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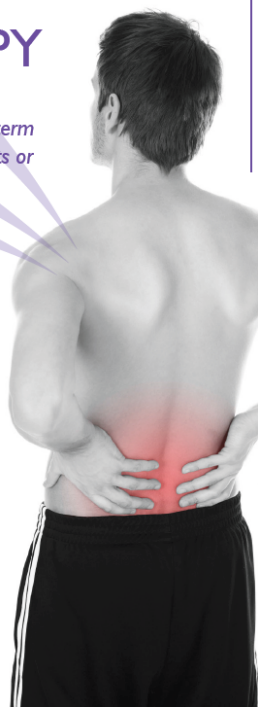
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Wootton Parish Council Annual Report



Gareth Lloyd - Chairman

I would like to start by thanking all those who have used the bottle bank located in the car park behind the village hall. You have helped to raise £328.05 already, for the Wootton Church and Poor's Land Charity and the same again for the annual Wootton Fun Day. Please continue to use the bottle bank - especially over the festive season!

Staying at the recreational ground, I would like to remind dog owners that dogs are NOT allowed anywhere within the grass area on the rec. Person (s) have seen fit to pull the NO DOG signs down, possibly in the naïve hope that they can continue to walk their dogs on that area without fear of

prosecution. A public consultation was undertaken and two public notices displayed in the local press and newsletter - this is sufficient for the Borough Council to prosecute. If you see anyone on the recreational ground with a dog, please call 01234 718060.

I would like to add my thanks to all those that attended the Remembrance Sunday parade on 9th November. The turnout was fantastic as always and everyone did the parish and servicemen from Wootton proud. The parish council held a service of dedication the week before Remembrance Sunday to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. A short service was performed by Rev Peter Ackroyd and Alec Head from the Wootton branch of the Royal British Legion planted a tree (Midland Hawthorn – *Crataegus Laevigata* Pauls Scarlet) as chosen by our retired tree warden Pamela Stevenson. The last post was played by David Simms on the bugle. I would like to thank Sue Playford for organising the event. The tree and a commemorative bench are now located at Lorraine Road cemetery.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

35 YEARS OF PLANTING TREES IN WOOTTON 1980 TO 2015

Two pages of hefty criticism from the North Bedfordshire Borough Council in the 1980 'Wootton Village Plan' described a distinct lack of hedges and trees throughout Wootton. This was primarily due to the loss of hundreds of trees following the outbreak of Elm Disease in 1970. At that time the County Council were offering trees to all parish councils to plant as replacements for the loss of the elm trees which were once so prominent across the Bedfordshire landscape. As a parish councillor with an interest in the environment I was nominated to improve tree cover in and around Wootton.

Now, almost 35 years and over 700 trees later, I am pleased to tell you that all the documentation and a DVD, for every planting site throughout the village will be available for perusal in the 'Reference' section of our lovely local Library – by kind permission of the Manager. These include the Royal Anniversary Roundel at Berry Farm and the Hall End Roundel as well as individual trees planted in hedgerows along roadsides with thanks to the many landowners.

In 1989 I was officially given the title of Parish Tree Warden, following the launch of a UK scheme by the national Tree Council. A highlight of my tree wardening came in 1992 when the Parish Council submitted the tree planting I organised at Hall End into the Best Kept Village Competition, for which we won First Prize in the Special Feature Award!

Many of the individual trees planted throughout the parish can be easily identified today as they are now making a valuable contribution to our local landscape. They have also been photographed throughout the years at various stages of their growth. Also photographed are the many volunteer tree planters, friends and helpers, including; the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools, the Women's Institute, County and Borough Council Tree Officers, from whom I learned so much during the ensuing years.

I must mention David Alderman, who is the Director (and I am the Secretary) of a charity The Tree Register of the British Isles, which records the "Champion" trees of Britain and Ireland, recording our tallest, largest and oldest trees. David is also a local government Tree Officer, a colleague, friend and mentor. I have known him for all the 35 years and will be for ever grateful to him for his tree-knowledge, his advice and his help – especially keeping the 100 odd trees in MY OWN garden in some sort of order!

