

Notton Village Newsletter

November 2023

Editorial

Hi. Another Newsletter and I am editing this on a sunny day towards the end of November - just one more month and we are past the shortest day. So things to look forward to.

There's a report of another successful Bonfire and a remarkable run of success.

One new item is Did You Know? I would welcome other contributions of a similar nature

All the Very Best for Christmas and the New Year

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Hello everyone, I hope I find you well and looking forward to the Festive Season.

Since the last Notton News we have experienced a period of very poor weather, not as bad as some have had it, but nonetheless bad.

As a consequence revenue has been fairly poor, at least that's what I'm hoping has caused the problem, as I hope revenue will improve towards Christmas. David has stocked the shelves with some lovely things for Christmas, as well as a great range of products, all competitively priced. As an example, eggs in the shop are cheaper than many supermarkets. The village really needs the shop, particularly for the elderly, (me included), so those of you who don't use it, please give it a try.

Before I wind up, I would like to thank the staff who work hard to keep the shop going, thanks very much. The Board work very hard on paperwork, shop maintenance, and many other things, and are a great support to me, thanks very much.

In addition the volunteers give their time, and help to maintain a lovely social atmosphere in the unit. Thank you all very much. Whilst on that point, I'm sure there must be one or two more in the village who could help out, if any of you can please approach David.

Finally, I want to thank you, the customers for your continued patronage,
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Remember, friends and community are everything.

Frank Carter

NEWS FROM THE SHOP

Xmas shop opening hours

Xmas eve 8am till 11.30am

Xmas day closed

Boxing day 8am till 10.30am

New years eve 8am till 11.30 am

New years day 8am till 10.30 am

- every other day will be normal hours.

Last posting days for Xmas,

Mon 18th Dec 2nd class

Weds 20th Dec 1st class

Thurs 21st Dec special delivery

Buy a £1 raffle ticket to win a lovely Christmas hamper full of goodies.

We are now taking orders for pork pies from Hofmanns

The shop has a range of Xmas gifts and decorations for sale, our Notton range of jams and chutneys make good stocking fillers, with artisan chocolates, biscuits and mince pies.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the shop,thankyou for your support this year and please keep it up.

David

Village Shop Shareholders

To all shareholders in the village shop - if you haven't already sent me your email address to allow the annual accounts etc to be sent out by email, please send your e Mail address to:-

christine.archbell@yahoo.co.uk. Many thanks. Christine

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

George Lane was finally resurfaced in September from Manor Close to the Green, without too much inconvenience to residents. That wasn't the case with the recent full closure for a Yorkshire Water pipe crossing where no notice had been given (including to the buses) and the need to make a long diversion took everyone by surprise. We will contact Yorkshire Water and WMDC to try to get better notice in advance of road and utility works.

We still hope to obtain a grant from Wakefield MDC for a row of eight flowering cherry trees on the Green to be planted (mostly by volunteers) in the winter. We will also examine the suggestion for a "permanent" live Christmas tree on the Green, instead of the cut trees that we have had for the past 20 years.

Our discussions with the supplier about better hanging baskets next year are ongoing.

We have continued to register objections with WMDC Planning about planning applications for the continuing "over-development" of the areas round the Green - too many large houses squashed into the plots. Mostly our comments are ignored.

Following requests from residents we have asked WMDC to look into the provision of more street lighting on Grimpit Hill - Notton Lane, to fill the "gap" between the Bleakley area and Willow Beck.

As anticipated in the last Newsletter, Northern Powergrid undertook a "vegetation management programme" on 6th September. Most of the village had a complete power outage all day, but the fact that there were no power cuts during the recent storm hopefully shows that the works were effective. There is more to do, and a further outage is anticipated for the more westerly part of the village. The planning for this work is not yet complete and there is no detail or dates available as we go to press. Once available information will be posted on the Notton Forum and Northern Powergrid were excellent last time at informing those to be affected and offering support where requested.

The cone climber at the playground has been removed: it had stuck and was considered dangerous after the annual safety inspection. Further maintenance work will be carried out (by volunteers) in the spring.

Peter Taylor, Chairman

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall

At a recent village hall committee meeting it was decided that although the hall was being used on a regular basis it was felt that it could do with a bit of modernization and redecoration such as repainting throughout with new curtains or blinds and also at the same time, we would add a screen and Wi-Fi video projector, fixed to the wall and ceiling for use at business seminars and parties etc. All the above would encourage more hires and ensure the upkeep of the hall.

Notton Bonfire

This year was the 22nd anniversary of Notton Bonfire & Firework Display with just 1 year out during Covid and has been a successful event for the village hall every year.

