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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton.

	The Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory meeting of the parish electorate (Local Government Act 1972, Part 1, s9(1)). It is not a parish council meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1st March and 1st June (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p14(1)). The parish council chairman calls the meeting and if present, chairs the meeting (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p15(1) + p17(1). If the parish council chairman is absent, the vice-chairman if present, shall preside. If neither are in attendance, the meeting may appoint a person to take the chair and for the purposes of this meeting, that person will have the powers and authority of the chairman (Local Government Act 1972, Sch12, Part III, p17(1) + (3). Parish meetings have a general power to discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions, however there is no prescribed format for this meeting and its recommendations are not binding on the parish council. Any such recommendations can, if appropriate to do so, be taken forward for consideration by the parish council or any of its committees. All local electors are entitled to speak and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting; others may attend but not speak or vote.
Present	Gareth Lloyd, Chairman Wootton Parish Council – in the chair; John Wheeler, Vice-Chairman Wootton Parish Council, Bedford Borough Councillor (including Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Joint Consultative and Negotiating Committee for Primary and Secondary Education), Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation, Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity Grants Committee, Forest of Marston Vale Grants Committee, Local Authority Governor – Wootton Lower School, Robert Edward (Bob) Lunniss Charity, St. John's Hospital Trust, Vice-Chairman of Governors – Wootton Upper School, Wootton Church and Poor's Land Charities; Gerald Bygraves, Member Wootton Parish Council; Bob Hensher, Member Wootton Parish Council; Jeff Noakes, Member Wootton Parish Council, Street Watch; Paul Quirk, Member Wootton Parish Council; Bob Wallace, Member Wootton Parish Council; Sue Playford, Clerk to Wootton Parish Council and Responsible Financial Officer;

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	Chris Ashpole, Royal British Legion; Jo Roberts, Forest of Marston Vale; Malcolm Chalmers, Speed Watch, Street Watch, Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme; Peta Stanton, Wootton Baptist Church; Rob Stanton, Wootton Baptist Church; Brian Pawlett, Wootton New Life Methodist Church; Kath Pawlett, Wootton New Life Methodist Church; Michael (and Shirley) Gleeson, Wootton Upper School; Keith Randell, Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre, Patient Participation Group.		
Agenda no	Agenda item title		Comments
APM19/001	Apologies for absence. Hazel Martin, Member Wootton Parish Council; Stuart O'Dell, Member Wootton Parish Council; Canon Peter Ackroyd, Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Wootton Church and Poor's Land Charities; Wootton Badminton Club; Chris Maher, Wootton Community First Response;		Noted for the minutes.
APM19/002	Minutes of the previous meeting. <i>Minutes are published on the Wootton Parish Council website:</i> http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/ . Members are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 2 nd May 2018.		The meeting agreed the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2 nd May 2018 were an accurate record.
APM19/003	To receive the following reports from Wootton Parish Council. - Chairman's report. - Financial report.		Gareth Lloyd reiterated a comment made at last year's meeting – parish council solicitors were still working on the lease agreement for the community centre. The parish council had now received funding from Persimmon Homes to operate the building, which would take formal bookings from June/July 2019. He reminded all present that information was regularly included in the quarterly Wootton newsletter and the annual report (the latter of which would contain maps of the entire village). It was noted (with thanks to Sheila Warman for the suggestion) an open air cinema event would be held on Friday 12 th July on land adjacent to the community centre. Two films would show at 4pm and 7pm. The following day, Saturday 13 th July, was the annual Fun Fest at the recreation ground, Church Road.

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		Gareth added an open event would be held on Friday/Saturday 17th/18th May at the community centre to publicise the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, ahead of the referendum anticipated towards the end of this year. A final questionnaire would also be delivered to all houses in the village. Approval of the Neighbourhood Plan would ensure only small pockets of development would be permitted in the future. Without the plan, Bedford Borough Council as local planning authority, would be able to approve much larger proposals. Sue Playford confirmed the year end accounts were being finalised before submission to the internal auditor and the relevant information would be included within the finance section of the annual report.
APM19/004	To receive reports from outside bodies. • Bedford Borough Council – Borough Councillor Wheeler; • Bedfordshire Police; • Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC); • Forest of Marston Vale.	<u>Forest of Marston Vale</u> Jo Roberts was first to speak after agenda item APM19/002. Her update for the year referenced the planting of 1,700 small trees, carried out by children from Wootton Lower School in the field adjacent to their site on Harris Way. Woodland had also been planted in Wilstead – some 5,000 trees would be in place by Winter 2019/20. Jo then added their Community Fund had grants up to £2,000 available for Wootton groups to access. Wootton Blue Cross and Wootton Upper School had benefitted from the scheme – Wootton Blue Cross purchased some five-a-side play equipment and Wootton Upper School had created a reflective garden for students to study outdoors. Jo was asked if there were any plans for Berry Wood. Whilst the Forest of Marston Vale had helped to plant it, it was actually a Bedford Borough Council asset. Jo was also asked if additional dog litter bins could be sited. She responded stating there had been an arrangement in place whereby Bedford Borough Council sited and emptied them, however the borough council had since removed them. The Forest of Marston Vale did not have the resources to install and then regularly empty them. It was understood a core group of people were repeat offenders and the Forest of Marston Vale were looking to raise awareness and educate people into picking up and properly disposing of their dog's mess. Sadly it was a perennial problem for all who managed green spaces.

		Bedford Borough Council – Borough Councillor John Wheeler Borough Councillor John Wheeler’s report was circulated ahead of this meeting. Refer to Appendix 1. He was asked about the signage on Fields Road, indicating works which started on 1st May. John confirmed the works were to widen the pavement from the Cock Inn PH down towards the Berryfields roundabout. Once those works were complete, a pedestrian crossing would be added adjacent to the doctor’s surgery and then the entire length of Fields Road was earmarked for resurfacing. John added the parish council had given a list of roads to Bedford Borough Council it considered suitable for average speed cameras. The borough council were now asking for input from Bedfordshire Police and Wootton Speed Watch, however Gareth added there was strong support from residents for cameras, with 69% in favour following an earlier Neighbourhood Plan survey. Sue Playford added a feasibility study had been carried out by Bedford Borough Council to establish whether a pavement could be added to the south side of Fields Road. John was asked about flooding on Cause End Road and he responded stating the drain had been compromised at two points. Bedford Borough Council’s investigations were ongoing. Paul Quirk added development elsewhere in the village may have caused water courses to alter, adding to the issue. John then stated planning permission had been granted for four shops within Berryfields and it was understood the Co-Op had expressed an interest in the larger unit. Works would begin in June/July this year, with a finish date of March 2020. John then added temporary monitoring litter bins were being put in place as follows: • Bedford Road/Keeley Lane corner; • Fields Road; • Lorraine Road Green; • Old A421 lay-by. Bedford Borough Council had agreed to monitor the rubbish over a six week period to establish where extra bins could be added, and whether those bins should be dual purpose to encourage better recycling.
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		It was noted residents were moving into the new bpha (Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association) extra-care facility on Fields Road. John was then asked if the borough council would consider remodelling works at the Bedford Road/Fields Road junction. Currently buses were having to pull across into oncoming traffic in order to turn left and continue along Church Road. John stated there were plans to consider re-routing the 53 bus which would resolve the problem. However, it was noted the borough council and developers had gone against the parish council's suggested route. Their proposal was for buses to travel down Fields Road and into the new estate towards Cranfield Road, the parish council had recommended buses travel up Fields Road, so passengers could board/alight by the doctor's surgery. <u>Bedfordshire Police</u> Bedfordshire Police's report was not circulated ahead of this meeting, but hard copies were available on the evening. Refer to Appendix 2. PCSO James Dancer had hoped to attend but was unable to. <u>Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC)</u> No report available.
APM19/005	To receive reports and/or accounts from village/local organisations.	<u>Speed Watch</u> Malcolm Chalmers reported regular patrols were carried out along Fields Road and they had been successful in slowing traffic. One resident had recently expressed an interest in joining the group and had been referred to Bedfordshire Police for training. He added the group would patrol elsewhere in the village, including Wootton Road into the village from Gibraltar Corner. Malcolm was asked if there was a risk that cars would speed along the new road from Cranfield Road to Fields Road. John Wheeler stated the road would be modelled to control speed; however it was noted it would be used as a short-cut through the village. Malcolm reiterated again he had yet to witness any buses speeding, despite repeated complaints from one resident, who had been asked on several occasions to join the patrol. This was seconded by John Wheeler who had on one occasion asked for all bus tachometers to be examined – none had