I understand that I am the first and last Tree Warden for Wootton. The way we are being built upon with new development, means there will be no room for any more trees anyway! So please do take care of the trees we have! I have enjoyed talking to and meeting people of the village to discuss tree issues. Until other arrangements are made, all requests and complaints will be dealt with initially with a telephone call to the Parish Clerk who will probably pass many of them to the Borough Council Tree Officers to deal with.

Pamela Stevens—retired Tree Warden

Tree planting in the Forest of Marston Vale



Of all the many things that the Forest of Marston Vale Trust does, planting trees is the one that causes least surprise - it's what people expect us to do. I often spend time talking about the wide range of work that the Trust does as well as planting trees and find I'm surprised at the length of the list.

Building a huge wind turbine and looking after a 250 hectare country park and fantastic visitor centre are highlights of which most people are aware, but it's the large number of other projects that we get involved with that sometimes surprises. Over the years we have built kilometres of surfaced trails that give easy access to many of our sites, for more people, more of the year. The Gateway Woods between Wootton and Kempston (Buttons Ramsey, Ridgeway Wood, etc.) are good examples where there's plenty of open space, surfaced trails as well as trees. Wetland habitat creation has been an important part of developments at the Grange Estate, near Willington, which is already attracting wildlife in abundance.

Close links with other organisations are reaping benefits too. The Trust is working with Bedford Borough Council and others to create Bedford River Valley Park (BRVP) to the east of the town, where the botanically rich Fenlake Meadows has been the subject of a £103,000 improvement programme. A fascinating, £80,000 heritage project has recently been completed for BRVP, again in partnership with the Borough Council. This brought interpretive material and new web pages that describe the history of the area from Ice Age to Twentieth Century - visit www.bedfordrivervalleypark.org/heritage for more details.

It's great to be able to invite you to get involved in our next big planting event. This will happen at a site between Cranfield and Marston, on Sunday 8 February 2015. Planting a tree sounds energetic but doesn't have to be. Trees are very small so planting one only takes a few minutes. You can plant as many trees as you like and stay for as long as you like. We provide trees, tools, toilets, instruction, and a cup of tea. Wear warm clothes and bring loads of enthusiasm. We try to make sure planting days are open to all-comers, whatever their age or ability, but we plant in the countryside, in winter, so access can be rough and wet. If you'll need a bit of help getting on site, please let us know in advance; we should be able to help. Free buses will run between 10.45am and 2.15pm, from the Forest Centre to the planting site - there's no parking on site. It could be one to cycle to as it's just off Route 51.

Planting a tree connects you to a place and remains in your memory for a lifetime. It brings family and friends together and is a wonderful way to celebrate any important occasion. All our larger woodlands are open to the public, so anyone who plants a tree can return to enjoy the slowly thrilling change, from field to woodland.

Please add Sunday 8 February to your diary. Sign up to receive occasional email newsletters from the Trust to ensure that you hear the latest news by visiting www.marstonvale.org and plant some trees on 8 February - you won't regret it.

Guy Lambourne, 01234 762608, guy.lambourne@marstonvale.org



Parish Clerk's Report



The centre feature in September's edition of the newsletter led to a huge response (Bedford Borough Call for Sites) – not unsurprisingly. At the time of writing this article the parish council has not been made aware of the public consultation dates and there is always a concern that when known, they will not fit with this publications timescales. The parish council has a website: <http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk>, and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WoottonParishCouncilBedfordshire, in addition to its noticeboards – so do please look there too, for further information.

Now that the days are shorter and nights longer and the cold weather is here, please don't forget the Good Neighbour Scheme – either for yourselves or someone who may benefit from it.

Sue Playford

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Gareth Lloyd talks in his report about the issues the parish council has been having over Dog Control Order signs. It was suggested to me by a resident a good number of years ago now (before the consultation took place) that rather than signs on poles, signage could be spray painted somehow on to pavements. I have been asking the Borough Council since the consultation took place to consider this as an alternative and I am pleased to say they have now agreed to this in principle and are looking to take this proposal forward. I cannot recall who made this suggestion – but thank you!

After last year's 'interesting' time with the Christmas tree I should know better than to tempt fate and say I hope you all enjoy the tree and lights. But there we are – I've said it again and let's hope this year all goes to plan.

