



Notton Village Newsletter

March 2023

Editorial

What a wonderful time of year. Spring bulbs flowering all over the Village, the Sports Field looking immaculate after a difficult 2022, virtually no litter and the Pastures looking much better. We are really very fortunate to have so many volunteers prepared to put in the time - Thanks to All
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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

As I'm sure most of you are aware our long term tenant of the flat above the shop moved out at the end of the year. They had occupied the flat for many years, and I'm sure you will appreciate the premises needed considerable renovation. The Directors agreed on a course of action, the bathroom was refitted, the bedroom carpet renewed and the flat painted throughout, all by tradesmen. I refitted the kitchen and I am indebted to John Hodgkin for the considerable help he gave with the project.

All Directors worked hard to complete the flat to a very good standard, and it is now with a letting agent, however, if any of you know of a prospective tenant, please let me know. The Shop must have the revenue from the flat to survive.

Turning now to the shop, trading is very difficult with inflation pushing prices up, all costs increasing, the Post Office trying to reduce the money they allocate to run that side of the business.

David and his team are doing their very best to offer a good service, please use it, as I have never felt we were closer to losing the Shop than we are now.

Finally, I must thank the staff, but I must also give a mega "thank you", to the volunteers, as without you the Shop would not survive. Let's keep it going.

Frank Carter

NEWS FROM THE SHOP

We've had a change round in the shop, your feedback would be appreciated.

We have more room for books now so please keep donating and buying these.

We are stocking a new range of cards from cherry orchard & dry cleaning is still great value (£4 for trousers, jackets, skirts)

Mothers Day is 19th March and our range of chocolates make a nice little gift.

We are still desperate for volunteers, we are struggling to survive and more volunteers will be vital in keeping us going.

Regards David

Reading stories can help you live longer!!

Reading novels regularly can protect against dementia, increase longevity by up to two years compared to non-readers, improve empathy and social skills and relieve stress and even physical pain.

An international study, "The Rest Test", found that reading fiction had more impact on stress than a day at a spa. Interesting that all the research points to fiction - something to do with increased bloodflow to the brain and new neural pathways being created! If you want the science behind these claims, tune into "Just One Thing" (Reading) with Dr Michael Mosely on BBC Sounds. It's fascinating.

Why am I telling you this? As a volunteer in the Village Shop, I now have responsibility for our second hand bookshelves. After 10 years, Pat Aspinall has stepped down from this role and we should all thank her for a sterling job well done.

We've made a few changes in order to make better use of space and to improve accessibility. Bookshelves are now to the right as you enter the shop - adjacent to the coffee tables and chairs to encourage browsing. The vertically challenged amongst us should now be able to reach the top shelf without risk of injury! Books are arranged in alphabetical order by author and in genres as far as possible - not easy in limited space! There will be periodic special offers to clear old stock.

All books are now just £1 for a trial period - so far this seems to be having a positive effect on sales. Because the books are donated it means that all profit helps the Village Shop. If you would like to donate books that are in good condition they would be most welcome. Please restrict donations to adult fiction/biographies/non-fiction that will fit a normal sized bookshelf. Unfortunately we don't have the space for large format books such as cookery, craft, gardening etc.

Enjoy your reading and if you haven't read a novel in years, pop into the shop and get started.

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 village for the funeral. In the first instance families should contact Alan Shand (07703 133392) or Peter Taylor (07746 111397) to make arrangements.

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. If you would like to join us then you would be made most welcome. Just contact me for more information.

Dennis Gillibrand dennis.gillibrand@gmail.com

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

You will have seen the trees - crab apples and silver birch - recently planted on the Green, to note the 70th Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II. A plaque has been erected to mark the occasion. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites everyone across the UK to plant trees.

The Police Safe Scheme has continued, with extra patrols by officers.

We have ordered 20 summer hanging baskets 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. If anyone else would like to join the scheme please contact the Clerk.



We have (eventually) made contact with a real person in Northern Powergrid to discuss the frequent short power cuts in the village. It seems that the problem may be trees or other objects interfering with the high voltage overhead connections to the village, and she has promised to investigate them.

The Council has set up a sub-committee to look at speeding through both the upper and the lower village to examine possible remedies which might be taken on board by Wakefield MDC Highways.

