

Notton Village Newsletter

Spring 2020

Editorial

As I write this there is a little bit of welcome sunshine, after such a dreadful February. There is a lot of interest in this edition such as promising news on the appeal for "Notton Pastures" - please support this if you are able. There is some early news on the Gala and planning for a summer of cricket and tennis. Of course the Social Committee always have an interesting programme of events and there is some excellent news about the success of recent events.

The piece in the last edition on the Notton WhatsApp Group attracted a significant number of new members. There is some information on a new Facebook Group, "Notton Friends". Please read this piece and decide if it is for you.

May 8th sees Notton celebrating the 75th Annivesary of VE Day, early information is included. Dennis Gillibrand: dennis.gillibrand @gmail.com 07770 855485

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council now has a new all-singing and dancing website - **notton-pc.gov.uk** in which you can look and see the dates of meetings, agendas, minutes and lots of other information. Please visit the site and explore! The Village Hall has a separate site - **nottonvillagehall.uk**.

The Council has set the precept for 2020 - 2021 at £9000: this is a slight increase over the past years and the full amount works out as an average of just over £20 per household for the year.

It's nice to see that the Village Green has mostly recovered from parking damage after the Bonfire. It is still too wet to attempt any remedial work, but it has not been forgotten. The Council intends to establish some planting behind the posts on the corners this spring. Discussions have begun on planting ornamental trees on the Green, in such a way as not to interfere with the various activities which take place, but this is at a very early stage. We are getting sponsorship from individuals for a few hanging baskets round the Green this spring. This is an experiment, and if successful will be rolled out next year Parish-wide - if you would like to sponsor baskets on lampposts near you we will be able to arrange it through the Parish Council with the same organisation that looks after the baskets in Walton.

Wakefield MDC Highways have at last produced a plan for more signing and lining works at Notton Crossroads, including forming small "ghost" islands at the junction. Once the works are complete there is probably little more that can be done to improve safety at the crossroads.

There will be a village Litter-pick on 29th March - meet at the Village Hall at 10.00. The PACT meeting held on 7th January in the Pavilion was well attended, with residents able to put forward their views on what things the Police should be concentrating on. Another meeting will be held sometime in April, and will be advertised in the Council notice boards.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on **Thursday 7th May at 7.00**, in the Pavilion as District Council elections are being held that day. This is a public meeting and residents are encouraged to attend and speak.

Peter Taylor - Chairman.

<u>"Notton Pastures" Appeal</u>

The Steering Committee would like to thank the 41 residents who have made donations to the Appeal, which has now reached a little over halfway towards our target of £80,000 but there is still a way to go. Plans continue to be made about the future uses for the land, and all residents of the Parish are invited to a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on **Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm**.

Ideas for possible uses for the land are many and can include tree planting, wildflower meadows, or renting out for horse grazing. As a start to firming up some ideas we have invited Roger Parkinson from the Woodland Trust to this meeting. Roger has experience and expertise about establishing woodlands and meadowland, and he will give an illustrated talk and be able to answer any questions we might have. There will be tea and biscuits!

Residents will remember that the 7 acres of grazing land came up for sale last Autumn, and there was some concern that a future buyer could use the land to the detriment of the village. Following a public meeting the land was secured for 12 months to give time for funds to be raised to buy the land for the enjoyment and well-being of the community. The intention is that the fields will be held by the Notton Village Hall Trust.

In the meantime however we would hope that more residents will come forward with funds for the Appeal. We must emphasise that the land has been bought temporarily on our behalf, and if we don't reach the required total **then it will be sold**.

It is evident that other people are still interested in the fields, and maybe not just as grazing land. Any development here will adversely affect the value of your home. Community ownership of the land for sound environmental use will make the village a more attractive place to live, safeguard the value of your home, and make a positive contribution to the neighbourhood. Ownership of the land by the Trust (a registered charity) will make us able to attract grants to develop and maintain projects.

There are many different ideas about what should be done with the land - but the first thing to do is to buy it, which needs more donations. Please give what you can - there is a gift aid form at the back of the Newsletter.

We hope to see you on 3rd April at the Hall. The Steering Committee

NOTTON NEIGHBOURS - A new Facebook Group

The place for those non urgent Community Messages that will make our lives a little easier and encourage us to be even better neighbours.

