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Wootton Parish Council Chairman's Report



Gareth Lloyd - Chairman

I would like to begin by thanking Wootton Ramps & Riders, Cllrs Bygraves and Wheeler, and the Clerk for all their hard work on the skate park. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of people in Wootton, and thanks to their efforts we have a new £100,000 facility in the village. I am writing this report as the skate park is being built, and am hoping the park will be completed before the summer holidays have ended, giving some of you a chance to use it.

The village fun day in July was another great success and a huge thanks to everyone involved with organising and running it – with particular thanks to Mark Atkins, as the one helper who is not a Parish Council member! Planning for next year's fun day has already started and we are looking at holding it on Saturday 5th July 2014.

The Parish Council sponsored the Wootton Summer Camp and it is hoped this will become an annual event. The summer camp is available to Wootton residents between the ages of 5 and 16. We will soon be starting the process for planning next year's event. We would welcome any feedback that would allow us to improve upon this year's event - you can either complete a quick questionnaire online (<http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/survey/>) or email to WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com with your comments.

The current development on Fields Road (a.k.a. Fields Road North Development) continues to expand the village. The Parish Council continues its negotiations with Persimmon with regard to the proposed new facilities (Community Hall, football pitches) so that we in the village can gain more than just extra houses. I would like to thank Cllr Wallace for his continued hard work in helping to secure the best possible outcome for the village.

Finally, we are receiving a lot of complaints about dog fouling in and around the village. This, like most problems in life, is caused by a minority and gives the majority a bad reputation. The best approach in dealing with this is to contact Bedford Borough Council (Environmental Services) on callcentre@bedford.gov.uk or 01234 718060. The more we complain and the more detailed the information we give is (day, time, location, dog description, and owner description), the greater the chance is of stopping this problem. I would urge you to complain every time you see a dog owner failing to pick up after their dogs or whenever you find dog mess on the path. Working together we can stop this and make Wootton the nice village it should be.



Wootton Baptist Church

The journalist and writer, Quentin Letts has a programme on BBC Radio 4 called 'What's the point of.....'. He then discusses the benefits or otherwise of the subject he has chosen.

Thinking of this, I wondered if he would ever choose, 'What's the point of Church?' Of course it could be, 'What's the point of any religious building?' My thoughts went to the original builders of The Baptist Church in Bedford Road. In 1836 the building was opened to permit religious worship of people then called a 'congregation of Protestant Dissenters', holding specific beliefs. Why was it necessary for this building to be built? - Because previously the congregation had worshiped in private house and needed a larger building.

Although the building is called 'Wootton Baptist Church', the plaque on the front says, 'Baptist Chapel. 1836' The definition of a 'church' according to the Bible, are people. One of the definitions of a 'chapel, is 'a place of worship for non-conformist congregations'. On the inside, the congregation sees above the pulpit, the words, 'Christ is Risen.' The preacher sees from the pulpit the words, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' Written around the inside of the chapel are the words, 'This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.' And, 'By graced are ye saved, through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.'

Although the building is called locally, a Church, it is really a Chapel and the 'Church' are the people who worship in the Chapel. The Church of Jesus Christ locally, consists of all those people, of whatever denomination, in whatever building they meet, and, 'confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead' (Romans 10: 9) The promise of God's word is they would be saved from death and judgement through Jesus Christ dying on the cross.

The point of a church as a building is a place to worship God and meet with others of the same beliefs. The point of the 'Church' as a people, is to worship God and tell the good news of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of this needy world.

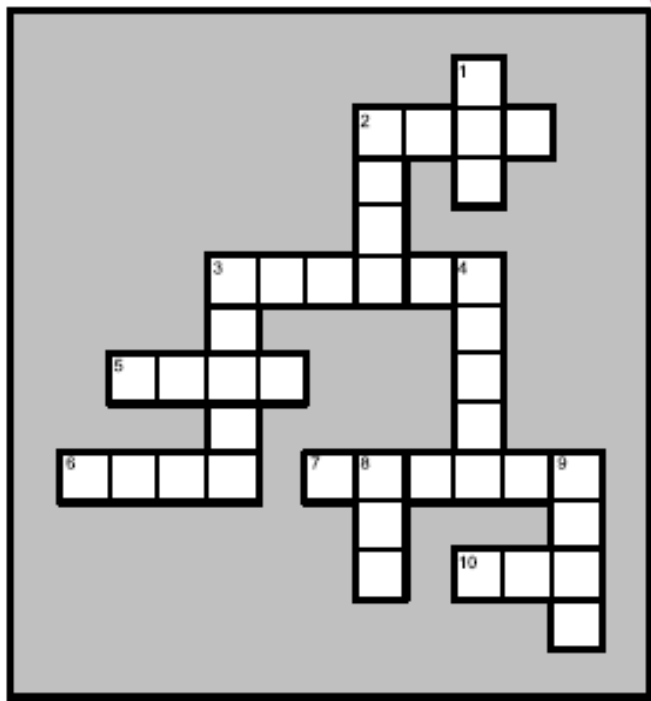
Everyone is welcome to our services of public worship, in the chapel, at 10.30am and 6pm every Sunday.