		travelled over the limit. <u>Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme</u> Malcolm reported the scheme was short on volunteers, especially those who could help transport wheelchair/mobility scooter users. The village agent Andrea MacAdam was encouraging others to join – all volunteers had to be DSB checked. <u>Street Watch</u> Jeff Noakes reported this scheme was also short on volunteers, especially as patrols had to be in pairs. They patrolled 2-3 times a month and were generally well received. Advertising for new recruits was ongoing. <u>Wootton Upper School</u> Michael Gleeson's report was circulated ahead of this meeting. Refer to Appendix 3. Michael added this thanks to Sheila Warman for her sterling work and energy alongside members of the WI – most notably with the poppy display at the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road. Sheila was unable to attend in person, but asked Sue Playford to pass on her thanks to all who were involved in the project. He also thanked Chris Ashpole for her support towards the school. <u>Wootton New Life Methodist Church</u> Refer to Appendix 4. Kath and Brian Pawlett added the annual Senior Citizens tea would be held at the Baptist Church on 14th May. <u>Wootton Village Hall</u> Bob Wallace stated the village hall was receiving more booking requests than ever before and it was hoped some would be referred to the Community Centre, once it was fully operational. <u>Robert Edward (Bob) Lunniss Charity</u> John Wheeler confirmed it would be a full lunch again this year, on 3rd December at the village hall. He thanked both the lower and upper schools
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		for their involvement and support towards the event. <u>Wootton Church and Poor's Land Charities</u> John Wheeler thanked the parish council for its continued support in paying on credits received from the recycling at the bottle bank. He added the charity did not just offer financial support – it was able to assist when needed in terms of benefits advice or form-filling. John added the Food Larder in Bedford was well received, with some 12 Wootton families using it every Thursday. Any volunteers to help bring the food from Bedford to Wootton Lower School would be welcome. <u>Royal British Legion</u> Chris Ashpole offered her thanks to all for their continued support. Sue Playford detailed proposed renovation/remedial works to the war memorial, which would include crack repairs, cleaning and the resetting of name plaques. <u>Wootton Baptist Church</u> Refer to Appendix 5. Rob and Peta Stanton added leaflets were being delivered, advertising all Easter services. <u>Wootton Patient Participation Group</u> Refer to Appendix 6. Keith Randell also confirmed there were no plans for shops to be built where the surgery currently was – the surgery still had control of the land and were still pushing for a permanent building. The following reports could not be delivered in person and are attached as follows: • St. Mary's Church. Refer to Appendix 7. • Wootton Community First Response. Refer to Appendix 8.
APM19/006	General Parish Issues.	It was asked whether parking restrictions (double yellow lines) could be added along Cause End Road, opposite Lorraine Road. It was noted Bedford Borough Council had yet to complete their obligations in terms of yellow lines agreed in 2015 and advisory white lines, proposed in 2018. Once the

			new shops were open in Berryfields it was hoped the traffic/parking situation outside the One Stop on Cause End Road would improve.
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Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Borough Councillor Cllr John Wheeler's Annual Report 2017/18

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Borough Councillor Annual Report 2018/19

There have been notable developments in relation to a range of significant issues in the past year:

Local Plan

The Council approved its Local Plan, determining sites for housing and employment growth, for submission to the Planning Inspectorate on the 5th December. Following the removal of the proposed Colworth Garden Village and its planned 2500 homes (because it was too close to the Santa Pod Raceway) the Local Plan period has been shortened from 2035 to 2030. That lowers the housing need figure from 7855 to a minimum of 3636.

The final allocations are set out in the below table taken from the report.

Policy 3S – Amount and distribution of housing development	
A minimum of 3,636 new dwellings will be allocated and distributed as follows:	
i.	Bedford urban area: 2,532 dwellings (of which 1,785 dwellings will be delivered by 2030)
ii.	Urban extensions: 210 dwellings
iii.	Stewartby strategic brownfield allocation: 1,000 dwellings (of which 100 dwellings will be delivered by 2030)
iv.	<i>Criterion deleted</i>
v.	Key service centres: 2,000 dwellings
vi.	Rural service centres: 260 dwellings
In the settlements listed below, it will be necessary to identify sites to meet the following levels of development, generally in and around defined Settlement Policy Area boundaries. Other than in Roxton, all sites will be allocated in Neighbourhood Development Plans:	
i	Bromham – 500 homes
ii	Clapham – 500 homes
iii	Great Barford – 500 homes
	Sharnbrook – 500 homes
iv	Carlton – 25-50 homes
v	Harrold – 25-50 homes
vi	Milton Ernest – 25-50 homes
vii	Oakley – 25-50 homes
viii	Roxton – 25-50 homes (see Policy 28)
ix	Turvey – 25-50 homes
	Willington – 25-50 homes

The Local Plan will now be examined by the Planning Inspectorate which will make comments and, where appropriate, suggestions for modifications so that it complies with national policies and legal requirements. Local authorities are not obliged to take on board the views of the Planning Inspector but doing so could ensure the Local Plan is deemed to be 'sound' should it be subject to legal challenge from developers in the future. Depending on the workload of the Planning Inspectorate at the time of submission, it is likely to take several months for the Council's Local Plan to be reviewed.

Council Budget

The Borough Council's budget was agreed at a meeting of councillors on the 6th February. It includes plans to increase Council Tax by 1.49%, with an additional 1% for the Adult Social Care precept; a £36.63 per year rise for the average Band D property.

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Demand for adult social care continues to be one of the main pressures on the Council's revenue budget, with spending rising in this service area to just under £52m in 2019/20. There is, therefore, a need for the Council to continue its savings programme, with £5.3m of efficiencies to be delivered next year. The total net revenue budget is £128.6m.

The Council also has a Capital Programme for 2018/19 – 2021/22 covering spending on 'one-off' schemes. The total value across the 4 year period is £213.2m and includes projects such as the 'Transporting Bedford 2020' road decongestion scheme (£18.4m, with £15.5m being provided by the Government) and Wixams Railway (£27.4m, although this may be superseded by the East West Rail project).

