



Notton Village Newsletter

Easter 2024

Editorial

Welcome to the latest Newsletter.

There is a good mix of reports and upcoming events. If you would like to include anything in future reports concerning Village matters then please just get in touch.

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Let me start off by saying I hope you all are doing well, and had a lovely Festive Season, not forgetting we are now almost three months into the year.

The run up to Christmas was a little better from a trading position, although, with the weather in February, this year has not started well.

I believe we will still face a substantial loss for the last year as trading at times was fairly low. We are getting new customers, but not enough, so if you don't use the Shop, please give a try, everything is very competitively priced.

At the moment there is a considerable amount of building work going on in the village, some very close to the Shop, we have made representations, but parking may be difficult, please do your best.

Before signing off, I'd once again, like to thank the staff, the volunteers, and of course our customers. In addition if any person feels they can offer to assist as a volunteer, please contact David.

REMEMBER, IT'S YOUR SHOP, PLEASE USE IT.

Frank Carter

NEWS FROM THE SHOP

We are desperately short of volunteers to the point that we may not be able to continue without more help especially with the big hike in the living wage coming in April, any time you could give would be greatly appreciated.

We have an offer on Laithwaites wine of £1 off any bottle until Easter.

Our dry cleaning service still provides great value and with spring coming it might be time to dry clean the winter coat before you put it away.

The spring range of chocolates from choc affair is now in stock and lots of tempting cakes from Julia's, Grandma Wilds, Bothams and our Notton range.

Thank you for supporting the village shop.

David

Easter opening hours,

Good Friday 8am till 1pm,

Saturday and Sunday normal,

Easter Monday 8am till 10.30 am.

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Village Shop Shareholders

Thank you to all of you who recently sent me their e mail address so any Shop information can be sent by e mail. It really is a great help to us.

Christine

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NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall

The village hall has now been decorated and with a change of blinds and curtains I am sure that when you see it you will agree that the decorator has done a wonderful job and it brightens up the hall and makes it look more modern. Also I would also like to thank a small group of ladies from the committee who designed and picked the colour scheme and made the curtains and fitted the blinds. It is just waiting now for some pictures which are being created of scenes in and around the village to put on the walls around the hall.

We have also have fitted a large screen and projector which is also connected to the sound system in the large hall. Films can now be shown using a HDMI cable from your laptop on the large screen. Also you are able to use Bluetooth on your mobile phone on the sound system.

Notton Bonfire

I am pleased to announce that the Notton Bonfire will go ahead as usual this year on Saturday 2nd of November as Melissa Sclater has taken the job as Chair and held a meeting to put together a plan of how it is going to be organised. See Melissa's article further on

Sports Field

In the last newsletter I mentioned that some people were ignoring the roped off area when Archery are using the field. This is still happening and it is 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 so please don't go under the roped off area and walk around the area.

We are still looking for someone to use the field area for junior football teams and upto now we havent had any joy: if you know anyone locally who are looking to train or play junior football, girls or boys, we would love to hear from them. It would include the use of the pavilion.

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

STOP PRESS!

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Hall Alan Shand retired as Chairman after 20 years. He was thanked for his outstanding efforts in this role, where he has masterminded so many improvements to the hall, car park, field and pavilion. A toast was drunk to him and Margaret and a presentation made. Melissa Sclater was elected Chairman in his place.

Village Hall Social and Fundraising Committee

As the days draw out it is good to reflect on the support shown for the events at Christmas. Thank you to all villagers and friends who came along.

Our first 2024 event was the Rod Stewart tribute night . Wow - what a good evening was had by all and over £800.00 was raised for the hall.

At the time of writing the ever popular quiz night is about to occur when 74 residents battle it out for the top prize.

Coffee mornings continue to be popular. These are held on the first Monday of the month all year round. Our next dates are :

8th April 13th May and 3rd June.

Bank holidays do push the date forward. All are welcome and at £2.00 it's very good value with refills and cake! There is space for wheelchairs and pushchairs so come along.

Sunday 12 th May is a New Residents Welcome . There are a lot of people who've moved into Notton over the last two years (which is when we held the last one) . We'd like to invite anyone who has moved in to come along on the Sunday afternoon. Further details will be published and we'll try and call to see anyone . Come along and see the Village Hall and meet new friends and see what is going on. Another date for the diary is the ever popular Safari Supper which will take place on Saturday 10 th August.

Finally thanks to the fundraising that is done the Village Hall has recently been decorated and new blinds and curtains made. It looks very good and it's just being finished off with pictures that residents submitted of the Parish.

Thank you to all who have supported events at the hall and hired the hall. Without this support it would have been an uphill task to maintain our facility which provides a focus for our community. The hall is run by the village for the village. Please support its continued longevity.

Alison King

Keeping the Notton Bonfire Going

There won't be many people who live in Notton that don't know that it's down to Alan & Margaret Shand, along with a large team of volunteers, that we have had a bonfire in Notton for the last 23 years but it's now time for them to take a well earned rest!