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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A light in the Night

by Rebecca Cook (c)

The Innkeeper at Bethlehem was sitting in his den
Sorting his accounts and things and pausing now and then
To sift a pile of shekels which were sitting on the side
Totting up the takings, feeling very satisfied.
Every single room was full without an inch to spare
This census thing of Caesar's had brought crowds of people there.
He'd even given up his bed to sleep a couple more
And he and Mrs. Innkeeper had camped out on the floor.
All in all then, he decided, he had made a tidy heap
So he left his books and shut the door and went to get some sleep.

He'd barely got his night-shirt on and put the candle out
When Mrs. Innkeeper said "Dear, there's somebody about.
I heard them knocking at the door - we'll really have to say
There are no rooms left here to let, so let's send them away."
And so they both went to the door and took a furtive peep
The night was really getting on and most folk were asleep
A young girl and a man stood there and she looked Oh so tired
The man said "Please, have you a room that's not already hired?"
The innkeeper looked worried and he frowned and scratched his head
"There's really not an inch to spare, we're right full up" he said.
He saw the girl was in no state to wander any more
Then, that his wife was signalling to him behind the door.

So saying "Wait a minute, and I'll see if there's a space
He turned to where his wife stood with a very anxious face.
"How about the stable - they could wait there for the night
There is room up near the manger and they'll be well out of sight"
The innkeeper looked doubtful but returned to them and said
"We can offer you the stable if you'd like to make a bed"
He thought "Its getting late and they're not really in the way
I'll only charge them half of what the others have to pay".
He fetched a light and showed them in "Now this is it" he said
There's no more space left anywhere" and then went back to bed.

The moon shone over Bethlehem. The sky was clear and bright
The innkeeper slept on and on. He'd had a busy night.
Several hours later he was woken up once more;
His wife, he found, had disappeared; he saw the open door.
There were noises in the stable. He thought he saw a gleam
Of light, and then some singing, but it could have been a dream.
His wife came back into the room. It now was nearly dawn
She said, "Go boil some water, there's a baby being born.
He looked up in amazement but he did as he was told
And built a good big fire up as the nights were really cold.
He must have taken over long because he'd barely done his chore
When he heard another frantic knocking at the door .
He went to see who this could be and found to his surprise
A crowd of shepherds there with great excitement in their eyes
They were full of exuberance, their faces all aglow
"Where is the baby then?" they asked" Just tell us where to go".

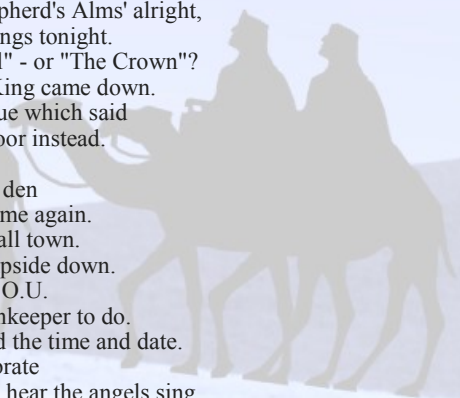
"Baby?" said the Innkeeper "Why, how can you have heard
It can have only just been born. Whoever spread the word?"
Some angels" said the shepherds, "We were out there with the sheep
When this great choir came down from Heaven. Knocked us all of a heap"
The innkeeper looked dubious "Maybe" he started thinking
They'd had a jar or two out there. They must have all been drinking.
But then, he'd kept a pub for years and these men didn't act
The way that he'd seen drunkards do. He tried a bit of tact.
"A baby has arrived" he said. "But are you some relations -
And; why come at this unearthly hour to start the celebrations?"

"Well" replied the shepherds "I am sure we've got it clear
The angels came and told us we should find the baby here
This is no ordinary child, of that we're very sure
There's never been a birth announcement done like this before".
The innkeeper just shook his head, he couldn't understand
Why everything these past few hours had got so out of hand
But short of turning these men out, what else could he do
But show them where the baby was. Then he could see it too.
So, the shepherds and the publican went through the inn to find
The child of whom the angels sang. The Saviour of mankind.

