



# Notton Village Newsletter

## June 2020

### Editorial

The last Newsletter was published just before the full impact of CV19 was properly understood and unfortunately, the promise of a busy and exciting Spring in the Village that was set out in the Newsletter has not materialised.

Despite this we have many reasons to be thankful for our lot in living in Notton. Examples that spring to mind are the way that volunteers have stepped forward to produce scrubs, donate food, deliver essentials, serve in the shop, swop young plants etc etc.

Also has there ever been a better time to go for a walk around the Village? The wild flowers have never been better, the Sports field and the recently opened walk beyond the field are wonderful and there have even been reports of roe deer spotted in Notton Wood.

I think that you will also find a sense of optimism in this Newsletter. Plans are being made for the future.

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### NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council continues to tick over during the present crisis period. We have not been able to hold any meetings, or do the litter-pick, but the grass continues to get cut, bills are being paid, and we were able to arrange a list of helpers for deliveries etc for people who were self-isolating. Other than that most activities and events have been cancelled. We hope to arrange the Annual Meeting of the Council when face-to-face meetings are eventually permitted by the Government.

To anyone who is self-isolating, for any reason, remember if you are in need of help of any kind -delivering supplies, medicines, or just need a chat or advice, then in the first instance phone any of the following: Peter Taylor on 07746 111397, John Hicks on 07812742675, or Steve Jaggaron 01226 725904. Our thanks to all those who added their names to the list of potential helpers.

Wakefield Council's abandonment of the green waste and bulky rubbish collections have, as expected, led to an increase in fly-tipping in the Parish. Collections should restart on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The Household waste sites are now open. You can report fly-tipping to Wakefield Council on 0345 8 506 506 or <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/dropped-litter/>

Unfortunately we were informed too late of the Facebook PACT meeting arranged by WestYorkshire Police for 12 th May for the Wakefield Rural area. However more are scheduled - 24 th of June, via [www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/](http://www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/) . If anyone has any concerns to bring to the attention of the Police then contact them using this website. Remember, if you want ideas for a local walk, the Walk Maps are still available in the Shop. However, a consequence of more people out walking dogs has been an increase in the quantity of dog poo left on footpaths, the Green, the cricket field and other areas where people, especially young children, have access. This is totally unacceptable. We would ask that anyone who sees dog poo in the act of being left un-picked-up reports the offence, preferably with a name and photographs, to the Parish Council or the Police (101) or best of all to WMDC at <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour/dogs/report-dog-fouling/> If there is sufficient evidence they can be fined up to £1000..

The road safety scheme at Notton Crossroads is half done: we are waiting for the red road markings to be laid. The recent collision at the chicane at the western end of the village has been reported to WMDC Highways in the hope that they will at least provide better warning of the Give Way system to traffic from the A61.

Cllr Jaggar has been putting up our Smiley Sid at various places in the parish: the data collected shows that the only area where traffic speeds are anywhere near the posted limit on is George Lane by the Green: even here many vehicles were travelling at between 30 and 40 mph.

Please be mindful of your neighbours if you have a party outside, or a garden bonfire (which should be limited to night-time only).

Remember the Parish Council website - [www.notton-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.notton-pc.gov.uk/)

and PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

**Peter Taylor - Chairman Notton Parish Council**

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

Indoor Bowling has been a very popular addition to the activities held in the Village Hall and everyone involved seems keen to resume the sessions as soon as it is safe to do so. Although the membership list is fully subscribed at the moment, numbers have to be restricted because of the physical capacity of our mats, it is often possible to introduce guests most weeks.

If anyone from the village would like to join us, as a guest, please get in touch in advance and every effort will be made to provide a place. Members generally use their own woods, but visitors are able to use club woods.

We are also pleased to welcome spectators who can join us without prior arrangement.

The 2019/20 Season was a great success, although it had to be cut short because of the coronavirus threat. Whether we will be able to resume in September, for our third season, is still very much in the balance.

About six scheduled meetings were cancelled, earlier this year, but we were able to pick out a couple of consistent players with Margaret Green topping the Autumn table, and the

2020 Spring Champion award going to Roly Ivory. Our Christmas "fun bowling" competition prize was scooped-up by John Hodgkiss.