Infrastructure

- **Black Cat / Caxton Gibbet Bypass:** In February, Highways England announced its preferred option to upgrade the Black Cat roundabout and the selected route for a new bypass between the junction and Caxton Gibbet in Cambridgeshire. The roundabout is to be reconfigured and will become three-tier, while the new bypass will be built south of Little Barford and will then run east adjacent to the A428 towards. The estimated cost of the project is £810m - £1.4bn: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/>
- **East West Rail (EWR) / Wixams Station:** From January – March a consultation was held on route options for the EWR line between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge, with the potential in the future to extend further to Norwich. There are 5 options, 3 of which mention the use of an unspecified 'Bedford South' station, which could be the long-awaited Wixams station or an alternative site. Conversely, 2 of the options see the line going through the town centre and linking with the existing Bedford Midland station. See <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay>
- **Transporting Bedford 2020:** Preliminary works have started on the Transporting Bedford 2020 road decongestion scheme. The project cost, totalling £18.4m, includes £15.5m investment from the Government. Works will focus on the junctions at the A6 Paula Radcliffe Way bypass / Manton Lane, Ampthill Road and the High Street. For information search 'Transporting Bedford 2020'.

Health

- **Hospital Merger:** Bedford Hospital and Luton & Dunstable Hospital both still intend to merge despite a delay. The plans would require £100m of capital investment from central government but this has not yet been forthcoming. Bedford Hospital's Chief Executive has stated that the merger would see key services including maternity, paediatrics and A & E retained at the Hospital.
- **Urgent Treatment Centre:** Bedford Hospital's new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) opened its doors on the 1st October 2018. The UTC provides same-day appointments for minor illnesses over a 12 hour period, 7 days a week via referrals from A & E and the 111 phone service as a means of reducing pressure on the Hospital's A & E function.

Policing

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, announced in February that 400 Police Constables will be recruited in the years 2019/20 – 2021/22. In 2019/20, 160 PCs will be appointed through an average £2 rise in the police element of Council Tax and an additional £1.3m from the Government.

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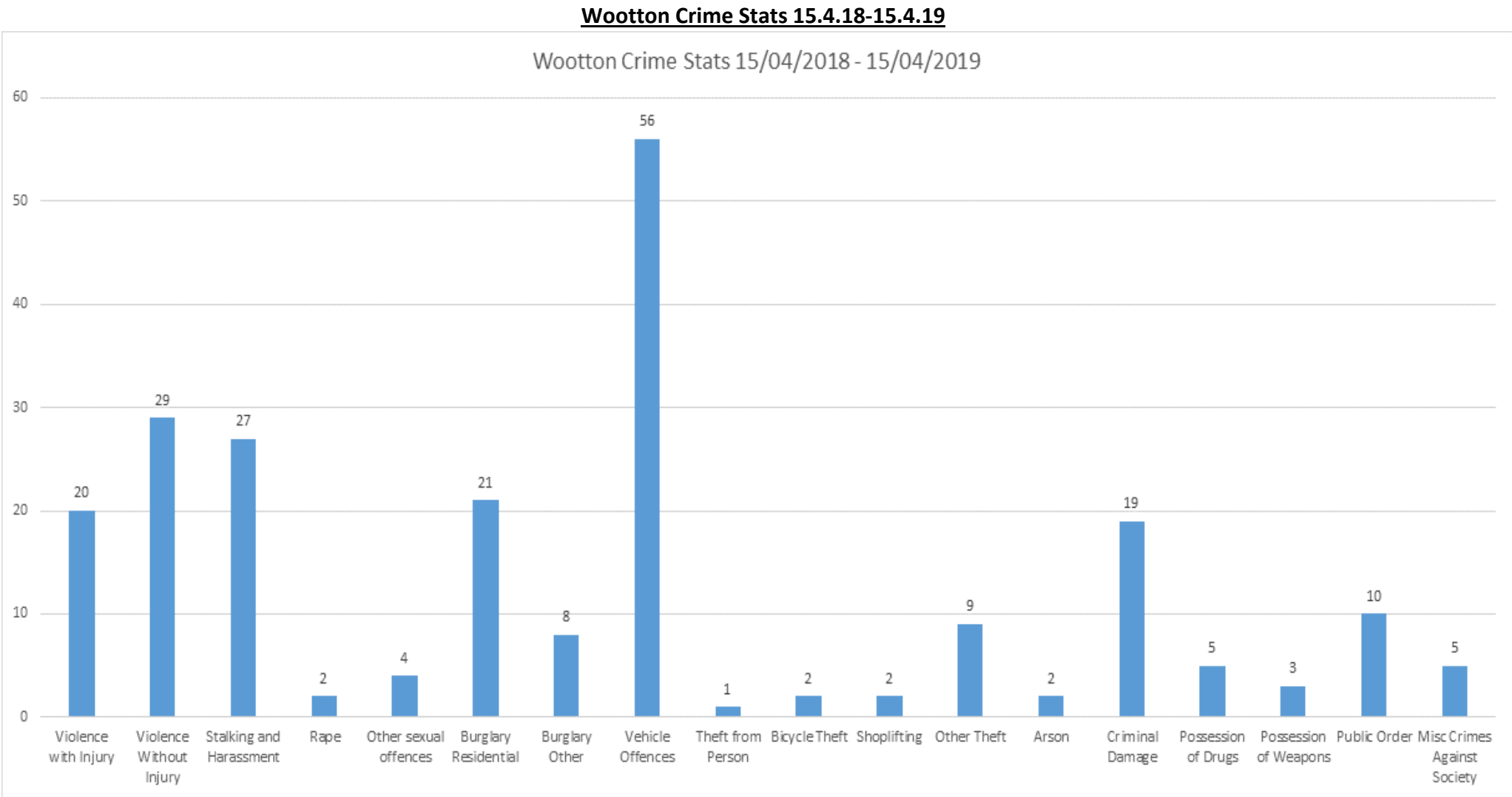
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The force also received in December a £4.5m grant from the Home Office in response to 'exceptional' demands placed on the force by gangs engaging in violent crimes. It will cover the cost of 'Operation Boson'; Bedfordshire Police's response to gang, gun and knife crime.

BBCllr John Wheeler



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Wootton Community Centre

Wootton Academy Trust Report

Over the last twelve months Wootton Academy Trust has made good progress.

Pupils at Wootton Upper School secured a positive Progress 8 measure of 0.26 [national average of -0.02], up from 0.13 in 2017. 46% of Year 11 pupils achieved GCSE passes at grade 5 and above in both English and Mathematics [national average 43.3%] and an Attainment 8 score of 49.1 [national average 46.5].

The progress measure for students in Year 13 at Kimberley College was 0.11 [national average 0.00] and the proportion of pupils achieving at least 2 grade As and a B in their A levels was 18.3% significantly above national average [13.7%] and once again putting the college in the *Sunday Times* list of top performing Sixth Form Colleges in England.

Attendance of pupils at Wootton Upper School improved further and is now above the national average for secondary schools reflecting the hard work of the School's Attendance Team.