We had a lengthy discussion around whether we could still make it happen and there's now a small team of us that have taken on the challenge to keep the event going and we had our 1st meeting mid February. I know that seems way too early... with Spring & Summer yet to arrive.... but the planning for this event has to start now as most bonfire events are looking to source for the same Saturday! The date for your diary is Saturday 2nd November.

The organising committee can only do so much though, as the event cannot go ahead on the night without our amazing team of Notton volunteers building the bonfire, preparing & selling food & drinks, supervising parking & scanning tickets amongst many other jobs. So this is a very early plea that if you are willing & able to commit some of your time, please put the date in your calendar & drop me an email to confirm on sclatermel@hotmail.com.

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I'll apologise now, as I doubt this will be the last time you hear from me, but we can only keep the spirit of community alive and kicking in this great village with your help and support. Thank you
Melissa Sclater. sclatermel@hotmail.com

NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL - MARCH 2024

The cherry trees (and a few extras) were planted on the Green by volunteers in early January. The proposals had been (mostly) well received and we hope the trees will in time add to the attractiveness of this part of the village. The muddy mess created by builders vans on the east side of the Green will be reinstated when the houses are finished.

Hanging baskets will be back in June, this time to be supplied by T+D, our grass-cutting contractors. They provide the baskets in Sandal and Crigglestone, to a better standard than our previous supplier. We think that we have found a contractor who will get some of the older items of playground equipment repainted this summer, and other maintenance work will be done by volunteers. Efforts to find grants for a full refurbishment have not been successful.

The executors of two villagers who have died recently have asked for a memorial bench to be placed on the Green - discussions on the exact site are ongoing.

Our thanks are due to the residents who continue to pick up litter, on a voluntary basis. WMDC have a limited budget for litter-picking so we would encourage residents to clear up near their houses (and the other side of the road where applicable) as much as they can.

Finally, please pick up after your dog, including on the public paths and the old railway line.

Peter Taylor, Chairman

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POWER OUTAGES

Following the Parish Council's successful campaign for action over many months, Northernpowergrid (NPG) carried out extensive tree work last summer to deal with the issue of frequent power outages in the village.

This is successful to date, especially so in the light of several periods of strong and gusty winds.

The Parish Council has continued to maintain contact with NPG and further work was completed on the "Woolley Feed" to the western end of the village on 12th February. It is anticipated that more work may be require to this feed, but is very much in the planning stages.

We do not know what might yet be done, nor when. Patterns of work will be designed around minimum disruption and agreement on work such that it fits in with farming requirements.

The Council and NPG have agreed to continue the dialogue and keep residents informed as and when any further information comes to hand.

Cllr David Pywell

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.

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NOTTON VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW '24

Notton Flower and Vegetable Show 1st Sept 2024 -

Here is an early reminder of the date this year. Nice and early! Classes will be for the usual entries of flowers, vegetables, home-made produce and crafts, with a separate Children's Class. Details will be distributed in July.

Why not try growing something different this year? Planning starts now to help fill the tables.

Anne Taylor

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NOTTON PASTURES

Nothing significant to report at this time of year. The new licensee has settled in well with two horses grazing in the field. The new drainage system has worked well and the fields and entrance are much better than in previous years. The sub committee will be meeting in early Spring to discuss any future activities or required maintenance. If anyone wishes to join our group please contact any of the members below.

Jan & Colin Bryant - 722851 Peter Crafer - 727862

Helen & Steve Jaggard - 725904 Anne & Peter 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 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 hope to have many of our past players rejoining and quite a few new ones too. Our membership was very healthy last year so we look forward to maintaining that. 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. Our web site is advertised on our new sign which is displayed on the court fencing. Web address is <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/nottontennisclub>.

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. There are two Whatsapp groups for interested players. The courts are often free at other times when arranged singles or doubles can take place for Seniors

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and Juniors. 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.

Discussions are ongoing with contractors regarding the re-painting of the courts once the weather is suitable. This is a considerable investment but is necessary to maintain the desirable level of grip and to protect the courts in order to extend the life of the porous macadam surface.

The gate padlock code will be changed on the 2nd April 2024. Fully paid up members will be advised of the new code prior to that date.

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 via the club website or contact the secretary: Janet Pratt at janet.t.pratt@talktalk.net or 01226728318.

The membership rates approved at the AGM held in January 2024 are as follows:

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

The previous discount for early payment is no longer available.

Membership fees are now payable via direct debit or credit/debit card. See the web-site.

Alternative arrangements for payment may be arranged at the discretion of the club treasurer.

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

KUNG FU CLUB

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

We train the whole family together, for a unique shared experience and quality time with children /grandchildren. For more information please contact 'Sifu' Tom Lee on 07976 672077, or just pop along.



NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

New residents continue to arrive in Notton 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 Sports & Social Pavilion as we do our halls. I hope to put this right now!

The 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) for more intimate gatherings, parties, private functions, or for social or corporate meetings or classes. It has been used for Police

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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

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 on www.whatsapp.com There are two WhatsApp groups available to Notton Parish Residents. Both groups now have around 190 members, although not everyone is in both groups;

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 are required to 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.

What's On - NOTTON VILLAGE TRUST FACILITIES (nottonvillagehall.uk)

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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.

NOTTON VILLAGE 200 Club

These are the results from the most recent draws.

December 2023			January 202		
£50	no 136	J Sing	£50	no 196	S Butterworth
£20	no 79	A Gill	£20	no 112	D Ward
£20	no 27	D Steele	£20	no 115	S Sykes

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

This last year has seen Notton CC lose a team and a few members to other clubs, however, we are working to build a Cricket Club with a bright future.

The club finished third in the Pontefract and District Cricket League's division 5 with some impressive performances including a huge 402 for 4 wickets off 40 over performance. Sealing 3rd place against, and from, local rivals Calder Grove. Certainly a score for the club to be proud of.

We have exciting news that we will be joined at the club by new side Notton Challengers, who will play alternate weeks down at the ground. We were approached by the club that has had great success in the Sheffield League under the name Sheffield Superstrickers CC. In future reports we will write about both clubs to share the success!

We are on the look out for sponsorships for next season - if you know anyone that would be interested in supporting the club - we have opportunity for main shirt sponsors, training wear and other items for the forthcoming 2 seasons - please contact the email address for pricing starting from £25 per week for ball sponsorship!

We have also continued to have support from Wakefield Pharmacy - they 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.

Our last fundraising event was held on 25th November in the Village Hall, it featured the fantastic Webstars in the first half of the show, followed up by a two hour extended session by the Rock and Roll icon, Terry Webster. They played in front of another sell out crowd. It went down very well, so well that extra bottles of wine had to be sourced from the shop! We thank the Webstars for their continued support and look forward to seeing them once again at The Classic Car and Bike Gathering on Sunday 30th June.

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. Winter indoor nets are booked from February and we welcome players with open arms. We would love to have any further support from the village on match days, whether it be to get paid to score or volunteer around the club house both of which can be done whilst watching the beautiful game! Please see our Facebook page for any other

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cricket news - just search Notton Cricket Club. Our winter nets are well underway on a Tuesday night and it would be great for you to join us, again, feel free to get in touch via Facebook or the email address below.

The season begins on Saturday 20th April with the first fixture being played at Notton on Saturday 27th April

Here are the full list of home league matches:

04/05/24 vs South Kirby cc

13/07/24 vs Ferrybridge power station cc

18/05/24 vs Newton Hill cc

27/07/24 vs Calder Grove cc

25/05/24 vs Calder Grove cc

17/08/24 vs Darton cc

08/06/24 vs Thorpe Audlin cc

31/08/24 vs Balby Recreation cc

29/06/24 vs Darton cc

07/09/24 vs South Kirby cc

Yours in Sport - Warren Schofield nottonccsecretary@gmail.com

Did you know....

..... in 1948-9 the villagers came together and raised £1900 via donations and loans to build a Village Hall. Part of the land had been given for the purpose by a local farmer, and part had been purchased. At that time the Hall Committee members mostly came from the Bleakley Lane area, before the development of the lower village. By 1950 the first hall had been built and the Notton Village Hall Trust had been registered. The Committee had still to clear £400 of borrowings but was hopeful of raising funds for sports facilities. The tennis club and cricket field followed.

The building was a converted RAF hut, with outside toilets, and it was always seen as a temporary structure. It was replaced by the present Hall in 1983, not without some controversy in the village, with a grant from Wakefield Council and funds raised by the Committee.

In the 1940s and 50s Galas to raise funds for a hall were held at Wagstaff's farm at Notton Grange, but after the cricket field at the Hall had been purchased the summer Galas moved to the lower village. Up to the late 1960s the Green was an area of rough ground covered in nettles and rubbish: it was not finally levelled and grassed until 1970 -71, and the first "big" Gala was held there in 1975. The "slip road" on the east side was an unsurfaced track until the mid-70s.

Peter Taylor

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NON emergency police contact number- 101

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Village Hall Regular Events

Please check individually with the Organiser of your event below before you attend, both to confirm the event is open & for any requirements or planning needed of you before you arrive, such as special equipment, clothing etc.

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 7:00 pm Lucy Oldroyd - 07384 606526 Email: misslucydanceacademy@gmail.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: notton-pc.gov.uk
Village Hall Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Dennis Gillibrand - 01226 722527
Sports Field and Pavilion De-Notton Bowers Archery Club	De-Notton Bowers - an invitation only Club. Find current shooting dates, times, and full club details here De-Notton Bowers Archery Club

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