

WOODNEWTON NEWS NOVEMBER 2025



What's On?

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

Presents a talk by **Karen Palenski**
at
Woodnewton Village Hall



WOODNEWTON, AN ESTATE VILLAGE BENEATH THE MANOR'S GAZE

As part of the vast Apethorpe Estate Woodnewton's fate was inextricably linked to that of the Manor. Everything was affected:
land, labour and livelihoods, employment and housing financial security
So, what was life really like for those living under its watchful gaze and influence?

Sunday, 23rd November 2025
3pm

£3 (cash) including Tea and Cakes
woodnewtonhistory@gmail.com



Woodnewton Parish Council Report October 2025

Chairman's Update.

The Woodnewton Parish Council meeting of 6 October 2025 covered a broad set of village matters with several key decisions and updates.

Key Highlights

Mildmay Charity records:

A resident from the Woodnewton History Group had been investigating the winding up of the Mildmay Charity and brought the original minutes record book and other information to the meeting. Permission was granted to finalise the records and minutes, once completed copies would be made by WPC before archiving at Northampton Archives.

Cemetery and rewilding:

Expansion of the cemetery rewilding project will be considered in spring 2026, with a new plan and wildflower planting proposal. The village maintenance tender was amended to include extra strimming/clearing of rewilded areas and Coronation Orchard plus revised deadlines for hedge cutting, this will be sent out for tender during November.

Speed monitoring:

Traffic data for July/Aug/Sept showed compliance rates of 83–91% across the three main village entry roads, with average speeds between 24–30mph, vehicle-activated signs all operating correctly.

Playground repairs:

Ongoing safety and maintenance works were reviewed. The council approved £441.76 (excl. VAT) for replacement Wicksteed parts and other minor materials to complete repairs, majority of these will be done during village clean up day, led by Councillor Guttridge.

Tree audit:

A full inspection of trees on WPC land will be carried out by our Councillor Brooks to assess safety and maintenance needs.

Allotments:

Discussion continued on deer control — it was agreed to exploring options for natural hedging and tree planting instead of plastic fencing, with potential grants to be investigated.

Village maintenance:

The Bonfire site will be open from 18Oct–9Nov; additional bulb planting will be undertaken on approaches to village by Councillor Swallow and other volunteers.

Graveyard:

A headstone safety audit is to be carried out during October by the Clerk.

Village Hall Notice Board:

Councillor Kiesel provided some options for a replacement notice board outside the village hall, it was agreed that he would apply for a grant from Augean to fund this.

Energy contract:

A new one-year SSE streetlight electricity contract was approved following quote comparisons.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 November 2025.

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Village Clean Up Day



This month's covers shows some of the highlights of at the autumn village Clean up Day on the 18th October. A big thanks to all who came along to help. Great work and lovely cake.

Note that the Bonfire Site is open from Clean up Day until 9th November for combustible garden waste, hedge cuttings etc, however please do not add anything after 9th November as we need to burn the collected material and clear the remaining ash and debris.

Thank you for your cooperation
To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council: woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton November 2025

Services at WOODNEWTON unless otherwise noted

2nd November – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

9th November – 10.55 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

16th November – 9.30 Holy Communion (Modern Language)

23rd November – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

30th November – 10.00 a.m. BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION FOR ADVENT SUNDAY AT NASSINGTON

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM (phone or online). Log-in details from Rev. Jane

By the time you read this, the clocks will have changed, it will be getting lighter later in the mornings and the nights will feel longer. In these darker days of the year, it seems good to focus on light; light overcoming the darkness and indeed, light in the darkness. That is very much a theme within the Church during November. The month begins with the celebration of All Saints' Day, as we recall all those who have been inspirational in the life of the Church and in whom we can find encouragement and companionship now. So many of the saints we remember faced darkness of many kinds, but they were not overcome and trusted in the light of God.

All Saints' Day is followed by All Souls' Day when we remember those we love who have died, and whom we see no longer. As we remember the sadness of their loss we also recall the light they brought into our lives, and the light that joyful memories still bring to us. Of course, there is Hallowe'en as well, and although many might see that as a fun day of scary things, we also remember that the light does come again, that light and goodness are always stronger than the darkness.

We recall that also the following week, on Remembrance Sunday when we recall the darkness of war, and those who gave their lives for our freedom. Giving thanks for their courage in the midst of darkness can lead us to the light of hope, even as we face the darkneses we see around us now. The theme continues as we draw to the end of November, which brings us to Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Christian year and the time we begin to look towards Christmas. This is the ultimate triumph of light over darkness; Jesus, who was and is, the Light of the World, who came to bring the light of hope and life to our world.

Where-ever you find light; in the company of family and friends, in the delight of good memories, in the things you enjoy, in fellowship with the God who loves us, may these darker days of Autumn be filled with light and joy, remembering the Light in the darkness and the Light that overcomes all darkneses – our Lord Jesus.

With every blessing,

Jane

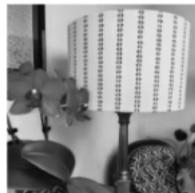


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What's On?

FILM NIGHT

There will be a screening of **Swimming With Men** at the village hall on **Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm.**



Swimming With Men is a funny and moving film revolving around accountant Eric who is having a midlife crisis and joins an all-male group of synchronised swimmers. He discovers that making patterns in a pool for a couple of hours can at least smooth out the bumps in his work and marriage.

The ramshackle squad and coach Susan attempt to get their routines in sync as they embark on an unlikely journey to Milan to compete in the World Championship.

Admission £5

Bring along your own drinks and nibbles.



