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Dates for your diary

10 th Sep 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
10 th Sep 2014	Full Council	7.30pm
24 th Sep 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
24 th Sep 2014	Leisure & Amenities	7.30pm
24 th Sep 2014	Finance & General Purposes	8.00pm
8 th Oct 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
8 th Oct 2014	Full Council	7.30pm
29 th Oct 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
29 th Oct 2014	Leisure & Amenities	7.30pm
29 th Oct 2014	Finance & General Purposes	8.00pm
12 th Nov 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
12 th Nov 2014	Full Council	7.30pm
26 th Nov 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
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Wootton Parish Council Chairman's Report



Gareth Lloyd - Chairman

Bottle bank - car park behind the village hall.

I would like to start my report with some good news. The bottle bank located in the car park behind the village hall was previously generating money for the Borough Council – future income generated will now be split equally between Wootton Poor's Land Charity* and the Wootton Fun Day. Wootton Poor's Land Charity is able to offer modest financial help in cases of genuine social need for which benefits are not available. In the past they have assisted with the cost of essential furniture, hospital visits, medical and mobility equipment, etc. The more we all use this bottle bank, the better off our community will be. So please use this facility!!

I am also pleased to announce that the Borough Council has listened to pleas for a new bus stop on Bedford Road (Cranfield bound) – it will be situated opposite the Fox & Duck PH. Thank you to everyone who helped with this much needed extra stop.

Discussions with the Borough Council and the developers for Fields Road South have begun. At the time of writing this report, the Borough are considering permanently closing Cranfield Road to through traffic. All vehicles will be required to use Fields Road and the proposed route through the new development, if heading towards Wootton Green/Berry Wood. Fields Road already suffers from congestion and the Parish Council does not accept this is the best solution for the village. Discussions continue with the Borough Council.

Bedford Borough Council made a 'call for sites' to all landowners and has begun preparation of its Local Plan 2032. This will be an assessment of how much growth is needed in the Borough to meet the demands of Central Government (housing, employment, gypsy and traveller sites and associated infrastructure). The centre pages of this newsletter contains their map of **proposed sites** for Wootton.

Cont....

* For more information about the Wootton Poor Lands charity contact Peter Ackroyd (768391) or Judy Hemery (07988 801174).

The Borough Council has indicated public consultation will take place in October/November this year. To register your comments, concerns and/or objections please contact them on: 01234 718567 or gill.cowie@bedford.gov.uk and your Borough Councillor Paul Prescod, on 01234 768251 or paul.prescod@bedford.gov.uk.

The Parish Council has responded in the strongest terms requesting that **NO** further sites are put forward as part of any future development. You may feel differently, but either way, your voice will count.

Wootton Baptist Church.

By the time this edition of the Wootton magazine is distributed, most people will have had their summer holidays and the children will be back at school. As we get older, the time seems to go faster. That famous chapter 12 of Ecclesiastes in the Bible becomes ever more true. The writer remembers the days of his youth and tells us to remember them and those who are young, to enjoy them, because our physical condition worsens eventually. What a wise man he was.



www.woottonbaptistchurch.org.uk

We live in a world which is changing and we see it all around us. Nothing stays the same. Older people will tell us how good it was when they were young, but it has never been a perfect world. Wootton has changed without recognition in the few years I have known. We welcome more families into the village as more houses are completed. We have seen the Parish Council making improvements to the village. No doubt restricted by lack of finance. Most organisations seem to be flourishing. The Fun Day and the Open Air Service were well attended, even though the weather tried to upset the Fun Day.

The changes included the loss of the Curate at St Mary's, Sam Haigh. He and his family have moved to London where Sam will be a Vicar in a team in the Islington area. I'm sure he will remember this lovely quiet village where he and Hannah have made a real difference in their faithful ministry of the word of God.

All these changes make us realise what a faithful unchanging God we have. A God of love and of justice. Repeatedly The Bible says that He never changes. That seems to be the one constant fact in this world today. We are told that Jesus, God the Son, is the same 'yesterday, today and for ever.' (Hebrews 13: 8.) As ordinary people we can trust a living God, shown to us in Jesus Christ, not only for this life, but for eternity. In all the horrendous things which are happening in this world, we can still thank God for Jesus, who died and rose again to give us eternal life.

Our Sunday services are open to all and we are always pleased to see new folks. The services are at 10.30am and 6.00pm. This year our Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday, 28th September and the subject will be, 'Let's worship the Lord, He is the One, He sends rain in Spring and Autumn and gives us a good harvest.' (Jeremiah 25: 24. CEV.)

With the best wishes of all the folk at the Baptist Church.