Rob Stanton.

Deacon.

www.woottonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Seaside Crossword



Across

2. It may have a sail or oars
3. Perhaps you could collect water in this?
5. Watch him scurry down his hole
6. They swim in the sea and have scales and fins
7. She sells sea _____ on the sea-shore
10. I hope this is out for your holiday

Down

1. Carry your beach things in this
2. A good read!
3. The strip of sand along the sea shore
4. Dry yourself with this
8. Wear one of these to keep the sun off your head!
9. It feels funny under your toes



Sue Playford

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Parish Clerk's Report

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, took part in, or simply turned up to support the village Fun Day. It was lovely to see so many people there – let's hope the weather is as kind next year. (Oh – the next one will be Saturday 5th July 2014 – I can't really give much more notice than that!) I'm also happy to take stall bookings now so please let me know - if you are organised!

I am meeting with the Highways department in early September to discuss a Fields Road bus service (and possible extra bus stop along Bedford Road). Hopefully I will be able to report further in the next edition.

I am pleased to report that the Parish Council helped to fund a Summer Sports Camp this year, which was organised by Sporting Edge and Sports Traider. The Parish Council also awarded funding to the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) to help set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in the village – the first Parish Council in the Borough to have done so. If you would like further information on the scheme, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the right person. Wootton Library was also awarded a sum which will help to raise the profile of reading with children and families from the village and promote library use.

Finally, I am occasionally contacted by residents asking why areas of grass land within the village are not well maintained. One such area is in Studley Road. The Parish Council owns and maintains some, but by no means all of these areas, and it is often the case that the land still belongs to the housing developer. This applies to Studley Road, but matters have been further complicated by the fact the developer has now gone into liquidation, hence the state of disrepair. The Parish Council arranged for the grass to be cut there recently, but is keen to seek ownership of this land for a nominal sum, before spending further. Watch this space.



We need your photographs

We are always looking for more photographs for the front cover of the Wootton News. If you have any pictures about Wootton or the people in Wootton can you please email them to WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com The Wootton News comes out in March, June, September & December.

Library Corner

It's not just about books!

We have DVDs, computers, magazines and lots going on. If there is something you would like from your library – why not pop in and talk to us?

Are you interested in local history?

David Fowler is returning to the library to give his talk on **‘The Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway’ – Tuesday 1st October – 7 pm** – tickets available from the library.

Wootton Library is open on:

Monday 2-6

Wednesday 10-1 & 2-6

Friday 2-6

Saturday 10-1

If you have any questions ring us on 01234 766061.

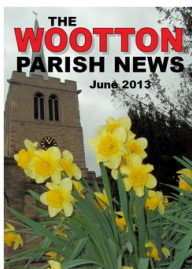
Heather, Library Manager.

Pop-up heritage library – **Monday 7th October** – drop in between 3 – 5 pm.

Peacocks Auctioneers are holding another Valuation day at the library –

Wednesday 20th November – drop in between 12 and 4 for a free valuation. (maximum two items per person)

Bookstart bear will be visiting the library in September – more details from the library.



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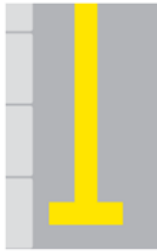
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Over the last few months new markings have appeared on the roads and pavements around Wootton. So that you are all aware what they mean we have included this information for you.



Not So Good. By Rebecca Cook

Our Scarecrow settled down to rest beside the garden wall

“So peaceful here” he said “Nothing to trouble me all”

A great big oak tree stretched it's branches way above his head.

A pumpkin spread it's tentacles across the garden bed

Scarecrow looked at it with interest, this thing so large and round

Growing from a vine-like plant just lying on the ground.

Then his glance went upwards to where plainly could be seen

Lots of little acorns growing, small and smooth and green.

"Ridiculous" thought Scarecrow "Had this design been up to me
I'd not have put those tiny fruit on that enormous tree;

And the pumpkin on that fragile stem will never last the night

It doesn't need a super brain to see that can't be right.

"In fact" he said "My plan would be to change them both around

Have pumpkins hanging from the tree and acorns on the ground."

