



Notton Village Newsletter

February 2026

Sustaining village life requires a collective effort, and we are incredibly fortunate to have so many people prepared to donate their valuable time.

At this time our Village shop needs more help. It has been community owned for nearly 25 years and we need to ensure it is ready for the next 25.

Steps to support the Shop in 2026:

1. Read Frank Carter's Update and the offers highlighted by David :
2. Increase Frequent Visits:- Small, regular purchases from every household can collectively secure the shop's financial future.
3. Consider a Board Role:- We need a couple of new directors – there is no requirement for previous board experience
4. Volunteer Your Time:- Even a few hours a month behind the counter helps keep overhead costs low and community spirit high.
5. Finally, we would welcome someone who could do some regular marketing pieces for the shop.

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NOTTON POST OFFICE & SHOP

New Year, New Numbers, and Amazing Offers!

We've updated our contact details! You can now reach us at:

Shop: 01226 491943. Post Office: 02920 053064

Upcoming

Get ready for Valentine's Day (Feb 14) and Mother's Day (March 15) with our new range of luxury chocolates and unique gifts for Mum.

Wine Lovers Rejoice!

Take 10% OFF Laithwaites wines now through March 31st!

As a local shop, your support is our lifeblood. We need and appreciate your business more than ever.

Come see what's new on the shelves!

David

NEWS FROM THE SHOP – Notes from the Chair

It is perhaps a little late to wish you a Happy New Year, but nevertheless I hope you have had a lovely Festive period and 2026 is treating you well.

Trading at the shop on the run up to Christmas was not very good, and the early part of January has been much the same. I accept the weather with storms and continued rain may have contributed.

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Last year the shop made a small loss, this was acceptable as we had spent money on equipment and repairs, not trading, but nevertheless it was expenditure which had to be covered.

At the recent Board meeting it was agreed that the full makeup of how the shop keeps trading shows that if we had to rely on shop sales the loss would clearly be five figures. The flat rent, Post Office income, and substantial donations from people who raise money in the village, and the volunteers, manage to keep the shop at about break even.

I find this disappointing as, six years after buying the shop we made an annual profit of six thousand pounds and were progressively able to pay off the mortgage.

The village has changed, we do not have the customer base, nor do I believe that we have the overwhelming desire to keep the shop. I even think there are shareholders who do not use the shop.

The shop desperately needs two new directors, if you can consider this role, which is not difficult, please contact me.

Someone must be ready to be the Chair, at my age I could fall off the perch at any time.

The shop will continue for a few years on the downward trend unless something changes, it's up to you.

May I once again thank the volunteers, the staff, but mainly the customers, and hope for a better future.

Finally can I thank the shareholders who have allowed us to send out the Annual report by email. It really does help reduce admin and cost. If any other shareholders would like to receive the report by email just inform Dennis on Dennis.Gillibrand@gmail.com

NOTTON TENNIS CLUB

The inclement weather we have experienced over the winter has prevailed over turnout this past season. Nevertheless our most valiant members have persisted. You may have seen us out in jackets, hats and gloves, battling the elements yet still enjoying the game - or maybe sometimes the sense of accomplishment. Looking ahead to the welcome return of spring, the club will be back in motion, with open sessions for all who wish to play.

From April, we will be playing

Mixed Doubles - Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings

Ladies Doubles - Thursday morning

Mixed Doubles - Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon.

New members are always welcome. To those wondering how and where to begin, we hope to add to these sessions this year, so that all members - both the young and less experienced - can come on board, together. So now is the time. Schedules are not easy to bring together these days, but if you, or a family member or friend, have ever considered playing, and there's a time when you would like to play, we'd love to hear from you. Just contact us with your suitable days/times, along with your level of play, and we will aim to create a few more groups of like-minded players that can grow in strength and solidarity. We would especially like to hear from our growing number of junior members and parents so that they might begin to turn up and play together.