Although it was probably the wettest bonfire, we have ever had on the day it was still attended by some 2500 people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves even waiting an extra 15 minutes for the fireworks because of a computer glitch.

As Chairman of the Hall committee Margaret and I would like to thank all the villagers who came along before during and after the event and worked very hard to make it all run smoothly. Because it was so wet, we were unable to use the village green and The Oval football field for parking, so the parking attendants did a fantastic job and parked people all around the village and kept the traffic flowing through the village with only one complaint after the event.

This year the cost of the fireworks, food and drink were considerably higher than last year and although we managed to keep the entrance costs the same it was only because of a very generous sponsor for the fireworks from someone in the village.

To sum it all up it was the third most successful Bonfire and made a profit of £25,127.29 of which donations were made to Wakefield & Barnsley Hospices of £1500 each, Yorkshire Air Ambulance £1500, Notton Village Shop £1000, and the rest to the upkeep of the Village Hall.

After organizing and running the bonfire for the last 22 years and during which time the sum of £260,000 has been raised enabling us to donate to various charities and helping with the upkeep of the Village Hall, Margaret and I have decided that this year's bonfire is the last one we will be running. Our help will be at hand to assist anyone willing to take up the organizing and running of the bonfire in years to come. I urge someone to take up the challenge of organizing this event as to lose this along with the Gala would be a huge blow for the Village not only for the funding it generates but for those who come forward every year in true community spirit to make the event the great success it has been over the last 22 years.

Sports Field

As most people know by now, we hire the field out to the Archery Club. It has been brought to our attention that when Archery is in progress some people are disregarding the safety fence and signs and walking past them to go down to the Ings. **This is totally irresponsible and must stop** The Archery Club are following the safety rules that are required by law and the village hall. The field is private land, and no one has the right to do or walk where they want. The Archery Club always fences off the area they are using and there is always space outside the perimeter fence to walk past down to the Ings.

Unfortunately, the junior girls' football team from Royston did not happen as expected due to not being able to get someone to coach them. We are now setting up an advertisement to try encourage someone else to come and use the field. We can only take junior size football as the pitch isn't big

enough for full size pitch. It will take two 7/7 pitches or one 9/9, and there is also the use of the sports pavilion at rates to be agreed. If anyone knows someone who is looking for a junior football pitch, please contact me.

As Chairman of Notton Village Hall I would like to thank the committee and members of the village who have given their help and support throughout the year with all the different functions and wish them a happy Christmas and New Year.

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

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 VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who supported our recent Magic Night in October. It was lovely to meet new residents and their families and we all enjoyed the Magic. We raised £900 for the hall funds which was magnificent.

We have monthly coffee mornings the first Monday of the month . All are welcome of - it's for all ages. There's plenty of space for pushchairs and we're wheelchair friendly too. It's just £2.00 and you get refills and cake.

Next dates :

4th December plus mulled wine and mince pies, then on 8th January, 5th February, 4th March.

The annual Christmas Ball is on 2nd December in the hall.

On Sunday 17 th December is an all age Village Christmas celebration led by Karla Ladies Choir. This free family event starts at 3.00pm. Light refreshments will be served at the end and there will be a retiring collection for Barnsley Homeless Charity .

Wednesday 20 th December sees the return of Nicola Mills for a Christmas concert with a difference. Tickets are on sale at £10.00 each and bring your own drinks. Christmas jumpers optional. Please support this lovely lady and our hall.

Call me on 07563 245869 (village hall phone please leave a message if not answered and I'll call back)

Friday 2 nd February Rod Stewart is in the hall - a tribute to the tartan one.

Please look out of details about tickets in the New Year. Price will include a pie and pea supper. Details and tickets will be advertised in the shop and on social media .

An early date for the diary is our regular Quiz Night on Friday 22 nd March. Details to follow but just to say Mick our quizmaster will be back! Get practising this Christmas... again we'll advertise this in the shop and social media when the tickets are available in the New Year.

Please think about attending one or all of these events. They are run by villagers for the village hall and all profits are given to the hall which is owned by the village. If there is anything anyone sees that feel might be good to run in Notton please get in touch and /or come and join our merry bunch as new faces are always welcome.

Alison King 724762

NOTTON VILLGAGE FLOWER SHOW

Entries this year provided a good display on the day against the odds. Being a week later than usual proved too late for many flowers, the situation being exacerbated by a week of very sunny weather immediately before the show. The usual competitive suspects provided many of the entries, with welcome additions from newcomers to the show. The results are as follows:

Flowers and Dorothy Atkins cup: 1st Alan Shand, 2nd Linda Atherton

Pot Plants: 1st: Anne Taylor, 2nd David Smith

Children's entries: a small prize was given to all the entrants.

