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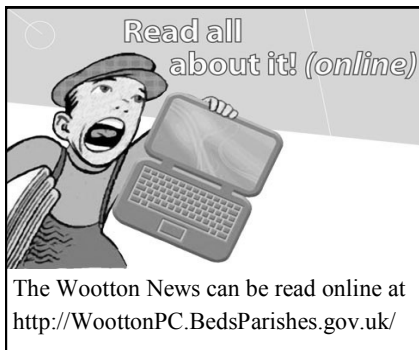
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Picture taken by Gareth Lloyd of the Prince and Princess Ellie and Aidan who opened the Diamond Jubilee fun day.

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A good evening can be had at Wootton W.I, why not come and try?

18th July	Churchill Memorabilia	Jack Durrah
15th August	Bag Auction	
19th September	Oil Painting Demo with audience participation	Michael Peachey
20th October	Variety Theatres & Old Time Musical Hall	Barry Wolseley



Wootton Parish Council Annual Report



John Wheeler - Chairman

I am pleased to say with Sue Playford, Sue Bolton and members of the parish council working very hard last year, we are now running an efficient and cost effective council.

The provision of facilities and activities for all people of Wootton continues to be a high priority and I am pleased to say that the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) should be fully refurbished by the end of the summer, and be available for free and bookable play, and the football pitches will be undergoing levelling works.

A more capable CCTV system has been installed at the recreation ground, which will be monitored 24 hours a day, with a vehicle number plate recognition system.

The parish council was approached by members of Wootton Ramps and Riders, who have requested a skate park at the recreation ground. It is thought this will be on the grass area near to the existing skate park area, which is not fit for purpose. A further article appears elsewhere in this newsletter and a full village consultation process will take place starting mid-June.

The residents of Tithe Barn Road have received a letter of consultation with regard to a proposed upgrade of lighting in that area.

The parish council continues with its obligations with regard to village maintenance - grass cutting, dog and litter bin provision, litter picking, street lighting, maintenance of trees, Lorraine Road cemetery and St. Mary's church yard to mention a few!

Unfortunately mindless vandalism continues to be a problem in the village. Over the past few weeks damage has been caused to the windows of the Baptist Church and Wootton Lower School. Two arrests have been made and the culprits are due to appear in court. I was heartened to read in a recent lower school newsletter that pupils have raised over £400 towards the cost of replacing the windows at the Baptist Church – a lovely community-spirited gesture.

Cont....

During the last year both Judith Cunningham and more recently, Leila Bland have resigned from the parish council. I would like to thank them for their hard work – Judith was also a Borough Councillor for a number of years. I wish them both well in the future. David Price, Claire Bennett, Malcolm Chalmers, Gerald Bygraves and Brian Doggrell have now joined and the most recent vacancy is now being advertised.

As mentioned earlier, the parish council's accounts are in very good order and we continue to work to achieve higher levels of efficiency and structured governance.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations – the day took a lot of organising and the weather remained on our side for most of the day.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of Wootton Parish Council, Sue Playford and Sue Bolton for their hard work, dedication and support they have given me as chairman.

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Parish Clerk's Report

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations are now behind us and thankfully the weather was reasonably kind to us! A huge thank you to everyone who helped to bring everything together on the day – planning started back in December and involved a lot of organising. If I try to list all names here I will no doubt forget someone – but you all know who you are!

Since our last newsletter I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new litter picker and handyman – Andy Snelson. You may have seen him out and about in the village and we are very pleased that Andy is now on board helping to keep the village looking tidy.

The CCTV has now been upgraded and will allow the parish council to focus on upgrading the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and football pitches without fear of vandalism. Once complete, the MUGA will once again be available for hire and free play – please contact me if you are interested in booking this facility for your club, organisation or indeed in a personal capacity.



Sue Playford

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The parish council would like to make residents of Wootton aware that they now have a Grants Policy in place. Criteria guidelines and application forms can be found on our website at:

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Alternatively, please contact me for information.

St. Mary's Playgroup

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This has been a very busy term once again, with lots of activities taking place to support children's learning and development. We know that when you ask children what they have been doing at school, many will answer with "nothing" or "stuff"!! Here are a few of the things we have been doing this term – in addition to all their usual learning!

