



# Notton Village Newsletter

July 2021

## Editorial

This edition of the Newsletter would normally have been published just prior to the Gala, ie end of May. The cancellation of the Gala and the uncertainties of re-starting other activities led to the decision to delay until now.

You will note from the articles that there is some optimism that we will move towards something closer to normality. Please support the events if you can.

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Please contact Cllr. John Hicks ( details at end of newsletter) for enquiries**

## NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Now this terrible pandemic seems to be easing I would once again like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff, volunteers, and helpers who have kept the shop open during this very difficult period.

In addition, the customers who have supported the shop have made sure it survived, showing how essential a facility like this is during difficult times. Clearly, the shop has been the social hub of the village for some time.

Well done, thank you all very much.

**Frank Carter, Chairman**

I'm hoping some of you with some spare time could help. We have a shortage of volunteer helpers now in our wonderful village shop. Although we have paid staff, we survive by the kind services of our loyal volunteers without which we would really struggle. Due to illness and holidays, we are desperate for new volunteers. Our volunteers range from teenagers who get some work experience to pensioners and any age in between. Just 1 or 2 hours a week would be a huge help. Our main problem time is early morning, but other times also need filling. It's more of a social event than a job, and a good way of meeting your fellow villagers.

**David Tranter.** 01226 726828

## NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council's monthly meetings are now "live" again, in the Village Hall at 7.30 on the first Thursday of each month (not August). Residents are welcome to attend, and to raise any points at the beginning of the meeting for later discussion by Councillors. There will be an on-line PACT meeting sometime in the future: details will be circulated when we get the information from the Police. Our PCSOs will also attend the Shop on 29<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup>

September if anyone wants to raise any concerns. To contact the Police, they suggest using [www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/](http://www.facebook.com/WYPWakefieldNER/)

Hanging baskets are now up on lampposts, after a delay in delivery of the special brackets. We are NOT impressed with the quality of the planting-up and we have taken this up with the supplier. He has promised "free" baskets next year to all those who have sponsored a basket this year, and we hope that more people will join next year.

The Council would also like to thank everybody who joined the village litter-pick in April. There was a good turnout, and a lot of rubbish was collected, especially off the A61.

Building works have begun on the site next to the Shop on Applehaigh Lane. We are monitoring the parking situation but there are legal difficulties with any permanent "hardening" of the Green for builders' vans.

A grant to cover work on the playground at the Village Hall has been submitted. The scheme includes a new seesaw, a big climbing net, and the resurfacing of the rubber safety area. We hope to get a decision in September.

Last year's accounts have been audited and are now on the website and noticeboards for public inspection.

It has been a good year for gardens so far, which means that shrubs and trees in front gardens are beginning to encroach onto footpaths: if this applies to your garden then please trim them back.

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**

### **NOTTON TENNIS CLUB**

The tennis season is in full swing, and we have a healthy membership. A very warm welcome to those new members who have joined us this year.

We have already run two six-week courses of junior coaching and an adult coaching session. Coaching is always available through the Wakefield School of Tennis and by private arrangement with Dwight Brown - [info@wakefieldschooloftennis.com](mailto:info@wakefieldschooloftennis.com)

Annual membership fees were due for the year 2021-2022 on the 1st of April 2021.

The membership rates approved at last year's AGM are as follows: Seniors £65, Students £22, Juniors £17, and House Persons (existing only) £40.

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 application forms are available from the Club House or the Secretary and can also be downloaded from the Notton Village Hall website.

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

(Club Secretary)

### **NOTTON PASTURES**

The Steering Group is pleased to report that the Pastures are now in the ownership of the village with working capital in place, thank you to everyone who contributed to the fund raising. We are in the process of applying for a variety of grants to fund future initiatives.

The top field is now let for horse grazing on a 12-month trial period. Following on from the advice of last year's biodiversity report we have a plan for how the land might start to take shape. Initially we will plant trees and hedgerow along the Smawell Lane boundary to create a wildlife corridor and the hedgerow along the top of the land will be rejuvenated. We aim to keep the central pasture mowed until next year when we wish to look at establishing wildflower meadow and stream side planting.

Looking forward we shall be working with the social committee to link into any opportunities around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to create a national canopy of trees.

