



Notton Village Newsletter

Sept 2020

Editorial

Clearly Village life is not what it was 6 months ago.

Nevertheless there is plenty of news in this edition, some encouraging but much just confirmation of the inevitable.

Well done to the Cricket Club for arranging the friendly with the England Cricket Association for the Deaf. A tidy sum was raised as well.

The Village Shop and Post Office is now open a full six and a half days. For many in the Village, it has been invaluable in the past few months and so I would encourage you to spend at least a few pounds each week in order that it can continue.

Dennis.

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NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council continues to tick over during the post-lockdown period. We have held the July Council meeting via Zoom, at which the annual accounts were approved, but little progress could be made on various projects that the Council is considering. By the time you read this we will have held the September meeting, also via Zoom.

At the recent virtual PACT meeting WY Police representatives were advised of the concerns of residents about speeding on Bleakley Lane and George Lane, and some action was sought. Anti-social behaviour continues to be reported, particularly vandalism to signs and bins, off-road motor biking, and fires being set in hedges. Fly-tipping continues, in spite of WMDC's reinstatement of the garden waste collections. If anyone has any concerns to bring to the attention of the Police, then contact them using www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/

I'd like to congratulate our Parish Clerk, Julia Talbot, who has passed the examination for her Certificate in Local Council Administration, and so is our first qualified Clerk in the post.

A reminder to anyone who is still 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 07812 742675, or Steve Jaggar on 01226 725904.

The road safety scheme at Notton Crossroads is now complete. Cllr Jaggar has continued to put up our Smiley Sid at various places in the parish: the data collected will help in our discussions with WMDC about the chicane and speeding generally.

The Council is investigating costs and possible sources of funding for trees on the Village Green. Planting of five or six trees, on both the George Lane and Applehaigh Lane sides of the Green, suitably spaced to avoid interference with activities on the Green (the Gala and parking for events) is under consideration. The trees could be flowering cherry (like Harrogate), and

will have to be heavy standards with good tree guards. If anyone has any comment to make, please contact a Parish Councillor.

Remember the Parish Council website - www.notton-pc.gov.uk/ and PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Peter Taylor - Chairman Notton Parish Council

NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Dear friends, before going into my main message to you, the customer, I must once again extend my sincere thanks to all those villagers who gave their service to ensure that the Shop remained open, be it on reduced hours during the most severe part of the pandemic. All of you did a brilliant job, thank you.

Sadly, things are not so good now. You will recall I stressed earlier that I hoped those customers who used the service when it was difficult to go elsewhere, would continue to use the Shop after things started to get back to normal. Sadly, there has been a fall-off in sales, which does not bode well for the future of the Shop.

Frank Carter

Shop Opening Times are now

Monday to Saturday 8am till 6pm

Sundays 8am till noon

Bank Holidays 8am till 1030am

We still need volunteers in the shop particularly to do the morning papers between 7-45am and 9am.

David Tranter - 01226 726828

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club is open fully now and members are free to go and play without the restrictions we have been observing for four months. We continue to socially distance, of course. We have welcomed a few new members this year taking advantage of having more free time on their hands.

Sadly, our very dear friend and long-standing member of the Club, Tom Hicks, was unable to attend the BBQ this month held at the club to celebrate his 101st birthday due to ill health.

Coaching is not available at this time, and guests are not allowed to play at the moment.

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 Club House or the Secretary, Janet Pratt at janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net or 01226728318.

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

Regularly updated and managed locally, Notton Village Hall website - www.nottonvillagehall.uk - provides information on all Notton Village Trust facilities; Large and Small Halls, Social Pavilion, Sports Fields, Village Green, and also Archery, Cricket and Tennis Clubs.

You can find details of regular classes and clubs, and special, one-off events too. Of course, these have been compromised by Covid-19 since March but are resuming slowly as restrictions are lifted. There's also a history of Notton, a photo gallery and a news page.

This is a website for Notton and it's residents so please feel free to contribute photos, news pieces, or suggestions for additional pages/topics to me at darrelvcartwright@gmail.com

WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp is a messaging App you download to your smartphone for free. It lets you exchange fast, simple messages privately and securely with individuals or groups. Only the people to whom you send your WhatsApp messages can read them i.e. your messages can't be viewed outside WhatsApp. Look here www.whatsapp.com for more information.

There are two WhatsApp groups for Notton Parish Residents;

Notton Bulletin - currently has around 90 members

This group is purely for urgent or important notifications/alerts. It's a bit like a News Flash. It's not for chatting. It is aimed at getting news out quickly and consistently about items such as localised criminal or suspicious activity, power cuts, flooding, fly tipping, road closures, Parish Council notifications, and others..