He smiled with satisfaction. "A much better plan" he said.

Then suddenly an acorn dropped and landed on his head.



“And God saw everything that He had made and, behold it was very good.” Genesis 1 v.31

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Wootton student opens 16+ Induction Course

A.R. Withell, Headteacher, Wootton Upper School



With GCSE examinations for Year 11 students finished, Wootton Upper School welcomed back the 250+ students who will return to the Sixth Form this September at a special Induction Day hosted by Cranfield University.

A marvellous aspect of this year's course was that the opening address in the superb Vincent Building was by Professor Nick McKeown, Professor in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, at the University of Stanford, California. Professor McKeown was a student in the school in the 1970s and he talked of the likes of the sports facilities, the main administration block and the library literally being built around him as he progressed into the school's Sixth Form in 1979. Nick has gone on to become one of the leading experts in the world in the technologies supporting the internet and he spoke of the importance of passion in developing every student's understanding and breadth of learning.

It was a truly special occasion for today's students that such a successful role model should be able to spend the morning talking and discussing the attributes of learning.

Nick McKeown has been a great supporter of Wootton Upper School for many years - the school's successful application (in 2002) for Arts College status was possible thanks to his generous financial support, and the McKeown Arts Centre remains a state-of-the-art facility for students. Similarly, Nick and Stanford University are now supporting the school's new 16-19 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) College in Stewartby, namely Kimberley College.

Nick was joined on the morning by his father, Professor Pat McKeown, OBE, who established world class Precision Engineering activities at Cranfield University back in 1968 and also by Professor Tom Stephenson, Head of the School of Applied Science at Cranfield, who warmly welcomed the students. Cranfield's support for the STEM College has been truly significant. The school is very grateful for their hosting of this year's special induction course.

Truly, a local success story in lots and lots of ways!

Details of events

Sunday Services

9am Prayer Book Service

10.30am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

Young people

Groups for all ages

See website for details

Pathfinders (9-13)

Every Weds, 7pm

Church Hall (from Sep18)

Encompass

Messy Church

Thurs, 3.45pm Church Hall

26 Sept, 24 Oct, 28 Nov

Lunch Club

Mondays, 1pm, Church Hall

9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov

Men Behaving Dadly

The last Sat of each month

10am at Wootton Baptist

Wrigglers

Every Monday in term time

10am at Wootton Baptist

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sun 22 Sept 9 & 10.30am

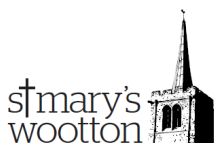
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St. Mary's and You

Plans for our holiday club **Space Academy** (29-31 Aug) are well underway. By the time you read this, it may well have finished! We've been praying that lots of children – and their families – will have enjoyed it.

On Sat 14 Sept we will be supporting the annual *Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust* **Sponsored Bike Ride and Hike**, raising funds to maintain costly medieval buildings like ours. Anyone can ride with us – sponsor forms available. During the autumn we expect the hole in the tower roof will be fixed – we've been delayed by bats! - and new projection and amplification facilities installed.

St Mary's now collects gifts of tins and non-perishable foods for the **Bedford Foodbank**. We've already sent several deliveries their way. We hope that gifts of food at **Harvest** will be a big boost for the Foodbank. Harvest Thanksgiving services are on Sunday 22 Sept.

Encompass – this popular monthly *Messy Church* for families restarts on Thursday 26 Sept with a Harvest theme and collection for the Foodbank.

Next year brings the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of **World War One**. No event in Wootton's history has had such a devastating community impact. At **Remembrance** (10 Nov) we will begin to commemorate this awesome episode in local and national life.

Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known is the heartbeat of St Mary's – all are welcome as we explore this week by week in church and at the events listed here.

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St. Mary's Playgroup

Established 1967

St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9HB

The children at St Mary's Playgroup have had another busy term experiencing lots of fun activities.

Our topics for this term has been 'Growing Potatoes' 'Summer' and 'Pirates'

Staff and children enjoyed coming to playgroup dressed as pirates and did lots of fun pirate activities, such as looking for treasure, making hats, masks, jewellery, pirate doubloons, treasure maps and parrots. The climbing frame was turned into a pirate ship and the children took it in turns to walk the plank.

The children ate pirate themed snacks, pirate teeth (popcorn), bones (twiglets), shark (water melon), and pirate fruit boats and drank pirate grog!

We planted some seed potatoes; and the children were responsible for watering and watching them grow. On Monday 15th July some very excited children dug up their potatoes; and stayed for a lunch of sausages, new potatoes, baked beans and peas followed by strawberry jelly and ice cream.

