



Notton Village Newsletter

February 2022

Editorial

The first Newsletter of the year and thanks to the very many volunteers in the Village, there is a lot going on. All groups are totally dependent on volunteers and more are always welcome, so if you can spare some time please make contact.

The Newsletter has always been just that, full of news. I wonder if there are villagers out there who would be prepared to draft some "features" such as history of the Village, recollections from some of the people who have been in the Village for a long time or, if there are any aspiring young journalists, interviews with some of these "long time" residents.

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NOTTON VILLAGE POST OFFICE & SHOP

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and hope you had as nice a Christmas as possible in these difficult times, due to covid.

Turning now to business, on 9th January 2022 we held the A.G.M. in the village hall. The attendance was very low, understandable with the present circumstances, but at the same time continuing a declining trend over the last few years. This is something which the board must consider, an A.G.M. isn't a legal requirement, and perhaps it's time to accept this situation.

This year marks the 20th. anniversary of taking over the shop, everyone should be proud of it, particularly customers, staff, and volunteers.

The downside is that we still need volunteers and particularly board members. I have been Chairman all of the time and some of the directors have done the same time in post. Being a director is not difficult, takes little time, and is interesting and invaluable to the village. Please consider this, contact me if you feel you can help, your shop needs you. A very reputable estate agent tells me that house values will fall if we lose the village shop.

Finally, once again my sincere thanks to everyone involved with the shop, customers, staff and volunteers, you are a great asset.

Frank Carter - Chair

David has reminded wishes to remind us that Valentine's day is just round the corner so get that last minute card and box of chocs at the shop. Also David has asked me to echo Frank's appeal for volunteers, even an hour would be helpful - Editor.

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Council has a new Parish Clerk - Andrew Woodhead began working for us in December and he can be contacted on parish.clerk@notton-pc.gov.uk. Julia Talbot is moving on to work for the Society of Local Council Clerks: we wish her well and we thank her for all the good work she has done for Notton over the past seven years.

Hanging baskets will return to the village in the spring: the good news is that the supplier will provide them free of charge this year in recompense for the poor showing they made last summer.

We still have no news about any grant aid for the playground at the Village Hall, but we have had the see-saw replaced by the Community Workshop in Cudworth. The playground had its annual inspection by RoSPA in the autumn and some minor repairs that they advised have been dealt with by volunteers.

At our last meeting the Council set the budget for the coming financial year. Regrettably we must increase the Precept (the share of Council Tax that is passed to the parish) and the increase will average out at about £5 per household over the year. Full details will be on the website in due course, but the main heads of expenditure are administration (Clerk's salary, insurance, training), grass-cutting and other maintenance, playground, newsletter, and the Safe Scheme with WY Police. Councillors are unpaid.

Remember the Parish Council website - www.notton-pc.gov.uk/ and please continue to pick up after your dog.

Peter Taylor - Chairman Notton Parish Council

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Annual membership fees are due for the year starting on the 1 April 2022. The membership rates approved at last year's AGM are as follows: Seniors £65, Students £22, Juniors £17 and House Persons (existing only) £40. Please pay membership fees by CHEQUE (preferred) or cash to the Treasurer, Notton Tennis Club to be appointed in the near future.

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 would welcome any new members to join the committee and maybe take an active part in running the club as we have had a few retirees this year.

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: info@wakefieldschooloftennis.com: 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.

NOTTON GALA 2022

Due to the drainage works taking place over the Spring on the village cricket field the 2022 Gala will now be held on Sunday 28th August allowing for new grass to regrow so the area can be used for car parking as in previous years. This is all dependent on the drainage works going to plan and no adverse weather or Covid for that matter changing things! However being positive we are planning and starting to make arrangements.

The Gala is very dependent on volunteers from the village and this year we are looking for people to help with some of the village stalls and as always assisting with the set up on the morning and helping with catering. In particular though we are keen to run some activities for children, like sack races, egg and spoon etc and so need a couple of people or families to organise these - enthusiasm and energy is all that's needed!. If you'd like to get involved please do get in touch, you can email me.

Gala Chair - Helen Jaggard

THANK YOU

I have been asked to include the following "Thank You":

Orla and Rose Clark. Ages 7 and 5 enjoyed carol singing door to door this Christmas and raised £41 for the children of Afghanistan- a project they have been working on at school. This donation will buy 30 warm blankets and because the money was donated before December 31st, it has been

trebled by the International Rescue Committee. The girls would like to thank the kind generosity of their Ingswell friends and neighbours.