Election of members to the Parish Council will be held this May, concurrently with the District Council elections. Council meets eleven times a year and the 5 councillors serve a 4-year term. We are strictly non-political. Apart from the meetings, you can take on as much or as little work as you wish - there are often individual projects - signs, speeding, the Village Newsletter, Website etc that might interest you. Nomination forms will be available from the Parish Clerk or Electoral Services in Wakefield MDC - 01924 305020, and must be submitted in March.

Peter Taylor, Chairman

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Greetings everyone. Our tennis year starts in April and we hope to welcome all our past players and new ones too.

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.

Some of our new members who have just moved into the village or the surrounding area are attracted by the fact that we have social tennis four mornings a week which is quite unusual in the area. Mixed doubles social tennis is played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am. 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. Simply turn up with a racquet, suitable footwear and clothing and give it a try.

The courts will be cleaned and treated to deal with moss growth in late February in readiness for the start of the season. Both courts and the surrounding area look very smart and well cared for at the moment, thanks to our current gardener.

Our 2023 season begins at 2pm on Saturday April 15th with a Round Robin Tournament and tea and cake. We are also having an Open Day on Saturday May 13th between 2-4pm. to which members and non members are welcome. Junior members have priority on Friday evening and Saturday morning but they can 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.

The gate padlock code will be changed on the 1 April 2023. Fully paid up members will be advised of the new code on receipt of their subscriptions.

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.

The membership rates approved at the AGM held in January 2023 are as follows:

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

The previous discount for early payment is no longer available.

Please pay membership fees by CHEQUE (preferred) or cash to the Treasurer, Notton Tennis Club, 93 George Lane, Notton. WF4 2NQ

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

NOTTON FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Sunday 10th September 2023

This year's show is a week later than usual so perhaps we should delay the sowing of annuals, both flower and vegetable. On the plus side, it gives us longer to nurture our exhibits. The schedule will be more or less the same as last year and the Programmes will be delivered to your door in July.

If you have not entered before, why not give it a try. It is very much a village show for enthusiasts, rather than professionals.

Anne Taylor 722155

NOTTON WINE CLUB.

There are still a couple of places open for the Wine Club in 2023. We meet on the last Thursday of each month and pairs of members take it 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.

If you would like more information then please just contact me.

Dennis Gillibrand dennis.gillibrand@gmail.com

VILLAGE 200 CLUB

The following people were successful in recent draws:

September 2022	£50 no. 6 J Ward	£20 146 B Gale	£20 156 J Kelly
October 2022	£50 no. 108 E Peacock	£20 155 K Fraser	£20 109 R Ellis
November 2022	£50 no.154 J Hodgkiss	£20 35. H Tate	£20 186 D Cartwright
December 2022	£50 no. 4 E Peacock	£20 155 K Fraser	£20 71 S Parkinson
January 2023	£50 no. 103 R Abbott	£20 9 M Smith	£20 106 R Bull

The next draw will take place at the meeting of the Village Hall Committee in March. If there are any villagers who would like to join please contact me.

Eleanor Turner 01226 722 897

NOTTON PASTURES

An application to the Woodland Trust for a further 420 whips has been successful and these are to be delivered in March and planted as soon as possible. If help is needed we shall advertise on the Forum and Facebook as usual.

During February an electrical insulated strand was fitted around the horse grazing perimeter to prevent the horses leaning on the new fence. Drainage works have also been undertaken by the committee

members at the top gate where access to the fields was becoming problematic due to very wet ground. This was carried out at nil cost by using materials already available.

We are planning a Family Day with the intention of raising awareness about the Pastures and the work we are doing to protect our environment and create a space for now and future generations to be able to use. There will be seed bombs, a treasure hunt, bird spotting and much more. So make a note in your diary to come along and support this special initiative and have some fun! - **Sunday 21st May** and watch out for further details on the Forum, Facebook, Village Hall website and in the Village Shop.

As usual if anyone wishes to get involved please contact one of the committee members.

