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Wootton Parish Council Chairman's Report



John Wheeler - Chairman

By the time you read this report we will nearly be out of winter and heading into spring, and I am pleased to say the council will be springing into action with a few projects!!

First on the agenda is the CCTV upgrade, which will provide a monitored service at the recreation ground. Once this is complete the council then intend to refurbish the MUGA. The MUGA will then be available for bookings and free play (no bookings required). The lights are fully operational and contain an automatic device, which turns them on at sunset, and off at 9.30pm. The clerk has applied for funding from WREN to help with the MUGA refurbishment and the outcome will be known in mid-March. The remaining funds are being sourced from the new Bellway Homes development. It is also hoped the street lights in Tithe Barn Road will be updated.

This year we have decided not to hold a fun day but instead to hold a big event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The date will be Saturday 2nd June – make a date in your diary and see the centre pages of this newsletter for further details!

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Judith Cunningham as a parish councillor, after many years' service. Judith now resides outside of the parish and I would like to thank her both personally, and on behalf of the parish council and village for her hard work over the years. She will be sorely missed. I am pleased to announce a new councillor who recently joined – Malcolm Chalmers, who many of you may know from his years teaching at Wootton Upper School. Vacancies on the parish council still remain. Please contact the clerk if you would like further information. The Fields Road development is still ongoing and Cllr Wallace has provided an update elsewhere in this newsletter. I would like to thank Bob for his hard work in securing the best possible outcome for Wootton.

I would like to wish you all the best for 2012.

Wootton New Life Methodist Church

It might feel like everything is changing at Wootton New Life but you can be assured of the same warm welcome. Thank you for bearing with us during the disruption while our building took place, especially those who already use the facilities or live close by.

The building now has two large multipurpose halls, a dedicated youth room and 'The Hub' which is an annexe at the side of the original building. All are welcome to drop in anytime we're open to have a look round.

The Café @ The Hub is open every morning except Tuesday from 10.00am – 12.00pm. We have an ethical buying policy for coffee and cold drinks supplied through Kingdom Coffee and a range of biscuits, crisps cakes and snacks are always available. Every Friday from 3.00pm – 5.00pm we have Hubbub Youth Café for Yr 9s and above – they can play on the Wii, have a game of table tennis or just relax in the café. If that sounds good, why don't you come down on a Wednesday morning? Games are available during that session of Café @ The Hub, so if you fancy a game of cards, a board game, table tennis or a play on the Wii just bring a £1 for coffee and cake or just yourself. EVERYONE welcome and for men we have 'Man Friday' – a grown up 'youth club' that meets on the last Friday of each month – all men are welcome.

Coming Up.....

Sunday 18 th March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service
Easter Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Easter Breakfast
	10.30am	Family Easter Service

The facilities are available to hire for parties or one off occasions as well as regular weekly activities. Just email bookings@woottonnewlife.org.uk for more details and to check availability.

Come and join us any Sunday morning at 10.30am. We have all age 'Messy Church' on the second Sunday of each month with breakfast in The Hub from 9.45am and Cafe Church every Wednesday from 7.45pm.

Find us on Facebook (Wootton New Life Methodist Church), see our web site for details of our regular activities or call us on 01234 768 222 and keep up to date with what's going on, we hope that you'll join us when you can.

www.woottonnewlife.org.uk

Did you know?

By Sue Playford

We now have a new councillor who many of you will know. Malcolm Chalmers was co-opted in January and he taught German for many years at the upper school. Thankfully I passed my O level (showing my age now). There are still vacancies however, so do let me know if you would like more information.

As well as the committees which I went into a little detail about in the last newsletter, the parish council is also involved with working parties, dealing with certain matters as and when they arise. One example of this is the upcoming Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Other examples have included sports and education provision within the village – relating specifically to the Persimmon development at Fields Road with regard to educational provision, and also the existing recreation ground with regard to sports. These types of working parties are very useful and, I hope, show a slightly less formal side to the council, who are not centre stage. Everyone's opinions are valued and as mentioned in my report, in the case of the Diamond Jubilee, it is still not too late to step forward.

Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2011

As a Serviceman I was honoured to have been asked to write this article and also very happy to be in a position to do so, as I think back to 2 years ago when I was actually serving in Afghanistan. Remembrance Sunday is perhaps the one time of year where all ages, from all groups are together united in Wootton.