Numbers at Kimberley College have continued to grow and in September 2018, **326** students joined the college making Year 12 at Kimberley the largest Sixth Form cohort of any sixth form across Bedfordshire offering A levels. Numbers at Kimberley are forecast to be around 300 once again in September 2019 meaning that the college will have over 600 learners. Its capacity is 700. Students attending Kimberley come from a broad range of schools cross a wide area.

As of April 17 2019, numbers at Wootton Upper School were **884** with 314 in Year 9, 280 in Year 10 and 290 in Year 11. Numbers for Year 9 in 2019 are currently **277**. We anticipate this will rise to between 290 and 300 by September 2019.

We have sought new governors for both the Wootton and Kimberley Local Governing Bodies. We are delighted that Pauline Kendall is one of the new Kimberley Local Governors. Pauline is well-known in the village and has a huge wealth of experience of Post 16 education. At Wootton, we have recently had an election for a new parent governor. Judith Chandler, a Wootton resident was elected in the ballot.

We are very fortunate to have the continuing energy and interest of John Wheeler who remains our Vice Chair of Governors at Wootton Upper School and who works so hard to develop community links between the school and the village.

Like many schools and colleges, Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College are facing financial challenges; this year class sizes have had to increase and not all staff have been replaced if they have left. The Trust is in a stronger position than many others – it does not have a deficit. However, are reserves need to increase from £270,000 to a minimum of £500,000 over the next twelve months.

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The Trust meets regularly with governing bodies of other schools in the area as well as both Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council to comment on educational strategy for the area. This year a lot of time has been spent trying to work out how many places will be needed in the future given the housing development across our admissions area and the admissions area of Holywell and Marston Vale Middle Schools and their lower schools. This work is ongoing. As a group of schools we have never work so closely together.

As a family of schools we have spent time concentrating on strategies to support children with Special Education Needs, Disadvantaged children, children with Social and Emotional Mental Health issues and improving attendance in all schools in the family by developing common principles.

This year our family of schools is holding an arts festival at Kimberley College on June 24th which most schools will be participating in.

In terms of community links, we were pleased to be involved in the Fun Fest in July 2018 and look forward to the equivalent event in July 2019. We also enjoyed hosting a senior citizen's tea party last summer and planning has started for this year's event. We took part in the commemorations for the anniversary of the end of World War One. The whole village should be proud of how much effort it put into marking this anniversary. We are delighted to participate in the Wootton Community Group and have made contact with many different village groups through this group; we are amazed at the community minded spirit and hard work of others on this group. We took part in the scare crow festival and look forward to doing so again in 2019.

In terms of fund raising Wootton Upper School raised just over £4,000 in 2017 – 2018. We have raised £5,000 already over the last two terms for different charities as well as supporting the Bedford Food Bank.

Our musical in October 2018 was Grease and as you would expect it sold out very quickly. Following four fantastic performances in the Theatre Hall at Wootton, the production transferred to Bremen for further performances. It really was a very special show and we are grateful to all Wootton residents who came to support it.

We have hosted a number of concerts over the last twelve months including the joint concert with ETA Hoffman Gymnasium which took place last July at Kimberley College. Recently an Arts Festival took place at Kimberley where music, poetry and dance took centre stage. At Wootton we have held our Christmas and Spring Concerts.

Last year two members of staff left the Trust to become Senior Leaders in other schools. This year two existing Senior Leaders have secured similar promotions; one of our challenges is to keep developing the school leaders of the future.

Our priorities for next year and beyond include:

- seeking to address increasingly complex wellbeing issues of many pupils;
- focussing on staff wellbeing to retain the best staff in our school and college;
- securing even better outcomes for pupils and students;
- providing our pupils and students with better facilities.

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In conclusion, we would like to thank the parish of Wootton for all of its support in helping our school over the last twelve months and to wish all organizations and communities in the parish a successful year ahead.

Michael Gleeson
Executive Principal
Wootton Academy Trust

Wootton New Life Methodist Church

Report for Annual Wootton Parish Meeting April 2019

Wootton New Life Church continues to be part of the Wootton Village Community.

- Our main focus as a Church is our Sunday Gatherings focused on worshipping God, hearing His Word for our lives and sharing in fellowship together. We have an informal style and there is S-Club for children and young people.
- Midweek there are Groups to reinforce our Sunday teaching and support one-another. The Hub is open for Drop-in Coffee on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10.00-12.00 noon and we would like this community facility to be as widely known as possible, as it is a good place to meet for long-term and newer residents.
- We welcome families in a variety of ways:
 - Pat-a-Cake is our term time group for Mums, Dads and Carers with pre-school children, which meets on a Thursday afternoon.
 - Our Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade are thriving on Thursday and Friday evenings, with lots of additional events and competitions.
 - During this last year we have revisited our "Family Specials" with themed events at Halloween, Christmas, Shrove Tuesday and Easter.
- As a village Church we work alongside our fellow Christians in the united events organised by the Wootton and Stewartby Churches. We are also part of the wider Methodist Church in North Bedfordshire and beyond and we attend "New Wine" events. New Wine works to support individuals and Churches and one of its main events is the Summer Gathering of about 20,000 people, over the two weeks it runs. This year the Summer Gathering is moving to the Peterborough Showground which will make it easier for more local people to attend than when it was previously in Somerset.
- For more information about WNL please ring 01234 768222 or see our web-site www.woottonnewlife.org.uk

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My wife and I represent the Baptist Church in Bedford Road, Wootton.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for the work they do in putting together the Parish magazine and for allowing me to put a piece in it each quarter.

Since the meeting of the Council last year, the church has continued to meet at the usual times on Sundays and during the week. The congregations have increased over the year and also the youth group, which we call 'Adventurers' has increased in numbers.

There have been three baptisms during the year, and we are hopeful that there will be several new people join the membership of the church. We have room for plenty more.

The 'Adventurer' Group meets on Monday afternoon, straight after school finishes. As we are right next door to the school, we go round to collect them so there is no need for the parents to attend. They, of course fetch them home. We are very grateful to the school for cooperating with us to ensure the children are safely looked after.

We hold the Coffee Morning on Tuesday morning, from 10am to Midday. There is a good group of regular attenders, and it is open to anyone who wishes to come. We serve Drinks and home made cakes at very moderate prices. Even though the prices are low, there is always a profit, which goes annually to the Africa Inland Mission International famine relief. Last year we sent nearly a thousand pounds. All of you are very welcome to come. It is a meeting place for anyone who wishes to chat over a cup of tea.

There is a Ladies meeting once a fortnight, on Tuesday afternoon. There is also a Home Group on Wednesday evening and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Thursday afternoon.

As you will probably know, we have had no resident Minister for over a hundred years, and our services are taken by local preachers or someone from the fellowship.

We try to hold to Biblical standards while being up to date with how the services are run. Being a Christian Church, the main aim is to glorify God and to tell people of salvation which can be obtained by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you. If you don't attend a church and wish to visit us, you are very welcome.

Rob Stanton

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PPG Annual Report 2019

The PPG has continued to meet monthly throughout the year in reduced numbers. We are now only 5 members. Some people have joined us then left after a couple of meetings so we would love to recruit anyone who would like to help in creating a medical centre that suits as many people as possible.

At the Funfest we created quite a stir with our petition to help keep a surgery in Wootton. At no point was it suggested the surgery was closing but may relocate, however the knock-on effect and rumours caused quite a few problems. In itself this brought us to the notice of the 'higher ups' and actually made them sit up and take notice that Wootton Village wanted and needed to keep a surgery in the village.

