



Notton Village Newsletter

December 2020

Editorial

Despite the ongoing disruption due to the pandemic, there is a lot of optimism & confidence about the future in this edition.

The purchase of the land on Smawell Lane has now reached a critical point and so I would ask that you read the article in this edition and support the purchase if you can.

We recently walked beyond the Sports field - a group of volunteers have done an excellent job of clearing brambles etc. It is pretty damp but well worth a visit

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

We have some great Xmas gift ideas from our range of Notton products to our new selection of handmade chocolates.

We are selling and taking orders for Xmas trees

3-4ft £15

4-5ft £18.50

5-6ft £25

6-7ft £30

7-8ft £45

buckets £13

We are also taking orders for Hofmanns pork pies. We are having a raffle for a Xmas hamper - £1 a ticket.

XMAS OPENING HOURS

XMAS EVE 8AM-4PM

BOXING DAY 8AM-10.30AM

SUNDAY 27TH 8AM-12PM

MONDAY 28TH 8AM-10.30AM

NEW YEARS EVE 8AM-4PM

NEW YEARS DAY 8AM-10.30AM

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all the staff and volunteers at your village shop.

David Tranter

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council continues to hold our monthly meetings via Zoom: if any member of the public wishes to "attend" the meetings, the Zoom logins are included in the notice of the next meeting on the notice boards and on the Council website.

Unfortunately the open-air PACT meeting arranged by WY Police had to be cancelled because of the lockdown, but we (and others) continue to report anti-social behaviour, particularly vandalism to signs and bins, and off-road motor biking. If anyone has any concerns to bring to the attention of the Police then contact them using www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/ Another PACT meeting will be arranged in the near future - see notices for details.

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 Jaggard on 01226 725904.

The recent RoSPA inspection of the Parish Council play area at the Village Hall identified a number of things needing attention. These are gradually being worked through, but it looks as though a lot of money will have to be spent soon on the safety surfacing under the swings and slides, which is wearing out after 20 years use.

The Christmas Tree on the Green was put up a few weeks ago - thank you Richard Gill and loader - and as usual is paid for by the Village Hall. The new coloured lights have met with general approval! A working party has recently cleared blackthorn and brambles from the Green at the side of the "slip road".

We continue to discuss trees, and other planting on the Green, but have not yet come to any conclusion. In the spring we hope to arrange for a few hanging baskets on lamp posts, paid for by private subscription - any takers?

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

Peter Taylor - Chairman Notton Parish Council

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

I wrote in August to inform you that the courts were fully open and we did enjoy a few weeks of socially distanced tennis.

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 and can be downloaded from the Notton Village Hall website.

Janet Pratt at janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net or 01226728318. (Secretary)

NOTTON PASTURES

Update to show how we are doing with raising donations for the purchase of Notton Pastures:

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 situation, we have felt it has not been appropriate to actively try to encourage more donations during the summer months but would like to appeal for further donations now. The situation is that we currently have donations of approximately £56,000 inc Gift Aid. This amount has been generously donated by 53 people from a village of over 400 households.

We need to raise at least £74,000 to purchase the land plus some working capital so we still need to raise another £18,000 including Gift Aid. If we are unable to do this there is a very real danger that Notton Pastures will be put back on the market and could be bought by someone who may not have the best interests of the village at heart. This is a real concern. At nearby Ellis Laithe, it is proving difficult to sell properties and we believe there is an even bigger problem at Fitzwilliam/Kinsley.

During September the Wakefield District Biodiversity group visited the fields and produced a report which is available to read on the Parish Council website. The report outlines how the site could be used to create a wildlife corridor of woodland and wild flower meadow for the benefit of residents and a grazing area to generate some income. If the field can be secured a public meeting will be held, when allowed, to share and discuss these ideas further. In the meantime one of the local farmers has agreed to mow the fields.

If you haven't already donated to this appeal, please consider doing so, large or small, every little helps to support the future well-being and security of your village.

A Gift Aid declaration is included here and there are copies in the shop.

It is intended to hold another meeting in the Village Hall when it is appropriate and safe, In the meantime, if anyone would like to talk with a member of the Steering Committee contact details are: Peter & Anne Taylor (722155), Jan Bryant (722851), Stephen & Helen Jaggard (725904), Christine Archbell (722537), Bairbre Hepworth (07966 578832)

Thank you in anticipation

Keep safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you at a meeting in the Village Hall as soon as we can. Keep a look out for details in the village shop or WhatsApp.

