

WOODNEWTON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025



What's On?

OPEN STUDIOS - DO COME AND SEE US



Four villagers are opening their studios in September as part of the Northants & Rutland Open Studios (NROS) scheme and invite you to come for a chat and to see their work.

Suzanne Townshend designs and creates unique handwoven textiles using natural fibres and experimenting with natural dyes. She will be working at her electronic weaving loom in her studio at **9 Pridmore Close** – come along and see it in action!

David Townshend is sharing the studio, showing his impressionist artwork. David creates abstract and impressionist landscape and garden images using his camera, exploring shapes, patterns and colour. Subjects include Rutland Water, Staithes in North Yorkshire, the Norfolk coast and David's garden. Framed and mounted prints are for sale, and David will also be showing calendars, books and cards.

Woodnewton Workshops has recently reopened and is welcoming visitors once again. Rob Bibby, the founder, has stepped back from teaching and the space is now run by Liam, Rob's grandson, and his fiancée Cleo. Formerly known as **Woodnewton Pottery**, they are located at **43 Main St**. They offer a variety of classes and workshops on pottery, printmaking and other ancient crafts, as well as having a gallery space with ceramics and other artworks from several local artists for sale.

Opening dates and times:

Suzanne & David Townshend: 6, 7, 12, 13, 20, 21 September, 10am -4pm.

Woodnewton Workshops: 4-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-28 September, 10am – 7pm

Over 300 artists are taking part in NROS at locations across the two counties, including Warmington, Oundle, Bulwick and Ketton. A brochure with artists' details and location maps is available at both studios and online, and via this QR code.



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 25th September.

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



The proceeds from this month's raffle will be donated to McMillan Cancer Support.

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.



Woodnewton Parish Council Report July 2025

The council met on 7th July 2025

Deer Damage

A resident who rents an allotment attended because they had noted that there was an issue on the agenda about deer damage on the Coronation Orchard, they raised similar concerns about the allotments. The Council recognised the problem although many of the potential "solutions" identified to protect a small number of individual trees in the Coronation Orchard were not feasible for general allotment areas. However it was agreed that more research would be conducted and it would be on the agenda for the next WPC meeting.

Speeding

All three Vehicle-activated signs working correctly. Data shows more than 80% of traffic entering the village is within the 30mph speed limit.

Playground

Annual inspection found no urgent issues. Minor repairs (bolts, paint, matting) needed; maintenance schedule will be established.

Planning

application at 32 Orchard Lane refused; another approved for extension and alterations.

Finances

Bank balance £33,632 which is in line with budget planning. Payments for salary, grass cutting, inspection, and newsletter agreed.

Allotments/Orchard

Quotes for tree guards received; action postponed to be discussed at Sept meeting with ideas for Allotment protection. Orchard grass strimming to be managed by volunteers this year but will be added to the Maintenance contract specification for new bids for 2026 onwards. (Many thanks to Councilor Swallow who mowed this area subsequent to the meeting)

Village Maintenance

Bonfire site clean-up of old ash and unburnt debris discussed; skip hire costs to be established and reviewed at next meeting.

Projects

Ideas for 2025 include information boards, refurbishment/replacement of village notice boards, newsletter updates, wildflower planting, and children's tree-planting.

Correspondence

Ongoing concerns with City Fibre remedial works to footpath, clerk to liaise with other affected councils to develop a joint response.

Next Meeting: Monday, 1 September 2025, 8pm.

Paul Blackmore - Chairman

St. Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton September 2025

Services at WOODNEWTON unless otherwise noted

7th September – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

14th September – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

21st September – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

28th 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

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

History Talk - 13th July

The village hall buzzed with curiosity for our first open talk on the mystery donor of the east window memorial in the church. Friends, villagers, and local history enthusiasts offered suggestions, from family connections to overlooked records. Since then, research has continued through emails, archives, and old documents.

Special thanks to John Thorpe for his months of tireless research and the engaging talk, and to Janet and her team for the tea and cakes. The mystery remains unsolved, but the trail is still active.

Thank you to Janet and her team for the tea and wonderful cakes that she served during the interval.