Marching On

A talk by



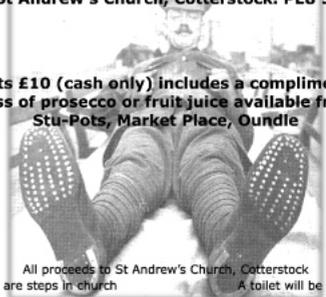
Anne Cotton



How WW1 transformed Northamptonshire's shoe industry, the lives of women working in the factories and her family's business at the time of the Great War.

Thursday 6th November at 2:00 p.m.
in St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock. PE8 5HD

Tickets £10 (cash only) includes a complimentary glass of prosecco or fruit juice available from: Stu-Pots, Market Place, Oundle



All proceeds to St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock
There are steps in church A toilet will be on site

WOODNEWTON HISTORY GROUP

History News:

As the temperatures drop and the lure of our gardens and allotments fades, members of the group have turned their attention indoors, and put on their research hats!

New to the website - Manor House and a link to Woodnewton Art Group.

November Talk

You will notice the Flyer for our November talk within this newsletter. Karen will be taking us through Woodnewton's life under the Westmorlands followed by the Brasseys. Did you know that Woodnewton had an Apprenticing Trust Fund for young students at one time, also that there were 27 market gardeners here in Woodnewton?, if you didn't, then you might find this talk interesting. Come and find out.

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 27 November. **At approximately 11.00 am a member of the Oundle Volunteer Action Group will give a short talk on all the different aspects of their work and the services they offer for the local community**



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.

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WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER
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June Moore, 5 Lindsey Close.

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2.00pm (Doors open 1.00pm)

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7, 8 and 9 November 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, PE8 5HD

- There will also be:
- Displays of memorabilia from WW1 and WW2
 - A video remembering the Great War years
 - On the 7th and 8th November at 11.00 a.m. see and hear the Benefice bell ringers.

Admission Free
Donations to St. Andrew's Church (cash only)
will be gratefully received.

There are steps in church and there will be a toilet on site



Village Defibrillator Account DONATIONS REQUEST

I am responsible for looking after the two defibrillators we have in the village and rely on the kind donations of villagers and businesses for the upkeep of these lifesaving devices.

This month I have purchased new electrode pads, for the unit housed on the wall of the village hall, at a cost of £62.65 + VAT. These need replacing every 2 years or earlier if used. The batteries need replacing every 5 years at a cost of £233.04 + VAT. The current balance of the defibrillator account is £182.32.

I am concerned that if a new battery was required for either unit we would have insufficient funds and the unit would have to be decommissioned.

If anyone would like to make a donation you can do this by:

- Posting through my door (10 Lindsey Close, Woodnewton)
- Pay into the following bank account, using DEFIB as a reference:

Eunice Williams

Sort Code: 04-00-03

Account No: 58494323

We have raised money previously by donations, the raffle proceeds from Come & Chat and the proceeds of the annual Woodnewton Boules competition.

I feel it is so important to have this equipment in the village as we never know when either ourselves or somebody we know may need it.

Thanking everyone in advance

Eunice Williams

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Line Dancing Class

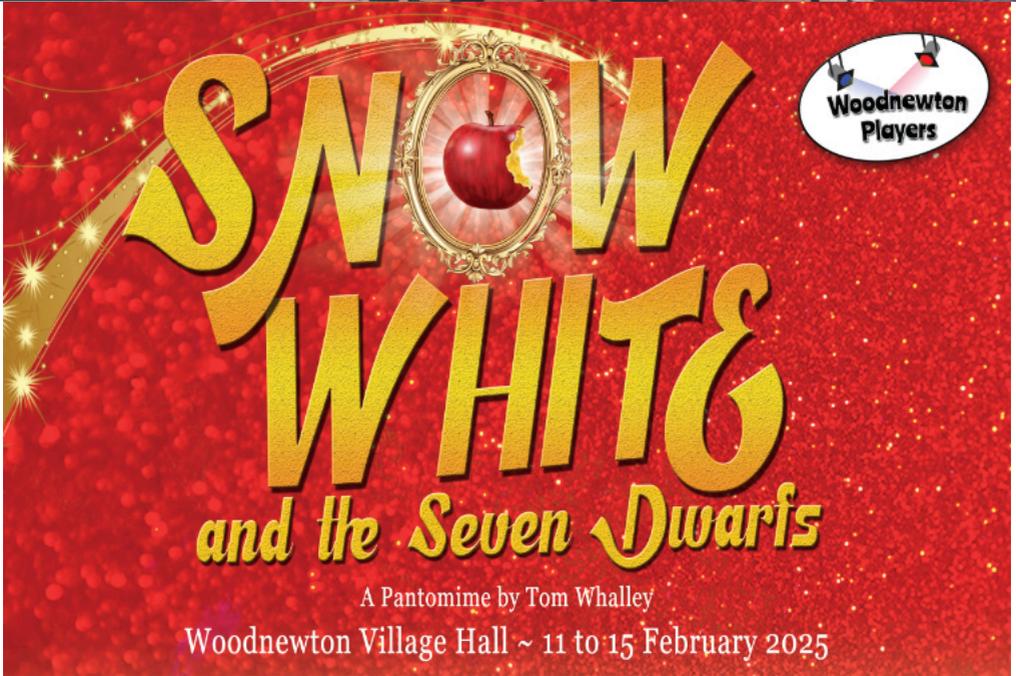
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What's On?



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Saturday 22nd **November** 9.30 - 12.30
Experimenting with a variety of drawing techniques and materials to develop confidence.
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Christmas Lino Print Workshop
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