Rob Stanton. (Deacon.)



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

St Mary's Bike and Hike

Can you pedal a bike, can you ride a motor bike, can you walk? Yes, then you may be able to help us! On Saturday 13th September St Mary's church is holding a sponsored bike and hike. The plan is that you get sponsorship to ride or walk between as many churches as possible during that day. This is part of a national event, with half of the money raised going to Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust who help to care for church buildings, and half would go directly to St Mary's.

We need to do some urgent repair to the stones on the outside of the church, particularly along the rear wall where bad repair many years ago, and time and weather have taken their toll. We are in the process of getting quotes for this work but we are anticipating it will cost in excess of £50,000. So all money received by St Mary's from the bike and hike will go towards this work. People have been worshipping in St Mary's for nearly a thousand years, and we would love to be able to preserve the building for another thousand years, so that anyone who wishes to can come into the church to worship God, to pray, to be quiet, to talk, to laugh, to cry, or to find help or companionship.

We are hoping to get as many people as possible taking part in the bike and hike. Last year my husband and I and our two children, Holly (then aged 12) and Charlotte (then aged 9) cycled to the 3 churches in Wootton, then 5 churches in Kempston, stopping at All Saints church for a picnic lunch, the King William pub for a cold drink, and pausing regularly to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and still made it back to Wootton by mid-afternoon. Others chose to cycle or walk around the many churches in central Bedford, or head out to the smaller village churches around Bedfordshire. This year we have a group of motor bikers trying to travel as many miles as possible. The choice, the distance, and the number of churches are up to you!

Between 2pm and 4pm there will be cream teas served in the church grounds and tours up the church tower available, for a charge, for those bikers and hikers returning to or passing through Wootton, or for those wishing for a quieter day! Do please contact Malcolm Chalmers (tel. 294 172) if you want a sponsor form or collect one from St Mary's church, or turn up between 2pm and 4pm to support others.

Hazel Sanders Churchwarden, St Mary's

Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme (WGNS)

We wish to thank the Volunteers who manned the stall, at the village Fun Day, and the people that purchased items for their support on a day that was far from ideal. Also thanks to the Parish council for organising the event.

We would wish to hear again from the lady and gentleman who showed an interest in becoming a volunteer for the scheme but whose details were not taken, owing to the adverse weather conditions to please call 0771 777 0247 for further information.

The telephone number 01234 767820 is now not available to the scheme and should not be used to contact the scheme. All enquires to be made using the 0771 777 0247 mobile number.

Just to jog your memory, the scheme aids, if possible, all ages from 8 years to 99+ years, transport to doctors, dentist and hospital appointments also dog walking for those whose mobility is impaired plus many other tasks including taking pets to the vets. Call the number given above between 9-30am and 5pm with your requests, Evening and weekend requests can be made providing volunteers are available to carry these out.

New volunteers are always welcome to join the scheme and at the present time we are seeking anyone who is willing to assist on weekday mornings.

For anyone requesting our assistance, the only charges made are to cover the driver's petrol etc., details given when you make your first request for a journey.

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Sunday Services

9am Prayer Book Service

10.30am Morning Service

Christianity Explored

Tues 16 Sept

8pm; see website.

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See website for details

Pathfinders (ages 9-13)

Weds 7pm in term time at the Church Hall

Encompass Messy Church

Monthly on Thursdays

3.45pm Church Hall

25 Sept, 23 Oct, 27 Nov

Lunch Club Monthly on Mondays, 1pm, Church Hall

8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec

Men Behaving Dadly

Last Sat of the month

10am at Wootton Baptist

Wrigglers Parent & toddler group.

Every Monday in term time 10am at Wootton Baptist

Rev'd Peter Ackroyd: 768391

Church Office: 765375

We are a referring agent for the Bedford Foodbank. If you know of anyone in crisis contact us in confidence.



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Remembrance Sunday

2014 brings the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of **World War One**. At **Remembrance** (9 Nov) we will commemorate one of the costliest conflicts in history & its impact on local and national life.



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At the Wootton & Stewartby Churches Open Air service in July we also remembered this occasion. We heard how pocket copies of John's gospels were given to soldiers and how they became a source of great strength in such unimaginable circumstances as they read about God's 'Greater Love' for them in Jesus death & resurrection. Below is an aerial photo of the service (taken by John Chandler as he flew overhead!)



Sam & Hannah Haigh (& Seren, Poppy, Myla & Bear)

In August we said our goodbyes to Sam Haigh and his family. Sam has been at St. Mary's as a curate in training for 3 years and we are thrilled that Sam is to be appointed Associate Vicar in Tollington Parish, Islington Deanery (just up the road from Ted Fell!). We will miss him, it has been a joy for us to get to know him and his family.