200 CLUB WINNERS

September 2021

£50	no 200	de Notton Bowers
£20	no 104	J. Wesley
£20	no 60	J. Duncan

December 2021

£50	no. 9	M Smith
£20	no. 30	A Bott
£20	no. 107	Mr and Mrs M Weir

October 2021

£50	no 147	G. Taylor
£20	no 2	S. Watson
£20	no 170	S.A. Hodson

January 2022

£50	no. 11	S Khan
£20	no. 154	J Hodgkiss
£20	no. 156	J Kelly

November 2021

£50	no 147	G. Taylor
£20	no 53	J. Smith
£20	no 5	P. Dickinson

Draws take place at appropriate Village Hall Management meetings

Eleanor Turner

NOTTON PASTURES

The Steering Group have been successful in securing tree whips for planting from White Rose Forestry in conjunction with Wakefield Council and planting will take place on **Monday February 21st 10.00am to 1.00pm**. The planting will be done jointly with the Council and so we are looking for volunteers to join us on the day as well. Any further details will be circulated on the Notton Forum, Whats App and in the village shop. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible - just bring a spade!

Our application to the government's Countryside Stewardship funding for approximately £8,500 has been successful and we will be able to claim revenue funding to maintain the hedgerows over a five year period and capital funding for fencing and new gates.

We also intend to continue with letting some of the Pastures for horse grazing as of now. So look out for lots of exciting things happening this year and if you want to get involved please contact one of the Steering Group.

We are also looking at trialling some wild flower seed sowing this year in the lower field and hope to sow some at the same time as the tree planting. But in addition to this we would like to ask if any residents could sow a tray of wild flowers to get the seeds going and then we can plant out later on in the year when they are stronger. Please join in our journey in creating our very own wild flower meadow.

Jan & Colin Bryant - , Peter Crafer - ,
Helen & Steve Jaggard - , Anne & Peter Taylor - 722155

.NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

Much of Notton community life is reflected on the Village Hall website so I urge you to look at www.nottonvillagehall.uk regularly.

The website includes coverage of the Village Hall, 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 events are running. I'd also remind anyone involved with running events, clubs, and activities which are published on the website to review their posts and ensure the details reported are correct.

Please email nvh.webmaster@gmail.com with any comments or suggestions you have about the NVH website.

Many thanks! Darrel Cartwright

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. Find more information here www.whatsapp.com

There are two WhatsApp groups available to Notton Parish Residents. Both groups have over 100 members;

· **Notton Bulletin**

For urgent or important notifications/alerts only. 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 Covid related support to Residents, 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 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 with your full name, address 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.

Darrel Cartwright

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A happy New Year to everyone I hope you have had a nice Christmas considering the circumstances with the current pandemic.

The village hall has managed to have a few events such as the Bonfire and Christmas Ball which were a success even though numbers were reduced because of Covid. Hirers are now coming back to the hall, and we are now getting some income for the upkeep of the hall.

The drainage work to the Sports and Social Field will also commence, hopefully in February which will mean the whole area will be closed to everyone for approximately 8 to 16 weeks. There will be no pedestrian access even for dog walking for this period. After the main construction phase, it will be possible to give some limited access depending on how the growing period progresses which obviously depends on the weather. If anyone would like to have more information on this project please give me a call.

We also are in the process of trying to raise a grant to upgrade our children's play area - as you may have noticed the rubber crumb surface is deteriorating and some of the climbing frames and swings need some attention and we are also looking to have some additional activities.

The project down on the Ings is also ongoing - volunteers have now covered the walks around the pond and other areas with bark chippings which now means you do not have to be paddling around in the mud especially at this time of year. For those who have not been down there you should give it a try - it is a fantastic nature walk.

We have a great group of committee members who meet every 2 months to discuss the Hall, but we need some new members to replace people we have lost over the past few years and also for some new ideas. We have been hoping that some of the new people who have arrived in the village would also like to get involved. It does not mean that you have to commit to running different functions: we just want ideas and opinions so please give me a call to discuss if you are interested.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (01226 724513)

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL - Social and Fundraising Committee

It was a great start to December 2021 and Christmas when the Christmas Ball went ahead. Eighty residents enjoyed a good meal and entertainment from Jamie Forth. The event raised £678.00 for the village hall.

A **Race Night** is currently being advertised on **Saturday 26th February**, tickets are £10.00 to include supper with additional opportunities to sponsor a horse and jockey even if you can't attend. This is a really fun evening with prizes for the winners and a bar. Tickets from Pat Aspinall tel.725409

The **Elvis** tribute night is on **Friday 25th March** in the village hall. It has been proving very popular without advertising and will be sold out . There is a waiting list for tickets. If your names are on the list you will be contacted directly about tickets .

