

Notton Village Newsletter

November 2022

Editorial

Another Newsletter but this one with better news from 2022 and promise for 2023. We were blessesd with excellent weather for the Gala and Bonfire and both were well supported, superbly organised and financially successful.

There are a lot of new products in the Village Shop just in time for Christmas - please support it as much as you are able.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dennis Gillibrand

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

It doesn't seem long since I last gave you an update on the shop, however, time flies and the Festive Season will soon be upon us.

Over the last few months the world has changed a great amount, which has affected us all.

The retail trade has had substantial difficulties, and that includes our business.

David is in the process of stocking up with with everything we can for Christmas and the New Year, and I would ask you to purchase as much of your needs as possible, (See below). We really need your custom. To add to the financial problems, we have recently lost the tenant in the flat above the shop, this is a great loss of income and we need to get the flat let as soon as possible. The tenants who are leaving have been in the flat since 2004, and therefore there is a considerable amount of updating to do, and it needs decorating throughout. I am intending to refit the kitchen myself, however I know two guys in the village who are very handy at this type of thing, and for that matter anyone who has joinery or painting skills and can spare a little time, please give me a ring on 01226 728428, if I'm not in please leave a message, your help will greatly appreciated.

Please remember this the shop is yours. The situation is getting close to "use it or lose it".

Finally, however difficult times are for us, there are many people in the world who are much worse off than ourselves.

May I take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to David, The Staff, The Volunteers, The Customers and everyone in Notton, hoping those who aren't customers will give the shop some of your business.

Peace and Love. Frank Carter. Chairman.

NEWS FROM THE SHOP

We have a new range of ready meals in stock - ideal for a quick tea.

We now have a new indoor seating area for those cold or wet wimter days when you fancy a cuppa and a piece of cake.

For all you Chocolate Lovers, we have a new range of Chocolates from Choc Affair, a Yorkshire Company, some are Vegan and all are ethically and sustainable sourced..

There are plenty of other Xmas gift ideas ranging from our Notton range of products to our new range of candles and diffusers.

We will be hosting a Tasting Event at the Village Hall Coffee Morning on December 5th so you can try some of our products. There will be a raffle for a Christmas hamper - just £1 a ticket Have a great Christmas and New Year from all the at the Shop.

Pleae keep supporting us David

Christmas Opening Hours

Xmas Eve.		8am - 1230pm
Xmas Day.	Closed	
Boxing Day.		8am1030am
Dec 27 th		8am -1030am
New Years Eve		8am -1230pm
New Year's Day	/.	8am - 1030am
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NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Maureen Eames has resigned as a Councillor, having left Yorkshire to live near her son "down south". She is already missing the village, but we thank her for her long service of over 40 years and we wish her and Mike all the best. David Pywell from Spring Farm has been co-opted as a Councillor into her seat, and will serve at least until the Parish elections next May.

By the time you read this the Christmas Tree should be up on the Village Green. This is one of many projects in the village which is funded by the Village Hall out of profits from the Bonfire Night, which is why it is important that the event continues into the future. As you know, tickets were limited in number this year to reduce congestion.

We have grant funding for more bulb planting, anywhere on land in the Parish to which the public have access. If you have any thoughts on where more spring bulbs can be planted, and/or if you wish to help with getting them in before winter, then please get in touch with Steve Jaggar (07790 689703) or Marc Callaghan (07740 845207).

Again, by the time this newsletter is delivered we should have some trees planted on the Green – crab apples and silver birch – paid for by a grant from the District Council.

The Police Safe Scheme has continued, with extra patrols by officers. The PACT meeting in September was cancelled by the Police at no notice, but there will be another in February.

We hope to run the hanging baskets scheme again this year, with a different supplier. We will be in touch with all those who sponsored a basket last year in the hope that they will volunteer sponsorship again, with anyone else who would like to join the scheme.

Happy Christmas!

Peter Taylor, Chairman

NOTTON INVESTMENT CLUB

There has been an investment club in the Village for many years. We meet once a month on the second Thursday, in normal times in member's houses, but more recently in the Village Hall. If you would like to join us then you would be made most welcome. Just contact me for more information.

THE FLAG AT THE VILLAGE HALL - BEREAVEMENTS

The flag at the Hall can be flown at half-mast by request from bereaved families of local people. This can be done immediately after the death and, if appropriate, at the time of the hearse leaving the villagecfor the funeral. In the first instance families should contact Alan Shand (07703 133392) or PetercTaylor (07746 111397) to make arrangements.

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Our tennis year starts in April and we have forty adult members who have joined the club this year, some of whom are new members and have just moved into the village or the surrounding area and are attracted by the fact that we have social tennis four mornings a week which is quite unusual in the area. They will be able to gain access to the court using a code for the new padlock. Last year's gate keys are now obsolete.