The Short Mat Bowling Club meets every Thursday morning in the Village Hall from 11am to 1pm and there is a popular half-time break for refreshments.

Members pay a £3.00 mat fee, which also includes refreshments; playing guests pay a £3.00 mat fee, plus £2.00 for refreshments; and spectators pay £2.00 for refreshments.

Our new season is due to start on 3rd September, 2020, until 22nd April, 2021. These dates will be confirmed, or amended, nearer the time.

Meanwhile I hope all our members and friends Keep Safe, and enjoy the summer holidays.

**David Fothergill**

### **NOTTON PASTURES APPEAL**

With Lockdown being announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the subsequent cancellation of the Open Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we decided it was not the time to actively seek donations. However, we have had a few since then and the fund is now at about £54,000 including Gift Aid.

Thank you very much to all who have donated so far. We were hoping to reach our target by end June but we will now be looking at around November. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who has not already donated but would like to donate now or in the future.

As soon as lockdown is over and we feel it is safe to hold a public meeting we shall arrange a date. This will be publicised on Noticeboards and any relevant places. If we have your e-mail addresses you will receive details of the meeting. If you think we do not have your e-mail address and would like to be kept informed please send it to

me- [christine.archbell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christine.archbell@yahoo.co.uk)

### **NOTTON GALA**

Even though we had to cancel this year's Gala, planning will start in the Autumn for an even bigger and better Gala for 2021. The date will be Sunday 13th June 2021 and I'll be looking to arrange a Committee meeting in October, hopefully, to start our planning. If you'd like to get involved please give me a call 01226 725904 .

**Helen Jaggar - Chair of the Gala Committee.**

### **FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**

It is with great regret that we have to cancel this year's Flower and Vegetable Show. Even if meetings are permitted by September it would be impossible to maintain social distancing in the Hall. However - enjoy your gardens, and think about entries for Flower Show 2021!

**Anne Taylor**

## TRUSTED TRADESPEOPLE

A few years ago I compiled a list of Trusted Tradespeople. This list is in a folder in the village shop. I would like to update this list. The information I require to enable me to add the tradesperson to the list is as follows:-

TRADE	NAME	CONTACT	DETAILS	WORK DONE/ RECOMMENDATION FROM (NAME, E MAIL, TELEPHONE)
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If you would like to see the current List please contact me

- [christine.archbell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christine.archbell@yahoo.co.uk) or 07802 196044 or 722537 - and say whether you would like it as a PDF or as an excel spreadsheet. If you do not have a computer I would be happy to deliver a copy of the list.

It is our intention to publish the list on-line and we are currently looking into this

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

VE 75 day - the village event had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. Thank you to all who put up bunting and flags to celebrate. On the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August it will be VJ Day 75 too. No village event is planned due to government restrictions, but it would be lovely to see the bunting and flags once again around the village to help mark the final end of World War 2.

Sadly all coffee mornings are cancelled for the time being. The Safari Supper in July has also been cancelled as has the planned Ladies Lunch in August. Looking ahead to the Autumn ( even though Summer is just arriving) there are tentative plans for events . These will only take place if there are no restrictions due to Covid 19.

When you are supporting the shop keep a look out for events on the notice board .

In the meantime stay safe and have a good Summer.



## VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

I felt I had to write this piece to express my thanks, the thanks of the Board, and I'm a sure the Villagers.

Firstly, let us say our thanks to David, who with the assistance of Janet, has not only kept the Post Office open, but the shop into the bargain. David has done ordering, not only the

normal things, but extra items which have been of great benefit to the residents. The Post Office has been a life line to those Senior residents, ( me included), who needed cash at times.

Well done. Our sincere thanks.

Turning now to the Volunteers. What a team, never complaining, lovely people, did not have to be asked, just jumped in to man the breach. Serving, cleaning, delivering, I'm told making masks for the Shop, and I'm sure many more items.

Sincere thanks to you all from this wonderful community we live in. Community Spirit is great in Notton.