Be reminded about village events including the Coffee Morning, Whist Drive and Social evening, items lost or found in Notton

- Offer and ask for assistance.
- Offer and request items for sale, wanted to purchase, hoping to borrow or available for loan.
- Offer excess garden produce, or ask for help harvesting.

Go onto Facebook and search for Notton Neighbours Click 'Ask to join group.' Check back regularly to keep in touch.

Be a good neighbour and feel free to ask a neighbour.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 2019

The 2020 Show will be held in the Hall on **Sunday 6th September**. Start planning now, and we hope that the rain will stop so we can get out in our gardens! Entries are invited in all the usual classes and details and entry forms will be circulated in July. Do please have a go and help to fill the tables for a good display. Remember, you can have as many entries as you like for one entry fee! Happy gardening!

Anne Taylor - Show Committee - 01226 722155

NOTTON GALA 14th JUNE 2020

The Committee are well ahead with planning for this year's Gala which promises to be a wonderful traditional family gala with both regular and new arena acts, including a children's "sport's slot". We also aim to have some new trade stalls including home made produce, clothing and, excitingly, Barnsley College will be hosting a Nail bar, offering file and polish, hand massage and nail art.

The Gala is a huge community effort and is totally reliant on volunteers, so as usual we always welcome additional help on the day in running the Village Hall kitchen and tea tent on the green. The contact for this is Alison King Tel : 724762.

Donations for the village white elephant stall are needed and can be arranged via Eileen Peters Tel : 700358 and donations for the village tombola stall can be passed to me.

Donations for Raffle prizes are always needed and can be arranged via Jonny Logan 07746 041200. We'll be out selling tickets in the village shortly and they're also available at the village shop, 5 tickets for a $\pounds 1$ - it's a bargain!

As usual there will be a village plant stall so for those green fingered gardeners please think about cuttings you can pot on or plants you no longer want, plus any garden furniture, tools etc. The book stall is always looking for donations along with CD/DVDs. For both plants and books bring them down about 10.00am on the morning of the Gala direct to the stalls.

There will also be a children's area with lots of fun games.

To celebrate the Gala there will be the traditional evening supper: if you wish to attend please contact Sue Parkinson.

Any profit from the Gala will be shared between Barnsley and Wakefield Hospices and the upkeep of the Village Hall and the community facilities which benefit all villagers.

Our next Gala meeting is **Tuesday 14th April at 7.30pm** in the Pavilion, please come along if you want to get involved.

Helen Jaggar Gala Chair Tel : 725904

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Elvis 24th January 2020

The New Year brought the return of Elvis to the Village Hall in January. This was a fabulous night of song and a lot of dancing for 105 attendees. This was a sold-out event and raised a healthy profit of £1200. Elvis will return in 2021.

Race Night 29th February 2020

A good evening of racing for fun and prizes with a supper was had by all. Thank you for the support and once again this proved a popular sell-out event. Profit for the night was over $\pounds1300.00$.

VE75 – Save the date – 8^{th} May 2020 1pm to 5pm

There are plans for a whole village celebration of the Victory in Europe 75 years ago. It is an allage event for Notton Parish residents and their families. The preliminary posters have been placed in all the notice boards around the Parish.

It will be a Picnic by the Pavilion – please bring your own food and drinks as well as picnic chairs tables or rugs. 40's dress is optional.

There will be entertainment - confirmed so far are a choir, a 40's sketch, and musicians. We are also planning to link with the National programme at 2.55 to honour the event in a formal Notton commemoration.

There will also be some children's sports, a Treasure Hunt and a Have a Go Archery during the afternoon. A fish and chip van will be present for a delicious alternative picnic.

We will be distributing flyers to all households once everything is confirmed for the day. Please come along. We will have fun prizes for the best dressed picnic table or rug, and fancy dress of the 40's.

In the event of bad weather (which at the time of writing is dominating things) there will be an alternative shorter event in the village hall. Please pray for a good day!

Safari Supper 18th July 2020

If you have not attended this event please have a think about doing so. A notice will be going up on the Village notice board at the shop in Spring for you to sign . More details will follow but please save this date.

Ladies Lunch 24th August 2020

An advance date for the summer. The Speaker will be Paul Whitaker. Further details will be found on the Village Notice board nearer the summer. Please save the date once again.