Fruit & vegetables and the Gardening Club Cup: 1st Ray Welch, 2nd Dennis Gillibrand

Home made produce: 1st Jan Welch 2nd Anne Taylor

Hobbies and the R & J Welch Rose-bowl: 1st Anne Taylor, 2nd Jan Welch

The overall winner, Ray Welch, received the Silver Rose Bowl from Colin Bryant who had kindly agreed to present the prizes.

Next year's show will be on 1st September 2024.

Make a note now!

Anne Taylor 722155

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 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 GOLF DAY

On a lovely sunny day at the end of September, 20 golfers took part in the annual Notton Golf Tournament. That evening 52 Notton players and guests, enjoyed a lovely meal and one or two (or three) drinks followed by the glittering awards ceremony.

The winner of the Broadhead trophy (for the third time) was Geoff Nicholson and the non certified award went to Colin Bryant. The Ladies team prize went to Elaine Blain, Eileen Booth and Bairbre Hepworth. The men's team prize went to Tim Broadbent, Roy Aspinall, Phil Cartwright and Clive Belfield.

The president welcomed three new members to the society, Andrew Smith, Tim Broadbent and Brendan Mitchell, and thanked Naomi Coulson and Margaret Green for the refreshments at the half way house.

The event is open to all Notton residents to play or just come to the evening bash. Details for next year will be in the newsletter.

Mick Blain, president of the Notton Golf Society, (self elected).

NOTTON PASTURES

For those villagers who are regular walkers up Smawell Lane you will have seen quite a lot of activity on the Pastures this Autumn. We have been digging and laying drainage channels in the top field to minimise the churning up of the field and making access easier for delivery of hay bales in the winter months. The entrance to the field and in front of the horse shelter has also been levelled and made accessible. The committee would like to thank all the volunteers who turned up with spades and muscle power! But a special thank you to local farmer Gordon Harrison who provided plant and labour and to local resident Andy Taylor who provided the drainage pipes. And a special thanks to Col Bryant who has put a huge amount of time into coordinating and organising all the work. These contributions are really appreciated and ensure the Pastures remains a viable venture.

In November we said goodbye to our last horse licensee who has moved away from the area and we were able to relet to a new licensee with immediate effect. Welcome to Cindy and her horses.

The walks around the fields are all accessible and have fantastic views across the village. As always if anyone wants to get more involved please contact one of the Committee members:

Jan & Colin Bryant - 722851 Peter Crafer - 727862

Helen & Steve Jagger - 725904 Anne & Peter Taylor - 722155

Helen.

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. The club has joined the LTA which offers advantages in respect of club management and wider publicity to reach more potential players.

Our AGM is on 22 nd November at 11.00 in the club house. All members are invited to attend.

New members are welcome as always. 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.

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. Whatsapp groups for social tennis are in place for interested players to join.

The courts are often free at other times when arranged singles or doubles can take place. Visitors are always welcome but would need signing 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.

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.

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

KUNG FU CLUB

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

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 SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

We continue to see the arrival of new residents so it's worth saying this again. I've been surprised how many existing 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.

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 ie 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 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 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.

Darrel Cartwright

NOTTON VILLAGE 200 Club

Below are the winners that were not included in the last newsletter due to an error after the copy left the editor.

February 2023

£50 no 152 D Clark
£20 no 51 B Philmore
£20 no 120 D Gillibrand

May 2023

£50 no 62 A Taylor
£20 no 199 J Ancliff
£20 no 200 de Notton
Bowers

August 2023

£50 no 4 E Peacock
£20 no 38 C Moreton
£20 no 130 S Chau

March 2023

£50 no 171 J Mitchell
£20 no 50 J Croft
£20 no 130 J Gill

June 2023

£50 no 59 S Chau
£20 no 183 P McGraynor
£20 no 116 P Wolstencroft

April 2023

£50 no 105 J McGill
£20 no 79 A Gill
£20 no 135 A King

July 2023

£50 no 199 J Ancliffe
£20 no 127 R Heald
£20 no 136 J Sing

The new cycle of 200 Club draws has now started and thank you to those villagers who between them have bought 179 numbers.

September 2023

£50 no 33 N Shields
£20 no 32 A Shand
£20 no 54 P Tweddle

November 2023

£50 no 2 S Watson
£20 no 81 F Carter
£20 no 65 G Moreton

October 2023

£50 no 51 Mr & Mrs B Philmore
£20 no 135 A King
£20 no 161 D Smith

If you'd like to become a member with a monthly chance to win £50 plus helping village hall funds then please contact **Eleanor Turner** - 722897.

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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 1:30 - 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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