Sponsored Bike Ride and Hike

On Sat 13 Sept we will be supporting the annual *Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride and Hike*, & raising funds to repair the stonework on the southside of the church building, which we can put off no longer! Anyone can ride with us – sponsor forms available. There will be **cream teas** in the churchyard from 2-4pm on 13 Sept too.

50th Anniversary of the Organ restoration recital
18 October: more details soon.

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9 November 10.30am

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Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre

Flu Vaccinations

It is coming to that time of year again where the flu season will be upon us. Influenza (flu) is an illness caused by the flu virus. Flu is passed from person to person through droplets caused when someone sneezes or coughs. Flu immunisation gives excellent protection against seasonal flu and lasts for one year. Complications from flu can occur in young babies, older people, people with underlying disease (especially lung or heart), pregnant women and people with a low immune system.

All patients registered at Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre will be able to be vaccinated against flu if they have any of the following conditions:

- ◆ Aged 65 or over.
- ◆ An ongoing (chronic) lung diseases.
Examples include chronic bronchitis, emphysema, cystic fibrosis and severe asthma (needing regular steroid inhalers or tablets). It is also recommended for any child who has previously been admitted to hospital with a chest infection.
- ◆ A chronic heart disease.
Examples include angina, heart failure or if you have ever had a heart attack.
- ◆ A serious kidney disease.
Examples include nephrotic syndrome, kidney failure, a kidney transplant.
- ◆ A serious liver disease such as cirrhosis.
- ◆ Diabetes.
- ◆ A poor immune system.
Examples include if you are receiving chemotherapy or steroid treatment (for more than a month), if you have HIV/AIDS or if you have had your spleen removed.
- ◆ Certain serious diseases of the nervous system such as multiple sclerosis or have had a stroke in the past.
- ◆ Live in a nursing home or other long-stay residential care accommodation.
- ◆ In addition to the main risk groups above you are also entitled to a flu vaccination if:
- ◆ You are a Carer – i.e. are in receipt of a carer's allowance or you are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person, whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- ◆ You are pregnant

Please note, in order to save valuable NHS resources, we prefer NOT to send letters to patients inviting them in for their flu vaccination. If you are in a qualifying group we will advise you to make a flu appointment:

- When you come into the practice



- By calling you (please make sure that the practice has your up to date contact details if you have moved or changed your home or mobile number recently)
- By putting a note on the right hand side of your prescription
- Through advertisements in the local paper(s) which will also give our latest clinic dates

Sometimes it can be difficult to get in touch with you by phone, and NHS data protection and patient confidentiality rules mean that we are not allowed to leave messages. Therefore, if you think you qualify to receive a flu vaccination, it would help us if you contacted the surgery. We will then be able to confirm if you qualify and, if so, make an appointment for you.

We have often been approached by staff, involved in direct patient care, who have been advised by their employers that they need a flu vaccination. The NHS does not provide the surgery with stock for this group of people and we are therefore unable to vaccinate you (**please note in these cases it is the responsibility of your employer's occupational health department to vaccinate you**).

Children's flu Vaccinations

This year we will also be vaccinating **all children** aged two, three and four years of age (but not five year olds). Children must be two, three and four years of age on 1st September 2014 to be eligible for this vaccination.

This vaccination will be a nasal spray given to children.

Proposed Flu Clinics for WVHLC (Adult)

Friday 26 th September	08.30 – 14.00
Saturday 27 th September	08.30 – 12.30
Thursday 2 nd October	14.00 – 17.30
Tuesday 14 th October	14.00 – 18.00
Thursday 16 th October	14.00 - 19.00

Proposed Flu Clinics for WVHLC (Children)

Wednesday 29 th October	12.30 – 17.00
Thursday 2 nd October	09.30 – 13.00
Thursday 16 th October	09.30 – 13.00

Our clinics will be available to book at the end of August

Potential university students please note

Meningococcal disease is a life-threatening infection. It is a term used to describe meningitis and septicaemia. Within the childhood immunisation programme all children are immunised. An adolescent booster is now recommended to all young adults between the ages of 17 – 25 who will be attending university, i.e. staying in halls of residence or shared accommodation. Your university should recommend this to you. We will be pleased to offer you this immunisation if you require it, so please book an appointment with one of our nurses.

Shingles Vaccination programme

We are now able to offer shingles vaccination to anyone aged 70 years of age, but not yet 71 years on 1st September 2014, who have not previously had a shingles vaccination.