The monthly coffee mornings are well supported. Dates are advertised on the notice board at the shop. Please come along from 10.30 for a good coffee, great cakes and a chat. The Social Evenings in the the village hall are the last Friday of the month. Any changes in dates to these events will be notified on the village shop notice board.

If there is anything that you would like to see and that would contribute to the fundraising for the hall then we would be delighted to hear from you. All profits go to the Village Hall.

Alison King Tel. 724762 SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE!

VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

1. After considerable exchanges between Roy Aspinall and the Post Office, we have been successful and the correct relationship will be signed soon. I, and I'm sure everyone would like to thank Roy for the work he has done on this item.

2. We have been successful in recruiting 3 new volunteers, with 2 immediately and the third a little later. More please, your Shop needs you!!!

3. The PO/Shop now has a newly installed portable airconditioning unit, paid for by the Parish Council, to help ensure that all potentially perishable items with shorter shelf life such as milk, cheese, sandwiches etc will be more adequately protected for freshness during the hotter months of the year.

3. Unfortunately, one of our Directors has had to resign due to taking on a substantial charitable commitment. I'm sure all of you would like to thank Guy for his work over the years and wish him well in the future. I am looking for Directors, please get in touch, the position is not that onerous.

4. Finally, resulting from a sustained range of Board initiatives in the last 6 months of 2019 to review and modify and promote the PO/Shop, there had been an encouraging degree of recovery for sales/ turnover. However, more recent sales figures are now showing this to have dropped away again.

This is somewhat disappointing for the Board, and we find oursleves once again having to stress the need for Notton Village residents to more frequently and readily utilise this key historical community hub and all that it has to offer to the village.....

Just a few items to eccourage you to visit the shop

- The birds still need feeding, especially as they are preparing for nesting, we have an excellent selection
- The dry cleaning offer is still on
- Why not try a takeaway coffee and cake combo
- Mothers Day is fast approaching. We have cards and a great range of gifts suchas reed diffusers and organic homemade soaps.

I get many people offering ideas to improve the Shop, please don't just tell me, come and be involved.

Thanks to everyone for helping - remember ... Use it or Lose it!

Frank Carter, Martin Winham and David Tranter

200 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for December and January draws which took place at the Village Hall meeting on Wednesday 15th January are as follows:-

December. £50. No.194. M. Eames; £20. No. 132. M. Hall; £20. No. 11. S. Khan.

January. £50. No. 9 M. Smith; £20 No. 136. J. Sing; £20 No. 155 K. Fraser.

As the next Village Hall meeting isn't until the 25th March, the winners of the February and March draws will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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KUNG FU CLUB

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club continues to grow, and we have a great bunch of people and a very friendly atmosphere. The students have recently passed their grading, and we now have a good number of orange belts, white belts, and a handful of new beginners.

Training is focused on real-life practical self-defence skills, with students learning how to deal with various situations.

The club is unique in its family training approach, as children and parents can learn in parallel, and enjoy learning new skills together. This has proved to be very popular and we welcome new members.

Please just come along to the Village Hall on Tuesdays (6-8pm) and see what we do. Hope to see you there.

For more information please contact 'Sifu' Tom Lee on 07976 672077

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

2020 Cricket: Springing into Action

With the new season rapidly approaching, we see faces new and old rising from hibernation and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into preparations for the summer ahead.

Whilst we've seen good attendance at our first few winter net sessions (7.30pm every Thursday at Stumps in Wakefield), we're always welcoming more players and non-players to join us, shake off the winter and get ready for the cricketing summer, which despite protests from Dennis, Ciara and Jorge, is just 6 weeks away.

The club's preparations span far beyond the players on the field. Despite one of the wettest winters in some time, and a February, which has seen the aforementioned storms seeming to roll into one, the ground is looking good.

Testament to extensive work completed over the past few years and more recent intervention following the bonfire (plus further work to be completed when it's a little drier), Notton Cricket Club will be the envy of many clubs who have been less fortunate, and less prepared when our teams take to the field.

Building on this, in 2020 we're committed to broadening the club's appeal; welcoming everybody with a passion for the sport. And after impressing the National Lottery with our commitments to inclusivity of all ages a grant has been approved to contribute towards youth coaching and a practice wicket to be used by all ages, including our walking cricket team for the over 55s or retired who are looking forward to their first game on 18th April (if you'd like to give this a go there's still space on the team – no experience required).

