

 **AUTUMN 2022 NEWSLETTER** 

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## WOOTTON PARK

- ✿ We have now completed the toddlers play area! We have seen many children using it so we hope it will be a great success. We did have an overspend of £9,500 due to the flooring increasing in price, but we made the decision to go ahead and complete the job. The shortfall has been funded by using money from various accounts associated with the Park. £2,500 from the Picnic on the Park account, £2,000 from the 200 Club, and £500 was kindly donated by North Wootton Village Hall from the £1,500 good will gesture received from Anglian Water for the disruption in August. The remainder of the shortfall will be met by North and South Wootton Parish Councils. A big thank you to all of you that gave some money on the “Just Giving” page, your generosity is much appreciated.
- ✿ The new car park at the end of Sandbach Road is now in use. This backs onto Nine Acre field by Wootton Park behind the new housing estate and is a public car park with 24 spaces and is open all the time. It may appear that the gates are shut but they are not locked, just push them open. Access to this car park should ease the parking issues for the football club on match days. Please be considerate of our neighbours near the car park in Cranmer Avenue and All Saints Drive, if the main Wootton Park car park is full, try the Sandbach Road car park, it is only a walk across the field to get to Wootton Park, on a path too, if you don't want to get your feet wet!
- ✿ South Wootton in Bloom entered Wootton Park into the competition Anglian In Bloom as part of their wider submission and we were awarded the silver gilt medal, our thanks to all those involved.
- ✿ We have now stopped the ‘Green Fingert Gym’ for this year, thank you to all who supported us this season and just gave up a bit of time to volunteer to do little jobs on the park, to help with the upkeep. We hope you have enjoyed using the park this summer and the open space that it provides.

If you would like to be more actively involved, have any issues, or if you wish to join the 200 club, please contact me on 07701381555

*Will Border - Chairman - Wootton Park Association*



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

Monthly draws take place for the 200 Club, with 3 prizes awarded.

If you would like to become a member then applications for this can be found at;  
[www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.north-woottonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk) or email [info@southwoottonpc.co.uk](mailto: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. Last month the top prize was £46.40.

The more members we have, the higher the cash prize!

Recent months winners include;

#### *Winners for May*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – A Gay  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – T Fordham  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – G Chilvers

#### *Winners for June*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – J Harper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – W Border  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – C Marston

#### *Winners for July*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – G Skipper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – W Border  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – C Dale

#### *Winners for August*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – D Price  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – H Malik  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – D Coleman

#### *Winners for September*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – V Brown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – K Banks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – M Kirby



## NORTH WOOTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work is progressing on the Neighbourhood Plan with the steering group reviewing the first draft in September. More information needs to be gathered on local views and green spaces and buildings important to the village.

We welcome community input, so if you have any thoughts on a specific area in the village that you would like to see preserved then please get in touch with the Clerk.

### STREETLIGHTS – WE NEED YOUR VIEWS



The scheme to replace the streetlamps to LED's is now complete and the PC will benefit from some savings as the lighting is now more energy efficient. But taking into account the increases in energy prices there is uncertainty at the moment in calculating just how much bills will change.

*The Parish Council is considering reducing the number of hours the streetlights are illuminated at night.*

*A suggested switch off is between midnight and 5.30am in the winter.*

Not only would this help to reduce energy costs, but also align with the dark skies policy in the neighbourhood plan to limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light.

*Please let the PC know what you think of this idea we would like to hear residents thoughts before we discuss this further, please contact the Clerk*

### DRAINAGE/FLOODING ISSUES

The Parish Council has been in conversation with the local Water Management Alliance to discuss drainage issues in the village. The Boards officers have spoken to some landowners to discuss drainage and remedial action and NCC Highways have scheduled in some works for Marsh Road.

We need your help to build a picture of problem areas and to identify precise locations where flows in the drainage network may be impeded due to obstructions. The Parish Council would like to mark up these points of concern on a map with a view to being able to look into this further. If you are aware of or live near an area of concern, which may now become evident as the wetter weather begins, then please let the Clerk know.

We have been asked by the Alliance to issue a reminder to all owners of riparian (private) watercourses in the Parish that now is the time to ensure that channels are clear of vegetation and accumulated silt, particularly around pipe intakes and outfalls. There is further advice about riparian responsibilities on the gov.uk website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse> It is important for residents to understand that even if a watercourse is located outside their plot boundary or title plan (i.e. adjacent to a fence), they may have a shared responsibility for keeping a watercourse in good working order under common law.

Thank you for your help.

### OVERHANGING TREES/HEDGES

At this time of year trees and hedges can often grow over your garden boundary and overhang onto public footpaths. Please be aware of this and trim back if necessary so that pedestrians, especially those with buggies or in wheelchairs can pass easily – thank you.

## Creative Arts East are offering free Creative Activities to the over 50's



Sessions are held in South Wootton Village Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, they are free of charge and refreshments are available.

Sessions are held generally between 1-3pm but some are 10am-12pm.

Previous activities - Caribbean Dancing, Folk Singing, African Drumming and creative writing!

For more information and book a place-

contact Lauren 01953 713390 / 07359 099950 or email [lauren@creativeartseast.co.uk](mailto:lauren@creativeartseast.co.uk)

### **Gaywood Library**

The library continues to offer some excellent services and community clubs – regular clubs are found below, but there are many more activities available to try -

Thursday Café for the Bereaved - Weekly at 11.00am ~~~ Colour me Calm – Tuesdays at 10.30am

Just A Cuppa— Tuesdays 2.00pm ~~~ Knit and Natter - Fridays 10.30am

Bounce and Rhyme time - Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.40am

If you wish to contact the Library to find out more telephone – 01553 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.

### **THE 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;

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 Jim Blood	Caldale, Nursery Lane	07709 447036
Mr Simon Lemmon	5 Meadow Close	07918 882215
The Clerk - Mrs Rachel Curtis	2 Ullswater Ave, South Wootton	673043

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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