

Notton Village Newsletter

September 2023

Editorial

First of all - an apology for missing out the Social & Fundraising Committee's article from the last edition. Double checked it is in this one!

If anybody else wants to publicise or report on activities in the Village then please just let me know.

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Hi friends, since I last communicated with you the shop has experienced some very mixed fortunes. I'll start with the good news, we have a new tenant in the flat, which of course is great as this helps with the financing of the shop. The young man is called Amos Luke, he's a very nice guy, so if you see him, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome in the village.

Now I must let you know about the bad news. The shop was unfortunately burgled in the middle of the night. The people involved smashed the door open, rushed in grabbed what they could, and left. The alarm worked, unfortunately the individuals couldn't be identified on CCTV.

David was first class, and so were many others. I cobbled together the lock on the door, so we could still lock it. Pat Batty said her son in law might be able to help. He took a day off work the following day and fitted new security equipment to the front door, and refitted the post office internal security door. We owe him our sincere thanks. I would also like to thank everyone who rallied round, I believe we only lost half a day's trade at the post office counter, with the rest of the shop remaining open.

Roy Aspinall was involved all the way through, sourcing people to make permanent repairs and dealing with the Post Office and the Insurance Company. The end result is that we now have two new doors, and the claim settled. No one should think we've made a profit, we have an excess but I must thank Roy for his excellent work in dealing with the claim.

The Shop this year has had a torrid time, six months without a tenant in the flat, considerable cost in renovations, and now the burglary.

We are now living on reserves.

PLEASE USE YOUR VILLAGE SHOP.

Frank Carter

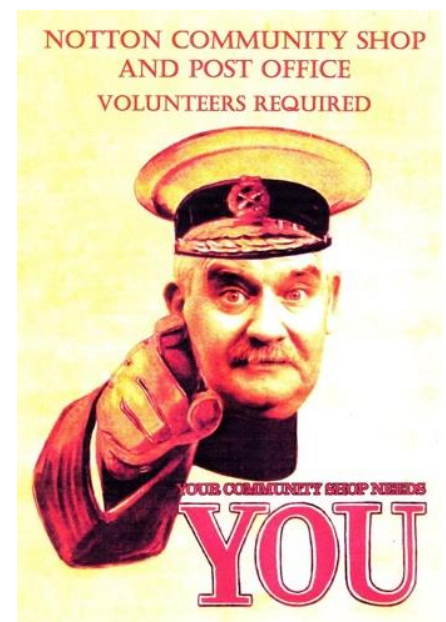
NEWS FROM THE SHOP

Your local post office is also your bank, you can pay in cash and cheques as well as withdrawing money. We are now an Amazon hub for all those parcels you receive and then send back.

Our dry cleaning through Browns is still great value.

We are a stockist of Laithwaites wine and Mr Fitzpatrick's cordials. Finally, we have lots of second hand books, all for £1, and we are still in need of volunteers to keep the shop going.

David



NOTTON VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Looking back this summer we've continued with our fundraising for the village hall.

A great concert once again from the amazing Nicola Mills was well supported by villagers and friends and raised £350 for the hall in July. The ever popular Safari Supper has also taken place with 40 residents enjoying a walk and three course meal around the village . A perfect evening weather wise and another £200 for the hall.

We're now looking towards Christmas . Coming up is a Magic Evening on the 20th October in the village hall with Huddersfield Magic Circle. The event will include supper and lots of fun. Tickets will be available in September - please support this evening.

Notton Christmas Ball is on Saturday 3rd December. This a chance to get dressed up and have a good evening of food and dancing in the hall . Entertainment is by Jamie Forth. Notices will be on the shop noticeboard about this event so keep the date on your calendars.

We also will have a return visit from Nicola Mills for a Christmas themed concert on Wednesday 20th December.

Coffee mornings have continued all summer and will be the first Monday of the month at 10.30am. All ages are welcome including children. Next dates are

Monday 4th September

Monday 2nd October

Monday 6th November

Monday 4th December

New members for our group are always welcome as are new ideas. Please get in touch if you'd like to help or be part of the group. All monies raised by events go to the village hall which is such a key part of living in this lovely village. The hall is run by villagers for villagers and support is vital to keep it open and successful.