Next Talk: Sunday, 23rd November at 3pm in the Village Hall. Details: www.woodnewtonhistory.co.uk

Sad News

Marjorie Fitzjohn, who was born at Manor Farm House, Woodnewton, 92 years ago, has recently passed away. Although she left the village when she was only a few weeks old, she returned shortly after marrying Woodnewton lad, George Fitzjohn.

For many years, Marjorie and George lived at Bridge Cottage, before moving in the late 2000s to be closer to their family in Deeping. Marjorie spent thirty years of her working life as Accounts Manager at PC Howard Ltd in Kings Cliffe, where she was highly regarded.

She was also deeply involved in village life, often organising fundraising events in her garden beside the Willowbrook.

In more recent years, Marjorie generously supported the History Group, sharing memories and information about her father-in-law, Harvey Fitzjohn, who fought in World War I and whose name appears on the Roll of Honour in the church.

She will be warmly remembered for her kindness, community spirit, and dedication to preserving the stories of our village.



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NASSINGTON HISTORY GROUP

**Discovering the
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**Sunday September 21st
3pm - 5pm**

Venue: Nassington Village Hall

Find out about the Roman farmstead discovered beneath
a field 'somewhere in Rutland'...
Speaker: Jim Irvine

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

All proceeds to CAP UK

Entrance fee £3 (cash only please)
Refreshments Included

You are invited to an illustrated talk

"One Of the Best Living Lads"
by
Kathryn Baird



Lt. the Hon. K. R. DUNDAS
R.N.V.R. (Anson, Bastion)

Kathryn has been able to piece together the lives and experiences of the men from Cotterstock who died in WW1 and WW2. Stories of combat at Gallipoli, the Somme, and Libya. Lives lost in India and England. Experiences of capture as prisoners of war. These moving stories will be shared in:

St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, PE8 5HD
Sunday 7th September at 2:30 p.m.

Admission £5 payable on the door, (cash only), complimentary drinks and biscuits will be served after the talk. All proceeds to St Andrew's Church. There are steps in church.



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WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Glaphorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA
Pop-up Café 6.00 – 7.30pm Tickets in advance online £7.00 plus 10% booking Fee. Or £8.00 on the door (cash or card)

www.docplus.org.uk

What's On?

Prebendal Barn Wine Tasting Friday 19 September 7pm

Nassington Church is hosting a wine tasting on Friday 19 September at 7 pm. Amps Wine Merchants of Oundle will showcase 8–10 seasonal wines in Prebendal Barn, with thanks to Mrs Jane Baile.

This informal, walk-around event allows guests to chat with the Amps team while sampling wines. After tasting, refreshments will be served, and all orders receive a 10% discount.

A raffle will also take place, with all proceeds supporting Nassington Church.

Tickets are £15 per person, and can be obtained from Hilary Hardie, 01780 783855 or hilary.hardie@btinternet.com

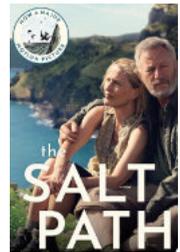
FILM NIGHT: 20TH SEPTEMBER 7:30PM VILLAGE HALL

You've heard the controversy now see the film:

The Salt Path is a film based on Ray Winn's 2018 alleged memoir. After a bit of embezzlement and losing their farm and savings due to a failed investment, Ray and her husband Moth, homeless and penniless, embark on a 630-mile walk along the South West Coastal Path, surviving on weekly tax credits.

See what all the fuss is about for only £5.

Bring along your own drinks and nibbles.



WOODNEWTON INTERNATIONAL BOULES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our cover features a few pictures from the Boules tournament held in July. A merry band of villagers enjoyed a good natured few hours of the most popular game in France. The competition was some time tight, sometimes less so. The two satisfied looking gents are Barry and Duncan who proved victorious on the day and received the impressive trophy.



Hatha Yoga Classes

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Friday 5th September (7pm - 9pm) or
Saturday 6th September (2pm - 4pm)



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Woodnewton resident Vikki Groves took part in the project last year and says "I hadn't sung in over a decade and not in a choir for nearly 30 years but I decided to audition for Sing4Life and never looked back! The experience was amazing, so uplifting singing with other women and - the cherry on top - raising money for a great cause! If you are thinking about getting involved just do it, there's all the support and help you need and above all it's a lot of fun!"