Unfortunately as when I correspond with you, there's usually a sting in the tail, and this time is no different. Over the last two months, with shorter opening hours turnover has marginally increased. This must mean that we have been of service to new customers, and existing customers have used more of the service. Please keep this patronage up, as this terrible virus has illustrated how much we need the Shop and the Post office.

Stay safe.

**Frank Carter      Chairman, Notton Village Shop Ltd.**

### **200 CLUB WINNERS**

Below are the winners of the 200 Club draw for the last four months. It took place in an open area with various people doing the draw.

Feb.

£50. No 11 S. Khan;.      £20 No. 200 De Notton Bowers;.      £20 No. 25 S. Bargad  
March

£50 No. 146 B. Gale;.      £20 No. 79 A. Gill;.      £20 No. 124. T. Waddington  
April

£50. No. 32 A. Shane;.      £20 No. 147 G. Taylor;.      £20 No. 134. B. & J. Hepworth  
May

£50 No. 155 K. Fraser;.      £20 No. 200 De Notton Bowers;.      £20 No. 148 M. Tate

### **KUNG FU CLUB**

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club is looking forward to training together again, when it is appropriate to do so. We have a great bunch of people and a very friendly atmosphere, and we are all continuing to keep in touch through our WhatsApp group.

Kung Fu is considered a philosophy of life, and self-defence is just one aspect of that. It teaches control, self-discipline, self- sacrifice and patience. All worthy ideals to aspire to at any time of life, but of particular relevance now.

The Club sends it best wishes to everyone, to stay safe and well.

For information about the Club please contact 'Sifu' Tom Lee on 07976 672077

## NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

### **Cricket & Covid-19: Eyes Forward**

As we start to emerge from spring and creep ever closer to summer with our cricket club yet to see the toss of a coin, it would be easy to feel negative about 2020 so far and question the likelihood of seeing competitive cricket enjoyed on the wicket in the coming months.

But as a club, and a village, it's in our nature to focus on the positives of which there are many.

As I write this we would have been preparing for week 7 of our fixtures and looking forward to a 1<sup>st</sup> X1 trip to Horbury Bridge and our 2nd X1 would have been welcoming Calder Grove CC for a home fixture.

Instead, we're looking forward to our second one-to-one socially-distanced practice session on Saturday, making use of our brand new training wicket which will help to develop players of all ages both now and in the years to come.

These sessions have taken a lot of planning and adherence to the method put in place in the professional game to ensure that safety is put above anything else, and whilst it's far from what we're used to, there is a comfort in hearing the sound of leather on willow in Notton once again.

Many will have noticed that the new wicket isn't the only improvement we've made whilst we have the privilege of time. The installation of 4 benches on the boundary edge (with a grant from the Parish Council) will hopefully welcome residents, friends, family and fans to the ground when cricket eventually returns.

On top of this, after the winter floods and a dry spring, we've completed repairs to ensure the pitch is perfect for our next home fixture, which is provisionally scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July but subject to further guidance from the government and ECB.

Whilst we're focussing on these positives and continuing to look forward to something like normality, it's important to be realistic and acknowledge the impact that Covid-19 is having on the finances of our club.

The above improvements have been the result of grants from the national lottery and government flood repair grant, as well as the generosity of the Village Hall Committee and a grant from Notton Parish Council for the boundary benches.

The club's own fundraising avenues however have been almost entirely removed for the year we're potentially seeing a loss of around £6,000 - £7,000, this is not only due to missing match-fees but also the cancellation of car boot sales (which WMDC have asked us to cancel until further notice) and possibly the Classic Car Show (which is currently scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June but subject to Government ruling at that time.)

With this in mind, any support would be much appreciated and we're keen to discuss future sponsorship opportunities as well as welcoming any donations with open arms.

This is a very exciting time for our club as we continue to improve both on the pitch and off. A community grant has been awarded to fund youth coaching and our new practice

wicket, we're leading the way in our plans for walking cricket for the retired and over-55s, the club is welcoming new and returning players each season, we've become famous for our beautiful setting and fantastic pitch (even sparking the interest of ex-England and Yorkshire all-rounder Craig White who recent paid us a visit) and we're looking forward to the same success on the pitch.