In 2019 the fundraising to purchase the Pastures arose out of concern to prevent the land being used for detrimental purposes and now we have a wonderful opportunity to create a positive environmentally sensitive amenity for Notton.

There will continue to be volunteer days, and these will be advertised on the Notton Forum as previously. If anyone wants to join the Steering Group, please contact one of us.

**Steering Group** - Christine Archbell , Jan Bryant , Bairbre & John Hepworth , Helen & Steve Jaggard , and Anne & Peter Taylor 722155.

### **NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE**

As we move out of various stages of lockdown, social activities in Notton are starting to take off again. Much of Notton community life is reflected on the Village Hall website so I urge you to look at [www.nottonvillagehall.uk](http://www.nottonvillagehall.uk) regularly. The website includes coverage of the Village Halls, Sports and Social Pavilion, Village Green, Sports Fields, the Cricket Club, the Tennis Club, De Notton Bowers Archery, and details of when regular, and special, one-off activities are running.

I'd also remind anyone involved with running events, clubs, activities which are published on the website to review their posts and ensure they're up to date and current.

Please email [nvh.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:nvh.webmaster@gmail.com) with any comments or suggestions you have about the NVH 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 either 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 for more information [www.whatsapp.com](http://www.whatsapp.com)

There are two WhatsApp groups available to Notton Parish Residents, and both groups have over 100 members.

- **Notton Bulletin**

Only for urgent or important notifications/alerts. Aimed at getting news out quickly and consistently about items such as localised criminal or suspicious activity, emergencies, power cuts, fire, flooding, fly tipping, road closures, Parish Council notifications. It's like a News Flash; it's not a discussion group and chatting is discouraged.

- **Notton Forum**

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

Users of both WhatsApp Groups have Notton's best interests at heart, treat members with respect, 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](mailto:darrelvcartwright@gmail.com) with your full name and mobile number. Tell me if you're already a WhatsApp user or whether you need help to get started, and I'll get in touch with you.

### **NOTTON FLOWER SHOW 5<sup>th</sup> September**

The Flower Show returns this year after the forced break. As many of you have been doing extra gardening it should be possible to put on a good show. The Classes are much the same as usual and the entry fee is just £3 for as many entries as you like.

Programmes with entry forms will be delivered to all houses in Notton, but extras will be in the shop if yours is mis-laid. Entries can be brought to the Hall from 9.30am on the day and visitors will be welcomed at 2.00pm.

**Anne Taylor 722155**

### **DAFFODILS**

Maureen Eames has asked that I include this note:

"I would like to thank all the people who, over the years, have helped with the planting of the daffodils, you have done a great job and long may it continue. Maureen"

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

That the *Great Notton Flood* in the summer of 2007, caused by heavy local downpours on already saturated fields, damaged 15 houses in the parish and covered the roads with mud.

### **NOTTON VILLAGE HALL - SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

At the time of writing this we are waiting for a further announcement from central government that all restrictions around Covid will be lifted. However, it's been possible to start planning and holding activities again on a low risk basis.

**Coffee Mornings** have resumed in early July albeit with limits. The next Coffee Mornings are August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If restrictions are **not** lifted this will be communicated via the notice board at the shop and on Notton Forum What's App group. All are welcome at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

**The Open Gardens** date had to be changed to the 11<sup>th</sup> July due to the cool dry Spring. Thank you to the gardeners who opened their gardens for the event. It's good to get ideas and realise that there are solutions to your problem areas. Nearly £400 was raised from the event: thank you to Margaret Shand for organising it.

**Sunday Lunch 22<sup>nd</sup> August Village Hall.** The tickets for this will go on sale in July. A two-course lunch will be served and there is a speaker. Tickets will be £20.00 a head.

**New Residents to Notton.** We would like to welcome new residents to the village to the hall on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be **2 - 4 pm** in the hall. Bring the kids and come and have a tea, cake, and a chat. It's not been possible to run this for a long while, but we hope if you've moved to Notton and wish to learn more and get involved in village activities that you will come down. We will try and contact everyone that has moved in over the last few years but please feel free to ring to let us know you are coming.