We are also running a catch-up campaign for all patients who are aged 78 and 79 years old on 1st September 2014. If you fall into any of the above age categories please book for a shingles vaccination after 1st September 2014. It is safe to have a shingles vaccination at the same time as a flu vaccination so you could save time by having both done at the same time!

New services provided

We now offer all patients over 75 years of age a 'Named GP' whose role is to oversee and coordinate the management of their care. If you fall into this category we will be writing to you to explain who your named GP is and how the scheme can be used to benefit you and improve the healthcare we are able to offer you.

You, as patients, are of course welcome to see any clinician you wish & this does not restrict you in booking appointments with whichever GP you wish. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this further.

In addition, we are now also starting a programme whereby we shall be giving additional support to patients who may be at risk of hospital admission. We will allocate you an accountable GP and Care Co-ordinator who will be able to develop, with you, a Personal Care Plan that will highlight any care or services that we can provide you with to improve your access to a more multidisciplinary approach to your healthcare.

Nursing Team

Please note that we are in the process of expanding our nursing team. This means that we have additional members of the team with a broader range of skills. It means that the reliance on Anne-Marie has gone down. Please note that all our nurses can now do: smears; travel vaccinations; baby immunisations; dressings; pill checks; long term condition reviews. Therefore if your appointment is for any of the above please discuss, with the reception staff,

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I am giving up as Group Scout Leader after 30 years involvement in Wootton Scouts. It is a great group with 67 young members and very enthusiastic leaders. All we ask from the Group Scout Leader is to support the young members and Leaders. Any training that is needed can be done on line with the support from the training team and the District.

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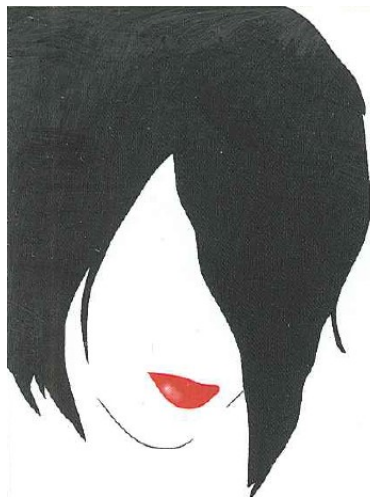
Our 95th anniversary celebration will be on **20th August** combined with Jo Messenger speaking of "The people, culture and beauty of Nepal".

How much do you know about St John's Hospice in Moggerhanger? Our speaker, Jessica Wilson, on **17th September** will give you a real insight into how the Hospice works and make you realise that isn't just there for the end of someone's life, it gives ongoing support to the families involved.

Giddyup! Our **15th October** meeting covers Linda Thackray's life working with a Rare Breed – sounds intriguing.

A note for for your diary – **23rd November** - our Annual Craft Fair supporting MAGPAS, the local Air Ambulance. Fun for all the family including new craft stalls.

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

At Bizzy Bees we had a fun packed Summer Term with lots of exciting activities. Linking in with the World Cup theme we made England bunting and flags and enjoyed football fun sessions. In celebration of Father's Day we made our daddies a decorated sweetie jar and card. We looked at summer flowers and created them using various craft materials and techniques – we went on a flower hunt around the park and planted sunflower seeds in the garden.

We had great fun looking at mini beasts and particularly enjoyed collecting and closely inspecting some very entertaining snails!

The weather was perfect for our 'Holiday' and 'Under the Sea' themes where the children built lighthouses, made starfish, came face to face with a mackerel and even had a visit from the ice cream van!

The term came to a close with a variety of races at Sports Day (followed by delicious cream teas!) and our annual Teddy Bears Picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This Autumn Term we look forward to welcoming 62 children to the group. We extend a warm welcome to our new starters and would like to wish our summer leavers all the very best as they start school. Our topics this half-term will include numbers, shapes, Autumn and Diwali.

Bizzy Bees Pre-School offers term time only day care for children aged 2 years to school age.

To find out more please visit our website at www.bizzybeespreschool.org, visit us at the Memorial Hall or telephone us on 01234 767785 for a prospectus.