The children participated in a mini sports day. Amongst the activities the children were challenged to take part in, was an obstacle course, a running race, a jumping race and an egg and spoon race. Parents and grandparents were invited along to see the children take part, and receive certificates at the end of the session.

Sadly a number of children are leaving us at the end of the term to go on to 'big school'. Everyone at St. Mary's wishes them all the very best of luck and hope they enjoy the next stage in their education.

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. We accept childcare vouchers and can apply for Nursery education grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds.

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:

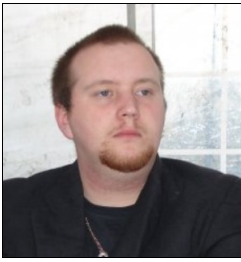
Monday 9.00am-12.45pm

Tuesday 9.00am-15.45pm

Wednesday 9.00-15.00pm

Thursday 9.00-15.00pm

Friday 9.00am-15.45pm



The Uprising Leadership Programme

By

Steven Cruse

For the last nine months I have been on a training programme called “Uprising” that focuses on training young people from diverse backgrounds as future leaders in political and public life. The course is an intensive, nine month part-time course, where you attend training sessions and learning visits during the evening, usually once a week. Alongside the training course, “uprisers” are encouraged to design and deliver a social action campaign where you work with fellow “uprisers” to tackle a real social issue in your area. This was the second year that uprising has operated in Bedford, having already proved a massive success in East London, Birmingham and Manchester in previous years.

My social action campaign was called “FutureWeek”. It was a five day programme at the University of Bedford campus on Polhill Avenue, which catered for 30 local state school children and aimed at raising their aspirations towards further education. “FutureWeek”, which was run by Nikita Hayden, Charlotte Hammond and myself, included sport sessions in football, basketball and rounders led by young volunteers studying at the university, arts and craft sessions run by Cecil Higgins Art Gallery and Nikita, and career sessions by Jim Stewart (Editor, Times and Citizen), Dave Hodgson (Mayor of Bedford), Gordon Mellor (UoB) and Richard Fuller MP. The career sessions were a chance for the children to listen to how the speakers got to the position they are in now, hearing the story of their education and employment history and the hard work that got them so far. Every child then had the chance to ask a question each. “FutureWeek” was a massive success and we aim to deliver it again soon.

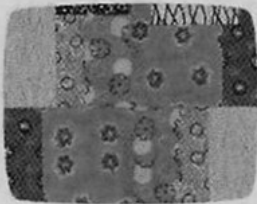
Away from the social action campaigns, the “Uprising” programme has taken me to some amazing places and given me the opportunity to meet some very important people in Bedford and beyond. Our first learning visit was to the Bedford I-Lab, where young business leaders set up their headquarters and are able to share stories and networks in order to get the best help possible. We also visited Axis and Bourne on Manton Lane, the Charles Wells Brewery, MIND and Wragge and Co and Al-Jazeera TV studios (both London) for tours of the buildings and an insight into how these companies are run. Towards the end of the nine months, “Uprising” took a more political theme. We were invited to 10 Downing Street to meet David Cameron and tell him of our leadership journeys so far, which was a surreal moment and one I will never forget. We also had a tour of the chambers at the House of Lords and the House of Commons and the Queen’s robing room and attended group meetings at Portcullis House, opposite Parliament. These visits have been amazing; they have allowed me access to places I never thought would be open to me, and where so much of this country’s history has taken place.

On 4th July, Bedford and London “Uprisers” assembled at the Foreign Office for graduation. There was a real buzz around the event, as this and our social action campaigns was what we had all been aiming towards. That night, every “Upriser” stood up to tell our many guests and stakeholders attending about their personal highlight of the nine months, before we were presented with our certificates. At the end of the certificate ceremony, “FutureWeek” was presented with a unique award for Commitment to Social Action and Teamwork. This individual award to our team really highlighted to us the impact we have made in nine months and has inspired me to use my new- found skills and work even harder in the future!

Since “Uprising” came to an end, I have successfully applied for the Emerging Leaders Advisory Board (ELAB), who are the volunteers that organise the training sessions, fundraising and networking events around the programme. I am very happy to say that “Uprising” will be running in Bedford again towards the end of the year, and I urge anybody aged between 18-25 and is passionate about social change but may currently lack the skills and knowledge necessary to involve themselves, to check the uprising website for more details of the course and upcoming events at www.uprising.org.uk or to contact me directly via email at stevencruse86@hotmail.com

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Bedfordshire Police

This year the budget for Bedfordshire Police is £102.8million. That sounds like a lot of money until you remember that budget will have been reduced by £19million by 2015 due to the government's 20% cut to the police grant, a further £24million a year is lost to

the Force because Whitehall doesn't give us what their own funding formula says we need, and the amount we pay locally for policing through the council tax is well below the national average. So Bedfordshire Police is a rurally funded force that faces some distinctly metropolitan challenges.