Notton Forum - currently has around 80 members

This group was originally set up for Residents to request or offer help/support relating to the consequences of Covid-19. It has now developed into a community and social group. Use it for swapping information, offering/requesting no longer-needed items FOC or for sale, asking for/offering help, asking for recommendations for restaurants, tradesmen, services etc, notification of social events and for discussions relating to Notton.

Users of both WhatsApp Groups have Notton's best interests at heart, and care for the safety and security of our residents and their homes.

If you're interested in joining one or both of the above WhatsApp groups please email me at darrelvcartwright@gmail.com with your mobile number. Tell me if you're already a WhatsApp user or whether you need to get started, and I'll get in touch with you.

Thank you.

PACT Meeting - (Police and Communities Together)

Following up on our last PACT meeting (Zoom) on 5th August, our PSCO, Leanne Sammut came to Notton on Thursday 13th August for a "Contact Point" session which she held outside Notton Post Office. Residents met up with her, to voice concerns, ask for help or simply to say Hello.

Leanne's next Contact Point session will be Thursday 24th September, again at 9:30am. Details will be posted nearer the time in the PO and on the Notton Bulletin.

Darrel Cartwright. M: 07831 622808

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
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FROM (NAME, E MAIL, TELEPHONE)

If you would like to see the current List please contact me -

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

Notton Open Gardens 5th July 2020:

Thank you to Margaret Shand for organising this lovely event. A big thank you to our residents who agreed to open their gardens. It was well received despite the ongoing situation and made a profit of £723 for Village Hall funds.

Sadly, the current situation with Covid 19 has meant we have not been able to run our usual events over the summer and is affecting the plans for the Autumn and run up to Christmas.

While the Village Hall has reopened to hirers the current restrictions mandated by the Government are proving difficult for events to take place following guidelines on numbers and social distancing and types of events that we like in the Hall.

We are working on a plan to safely recommence Coffee Mornings. Dates will be advertised on the Village Shop notice board. It is likely that we need to change their format as we will need to follow Government guidelines, which are being tightened again at the moment. Details will be circulated.

A Quiz Night was planned for Friday 9th October. A decision has been made to postpone this at the moment. We do hope to run this next year.

Our annual and very popular Christmas Ball - planned for Saturday 5th December is also a casualty of these difficult times. It is with regret that this is cancelled but should be back in December 2021.

The Committee is hoping to organise a residents and their families only " Christmas Spark - tacular", again, depending on the new revisions to the Regulations. Further details of ticket sales will be announced when the date is fixed . We would like this to be an all-age event. The only things needed will be a ticket and the right clothing.

Looking into January 2021 we had booked our very popular Elvis night . No decision has been made yet as to whether this can go ahead. As things currently stand at the time of writing it is not possible to have an indoor music event. This will be looked into and again notice sent out if it cannot go ahead. If you are a new resident to the village, we normally have a thriving and entertaining event schedule for residents, but Covid 19 has made many events impossible at present. If it becomes possible to run postponed events, they will be announced via the notice board and the website of the hall.

Thank you for your continued support at this time. It is needed to help keep our Hall as the centre of our community. Please keep checking the notice board outside the shop for updates.

Alison King Tel: 724762

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Not a great deal to report from the last newsletter as the hall is still in partial lockdown, other than a few groups which have returned in a small way with all the social distancing being in force. It is going to be difficult to increase the activities until later in the year or the beginning of next year.

We had a Management committee meeting recently to see if we can hold some more events under the current guidelines, one being the Bonfire and Firework display. We looked at carrying out a smaller event than usual in November for villagers and family members only, but it was decided it would not be possible because of the popularity of the event in the past. People from outside the village would get to hear about it and try and come, and we would be unable to control the situation under the current guidelines.

We are now considering a Christmas event yet to be named with a small bonfire and firework display with possibly a Hog Roast: this would be a **village and families only event on a ticket only basis** and starting earlier so as to cater for the younger children. The field would be marked out for groups of family in a bubble to keep the social distancing. There would be no parking on the green or village hall car park other than disabled. There will have to be a charge of around £5 per person to try and cover some of the costs but most of it will be covered by the village hall.

It is in its early stage of planning at the moment, and very much dependent on the detail of the newly announced Regulations, and a notification will be put through your door with more details and how to access tickets. We are very hopeful of putting something together for the village to try and celebrate getting past the worst of the Covid 19 and getting back to some sort of normality.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (01226 724513)

200 CLUB WINNERS

JUNE

£50 No. 7 Notton Cricket Club
£20 No. 29 M. Hillcoat
£20 No. 81 F. Carter

JULY

£50 No. 12 H. Broadbent
£20 No. 16 G. Cattell
£20 No. 140 J. Farrar

AUGUST

£50 No. 49 J. Taylor
£20 No. 32 A. Shand
£20 No. 102 F. Carter

The above numbers were drawn at the Village Hall Meeting on Wednesday 26 August 2020, which is the last draw of the 200 Club year.