Marched in time by the parade sergeant, the cadets, guides, cubs, beavers, rainbows, scouts, brownies and parish councillors arrived early at the church. The pews, swollen by those eager to see the parade arrive, perhaps could take no more. But as the parade entered, the total numbers would surely swell beyond the capacity of the church? But no - those who could stand, made way for those who couldn't. People sat in the aisles, people stood by the crèche, and people filled the open floor space by the entrance. This was indeed a day of great dedication to those who were today, and will always be, remembered. The people of Wootton were united.

At St Mary's church, the sound of the Last Post played by the bugle, could bring tears to the eye. Simply, the people of Wootton paid their respects and remembered those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

As the Colours paraded out of the church, the parade reformed on Church Road. In time, again, smartly they joined the remaining congregation at the war memorial. The traffic stopped, the wreaths were laid, and where appropriate a salute presented. A final prayer, and the parade were dismissed. But the parade, and the people of Wootton, will never forget them. We will remember them always. *By Steve Rowse*

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Parish Clerk's Report



The Christmas tree came and went (not without incident I might add) which did cause a couple of sleepless nights. The power supply decided to play tricks, culminating in the countdown of 3-2-1 – ON! becoming 3-2-1 NOTHING! A huge thank you to Paul Quirk for solving the problem and John Wheeler at the carol service for making sure all came good in the end. It was lovely to see so many people there to see lights (finally!) switch on. Despite 4 feet of tree being underground in a purpose-built concrete block, the high winds managed to bring it down before Christmas but Paul once again saved the day, and the tree was soon upright again, if a tad shorter....

As we move further into 2012, I am happy to confirm that my office is now up and running. Posters were displayed in January on both the website and the noticeboards, but to recap the opening hours are as follows:

Sue Playford
WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com
07531 930 788.

Term time	Monday and Wednesday	10am-noon
School holidays	Monday	10am-noon

(The times have changed slightly to reflect when the café at The Hub is open).

It is hoped that a monthly surgery for councillors will also be held at the same venue – watch this space.

Matters are progressing with regard to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations which will take place on Saturday 2nd June at the recreation ground. Wootton New Life Methodist church are holding a film evening on Friday 1st June with a "Queen" theme. Further details will follow in due course, but the earlier film will be suited to younger children, with something to follow more suited to the older children.

A number of organisations are involved, but it is still not too late if you wish to join.

I am pleased to say perch-style seating is now in the Bedford-bound bus shelter opposite the Manor Road flats. The previous newsletter asked for comments regarding this proposal, and those received were very much in favour.

The Persimmon development on Fields Road continues to move forward – I will leave Bob Wallace to provide fuller and comprehensive details elsewhere in the newsletter.

One issue which continues to raise its head – and there is a more light-hearted article elsewhere in this newsletter is that of dog mess. John Wheeler has mentioned this in the past, but the situation is far from improved or acceptable. As a dog owner myself I would never consider not picking up after her – I have 3 children and I am all too aware of the dangers that dog mess can present - toxocariasis for one, which can cause complications to eyesight in certain cases. There are NO EXCUSES for not picking up – I have had many conversations with the Borough's Dog Warden – he knows there are hotspots within the village and he is patrolling – PLEASE PICK IT UP!

By the time this article goes to print I will have been in this role for 1 year – they say time flies, and this has been no exception! In addition to my parish clerk role, I have now also become the bookings clerk for the Memorial Hall in Bedford Road, so if you need to arrange a booking, please either telephone or email me – details below.

Feel free to come and see me at the office, but of course I am still contactable at woottonparishclerk@gmail.com or 07531 930788 Monday-Friday between 9am and 5pm.

WOOTTON RANGERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

By Paul Brooks –Chairman

Under 9's

The season so far has outweighed all expectations. The lads have performed superbly throughout the season and credit must be given to the way they have adapted to the league and also the way they have approached each game. We are currently second in the division and with the season just over half way through we are in a strong position to maintain this. We have 4 home and 2 away games left and hopefully we can continue with the way we are playing to put pressure on the other teams around us. Throughout January and February we have not been able to play any games but we have a full quota of fixtures during March which will, I am sure, be relished by all the lads. Your support once again is appreciated and we look forward to you watching the lads play on Sunday mornings from 10-30am.

John Berry

Under 15's Pumas

More than halfway through the season now and our strong squad of 16 lads have really picked up the pace after a lot of draws in September & October. We have won all our games since December scoring a hatful of goals. Captained by Ben Lawrie but with many leaders on the pitch we are having our most successful season ever including an 11 – 0 win over a team from Milton Keynes and a recent 6 – 1 away win to a team from Dunstable.