Bedfordshire Police staff and officers have therefore performed remarkably well reducing recorded crime across the county by 15% in the last year (which meant 1770 fewer victims across Bedford Borough) at the same time as going through significant re-organisation and a reduction in the number of police officers due to the budget cuts.

The government will unveil a new spending review shortly, which is expected to herald yet further police cuts. I am opposed to such cuts but my role is to deal with the world as I find it rather than as I would wish it to be.

So the challenge for the future for Bedfordshire Police, and indeed for all of us, is how do we keep our communities safe at a time when the budget is still be shrinking?

The answer is that we need to forge a closer and stronger partnership between our local communities and their police and all recognise the police cannot and never have been able to fight crime on their own. Wherever we live in the county we all have a duty to support the police if we want our communities to be safe, whether this means passing on information about criminal activity, being prepared to support the local Neighbourhood Watch, Street Watch and Speed Watch scheme or, for the most committed, volunteering as a Special Constable so that each community has a visible policing presence.

There must be a genuine partnership, so Bedfordshire Police will work hard to value the support communities and volunteers give. Whereas in the past such close partnership has always been desirable, in the future it is clear that it will be absolutely essential, which is why this is such a priority for me as your Police and Crime Commissioner.



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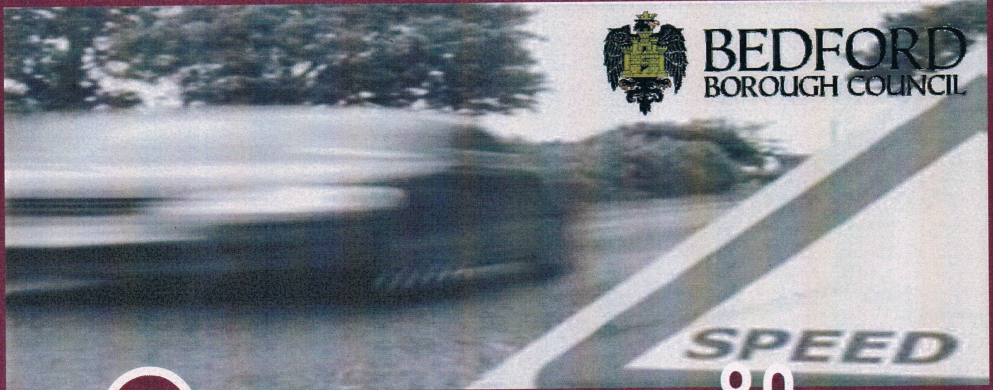
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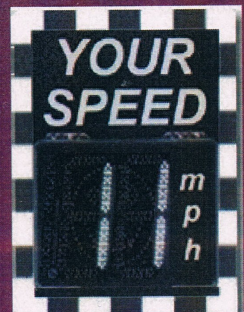
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25 th Sep 2013	Planning & Environment
25 th Sep 2013	Full Council
25 th Sep 2013	Accounts
9 th Oct 2013	Planning & Environment
30 th Oct 2013	Planning & Environment
30 th Oct 2013	Finance & General purposes
30 th Oct 2013	Accounts
13 th Nov 2013	Planning & Environment
13 th Nov 2013	Communications
13 th Nov 2013	Leisure & Amenities
27 th Nov 2013	Planning & Environment
27 th Nov 2013	Full Council
27 th Nov 2013	Accounts
11 th Dec 2013	Planning & Environment
11 th Dec 2013	Finance & General purposes

Please check noticeboards and the parish council website for all times and/or cancellations.

Wootton Girls need your help!

Can you help? The Rainbow Guides in Wootton which opened in September 2010 with 20 girls is flourishing so much that we now have too many girls on our waiting list and need to open another unit.

Rainbows is part of Girlguiding UK for 5-7 year old girls and leaders within the organisation are volunteers. Currently the waiting list at 1st Wootton Rainbows has 52 girls on it - 17 of whom are old enough to start now!

Would you be willing to open a further Rainbow unit?

To become a Rainbow Leader you would need to do your Girlguiding leadership qualification (this isn't hard!) and the Leaders at 1st Wootton Rainbows would give you loads of help! All you need is a sense of fun and a bit of time to spare.....