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

WhatsApp Groups for Notton Parish

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 100 members

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

Notton Forum - currently has 90 members

This group was originally set up for Residents to request or offer Covid-19 related support. It has developed into a community and social group. Use it for swapping information, offering/requesting items no longer-needed, 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.

NOTION VILLAGE HALL

The hall has now reopened for hirers who are Covid compliant and allowed to hold activities as detailed by government guidelines. The hall is open for bookings and enquiries into 2021 although government restrictions are having to be observed around bookings at this time.

Please contact nvh.hire@gmail.com or phone 07563245869. Details of the hall are also on the website: nottonvillagehall.uk

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social and Fundraising Committee

Sadly Covid 19 has stopped all activities this Autumn and over Christmas. It's is lovely to see the Christmas trees on the Green and by the Hall which cheer us up these days.

Our very popular Elvis night at the end of January 2021 is also a casualty of these times. We do hope that Elvis will be back in 2022.

As restrictions continue with the virus it is impossible to plan at this time when normal social activities can commence again. I know that they are missed in the village. If by any chance during these next few months it becomes possible to arrange something this news will be advertised on the notice board by the shop and the village social media.

Alison King 724762

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Since the last newsletter unfortunately things have not improved and in fact have gone the other way.

As stated in the last newsletter we were hoping to have a bonfire & firework display for the village and families: unfortunately we were unable to do that with the restrictions that applied at the time. This is the first time we have not run a bonfire for 19 years, which obviously is our main fund raiser for the village hall and charities.

By now everyone will have noticed that the Christmas Tree has been erected with the new lights (which were replacements for the burglary to the hall earlier in the year) I am sure you will agree it looks better than the ones we had before. Because the hall is closed we decided to erect the other tree (usually in the hall) outside in the tennis courts so everyone can enjoy it.

Some good work is still going on down towards the Ings - a group of volunteers are still working hard at clearing brambles etc from the field and exposing trees that have not seen hardly any daylight for 15 to 20 years. Some of the area has now been planted out with bulbs so it will be nice to see what it is like in the spring. Besides keeping the area tidy it is also a great place for villagers to walk and enjoy - there is lots of wildlife, flora and fauna. We have set up a maintenance group to look after the area so anyone interested to help for the odd hour now and again can contact me and I will put you in touch with the group.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (01226 724513)

200 CLUB WINNERS

September

£50 no 137 N Slack
£20 no 174 J Winham
£20 no 196 S Butterworth

October

£50 no 52 J Clark
£20 no 121 N Coulson
£20 no 7 Notton Cricket Club

November

£50 no 97 J Tomlinson
£20 no 87 P Belfield
£20 no 57 M Shand

KUNG FU CLUB

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club wishes everyone in the village a Merry Christmas.

We're looking forward to the New Year and hope we will be able to start training again.

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 672077**



NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Better together: Our year of cricket through covid. 12 months ago we were reflecting on a magnificent year for Notton Cricket Club. A year which saw our tired old pavilion make way for an incredible new facility after 50 years, opening its doors not just to cricketers, but to the whole community. An incredible investment that will bring people together for years to come. So there's a painful irony in the fact that the new pavilion that we've waited so long to enjoy, a hub which will bring people together, would remain closed throughout the year in order to keep us apart. But the reality of the past 12 months has been far more positive than that. In the same way that 2019 was a year of change and progress for our club, 2020 has been just as momentous. It has become clear that the pavilion is not just bricks and mortar, but a commitment to continue bringing our community together through a love of sport for another 50 years.

Therefore whilst the pavilion was seldom used this year, what it represents remained clear throughout what has perhaps been the most challenging and complicated year in the club's

history, as players, friends and supporters of the club alike worked together to protect the club, and make the most of the opportunities we had both on and off the field. Whilst 2020 allowed us to make some great improvements to the club, like the fantastic artificial wicket which enables all-weather cricket for players of all ages or the new heavy roller which was generously funded by village residents, it's perhaps a surprise that the club's biggest achievements have been on the field. Our first XI finished 4th in division 3 with their promotion chances remaining alive until the very final fixture. This effort was only matched by the second XI who also finished 4th in division 7; the team's best performance since winning the league in 2016. The success this year has been a collective effort, with a great team spirit pulsing throughout the club. And, whilst there have been fantastic individual efforts from every player, our first XI opening batsman Jonny Habe not only stood out in the club, but the entire league, scoring more runs than any other player across the 7 divisions (513 in 11 innings at 85.50).