A cheque for £700 was handed to the Village Hall Committee which is the proceeds from the last year.

This was my last year of running the 200 Club which I have done for 10 years and Eleanor Turner has kindly offered to take over the reins. My thanks to all the collectors and please continue to give your support to Eleanor and, if possible, enrol additional members.

If anyone is not sure who their collector is and wishes to join the 200 Club, which is £12 annually, please contact Eleanor on 01226 - 722897.

Barbara Gale

KUNG FU CLUB

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club is making plans for training together again soon, when it is appropriate to do so.



We have a great bunch of people and a very friendly atmosphere, and the club is a great way to keep active and learn a few new skills.

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.

The Club sends its best wishes to everyone, and extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us.

For information about the Club please contact 'Sifu' Tom Lee on 07976 67207

NOTTON GOLF DAY - 5th Oct at Wakefield Woodthorpe.

This fun annual golf day is open to all golfers of any ability both male and female. Please contact Mick Blain on 07518448907 or email mick.blain@talktalk.net for further details or to register your name for the draw. Whether we can have a meal afterwards is still up in the air with current Covid requirements.

Mick Blain President, Notton Golf Society

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Absence makes the heart grow fonder....

The past 6 months have forced every one of us to assess what's important from a new perspective. Almost immediately the distractions that seemed so important, were merely pedestrian. When the coronavirus pandemic first hit, and the rug was whipped from beneath our spikes, sport was very much placed in the category of things we *can* live without.

That being said, after a 12 week delay to the start of the season, the return of cricket to Notton is a reassuring taste of normality, showing us all how important it is to both mind and body, to get back on the field. Fast-forward 5 weeks and both teams have had their fair share of ups and downs, rain and shine, wins and losses. With a shortened season and both teams sitting mid table, they are only a few good results away from promotion.

The club's positive start to the season is on one hand down to the commendable enthusiasm of each and every player, but also a surge of new faces, old and young, novice and experienced, who are all welcome in our growing sporting family.

And it's not just enthusiasm on the pitch that's made for such a great start to the season - our recent friendly game against the England Cricket Association for the Deaf raised awareness for their great cause as well as raising almost £750 of vital funds shared equally between both teams.

Finally, as with many grassroots sports clubs we rely on the hard work of players raising funds as well as sporting grant schemes, but also the incredible generosity of our local community. With this in mind the club would like to extend a huge thank you to the village residents who donated a new heavy roller which is already making a game-changing difference.

Should anybody wish to get involved with the club on or off the pitch, training takes place on Wednesday nights from 6pm and we always look forward to welcoming new faces to the ground on a Saturday from 1pm.

Sporting regards,

Ben Norman

Notton CC Secretary
ben.norman@live.co.uk

FLOWER ARRANGING

A few ladies meet in the Hall on Thursdays at 1.30pm (socially distanced) for mutual encouragement and a chat. If you'd like to join us, please contact me. No experience necessary!

Anne Taylor 722 155

NOTTON NOMADS

Just before the tentacles of Covid - 19 lockdown took their indiscriminate hold on us all with a vicious life changing grip, threatening not only the very immediate future of cricket itself, but the very way of life in communities across the country, and of course Notton was no different.



At the same time all this was happening, discussions were already underway linking Notton C.C. to Barnsley U3A (Google Barnsley U3A .org) who had formed a very strong Walking Cricket team, and the formation of an independent Walking Cricket team The Notton Nomads was formed, albeit mainly with players from Barnsley U3A who lived close to Notton, with one or two players from the Wakefield U3A Walking Cricket team.

The idea always being that local Men and Ladies over the age of 55 would be attracted to this outdoor exercise activity a couple of hours a week, and would join the Nomads.

So what is different between "Normal" cricket and Walking Cricket? - Well part of that is in the title - WALKING. The main difference. Using plastic bats and lighter than a cricket ball compound "wind ball" with only 16 yards between wickets, and players bowling underarm if they wish, with no protective clothing required as minimal risk of any injury, about sums it up. - No running! Walking only.

Fast forward past July 12th when lockdown restrictions lifted for 'recreational' cricket, following ECBand village hall, and Notton c.c. guidelines and protocols, the team has started playing again, - every Friday Morning 10.00am - 12.00.

The main issue is we have still not enough members and urgently need another eight or nine Local ladies and gents of a mature age to join us, otherwise we could be in danger of folding before we have actually really got going. - So, this is a plea for new members, our oldest member playing locally (Doncaster U3A) is 94, although to be fair, most Nomads are in their 60's or 70's .

For more information contact Player/Manager Notton Nomads, Mac Mckechnie 07891745633
Email mckechnie31@btinternet.com

De NOTTON BOWERS

Please do not walk down the Ings either inside or outside the fence whilst archery is in progress.

Archery days and times are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2pm

Chris Key
De Notton Bowers

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