With this in mind, we extend a warm invitation to our community to get involved, old, young, new to the game or a veteran – get in touch by phone, email, through social media, or pop down for a brew.

To continue the development of the club, we're not letting up in our drive to raise funds to support our ambitious plans and sponsorship opportunities are still available with the club, from match ball sponsorship at £25 through to shirt and kit partnerships, with all funds raised helping to deliver better cricket in our community.

Finally, a reminder about events off the field; we're looking to build on the popularity of recent events and host Car Boot Sales on May 17th, July 19th, September 13th & October 4th as well as a Classic Car Show on 28th June.

Be sure to follow Notton Cricket Club on Facebook and Twitter, where you can follow club progress and results as both teams push for promotion, as well as further news and updates on events off the field.

Yours in sport,

Ben Norman Notton CC Secretary <u>ben.norman@live.co.uk</u>

NOTTON RUBBER BAND SINGS THE "LAST WALTZ".

Notton Rubber Band met in the Village Hall, on a wet Sunday afternoon in February, to record their new song "Last Waltz", to raise funds for research into Motor Neurone Disease and Dementia.

Within just a few days, friends, and neighbours, contributed more than £1,000 after hearing the song on YouTube, and the Giving Website, featuring our Notton musicians.

It was difficult to write a song about such nightmare conditions as MDN/Dementia, without sounding morose, extremely gloomy and depressed, but while "touching, emotional, and sad", the song pays tribute to a couple struggling to cope.

To watch the video, and listen to the song, go to the Notton Rubber Band webpage at <u>https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/last-waltz</u> and click "Read More", and please share the video with friends. You can also hear the band streaming on Spotify.

If you would like more information about the band, or the song, please contact David Fothergill.

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There is not a great deal to tell you about with regard to the Village Hall other than the bookings are progressing well and it has been a good year with record bookings from which the revenue helps to keep the Hall a nice place for all the village and the surrounding community.

The new social pavilion is also getting a few bookings which is nice to see. We have a few upgrades planned for this coming year for the hall and pavilion which will be discussed at the next management meeting on the 25^{th} March. This is also the AGM, starting at 7.00pm. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to come to either listen or see what is happening or put anything forward that they would like to see done in the hall or new pavilion, or even stand for election to the Committee. Please come along - these buildings are for all the village to use and enjoy.

Unfortunately we had a break-in on the 15^{th} February around 9.30pm: the thieves did quite a bit of damage by ram-raiding the doors with a car, and also stole our PA system and other equipment up to a value of £4500. Obviously the police were called but as of yet nothing has been found and no culprits arrested. Fortunately the insurance company have more or less covered our losses. With the Gala coming in June we need to replace the PA system as soon as possible. We are also looking to make some changes to try and make the building more secure with CCTV and some other adjustments like roller shutters on the rear doors, which are more vulnerable than the other entrances to the hall.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (01226 724513)

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Annual membership fees are again due for the year starting on the 1 April 2020.

The membership rates approved at last year's AGM are as follows: Seniors £65, Students £22, Juniors £17 and House Persons (existing only) £40. A discount of £10 is available for Seniors if their membership fee is received by the club treasurer before the 22 March 2020. The discount does not apply to Student, Junior or House Person memberships. Please pay membership fees by CHEQUE (preferred) or cash to the Treasurer, Notton Tennis Club, Nade House, George Lane, Notton, Wakefield, WF4 2NL. It would be very much appreciated if all membership fees are paid before the 22 March 2020.

New members are welcome as always and the start of the subscription year is a good time to take up tennis from scratch or to return to the game having played in the past. We have two of the best courts in the area and a friendly welcoming group of regular players and good availability of courts at present. We play throughout the year whatever the weather. Mixed doubles social tennis is played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am. Simply turn up with a racquet and suitable footwear and clothing and give it a try. Ladies doubles social tennis is played on Thursday mornings from 10.00am. The courts are often free at other times when arranged singles or doubles can take place. Visitors are always welcome but would need to be signed in by a Full or Associate senior member of the Club and a small fee is payable.

Junior members have priority on Friday evening and Saturday morning but they can play at any time if the courts are free. They should have a key for the courts only and not the Club House. Juniors are permitted to bring guests when accompanied by a Full or Associate member of the club and a small fee is payable.