Highlights include:

Chinese New Year - the children made dragons masks, cards and Chinese lanterns. We had a dragon dance and listened to authentic Chinese music. The children dressed up in Chinese costumes and ate prawn crackers. We used chopsticks to pick up noodles. The children learned a Chinese dragon song and some Chinese words.

Animals - the children have learned about farm animals; where milk and eggs come from. They have created some wonderful lamb pictures which we put on our display board. In the small world area the children enjoyed playing with and smelling real hay which was put into a tray containing plastic farm animals and there was lots of imaginary play and animal noises being made. We have learned new animal songs

Butterfly life cycle - we read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story which the children joined in with counting and recognising the things that the caterpillar eats. There has been lots of fun caterpillar crawling through tunnels, playing sleeping caterpillars and turning into butterflies. The children have made their own wiggly caterpillars using circle shapes and painted patterns on one half of a butterfly then by folding it over repeated the pattern on the other side. The children each decorated a paper plate to make a giant caterpillar for our display board.

Growing - the children have all been involved in planting and watering potatoes. We will harvest the potatoes during the last week of the summer term and the children will stay for a lunch of sausages, baked beans, peas and new potatoes, followed by jelly.

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 still have places for September so if you have any children aged between 2 and 5 years who would like to join our Playgroup, please call Mary on 01234 767158. Alternatively you can call in to pick up an enrolment form.



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The remaining half of 2012 will be jam packed with adventurous activities and weekend courses designed to get the best out of the cadets and to reveal core qualities such as leadership, teamwork and communication skills which will help a great deal through the remainder of their education and through their future careers.

Cranfield Detachment is currently recruiting. Army Cadets is open to both boys and girls and the only requirement is that you are at least Year 8 in school. We meet on Wednesday's and Friday evenings 7pm – 9.30pm. Visit our website www.armycadets.com for more details or come in for a chat. Off Merchant Lane, Cranfield, Beds, MK43 0AD.

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At the moment people are regularly parking on the single yellow lines opposite the lower school when picking up or dropping off their children. These lines and the zig zags are put there for the safety of children, allowing them to see clearly any oncoming traffic. No one should need to be told that parking on either of these is an offence and more relevantly endangers children, parking there simply for the convenience of a shorter walk is clearly unacceptable.

If you wish to notify Bedfordshire Police of poor parking, or any other non emergency matter please call 101. To contact your local PCSO Nicholas Hogg directly about this or any other matter please email LPT.Wootton@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk. As always still call 999 in the event of an emergency.

Bedfordshire Police now have an Antisocial Behaviour Management Team! If you are experiencing an ongoing issue of Antisocial Behaviour occurring in your area this can be discussed with Claire Fryer, Gina Carruthers or Pauline Abram on 01234 842484.

Skate park for the village?

*Robbie, Tom, Josh and
Luke*

The parish council was recently approached by Wootton Ramps and Riders, a youth organisation based in the village, initially to request additional play facilities aimed at 11 years and over.

*(Wootton residents, aged
11 – 12 years)*

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[www.facebook.com/
Rampsandriderz](http://www.facebook.com/Rampsandriderz).*

The parish council was handed a petition which contained over 700 signatures from both children and adults who agreed that further youth provisions were much needed. Having discussed matters further and heard about children who using their skate boards on the road, causing a danger to themselves and road users, the idea of a skate park was formed.

You may be aware that there is a small area already containing skate park equipment at the recreation ground behind the village hall, however the poor design means that it is very difficult to use, and so is rarely used.

At this stage, the parish council along with Wootton Ramps and Riders is seeking feedback from residents of the village, with regard to this proposal. The intention is that a concrete design skate park be situated on the grass area next to the existing skate board area.

A full leaflet drop as part of a formal consultation process has already taken place, so do please remember this is your opportunity to have your say.

This is what Wootton Ramps & Riders have to say:

We are a group of villagers whose aim is to get a skate park in Wootton. Skateboarders, scooter and BMX users and general skaters would all have a fun and safe place to practise and improve their skills, as well as enjoying outdoor physical activity (this keeps our parents happy too!) A skate park will provide an exciting activity area for a wide age range of children, those who live in Wootton as well those with grandparents or other relatives in the village (and other visitors too!)

