

WOODNEWTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2026

WOODNEWTON LITTER PICK

Saturday 28th February

10:00am – 12:00am at the Village Hall

The litter pick is open to everyone who would like to join in and give a little bit of time to help us tidy up the accumulated litter and rubbish around the village.

All the necessary equipment, such as high viz vests, litter grabbers and bags will be provided. Please bring along your own litter grabber if you have one.

This is your opportunity to give an hour or two to help ensure that our village remains the beautiful place that we all love.

Woodnewton PC



What's On?

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 25 February 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



*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 18th January.



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



Village Litter Pick – Saturday 28th February

Join us for a community litter pick on Saturday 28th February, starting at 10am from the Village Hall. All equipment will be provided — just bring your energy and a smile! It's a great way to help keep our village looking its best, and there'll be tea and cake waiting for you afterwards.

Everyone welcome — we'd love to see you there!**To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council: clerk@woodnewtonparish.gov.uk**



Woodnewton Parish Council Meeting Monday 1st December 2025.

Chairmans Notes from Woodnewton Parish Council meeting on January 5th.
All councillors were present. Cllr Fairhall (NNC) attended during Public Time
Minutes from Meeting held 1st Dec were signed by Chairman as correct record

Churchyard & Cemetery

NNC grass cutting grant of £782.70 for 2026/7 secured. Tenders reviewed for 2026–2028 contract; agreed that the work would continue to be split between two contractors, majority of the work would be awarded to HJ Horticulture who had proved a reliable and flexible partner over many years, further review required for the Churchyard contract, this would be finalised at the next meeting. Cllr Pythian advised that additional Cemetery Rewilding overseeding plans would require prior weeding, mowing, debris removal, and scarification; it was agreed that this would be scheduled for autumn to align with potential grants.

Road Safety & Playground

Vehicle-activated speed sign functioning well. Download of Q4 2025 data will be carried out by Cllrs Blackmore and Kisiel during January for reporting at next meeting.

Wicksteed playground parts delivered; final repairs will be completed by Cllrs Guttridge & Blackmore once weather improves.

Village Maintenance

Bonfire site partially cleared by Cllrs Brookes, Swallow and Blackmore with assistance from local farmer; final burn and levelling pending, gate will remain locked. It was agreed that once the site was cleared and levelled that waste material from next clear up day would be shredded and disposed of “on the day” instead of creating another bonfire, which has become very problematic to clear, creating an eyesore and health hazard.

Cllr Blackmore advised that he had installed additional “dog waste” warning notices around the village.

Village Community Litter pick scheduled for Saturday 28th February, 10am.

Planning & Community

No planning applications to review.

Notice Board; After reviewing potential options it was agreed that best grant opportunity to fund replacement noticeboard outside the village hall would be through NNC Ward Empowerment Fund, Cllr Kisiel to pursue application.

Allotments: Agreed that a Spring message would be prepared for allotment holders reminding them of their duties under the lease.

NNC Updates from Cllr Fairhall

Council tax rises for 2026 will be 4.99%; The Northamptonshire Local Plan consultation start has been delayed to February 2026 with final document expected in 2028, considering this WPC agreed to review 2016 Woodnewton village plan and 2021 survey results to check validity/changes required before re-adoption .

Next Meeting Monday 2nd February 2026, 8pm.

Paul Blackmore - Chairman

St. Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton February 2026

1st February – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

8th February – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

15th February – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

Ash Wednesday – 18th February – 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion and Ashing WANSFORD

22nd February – 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)

I imagine that Christmas may now be a (hopefully) happy, but fading memory now, as move into February – the decorations packed away in mid-January, waiting for another year. In the church the last of our decorations don't disappear until after the whole of January is over. We keep our cribs in church until the festival of Candlemas on 2nd February. Candlemas may sound familiar to those of you who know snowdrops as "Candlemas-bells" and the day is called Candlemas because traditionally the candles for use during the year were blessed on this day. The Bible story at the heart of the day is that of the baby Jesus being presented in the Jerusalem temple by Mary and Joseph. As they struggled through the crowds of that very busy place with many other parents who had brought their first-born for the required special prayers, Mary and Joseph met Simeon, a faithful and prayerful man, possibly a priest of the temple, who recognised that this baby, among so many others was the long-awaited Messiah who would bring freedom and hope and light to all peoples. The Messiah had been expected as a great leader who would come in glory and power, but Simeon, with his heart and his eyes open to God's ways, saw God at work in this baby and this family. They were just one of many that day in the temple, but here was God at work in an unexpected way, recognised by someone with his eyes and heart open. There was someone else there that day who also recognised God's promises fulfilled in the baby Jesus. This was Anna, an elderly widow who spent her days prayerfully in the temple. She too, praised God for the light of hope that she recognised in the Christ-Child.

One of the things we learn in the church from this story that God works in unexpected ways, and just like Simeon and Anna, we need to have our hearts and eyes open in prayerful expectation to what God can do. However, for all of us, I think there is something about recognising potential here. I wonder if you look back to people you have known, family, friends, teachers or leaders, who have recognised something in you and encouraged you to follow a particular path? It might have been a career choice, or a talent to be developed, or a gift that you hadn't realised that you had. Maybe there are times when, if we are alert, we can recognise in others a talent or a gift that they had not noticed or acknowledged. As we look towards the days becoming longer and lighter through February, we might look out for those who need encouragement and to listen out for those who are encouraging us. Maybe this will be our month of encouragement and potential.

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

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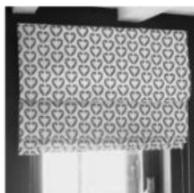


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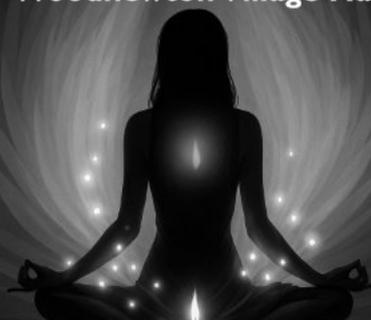
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