Do get in touch if you are interested in joining. You can drop in to one of our sessions for a chat, or contact us via our website below. We offer free taster sessions and good rates of membership - Seniors £70, Juniors (18 years and under) £20. For more details, see: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NottonTennisClub>

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NOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

- We were recently informed of a potential development near Bleakley Avenue consisting of 55 houses and 3 commercial units. A group has been set up by Bleakley residents to investigate this and there was an excellent presentation in the Village Hall on 3rd January. Many have objected and further work is being done on this topic. Public consultation finished on 13th January 2026. Information has been placed on the Parish Council website.
- Over the past few years, the Parish Council has commented on a number of planning applications for houses in the village, trying to modify them in terms of size, impact, and design. Despite always having the backing of our local ward members the WMDC planning people have generally ignored our comments. We do hope that the District Council will take note of the opposition to the Bleakley development.
- There have been several instances of vandalism around the village, particularly affecting the Green and the cricket area. The perpetrators appear to be using off road bikes and causing mindless damage. Work is still in progress to identify them with CCTV and police involvement. Hopefully they will be brought to justice.
- Fly tipping is still an issue, mainly on Smawell lane. Several measures are being considered to try and identify the fly tippers and to provide a deterrent.
- For the next year the Parish Council has decided to keep the Precept at the same level.
- On a brighter note, as we think of Spring, we have been looking at hanging baskets for 2026. We have decided to go with the same providers and hope the early order will enable them to put them up earlier.

NOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Once again, a huge thank you to the committee for all their hard work in ensuring that we have a warm and welcoming community hub that we can be extremely proud of as a village. Without these facilities, and the dedicated team of volunteers that maintain them, we would not be able to offer the diversity of sports, clubs and events - or, most importantly the simple social interactions that are so important in all our lives.

We are very lucky as a village to have this on our doorstep, and even more fortunate to have such willing volunteers to run it.

VILLAGE HALL RESILIENCE

In the last newsletter, I shared that we had successfully won our bid for funding from Northern Powergrid to help make our village more resilient during longer power outages and to enable the hall to offer a warm and welcoming place if needed.

I am delighted to say that the project was completed quickly and efficiently, with the installation of solar panels on the roof, together with battery backup and electrical storage. Thanks to the perseverance

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a number of committee members - including David Pywell, Phil & Darrel Cartwright, Bairbre Hepworth, Helen Jagger and Alison King - the initial teething problems have now been ironed out and the system is working well.

I don't want to tempt fate but we are ready for the first prolonged power outage!

NOTTON BONFIRE

We were lucky once again with the weather, which certainly helped the success of the evening, I'm sure you will all agree, however, that the Fireworks were the star of the show - made even more special with the addition of choreographed music.

We were also able to increase our donations to local charities this year, thanks to our extremely generous sponsor for the fireworks themselves. The very hard working Bonfire Committee enjoyed a morning in the hall last week (as I write this), brilliantly organised by Darrel Cartwright, meeting with representatives from Barnsley Hospice, Wakefield Hospice and Yorkshire Air Ambulance to present the 'giant' cheques, Photos can be found on the NVH website and the Bonfire page,

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the event, we were also able to make donations to the Village Shop and a couple of other Clubs who have supported us as Bonfire volunteers throughout the year and on the night. Once again this event would not have been possible without not only the organising committee, but also the many kind and generous villagers and their families who gave up part - or in some cases all - of their weekend to help with the preparations, the event itself, or the clear up the following day - it was VERY MUCH APPRECIATED - THANK YOU!

And just to add all the volunteers really enjoyed it.... I promise it is good fun.

We have already booked Optimum Fireworks again for this year so please put Saturday 7th November in your calendars.

Melissa Sclater

VILLAGE HALL - Social and Fundraising Committee

Although we are now into January as I write this I must thank on behalf of the committee all villagers and friends who supported our Christmas events in December 2025.

Looking ahead on Friday 6th March local singer Oliver Harris has been booked again. He proved a very popular night last year. Tickets will go sale priced at £20.00 a head . This also includes a supper in the evening. Don't delay and get your tickets booked.

As our Christmas quiz proved so popular and by demand we're doing an early summer Quiz - Friday 1st May in the village hall with a supper to keep those brains whirring. Tickets will go on sale in March at £12.50 a head. Teams of six and we'll match you if you don't have a team. This will be led by our summer quizmaster Mick. (Don't worry if you miss it we'll have a Christmas quiz next December.)