Since March, we (and two of our mums) have been in contact with the parish council. We have presented them with a petition which in just two weeks, was signed by over 700 people (mainly Wootton residents), who all agreed that Wootton needed more facilities for older children. With the new housing developments and growing numbers of children in the village, the need for more play facilities to accommodate children of all ages is going to increase.

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End of an Era

By Steven Cruse, Wootton Parish Council

Wootton Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to send a special thank you to Paul and Rodelle Brooks, who for the last 15 years have very kindly given up their time (not always free time) to provide “football for all” within the village through Wootton Rangers FC. Generations of young footballers have passed through Wootton Rangers, many under the guidance of Paul and Rodelle, and this is one of the many reasons why Wootton is well known for producing such good footballers! They haven’t just taught football though, they have inspired others within the community to step forward and continue their positive work.

Paul’s hard work over the years, during which he became chairman, saw him marking pitches out in all conditions, travelling the county for various meetings and dealing with every kind of issue that U7’s – U16’s can bring up!

As vice-chair and the manager of the oldest age group, Rodelle put a great deal of effort into keeping the club strong - with fundraising and quiz nights. She also arranged for her team to visit MK Dons for training sessions and matches - memories those lads will never forget.

Thank you both for your hard work over the last 15 years, putting Wootton football on the map.

ABOUT BOWLS

Did you know that bowls is the second most participation sport after fishing?

Today bowls is played by people from all walks of life and aged from 12 years to 90-plus. It's a healthy outdoor sport (and indoors during the winter) with gentle exercise and of course the social side meeting other bowlers.

In days gone by, large and medium companies provided sports facilities for their employees to encourage people to join them and stay with them. Stewartby Bowls Club was born out of this environment.

London Brick Company had a bowls green within its works boundary and in 1934 it established a green on the village sports ground open to its employees and a restricted amount of 'outside members'. The Bowls Club was associated to the Sports and Social Club at that time until two years ago when it became an independent members club.

The club is open to Ladies, Men and juniors, at present our members come not only from Stewartby but all the surrounding areas (Marston, Cranfield, Wootton, Kempston, Ampthill and Flitwick).

We are always pleased to welcome new members be they established bowlers or complete novices (we are happy to loan you some bowls and give you free tuition to get you started).

Anyone wishing to join us or come and give bowls a try, telephone our local representative Brian on 01234 854837 and he will arrange for you to come over at a mutual time. You may of course come over any Saturday afternoon and most weekday evenings and have a look at us.

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Adventurers – for children 6 to 9 years – at 3:45pm, straight after school, no charge;

Rock Solid – for young people 10 years and over – at 7pm.

Come and meet your friends in the village at the **coffee morning** in the church hall from 10am to noon every **Tuesday** (except in August). Light refreshments, many of them homemade, and cheery conversation are always available. Children are welcome: there are plenty of toys! Also on **Tuesdays** there is a fortnightly **women's meeting** at 2:30pm – you are invited to come and enjoy friendly conversation, visiting speakers, and a cup of tea.

Do you want to know more about the Bible? Then join us at one of the following meetings:

Wednesdays (during school term time) **Home Bible Group** at 118a Bedford Road – joyful study in a friendly setting. Come along unannounced for a 7:45pm start to meet Jesus in the Scriptures.

Thursdays throughout the year you will find us meeting at the church hall for **prayer with visiting Bible teachers**, from 7:30 to 9pm. You are welcome to join us.

Fridays (during school term time) **Home Bible Group** at 58 Bedford Road – contact John or Sue Lambert on 01234 767739 for details – we are always pleased to meet new seekers of Christ.

Watch out for special events including our Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September

*If you need any further information please contact the secretary, Steve Guest, on 01234 303140
or Rob Stanton on 01234 766293*

NADEEN'S LAST POST

For almost 38 years, through sunshine, hail, rain, wind and snow, Nadeen Sneath has delivered post to the residents of Wootton. But, in March this year, she finally hung up her post bag, Royal Mail uniform and badge for the last time.