The village celebration for the **Queens Platinum Jubilee** will take place on **Sunday 5th June** The LA Jazz Band have been booked to play in the afternoon. The details will be announced at a later date but this is a free event for all Notton residents and their families. Put it in your diary.

The Safari Supper is also in the planning stages and it's anticipated to take place in July.

Coffee Mornings continue on the first Monday of the month. They are open to all. If you're at home as a parent or grandparent with a little one please come along as there's space for all and buggies. The next dates are **February 7th, March 7th, April 4th and 9th May**.

If there are any events that you think would be popular please let us know. All profits from events go to the Village Hall. We are also looking for new members for our committee. Please contact me for more information. All events are advertised on Notton Forum or in the Village shop.

Notton Village Hall bookings.

The hall is available to hire for events. If you are interested please contact the Booking Clerk either via email: nvh.hire@gmail.com

Alison King.

For Activities in Notton Village Hall - January 2022 see www.nottonvillagehall.uk

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Owing to efforts in securing funding for the impending ground works, designed to make Notton Cricket Club's ground one of the best within the league, it is with regret that for the first half of the 2022 campaign, at least, the clubs' teams will be based outside the village. The second XI will be based at Ryhill CC and the first XI on grounds far and wide. However, in the next newsletter, we hope to provide an update as to when you can catch us down at the village clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon and join us in some cricketing prowess, sporting camaraderie and an ice-cold beverage and/or cup of coffee!

This season sees the first XI battle it out in division 3 after narrowly missing out on the chance of promotion last season, led by Notton's own Joe Grove this season. This young man seeks to rally the troops and push for the top spot.

The second XI topped the league last season and they were promoted to division 6. With the forthcoming season being led by Richard Nordon, he doesn't want last season's jubilation to stop there. This feeling is something that Richard aims to replicate in his first season of captaincy.

Whilst trying to make the absolute best of the season ahead, we are in our third year of disruption, owing to the pandemic. We hope to hold our 6th annual Classic Car gathering in the summer, groundwork and date dependant. However, there may be an opportunity to use the village green to support this fantastic fundraising event, which we thank the village committee for! At present too there is doubt around the popular car boot sales held in the village, however when we have more information, we aim to bring this to you!

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 us on social media by searching for Notton Cricket Club on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You can also contact the club treasurer Mike on 07806 722507 or email nottoncc2@gmail.com.

Yours in Sport

Warren Schofield

Notton C.C.



FIRE DRAGON 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 672077

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And finally - did you know:- that in 1950 the population of the Parish on the Electoral Roll was 780, with 14 houses in Old Royston, 80 private and 32 council houses in the Bleakley area, 8 houses on Seckar Lane and 61 in the lower village (total 195 houses).

The population is now the same, 780, with 320 people in 185 houses, in the Bleakley area and Old Royston, and 460 people in 254 houses in the lower village and Seckar Lane (total 439 houses).

That's the same number of people in more than twice as many houses, so life must have been a bit crowded here 70 years ago!

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Regular Events in Village Hall

Event	Details
Village Hall Coffee Morning	1st Monday of the month 10:30 - 12:00 noon Pat Aspinall - 01226 725409
Village Hall Dog Training	Every Monday 6:45 - 9:00 pm Marilyn - 07854 076031
Village Hall Kung Fu club	Every Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm Tom Lee - 07976 672077
Village Hall Table tennis	Wednesdays 11:00 - 12:00 noon David Fothergill - 01226 726110
Notton Village Hall Children's Dance Classes	Every Wednesday during term time - 4:00 to 6:00 pm Lucy Oldroyd - 07384 606526 lucy.oldroyd@outlook.com
Village Hall Whist Drive	2nd Wednesday each month October to March - 7:00 pm Margaret Shand - 724513 or Sue Parkinson 709091
Village Hall Short Mat Indoor Bowls	Every Thursday 11:00 - 1:00 pm David Fothergill - 01226 726110
Village Hall Flower Arranging	Every Thursday 1:30 - 3:00 pm Anne Taylor - 01226 722155
Village Hall Trigger Point Therapy	Every Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Lisa Riley - 07966 441713
Village Hall Yin yoga	Every Thursday 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm Lisa Riley - 07966 441713
Village Hall Parish Council Meeting	1st Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Contact clerk – see website
Village Hall Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Bob Stevenson - 01226 72238
Sports Fields and Pavilion De-Notton Bowers Archery Club	De-Notton Bowers - an invitation only Club. Find current shooting date and times, together with full club details here www.nottonvillagehall.uk/de-notton-bowers-archeryclub

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