Our courts and surrounding area look very smart and well cared for at the moment.

The membership rates approved at last year's AGM are as follows:

Seniors £65, Students £22, Juniors £17.

Please pay membership fees by CHEQUE (preferred) or cash to the Treasurer, Notton Tennis Club.

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 a few retirees this year. Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 11.00 a.m. in the

Clubhouse and is open to all current members. 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 theycan play at any time if the courts are free. 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, on the Notton Village Hall website or from the Secretary,

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

FLOWER , VEGETABLE AND CRAFT SHOW

The annual flower, vegetable & craft show was held at the beginning of September. Entries from nearly 50 people produced a wonderful show. Key results were:-

Notton Flower Show 2022 results	
Flowers and Dorothy Atkins cup:	1 st Alan Shand, 2 nd Linda Atherton.
Largest Sunflower:	Glynis Long.
Pot Plants:	1 st Anne Taylor 2 nd David Smith.
Fruit and Vegetables and The Gard	dening Club Cup: 1 st Dennis Gillibrand, 2 nd Ray Welch.
Longest runner bean:	Glynis Long.
Homemade Produce:	1 st Jan Welch, 2 nd Anne Taylor.
Hobbies and the R & J Welch Rose	e Bowl: 1 st Dennis Gillibrand, 2 nd Mike Parkinson.
Over-all Winner of the Silver Rose	e Bowl: Anne Taylor, with joint runners up Alan Shand and Dennis
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Anne Taylor

NOTTON GALA

With good weather on our side and a lot of planning and hard work beforehand the Gala proved to be very successful with similar numbers visiting as before and a variety of new trade stalls selling their goods. Overall income was £8,344, overall expenditure was £2085, leaving a balance of £6,258. The committee agreed on donations of £500 apiece to Barnsley Hospice, Wakefield Hospice and the Village shop, plus a £50 donation to Royston Animal Welfare as a thank you to Alison Key for stepping in when our arena act failed to arrived. This leaves a profit of just over £4,700 for the Village Hall. It was agreed no other donations would be made as in previous years because there is no certainty the Gala will continue in the future, so it was felt the total funds should go to the Village Hall reserves.

The effort of all volunteers both before and on the day is greatly appreciated as is the team work and effort of all the Committee. However, it is time for fresh thinking and new blood if the Gala is going to continue and I have to advise that I have stepped down as chair and other committee members have also stepped down from their roles. If anyone would like a chat about the roles of Chair / committee members and running the Gala please get in touch.

Helen Jaggar - / <u>helenjaggar@icloud.com</u>

NOTTON PASTURES

As reported previously two of the fields are now let for horse grazing and if you have walked up Smawell Lane you will have seen the horses and that the licensee has erected a stable block as well at their own cost. There are cut paths around the perimeter of the fields and in October the sub committee reviewed the tree whips which were planted last year: we have lost a few due to the drought but many have taken and we shall be planning to plant more in due course. A number of wildflower patches have been established and we aim to extend these. As always we are keen to encourage as many people to get involved and are hoping to set up monthly volunteer days.

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

200 CLUB

A cheque for £700 representing the profits from last year was presented at the September meeting of the Village Hall Committee. Thank you to all those members who made that possible.

There was no draw at that meeting as not all the subs for the new year were collected in. The draws for September, October and November will take place at the meeting on 23 November and thank you to all those who have joined.

Eleanor Turner

NOTTON WINE CLUB.

There has been a Wine Club in the Village for a number of years. We meet on the last Thursday of each month and pairs of members take if in turn to "host" the sampling of typically 8 wines. I can assure you that you do not need to be an expert to join - just someone who enjoys a glass of wine with friends.

We have a small number of vacancies for 2023 and if you would like more information then please just contact me.

Dennis Gillibrand 07770 855485

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sports and Social Fields

At last, we have seen a huge improvement in the sports and social field redevelopment and drainage: the grass is growing well, and the drainage is working. We now have a full 12-month maintenance program agreed to look after the field with Chappelows the contractor who carried out the works. I must point out that the contractor has been very professional and good at what they do. They have also been highly informative and tackled all the problems on the way.

All the work carried out has been funded by grants from The Lottery, Sport England, FCC Foundation and Notton Village Hall and more than £200,000 was raised. Just so people are aware, the Village Hall is included in the list as they had to pay £8000 to get one of the grants.

Once the field is fully developed, we are hoping that we can get some other sporting groups to use the field, hopefully involving junior sports. We would like to get a junior football team going so if anyone knows of anyone wanting to start one, or any other sport, we now have the ground and pavilion for many sporting activities so please contact me.

Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people who came to help Margaret & myself on the Friday and Saturday of the bonfire - there are too many to name so thank you all very much. We could not do it without you. Also, I would like to thank Michael Broadhead and Richard Gill for their help with their machines to build the bonfire on the Friday and Saturday and clearing on the Sunday.

After many months wandering whether to hold the bonfire event on our new field it was decided to go ahead. That decision was helped by the assurance from the contractor who did the field that they would make good any damage. As it happens there was very little damage and it will sort itself out naturally. The ground drained well and therefore the foot traffic hardly marked it at all.

We have to start planning the bonfire some 3 months before to get the relevant notices and licenses and notifications.

The event went according to plan with only one or two small hiccups and was a huge success and I think you will agree the firework display was the best ever. The firework display was carried out by 1st Galaxy Fireworks from Nottingham who I have dealt with over the past few years, and they did an excellent job. This year's event was difficult to organize because of the reduced numbers. In the past besides selling tickets in the shop and online we sold them at the gate which caused problems with traffic and congestion in the village. This year the committee decided that we would reduce the numbers and not sell tickets at the gate, making it an all-ticket occasion, and this has reduced congestion, but also reduced the profit on the event towards the upkeep of the hall, and donations to charities (yet to be decided).

Because of the increased costs and the amount paid for the bonfire before the event it could easily have gone the other way. This is one of the main reasons the tickets were £10 and £5 and age limits so low. I know that some people think the price was too expensive but to get a firework display like we had and to keep to the safety rules the costs were more than double. One example - the portaloo's last time for 12 was £463, this time for 10 it cost £1108.

Our village hall committee do a fantastic job, but I would like to ask the village what could be done better or different no matter what it is whether it's too dear or it could be done in a different way after all the hall and its functions are for the village and surrounding community. Please drop me an email on <u>alan.shand784@btinternet.com</u> or text 07703 133392.

<u>The Ings</u>

We are looking for volunteers to carry out the ongoing maintenance to the Ings and the pathway through it: we have the machinery to carry out this work we just need help so please give me a call.

<u>Christmas</u>

As most have seen we have put up this year's Christmas Tree on the green and it is waiting for, Wakefield Met to put on the lights. We have also put a small tree inside the hall and both these trees are provided by funds from the village hall.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (07703 133392)

NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

With Covid restrictions mostly behind us, bookings for our Halls continue to increase to the point where free dates can be a rare thing. Our Pavilion is an alternative but I've been surprised how many residents have said they did not even know we hire out the Pavilion as we do ours halls, so I'm hoping to put this right now!

The Sports and Social Pavilion is situated behind the Village Hall, Tennis courts and Club House, adjacent to the Sports Field. It opened officially in June 2019 and is a bright, modern and welcoming space, available to hire at reasonable rates. It is ideal for smaller numbers (seating 25/30) or more intimate gatherings, parties, private functions, or for social or corporate meetings or classes. It has been used for Police PACT meetings, various village committee meetings, christening parties, birthday parties, wedding showers, craft sessions, music practice sessions, business meetings, seminars, and a funeral wake; it's very versatile! You can find more detailed information on the website <u>www.nottonvillagehall.uk</u> (under "Facilities" page) To book, or to see if a certain date is free, email Darrel Cartwright <u>nvh.hire@gmail.com</u>. Alternatively you are welcome to view the Pavilion by appointment so please do get in touch if you'd like to see more.

Thank you Darrel Cartwright

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I'm often asked what happens with this group and it's quite simple . We undertake to organise events for villagers and friends that will assist with fundraising to keep the Village Hall and its facilities running. We do like new ideas and will organise events if it's practical to do so and that they will attract an audience.

A very successful start to the Autumn /Winter activities with an Afternoon Tea. 50 persons attended a great demonstration by Lita of Smitten with Flowers (www.smittenwithflowers.co.uk) . She showcased her home grown flower arrangements and talked about sustainability within the industry. A very healthy profit of £527.00 was raised for the village hall.

As Christmas is approaching there are a number of events planned which have not happened over the last two years because of Covid.

Saturday 3rd December - Notton Christmas Ball in the Hall. Tickets are £40.00 . Please contact Maureen Broadbent to book. Do come along if you've not been before . Glass of Prosecco on arrival and a two course meal with entertainment from Jamie Forth. No taxi home needed either!

Sunday 18th December at 3.00pm in the village hall - a return to the free Notton Village Christmas all age celebration in song and story. This will be led by Karla Ladies Choir. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 21st December - a welcome return for the peoples' opera singer Nicola Mills with Festive Opera at 7.30pm. For those that saw Nicola in the summer she has a special voice and she's coming back with a Christmas flavour. Tickets are £10.00, bring your own tipple, nibble's provided and wear your Christmas jumper! Contact Gill Taylor on 07778 785216 for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Coffee mornings are continuing all through the winter. The hall is warm, the coffee or tea is good and cakes are amazing. All ages welcome including little ones. From 10.30am in the village hall and it's £2.00. Next date's - December 5 th 2022 January 9 th 2023 February 6 th 2023 Further events after Christmas will be announced and advertised.