Having moved to the village in July 1974, Nadeen started work as a postwoman at Wootton Sub Post Office in October that year, delivering to the Cause End Road area. Even during a six year break in the late 70s and early 80s, to have her children - William, Victoria and James - she continued to help out as a substitute to cover holidays, sickness and at the busy Christmas times.

In 1994, Nadeen again became an established member of the delivery staff and, until her retirement, mainly served Bedford Road (east) and Mepham Road areas.

When asked about the best and worst aspects of her job, Nadeen said that - coming from a Lincolnshire farming family - getting up at 5.00am and being out in bad weather didn't bother her too much. 'I didn't mind rain', she said, 'but windy weather always made things difficult. Anyway, there was always the compensation of meeting so many nice people around the village'.

Delivering post may have its more obvious hazards, such as unfriendly dogs, but Nadeen's only major injury was caused by a householder falling on her from a ladder as she was making a delivery – resulting in nasty cuts to her face.

Retirement was followed by a well-deserved holiday, with husband Robert, in New Zealand and Australia, where they met up with their daughter, Victoria.



A friendly group of ladies always ready to help one another. We welcome any type of craft, and any level of ability.

We meet at the Memorial Hall, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 8pm. Why not come along for a taster evening and meet other members? You would be made very welcome.

Library Corner

Our last **Antiques Valuation Day** with Peacocks Auctioneers was so successful we're running another! Bring up to two antiques on Wednesday 10 October between noon and 4pm for complimentary, no-obligation auction advice.

Our **Chatterbooks** reading group for 8-13 year olds meets once a month – joining is free, just ask!

The friendly **Knit & Natter** group meets for a free cuppa from 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.

We are organising more of our **Rhyme Times** for the under 5's – please let us know what time would suit you and your baby or toddler.

Once a month we have a **Family Fun Day** with stories and crafts for all ages. Drop into the library and ask about the next event.

Could you **volunteer to help** Wootton Library? We are looking for an **IT Support** volunteer and a **Gardener**. Anyone aged 14 or over can apply – ask at the library for details.

Wootton library is open on Monday from 2-6, on Wednesday from 10-1 and 2-6, on Friday from 2-6 and on Saturday from 10-1. If you have any questions just pop in or ring us on 01234 766 061.

Heather, Library Manager.

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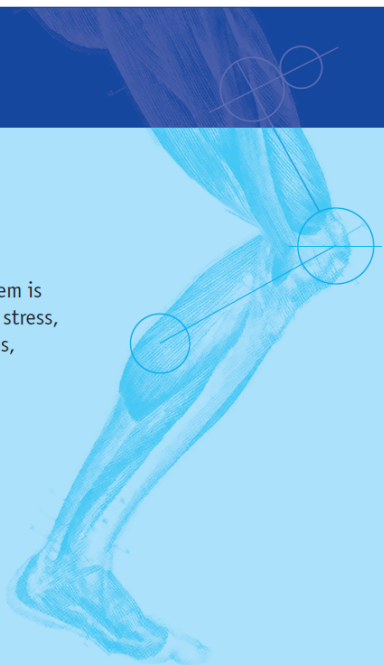
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A Brief Review of the History of the Inns, Ale Houses, Public Houses & Beer Houses of Wootton.

Following the closure and subsequent re-opening of both the Chequers and the Rose & Crown the author decided to investigate the history of Wootton's licensed places of refreshment. The assistance of the Bedford and Luton records office is acknowledged.

The term “**Inn**” used to mean premises licensed to sell all alcoholic beverages, provide comestibles (food) and offer accommodation. An “**Ale**” house was the old term for what became known in legislation as a “**Beer**” house wherein only beer (and by special licence wine) could be sold. A “**Public House**” was licensed to sell beers, wines and spirits.

The Rose and Crown Inn, Keeley Lane, recently re-opened after a lengthy restoration as the Legstraps. This is perhaps on the site of the oldest place of refreshment in Wootton. It is adjacent to the line of an old Roman road and traces of Samian ware (Roman pottery) have been found in the vicinity. A “legstrap” was the piece of cord tied by farm workers around the trouser leg, just under the knee, to prevent rats running up the inside of the trouser! The first documentation for the Rose and Crown is in 1820 when it was sold to John Morris as an Ale house. The Rose is shown on an 1882 map as having the title of an Inn.