Sunday 10th May is a Picnic in the Pastures for all ages. Bring a picnic , and a rug sit and enjoy the view , bird watching and a plant stall and see how this space is evolving for the village

The coffee mornings are continuing to run on the first Monday of each month . All ages welcome – plenty of room for prams too.

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Next dates : February 2nd, March 2nd, April 13th (later due to Easter) , May 11th.

As part of our coffee mornings we are hoping to organise a Saturday morning community coffee morning in April date to be confirmed . All ages welcome. Please see the shop notice board and social media for times.

Alison King

NOTTON 200 CLUB

Since the last newsletter the new cycle for 200 Club has started. A big thank you to all the collectors and to all those who have purchased 190 numbers - a fantastic number. At the last village hall meeting I presented a cheque from 200 Club to the village hall for £1250. This was more than I had predicted as there were accumulated carry overs from previous years to boost the total.

The following draws have taken place:

September 2025

£50	72	M Crowther.	£20	39	P Batty.	£20	49	K Thomas
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October 2025

£50	183	P McGraynor.	£20	80	W Tai.	£20	117	D Abbott
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November 2025

£50	10	F Carter.	£20	95	L Worth.			
£20	67	T Butler						

Eleanor Turner

NOTTON SPORTS & SOCIAL PAVILION

Pavilion Hire Availability

Following on from the previous Sports & Social Pavilion report featured in last September's Newsletter, I would like to provide an update regarding the status of the Sports & Social Pavilion.

Due to the increased and additional hire needs from our regular hirers, there is currently not enough availability to accommodate ad hoc hirers. For now, the pavilion is unable to accept bookings for birthday celebrations, baby showers, and private dinner parties. However, the Village Halls remain available for hosting these types of events.

This situation could change in the future, depending on whether any of our regular hirers decide to terminate their contracts.

Regular Hire Updates

Our regular hire news:

Notton Cricket Club (NCC)

The Notton Cricket Club (NCC) enjoyed a highly successful 2025 season, culminating in a thrilling playoff final. The team needed to win their division (Division 4) to become league leaders, and they accomplished this goal. As a result of their league victory and restructuring within the Pontefract & District League, NCC has now been promoted to Division 2.

To build on their recent achievements and encourage new members to join, NCC is planning a six-week trial of T20 games. These matches will be held on Tuesday evenings during April and May.

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Notton Challengers (NCH)

Notton Challengers (NCH), who competed in Division 2 of the Pontefract & District League, also had a successful season. Their efforts culminated in a closely contested playoff final, which they won by 25 runs, earning them the Beaumont Trophy for 2025. NCH has now been promoted to the Championship Division.

With both teams looking forward to the 2026 cricket season, there is plenty of excitement ahead.

Cricket enthusiasts from the village are warmly invited to attend match days and support the teams.

The Rainbow Care Club

The Rainbow Care group has now fully settled in and continues to thrive. Their success has led to the addition of a new club day on Wednesdays. The club offers a variety of activities designed to help slow the progression of dementia and related illnesses.

The club meets in the Pavilion every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

For more information about the group, please visit their website or contact:

Wakefield@therainbowcaregroup.com

West Bretton Junior FC

West Bretton Junior Girls FC are now well established in Notton and are enjoying the Pavilion's facilities. They hire the Sports pitch on alternate Saturday mornings throughout their season, which concludes just before the cricket season begins.

All young football fans in the village are encouraged to come by and watch these talented players in action.

Further Information and Bookings

To find out more about the Pavilion's facilities, please visit the website: www.nottonvillagehall.uk (see the "facilities" page).

To book or arrange a viewing of the Pavilion, contact Bairbre Hepworth at nvh.hire@gmail.com

Thank you

Bairbre Hepworth

NOTTON CRICKET CLUB

Notton CC are preparing for life in Division 2 of the Pontefract District Cricket League for the 2026 season, after securing a hard fought promotion. NCC were crowned division 4 champions for 2025. I know this sounds like a typo, going from division 4 to 2 but there has been a league restructure and we are delighted to be competing at a higher level!

Also, due to demand at the club we are delighted to announce that we are competing in the Tuesday evening league, with fast paced, 20-over cricket coming live from the ground! Fixtures will be available on the Village Hall website and our Facebook page for you to follow along throughout the season. We are on the look-out for players as always so please don't hesitate to get in touch, via phone or email!

