

WOODNEWTON NEWS

OCTOBER 2025

AUTUMN CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday 18th October
10:00am at the Village Hall**

**Tasks big and small
to suit everyone!
Join in and help keep
your village somewhere
we can all be proud of.**

**If possible, please bring
along tools and
wheelbarrow for pruning
and clearing.**



**After all your hard work,
enjoy a cuppa and cake
in the Village Hall.**

**Thank you for your
continued support and
community spirit!**

**Woodnewton PC
woodnewtonpc@gmail.com**



What's On?

Come and see an
ART INSTALLATION
"BROKEN LIVES"
Reflections on the Aftermath of War
by
ANGELA WRIGHT

7th, 8th and 9th 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



London-based artist Angela Wright returns to Cotterstock Church this November with Broken Lives, a new installation inspired by John McCrae's Flanders Fields. Displayed in the chancel, it reflects on war's aftermath and includes poppies knitted by villagers. Free entry: 7–9 November, 11.00–4.00 p.m.

Angela studied at the London College of Fashion, gained a BA in Fine Art and Ceramics from Camberwell College of Art, and has exhibited widely, most recently at Southwark Cathedral and the Copeland Gallery (2024).

Alongside the installation, a unique display of WW1 & WW2 memorabilia will feature items never shown before—such as a compass pierced by a bullet that saved a life, a bible from a Japanese POW camp, sketches of German POWs, uniforms, gas masks, and a 1914 Christmas tin. A Great War video will also run.

On 7th and 8th November at 11.00 a.m., visitors can hear the benefice bell ringers. The bells of St Andrew's are a designated war memorial.



Woodnewton Parish Council Report July 2025

The Woodnewton Parish Council met on 1st September 2025, chaired by Cllr Blackmore, with six councillors, the Clerk, and four members of the public present.

Two Residents raised concerns about large conifers near the pedestrian entrance to the allotments, the council agreed that a tree condition survey would be carried out in the near future on areas of council ownership. It was also mentioned by these residents that there had been issues with dog excrement in this same area. It was noted that there was nothing at this entrance concerning clearing of dog waste/requirement to keep dogs on leads, consequently council agreed that suitable signage would be identified and installed in the future.

Two Local artists attended seeking support from WPC for artists in the village. The council were sympathetic but noted that any activities or events would need to be initiated and driven by volunteers, so they were advised to form a working group to prepare a detailed proposal for council consideration.

Previous minutes (7th July 2025) were approved; The issue of headstone safety in the churchyard would be addressed via a formal recorded audit led by the Clerk which would be carried out during the next Clean Up day on 18th Oct.

Deer Protection for the Coronation Orchard and Allotment areas was discussed. Cllr Brooks provided materials costs for a range of fencing options. After review it was agreed that costs were not feasible for fully enclosing these areas, however it may be possible to erect a deer fence across the northern edge of the playing field/orchard/allotment area which would deter deer entry from adjacent fields. It was agreed that materials cost for this alternative would be provided for review at the next meeting. It was noted that in the event this was pursued then installation would need to be carried out by WPC members and allotment holders and potentially a small increase in the annual allotment rental fee would need to be levied from October 2026 to contribute towards this significant one off cost. Allotment members will be consulted prior to any action on this.

It was agreed that for Oct 2025 onwards the annual allotment rent would be increased by £2 per year, this is primarily to cover the increased water rate charge.

Following the RoSPA playground inspection a number of minor repairs/replacement parts are required, costs for new items have been requested and will be reviewed at next meeting but expected to be circa £500, in the meantime minor repairs will be carried out weather permitting. It was also agreed that a future newsletter article would be drafted on the Playground and the work to maintain it.

Cemetery and Churchyard; It was agreed that the brown bin in the Cemetery would be removed to reduce costs and misuse, the black bin would remain for all waste in this area. The rewilded areas would also be cut back and waste removed during the next grass cutting activities.

A number of options for removing the ash pile at the bonfire site were reviewed and it was agreed that the most cost effective was for the surrounding area to be strimmed prior to spreading/levelling the ash, remaining debris would be removed as the first task on Clean-up Day.

Council resolved to seek advice about formally registering WPC ownership of the Village Pound with the Land Registry.

Cllr Phythian was appointed as WPC lead on climate and nature (CAN) issues; this is a specific new role required within local Councils and it was agreed that for the future it merited ongoing regular communication via the newsletter.

Cllr Kisiel agreed to investigate the cost (and potential grant support) for a replacement notice board outside the village hall

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6th October 2025.

St. Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnewton October 2025

Services at WOODNEWTON unless otherwise noted

5th October – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

12th October – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

19th October – 9.30 a.m. Harvest Festival for everyone, followed by coffee and children's crafts.

26th October – 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

Harvest Time! As you will see in our service list, we have our Harvest Festival on 19th October at 9.30 am.

This is quite late for a Harvest Festival these days. Certainly, looking at the fields around us, even now in mid-September as I write, all is well and truly gathered in and many of the fields are already prepared for the next harvest. Even the harvests of our gardens and allotments will be pretty well all gathered in by mid-October, so perhaps our thanksgiving can also be for the sense of provision and security that lies in our modern "storehouses" filled for the year to come. It doesn't really matter when we gather together to give thanks to God for the harvest; the important thing is that we do. This is an opportunity to rejoice in the gifts of our rural life together, to remember and pray for our farmers who have not had an easy year and to praise God for his all blessings, in the good times and in the challenges of life.

Our service on 19th will be one for everyone, we hope. It will be more informal than our usual Communion services, but of course we will be singing the traditional harvest hymns! There will be coffee afterwards and a children's craft activity (that the grown-ups are welcome to join in with as well!). Do come and join us, and bring family and friends, young and old!