The Cock Public House, Fields Road, stands on land described in a sale deed dated 1682 as Breach Furlong in East Field. In 1764 it was documented as the Cock, a Beer House with Smithy. The buildings of that date have given way to the building of Victorian design we see today. In the Bedfordshire Times of 30th August 1851 the licensee was reported as being fined 5 shillings, with 7 shillings costs, for selling short measure!

The Chequers Public House, Hall End, dates from the early 17th century and is allegedly haunted by a groom who was decapitated under a coach wheel. It was the first public house to be “free” of ties to any brewery and was originally part of the Wootton House Estate.

The Fox & Duck Public House, Bedford Road, opened in 1836/7 on land owned by the Cock. It was originally known as the “Beer House”. The first record of the name Fox & Duck is in a deed of conveyance to Higgins & Son Ltd, brewers dated 1902.

The Black Horse Public House, Potters Cross, is first recorded as the Cherry Tree Beer House in 1830 when the licensing laws were reviewed. By 1878 it had become the Black Horse.

The White Lion, Bedford Road, closed in 2004 after some 170 years of trading. In 1891 the landlord was James Lunniss, the father of Robert Lunniss who was, and still is, the patron of the Bob Lunniss Charity Christmas lunch.

The Star Inn on Cause End Road was first licensed in 1847 as a Beer House. It was described as being adjacent to the Wesleyan Chapel. The Star closed in 1954 and is now known as Astra House.

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I am informed by older Wootton residents that they remember a Beer House in Wootton, Bourne End, known as the "Mortal Man". Here prize bare knuckle fighting is said to have taken place. The name cannot be found in the licensing records and it might well be that the establishment was not licensed.

In 1727 a Mathew Walker was fined 20 shillings for keeping an unlicensed Ale House somewhere in Wootton.

The 1874 papers of Newland & Mash, brewers of Bedford detail a "Royal Oak" & 4 cottages in Wootton. The location of this property cannot be found in Wootton, but might be in Kempston, Wood End.

In 1927, when the population of Wootton (which then included Stewarby) was around 1,500, a rating valuation was carried out on all properties. Part of the valuation of pubs was the weekly alcohol sales - an average weekly:-

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Well, the PTFA have had a really fun first half of the Summer Term! We had an Easter Disco and a brilliant "Decorate an Egg" Easter Competition as well as Reception's Easter Party and Year 4's Cake and Toy Sale. But it's now that time of year again when our thoughts turn towards our biggest event and we will try to make sure we have another fantastic Summer Fayre. This year, our theme is "Peter Pan" and will take place on the 7th July from 1pm to 4pm. Peter and Wendy need your help to keep the rowdy Pirates in order – as well as looking after the Lost Boys, keeping the mermaids happy and making sure the Indians stay out of trouble!!

The rest of the Summer Term will be taken up by our Sponsored Carry the Olympic Torch on the 13th June, Fathers Day present making on 15th June, Storytime and costume sales on 22nd June, mufti day for the Summer Fayre on the 29th June and the Summer Disco on the 11th July. We will, of course, also be having our regular farewell party for the Year 4's on the 20th July as they leave us to go to Middle School. So there is plenty to get involved with! Come along and see how we run our events. You never know, you might decide to join us!

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Over the years the land has been sold off and today the Charity only owns the allotments at Hall End and a small paddock. Income to the Charity comes from rents from these parcels of land and from investments on the capital raised from the sale of land. The investments are held in a Common Investment Fund established by the Charity Commissioners. The accounts of the Charity are lodged yearly with the Charity Commission.

Under the terms of the Charity, half of the net income is provided for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mary's Parish Church and the rest is provided to the Wootton Poores Land Charity.

The Trustees of the Charity offer support to residents, if they have needs which do not qualify for support from Social Services or other official sources, e.g. travelling expenses to hospital, some medical equipment, heating bills, pre-school fees and children with special needs.

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The rest of this term will be just as busy – as well as earning the Adventure Badge and Healthy Eating Badge the Beavers will be making Father's Day presents, making their own boats then seeing if they float and going to Mowsbury Golf Course for a golf lesson!