They stood there, lost in wonderment, in reverence and awe
Then recognizing Deity knelt down upon the straw
He really had to pinch himself to prove that it was true
"Amazing" thought the innkeeper "To think what God can do"
Then turning back indoors he went and called out to his spouse
"Come dear, this night may change our life, so drinks are on the house
For God has come to Bethlehem, so fetch the people in
Let's have a celebration for the birthday of the King"
The travellers came trooping in. The shepherds came as well
For they, of all the people had the real tale to tell.
The story spread like wildfire and before the day was out
There was not a soul but knew what it was all about.

Later on, the innkeeper just mopped his brow and said "Whew.
Aren't you glad we took them in. We might have stayed in bed.
When that light shone in the night and turned it into day
Then we found Jesus. Just supposing we'd sent Him away:
The Inn should have a different name. 'The Shepherd's Alms' alright,
But now it needs upgrading since these happenings tonight.
The "Star of Bethlehem" -? maybe. "The Angel" - or "The Crown"?
To mark the night they got me up because the King came down.
He pondered on the matter then he made a plaque which said
"The Son of God slept here" and put it on the door instead.

The innkeeper of Bethlehem went back into his den
Somehow he felt that life would never be the same again.
Out of a million places God had chosen this small town.
And then come right into his life and turned it upside down.
He quickly changed the bill he'd made into an I.O.U.
And wondered what God next would ask the innkeeper to do.
He reached up for his birthday book and marked the time and date.
This should go down in history for man to celebrate
When God reached down and man looked up to hear the angels sing
On that first Christmas morning; on the Birthday of the King.



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

Bizzy Bees welcomed back children old and new for the start of an Autumn Term full of fun learning activities and fabulous weather! The children have looked at shapes using playdough, making cylinder shakers and digging for them in compost – an absolute favourite for many! We

have investigated numbers with a car parking game, hopscotch in the playground, hook a duck and through role play on the greengrocers stall counting and weighing a variety of vegetables.

As the weather cooled slightly we began to look at Autumn and the children collected leaves from around the park to use for collage and printing activities including a very attractive Autumn wreath. Children investigated and sorted conkers in prickly cases, sycamore 'helicopters', acorns, pine cones and pumpkins. On Saturday 18th October Bizzy Bees Committee held their first Scarecrow Festival, inviting local families and organisations to enter. The event was a great success with many scarecrows, of all shapes and sizes, posing for the voting panel! The run away winner was entered by the Rainbows – well done! Thank you to all those who helped at and supported the event.

Our half term came to a close with the celebration of Diwali – children made diva lamps and cards and enjoyed using the sand and glitter tray in which to make Rangoli patterns. We had a visit from one of our parents who kindly brought in beautiful saris for the staff to wear and the children used lengths of fabric to create their own Diwali outfits! We made traditional coconut sweets, tried different snack foods and danced to authentic music – a fun time was had by all!

Next half term we will be celebrating bonfire night and will be using various craft activities to mark Remembrance Day. Favourite books 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' will be enjoyed by the children using many 'hands on' fun activities to further extend their learning. The half term will, of course, end with lots of Christmas activities as well as a Christmas Concert and parties.

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.



Wootton Scout Group are urgently in need of one, possibly two volunteers to take over the roles of Beaver Leader and Assistant Beaver Leader to keep the 1st Wootton Beaver Scout colony open. The existing leaders are stepping down at Christmas so if this is something you think you might be

interested in, or would like to have a chat about what would be involved, please contact Sam Bloomer on 07778 610061 or sam.bloomer@hotmail.co.uk.



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Wootton now has a Community First Responder Scheme, which has been running for just over two months. It has already made a difference for several people in the village, and beyond, who have had the benefit of a fast response in an emergency.



Community First Responders

The aim of the scheme is to provide prompt emergency life support skills to patients who are suffering from conditions such as chest pain, stroke, breathing difficulties and cardiac arrest.

Community First Responders (CFRs) are volunteers who operate within their local community that are activated to 999 calls at the same time as the ambulance crew where time can make the difference between life and death. The East of England Ambulance Service is looking for volunteers to come on board who live or work in Wootton.

Free training is given and you work with others in your group, with update training throughout the year and requalification annually to ensure competence and confidence. If you would like an application form you can contact: Steven Catley or Simon Marshall on 01767 600822, or mail to : bedfordshireresponder@eastamb.nhs.uk

The Wootton CFR group is self-funding aside from free training and assessment from the service. Some support we need includes uniforms and/or recognisable branding for each volunteer. This would cost around £50. Please contact me if you would be willing to consider supporting us.