Alison King

NOTTON PASTURES

A successful family fun day was held in May with about 50 people attending, some of whom were new to the village. The children particularly enjoyed the storytelling and guessing the horses' names and the plant stall proved popular. Seed bombs were made and thrown around the field and it was a great way to get the children connected with nature. All in all a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

The community meadow is now being regularly mowed by one of the local farmers and the volunteers continue to keep the areas around the whips and benches mown, which means the docks, nettles and thistles are being contained. The edge along the beck is being left to be a natural riparian strip as part of the countryside stewardship grant conditions.

The horse grazing licensees continue to be happy with the paddock. The pathways around the Pastures are all accessible and make for a very pleasant walk and there are now three benches at the top of the community meadow.

Helen.

The Council intends to plant a row of eight flowering cherry trees on the Green, parallel to George Lane about 20 feet from the kerb, and protected with tree guards to avoid damage when the Green is being used for parking or galas. We hope to obtain a grant from Wakefield MDC, and they will be planted (mostly by volunteers) in early December.

The ongoing problems with vandalism and break-ins were discussed at the recent PACT meeting, at which the police took note of our concerns. The Police Safe Scheme will continue, with extra patrols by officers. We are trying to get something done about the derelict bungalow at the bottom of Grimpit Hill.

This year's summer hanging baskets, from a different supplier, have again proved to be a disappointment compared with displays in neighbouring villages. We have taken the matter up with the contractor before possibly committing to further expense next year.

Our pestering of Northern Powergrid to discuss the frequent short power cuts in the village have finally born fruit. They will undertake a "vegetation management programme" (tree cutting?) in early September and this will involve a day's power outage for some or all of the village. The actual date will be posted on Notton Forum and Bulletin as soon as we know it, and residents will be contacted by Powergrid.

Again, after nagging by us and members of the public, Wakefield MDC will resurface George Lane between Manor Close and the Green. There will be a road closure, probably between 4th - 6th September (perhaps before you get this newsletter). We also keep raising the possibility of lighting at Woolley Crossroads, which has a poor accident record, but we are told that there are problems with the power supply (in spite of the existence of an 11kv line and transformer overhead).

We have been suggesting that WMDC should replace the litter bin which some idiot burned out in the Smawell Lane car park, which would make the work of the volunteer litter-pickers easier.

Our recent grant application for works on the Playground was not successful, but we shall keep trying! In the meantime some sticky rubber repair work to the safety surface has been done by volunteers.

Peter Taylor, Chairman

NOTTON GOLF DAY

This year's Notton Golf Day will be on Monday 25 September at Wakefield Golf Club. A fun round of golf for all abilities, open to all residents of Notton parish. Refreshments will be served at the halfway house by our two lovely ladies. We return to the club in the evening (with partners) for a dinner and a glittering awards ceremony. If you would like to take part please contact me on 07518 448907, or 01226 725251 or preferably e mail me at mick.blain@talktalk.net.

Mick Blain President (self elected)

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/or, 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 are not experts just enthusiastic amateurs. 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.

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NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Greetings everyone. Our tennis year starts in April and we have welcomed many of our past players and quite a few new ones too. Our membership is very healthy this year. We have joined the LTA which has many advantages for Adults and Juniors. We will be able to reach more potential players via its website.

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. We also have social tennis on Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon. We have formed a Whatsapp group for interested players.

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 have been 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 are looking very smart and well cared for at the moment, thanks to Ed, the gardener.

Our 2023 season began with an Open day which was followed with a Round Robin Tournament in May and another in June to which members and non members were welcome.

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

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. They cannot use the Club House without supervision by a member. 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

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

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 If preferred it is now possible to pay by Bank Transfer. Please contact the Secretary or the Treasurer at drandrewlegg@hotmail.com. for details.

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

NOTTON FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Sunday 10th Septmeber 2023

A quick reminder about the Flower Show which is a week later than usual.

Programmes have been distributed but spares can be had from the shop. Every entry is a valued addition in creating a good display so do be inventive!

Entries can be brought to the village hall from 9.30am until 11.30am when the external Judges get to work.

Viewing and prize-giving (plus tea and cake) starts at 2.00pm.

Anne Taylor.

NOTTON VILLAGE 200 CLUB

The last draws in this year's 200 Club cycle have been completed. Thank you to all the collectors and to those who have participated. The profit of £950 will be presented to the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting in September.

