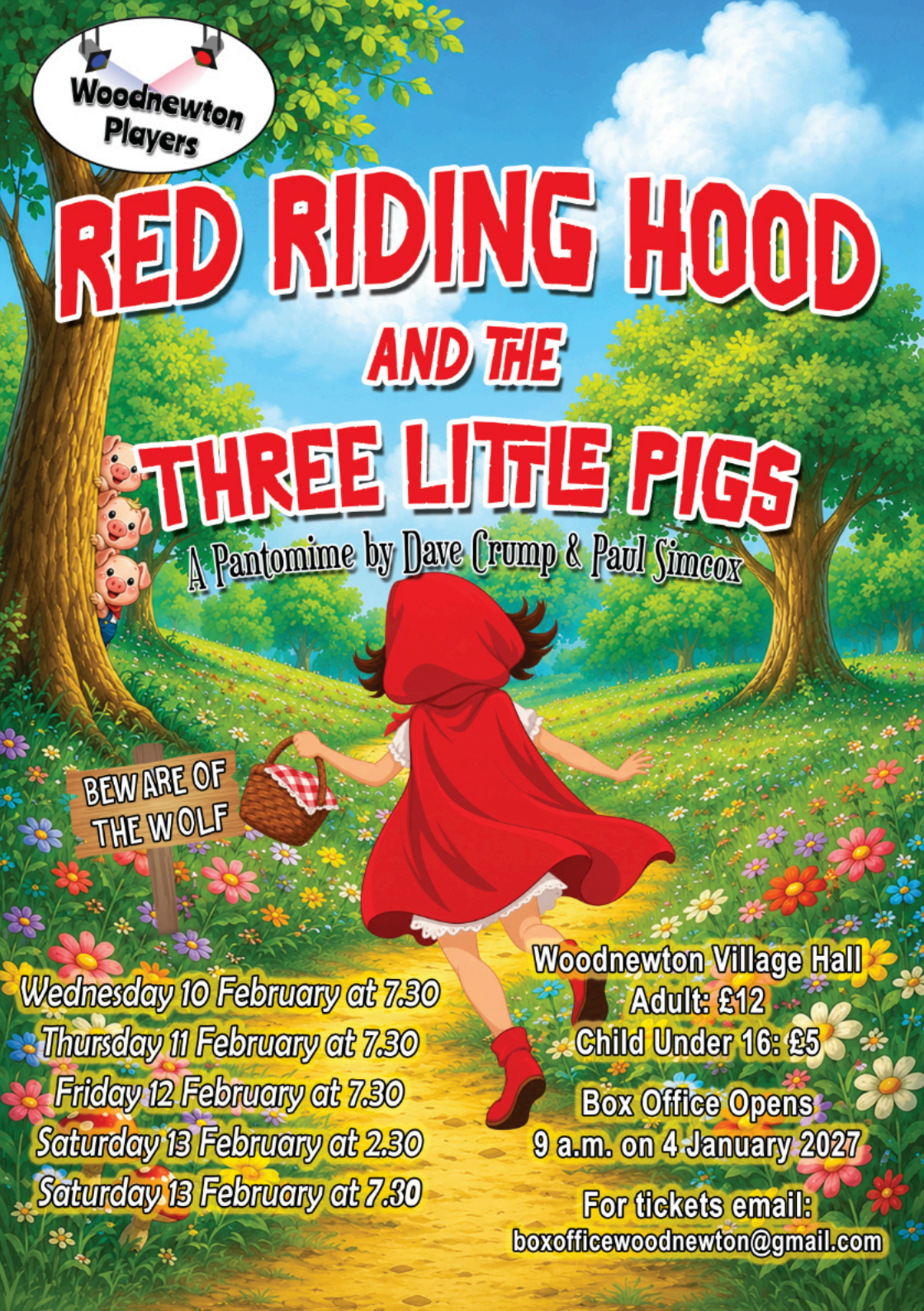
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Thursday 11 February at 7.30
Friday 12 February at 7.30
Saturday 13 February at 2.30
Saturday 13 February at 7.30

Woodnewton Village Hall
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