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Wootton Country Players

Wootton country players is the village amateur dramatics group. We aim to perform 2-3 productions a year; including a pantomime.

This year our pantomime is Puss in Boots and we are performing it in December. Performance dates are 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th December at Wootton village hall. Tickets are available online at www.country-players.org.uk or from Tina Kirkup on 07788857040.

Will Colin marry the Princess or will the Princess be single for ever?

Will the Ogre rule over Wootton or will the villagers succeed in killing him off?

Join us for an evening of entertainment that will have you laughing from start to finish.



Sign up to become a Dementia Friend! By Rina Persaud

34% of people living with dementia do not feel part of their community.

43% of carers for people with dementia do not receive enough support.

Do these statistics come as a surprise to you? Then read on because there is something you can do to make things better.

There are currently over 685,000 people in England living with dementia and by 2051 there will be over 2 million people living with dementia in the UK. Two thirds of people with dementia live in the community and it is therefore vitally important that the community considers the needs of these people. This is why **Dementia Friends** has been set up.

People with dementia sometimes need a helping hand to go about their daily lives and feel included in their local community. Dementia Friends is about giving people an understanding of dementia and the small things that they can do that could make a difference; from helping someone to find the right bus to spreading the word about dementia on social media, every action counts, no matter how small.

When my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2010, it became all too apparent how challenging day to day activities can be when you live in a dementia 'unfriendly' community. I want to change this and have chosen to become a trained volunteer Dementia Friends Champion, allowing me to offer awareness sessions to the local community.

So how does it work?

Anyone can become a Dementia Friend! There are different ways to get involved to suit you. You could attend a face-to-face information session, delivered by a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion like me, or become a Dementia Friend online.

A face to face awareness session is just 1 hour long. It is informative and interactive and by asking members of the community to sign up to becoming Dementia Friends I hope we can make our communities more accessible and welcoming to all those living with, or caring for those with, all types of dementia.

Dementia Friends is a national initiative that is being run by the Alzheimer's Society. It's funded by the government and aims to improve people's understanding of dementia and its effects. The Alzheimer's Society is working with lots of volunteers and other organisations to achieve this goal, because together, we can create dementia friendly communities

So now I am looking for people within local communities who may like me to run an awareness session for them; anyone from schools to the WI, from churches to village sports clubs, from the local pubs & businesses to youth clubs, everyone can make a difference. You don't have to have been directly affected by dementia in order to benefit from an awareness session. The idea is to give more people an understanding of what it is like living with dementia, the problems people encounter in their daily lives and how small changes in the way we act could make a big difference.

If who would like more information about booking an Awareness Session, becoming a Dementia Friend or Community Champion please email me at dementiafriendscranfield@gmail.com with your contact details and I will get back to you. For additional information please take a look at the Dementia Friends website at <http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>.

Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre

As we reach the end of another year we inevitably hit the 'busy' period for health services when the winter viruses start to affect us and our waiting room becomes that much fuller. The main culprit is the influenza virus. This can have serious effects for the most vulnerable, i.e. those over 65 or who suffer conditions that put them in an 'At Risk' group. We still have supplies of the flu vaccine remaining but it takes time to become fully active and give full immunity so, if you feel you fall into one of the above groups, please do not delay, call the surgery (01234) 762500 to make your appointment to receive your vaccination. It only takes a few minutes and it could save you suffering nasty flu symptoms!



Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome Dr Melanie Munro to the team. Dr Munro is a very experienced GP who is joining us from a surgery in Bletchley. She brings with her a wide range of skills and experience and we are pleased to welcome her to Wootton Vale on behalf of the staff and patients.

Online Services

We are constantly looking for ways in which we can enrich and develop our patient experience. One such way is to improve the way in which our patients communicate with us and have access to information concerning their health. To this end we are improving and increasing the number of services available online via our website. For example, we shall be introducing the following services over the next few months: appointment booking, access to your test results, access to your medical records. We shall also be carrying out an overhaul of our website. These changes will be announced via the website and notices in the practice so please lookout for these exciting changes.

