

Notton Village Newsletter

November 2024

Editorial

Hi Another Newsletter and once again plenty of news of successful events and promise of more to come. The Bonfire was again a great success.

I would like to highlight the food and gifts available from our Shop this Christmas and also the Community Workshop on Page 9

All the Very Best for Christmas and for 2025

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

Alwyne has now retired from the shop after 24 years of loyal service and she will be greatly missed by staff and customers alike: we wish her all the best in her retirement. This also means we are now more desperate for volunteers than ever. You don't need to do set hours but an odd hour when needed would be greatly appreciated.

The shop now shuts on Saturday afternoons at 4pm. Xmas opening hours are:

Xmas eve 8am till 4pm,

Xmas day closed ,

Boxing Day 8am till 10.30 am

New Years Eve 8am till 4pm

New Years Day 8am till 10.30 am

Every other day normal hours.

Some Key Christmas Information -

We are having a Xmas raffle for nice hamper of goodies - Just £1 a ticket.

Orders for Hofmanns pies etc need to be in by December 19th.

We have lots of gift ideas for Xmas, Mince Pies, Cakes, Biscuits and Xmas Decorations - come down and have a look!

Have a great Xmas and New Year from all at the shop and **Thank You** for your support this year.

David

NEWS FROM THE SHOP - Notes from the Chair

It hardly seems possible to me that another year has slipped by and we are once again running up to Christmas. The Shop has survived a difficult period, clearly thanks to you the customers, as a result of a number of factors. Parking has clearly been difficult, however we must remember that we have benefited from daily trade from the workers.

A considerable upgrade to the front has been completed and the front now has a much more modern image. This of course has been at some cost, and would have been greater had it not been for the number of villagers who undertook many of the tasks.

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list everyone who has helped whether it be on the committee or on the night or over the weekend but I can't but just want to say a massive thank you to all those people as it wouldn't have happened & been a success without you. I have to mention Peter Taylor though as he coordinated all the 'outside' plans.

Once we finalise all the finance, we will be able to communicate how some of the profit will be shared and this will of course include charitable donations.

Thank you all Melissa Sclater

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

A successful evening of Call My Bluff Wine Tasting was held in early October as a start to the winter events. We enjoyed a varied selection of wines but guessing the correct one was another matter! Thank you to all who supported this and our lively panel of experts!

Our next event is the annual Christmas Ball which takes place on Saturday 7th December in the hall. There is still space available if you're undecided . Tickets are £45.00 to include a sit down meal and entertainment. There will be a paying bar and raffle.

Christmas Quiz takes place on Saturday 21st December . Tickets are for sale now and are £12.50. There is a supper of meat and potato pie and jacket potato with vegetarian chilli. All food must be preordered at time of ticket purchase. It's bring your own drinks, Christmas jumpers as the dress code and there will be a raffle. Teams of 6 please but if you are less than this we can make a team up. Quiz master is Mike Parkinson . A great way to start Christmas before it gets too busy..

Our coffee mornings are very popular and it's great to see residents and friends of all ages there. Christmas Coffee morning with mulled wine and mince pies will be on Monday 2nd December . There will be a stall selling Christmas decorations in aid of Barnsley Hospice .

New Year 2025 dates for coffee:

6th January 3rd February 3rd March -

All dates start at 10.30 am and it's £2.00 a head.

We are looking for anyone in the village who might like to join our committee.

It's not too onerous , we like to organise fun events and it helps with the running of our village hall facilities . So if you think you can help please get in touch.

Alison King

NOTTON VILLAGE 200 Club

At the last Village Hall meeting in September a cheque was presented for £1,000 which was the profit raised from last year. No draw took place as not all subscriptions were in.

A big thank you to all those who have purchased a number for the new 2024/5 cycle of draws - 177 numbers have been sold. A big thank you to the collectors who do all the leg work. At the next Village Hall meeting on 27th November draws will take place for September, October and November.

