

 **SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER** 

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WOOTTON PARK

- ☼ The warmer weather is finally here and the Park is in full growing season! We have renamed our green gym activity to 'Green Fingered Volunteers' and meet on the Park on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month during June and July, come and join us!
- ☼ Although crime has been relatively low on the Park recently, we are working to obtain 3 quotes to install CCTV around the Pavilion, this has been discussed with the Police who have helped to advise of the most suitable location.
- ☼ You may have seen that the cycle restrictors are looking a little worse for wear, we are planning to replace them and are currently looking at designs and quotes.
- ☼ An application has been made to the Borough Council for grant funding to hard core the surface of the car park off Cranmer Ave, this should ensure that at least 28 cars can be parked there all year round, we are hopeful of a favourable outcome to our bid.
- ☼ We are aware that in the wet weather there is an issue of flooding in the area, this is something we are looking at and hope to resolve before the bad weather at the end of the year.

Lastly, enjoy the good weather and summer warmth – we all need it!

Will Border

Chairman - Wootton Park Association

Wootton Park 200 Club – YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



The 200 Club is still very much 'open for business'. If you would like to become a member then applications for this can be found at;

www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk or email info@southwoottonpc.co.uk

Or telephone 01553 671692 for more details, Monday to Friday, between 8am and 12 midday. It costs £24 per year, and a draw is made monthly and first, second and third cash prizes are awarded. Last month the top prize was £46.80. The more members we have, the higher the cash prize!

Recent months winners include;

For March

1st Prize, £48 – E Roper
2nd Prize, £36 – J Willey
3rd Prize, £24 – P Brennan

For April

1st Prize, £48.00 – W Border
2nd Prize, £36.00 – J Smith
3rd Prize, £24.00 – S Pearman

For May

1st Prize, £46.80 – M Kirby
2nd Prize, £35.10 – D Gotts
3rd Prize, £23.40 – D Roper

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in playing an active part in your community and feel you can help us to make a difference then please get in touch with any of the Councillors or the Clerk for an informal chat and to find out more. No experience is required, just enthusiasm and a little bit of time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

North Wootton Parish Council is going to write a neighbourhood plan and we are currently telling people what we are doing and reaching out to all parishioners asking for help and support throughout the project.

A neighbourhood plan is a community led planning framework for guiding further development, regeneration and conservation in the area. Once completed and adopted it will help shape decisions about the use and development of land and buildings within our Parish.

We cannot write this alone and need your input!

Soon we will be looking to form a Steering Group of volunteers containing about 8 people with different skill sets to represent all areas of the Parish.

Some examples of skills and experience needed fall into the following general areas;

- Local knowledge and information
- National, town and country planning
- Local business experience
- Stakeholder representatives eg Education, Health Service and the Church
- Finance
- Project Management
- Report writing and presentation
- Contacts within the community

Later on the Steering Group will write a Project Plan, outlining how we are going to engage with the community moving forward. Following that a Vision Statement for the Neighbourhood Plan will be written – an overarching statement, or series of statements, describing what we want North Wootton to look like for the next 20 years.

In the coming weeks and months we will hold consultation events in the Village Hall and invite you all to have a say in telling us what you love about where you live and what you would do to make it even better!

If you would like to find out more about how to get involved or put your name forward for the Steering Group, then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

DUCK CROSSING SIGN



This Spring has seen many families of ducks in the village with mother ducks trying to negotiate roads and busy areas with their young. In addition to the signage already near Woodland Gardens, a sign has been put near Bede Close on All Saints Drive and at the north end of the village near The Green. We hope this will alert motorists to watch their speed and be aware of the movement of ducks.

When the sign was being put up a family came and gave us their approval!

UPDATE ON THE BUS SHELTER

Following on from the consultation which was included in the Autumn 2020 newsletter the Parish Council discussed the placement of a bus shelter on Manor Road. Only 16 responses were received and although 13 of those were in favour, passenger figures from the bus company showed a low number of people using the stop. The quoted cost of £7-8k and the potential for vandalism, it was thought that it did not equate to best value for money. The Councillor vote was close, but went in favour of not proceeding any further with this project.