**Quiz Night Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm.** Date for the diary. Please join in the return of this popular night. We know you've all been practising in lockdown! Supper will be included. Tickets for sale in August.

All event details will be advertised on the shop notice board and Notton Forum. Please support events if you can - all monies raised go to the running of the Village Hall. If there is anything else, you'd like us to consider organising please get in touch.

**Alison King.**

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

Hopefully we are coming to some kind of normality on the 19<sup>th</sup> July so that all the activities in the village hall can start again. We have had some small groups using the hall and we are hoping that all groups can begin again in the next few weeks.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we had applied for grants to improve the Social & Sports field and that we had been awarded a grant from Sport England of £50,000. We have now also been awarded a further £70,000 from the FCC Communities Foundation which means we are able to go ahead with a scheme to install drainage to the whole area and then regrade and level the surface. With this scheme it means that the whole area will not be waterlogged in bad weather and that all the sporting and social activities will be able carry on as normal. We also still have an application for a grant with the Lottery for further improvement works which is well advanced and we will have an answer to that in August. We have also been given a extra grant from Sport England of £6,500 to employ a Sports Surface Consultant to look after the work on our behalf.

As Chairman of the village hall committee I have noticed that there have been quite a lot of new people coming to live in the village and would like to welcome them. Due to Covid you have not had the opportunity to use the hall and do not know what goes on there. Once we get back to some kind of normality you will see that it is a busy place with lots of fun and social activities. If you are interested and want to know what's happening there is a notice board outside the village shop with details for the different events, and the website and WhatsApp (see page 3). If you feel that you would like to be involved or learn more of what goes on in the village you are welcome to come to one of our meetings, the next one being Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. These meeting take place every 2 months.

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

### **200 CLUB WINNERS**

There are only the July and August draws to take place before it will be time to collect subscriptions again for 200 Club. For existing members your collector will visit you sometime at the end of August/beginning of September for your subscription.

If you would like to join the 200 Club then it is £12 for entry into the monthly draws (ie £12 for 12 draws) - with a chance of winning up to £50 on each occasion. All profit from the 200 Club is for the benefit of the Village Hall.

If you would like to join then please contact: Eleanor Turner 01226 722897

#### **April 2021**

£50	52	J Clark
£20	44	P Aspinall
£20	8	P Ellis

#### **May 2021**

£50	7	Notton Cricket Club
£20	199	J Ancliff
£20	149	K Craig

#### **June 2021**

£50	96	P Johnson
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£20	137	N Slack
£20	40	M Grace

### **KUNG FU CLUB**

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



### **NOTTON CRICKET CLUB**

July 2021: Could 2021 be the year!

I write to you just after the midway point in our cricket season and I am happy to report that the first XI sit in 5th place and still in contention for promotion while the second XI sit on top of division 7 a full 19 points clear of second place. Hopefully both teams will finish strongly in the 2nd half of the season and we can celebrate a double promotion.

The club welcomed England North Deaf team to Notton CC at the end of May in a charity fundraiser and also to raise awareness of disability cricket, the event was attended by Geoffrey Boycott OBE who stated the club looked resplendent and was a credit to all those who were involved. The Notton victory was secondary to a fantastic afternoon of entertainment and fund raising for a fantastic cause.

The annual Notton car show took place in June with a record 150+ exhibitors turning out in their finest 2 and 4 wheeled prides of joy in what turned out to be a fantastic event all-round.

The remaining events of 2021 see car boots on the 15th August and 12th September and the Barton/Tunningley charity match taking on 22nd August. Hopefully Notton residents can attend to help make the events as good as they can be.

We have arranged for qualified coaches to undertake a summer holiday cricket camp to take place from August 16th-20th which runs from 10am till 3pm, it costs £10 per day and anyone wishing to book a place please email Rhys Whitehead on [R.whitehead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:R.whitehead@hotmail.co.uk).

If you'd like to get involved on the pitch as a player or on the side-lines as a supporter or volunteer, you'll find all club updates on the Village Hall website or by following Notton Cricket Club on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and you can contact us via social media or email [nottoncc2@gmail.com](mailto:nottoncc2@gmail.com).

Yours in sport, Rhys Whitehead. Notton C.C.

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