Happy Christmas to everyone and hope you will come and support some of the above. Alison King

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

. WHATSAPP GROUPS FOR NOTION PARISH

WhatsApp is a free messaging App. It provides for simple, private, secure messages 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 <u>www.whatsapp.com</u>

There are two WhatsApp groups available to Notton Parish Residents. Both groups now have 140+ members;

Bulletin!

For urgent or important notifications/alerts only. To be used for 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

A community group. Use it for requesting or swapping community-relevant 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.

Users of Notton's 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 <u>darrelvcartwright@gmail.com</u> 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.

Thank you Darrel Cartwright

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

Much of Notton community life is reflected on the Village Hall website so I urge you to look at <u>www.nottonvillagehall.uk</u> 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 events 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 the details reported are correct.

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

Thank you Darrel Cartwright

PARKINSON'S UK FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Friday 27th January 2023, Barry Paull will be returning to the village hall to perform as Elvis. On this occasion he will be accompanied by local girl Adele Adderley-Foster performing as Dolly Parton. This is a very popular event and to secure your tickets, please contact Jane Castle . Tickets are £25 including pie & pea supper. Bar available. No bring your own. To ensure maximum entertainment from these fabulous performers, there will be no raffle. Just bring your dancing shoes!! Many thanks Jane

KUNG FU CLUB

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club trains in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings: 6-8pm.



We have a great bunch of people, who travel from across Wakefield and Barnsley.

There is a very friendly atmosphere, and the club is a great way to keep active and learn a few new skills. Kids and adults train together for most of the class but split up into groups based on age and experience for certain sections. It's a great way to spend family time together.

The Club extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us. For more information please contact 'Sifu' Tom Lee on 07976 672077, or just pop along.

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

With the groundworks now complete, we give a huge thank you to all persons that have been involved in getting us to this stage. We really appreciate the hard work, and we look forward to getting down to the ground and making it one of the best grounds in the area. We also look forward to welcoming you down to the ground when we have lighter nights in the new year to celebrate the club being back home.

We will continue with a first team in Division 3 of the Pontefract and District Cricket League next year, as we look to push for promotion to Division 2. We have also had our second XI re-accepted to the League in Division 7, so we are currently recruiting players to play and support with both teams. We are hopeful to get our second XI into Division 6 in just one season, which would be absolutely amazing for the club for the 2023 campaign.

This season has seen some fantastic batting efforts, most notably by D. Crowder and J. Habe. And astonishing bowling from J. Grove and B. Russell, all of whom lead the standings within the club ahead of our presentation night in the coming weeks.

Don't forget we are always on the lookout for new players to add to our regular squad of players. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email - <u>nottonccsecretary@gmail.com</u> or through our social media pages if you are interested. You certainly don't need to be the best player in the world, we can work with you on that, but a passion, a good sense of humour and some hand-eye coordination would go a long way.

Yours in Sport

Warren Schofield

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POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Regular activities in Notton Village Hall – November 2022

Event	Details	Time
Village Halll Coffee Morning Pat Aspinall 01226 725409	1 st Monday of the month	10.30 - 12.00
Dog Training Marilyn 07854 076031	Mondays	6.45 – 9.00pm
Baby and Toddler Classes Kim.w@hartbeeps.com	Every Tuesday in term-time Website – www.hartbeeps.com	10.00 - 1.00
Kung Fu Tom 07976 672077	Tuesdays	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Table Tennis David Fothergill 01226 726110	Wednesdays	11.00am - 12 noon
Childrens' Dance Classes Lucy Oldroyd 07384 606526	Wednesdays misslucydanceacademy@gmail.com	4.00 - 6.00
Whist Drive Margaret Shand 01226 724513	1 st Wednesday of the month October - March	7.00pm

Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	11.00am - 1.00pm
David Fothergill 01226 726110		
Flower Arranging	Thursdays	1.45pm - 3.15pm
Anne Taylor 01226 722155		
Trigger Point Therapy	Thursdays	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Lisa Riley 07966 441713		
Ying Yoga	Thursdays	7.15pm - 8.15pm
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Parish Council Meeting	1st Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Peter Taylor 07746 111397		
Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month	7.30pm
Dennis Gillibrand 01226 722527		
De- Notton Bowers Archery	Invitation Only –	
Club - Sports Field and Pavilion	details at www.nottonvillagehall.uk/de-notton-bowers-archeryclub	

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