Jan & Colin Bryant - 722851, Peter Crafer - 727862

Helen & Steve Jaggard - 725904, Anne & Pete Taylor - 722155

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall

The hall is being used more and more for many events run by our fundraising committee and also many different functions run by hirers of the hall. The hall is maintained to high standard and we are always looking for volunteers to help maintain this so if anyone is available to help could they please contact me. Also as I have said quite a few times over the past newsletters we are also looking for volunteers to join the committee, when we only meet every two months. We have had quite a few newcomers to the village and would be great to see some of you - come along and see what goes on in the village hall. If anyone is interested just give me a call.

The footpath down the Ings is now fully open again after part of it was cut off by fallen willow trees. A few volunteers and the Archery Club cut up the trees and removed them. It is now clear all the way around and is a lovely short interesting walk.

Sports and Social Fields

The field is now starting to show signs of new growth and has already had a good raking and its first grass cut of the year along with a fertilizer. We have also put some extra drainage at the bottom of the road down to the bonfire where we have always had problems with water.

Because of the problems we had with the hot dry summer and the grass not growing as we had expected we are hoping that the cricket club and archery will be able to use the field as normal this year.

Another further development is that we are in negotiation with a local junior ladies football team coach for playing 7 and 9 aside football on the new football pitch. It is in its early stages but they seem very keen to make our football pitch there home ground.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (07703 133392)

NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

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 our halls, so let's put this right!

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 funeral wakes; it's very versatile!

You can find more detailed information on the website www.nottonvillagehall.uk (under "Facilities" page) but to book, or to see if a certain date is free, email Darrel Cartwright on nvh.hire@gmail.com. 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**

WHATSAPP GROUPS FOR NOTTON 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 at www.whatsapp.com

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 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.

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 www.nottonvillagehall.uk regularly.

The website includes coverage and news 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.

NB: Anyone involved with running events, clubs, activities which are published on the website should 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.

Thank you. **Darrel Cartwright**

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 season fast approaching, preparations have begun indoors to limber up ahead of the rapidly approaching season.

2023 is a big season for Notton Cricket Club. Returning to the new ground and after a couple of key signings to help bolster the squad on the cards, we are really excited to be back!

Work has been underway by John Taylor and John Hodgkins getting the square into all its glory ahead of a tough season that both Notton CC sides hope to bring promotions to the table.

The first XI start their campaign with a home fixture against Burton Salmon CC and the second XI see them travel to Headingley for a fixture against league newcomers St. Chads Broomfield CC. We are hoping for two wins to start the campaign off as we push for promotion. Details of all fixtures can be found on the Notton Village Hall Website - Come on down to a game, it will be great to see you!

We are also very excited at the strong possibility that the Greenfield Walking Cricket team, designed for those that are retired, could be joining us down at the club this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for the club and for anyone to get involved. If you are interested, please do let me know on the contact details at the bottom of this information.

We are of course still on the look out for players to join the ranks at Notton CC and would welcome anyone that would like to 'turn their arm over' and brush off the cobwebs ahead of the new season. Outdoor net sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from the end of March into April as the nights get lighter - please see our facebook page - Just search Notton Cricket Club for information on this.

Yours in Sport

Warren Schofield

nottonccsecretary@gmail.com

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NON emergency police contact number-

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Activities in Notton Village Hall – February 2022

www.nottonvillagehall.uk

Event	Details
Village Hall Coffee Morning	First 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
Village Hall Children's Dance Classes	Every Wednesday during term time - 4:00 to 6:00 pm Lucy Oldroyd - 07384 606526 Email: lucy.oldroyd@outlook.com
Village Hall Whist Drive	First Wednesday each month October to March - 7:00 pm Margaret Shand - 01226 724513 or Sue Parkinson 01226 709091
Village Hall Short Mat Indoor Bowls	Every Thursday 11:00 - 1:00 pm David Fothergill - 01226 726110
Village Hall Flower Arranging	Every Thursday 1:45 - 3:15 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	First Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Email: parish.clerk@notton-pc.gov.uk Website: www.notton-pc.gov.uk
Village Hall Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Dennis Gillibrand - 01226 722527
Sports Fields and Pavilion De-Notton Bowers Archery Club	De-Notton Bowers - an invitation only Club. Find current shooting dates, times, and full club details on www.nottonvillagehall.uk

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