Planned events for the 2026 season are:

Sunday 17th May - Car Boot Sale

Sunday 28th June - Annual Car and Bike Gathering

Sunday 26th July - Car Boot Sale

Sunday 13th September - Car Boot Sale

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Winter Indoor Nets begin Wednesday 25th of February, for 6 weeks from 19:30-20:30 at Stumps Indoor Cricket Centre, Wakefield. On the conclusion of the winter nets, we will begin outdoor nets at the ground from 18:00 until late. We are always on the look-out for sponsors, and anything you can give to support us would be fantastic. We have recently had a small grant, and are looking to further increase our offering at the club with an electronic score board! Please do get in touch if you are able to help the club out for the future of village cricket.

Yours in Sport. Warren Schofield. Notton CC Chairman
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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 220 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 both Notton's WhatsApp Groups are expected to treat other 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

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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://nottonvillagehall.uk)

If you are involved with running events, clubs, activities which are published on the website please remember to review your posts regularly 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**

KUNG FU CLUB

The Fire Dragon Kung Fu Club meets 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.

The emphasis is on fun and fitness, as well as developing skills.

The Club extends a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us - please just come along and see what we do.



NOTTON GOLF DAY - September 2025

A lovely sunny day saw 16 Notton golfers tackle the championship course at Wakefield Golf Club. We saw some good golf, average golf and of course the usual rubbish golf. Refreshments were served at the halfway house by our regular golfing groupies Naomi and Margaret Green. We all returned with partners and several guests for a delicious two course meal and a couple of fun games, followed by a glittering awards ceremony. Elaine Blain managed to oust the current champion Geoff Nicholson to win the Michael Broadhead trophy. The non certified handicap trophy was won by Mr. Don Ward. The team competition was won by Jim Dickinson, Phil Cartwright, Andy Taylor and Rick Archbell.

This fun event has been running now for 12 years and is open to all Notton residents of any golfing ability to either play or just come along for the evening meal. Details of this year golf day in September will be announced on the Forum and in the Newsletter.

Looking forward to welcoming some new faces along with the old faces!!

Mick Blain President (self elected!) Notton Golf Society.

NOTTON PASTURES

The winter months are always quiet for the Pastures Committee but we're pleased to report that the horse grazing is going well and the Pastures continues to be well used. In Spring we are planning another Picnic in the Pastures event following on from the last successful one in 2023. The date agreed is Sunday 10th May 1.00 - 4.00pm and details will be circulated on the Notton Forum WhatsApp group and Notton Neighbours FB page in due course. For now please put the date in your diary.

If you wish to know more about the Pastures or get involved please just get in touch with one of us.

Colin & Jan Bryant - 7222851 Peter Crafer - 727862 Steve & Helen Jaggar - 725904

Peter & Anne Taylor - 722155 Rick & Christine Archbell - 722537

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Did you know.... THE BARNESLEY CANAL

Work started digging the Barnsley Canal in 1793, and took around six years. It was constructed to take coal from Barnby, near Cawthorne, to connect to the Aire and Calder Navigation at Heath Common. "Our" local stretch runs just to the east of Old Royston, passing under Navy Lane at the High Bridge. Although much of the waterway is now dry the towpath still provides a good walk/cycleway from Walton to Shaw Lane south of Royston.

The canal was fed from the reservoirs at Winterset and Cold Heindley, and the level section between Walton Locks and Monk Bretton is one of the longest "pounds" in Britain. The rock cuttings between Walton and Old Royston were major civil engineering works at the time.

The canal was abandoned in 1953, ironically due to mining subsidence, although by then it had lost most of its trade to the railways.

Peter Taylor

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Here's a schedule of the current regularly held events; - Please check individually with the Organiser of your event below before you attend, both to confirm the event is open and 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 Fidgets Spinners Puppy Training and Tricks and Obedience Dog Training	Mondays 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm from 12th May Puppy classes - from 16 weeks to 8 months Mondays 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm from 12th May Dog class - from one year onwards (Booking necessary) Alison - 07900 302849 or email fidgetsspinners@hotmail.com
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 - 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 1:30 - 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: 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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