Bedford Borough 'Call for Sites'

Bedford Borough Council is starting to prepare a local plan that will set out how much growth there should be in the Borough in coming years (housing, jobs and associated infrastructure) and where it should take place. Current planning policy documents look ahead to 2021 and this new local plan will extend the period that development has been planned for to 2032. Wootton Parish Council understands that a public consultation will be carried out in October/November 2014

All information taken from Bedford Borough Website
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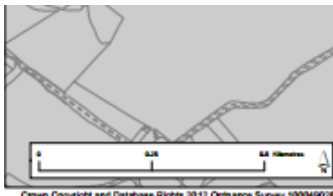
Key to development plan

-  **Approved - Fields Road North 650 houses**
-  **Planning - Fields Road South 600 houses plus light industry**
-  **Planning - Hall End Road, 50 houses**
-  **Proposed - Travellers Site**
-  **Proposed - Building sites**

To register your comments, concerns and/or objections please contact Gill Cowie and Paul Prescod **during the consultation period.**

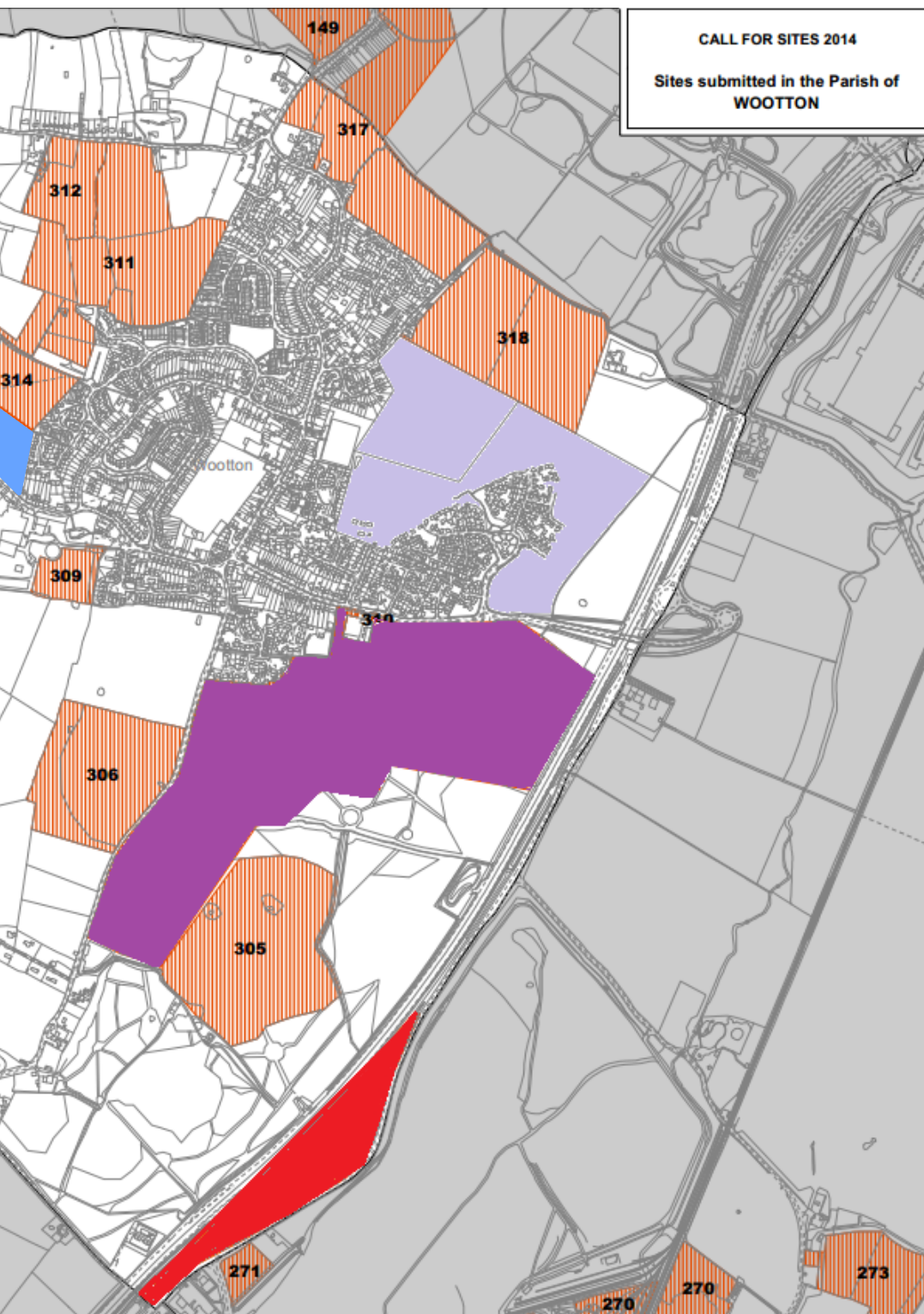
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Wootton's Dal Poon Tang Soo Do

Academy have returned as champions from the 10th International Martial Arts Association (IMA) Tang Soo Do World Championships, held on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th June in Dublin, Ireland.