Revd. Jane



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Marching On

A talk by

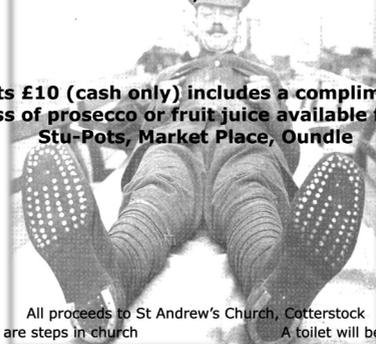


Anne Cotton

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

Many will remember buying shoes from R.C. Cotton & Sons in Oundle's Market Place. Founded in 1871 by Robert Charles Cotton, it remained family-run until 2017.

Anne Cotton, great-great-granddaughter of the founder, will give an illustrated talk, *Marching On*, exploring the First World War's impact on footwear manufacture in Northamptonshire, the changing role of women, and the family business during this time.

Northamptonshire supplied 50 of the 70 million boots worn by allied forces, with examples from Loake of Kettering on display

A raffle (cash only) with quality prizes donated by local businesses, sponsored by King West estate agents, will also be held.

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 30th October.

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.

What's On?

"A cinematic feast
for the eyes, heart,
and brain."

WITCHES



Offers a profound look at motherhood, mental health, and familiar notions of the witch, unravelling centuries of stigma with an empowering, modern view.

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER

7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Glapthorn 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

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 HISTORY GROUP

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

The History Group – Public Talk
Sunday, 23rd November
3:00 pm at the Village Hall

We are delighted to welcome Karen Palenski for a PowerPoint-illustrated talk entitled:

Beneath the Manor's Gaze: Woodnewton, an Estate Village

Discover what life in our village was like under the Earls of Westmorland and later the Brassey family, and how things changed when Woodnewton became independent of Apethorpe Estate.

All are welcome—come along and enjoy an afternoon of local history!



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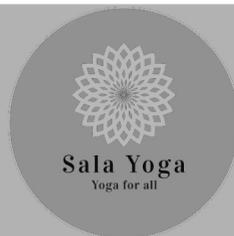
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WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL



Playground Update;

Over the next few weeks members of the council supported by volunteers will be carrying out minor repairs/installing replacement parts to rectify defects identified during our annual safety survey. The plan is that final work will be completed during the village clean up day on 18th October, however it means some equipment may be unavailable for short periods so please bear with us while we undertake this essential maintenance, a more comprehensive report will be provided for a future issue of the newsletter.

To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council: woodnewtonpc@gmail.com

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

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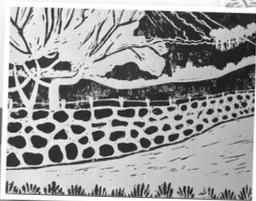


Come and get creative....

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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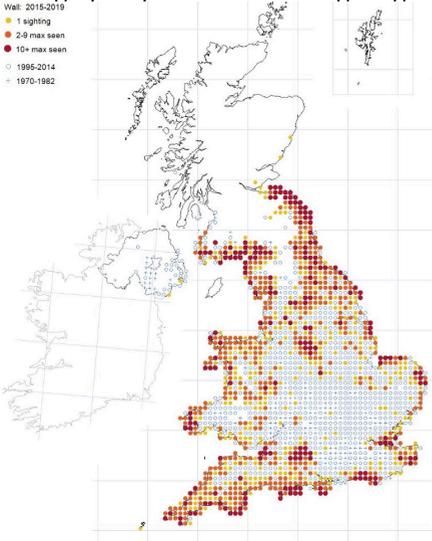
Allotment butterfly - first sighting in 16 years!!

By David Townshend

On 8th September I was just leaving my allotment with bags of produce when I saw a butterfly. In flight it looked as orange as a comma butterfly but when it landed to bask in the sunshine on bare ground (and not in a bush) I knew it was something different. The bright eye spots on the wings revealed it to be a Wall. Intriguingly, its first English name, given by Petiver in 1699, was 'The London Eye'. I managed to take a snap of the butterfly with my mobile phone camera before it flew off to bask on another allotment.



I knew the Wall was a very uncommon species, so I reported it to the national recording scheme and to Northants Butterflies. The very excited County Recorder replied that it was an exceptional record as the Wall hadn't been seen in Northamptonshire for 16 years! It was fortunate that I had photographic proof of the rare sighting.



The Wall is a rapidly declining species in the UK (as are so many species) and is listed as endangered and a UK high conservation priority. In southern Britain it has disappeared from most inland areas and is mostly confined to the coast, usually on sand dunes (map and image courtesy of Butterfly Conservation).

Wall butterflies like short dry, unfertilised grassland with lots of bare earth for basking. They bask in the sunshine because it raises their body temperature by 8-10 degrees higher than their surroundings. It is called a Wall because it occasionally basks on dry-stone walls.

The butterfly was a female – you can tell from the wing markings – so there is a chance it might have laid eggs here. It was probably on the allotments because there could be suitable egg-laying sites. It lays eggs on native grasses with an exposed vertical cliff, such as along the edges of our unfertilised allotment paths.

Let's hope it found some suitable spots and laid eggs to grow into caterpillars that emerge as butterflies next spring.

We have no idea where the butterfly came from, but perhaps it appeared because there was a rare third generation of Wall butterflies breeding somewhere in the area during this very hot summer.

The chances of another sighting this year are slim as the butterflies typically live for just three days!



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.

**Classes above are held at:
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