



**WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER**



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**WOOTTON PARK**

It is with great sadness that we have heard that Alan Blake has passed away. For those of you that saw Alan out and about in the park with his long grey beard and his bike, will know he would be out early every morning, always picking up any litter left on the park. We enjoyed our chats with Alan, he had a fountain of knowledge concerning the village past and present, we will miss him very much, he did so much for our Park and village. We send our thoughts and condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.

**SAVE THE DATE – PICNIC ON THE PARK 2023!**

To be held on **Saturday 10th June** from 11am to 5pm on Wootton Park.

\*Live music \*Local bands \*DJ's \*Stalls \*Inflatables & Rides \* Fun Dog show

There will be a Bar, BBQ and lots more!

If you would like more information or would like to know how to volunteer to help out please get in touch on the e-mail below.

[wendy@northwoottonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:wendy@northwoottonvillagehall.org.uk)

The Park is a green space for all to enjoy, therefore we would like to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs and place waste in the appropriate bins on the Park. There are several bins in place so where ever you are on the Park you will not need to walk far!

If you would like to be more actively involved in any part of the Park maintenance, 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.

This year there will be 5 prizes per month. The top prize is £40 and then 4 prizes of £20 each.

This means there is even more chance for you to be a winner!

Recent month's winners include;

*Winners for October*      *Winners for November*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – A Walder      1<sup>st</sup> Prize – J Steeds

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – L Adams      2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – C Harper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – M Pollard      3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – J Marrow



## NORTH WOOTTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at the stage of public consultation. A draft has been submitted to the Borough Council and we need your views too!

The public consultation will run from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

During this time stakeholders will be invited to make comments and the documents will be available on the Parish Council website for you, our residents to give your feedback. We want to know what you think of the policies we have included for future development within the Parish and if you agree with the local views we have highlighted as being of importance.



This QR code will take you to the survey to complete online. As we did with the initial surveys, you can complete these on paper too, copies will be available at Meadow Stores and at the Glass House Bistro and once completed they can be returned there for us to collect.

**We will be holding a public consultation event for residents**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall from 10am – 12pm**

**Please come along to find out more, we will have lots of information and you can speak to members of the steering group who will be able to answer any questions you may have and guide you through the Plan.**

### 2022 Update from our Chairman

During 2022 your Parish Council has been busy working to improve our community.

- ★ During the last year we have made great progress to secure the purchase of the triangle of land on Priory Lane for the village, this will be maintained as a green space for all to enjoy.
- ★ The project to install more efficient and environmentally friendly LED lamps through the village has been completed.
- ★ We have new village notice boards and projects to install new village gateway signs and SAM 2 signs to help reduce speeding motorists are moving towards completion.
- ★ A CIL application was gained for the hardcore of the Wootton Park car park and the work completed to a good standard. Parents of players are encouraged to use this on match days.
- ★ We still have issues with heavy haulage coming through the village and the PC has met with representatives from the landowners to make them aware and try to improve the situation during the harvesting season.
- ★ Grants were received for Platinum Jubilee and Xmas celebrations, the Village Hall porch extension and the Wootton Park toddler play area which have added greatly to our village life. Regular work on the day to day running of Wootton Park and the village greens including tree planting and grounds maintenance, security and duck crossing signs continues.
- ★ Village Hall events continue to keep our village spirit and we thank the management committee for their continued work.

**Village Green Parking – a polite reminder that parking on village greens is not permitted, this is becoming an issue especially in the areas at the north end of the village. The PC tries to maintain these areas as pleasant spaces and continued parking there in wet weather is damaging the ground.**

## **LOCAL ELECTIONS – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

The Borough Council Local Elections will take place in May with the village hall as our local polling station.

This year Photo ID will be required to enable you to cast your vote. Acceptable forms of ID include -

- UK-issued driving licence or passport – this can be out of date as long as the photo still looks like you
- Bus pass
- Blue badge
- PASS proof of age card

If you do not have any of these forms of identification then the Borough Council will help you to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate – call 01553 616200 for more information.

### **Village Litter Bins – Dog Waste**

We have had issues with dog waste being placed in the litter bins around the village, it often makes the bin bags heavy to empty and also unpleasant for those using it as a normal litter bin. The Parish Council always tries to place dog waste bins in suitable locations, and often through public consultation a place which we think would benefit from a bin is met with objection from those living near it and therefore we cannot proceed. As the weather is hopefully getting nicer and more people are out and about please can we ask that you use the appropriate bins provided. Many thanks.

### **The Borough Council are encouraging us all to use our food waste bins**

Don't forget the food waste bin is for all food products. The following are examples you may put in:

- cooked food
- veg peelings
- leftover pet food
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- egg shells
- bones and shellfish
- fruit cores and peel
- dairy products

### ***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

[northwoottonpc@outlook.com](mailto:northwoottonpc@outlook.com)

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