Long Term Conditions

If you suffer from a long term condition such as asthma or diabetes, we will call you in to the practice at least once a year to review your condition. This gives us an opportunity to discuss your health to see if there have been any changes since your previous review. It is very important that this is done every year as, by doing this, we can be sure that we continue to give you the very best care and that your medication is correct. We shall be starting to call in those who fall into these categories over the coming months.

2014 has proved to be very successful for the practice. We had recruited some top quality GPs, nurses and admin staff who are all dedicated to providing the very best healthcare to the practice population which continues to increase at a very good rate. We look forward to continuing to meet the health needs of the existing and new residents of Wootton, and the surrounding villages, in 2015 and beyond.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Dr Mackenzie and all the staff at Wootton Vale.

Clocks Go Back - Burglaries Go Up

Bedfordshire Police are warning residents across the county to be on their guard after the clocks go back this weekend providing easy pickings for burglars.

Traditionally the number of break-ins go up by as much as half when it starts getting darker earlier, so this year, as well as special operations to target burglars, the force is giving local people guidance on how to protect their homes against this seasonal increase in burglaries.

Simple crime prevention precautions really can make all the difference. Thieves are essentially lazy and if they have to make a lot of noise, spend a lot of time, or risk being seen, they are unlikely to bother to attempt a break-in. Taking a few precautions now, and purchasing a few simple security devices to make your home more secure, is a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Make sure you do the following things to make your home more secure and help Bedfordshire Police reduce the number of burglaries this winter.

- ◆ Leave lights or the radio on so it looks and sounds like someone is at home.
- ◆ Lock all windows - thieves can wriggle through any gap larger than a human head.
- ◆ Fit locks to the top and bottom of patio doors.
- ◆ Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice.
- ◆ Never leave garages or sheds unlocked.
- ◆ Check for weak spots and sagging fences on your boundary.
- ◆ Stop a thief getting into the back of the house where he can work unseen by fitting a strong, high gate across a side passage.
- ◆ Be alert to strangers loitering in the street. If you don't recognise them or they are acting suspiciously, call the police.
- ◆ Don't hide keys under the mat or in a flowerpot - it is the first place a burglar will look.

You can download a comprehensive guide to protecting your home and property from the Bedfordshire Police website bit.ly/1pFTcB3 or visit www.bedfordshire.police.uk.

Vulnerable and older people can get a free security check and home improvements from the Bobby Van team, qualified carpenters and security experts who provide those over 65 or vulnerable people with a FREE security check to improve their security and prevent them becoming victims in the first place. If you are over 65 or considered vulnerable, or a carer for someone in this situation, go to bit.ly/1ruSZHu to ask for a visit.

Anyone with information relating to a burglary or other incident should call Bedfordshire Police on 101, or text information to 07786 200011.

Alternatively you can contact the independent crime fighting charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



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Parish council replacing five street lights

The parish council is in the process of replacing five existing street lights – two at Hall End (past The Chequers PH heading towards Keeley Lane) and three in Potters Cross. All are in excess of 50 years old and are showing signs of corrosion – a sure sign they will fail in the very near future. All will be replaced with a ‘heritage’ style column and light – similar to the photograph shown and all will have shades.



Wootton commemorates the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War



The Flanders Poppy - PAPAVER RHOEAS
Literally Latin PAPA : food/milk & Greek RHOEAS : Red.
 Known in Germany as Klatschmohn, sometimes called corn poppy, field poppy, penny poppi & percy's passion. Potentially harmful to horses, cattle & sheep, but unlikely to cause harm to humans. The seeds can be used to flavour pastry or pressed make a substitute for olive oil. In the middle ages an extract of the flowers was used to treat pleurisy and the ague. These days a mild pain reliever for the treatment of ear, tooth and chest infections is made from seeds whilst the petals are used for relief from jaundice and as an aid to digestive problems. The plant is mildly narcotic unlike the middle eastern papaver somniferum from which opium can be extracted.