Beyond the league fixtures, and testament to our progress on and off the pitch, we were invited to host a friendly game versus the England Cricket Association for the Deaf's Northern XI. A great highlight for the club which was enjoyed by over a hundred people and raised vital funds for both ECAD and our club. Looking forward to 2021, we're no more certain than anybody about the impact that Covid-19 will play on the season, but with fingers crossed for a return to normality, we've started to plan the year with optimism. Player recruitment is going well as we welcome 4 new players to the club to help our promotion push for both teams.

We'd also like to welcome Donna Charlton to the club's Committee as Secretary, Mac McKechnie representing our walking cricketers as well as Mat Charlton and John Barton as our second XI Captain and Vice Captain respectively. We're aiming to restart the Car Boot Sales and Classic Car Show which have proven popular and provided essential funds to the club in recent years, host a further friendly match with ECAD and also arrange the first annual Barton Tunningley charity match. Our aim as a club, as we look to progress to higher divisions, is to continue improving the quality of the pitch. With this in mind we're aiming to raise funds for rolling covers; a game-changing improvement which will take the club to the next level. We would also like to install a further 4 benches around the ground to welcome more supporters. Helping to achieve this, we're delighted to welcome Wetherby Whaler aboard as our main shirt sponsor for the 2021; a business with a long history of partnering with sports clubs large and small throughout the region. There are plenty of further sponsorship opportunities available with the club, from match ball sponsorship at £25 through to paid partnerships, with all funds raised helping to deliver better cricket our community.

Key events in 2021: Winter net training - 7.30pm every Tuesday (2 nd February to 13th April)

Summer net training - 6.00pm every Wednesday from 14th April to 15th September

Match days - From 1pm every Saturday throughout summer.

Walking cricket - every Friday morning from 16th April to 17 th September

Car Boot Sales - 16th May, 18th July, 15th August & 12th September

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Notton vs ECAD Charity Match - 30th May
Walking Cricket National Match - 2nd June
Classic Car Show - 27th June
Tunningley Barton Charity Match - 29th August

With an exciting year ahead and both teams aiming to push for promotion, be sure to follow Notton Cricket Club on Facebook and Twitter, where you'll find updates on club progress and results, as well as events off the field. To get involved contact us via social media or email nottoncc2@gmail.com.

Yours in sport, **Ben Norman Notton CC** ben.norman@live.co.uk

NOTTON NOMADS

So All forms of Cricket have ground to a halt including of course Notton Nomads Walking Cricket Team. Overall, it has been a good year, (coronavirus and restrictions aside) as we have developed Walking Cricket at Notton. We urgently need more local Notton players who are aged 50 plus, as the team consists virtually of u3a Players from both Barnsley and Wakefield u3a's, and we need some input from the local community, because that is what the team was set up for, male and female, all are welcome as we are a mixed team. Just contact me anytime!



Next season? Well we are already planning and our biggest match is an international event at Notton on Wednesday June 2nd, which is National u3a day between England (North) v England (South) v Cricket Scotland, and a wildcard entry to Notton Nomads.

I will be selecting and managing (and playing for) the England (North) Team so will be delegating the Notton selection to one of the teams key players, and we will try and split the best players between us, and I will be pulling in walking cricketers from other teams in Sheffield and Doncaster. This should be a brilliant day to fly the Walking Cricket flag at Notton, and we havent got round to the fine details yet, but hopefully we will also raise some money for Notton Cricket Club. - So watch this space!

Have a great Christmas season everyone, and we look forward to next year!

Mac McKechnie

Player Manager

Notton Nomads

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Notton Village Hall Trust
Charity Number 523790
Gift Aid Declaration

Details of donor:

Title.....Forename(s).....Surname.....

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Address.....

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Post Code.....

email.....

I want the Village Hall Management Committee to treat

the donation of £.....which I made on/...../.....

and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise
as **Gift Aid** donations.

Signature.....

date...../...../.....

Notes:

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donation in the tax year (currently 25p for every £1).

If you pay higher rate tax you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Secretary or Treasurer.

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 with your cheque (made out to ‘Notton Village Hall Management Committee’) for the amount shown above to:

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

Any queries please phone Peter Taylor on 01226 722155.

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