Thanks to the parents who regularly run the line, give lifts or generally support the team.

Well done lads, keep the winning run going.

Steve Thomson

U15 A team

The Under 15's are having another successful season, currently second in the Milton Keynes Division 1 League. Playing good football and enjoying themselves as reigning Champions every game is like a Cup Final, as each team wants to beat last years winners. Most of the games have been played despite the cold weather, with one game cancelled due to sheep on the pitch (that's a first!). Fixtures continue through to May so we still have everything to play for. Thanks to the parents, especially those who help out running the line. Good luck boys for the rest of the season.

Nigel and Nic

Wootton Rangers Youth Football Club is a Charter Development Club and this season are running teams from under 7's to under 16's. If you are interested in joining our club then please contact us on 01234 765688.

Wootton Rangers believe in Football for all

Do you want to play for a girls football team?

Next season Wootton Rangers will be entering a girls team in the local girls under 14's league.

If you are currently in years 6, 7 or 8 and would like to join us then please contact:

John Berry (07875131838) for further details.

We currently practice on a Saturday morning in the Wootton recreation ground between 11.15am & 12.15pm.

We would also like to hear from girls of other ages that may be interested in playing football for Wootton Rangers.

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It seems funny to be talking about Christmas when it already seems so long ago, but our Autumn Term at Beavers was very hectic, probably because the children all knew what was at the end of the term! We had lots of fun planting herbs, the Beavers all walked down to the bottle bank at the back of the village hall and we recycled lots of glass, we joined in the village litter pick in October, made maracas and tasted foreign food, all working towards our Global Challenge Badge.

We were, of course, very proud to take part in the village Remembrance Day parade and service, the Beavers were all very well behaved in church! We also completed our Animal Friend Badge, and of course, we ended the term with our mad Christmas Party!

This term we are working towards our Friendship Challenge Badge, we have already learned about Japan and made sushi and we are off soon to visit Kempston Fire Station!

Finally, we would like to thank all our Beaver parents who support us by helping out on our parent rota and helping the children with their badge work.

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6pm Evening Service



Mothering Sunday & Easter at St. Mary's

- Sun 18 Mar 10.30am Mothering Sunday
Sun 1 Apr 10.30am Palm Sunday Service
6pm Holy Week Service
Good Friday 10.30am Family Service
(6 Apr) 2pm An Hour at the Cross
Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise Service
(8 Apr) (Hall End Rd)
10.30am Family Communion

St. Mary's is at your service!

- * **Monday's Lunch Club** for senior citizens
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- * **Men Behaving Dadly** a monthly toddler
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- * **Wrigglers Coffee Morning** a weekly
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It was once again held at Wootton Blue Cross Football Club on Saturday 28th January 2012.

This year the entertainment was provided by comedy all-rounder “Miki Travis” who provided a great evening’s entertainment. A well supported raffle was followed by dancing the evening away to the excellent Keith Stewart Disco.

The organisers would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who supported the event either by donating a prize for the raffle, by buying raffle tickets in such numbers and by coming along and helping to make the evening so enjoyable. Special mention should go to Wootton Blue Cross FC for kindly providing the venue free of charge and their team of bar staff who did a great job on the night.

Finally, a big thank you to Ian Davis (AKA Dings Entertainment) for providing all the entertainment.

The evening raised a grand total of £1293.36 for Keech Hospice Care.

Many thanks for all your support.

Chris Donovan

AUTUMN 2011 VILLAGE CLEAN UP



Well done to the Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, 2nd Brownies and Guides who took part in the Wootton Clean Up on Saturday 15th October 2011. Along with their parents and leaders, they grabbed their hi-vis jackets, gloves, pickers and bags and collected litter around the Rec, Village Hall, Church Lane, Fields Road, Hall End Road, Memorial Hall and Bedford Road. 40 bags of rubbish, an old bicycle frame and a wheel were collected.

The 95 people who took part worked really hard smartening up the area and had a lot of fun in the process. A huge thank you to all involved. This year's event takes place on Saturday 27th October from 10am-12 noon, meeting at the Recreation Ground.

Wootton Guides

Do you have time you can spare to help us?

1st Wootton Guides are a thriving, lively group but we desperately need an additional adult helper to ensure we are covered by the correct "adult help to guide" ratio. We have 3 Young Leaders who will shortly be leaving to go to university, and Brownies that are due to come to Guides, who we cannot accept at the moment, due to the shortage of adult helpers.