During the year we have tried to educate patients about cancelling appointments if they cannot attend, keep travel vaccinations and child immunisations up to date by informing them through displays in the surgery and articles in the Wootton News.

At the moment the NHS itself is in crisis, funding is tight, so we are no further forward with a permanent building until decisions are made regarding the future of the NHS. Every meeting we hear of a new idea, then that changes by the next month. The latest suggestion is to work towards hubs with satellite surgeries, where services are shared between a group. It might mean patients have to travel to other surgeries for particular needs but a small price to pay if it means the main bulk of a patients needs are dealt with on home territory.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the new earlier time of 5pm if anyone wishes to join us.

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Knowing Jesus;
making Jesus known to all



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**Annual Report
and Financial
Statements**

For the year ended December 2018

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin,
Wootton, Bedfordshire Registered Charity 1150817

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on Monday 18 March 2019

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Mission Statement (what we aim to do)

Knowing Jesus; making Jesus known to all

Vision Statement (what we aim to become)

St Mary's 2016-2020 will be:

One body of wholehearted worshipping disciples, ever more deeply rooted in the Bible & prayer, growing together in holiness and every-member ministry to become a family of:

loving welcome, caring for one another with the love of Jesus Christ

passionate proclamation, committed to reaching the people of Wootton, Stewartby and beyond, with the vital good news of Jesus Christ for a lost world

glad service, dedicated to being salt and light for Jesus Christ in the world

global heart, BOTH prayerfully and practically engaged in the worldwide mission of the church, AND training and sending men and women into gospel ministry within and beyond the parish

sacrificial change, giving generously of ourselves, our money, and our talents to realise this vision

Values Statement (what matters to us)

We believe that we are reconciled to God the Father through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and therefore we value:

The Bibleas the written word of God and our supreme authority in following Jesus in the whole of life.

Prayeras the prime expression of faith in Jesus and of our dependence on God's loving grace and sovereign power in all things.

Churchas a family of wholehearted worshippers and disciples of Jesus Christ committed to mutual encouragement, care, and accountability.

Evangelismas the proclamation of the good news of God's salvation in Christ for all people

Serviceas a family of God's people caring for people in Wootton and Stewartby and beyond with the love of Christ.

Identity Statement (who we are)

We are...

Christ's church:the church is the bride and body of Jesus Christ; it is through him alone, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, that we know God; it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we worship and serve Christ; and it is Christ's future return which is our hope and motivation for life.

A local church:a full and authentic expression of the universal church, called into being and sustained by God's word. We have a specific responsibility to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God in Christ among the people of the parish of Wootton. We are also called to involvement with the world-wide mission of the whole church.

An Anglican church:while we welcome Christians of all backgrounds, our permanent and most visible connection is with the Church of England. We accept and uphold its founding documents (The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal) as authentic expressions of orthodox Christian belief. We are committed to supporting and encouraging biblical faith and practice in the Anglican Communion, both within and beyond the diocese of St Albans.

An evangelical church:we recognise the convictions of historic evangelicalism as crystallising and expressing the kernel of orthodox Christianity, including: the supreme authority of Scripture; the universal nature of human sin; the grace of God, seen above all in the substitutionary atoning death of Jesus Christ; and the gift of justification and new life in Christ, received and enjoyed only through repentance and faith. We value the examples, among others, of the sixteenth-century reformers, the eighteenth-century evangelists, and the nineteenth-century social reformers. We are committed to gospel partnership with evangelical mission agencies, as well as with our patron, the Martyrs' Memorial and Church of England Trust, and the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

Aims and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Canon Peter Ackroyd, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of Wootton, which comprises the two civil parishes of Wootton and Stewartby. The PCC is also responsible for maintenance of the Church, Church Hall, and a staff housing property.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. To this end the PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in the parish church, to providing opportunities for adults and young people to hear the gospel and grow in discipleship, to caring pastorally and practically for people in need, and to supporting Christian mission within and beyond the parish, indeed globally. The PCC regularly reviews the effectiveness of the church's ministry in the light of both its own Mission Action Plan, and the three themes of the Living God's Love vision of the Diocese of St Albans: Going Deeper into God, Transforming Communities, and Making New Disciples.

In planning and overseeing the mission of the church, the incumbent and PCC consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC Vision Statement for 2016-2020 is:

St Mary's will be one body of wholehearted worshipping disciples, ever more deeply rooted in the Bible and prayer, growing together in holiness and every-member ministry to become a family of:

- **loving welcome**, caring for one another with the love of Jesus Christ
- **passionate proclamation**, committed to reaching the people of Wootton, Stewartby and beyond, with the vital good news of Jesus Christ for a lost world.
- **glad service**, dedicated to being salt and light for Jesus Christ in the world
- **global heart** both prayerfully and practically engaged in the worldwide mission of the church and training and sending men and women into gospel ministry within and beyond the parish
- **sacrificial change** giving generously of ourselves, our money, and our talents to realise this vision.

To achieve the PCC's main objectives the PCC has adopted a Mission Action Plan with priority goals in the following areas: corporate prayer, making new disciples, equipping leaders and disciple making, and ministry to children and young people. Progress towards realising these goals is reviewed at PCC meetings.

To facilitate the ministry of the church the PCC makes a priority of maintaining the fabric of both the church building and the church hall, which is on a separate site. Maintenance of the churchyards, which are closed, is the responsibility of Wootton Parish Council.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

During 2018 the church offered two Sunday morning services, at 9am and at 10.30am. There was also a monthly Sunday evening Prayer Service. All are welcome to attend and the PCC is committed to providing worship that is accessible to a range of people, whether or not they have a church background. Attendance at 10.30am rose during the year, to around 75 adults and 18 children. Early in the year, the liturgy at the 9am service, which was attended by 15-20 people, was changed from Book of Common Prayer to Common Worship. A range of seasonal services at major festivals are provided, attracting especially at Christmas many occasional attenders, as well as the entire community of Wootton Upper School in six Christmas assemblies held in church. St Mary's continues to host, as part of its regular Sunday morning worship, Wootton's annual Act of Remembrance: the centenary of the end of the First World War saw an exceptionally high attendance of over 400 adults and young people.

In the autumn, the PCC recognised that significant future growth would require not only further development of our current services, but also the launching of a new congregation in the medium-term.

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The PCC supports families on Sundays by making a priority of effective, accessible ministry for children and young people. In term-time there are weekly children's groups at the 10.30am service, except during the monthly all age service: Climbers (2-5yrs), Explorers (6-9yrs), Pathfinders (9-13yrs). A group for older teenagers, JAM (14-18 yrs), meets on Sunday evenings. Numbers in all these groups grew during 2018.

6 adults and children were baptised during the year, including one open-air baptism by immersion. 8 weddings were celebrated in church and St Mary's clergy officiated at 26 funeral services for present or former parish residents at St Marys, Stewartby United Church, or Bedford Crematorium.

After the 10.30am Sunday morning service, while refreshments are served to regular attenders and visitors, a dedicated team offers support by way of prayer ministry to congregation members.

Encompass, a midweek 'messy church' for families with younger children, continued to meet monthly on Thursdays in the church hall, offering worship and activities around a common theme, and concluding with a hot meal.