REPORTING CRIME IN THE VILLAGE

Unfortunately we do experience instances of crime in the village and often they are discussed on social media and then the Parish Council is contacted and asked if we can do something about it. The police are unable to act upon third hand information after the event. The best way to report an issue that is non urgent is by calling 101 or by emailing the local beat managers

at SNTHunstantonandBurnham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

A first-hand account with details and even photographs are helpful to the police and they have a much better chance of dealing with and resolving problems. (Please be aware that your Beat Managers will work a shift pattern so there may be a couple of days delay in response). Non-emergency reports can also be made direct via the website at www.norfolk.police.uk.

However, if you feel in danger and in an emergency always dial 999.

Gaywood Library – is now OPEN!

The staff look forward to welcoming you back! Services on offer include;

- Pre-order a selection of up to 10 books for adults for free through Select and Collect Use the online form at norfolk.spydus.co.uk or call 01603 774777
- Collect reservations and Borrow our Grab and Go selection book bags
- Book one 60-minute session per day on a computer. To book a session or if you need any help using our computers, call 01603 774777
- Collect Tricky Period products and Toiletries To Go
- Return items through the drop box or self-service kiosks
- Download the FREE Spydus app to check out books on your smartphone
- Download eBooks, audio books, newspapers and magazines by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

Some changes have been made to keep you safe,

- There is no 'Open Library' access
- Please bring your library card with you or join in the library or online
- You may be asked for details to help with Test and Trace
- You will need to wear a face covering in the library and follow the one-way system for social distancing
- Hand sanitiser is available for use on the way in and out of the library
- Surfaces and computers will be regularly wiped down
- Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours,
- Sorry, there are no newspapers, magazines or seats in the library and the toilet is not available.

There are some changes to the opening hours

- Monday: 10am – 6pm · Tuesday: 10am – 6pm · Wednesday: Closed · Thursday: 10am – 6pm · Friday: 10am – 6pm · Saturday: 10am – 4pm · Sunday: Closed

More information is available at - www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

STREET LIGHTS

To report a faulty street light, please notify the Clerk as the Parish is responsible for their maintenance not Norfolk County Council. If you can provide the exact location, ie the house number which the street light is nearest this is very helpful. The Clerk's contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.00 pm, in North Wootton Village Hall, (no meeting is held in August). **Currently we have measures in place to ensure the hall adheres to guidance to minimise the exposure to attendees of COVID-19. If you wish to attend a meeting you must wear a face mask and follow social distancing rules. You will be asked to register for track and trace.**

You can raise any matters which are in the province of the Parish Council within the items called Open Forum.

If you prefer not to attend a meeting in person at the moment, but have an issue you would like to raise then please contact the Clerk, she can bring this to the attention of the Council on your behalf.

Listed below are all Councillors names and addresses should you wish to contact them;

Mr John Marshall-Grint - Chair (Vice-Chairman & Vice-Finance Officer)	Harvest House, Station Road	631163
Mr Will Border (Finance Officer)	71 Hayfield Road	673643
Mr Derek Cox	2 Cranmer Avenue	671195
Mr John Merrey	3 Cranmer Avenue	674374
Mr Malcolm Edwards	15 Cuthbert Close	672616
Mr Simon Kilham (Trinity Hospital Rep)	York House, The Green	631297
Mrs Bridget Nurse	Church Farm Barns, Nursery Lane	670203
Mr Keith Simpson	11 Old Rectory Close	07502 195465
Mr Jason Harper	5 Hayfield Road	671218
Mr Antony Lamb	Wisteria Cottage, Priory Lane	07450 509980
Mr Marc Melton	26 Woodland Gardens	07821 668998
Vacant Position		
The Clerk: Mrs Rachel Curtis	2 Ullswater Ave, South Wootton northwoottonpc@outlook.com	673043

The Planning Committee consists of Councillors Cox, Merrey and Edwards

Wootton Park Members: Councillors Border (Chairman), Marshall-Grint and Nurse

Village Hall Representatives: Councillors Border, Nurse, Harper, Lamb and Marshall-Grint