Are you able to help on a regular basis, have time to offer to help the local community and are aged between 18 – 65? If you are interested in assisting, please call Gill Hargreaves (Unit Guider) on Bedford 856566 for an informal chat. We meet on Monday evenings from 1930 – 2100 during term time. You do not have to commit to going into uniform but just have the time and enthusiasm to ensure that we can meet the needs of the younger generation in Wootton.

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We foster a family atmosphere within the club, encouraging all students to reach their potential, build friendships and support each other. We always ensure that training sessions are safe, disciplined, fun and well supervised; we place great emphasis on this considering the extremely physical nature of our classes.

Our classes follow the same format and consist of stretching, physical conditioning as well as the teaching of forms (Hyungs), one step self-defense techniques and free-sparring.

Above all our students develop self discipline, respect and self confidence. We grade students every three months so they can advance in their development through the belt system.

The Academy has clubs throughout Bedfordshire. (See our list of class locations and times on our website at www.dalpoontangsoodo.co.uk).

On the 19th May Andrew and a team from Bedfordshire will be competing in the 2012 9th IMA World Tang Soo Do Championships in Philadelphia, USA. Individuals will be competing in forms, weapons and free fighting, hoping to win medals and cups for their efforts.



Dates for your diary

Parish council meetings:

Finance & General Purposes	Wed 7 th March 2012
Full council	Wed 14 th March 2012
Planning	Wed 28 th March 2012
Communications	Wed 25 th April 2012
Finance & General Purposes	Wed 9 th May 2012
Annual council meeting and full council	Wed 23 rd May 2012
Annual Parish meeting	Wed 30 th May 2012

(Please refer to website and notice boards for all amendments, agendas and times).

Diamond Jubilee fun day celebration Sat 2nd June 2012

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After the fun the cadets were assembled for the awards to be announced. The most eagerly awaited award – The “Cadet of the Year” award with the prize of a flight in a Puma Helicopter with 33 Sqn RAF was presented to Cpl Peter Roberts (19 Yrs) – a flight he will receive in the spring.

It was a frosty start to 2012 with a bridge build over Harrowden brook. The Cadets worked hard to build two tripods and attach the main rope before all crossed safely to the other bank.

We may only be a month into 2012 but we have already had a busy schedule of sport, with cross country, rugby and football competitions all being held so far.

We have also kicked off this years charity fund raising, with £250 raised for Hounds For Heroes, a lesser known charity that provides specially trained dogs for injured men and women from both the armed forces and emergency services. The cadets have set themselves a target of raising £1000 this year for this charity.

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Wootton's Diamond Jubilee

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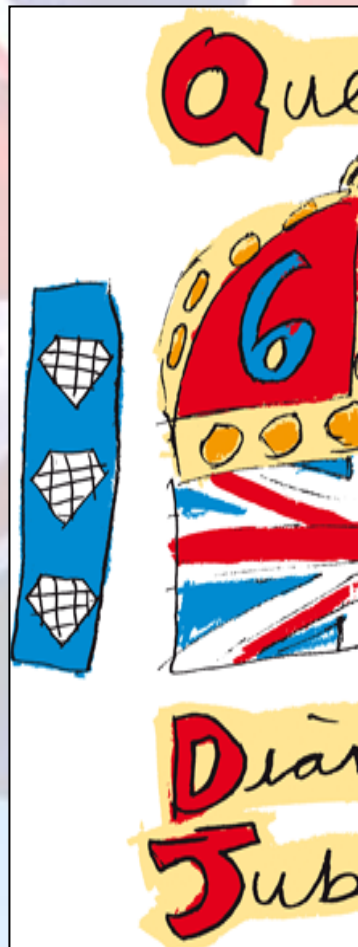
We are planning to have the following activities at the Diamond Jubilee.

Refreshments

- Bar
- Fish & chips
- Curry
- Jacket potatoes
- Burgers
- Cream teas
- Ice creams

Activities

- Bouncy Castle
- Stage for bands to gain experience playing in front of an audience
- An arena for demos and displays
- Tug-O-war competition
- Disco after 6pm in the village hall
- Variety of craft and activity stalls



and Jubilee Party

June, 12 to late



Activities

- **Want to play on stage in front of an audience? We are looking for bands and/or singers to play between 5 and 20 minutes on stage.**
- **Can you enter a Tug-O-War Team of 6 Adults?**
- **Can you enter a junior team for It's a knockout?**
- **Can your group/club do a demo in the arena?**
- **Do you want to have a stall on the day?**

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Where or What is the *CENTRE* of Wootton?