Coaching is available at The Wakefield School of Tennis run by Dwight Brown for the coaching of Juniors. Private coaching may be available by arrangement for both Juniors and Seniors at other times. He can also advise with regards to adult coaching at West Yorkshire Sport and Tennis Club.

If interested then please contact Dwight direct at: <u>info@wakefieldschooloftennis.com</u> Website: www.wakefieldschooloftennis.co.uk

Membership forms are available in the club house or from the Secretary, Janet Pratt at janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net or 01226728318.

Regular Activities in Notton Village Hall		
Dog Training Contact Marilyn 07854 076031	Monday	6.45pm - 9.00pm
Notton Coffee Mornings Contact Elaine Blaine 01226 725251	1st Monday of the Month	10.30am - 12 noon
Social Evenings Contact Ann Fitt 01226 722296	Last Friday of the month	7.30pm onwards
Pilates Contact Jane Dillon 07947 563806	Tuesday	12.00 noon 1.00pm
Kung Fu Contact Tom 07976 672077	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Table Tennis Contact David Fothergill 01226 726110	Wednesday	11.00am - 12 noon
Self Help Embroidery Contact June Clark 01226 722346	Term Time Wednesday	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Whist Drive Contact Margaret Shand 01226 724513	2nd Wed of the month (October to March)	7.00pm
Indoor Bowls Contact David Fothergill 01226 726110	Thursday	11.00am - 1.00pm
Flower Arranging	Thursday	1.30pm - 3.00pm
Contact Anne Taylor 01226 722155		
Trigger Point Therapy	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Contact Lisa Riley 07966 441713		
Ying Yoga Contact Lisa Riley 07966 441713	Thursday	7.15pm - 8.15pm
Parish Council Meeting	1st Thursday of the menth	7 20nm
Contact Julia Talbot 01226 724652	1st Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Wine Club Contact Bob Stevenson 01226 722385	Last Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Self Help Art Class	Friday	10.00am - 12 noon
Contact June Clark 01226 722346		

At all other times the hall is available for hire.

For bookings, please contact the Booking Clerk on 07563 245869

If alcohol is to be consumed an additional charge is payable.

<u>Hire rates</u>:

<u>Village residents</u>: Small hall £6 per hour Large hall £12 per hour Whole building £15 per hour

To others:

Small hall £12 per hour Large hall £22 per hour Whole building £27 per hour

Cutlery and glasses etc. are available at an extra charge. 'Setting up' time may be charged to non- residents.

The Pavilion is used by Notton Cricket Club on match days, and on Tuesday evenings for practice. Click here to see Fixtures 2019 (Opens in a new window). At all other times the Pavilion is available to hire and is ideal for smaller or more intimate gatherings, parties, private functions, or for meetings or classes.

For more information regarding the Pavilion, to book, or see if a certain date is free, please email Darrel Cartwright on **nvh.hire@gmail.com**

Village Hall website: <u>www.nottonvillagehall.uk</u>



NOTTON VILLAGE CELEBRATES







WITH A "PAVILION PICNIC" FRIDAY 8TH MAY 1 - 5 PM At the Cricket Field

Join the Nation as they celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with a street party style Pavilion Picnic

- Bring Your own Picnic, Tables, Gazebo's whatever you like! Prize for best dressed Picnic! 40's style dress optional!
- Activities for all the family Have a go Archery and Treasure Hunt and more!
- Entertainment from the Era including a sing a long to some wartime classics with Karla Ladies Choir.
- Join the nation in a Toast to the Heroes of WW2 at 3pm

All Villagers and their Families welcome! Further Details will be available soon!

We hope for a sunny day but in the event of rain - we will use the Village Hall

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE!

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If you do not pay enough tax, or if you do not want Gift Aid to be reclaimed on your donation, please return the form with only your name and address included.

For information: Gift Aid donations allow the charity to make a claim of 25% of the donation from HMRC. If you donate say £1000, we can claim a further £250 from the government, which is a valuable addition to your gift.

Please send this completed form as soon as possible with your cheque (made out to 'Notton Village Hall Management Committee') for the amount shown above to:

Mrs C Archbell, Nade House, 21, George Lane, Notton, WF4 2NL, or leave in the Shop in an envelope addressed to her.

BACS payments to Notton Village Hall, 60-83-01, 20401951 and please advise Peter Taylor. Any queries please phone Peter Taylor on 01226 722155, or <u>paytaylor55@btinternet.com</u>