

# Notton Village Newsletter

# September 2024

## Editorial

Dennis.Gillibrand@gmail.com 01226 722527 Welcome to the latest Newsletter.

You will notice that there any 2 key new contibutors . John Hicks has taken over as Chair of the Parish Council and Melissa Sclatter as Chair ot the Village Hall Management Committee and also the Bonfire

. Thanks to both because without volunteers this Village would lose so much. We must also thank Alan Shand and Peter Taylor for their long stints in these roles. And a thank you to Frank Carter for purchasing new chairs for the Village Hall

## **NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP**

We continue to try to extend and improve the products we have on offer.

We have a new range of cards and gifts for all the dog and cat lovers in the village.

The winter/xmas range of chocolates from Choc Affair is now in stock.

Our volunteers do a fantastic job and we couldn't do without them but we are still desperate for more. David

## NEWS FROM THE SHOP – Notes from the Chair

Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you well, and enjoying what is left of an unusual summer.

I'm sure most you will have noticed the shop has had a bit of a makeover over the last few months. The main change has been the new shop sign that we thought was most important, as with new developments at both sides there was a danger the shop would become visually lost. Many people have said it is a great improvement. In addition, some of the wood on the front has been replaced and painted, the newspaper box has also been cleaned and painted.

The garden has been weeded and tidied, and the plant stand has been repaired and painted. The tables have been revarnished.

I'm indebted to June Ivory who organised volunteers to do this work.

Turning now to the shop trade, it is not easy, but I'm very hopeful you will all continue to use the shop, which is essential to a great many of the residents.

Finally, I would like to pass on my thanks to all the volunteers, both for inside and outside work, David and his team, the directors, but mostly to yourselves, the customers, as without you there would be no shop.

Please keep shopping, it's your shop.

Thanks.

Frank Carter Chairman

# NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As newly elected chairperson I'd like to thank everyone for their help & for making me feel so welcome. I know there's a good many of you that think I'm new to the village, and in relative terms I probably still am....but we have lived here for 20 years! Really enjoying now finally getting to know more people & getting involved in village events.

#### Village Hall

The Hall's new fresh and modern look has been finished off with pictures now hung on the walls of photographs of our beautiful village and the immediate area, taken by residents. A big thank you to everyone involved in implementing the new look Village Hall.

We've also just ordered new chairs, in grey to coordinate with the new colour scheme, to replace the red ones which have served us very well for many years but were starting to show some wear and tear. I would like to record our thanks to Frank Carter for his generous donation for the purchase of these chairs

We have also recently invested in some more effective security lighting outside the hall.

Finally we have purchased a new water heater for the kitchen, after having personally spent a nervous few hours in the kitchen at the latest (and busiest) Car Boot Sale when it was repeatedly failing on us and the queue for refreshments wound around the hall and out of the front door of the Village Hall! It's true a watched kettle never boils! Money well spent I think for the number of functions that we serve hot drinks at and a long overdue purchase.

#### Notton Bonfire - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

The Bonfire website (www.nottonbonfire.co.uk) is set up and ready to activate, along with the link for the online purchase of tickets. Tickets will be **ON SALE FROM 1**<sup>st</sup> **OCTOBER**, both in the Village Shop and online. Please note it will be cheaper to get them in the shop as online purchases include an additional administration cost. Ticket prices have been held at £10 for adults / £5 for children under 10. Children aged 2 and under are free.

PLEASE NOTE TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, YOU CANNOT PURCHASE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT. Ticket numbers are limited for health and safety reasons and the event always sells out so please purchase early to avoid disappointment.

The organisation committee is in full swing and the team have been very busy, not only setting up the websites to advertise the Bonfire and for ticket sales, but completing all the upfront health and safety requirements, ordering portaloos, printing tickets, sourcing all the food etc...etc... the list is long!. As an Org Team we will make sure that everything is there and ready to go but we can't set it all up the day before and the morning of, and run the event safely on the night, on our own without your help! Our amazing Notton volunteers make it happen.