“Ah Wootton, I know it well. The very heart of Wootton, its ‘central’ core, is the friendly, kind, people who live there.”

That opinion was voiced when, at a party some 200 miles away from Wootton, a guest answered the question, “From where have you come?” The above quotation was the opinion of a person who was a total stranger to the author. It is a pretty compliment to our village and the vast majority of Wootton’s inhabitants. It set me thinking of where or what else might be called the centre of Wootton.

Some might say the centre of Wootton is the Post Office store others might choose One Stop. Perhaps it could be said to be at the village sign on the junction of Bedford and Cause End Roads. Those of a religious persuasion could put forward their church, certainly St. Mary’s church is the oldest village building and the Methodist church can boast being the HUB, which is a coffee bar situated by the side of the church. People with children of school age might rightly cite the excellent lower and upper schools as “centres” of learning. Members of the Blue Cross club have been known to say it is the centre of their lives in Wootton, and similar thoughts have been expressed (in a variety of ways!) by patrons of the Cock, Fox & Duck, Black Horse & Chequers public houses.

Geographical and historical factors come into play when attempting to define the centre. Firstly Wootton civil parish (along with most other English civil parishes) came into being by an 1894 act of Parliament. The established church parish of Wootton included (and still does) Stewartby then known as Wootton Pillinge. Stewartby civil parish came into being in 1937 when Wootton Pillinge and parts of Elstow, Marston and Houghton Conquest civil parishes were amalgamated to form the new civil parish to be named after the person who had formed the London Brick Company, Sir Malcolm Stewart.

A dictionary describes the centre (or center) as being, “that point within a sphere equidistant from any point on the circumference”. Looking at the Ordnance Survey map of the civil parish boundary area around Wootton it soon becomes obvious that a sphere could not be evenly drawn around the present Wootton civil parish boundary. The map shows the most northerly point of Wootton parish as being near Ramson’s Wood; easterly by the blue over bridge of the new A421; westerly near Bourne End Farm & southerly at the junction of the old A421 and Hoo Lane. Drawing a straight line from the most northern to southern, and eastern to western points results in the two lines crossing at grid reference TL 4532/9951 (ordnance Survey Sheet 208). If this is to be taken as the geographical centre of the civil parish of Wootton it can be viewed from the public bridleway (known as Kiln Pits), which runs from Hall End Road. The bridleway starts about 200 yards past Wootton upper school, when you reach the crest of the first hill. The location is on private land some 50 yards to the North West!

What or where do YOU think is the centre of Wootton? Please let the editor know.

FIELDS ROAD DEVELOPMENT GETS GO AHEAD

At the Bedford Borough Planning Committee meeting on 3rd January 2012 planning permission was given for the development to the north of Fields Road. This was for a hybrid application consisting of:

- i) an outline application for 415 residential units with associated ancillary works and facilities including a retail local centre, a lower school, a community building, sport and recreational facilities, open space and associated infrastructure;
- ii) a full application for an access road, 195 residential units, a central parkland area with footpaths and play facilities and associated infrastructure.

What this means is that there will be 610 houses built on the site and Persimmon can start immediately, building the first 195. The immediate anticipated time scales are:

A roundabout on Fields Road will be built starting in the next few weeks (perhaps by the time this article is read);

When complete, the basic infrastructure of the site will be constructed (water, sewage, electricity, gas etc) – this is expected to take 4 to 6 months;

In mid/late summer house building will start with first occupations perhaps by the end of this year.

It is expected that between 70 to 80 houses will be built per year depending on the economic climate, so building will last for several years.

Eventually, there will be considerable new community infrastructure in the new development area including;

- A new primary school which will open before 250 houses are occupied currently this is expected to be in September 2015. Although a primary school is defined in the documentation the type of school actually built (lower or primary) will be determined by the educational system in place in Wootton at the time of building.
- A 530sq metre community hall with a main hall suitable for indoor sport activities, meeting rooms, changing rooms, kitchen, toilets, store room, ancillary facilities, CCTV facilities and car parking available for public use before the occupation of the 301st dwelling.
- Provision of two graded sports pitches (adult and junior) to be available for public use by the occupation of the 301st dwelling. In addition there will be another junior pitch available to be shared with the new school and the community.
- Provision of an all weather floodlit Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) within the primary school site. This will be built to an agreed specification for joint use by the school and the community. This will be available for public use by the occupation of the 301st dwelling or the opening of the school, whichever is the sooner.