Covid-19 is certainly a hurdle to us as a club, but we will get over it and continue to move forward and enjoy our sport. What's more important right now is that we stay safe and make sure the club is fit and ready to return to the field when we see the green light. We'd like to send our best wishes to all residents at this time and look forward to welcoming you back to the ground when the time is right.

Stay safe,

**Ben Norman. Notton CC Secretary**

ben.norman@live.co.

### **WALKING CRICKET**

We now have a player manager for our team, He is Mac McKechnie of Mapplewell. Founder of Walking Cricket in Yorkshire, with strong links to the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation.

He has asked if interested players would contact him by email or phone, so that lines of communication can be made. Our new artificial wicket will be used for practice and matches for men and women participating in walking cricket, age range 55 to 100! No cricket experience required.

Phone 07891 745633

### **NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Because of the coronavirus all village hall functions ceased on the 15<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. Besides not being able to carry out our usual Fund Raising and entertainment events such as Gala, VE day celebration, and others we have also lost all the revenue from hires of the Hall and Sports Pavilion. On the positive side we applied for a business grant from Wakefield Council to help with the loss of earnings and we were successful and received a grant for £10,000. We also received a Business Rates rebate of £900. This money will go a long way to maintain our hall for the year and compensate for our loss of earnings.

We have during the shutdown managed to have quite a lot of maintenance and improvements carried out to the hall such as the reroofing of the rear store which had quite a few leaks. We have also changed the barrier to the field with a gate making it a lot easier to open and close for ease of access, and surfaced the track down to the pavilion. We have put some heating in the new Sports Pavilion. We are also in the progress of installing CCTV the village hall car park to help with security.

Regarding the cleaning of the village hall, we decided to keep the cleaner employed during shutdown and she has given the hall a much needed deep clean.

During the last few weeks, we have had 4 or 5 members of the village (keeping social distance) carrying out the clearing of brambles and tree branches around the sports field and down the Ings. This has made a huge difference and opened up the area to make it more accessible for people to visit. We have saved around 20 young trees which were planted some 8 years ago which were totally covered with brambles. We have made a path down through the Ings and opened a wildlife pond. All this work has made a huge difference to the sports fields and Ings and it is intended to set up a group to keep it maintained on a regular basis.

With regard to future events like the flower show and bonfire in the hall and grounds, we are not sure if these will take place but hopefully we will try to get back to some form of normality in the not too distant future. We strongly adhere to Government Guidelines and follow them in the interest of us all.

**Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (01226 724513)**

### **NOTTON TENNIS CLUB**

After two months of closure due to Covid-19 we have opened the tennis courts with restrictions. It is so good to see the courts being used again. Sadly, it will not be possible to play social doubles tennis at the moment which has been the mainstay of our club. It would be impossible to practise social distancing. Singles can be played but two sets of balls should be used. We have displayed the rules and regulations from the Lawn Tennis Association on the perimeter fence and the Club House window.

**The Club House and facilities will remain closed for the time being and must not be used.**

Coaching is not available at this time.

Annual membership fees were due for the year 2020-2021 on the 1st 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.

Outstanding membership fees should be paid in full by CHEQUE (preferred) or cash to the Treasurer, Notton Tennis Club, Nade House, George Lane, Notton, Wakefield, WF4 2NL

Membership forms are available from the Secretary,

Janet Pratt at [janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net](mailto:janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net) or 01226728318.



## NOTTON SOCIAL MEDIA

### WHATSAPP

#### **Notton Bulletin**

This group is for notifications/alerts only. It is used primarily for alerts about crime in the area, fly tipping poer cut etc. It is not for chatting

#### **Notton Forum**

This is more of a chat group and primarily covers issues related to the consequences of CV 19 such as requests for food donations, deliveries from the Village Shop, lost dogs etc

### FACEBOOK

#### **NOTTON NEIGHBOURS**

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.*

### WEBSITES

There are websites for the Parish Coouncil and for the Village Hall with links to other social media sites.

Parish Council - [www.notton-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.notton-pc.gov.uk/)

Village Hall - [www.nottonvillagehall.uk](http://www.nottonvillagehall.uk)

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