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, members of St Mary's lead the weekly Sunday morning service at Bedford Hospital.

The church building is available to members of the local community as a place of quiet reflection and prayer, on application for a key.

Services at Stewartby United Church, including a monthly T@3 Café Church, are supported by St Mary's clergy, licensed Reader, and lay volunteers.

Families, children and young people

In addition to young people's groups on Sundays, PCC oversaw a number of other ventures in support of families.

The PCC is grateful to Wootton Baptist Church for the continued loan of its church hall for St Mary's Wrigglers group. This weekly outreach serves parents and carers of babies and toddlers, with up to 40 regularly attending and enjoying craft, toys, games and songs.



A weekly Pathfinder group (9-13 yrs) met on Wednesdays during term time, attracting 15-25 young people. There was also a 4 day Pathfinder residential holiday at the Chellington Centre at Easter, run by church volunteers and with a visiting speaker.

Over four days towards the end of August, the PCC ran a Heroes Academy holiday bible club for young people. 138 children were registered with around 100 attending each day, supported by a large team of trained leaders and helpers from St Marys and the local community.

Young people and their leaders attended a range of Christian residential holidays, notably the Foremarke I CYFA and Woolhampton I Pathfinder Ventures run by the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Training

Growth Groups continued to be the main vehicle for the pastoral support of congregation members. Six Growth Groups met during the year, mostly weekly in the evening, to study the Bible, pray, and support one another. Leaders met termly to receive training and support, and to pray together.

The PCC continued to prioritise training in the understanding and skills of Christian ministry. In the autumn Growth Groups were suspended for six weeks to enable members to attend the Real Change course run in the church hall by the vicar and church administrator. One Growth Group completed the church's Knowing God ministry training programme during the year.

A monthly Men's Breakfast was led by the curate and lay leaders in a local restaurant, attended by up to 15.

A number of church members attended the Bible by the Beach convention in Eastbourne over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend.

A small dedicated team of visitors supported the clergy in caring for church members and their families at times of sickness, hospitalisation, or infirmity.

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Mission and outreach

St Mary's mission is summarised on its publicity, website and noticeboards as 'Knowing Jesus; making Jesus known to all'. PCC pursued this mission through a range of activities. Two short courses Discipleship Explored and Christianity Explored were run for those with questions about the Christian faith, while a number of other regular groups aimed both to meet local needs and to build relationships with a view to raising and answering questions about Christianity.

Curate's Corner, a weekly 'all-comers' event led by the curate in a local pub, was open to all for questions about Christianity. Monthly on Saturday mornings, a Men Behaving Dadly group met, led by Matt Hearn and Steve Rowse, offering friendship and conversation for fathers and young children.

The longstanding monthly Lunch Club, led by Norma Smith and a team of helpers, provided a hot meal and a mixed programme of activities for the over 50's from the church and community. During the year, a number of 'Meeting Jesus' groups met monthly arising from invitations at Lunch Club. Shortly after Easter, Take-a-Break, a two day programme of events and activities for senior citizens was run by the Lunch Club team in the Church Hall.

Other outreach events that took place in 2018 included Christmas wreath making sessions and carol singing in three local pubs. On the occasion of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on 19 May, many members of the community enjoyed attending a celebratory screening of the ceremony in church, with a variety of related activities.

Mission Partnerships

The PCC tilts its income from regular giving to support Christian mission beyond the parish. The PCC's policy for supporting mission partnerships has recently been reviewed by the PCC. For future mission support the PCC will review mission giving following the criteria set out in its Global Mission Policy.

In 2018 mission funding was approved by the PCC to:

- Festive - for the ministry of Karen Jones working with sixth forms and further education colleges to spread the gospel
- IMPACT - Christian workers supporting local schools
- Stephen Sunday towards his training as a ordinand from the diocese of Masindi-Kitara at the Uganda Christian University
- Jude and YP Gayet involved in church planting and youth ministry in Belgium
- Bishop Alf and Hilary Cooper with CMS in Chile.
- Speak Life - UK evangelistic ministry (Director: Glen Scrivener)
- The Church Pastoral Aid Society

A Harvest donation of £653.29 was made to Release International. The Lunch Club collected £204 for the FOCUS Uganda Mulago Child Project. In November, church members contributed to the ministry of Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). At Christmas small items of clothing and toiletries were given to SMART (Prebend St Day Centre for the homeless). Throughout the year church members supported the work of Bedford Foodbank through a collection point in the church.

Church buildings

One of the objectives of the PCC is to maintain the church, church hall and grounds as well as the curate's house.

In November the PCC, following consultation with the congregation, approved the restoration of the North Porch, triggered by the need to re-roof the porch. Preliminary plans have been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for consultation. It is intended to complete this restoration during 2019.



The roof over the crèche in the church had a leak which has been repaired and there were some loose tiles which have been secured and some lead flashing hammered down.

In December the floor in the main room of the church hall was replaced. The cost was £3,600 plus VAT which brought the total to £4,320. Other minor repairs undertaken included leaky guttering and plumbing.

The PCC was grateful for the renewal by Wootton Parish Council of the churchyard path between the north porch and Church Road.

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Ecumenical Relationships

The PCC aims to strengthen Christian witness and service in the community through membership of Wootton and Stewartby Churches. Open Air and United Services were held and there were joint Lent prayer meetings.

Clergy attend bi-monthly prayer meetings for leaders of Bedford Churches in sympathy with the doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance, of which St Marys is a corporate member.

St Mary's Preschool



For over fifty years, St Mary's has operated a daily Play Group (now Preschool) in the church hall. In the summer, Preschool Manager Mary Bell retired after twenty-seven years service. The PCC appointed Tracey Kerins as her successor. Three new members of staff have joined the team, which has introduced new activities including Forest School, gardening, yoga and a pet guinea pig called 'Nibbles'.

The Preschool continues to attract a record number of children from the local community and is up to maximum capacity.

At Christmas the children performed a nursery rhyme style nativity: they celebrated Christmas with a party.

Deanery Synod

St Marys is represented by three lay members on Deanery Synod, including Pauline Kendall who serves as Lay Co-Chair of the Synod. Synod membership also includes the clergy. During the year the Synod met four times, discussing Deanery and Parish Mission Action Plans, and hearing diocesan officers and other speakers on Social Media, Evangelism, and Reaching New People. Reports were given on the proceedings of the Diocesan Board of Finance and General Synod.

Volunteers

The PCC would like to record its thanks to all those who serve in the church as volunteers in different capacities in particular, including the church wardens Hazel Sanders and Ant Hall who have worked tirelessly in serving the congregation in the last twelve months. The PCC would also like to thank the Treasurer Phil Wainwright for his financial advice to the PCC and ably supported by Alison Thomsell the Book Keeper. The ability of the PCC to offer a varied programme of activities to meet a diverse range of people has only been achieved by the generous giving of time, talents and funds from many members of the congregation.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), church wardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church and stand for election to the PCC. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. Over the last year (January-December 2018), 2 names were removed (deceased, moved away from the parish, attending other churches etc.) and 12 names were added. As of 31st December 2018, the Electoral Roll totalled 142.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The Treasurer (Phil Wainwright) gives a monthly update on the current finances. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The PCC met 9 times in the year. Sub committees are formed that deal with particular aspects of parish life. The most recent subcommittee was the group formed to review the Mission Policy. There is also a committee for outreach and a safeguarding team. Training on safeguarding arranged by the Diocese have been attended by members of the PCC.