Eleanor Turner

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NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Notton CC secured second in the league and now await promotion in the Pontefract and District Cricket League (PDCL). Some outstanding performances were mentioned in the previous newsletter.

This season saw J. Ashley taking the Notton CC bowling figures narrowly from Ingswell Drive's T. Hunter. The batting figures for the club sees Notton resident L. Barnsley take the club's top prize. The latter will also receive recognition from the PDCL at the League presentation night held at Wakefield Trinity Wildcats' Belle Vue Stadium. It has been a much more positive season both on and off the pitch for the club as we look to build ahead of next year.

The club will begin winter nets late in February and we welcome all players, new and old to join us at Stumps Wakefield, 6.30pm on 27/02/2025 for 6 weeks. Please get in touch via the email below if you are interested in joining us for the new season!

We are also on the look out for sponsorship down at Notton CC as we look to build the club to its former glory before the Covid pandemic hit. We have a number of opportunities available and we would welcome local interest for this. Sponsorship for the most part covers two seasons and we publish regularly on social media as well as being seen on the pitch. Please get in touch via email or call the number below. The costs are as follows:

Main Playing Shirt Sponsorship - £1500

Main Training Wear Sponsorship - £1000

Playing Shirt Rear Sponsorship - £900

Training Wear Rear Sponsorship - £600

Game Day Match Ball - £25 per Game.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our final fundraiser of the year with The Webstars due to circumstances out of our control but we hope to bring this back in November 2025!

We hope to see you soon!

Yours in Sport

Warren Schofield

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NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

It certainly feels different from the last newsletter. The bonfire is over, the Christmas tree is up on the Green (thank you Richard Gill) and darker evenings are upon us. A little early for festive greetings, but we wish you all well.

The Parish Council is still involved in talks regarding speeding in and around the village. A date is being set to meet with Wakefield Council at their offices, to pass on all our concerns and push for

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action. This is likely be at the end of this year or just into 2025. The police are still running speed enforcement and issuing tickets to speeding drivers.

PowerGrid are still doing work around the area to try and reduce outages. Notton has been identified as a priority area for 2025. Their presence at a couple of the coffee mornings to answer questions and deal with concerns was appreciated.

We have had an annual check on the playground. A few small issues were identified, and remedial work is being undertaken, where appropriate. The cleaning and repainting of the equipment has freshened it up. We would like to replace the surface around the play area, but this is very expensive and would require alternative funding. We continue to look at grants, but any ideas welcome. The little wooden bridge is to be replaced.

Thank you to those who have already offered to sponsor a hanging basket for 2025. If anyone else wishes to sponsor a basket, please contact me for details.

The memorial bench on the green seems to be getting some use and other benches around the Green and on Bleakley Lane, have been repainted.

John Hicks. Chair Notton Parish Council

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

Notton Tennis Club November 2024

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 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 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

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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 painted this year and both courts and the surrounding area are looking very smart and well cared for at the moment. 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 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 LTA web-site. Alternative arrangements for payment may be arranged at the discretion of the Club Treasurer, who can be contacted at drandrewlegg@hotmail.com.

Janet Pratt (Secretary)

NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

We hire out Notton's Sports & Social Pavilion as we do our Halls.

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, 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**

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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. [What's On - NOTTON VILLAGE TRUST FACILITIES \(nottonvillagehall.uk\)](http://www.nottonvillagehall.uk)

Anyone involved with running events, clubs, activities which are published on the website should 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**

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.

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**

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NOTTON PASTURES

We are pleased to let everyone know that the grazing licence has been renewed for another year; the arrangement is working well and the horses are happy in the fields! In late September the Committee chopped down a willow tree that had fallen over and created wildlife habitat with the logs and branches. We also continued to create space around the whips and have moved a couple of planted rows to other areas to make it easier for the community meadow to be mowed.


We do hope people continue to use this wonderful natural habitat, perfect for walking the dog or just a nice stroll. As always if anyone wants to get more involved just get in touch.

Jan & Colin Bryant - 722851 Peter Crafer - 727862
Helen & Steve Jaggard - 725904 Anne & Peter Taylor - 722155

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.