- Provision of three areas of play for young children.
- Provision of a teenage youth play facility for public use to be built to agreed specification. Currently plans include the provision of a 100m long, 3m wide BMX track and a youth shelter.
- The developer will also be making contributions to Wootton library, middle and upper school provision, public transport provision and traffic management.

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Changes in the NHS Nationally and Locally

You may have heard on the news the changes that are currently happening in the NHS with the aim of giving a greater say, in the treatment of patients and the running of the NHS, to GPs.

The current government is setting up local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Dr Mackenzie has been appointed as a Clinical Director of the Bedfordshire CCG. In this role she is making improvements to local health services by finding ways in which GP practices, councils and Hospitals can work in a more integrated way.

This means that Dr Mackenzie is currently spending time out of the practice to concentrate on these CCG activities. We have a full clinical team which includes Dr Nancy Murray, our new full time GP, who will be providing the frontline medical care and appointments. Dr Mackenzie will continue in her role as the clinical director providing support, advice and backup to the team including participating in an appointment, should this be deemed appropriate by the clinician seeing the patient, and her specialist clinics providing minor surgery, gynaecology and joint injection therapies.

Staff Changes

The practice is pleased to welcome Michele Munro as our new Healthcare Coordinator. Michele has previously worked at a local Hospice which, we feel, will give her a good background in the knowledge required to fulfil this role. Sadly, Neil Erickson, our Physician Assistant, who came back to help over the winter season will be leaving us again. This time Neil has finalised all his arrangements in the US and bought his new house and says he is definitely now retired! Good luck Neil, enjoy your retirement and thank you on behalf of the staff and patients for all you have done at Wootton Vale! Shannon will be going on maternity leave in March to have her third baby. We look forward to welcoming her back in the Autumn.

PPG

The surgery would like to thank the Patient Participation Group (PPG) for all their hard work. The PPG exists to represent the views of our patients and so you can contact them if you have any comments or suggestions about the practice.

The PPG have recently been undertaking a survey to discover what you, our patients, would like to see in the new practice building. We are busy analysing the results and comments. When we have done this the PPG will publish the results and our responses on the website.

New Diabetes and COPD Services

Part of the changes to the NHS, mentioned above, involves moving services out of hospitals and into GP practices as this is more convenient for patients. Two of these specialist services, diabetes and COPD are to be delivered by Bedford and Luton and Dunstable Hospitals at Wootton Vale and are due to start in March. They chose the practice due to our

excellent facilities and good access for patients coming from other areas in North and Central Bedfordshire.

We already host the Bedford Parkinson's service, and the Gynaecology service provided from Milton Keynes Hospital and will endeavour to support other services that will benefit patients in west and central Bedfordshire.

Pilates

Jo Durkin is now offering pre-natal pilates classes at the practice on Tuesday mornings. These are available to pregnant patients who are registered at the practice, are in their second trimester and have been cleared as fit to attend by a GP or midwife.

Heartstart

The practice hosts regular Heartstart courses in "Emergency Life Support" and CPR on the last Thursday in the month. This course is free. Ask at the Helpdesk if you would like to attend a session to learn this lifesaving skill – you won't have to sing "staying alive" but who knows, you may meet Vinnie Jones!

Children's Centre

Mother and Children's advisors from The Peartree Children's Centre attend the practice every month for the convenience of our parents of young children. They can provide a wide range of advice, support and assessments. The next session is on **13th March** between 2 and 3 O'clock.

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It has been another busy term for us at St. Mary's playgroup with us welcoming lots of new children.

On Friday 18th November staff and children had so much fun raising £62.63 for Children in Need by spending the day in their pyjamas.

Raw talent was out in force on Friday 9th December when the older children proudly donned their costumes and performed their version of 'The Christmas Nativity' to a captive audience of family and friends. Mary, the playgroup leader narrated the stages of the display telling the story of the birth of the baby Jesus. The story was interspersed by several songs such as 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', 'Away in a Manger' 'Rock Baby Jesus' and culminated in the cast singing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

During the last week of term the children stayed for a festive Christmas dinner with crackers and hats.

We finished the term with a Christmas party. They enjoyed singing and dancing and plenty of party food. The children were very excited when Father Christmas dropped by to deliver some presents. All the children had a great time before breaking up for the Christmas holidays.