Also the 2 Brownie Units (7-10 year old girls) and Guide Unit (10-14 year old girls) in Wootton are flourishing too and could always use more helpers :-)

Please get in touch with either myself (765419 / 07816 892263 / laine23px@gmail.com), Naomi Groves (07722 876252) or Nicola Hickson (07981 390752) if you could help these young girls who are desperate to join the Girlguiding movement.

Many thanks

Elaine Krawaczynska - Guider 1st Wootton Rainbows



National Bus Service

The National Bus service No. 12, Bedford to Cranfield outside the Cock Inn Wootton in 1923. Driver, conductor and one passenger (who paid half fare on the open top deck). The bus had no power steering, manual rod braking and no heating.

In those days the fore-runner of the Highway Code was 4 pages long, one being an advertisement for Dunlop tyres. There were no ***parking restrictions***.

The reader may have noted the introduction of new and the refurbishment of old waiting and loading restrictions around Wootton. With the increase in the number of vehicles parking has become more problematical. Bus drivers, unable to make progress, were reporting badly parked vehicles blocking the road. Residents were finding egress from minor roads made dangerous by vehicles parking on road junctions. School crossing patrols advised of ignorance on the part of drivers as to the meaning of school entrance markings.

On investigation the author was bemused by the absence of certain No Waiting restriction plates in Church Road and decided to refresh his acquaintance with the Highway Code (all 150 pages of the current edition!) and passes on the following information.

Yellow zigzag school entrance markings: Keep the entrance clear of stationary vehicles at the times shown on signs placed on nearby poles even if picking up or setting down passengers.

Yellow marks on the kerb relate to loading/unloading. A double mark means no loading at any time. A single mark means loading is permissible at certain times. In both cases signs giving the exact times of prohibition will be placed on poles adjacent to the markings.

Yellow lines along the carriageway relate to waiting restrictions. A double line prohibits waiting at any time. This prohibition is not always advised by signs on poles (as in Church Road). A single line prohibits waiting at times specified by signs on poles. Contravention of the above restrictions can result in legal penalties. However the Highway Code (the code being just that, a code and not the law) lists many other places where it would be foolish, dangerous or insensitive to park. Whilst contravention of the code is not an illegal act, contravention can be used to tend to establish guilt when an accident or incident occurs resulting from a contravention of the code. Keep Wootton tranquil and safe; please think of others when parking. Parking will become more difficult as the developments in Fields Road and Hall End bring another thousand plus vehicles into the village.

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Get Involved in Wootton's New Good Neighbour Scheme!

Wootton Parish Council and Andrea MacAdam, Village Agent for Wootton, are working together to develop a Good Neighbour Scheme in Wootton and we need YOU to get involved and help us get it launched before the winter sets in.

Andrea has been working as a Village Agent in Wootton for some time now and feels that there is a real need to formalise the help and support already being offered to some residents, through friends and family, and make it available to everyone in the village. Many people have a good support network to help out when they are unwell or in difficulty, but likewise many people aren't as fortunate and don't.

Good Neighbour Schemes are run by volunteer residents who offer their time to help other people within the village as and when they ask for help. Even if you are only available for an hour or two a week to volunteer, that's fine – every little helps! The types of services offered by the 42 existing schemes varies but tasks such as lifts to doctors or hospital appointments are popular, as is occasional shopping for someone who is unwell, dog walking, befriending and undertaking small household repairs or practical tasks (changing a lightbulb etc).

All volunteers will be CRB checked, which is carried out free of charge and any expenses such as petrol are reimbursed. Volunteers are also fully insured and receive training on the 'do's and don'ts' of volunteering.

As well as general volunteers we need a few more people to join the organizing committee – so if you would like to get involved, meet interesting people who you'd probably never meet in normal circumstances and give a little bit back to your community then contact Andrea:

email: andream@bedsrcc.org.uk or tel: 07584 769 081

Andrea continues to work as a Village Agent, so if you have any issues you'd like some help with don't forget to phone FREE on 0800 039 1234

Community Public Access Defibrillator

Following on from the article in June's newsletter, I am pleased to say that the defibrillator is in place – on the changing room wall at the recreation ground, Church Road.

If anyone would like to be involved with this scheme, or find out more information, please contact me.

Sue

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Can anyone help?

Francis Yarrow

Francis Yarrow was born in Wootton in 1828 and lived in Keeley Lane, house unknown.



On 5th June 1854, he signed up to the 95th Regiment in Kempston, as a recruit for the Crimean War, the main army having left some months before. Having then arrived at Parkhurst Barracks, they then boarded a ship on 29th June to Turkey, via Gibraltar and Malta, arriving on 22nd July. He then joined the main force, landing south of Sebastopol (Sevastopol) on 15th September. The next day, just 15 weeks after signing up, he fought in the Battle of Alma. He then saw

action at the infamous Battle of Inkerman, where he was seriously wounded and transferred back to Scutari – arriving 7 days after Florence Nightingale arrived with her nurses – which may have saved his life.