The PCC has reviewed its policies in light of guidance from the Church of England. The PCC is happy to confirm that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The Standing Committee meets once a month this is made up of the vicar, wardens, treasurer and secretary. The role of the Standing Committee is to prioritise items for the PCC meeting, discuss and make decisions on items of a confidential nature or look in more detail on matters that have been brought to the PCC.

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The PCC employs a part-time administrator, full-time (since September 2018) Youth and Families Worker, the staff of the Preschool, and a church hall cleaner. The PCC and staff work in partnership with teams of volunteer helpers, appointed by the PCC and the vicar.

Jim Hignett serves as a licensed Reader and attends regular diocesan events. St Mary's continues to have responsibility within the diocese of St Albans as a training parish for first-post curates: Lucas Durant completed his curacy at St Marys in January 2019. During the year the PCC were delighted to be able to appoint Josh Kendall to a full-time role as Youth and Families Worker until 31 August 2019. The PCC and vicar were grateful for the additional responsibilities assumed by church staff and members, and for the ministry of a number of visiting preachers, during the vicar's extended study leave over the summer.

The PCC and Administrator comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regarding the privacy of church member's information.

Emma Hearn a member of the PCC is the Safeguarding Officer. During 2018 Safeguarding became a standing item on each PCC agenda. There were briefing sessions for church members on the 18th and 25th of November and the 2nd December to review training relevant to all those who hold different offices in the church.

Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted giving amounted to £83,342 and restricted giving totalled £19,193. We were able to reclaim £22,497 from Gift Aid eligible donations. These combined with other receipts gave the church a total income of £145,010. This was £12,700 less than in 2017; receipts from parishioners was largely unchanged but in 2017 an insurance claim of over £14,000 substantially added to the church's restricted income.

Approximately £117,000 was spent on the Christian ministry at St Mary's. This figure includes £61,901 in Parish Share which pays for clergy salaries, pensions and housing costs as well as supporting the mission of the diocese. Our total expenditure for the year totalled £153,064, a reduction of approximately £2,000 from the previous year.

Overall, the church finished 2018 with a deficit of income over expenditure of £8,054. Some £6,000 of this can be accounted for by the renewal of the church hall floor which was planned to be carried out in 2019 but for practical reasons was advanced to December 2018. Both income and expenditure exceeded the 2018 budget of £134,718. In addition to church hall floor, we also spent substantially more on support staff salaries (full time employment of the Youth and Families Worker for the latter part of 2018 was not included in the budget).

Reserves Policy

We have maintained a reserve fund of £4,500 throughout 2018 and this will be increased to £10,000 in the first half of 2019. This allows us to meet our obligations in terms of staff salaries and church running costs for a period of three months. Our cash reserves remain strong with a total of £220,261 on deposit at the end of 2018, with £194,000 of this being restricted to being used on the fabric of the church building. The cash balance is deposited in a both a bank current account and in the CBF Church of England Funds account; in 2019 the intention is to invest approximately £85,000 in an account which bears more interest.

Plans for Future Periods

The PCC vision is to see congregational numbers double over the next five years. During 2019 the PCC in consultation with the congregation intends to develop a strategy to enable the church, in prayerful dependence on Almighty God, to work towards this objective.



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St. Mary's Playgroup
Income and Expenditure
January to December 2018

EXPENDITURE January - December 2018	
Salaries January - December 2018	67340.78
Pension	1600.00
Employers National Insurance/TAX	11918.14
Church Hall Rent + Floor Donation	6348.00
PLA Membership Fee + Ofsted	156.00
Fee refund	26.25
Equipment and supplies	5164.91
Milkbar/lunch provisions/auditing fees	1391.06
Photo developing	143.74
Staff Training	514.20
Petty Cash	320.87
Open Mead Farm Trip	954.20
DBS	509.40
Cash in Hand - 31 December 2018	0.36
Balance in Bank - 31 December 2018	38049.74
TOTAL	134437.65
INCOME January - December 2018	
Cash in Hand - 1 January 2018	41.23
Balance at Bank - 1 January 2018	33430.47
Received from Fees + Lunch Club (Cash & Cheques)	19240.55
Mead Open Farm Trip	260.00
Received from Early Years Funding LEA + SEN Funding	81045.40
Donation	420.00
TOTAL	134437.65

Manager/Treasurer: Tracey A. Kerins
TRACEY KERINS

Date: 10.10.19

Deputy Manager: Lina Rosato
LINA ROSATO

Date: 10.10.19

Auditor: Lesley Rees
LESLEY REES

Date: 14.2.19

St. Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council Independent Examiner's Report of accounts for January to December 2018

Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council
of St Mary the Virgin, Wootton, Bedford
Charity Commission no. 1150817

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended **31 December 2018**, which are set out on pages 1 to 4 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and **s.145 of the Charities Act 2011** ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and **s.144(2)** of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under **s.145(5)(b)** of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- i. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a to keep accounting records in accordance with section **130** of the Act; and
 - b to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- ii. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Lynden Richardson Independent Examiner – L. Richardson FCCA

Date 18-3-2019

Signed on behalf of PCC Peter Ackroyd

Date 18 March 2019.

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St Mary's Church, Wootton						
Analysis of income and expenditure						
Selected period: 01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018						
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Incoming resources						
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources</i>						
101 - Gift Aided	69,914.80	—	—	—	69,914.80	70,431.10
102 - Tax recovered	19,196.11	—	3,301.58	—	22,497.69	21,430.11
103 - Other giving	8,579.00	—	—	—	8,579.00	8,230.00
104 - Loose Collections	3,057.79	—	—	—	3,057.79	3,131.13
105 - Gift days- Sundry giving	1,792.07	—	—	—	1,792.07	1,929.09
201 - Given for specific projects	1,764.25	1,621.47	15,807.51	—	19,193.23	24,419.67
<i>Donations, Legacies and similar Incoming resources Totals</i>	104,304.02	1,621.47	19,109.09	—	125,034.58	129,571.10
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
302 - Rent for hall	5,190.00	—	—	—	5,190.00	4,555.40
401 - Monies for books	691.05	—	—	—	691.05	1,086.61
404 - PCC fees Weddings/ Funerals	5,004.00	—	—	—	5,004.00	2,126.00
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals</i>	10,885.05	—	—	—	10,885.05	7,768.01
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>						
203 - Fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Activities for generating funds Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Investment income</i>						
301 - Interest	—	—	1,159.43	—	1,159.43	918.16
<i>Investment income Totals</i>	—	—	1,159.43	—	1,159.43	918.16
<i>Other incoming resources</i>						
105 - Wootton Charities	—	—	1,500.00	—	1,500.00	1,750.00
405 - Assigned fees	—	—	6,431.70	—	6,431.70	3,407.50
600 - Studley Road	—	—	—	—	—	—
601 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	14,307.10
602 - Sundry claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Other incoming resources Totals</i>	—	—	7,931.70	—	7,931.70	19,464.60
Incoming resources Grand totals	115,189.07	1,621.47	28,200.22	—	145,010.76	157,721.87
Resources used						
<i>Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects</i>						
1001 - Overseas Mission	4,234.75	364.20	1,025.43	—	5,624.38	4,950.00
1002 - Christian relief	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 - Home Mission	3,350.00	50.00	500.00	—	3,900.00	3,400.00
1004 - Secular Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects Totals</i>	7,584.75	414.20	1,525.43	—	9,524.38	8,350.00