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn Clean-Up Day

Saturday 18th October 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 and wheelbarrow if possible

Thank you for your continued support and community spirit!
To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council: woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

Useful Numbers and Information

Parish Council Clerk	woodnewtonpc@gmail.com	
Village Hall Booking	Anne Hills 07399 359262 villagehallwoodnewton@gmail.com	
Neighbourhood Watch	woodnewtonnw@googlemail.com	
Police	101 Ext 345306 for PCSO Artur Pereira artur.pereira@northants.pnn.police.uk	
Doctors Surgeries	Oundle	01832 273408
	Wansford	01780 782342
Veterinary Surgeries	Oundle	01832 273521
	Yarwell	01780 783910

Newsletter & Website Contacts

Newsletter Team:

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Advertising: Ivan Walker, Tel 01780 470438

Contributions: We are always happy to receive articles for publication. Please send articles by email whenever possible to newswoodnewton@gmail.com.

We prefer pictures in jpg format and hi resolution whenever possible.

Handwritten / non-electronic contributions can be delivered or sent to:

June Moore, 5 Lindsey Close.

Closing date for all copy **14th** of previous month.

Recent issues available here: <http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk/village-newsletter/>

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Website : <http://woodnewtonhub.co.uk>

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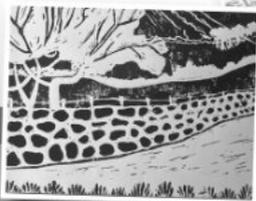
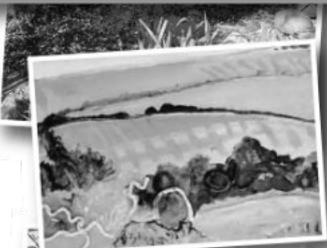


Come and get creative....

Whatever your experience from novice to artist, my workshops are varied and enriching. Do you want guidance and ideas to be confident exploring your creativity? Want to immerse yourself in a creative workshop and forget life's stresses? Why not come along and experience a fun workshop in my garden studio...

For further details of my classes please visit my instagram page, akersartclasses, call me on 07930 544783 or email me s.akers937@gmail.com

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Our goal is to bring free, high-quality NHS health checks directly to the community, helping you understand cardiovascular health and take steps toward prevention.

What is the CVD Health Check?

A quick and free NHS health check designed to detect and prevent cardiovascular diseases, including:

- ✓ Heart disease
- ✓ Stroke risk
- ✓ Diabetes and kidney disease

Available to people aged **40-72** in the community, regardless of past NHS Health Checks. It provides on-the-spot results, lifestyle advice, and referrals where needed.

How It Works

- ✓ **Scan the QR code** to register your interest
- ✓ **Our team will contact you** with a time and location
- ✓ **Attend your free health check** at a convenient community venue

There's **no cost** – the programme is **fully funded!**

Why We Are Doing This

- 🚩 **Raise awareness** of cardiovascular health
- 🚩 **Identify risks early** to improve long-term health
- 🏠 **Make health checks more accessible** in the community
- 🏠 **Reduce pressure on GP practices**
- 👥 **Support diverse communities**, including men and ethnic minorities, where check uptake has been lower

By participating, individuals can take control of their wellbeing, prevent future health issues, and contribute to a healthier community for all.



Contact Us: 01604 620610

A session at the Village Hall on 26th September has been provisional booked. Ring the number above to book your slot.



I just thought I'd let you know about my art classes....

Whether you're a confident creative or an eager amateur, why not come along to one or all of my art classes? Enjoy a relaxed studio art session with like minded people exploring a wide variety of techniques and materials. I am an experienced art teacher with the aim that everyone leaves my classes with their own piece of artwork. As well as my private studio in Woodnewton I'm now running classes at **The Stamford Arts Centre.**

Places are limited, to reserve your place please contact Sharon on 07930 544783 or s.akers937@gmail.com



Lino Printing for Beginners

Saturday 11th **October** 9.30 - 12.30
Join me for a morning learning how to cut lino and print some of your designs and cards. £45 including all materials.

Exploring Drawing for Beginners

Saturday 22nd **November** 9.30 - 12.30
Experimenting with a variety of drawing techniques and materials to develop confidence. £45 including all materials.

Christmas Lino Print Workshop

Saturday 6th **December** 9.30 - 12.30
Create your very own Christmas designs using lino printing for cards and labels. £45 including all materials.

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