This term we have been celebrating Chinese New Year by making dragon masks, dancing a dragon dance, learning some Chinese words and songs, writing Chinese characters and numbers.

General Information

St. Mary's playgroup operates from the Church Hall and has been serving the local community since 1967. The Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

We are staffed by fully qualified play leaders. We can take preschool children from 2 years upwards.

If you would like to put your child's name down for a playgroup place, or require any further information please phone Mary on 01234 767158. Alternatively you can call in to pick up an enrolment form.

Term time opening hours:

Tuesday and Friday 9.00am – 15.45pm

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Family Fun days

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Wootton Lower School

Chris Tavener - Head Teacher

As we say goodbye to Christmas and the amazing shows put on by the children (A Christmas Carol by Years 3 and 4, and Nativities by Years 2, 1 and Reception), the buzz of learning has returned to the classrooms at the Lower School. From Year 4 experiencing WWII as a child to Year 2 exploring the Rainforest, all the children are thoroughly engaged in their lessons.

One of our targets this year has been to improve reading. We have had an 'Extreme Reading' competition where adults and children were photographed reading books in strange places. The competition was won by Mia in Year 1 who was photographed reading a book whilst handcuffed in a police car. We have also enhanced the way we teach children how to read and are about to invest in new reading books. To promote boys' reading, we recently had a visit from Dads, Granddads and other men from the village to come and read stories to the children, which was enjoyed by both readers and pupils alike!

The School has also made history this term and played football against another school for the first time in many years (or maybe ever?). All the boys and girls played exceptionally well and Jackson from Year 3 scored the first two goals for the school against Flitwick Lower School. With a squad of 26 and a team limited to only 7 per match, there are a lot of children in the queue to add to the list of children who have scored a goal for the school! On behalf of the children I would to thank Mr Donovan and Mr Baker for their help in running the club.

We are all now looking forward to some warmer weather and hope to host another Senior Citizen's tea party at Easter.

Old Photos of Wootton

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd June, the working party are asking for old photographs taken over the last 60 years, showing residents and landmarks in and around the village alike. These will be put on display on the day, and will be a fantastic opportunity for young and old to see how the village (and it's residents!) have changed.

If you can help, please send your photos to the clerk, either by post or email. If possible, please keep the original and send a good quality copy only to avoid any losses, but if you are unable to do so, please ensure that you request the original be returned to you with full contact and address details.

Country Players

Cinderella 2012

The Country Players' annual panto proved to be a great success with almost full houses throughout. Great performances from Emily Kirkup as Cinderella and Hannah Coster as Prince Charming were highlights of the evening. Hannah has a sweet singing voice. There was great support from Brett Colmer as Buttons who kept the audience on their toes, and Rhiannon Bland as Dandini. Joyce Halpin as Cookie, the lunatic cook, and Josh Halpin as Roger the Footman provided great comic interludes and plenty of custard pies. The Ugly Sisters, Caroline Forrest-Holden as Sciatica and Ian McDonald as Dyspepsia, were exceptional with perfect comic timing and black humour. Their interpretation of Busy Doing Nothing, with support from Allyson Cable as the Baroness, was one of the highlights of the show.

Ann Peckham as the Fairy Godmother and her gaggle of fairies kept the panto moving with masses of energy and fun. Overall it was a great evening with some fine singing and dancing performances.

Future events:

We are presenting 2 Victorian Dickens evenings on March 22 and 23 (Thursday and Friday). They will consist of a short version of Oliver Twist, a medley of music hall songs, a medley of Oliver! Songs, some folk music, magic and a comic. Tickets will be available from The Black Horse, Potters Cross or by phone on 07950 923051. The cost will be £5.50.

Hay Fever (by Noel Coward). June 20 to 23. At The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford.

55 Club

The new club year has just commenced so if you are 55 years old or over and live in the village why not come along and sample the activities.

The subject titles for next few months are as follow:-

- February - Wildlife Trust,
- March - Distinctive Container Gardening,
- April - Your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- May - Rubber Buttons.

Separate to the monthly meetings there are also groups that meet for walks, wine tasting, lunching and art. There are also coach trips arranged for members to visit places of interest.

The easiest method is to turn up at the Blue Cross clubroom at 2.30pm on the last Wednesday in the month and you are certain to know someone from the 40/50 members who regularly attend.