We still need helpers please on the Friday & Saturday mornings both inside the hall with catering preparation and outside with the bonfire and the signage around the village and then of course on the actual night of the event.

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted myself or other committee members with offer of help, it is very much appreciated. However we still need more PLEASE. There's a list on the noticeboard outside the post office for you to add your names to with where & when you can offer help and support or you can just text me or email me at sclatermel@hotmail.com.

I promise you it's good fun... and if you're new to the village a great way to get to know people and we still get to watch the fireworks too!

Thank you Melissa Sclater

#### VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We enjoyed a Safari Supper in early August where 42 residents had an enjoyable night of good food. It was lovely to see meet new residents who joined in. Thank you to the organisers – Jenny W, Don W and Eileen P **Saturday 5th October** - there will be a Call My Bluff wine tasting in the village hall. It will be £20.00 a head to include all wine and a light supper.

There will be a raffle. So please come along for an enjoyable evening and pit your knowledge against our "experts". Tickets are on sale from Gill Taylor. Notice in the Post Office.

Notton Bonfire on the 2nd November supports the fundraising for the hall.

Can you help in anyway that weekend? Sign up sheet in the Post Office.

**Saturday 7 th December** is the annual Notton Christmas Ball. Details will be announced shortly. Get your best gear on for a great night with dinner and entertainment. All welcome . If you are new to the village and don't know anyone but wish to attend we can seat you . Please see the notice in the Post Office if you wish to attend.

**Saturday 21st December** Notton Christmas Quiz. We know how competitive you all are and thought this might set Christmas up ! Teams of 6 please . Supper will be included . Details to follow. If you want to attend but don't have a team we can help with a fellow residents . Keep an eye out on the Post Office notice board for tickets. The monthly Coffee Mornings continue in the village hall and it's good to see so many residents. Next dates:

October 7 th , November 4 th , December 2 nd , January 6 th 2025. All welcome

- we've plenty of space for buggies, wheelchairs and little ones. A bargain at £2.00 with delicious cakes.

Events will be publicised on social media too.

All monies raised at organised events go to supporting the running of the village hall and its facilities. The hall is run by villagers for the village. We live in a village with very good facilities - please support if you able to. Alison King

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#### NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Notton CC have had a very positive season with just 3 games to go. We currently sit second in the league as we look to secure promotion. Some outstanding performances this season with some very high scores!

We have had mixed success off the pitch with fundraising events with a roaring success in July and a washout in May with car-boot sales and another enjoyable day for the Classic Car gathering. Our final car boot sale of the year takes place on 22nd September.

On a sad note, we lost a long time member of the club, Stephen Filtness, who sadly passed away. Steve, who has been down at Notton CC for around 30 years, has been a stalwart behind the stumps at the club for a good portion of his life.

Looking to the not too distant future, we have another fundraiser for your calendars with The Webstars rocking back to the village hall on Saturday 16th November! Tickets available from the village shop priced at £15 including light refreshments. Licenced bar available - doors 7.30pm.

Yours in Sport. Warren Schofield. Notton CC Chairman

nottonccsecretary@gmail.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 INVESTMENT CLUB

There has been an investment club in the Village for many years – we are not experts just enthuasiastic 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. Dennis Gillibrand <u>dennis.gillibrand@gmail.com</u> 01226 722527

#### **NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

We start with an enormous thank you to Peter Taylor who has been the Chair of the Parish Council for over 16 years and worked for the council for even longer. I am sure this will never be repeated. Fortunately, Peter is carrying on his role as councillor, and we greatly benefit from his experience and words of wisdom.

As the summer sunshine finally arrived, so the hanging baskets blossomed. We hope you are enjoying them, and, after a couple of poor years, our new supplier has done us proud. We will be continuing with this supplier. We would like to consider more, but due to budgetary constraints, we would like to re-explore sponsorship (£70) of at least some of the baskets. We will seek the views of residents in the Autumn.

