

NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

AUTUMN 2021 NEWSLETTER

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WOOTTON PARK



We will be holding an event on the park next year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee,
Save the date **Friday 3rd June 2022**

We are asking for volunteers and local organisations to be involved and make it a
fabulous community event, so please get in touch to find out more!

- ★ In the next few weeks the Wootton Park car park at the bottom of Cranmer Avenue will be dug out and hardcore put in with shingle. This will make it an all weather car park. I applied for a grant for this and it was successful, with both South and North Wootton Parish Councils and the Woottons Football Club contributing to it as well. Hopefully this will be good news so the car park can be used during the winter when the weather is at its worst and help with the parking issues on the roads around this area.
- ★ We are in the process of having a tree survey done on all the trees in the Park. This will ultimately bring up issues with trees and the most dangerous ones may need to be taken down, this is for the safety of everyone using the Park. If you do see the tree surgeon on the park working, this is the reason. With this in mind and also to replace trees which were taken down from the last tree survey, we will be planting some new trees very soon. Please help to keep these new trees safe and sound during the early days of their growth.

Will Border

Chairman - Wootton Park Association

TODDLER PLAY AREA – WOOTTON PARK

Work is currently progressing on the refurbishment project for the infant play area at Wootton Park. Grant funding has been applied for and you may be aware that we recently asked for residents feedback. This is an exciting project to replace some of the equipment which is tired and worn out and possibly resurface the area. More details to follow and look out on social media for updates.

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 July

1st Prize, £45.60 – J Skipper

2nd Prize, £33.90 – C Marsten

3rd Prize, £22.60 – V Brown

For August

1st Prize, £45.60 – M Kirby

2nd Prize, £33.90 – D Cracknell

3rd Prize, £22.60 – P Harris

For Sept

1st Prize, £45.60 – J Townsend

2nd Prize, £33.90 – W Border

3rd Prize, £22.60 – J Harper



NEW BENCH



You may have seen the new bench which is situated on the Manor Road, Priory Lane junction. This was kindly donated in memory of Nancy and John Smith by their family.

“Nancy lived most of her life in North Wootton. As a child her parents lived in a couple of different houses in the village but they finally settled in the cottage next to North Wootton church, in what was then, a tied cottage to the farm next door. When Nancy married John they chose to both reside in the village where Nancy worked on the farm for Henry Towler and latterly as a cook at the House on the Green. They happily resided in the village until John passed away in 1994, they were married for over 40 years. Nancy remained in the village with her family until she passed away in February this year aged 88. Most of Nancy’s family, including her brother, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren reside in the Woottons.” Written by Amber Winston

NEW DEFIBRILATOR IN THE VILLAGE

An external defibrillator has been purchased by the **West Norfolk Rugby Club** and fitted to their clubhouse for the benefit of members and visitors to the club and for the wide local community. Additional defibrillators can be found at the Village Hall and at Wootton Park, on the Pavilion.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have 2 vacancies 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

The Clerk has been completing the administrative tasks needed to begin work on the neighbourhood plan. Very soon we will start to include all of you! We will be holding community events where you can come and tell us what you love about where you live, what you want to keep and what you might like to change. We are looking forward to this exciting project which will give the PC powers to shape how our community develops.

STREETLIGHTS

The Parish council has recently obtained some grant funding to help with the cost of replacing the streetlight lamps with LEDs. This replacement programme will start shortly and will provide a better service reliability and lower maintenance costs as well as being more energy efficient than traditional bulbs. The light output will be very similar to that of the existing bulbs.

SPEEDING

Speeding continues to be an issue around the village, it is something we are aware of and All Saints Drive and Priory Lane are particular problem areas, and in the duck breeding season we see many sad cases of birds being hit. One way in which we can try and tackle the problem is to set up a speed watch group. The PC has received a few expressions of interest to form a group, but at least 6-8 people are needed to run it successfully. If you are interested in finding out more then please get in touch.

E-Scooters & The Law

We have seen e-scooters being ridden around the village, this is a reminder of the law from Norfolk Constabulary.

- You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

- E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal

requirements such as MOT, Licencing, Tax and Insurance.

- As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Gaywood Library – is OPEN!

With the easing of restrictions events are slowly restarting:

- Knit and Knatter every Friday 10.30am
- Audio Book Group meeting monthly on Thursdays 2pm - 3.30pm 2nd September, 7th October, 11th November, 9th December
- Bounce and Rhyme time sessions are back on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.40am
- Scrabble and Chess are due to restart again soon.

More information is available at - www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries or call 768498

STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE REPORTING

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). 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;

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| 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 |
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| 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

Please turn over for the Village Hall Newsletter