The 95th Regiment was some 900 strong before those Battles, but less than 100 men walked away after the Battle of Inkerman. Some 11,000 Russians were killed, wounded or reported missing – the British Army figures were 2,357.

He returned to England after 4 months in Scutari to convalesce, but returned to the siege of Sebastopol (Sevastopol) until its fall in early 1856.

Enough adventure, you would think!

In June 1857 the Regiment was travelling to South Africa, but was diverted to the Indian Mutiny, arriving in Bombay (Mumbai). The ring leaders were arrested and tried - one was transported to Australia - the other two were executed in front of the 95th Regiment and Indian Regiments by cannon fire. The 95th Regiment then became Army legend by marching and fighting over some 2,500 miles through Central India in 12 months, ending the mutiny. Francis Yarrow can be traced throughout this march via muster rolls.

Francis remained in India until May 1875 when he was discharged through ill health. He came back to Keeley Lane and sometime between October and December 1875 married a widow – Sophia Benson – who had 2 sons. They had 4 further children and he passed away in 1891.

His medals for the Crimean War, with clasps for Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol (Sevastopol), Indian Mutiny, with clasp for Central India were lost, however a rather battered Central India medal has since turned up at the Sherwood Foresters Museum in Nottingham.



The above was sent to Sue in a letter, by a descendant of Francis, which she then transposed into this article. It's not hard to feel the pride in his words. The hope is that someone reading this might be able to shed some more knowledge on Francis or his family – not least where they might be buried.

If you can help in any way, do please contact Sue Playford.

Can an apple a day keep the doctor away?

Only if you have a really good aim! Lets face it, whether you are male or female, rich or poor, young or old or somewhere in between, you will need to visit a GP surgery at some time. So doesn't it make sense that your views about local services are heard?



Obviously you can discuss any personal health issues directly through a clinic's formal procedures. But wouldn't it be great if you could ask those 'why don't they ...' questions or suggest improvements, and get a response?

Well, if you're registered with the Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre, you can!

The centre supports a Patient Participation Group. (PPG.)

The PPG works closely with the Centre on patient-satisfaction matters, but is independent of management. So we're not afraid to speak our minds on behalf of patients, either about the good things or the not so good things. That means you can make suggestions about making your experience better and know that you won't be fobbed off with bureaucracy.

We have a website: www.randalls.org.uk/ppg/ or you can post into our suggestion box, which is on the wall of the centre near the television. We want to hear from you.

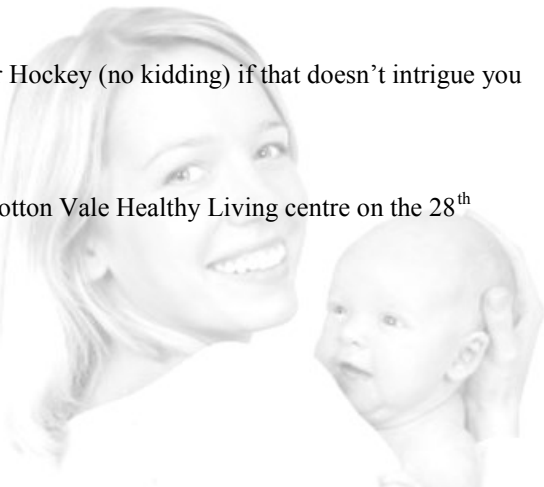
The PPG meets monthly and makes sure that all comments and suggestions reach the appropriate staff, and we ensure that you receive a personal reply. Or you may prefer to remain anonymous, that's fine, although you'll need to supply your own false beard and sunglasses. Responses to anonymous suggestions, comments or queries will be posted on our website. Any rude suggestions will be kept for our private collection.

As part of our AGM we will be holding a Health Fayre at the centre on 28th September, between 10am and 2pm. We will be pleased to talk to you there, and give full details of what we get up to. Plus you will have the opportunity to meet all kinds of health specialists and carer organisations to discuss specific issues, or just generally learn about the type of support that's available.

We'll even have an expert on Underwater Hockey (no kidding) if that doesn't intrigue you enough to attend, nothing will.

We look forward to seeing you at the Wootton Vale Healthy Living centre on the 28th September, 10am to 2pm.

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Izzy, wizzy, let's get Bizzy making learning fun!

Another exciting year at Bizzy Bees ended with our Leavers Sports Day and a Teddy Bears Picnic.