The playground equipment has recently been repainted and certainly looks a lot fresher. The timing, over which we had no control, was unfortunate at school holiday time, but it appears to have been worthwhile. We will now seek an annual clean to maintain this improvement. We recently had the annual RoSPA inspection, which suggested a few minor repairs, which have been dealt with by volunteers.

Speeding through the village and along Bleakley Lane continues to be an issue which is discussed on a regular basis. We continue to work with the police and Wakefield Council on this. We have

dedicated officers who are now trained in the use of the speed gun, and, on the most recent report,

it was noted that a roads policing officer issued a total of 11 tickets in just 4 hours, 10 of which were for speeding. PACT meetings continue and dates will be on forum and website. (<u>https://notton-</u>pc.gov.uk)

Yorkshire Water are to carry out drainage works in the Hudson Av/Oval/Bleakley Avenue area and near the pumping station at Smawell Lane to reduce the foul water overflows into Gill Beck in storm conditions. We are told that these works may be undertaken this winter.

Dialogue continues with Northern PowerGrid regarding possible future activity, to continue the good work already done to prevent power loss in the village.

Just to remind residents that the 5 village volunteers who sit on the Parish Council hold meetings on the 1 st Thursday of each month, except August, in the village hall. Residents are welcome to attend. They can also contact the clerk or councillors by e mail, telephone or via the website. We do monitor the WhatsApp group and take concerns to the meetings and report back when appropriate.

John Hicks Chair

#### **NOTTON PASTURES**

The Pastures continues to be well maintained and the grazing licence is operating smoothly. In August the committee members and a small number of volunteers worked their way around the community meadow and the bottom edge of the pastures and cleared around all the planted whips, the majority of which are growing well. There are some that have not survived and over the winter we shall be moving a couple of planted rows to other parts of the meadow. So there will be a call for volunteers, do week days or weekends work best?

Always happy for people to join the group or just get involved, please get in touch.

Jan & Colin Bryant - 722851Peter Crafer - 727862Helen & Steve Jaggar - 725904Anne & Peter Taylor - 72215T

#### **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. Details of which are displayed on our sign on the court fencing at the Tennis Club.

Our web site address is. https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/nottontennisclub

New members are welcome as always at any time. The start of the subscription year in April 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 had a few retirees. Some of our new members who have just moved into the village or thesurrounding 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 socialtennis on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 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.

As I write the courts have been cleaned and we are waiting for a date from the contractors who will paint the courts.

Both courts and the surrounding area are looking very smart and well cared for at the moment. Thanks to Ed, the gardener. 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 amember.

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 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.

Membership fees are now payable via direct debit or credit/debit card through the web-site. Alternative arrangements for payment may be arranged at the discretion the Club Treasurer, who can be contacted at drandrewlegg@hotmail.com.

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

#### Notton Village Flower Show '24

Many thanks to all those who entered exhibits, contributing to a good show on the day. Thanks also to the sponsors: New Wave Fish & Chips (in Notton on Thursdays), Newstead Garden Centre, Notton Cricket Club, Home Farm Crafts in Royston, Wolfsbane, and Pat Perks who also helped with the running of the show.

The results are as follows:

Flowers and the Dorothy Atkins Cup:	1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Shand, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Glynis Long.
Pot Plants:	1 <sup>st</sup> Anne Taylor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dennis Gillibrand.
Fruit & Vegetables & Gardening Club Cup:	1 <sup>st</sup> Ray Welch, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Linda Atherton.
Home Made Produce:	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan Welch, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat Steele and Hannah Legg.
Hobbies and the R & J Welch Rose-bowl:	1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Atherton, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anne Taylor.
Largest Sunflower: Glynis Long.	Longest Runner Bean: Dennis Gillibrand.
Well done to all the children who entered, es	pecially Marie McPherson and Emily Hicks.
Over-all Winner:	1 <sup>st</sup> Anne Taylor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Linda Atherton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alan Shand.