On Friday 27th June, Members of the Academy tested for their 1st Degree and 2nd Degree Black Belts in front of a judging panel of International Master Belts and Grand Master Ki Yun Yi. Congratulations to George Marshall, Lauren Hunter and Joshua Trustam for achieving their 2nd Dan Black Belts and Amy Wassif, Anthony Jones and Luke Jones for achieving their 1st Dan Black Belts.

The World Championships this year was to celebrate the IMA's 30 year anniversary and Grand Master Ki Yun Yi's 70th birthday. The competition attracted over 200 competitors and involved teams from all over the UK as well as from Malta, Ireland and the USA.

Students from Dal Poon Academy clubs in Wootton, Haynes, Oakley, Wilstead and the Wixams competed in open hand and weapons forms as well as free fighting competitions against competitors from all nations. Team members won over 30 medals.

The highlight of the day was the Hyung (forms) Competition. The UK Team, led by Stéphanie Johnson, 3rd Dan instructor from Wootton, demonstrated an advanced open hand Form (Pal Che So) to a panel of Master Belt judges. Teams from the USA, Malta and Ireland demonstrated the same Form. The UK won 1st place and the World Cup. The team was made up of Stéphanie Johnson, Team Captain and 3rd Dan Black Belt, Nick Hunter, Lauren Hunter, Joshua Trustam and Nadine Law, all who train at clubs in Wootton and surrounding villages.

Stéphanie Johnson, went on to win 3 Gold Medals and the World Female Grand Champion title for the 2nd time. Nadine Law won Veteran Women's Grand Champion and Lauren Hunter won Junior Grand Champion.

The UK won the silver medal in the Team free fighting completion, losing out by one point in the final to the USA.

Tang Soo Do is a traditional Korean martial art based on the ancient Korean kicking style of Tae Kyun, and the soft, flowing movements from the Chinese Martial Arts systems. Whilst Tang Soo Do has the rituals and discipline of a traditional martial art it equips every student with effective modern self-defence knowledge, techniques and capabilities.

Classes are held in Wootton Village Hall every Thursday from 6.30pm. All ages are welcome. Visit the Dal Poon Tang Soo Do website for more details.

(www.dalpoontangsoodoacademy.co.uk) or call Andrew Johnson, Senior Instructor on 07748 653220.

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- Heather, Library Manager

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St. Mary's Playgroup

Established 1967

St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, Wootton, Beds
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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'

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

We planted some seed potatoes; and the children were responsible for watering and watching them grow. On Monday 7th 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, were 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.

We finished the term with a Leavers Party. They enjoyed having a picnic in the playgroup garden and playing on the toys and bouncy castles. The children were very excited when Peppa Pig dropped by to say hello! All the children had a great time before breaking up for the summer holidays.

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-15.00pm

Wednesday 9.00-15.00pm

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Friday 9.00am-15.00pm

St Mary's Church Organ

By John Robertson

Organist at St Mary's Church

Many Wootton residents will have visited St. Mary's Church over the years, whether as regular worshippers, as guests at a Wedding, at a Baptism or some other occasion. Those of you that have attended a service will have heard the organ that is to be found at the back of the church under the tower arch. As it is situated at the rear of the church it is probably not noticed. I am sure, however, that the organ has enhanced many weddings and services and given pleasure to people in our village. Let me give you some of the historical significance of how the organ has been developed and also that it was originally given in memory of a person that contributed to the village in a wider context.

The inscription on the organ case reads: "In the year of our Lord 1800. This Organ was erected in Wootton Church by Esther Maria Neale, sister of the vicar, in memory of her Aunt Mary Dell widow of the Rev. John Dell and in testimony of Mrs. Dell's valuable assistance towards the foundation of the parish school. Rector of Weston Longville, Norfolk." At that time the organ had just one manual (keyboard). Some of the original pipes are still in the organ today over 200 years later.

Since then various additions have been made. In 1897 a reconstruction was made by the Bedford firm of Trustams when more pipes were added and an additional manual. The Great organ soundboard and some of pipes were included from the original organ but the Swell organ and pipes were new. The action between the keyboards and the pipes was of course mechanical (Tracker Action). This reconstruction cost £160.

At the Church AGM in 1962 the condition of the organ was raised and in that year it was decided by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to have the organ rebuilt at an estimated cost of £2900 (this was probably more than three times the average yearly salary at that time). The Rev'd. Thorp was vicar at that time and Mervyn Pestell the organist. Mervyn is still our Organist Emeritus. Therefore we can thank them and the vision of the PCC in 1962 that the decision was made to have this rebuild. The money was raised and the organ dedicated on October 24th. 1964. Due to their vision and faith we have had 50 years of service from a very reliable instrument that in my view is one of the best organs in Bedfordshire. The 1964 rebuild was a major reconstruction by Leighton Organs with further pipe additions, a detached console, with electric and electric/pneumatic action and a third manual.