This year has seen a few great changes with the group and one of these was the introduction of our two Saturday Stay and Play sessions in January and June, so that our parents could come and join in the fun, speak to their child's key worker and look at their children's development files. These sessions have proved very popular and will continue next year.

We also had a fantastic visit from "Animal Edutainment" which gave the children the opportunity to meet (and touch!) a number of interesting animals and reptiles. They will be visiting again in the Autumn Term. We also had an Easter Eggstravaganza event and celebrated at Christmas with a party and concert.

As a group, we have also been out and about – we have had seasonal walks and a visit to the library as well as a very interesting visit to Wootton Lower School to see their "ship" during our Pirate Week. The group also attended Wootton Lower Schools Spring Fayre and entertained everyone with the Hokey Cokey.

For the forthcoming Autumn Term the children will be focusing on the topic "All About Me" and we shall be looking at Bonfire Night, Diwali and of course our usual Christmas Celebrations.

This summer we have 40 children moving onto school and we would like to wish them every success at "big" school and look forward to welcoming other children and families back in September along with our new starters.

This summer also sees the retirement of Anne Adamson after 27 years at the pre-school. Anne has been a key person in developing the success of Bizzy Bees and we wish her the very best for the future. Maggie Huckle, who first joined Bizzy Bees in 2001, and is the current Play Leader, will also be taking on the role of Manager.

For those new to the village Bizzy Bees offers term time only day care for children aged 2 years to school age, details are available from our website

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(WOOTTON READING CLUB)

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In October, we listened to Anthony Horowitz :- (http://trailers.lgfl.org.uk/readingzonelive/ah_video_18.html)

Anthony has an amazing career and is famous for his Alex Rider and Power of Five series, writer of Foyles War and many other TV and theatre shows. He was attending a school in London answering questions about his life and writing. Bookmark students sent questions to Anthony, and were thrilled when he answered them, the footage was shown to the members, and he showed on the footage how brilliant an author and inspirational writer he was.

AUTHOR VISITS! And like buses, you wait for one amazing author, then three come along!

On World Book Day in March 2013 we had the author Teri Terry visit us.

Here are some facts about Slated, here are the comments Teri made after her visit:-

I had a totally fab World Book Day at Wootton Upper School and Arts College. Thanks so much for inviting me: and all the interesting and intelligent questions the students asked made my day.



And this place really knows how to make an author feel special. There was an awesome colour-coordinated World Book Day Slated Display: And matching BALLOONS!!!!



To celebrate the STEM week in school, we invited the very celebrated author Lauren Oliver into school on 21st March, which was a really big coup, as Lauren was only in the country for a very short space of time, here is a quote from her about her visit:-

'I felt so welcomed at the Wootton Upper School; I truly received the royal treatment! The kids were prepared and very engaged, and Ruth went above and beyond to show her

appreciation for my visit. I even got cake! All in all, it was a wonderful experience.'

In June we had a visit from a local author: Bel Ravenne, and Bel told us about what inspired her to write, and her first book : Storme, which was based on herself and a friend who suffered with Asperger's Syndrome. Her talk to the students was excellent, and though there are no photos of this visit, we hope to invite Bel back next term.





Autumn Word Search



Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?

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The Café @ The Hub is your local community cafe, 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. If you're looking for somewhere quite to meet up with friends or on your own and want to pop in for a chat you'll always get a warm welcome.

Why not try 'Knit & natter' on a Monday or 'Games @ The Hub' on a Wednesday. If you fancy a game of cards, a board game, table tennis or a play on the Wii and enjoy a freshly ground cappuccino or latte or a traditional filter coffee why not give it a try. EVERYONE welcome and for men we have 'Man Friday' – a grown up 'youth club' that meets in The Hub at 7.30pm on the last Friday of each month and 'Girls' Night In' at the same time – check our website to see where this is being held. All are welcome.

Hubbub Youth Cafe is open every Friday during term time from 3.00pm – 5.00pm for school year 9 and above. It's a safe place to come and relax after a hard week at school and either just sit and chat or play on the Wii, have a game of table tennis or snooker. We have trained youth workers on duty and all are welcome.

Coming Up.....

Friday 20 th September	7.00pm	An evening of prayer – feel free to drop in
Friday 27 th September	10.00am	Macmillan coffee morning in The Hub
Sunday 13 th October	10.30am	Harvest Celebration Service & lunch
Thursday 31 st October	5.00pm	'Glow in the dark' party
Sunday 23 rd June	1.00pm	Family Picnic in the Park

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

For more information or to check details find us on Facebook (Wootton New Life Methodist Church), see our calendar on our website or call us on 01234 768 222, we hope that you'll join us when you can.

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