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</i>						
2001 - Diocesan Quota	61,901.00	—	—	—	61,901.00	63,043.00
2002 - Working Expenses of Incumbent	3,437.95	—	—	—	3,437.95	3,807.38
2003 - Parsonage House	—	—	—	—	—	—
2004 - Assistant Staff	13,135.37	—	18,238.19	—	31,373.56	18,315.10
2005 - Church Running expense	6,559.74	—	—	—	6,559.74	5,780.21
2006 - Church Maintenance	1,457.45	—	700.00	—	2,157.45	765.41
2007 - Upkeep of Services	1,440.60	—	111.99	—	1,552.59	1,464.07
2008 - Upkeep of Churchyard	—	—	47.70	—	47.70	—
2009 - Costs relating to books	670.49	—	—	—	670.49	1,310.14
2010 - Church hall	10,067.00	—	2,756.00	—	12,823.00	6,306.74
2011 - Office	—	—	—	—	—	—
2012 - Major Works	—	—	3,000.00	—	3,000.00	22,419.07
2013 - Restoration	—	—	—	—	—	—
2016 - Honoraria, Assigned fees	484.76	—	5,936.70	—	6,421.46	3,512.96
3001 - Mission minded	—	—	—	—	—	—
6000 - Studley Road	1,169.32	—	—	—	1,169.32	591.73
<i>Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals</i>	100,323.68	—	30,790.58	—	131,114.26	127,315.81
<i>Support costs</i>						
2017 - Support Costs	5,497.38	1,498.33	2,126.77	—	9,122.48	16,706.87
<i>Support costs Totals</i>	5,497.38	1,498.33	2,126.77	—	9,122.48	16,706.87
<i>Expenditure on managing-administering the charity</i>						
3000 - Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
4000 - Administration	3,303.77	—	—	—	3,303.77	2,663.28
<i>Expenditure on managing-administering the charity Totals</i>	3,303.77	—	—	—	3,303.77	2,663.28
Resources used Grand totals	116,709.58	1,912.53	34,442.78	—	153,064.89	155,035.96

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Balance Sheet detailed
To the 31st December 2018

		As at 31/12/2018	As at 31/12/2017
Endowment assets			
	1509: Wootton Armstrong Fund	1,192.11	1,210.17
	1510: Wootton Church Cottages	19,170.42	19,460.90
	Total Endowment assets	20,362.53	20,671.07
Current assets			
	1501: Current Account	125,053.82	141,226.79
	1503: CBF Capital Fund	95,191.69	87,173.65
	1504: CBF Studley Road	1.71	1.71
	1508: Cash Book	14.52	—
	Total Current assets	220,261.74	228,402.15
Liabilities			
	1650: Loans for Stonework	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	23.12	109.40
	Total Liabilities	23.12	109.40
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	240,801.16	248,963.82
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(8,054.13)	2,685.91
	Z01: Starting balances	248,963.82	247,194.99
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(308.54)	1,768.83
	Total Reserves	240,801.16	248,963.82

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	10,275.37	11,591.94
Restricted	209,963.25	216,700.81
Endowment	20,362.53	20,671.07
Total	240,801.16	248,963.82

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	105,925.49	19,109.09	—	125,034.58	129,571.10
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	10,885.05	—	—	10,885.05	7,768.01
Activities for generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Investment income	—	1,159.43	—	1,159.43	918.16
Other incoming resources	—	7,931.70	—	7,931.70	19,464.60
Total income	116,810.54	28,200.22	—	145,010.76	167,721.87
Resources used					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	7,998.95	1,525.43	—	9,524.38	8,350.00
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	100,323.68	30,790.58	—	131,114.26	127,315.81
Support costs	6,995.71	2,126.77	—	9,122.48	16,706.87
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	3,303.77	—	—	3,303.77	2,663.28
Total expenditure	118,622.11	34,442.78	—	163,064.89	166,036.96
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,811.57)	(6,242.56)	—	(8,054.13)	2,686.91
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	8,802.37	16,270.50	—	25,072.87	3,950.51
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,307.37)	(16,765.50)	—	(25,072.87)	(3,950.51)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	(308.54)	(308.54)	1,768.83
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(1,318.57)	(6,737.68)	(308.54)	(8,382.87)	4,464.74
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	11,581.84	216,700.81	20,871.07	248,863.82	244,608.08
Total funds carried forward	10,276.37	208,863.26	20,382.63	240,801.16	248,863.82

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Administrative Information

St Mary's church is situated in Wootton village, Bedfordshire. It is part of the Diocese of St Albans within the Church of England. The correspondence address is : The Vicarage, Church Road, Wootton, Bedford MK43 9HF.

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PCC members who served during the year were:
Revd Peter Ackroyd (chair), Hazel Sanders (churchwarden), Ant Hall (churchwarden), Revd Lucas Durant, Jim Hignett (Reader, Deanery Synod), Pauline Kendall (Deanery Synod), Tim Dillistone (Deanery Synod), Emma Hearn (Safeguarding Officer), Derrick Lowe, Maria Richardson, Allyson Cable (Electoral Roll Officer)

Until April 2018: Dorothy Teh, Kirsten Knight, Steve Rowse

From April 2018: Margaret Greenhalgh, Amanda Newton, Rob Hamilton, Jenny Deng; Dorothy Teh (Secretary, in attendance)

From May 2018 (co-opted): Phil Wainwright (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner: Lynden Richardson



Wootton Community First Responders Update Apr 2019

During the last year the team, which still stands at 4 of us have been as busy as ever. We've all been off duty at one time or another due to illness or injury (not on duty), but when this has happened the rest of the team have provided extra cover. We are averaging around 15 calls per month and had a run of 5 cardiac arrest calls at the start of 2019, on each occasion the team were first on scene with a defib. Unfortunately the team in Marston have now stood down for the next year or so, they are hoping to get back up and running in the future but in the interim they have kindly loaned their kit to our team, which means we now have 3 kits. With one husband and wife on the team this now means we no longer have to move kits around at all and also enables us to change plans quickly or even be alerted to jobs whilst off duty. The trust have now also enabled us to book on duty on two different levels, previously we were only on or off duty and would be requested to attend any CFR suitable jobs. We can now book on as Level 0 which means we will only be tasked to cardiac arrests, this is ideal on those occasions when we have other plans but are in the village, so would be prepared to drop whatever we are doing for a cardiac arrest job.

In addition to our CFR we also arranged a free CPR training session in conjunction with the East Anglian Air Ambulance and St Marys Church. St Marys Church kindly provided their Church Hall as venue free of charge and the training was run by a Critical Care Paramedic from the Air Ambulance. The two sessions were attended by around 27 people from the local community, who all now have a good understanding of how to do CPR and how to use a defib.

Also the Community defib has been checked each month throughout the year, it was deployed but not used in July 2018 and fortunately it was returned to the cabinet as the ambulance trust didn't notify me that it had been deployed, but I have been assured that has been improved and I would be informed on any future deployments.