Our new cycle of draws starts in September. If you are an existing member your collector will be calling some time in August/September for your subs which remain the same - £12 for the year (ie £12 for 12 draws). Prize money stays the same - 1st prize is £50 and then £20 for both the 2nd and 3rd prizes. If you would like to become a member with a chance to win £50 every month plus helping village hall funds then please contact Eleanor Turner

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall

The hall is being used more and more for many functions run by our fundraising committee and also many different functions run by hirers of the hall. The hall is maintained to a high standard, and we are always looking for volunteers to help maintain this so if anyone is available to help could you please contact me. Also, as I have said quite a few times over the past newsletters, we are looking for volunteers to join the committee, we only meet every two months that obviously is only 6 meetings a year about 1.5 hours long each time. We need your help and ideas to keep our hall going. We have had quite a few newcomers to the village it would be great to see some of you come along and see what goes on in the village hall. If anyone is interested please give me a call.

This summer we have just had a new boiler fitted as the old one was letting us down more often. We had the old one for 19 years, so it didn't do too badly but the cost, which was nearly £4000, has obviously taken a lump out of our hard-earned funds.

The hires of the hall just about pays for the general maintenance but do not cover us for large capital costs and large maintenance bills. We have just recently had to increase our hire rates for the hall and pavilion, which we had to do as our costs have soared like everyone's. It is the first time we have done this for quite a few years. The rates are still competitive for the quality of the venue.

Notton Gala

Unfortunately, the Gala was a complete washout as it never stopped raining on the day. It was very unfortunate as there wasn't going to be a Gala this year as there was no one to run it. But John Proctor, who has done the children's rides and amusements for many years asked the committee if he could run the Gala to keep the tradition going in the village. He organized the whole Gala on the lines we have always done and then intended to contribute to the village hall if it was successful. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened and now looks like the Gala in future years may not happen unless someone comes forward to organize one.

It is sad that all these traditional events are going: not only have they brought a lot of enjoyment to people of the village and surrounding area but bring revenue to the upkeep of the village hall and donations to many charities.

Notton Bonfire and Firework Display

I know it's still summer, but we are already organizing our annual event which this year will be on Saturday the 4th of November. It will be run the same as last year and will be a ticket only event and there will be no sale of tickets at the gate. At the moment we are not able to say the price will be the same as last year as we are waiting for an answer from the Firework company to confirm the price. We are hoping to keep them the same, but we will post it on the website as soon as we know.

I would also like to ask for help from villagers before the event, especially the Friday 3rd and on the day. Would you please contact me to let me know by text, WhatsApp, or email well in advance so I can plan accordingly.

I hope everyone will show their support for this event as it is important income to the village hall and many charities have benefitted over the years.

Alan Shand - Management Committee Chairman (07703 133392) email alan.shand784@btinternet.com

NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

With the arrival of a few new residents recently I think it's worth saying this again. 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 I hope 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 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

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 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 nvh.webmaster@gmail.com with any comments or suggestions you have about the NVH website.
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 here www.whatsapp.com

There are two WhatsApp groups available to Notton Parish Residents. Both groups now have 170+ 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 darrelcartwright@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**

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, and have even got a new member who travels specially from Nottingham, just to train in our unique mix of Lau Gar and Hung Gar kung fu.

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

This season has seen lots of ups and downs so far this year.

It was with regret that we had to fold one of our teams due to players and circumstances. This was a huge decision to make but the club have been stronger with a good core of players still at the club and some great new signings.

We are in the process of recruitment as always. But we are hopeful that we will be joined at the ground next season by another club - further information to come towards the end of the season but this is a great opportunity for the club to build for the future.

Notton CC are currently (at the time of writing) placed joint third in the league with local rivals Calder Grove. There have been two stand out teams within the league this season and promotion at this point seems unlikely with the 100point difference required to catch second but we certainly have learnt a lot about the team this season and where we need improve for next.

We have had some great success off the field with fundraising. A great day was had by all at the classic car gathering and two car boot sales that we have hosted so far this season. It was disappointing to have had our covers slashed in the last couple of weeks, which we aim to raise money for to get fixed as soon as possible.

We have been fortunate to find sponsorship for match balls this second half of the season from Wakefield Pharmacy, who provide delivery of prescriptions to the local community - Please contact 01924 900113 if this is something of interest and to join the other people in the village and surrounding areas, having their prescriptions delivered to their door.

As in previous newsletters and as mentioned we are of course still on the lookout 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 are on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. Please see our Facebook page for any other cricket news - Just search Notton Cricket Club.

Yours in Sport

Warren Schofield. nottonccsecretary@gmail.com

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NON emergency police contact number- 101

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

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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 1:30 - 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	First Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Email: parishclerk@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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