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We are looking forward to a busy Spring Term. A successful grant application means that we should be seeing work starting at the Memorial Hall on replacing the old wooden fence around the car park. The old one has been vandalised so many times that it is now past repairing. We look forward to putting away the hammer and nails! This year the pre-school celebrates its 40th year and we hope to celebrate with an open day and party. If you have any memories of your time at the pre-school please share them with us. As part of our celebration we will be launching our web site, look out for details in the next issue.

We are currently looking into the future provision of pre-school places. As the new houses are built there will be a need for extra places. Our feeling is that the village needs a purpose built pre-school which offers before and after school and holiday care. Let me know what provision you think will meet the village's growing needs so we can put forward your views.

E-mail: bizzybeespreschool@btinternet.com

We welcomed several new children this term and everyone is working on a winter topic. As I write this article we are looking forward to some snow! We have recently introduced a 'mud making area,' which is proving very popular with the children. If you would like more details on the pre-school please contact us. Telephone 01234 767785.

Wootton Women's Institute

During 2012, make it part of your new year's resolutions to visit Wootton Women's Institute and see what you have been missing, we have a wide range of speakers to suit all tastes, good company and a way of making new friends. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Memorial Hall in Bedford Road at 7.30 pm.

15th February	Felt Making	Claire Bullock
21st March	Bedford and the Loch Ard	David Fowler
18th April	Annual Meeting	
16th May	Gunns Bakery	David Gunn
20th June	Gardens of Woburn Abbey	

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A letter from Taz

Hello

I am a West Highland Terrier crossed with a miniature Poodle.

My name is Taz - my Mum says I was named after something called a Tasmanian Devil – I cannot imagine why!

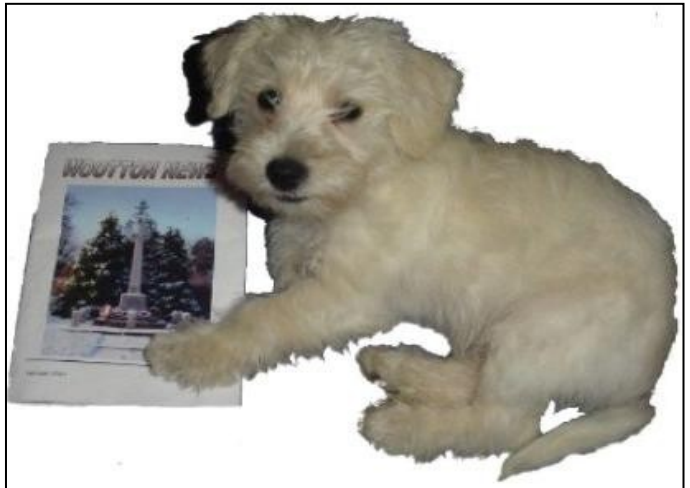
I have grown a bit since I “pawed over” the Wootton News last year and now I want to ask for your help. I am getting mighty fed up when I go for walks as I am kept on a lead. I do tend to go a bit deaf when called in from my garden but more and more of you other dogs are just allowed to run free wherever you like and it is not fair.

You decide to run into other people’s gardens and if YOU go deaf your Mum or Dad just follow you into that garden without bothering about permission. One Dad was caught by an owner wandering around her garden as early as 5.30am one morning looking for his dog - next time she is going to assume he is a burglar and call the police first!

My Mum told me about a little brown dog that is not kept under control. Dad is very rude. He forces his way onto other people’s property when he has to chase after his little brown dog, crosses their garden, and he doesn’t like it when he is asked to get out. One day in August last year when the ditch had no water in it, the little brown dog leapt into oozing, stinking mud and had to struggle the full length of the ditch and garden before he could get out..... what fun if he ran straight into his Dad’s house and cleaned himself up on the carpets!

It is not right blaming us and saying we are dirty animals, us dogs ARE dogs and we sit with legs crossed rather than foul our own beautiful garden – you Mums and Dads just rush us outside shouting “walkies”..... and then we do what doggies have to do – usually on someone else’s property. Lots of you never even pick up after us – and yet how weird to hear horrid things said about what we leave behind and how disgusting we are.. it is NOT US DOGS who leave heaps everywhere.

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A thank you also to the Parish Councillors who attended the parade and service on Sunday 13th November. A special thank you to John Wheeler (Chair) who read the lesson in Church and laid the Parish Council wreath at the War Memorial.

Thank you also to Richard Warboys for maintaining the grass around the War Memorial and to the Parish Council for the War Memorial's ongoing maintenance.



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