The prizes were presented by Melissa Sclater, Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee and of the Bonfire Committee.

Please start thinking about what you might enter next year! Anne Taylor

#### **NOTTON VILLAGE 200 Club**

These are the last of the draws in this year's 200 Club cycle. Thank you to all the collectors and to those who have participated. The profit of £1000 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 01226722897.

Eleanor Turner

#### February 2024

£50	no 14	R Welch.	£20.	no 67. T Butler.	£20	no 169 G Williams
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£50	no 68	H Wright	£20	no 54 P Tweddle	£20	no 149. K Craig

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£50	) no 57	M Shand	£20	no 99	N Foote	£	20	no 117	D Abbott
Au	gust 2024								
£50	) no 20	J Horsley	£20	no 189	J Castle	£	20	no 27	D Steele

### 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.



Crofton Silver Band- one of Yorkshire's premium brass bands returns on **Friday 29th November** at 7.30pm. It should be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets will be available from John Hicks

#### **NOTTON SPORTS and 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 so I'm aiming to put this right!

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) 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, just 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 private, secure messages with groups or

individuals. 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 around 200 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.



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#### **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 it's a good idea to look at www.nottonvillagehall.uk regularly.

The website covers 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. Whats On - NOTTON VILLAGE TRUST FACILITIES (nottonvillagehall.uk)

Will anyone involved with running events, clubs, activities which are published on the website please remember 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

#### **NOTTON GOLF CLUB**

We have had the Masters and the Open Championship so the next highlight of the golfing year is Notton Golf Day on Thursday 26 September at Wakefield Woodthorpe Golf Club.

A fun day of golf, open to any Notton parish resident of any ability with refreshments served at the half way house and returning in the evening with partners for dinner served at 7, and few games followed by a glittering awards ceremony.

If you would like to take part in the golf or just come along for the evening meal, please e mail me at <u>mick.blain@talktalk.net</u> or call me on 07518448907 for further details.

Mick Blain President (self elected) Notton Golf Society.

#### Did You Know?

The Village Green has not always been as it is now. In the past it was rough scrub and uncultivated: part of it was the Pinfold, where straying livestock would be penned up - to be released only after the owner had paid a fine to the Pindar. One of the old gateposts is still standing. I have the original authorisation to John Housecroft as Pindar to "impound any horse, mare, gelding, bull, ox, cow, heifer, steer, calf, mule, ass, or sheep found unaccompanied on the highways", at a charge to the owners of five shillings. Part of the area was used as a dump for roadmaking materials: indeed there are records in the Parish minutes of the West Riding Surveyor being asked to tidy them up!

At one point the landowners (the Woolley Estate) were asked if they would allow a Village Hall to be built on the Green, but nothing ever came of this suggestion.

Then in 1966 Mrs Kidson, who had bought some of the farmland around the village when the Woolley Estate was sold off, gave the Parish Council permission to "carry out such work as may be deemed necessary to level and beautify the lands known as the Green", and thereafter maintain it. In 1974 she had the land registered as Village Green.

The Parish Council had the land levelled, using spoil from the housing development at Manor Close, and seeded: the work was finally completed in 1972 with a community stone-picking. The first Gala on the Green was held in 1975.

Peter Taylor

# Notton Parish Council Contact Details

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Cllr Usman Ali	oali@wakefield.gov.uk	
Cllr. Faith Heptinstall	fheptinstall@wakefield.gov.uk	

#### **POLICE CONTACT DETAILS**

Tel: 01924 250809 wakefield.rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk NON emergency police contact number-

# 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 - 724513 or Sue Parkinson 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	De-Notton Bowers - an invitation only Club. Find current shooting dates, times, and full club details here De-Notton
Archery Club	Bowers Archery Club