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 VILLAGE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2025

Save the Date - it will be on Sunday 7th September 2025

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 members' 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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THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP (*We make owt in wood*)

What we offer is a workshop or a shed in the community where members can meet and have a little bit of self-esteem and self-respect from meeting others, talking part by participating and producing products. It gives them self-confidence & pride. We've had the workshop in the building owned by Cudworth Community Enterprises for over 22 years.

Members have made Parish Council notice boards, five for Notton, and a children's fairy trail map Frame. We made the See Saw for the children's play area in Notton. we made gates for community allotments at Roberts Street Cudworth, and we have built some doors for a patio shed. Members have made other items for their own needs, such as a beehive for a local beekeeper and a workshop bench for a guitar luthier. We made the memorial gates for Albert Shepherd V.C, at Royston Church. We also run woodcraft carving classes in Wakefield. Led by a qualified carpenter and French polisher, these classes teach wood carving skills and run all year.

We aim to train local people in woodcraft skills and provide a low-cost, but well-run facility that is of special interest to the retired or unemployed. Participants will gain both woodworking skills and the self-confidence that comes with participation and achievements.

Our most recent projects were Hedgehog and Bat boxes for the 'Barnsley Business Village:

B.B.V. Quote *"In a step towards improving local biodiversity, The Business Village is introducing new hedgehog and bat boxes on site. The initiative is part of a drive to make a positive impact on the environment and aligns with ongoing efforts to support local communities".*

These hedgehog and bat boxes were made by members of the community workshop in Cudworth. Established in 2002 by a former coal miner, the community workshop teaches woodworking skills to residents. Equipped with specialist tools, it's a space to create or repair wooden items. Past projects range from making front Doors and Oak Garden gates to more unusual requests such as a parrot stand in a pram. Some projects use recycled wood, while others demand newly sourced materials.

The community workshop isn't only a place for woodworking skills. It's a hub for residents too. The workshop also supports mental wellbeing, managing stress and reducing loneliness.

"We're happy for people to drop in at the Community Workshop. We're based in the Enterprise Centre on George Street in Cudworth. Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 9 am and 12 pm. We're only open during school terms though because we share space with the Sidcop Breakfast and Holiday Club."

If you would like to contact or join the Community Workshop, Cudworth, we make anything in wood, (such as; Bird Houses. Planter. Toolboxes. Dolls house. Carved Animals, Garden Seats. Gates etc, and we can repair most wooded items.so, if you need anything done in wood, please get in touch:

Brian Haigh, Email: beagle2930@gmail.com , or find me on WhatsApp/ Notton Forum
Or call in at the Community Workshop, The Enterprise Centre, George Street, Cudworth

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Activities in Notton Village Hall – DECEMBER 2024

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Event	Details
Village Hall Coffee Morning	First Monday of the month 10:30 - 12:00 noon Pat Aspinall - 01226 725409
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: lucy.oldroyd@outlook.com
Village Hall Whist Drive	First Wednesday each month October to March - 7:00 pm Margaret Shand - 01226 724513 or Sue Parkinson 01226 709091
Village Hall Short Mat Indoor Bowls	Every Thursday 11:00 - 1:00 pm David Fothergill - 01226 726110
Village Hall Flower Arranging	Every Thursday 1:45 - 3:15 pm Anne Taylor - 01226 722155
Village Hall Trigger Point Therapy	Every Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Lisa Riley - 07966 441713
Village Hall Yin yoga	Every Thursday 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm Lisa Riley - 07966 441713
Village Hall Parish Council Meeting	First Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Email: parish.clerk@notton-pc.gov.uk Website: www.notton-pc.gov.uk
Village Hall Wine Club	Last Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm Dennis Gillibrand - 01226 722527
Sports Fields and Pavilion De-Notton Bowers Archery Club	De-Notton Bowers - an invitation only Club. Find current shooting dates, times, and full club details on www.nottonvillagehall.uk

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