In 1979 and 2000 further pipes were added so that now we have an organ with three manuals, 45 stops (including couplers) and just over 1300 pipes. This is an organ that is suitable for playing the complete range of organ music.

To celebrate 50 years since the major rebuild of 1964 we have decided to have a Festive Concert on Saturday October 18th at 7.30pm. and to give thanks for the contribution of the organ to our worship services. It is very appropriate that we have invited Graham Thorp to perform this Festive Concert which he has titled "TOCCATA". Graham is the son of the Rev'd Thorp. While he was living in Wootton and at the young age of 16 years Graham won an Organ Scholarship to Cambridge University. Since then he has had a very successful music career. He was one of the youngest organists at the time to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of Organists and has given numerous recitals including one at King's College, Cambridge. He has been Director of Music at Putney Parish Church, London for 25 years and Director of Music at Guildford High School for 23 years. Other musical activities include playing at the Guildford Spring Music Festival and other musical events in the Surrey area.

Some of you will remember Graham's contribution to Mervyn Pestell's retirement concert a few years ago. I have seen his proposed programme and I am sure we will have an exciting evening of great organ music and a surprise or two as our organ is played with great skill, demonstrating the wonderful tone colours it can produce.

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Wootton Academy Trust

Executive Principal Appointment

Michael Gleeson has been appointed as Executive Principal of Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College. He succeeds Tony Withell, who is retiring at the end of the current academic year after fifteen years' service to Wootton Upper School.

Michael Gleeson led the school's successful application to open Kimberley College as a specialist 16-19 STEM College and was appointed its first Principal and has overseen its evolution in the past year. The range of outstanding learning facilities and opportunities for 16+ learners at the college are phenomenal and Mr. Gleeson will continue to have oversight of the college's further development in the years ahead.

As Tony Withell retires, he commented "the school and the college are fortunate to have someone as dedicated and experienced taking the helm. There are so many aspects of practice and planning on which Michael and myself have worked together for so many years, that the transition will be seamless".

Wootton Upper School has continued to develop its array of strengths under Tony Withell and is widely acknowledged as one of the very best performing Maintained Schools in the county. Tony Withell concluded "The school and college are fortunate to have both so many dedicated staff and an experienced Leadership Team to support Michael - I wish the school and Kimberley College every possible success in the years ahead".

VILLAGE HALL CONGRATULATIONS

Users of the Village Hall on Church Road, Wootton may well know Marie Kramer and Jenny Lambert. Marie looks after the caretaking side, whilst Jenny deals with bookings. What may not be so well known, is that both have now been in their respective posts for 25 years. Not bad, considering they initially agreed to a term of 3 months!

Congratulations Marie and Jenny – here's to the next 25 years!

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You're also likely to find us at the various Wootton events with our famous, (or infamous) health quiz. It's free and if you're lucky, and a clever-clogs, you may win a prize. Caitlin McNally answered every question correctly at the recent Summer Fair and was the deserved winner of a sumptuous basket of fruit. It could be you next time. We'll be at the Christmas Craft Fair, so look out for our stall and give it a go.

Good health,

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WHAT IF.? (Not quite Kipling)

By Rebecca Cook

If as the nation gathers to remember
The death of someone's husband, brother, son.
To thank God for the lives they gave in service
To conquer evil and for battles won.
If we can share the grief of their relations
For long ago, last year, or yesterday
And let them know loved ones are not
forgotten,
Their memory will never fade away:
If we can use this time to share with others
That death--however sad, is not the end
And justify to atheists and skeptics
The sure and certain hope we'll rise again.

If we could *prove* the truth of what we're
saying
To give hope; But then what signs have we
indeed?
For we have not the evidence to prove it
Providing comfort in their hour of need.
No tangible suggestions there to give them
No proof that we have real evidence
Of the truth of this great mystery which awaits
us
Then nothing we can say will make much
sense.

BUT- should witnesses make claim they *had* shed light
Would folk in droves down tools and run to hear?
If someone had unveiled the mystery
That, there *was* life after death and naught to fear?
And; if one had traveled through death's dark dominion
And then come back to earth--would not his name
Be known to millions who would seek to know him
And follow after him? - and then again
If Someone promised he would navigate
Each one through death, and how to overcome
The judgment--AND if everyone believed Him
Why then my friend, the Victory would be won!