Beavers are aged between 6 and 8, so if you would like to put your child on the Beaver waiting list please contact Sam on 768794 or 07778 610061 or alternatively send an email to sam.bloomer@hotmail.co.uk. 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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Sam (Otter) and Sally (Squirrel)

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Responsible Finance Officer's report May 2012

Sue Playford

In summary, the 2011/12 accounts of Wootton Parish Council are given below. Comments are as follows.

Income

Wootton Parish Council obtains its income from the precept, and charges for burial plots and hire of the recreation grounds. The precept is the part of the council tax collected, on behalf of the council. Wootton Parish Council budgets all its needs towards the end of the calendar year, and advises Bedford Borough Council of the figures required to meet its entire obligation. In 2011/12 this was £102,785. The parish council has requested the figure of £105,120 for the 2012/13 financial year.

The parish council also receives a grant (agency services) for cutting the highway verges in the parish on behalf of Bedford Borough Council. In 2011/12 this was £1,567 although the parish had extra cuts made to ensure the parish looked tidy.

A grant from the Bedford Borough Council S106 monies was received - £7,559 towards the provision of additional play equipment at the Wootton Memorial Hall play area.

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Total costs for 2011/12 were £3,105. This is delivered to all households in Wootton and is also available on the Wootton Parish Council website. It might be that costs can be reduced in this area, if the magazine were to be received electronically in the future.

There has been no income from hire of the recreation ground due to the vandalism of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). An insurance claim for this damage of £3,589 has now been received and to date £5,010 spent on replacement floodlights. Money has been earmarked for the upgrade of the MUGA in 2012/13. It is a shame that a minority in the village seek to vandalise areas that can give hours of pleasure to many residents, and reduce potential income that would be a direct benefit to the parish.

Expenditure

The parish council employs a full-time clerk, a part-time Responsible Finance Officer (RFO), a part-time parks & complex caretaker and a contract bus shelter cleaner. Unfortunately our litter picker resigned during 2011/12 but a replacement has recently been appointed and he will also be undertaking handyman roles in and around the village. Spending on grass cutting for 2011/12 was £7,185 and cemetery ground maintenance was £12,350. There was a minimal spend on projects during 2011/12 and monies have been earmarked for future projects including the CCTV and MUGA upgrades, as well as for youth facilities, football pitch repairs, as well as the upgrading of lights in Tithe Barn Road.

Annual Audit

The RFO has contacted an external audit provider who will carry out our independent examination of the 2011/12 accounts as required for the Annual Return.

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the above is to continue to improve the financial controls and accounting procedures of Wootton Parish Council, whilst being open and accountable to our parishioners. It is the council's intention to work towards becoming a quality status council. In summary I am happy to report that Wootton Parish Council is in a good financial position and will continue to work for the good of our parishioners.



EMMA SANDERS

Emma was a mascot for Luton Town FC in October 2011 and is proud to call herself a Wootton girl. Her father was born in the village, and her Great Grandfather Les Sanders was Chairman of the Parish Council for over 20 years until his death in 1968. Sanders Way is named after him.

In addition, Popes Way is named after Emma's Great Great Great Grandfather, who was once Vicar to Wootton.

Well done Emma!

Dates for your diary

Parish council meetings

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13 th Jun 2012						
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Planning & Environment						
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Accounts sub-committee	19	20	21	22	23	24
Planning & Environment	25	26	27	28	29	
Finance & General purposes						

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Planning & Environment	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Planning & Environment	19	20	21	22	23	24
Full council	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Planning & Environment						
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Leisure & Amenities	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Planning & Environment	19	20	21	22	23	24
Communications	25	26	27	28	29	30

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31 st Oct 2012	Accounts sub-committee
31 st Oct 2012	Planning & Environment
14 th Nov 2012	Planning & Environment
14 th Nov 2012	Full council
28 th Nov 2012	Accounts sub-committee
28 th Nov 2012	Planning & Environment
28 th Nov 2012	Finance & General purposes
12 th Dec 2012	Planning & Environment
12 th Dec 2012	Leisure & Amenities
12 th Dec 2012	Finance & General purposes



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