THE TIN TABERNACLE

PROPERLY KNOWN AS WOOTTON
MEMORIAL HALL

When the guns of the first world war fell silent on the 11th Hour of Monday November 11th 1918, soldiers of all nations rejoiced and looked forward

to civilian life. The Peace Treaty was signed on the 28th June 1919. The treaty was a stamp of authority on the status quo. Those troops who had survived were already returning to their homes. Sadly 44 Wootton men did not return. Their names are listed and remembered on the War Memorial which now stands on Church Road.

On 31st January 1919 a parish meeting was held in the Council School (then adjacent to the Cock Public house) to *“Consider what steps shall be taken to perpetuate the memory of the men of this Parish who have given their lives for their country during the War.”* The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mephram, and attended by many dignitaries and members of the public. Thorough discussion led to a strong feeling in favour of a public room or institute being erected. A committee of 25 worthy men was formed to consider the ways and means for that consideration to be put into effect. Amongst the committee were the owner of Wootton House Sir P.M. Payne, the Member of Parliament whose constituency included Wootton (until 1918) Sir A. W. Black and the Vicar of Wootton the Reverend C. Squire.

The first task was to acquire land upon which to site the proposed room. To this end Sir A. W. Black, a noted philanthropist, was able to provide and donate the portion of land upon which the Memorial Hall and associated recreation ground now sits. He along with Percy & Penelope Somers Tyinghm had purchased the land in 1910 as a site for a lace factory. A conveyance dated 25th October 1919 passed the ownership of the land to the control of Wootton Parish Council for the purposes of, *“A War Memorial, a Village Hall and a playground for infants.”* Subsequently the War Memorial was erected on land donated by Sir Philip Payne at the junction of Church and Bedford Roads.

The Memorial Hall was purchased from the War Ministry by public subscription. It had stood as the Sergeants Mess Hall in the garrison bivouacked for the duration of the first world war in Ampthill Park. The building was dismantled, transported and re-erected on its current site. The nickname the Tin Tabernacle was due to its original cladding with corrugated steel sheeting painted a drab green colour. The hut is now over 100 years old. Clearly it has been modernised to comply with various disability, play area and fire regulations.

The Memorial Hall opened in 1922 and functioned well on an informal basis until a change in the law required that it be re-set as a charitable trust. On 10th June 1963 it became Charity No. 3000085 Wootton Village Memorial Hall with a set rules and regulations running to 6 pages with a committee of management running to 17 persons including a delegate from The Duchess of Bedford Lodge No. 6274 of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes!



Wootton New Life Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits everyone at Wootton New Life. We are a lively and informal church at the heart of the village – we'd love to welcome you especially if you're new to the village or haven't been for a while.

The Café @ The Hub is our community café and is open every morning except Tuesday from 10.00am – 12.00pm. A full range of hot drinks and cakes are always available. If you're looking for somewhere quite to meet up with friends or you're on your own and want to pop in for a chat you'll always find a friendly face.

Please let any young people in your life know about Hubbub our Youth Café that's open every Friday during term time from 3.00pm – 5.00pm for school year 7 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.

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We have plenty of activities for all age groups – check our web site for details or call us on 01234 768222.

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| Saturday 18 th October | Men's breakfast at 8.15am |
| Friday 31 st October | Family Film Night
'Despicable Me 2' at 5.30pm |

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. The first Sunday of each month we have Refresh – an informal service of praise and worship from 7.30pm.



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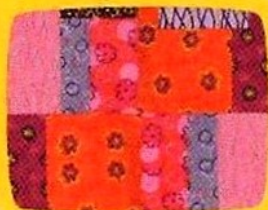
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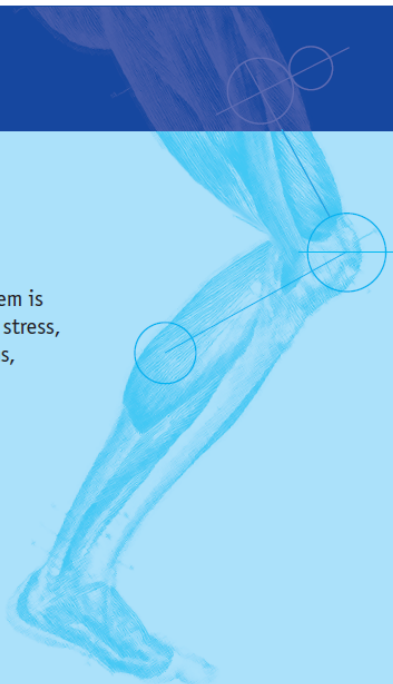
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