Remembrance Sunday



Wootton's annual Remembrance Day parade, service and wreath laying ceremony took place on Sunday 9th November 2014. The parade, organised by the Royal British Legion, assembled in bright weather by the Cock public house and was well supported, with the attendance of many members of the public. The Parade Marshal was Sgt. Lee Gilham of the Royal Air Force and leading the parade with the Legion flag held high was legionnaire Bob Keech. In uniformed attendance on parade were:-

1 st Wootton Scouts	Flag carried by Ryan Heath
1 st Wootton Guides	Megan Heaveysides-Bell
1 st Wootton Cubs	Freddie Marshall
1 st Wootton Beavers	Aiden Brind
2 nd Wootton Brownies	Rachel Manyweathers
1 st Wootton Brownies	Annie Houghton
Wootton Rainbows	Evie Atkins
Boys Brigade Buglers	Dave Simms & Andy Gray

Members of the parish council, Wootton Lower & Holywell Middle Schools also marched in the parade.

The parade proceeded in good order from the Cock into Church Road and thence past the War Memorial (eyes left) to the entrance to St. Mary's Church. The British Legion Flag bearer left the parade to take position in front of the church porch and was joined by the other flag bearers.

The remembrance service, a joint service with the congregation of the Wootton New Life Methodist Church, was conducted by the Reverend Peter Ackroyd assisted by the Reverend Caroline Weaver. St. Mary's was filled to capacity and was well attended. Despite additional chairs not everyone could find a seat. During the Act of Remembrance the list of those whose names appear on the war memorial was read by Sgt. Gilham who also asked for remembrance of those who have died in recent conflicts. The Last Post was sounded by the Buglers and a 2 minute silence was observed.

After the service the parade re-formed and proceeded to the War Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony. Wreaths were laid on behalf of:-

The Royal British Legion	Wootton Parish Council	The Cubs & Scouts
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During the autumn months the children have gathered leaves, using rakes and brushes. They used their leaves to create artwork, leaf printing and leaf collage. The children went on an autumn conker hunt and they collected and counted conkers and weighed and balanced them. The children were fascinated by the look and feel of the conkers and enjoyed learning about how scales work.

We have been celebrating Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed wearing Indian clothes and took part in a variety of Diwali-themed craft activities, such as making diva lamps, rangoli patterns and listened to a traditional Diwali story. The emphasis of the story was about being kind and helping each other. The children celebrated with a special Indian meal of spicy Indian Dahl, chicken korma, basmati rice, naan bread and poppadoms, followed by jelly and ice cream. Having a Diwali-themed week has introduced the children to different religions and cultures.

We have been celebrating Bonfire Night by making firework pictures, catherine wheels and discussing and writing 'Firework Sounds' The children experimented with movement and used their imagination pretending to be 'fireworks'

Sadly at the end of October we said "goodbye" to Julie Edinburgh. Julie has been at St Mary's Playgroup for nine years and will be greatly missed. We would like to thank Julie for her contribution to St Mary's Playgroup and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

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 pre-school 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

Thursday 9.00-15.00pm

Friday 9.00am-15.00pm

Library Corner

- Heather, Library Manager

We have lots of exciting events in the approach to Christmas

Sat 6th Dec – **Christmas Crafts** – drop in between 10.30 and 12.

Mon 15th Dec – **Christmas Rhyme time** – 2.50 – 3.10 – bring your teddy!

Wed 17th Dec – **Coffee and mince pies** – drop in between 11 – 12.

Mon 22nd Dec – **Christmas story** at 4.30 – bring your teddy!

A date for next year – Friday 20th March

Join us for a Reminiscence afternoon.

Celebrate **21 years of Acorn Quilters** with afternoon tea and cakes.

Wootton Quilt displayed at the library

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10 th Dec 2014	Finance & General Purposes	After FC
14 th Jan 2014	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
14 th Jan 2015	Full Council	7.30pm
28 th Jan 2015	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
28 th Jan 2015	Leisure & Amenities	7.30pm
28 th Jan 2015	Finance & General Purposes	8.00pm
11 th Feb 2015	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
11 th Feb 2015	Full Council	7.30pm
25 th Feb 2015	Planning & Environment	7.00pm
25 th Feb 2015	Leisure & Amenities	7.30pm
25 th Feb 2015	Finance & General Purposes	8.00pm

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Sun 14 th Dec	9.45am 10.30am	Breakfast followed by Nativity & gift service
Fri 19 th Dec	11.00am	'Cafe Carols' in The Hub
Sat 20 th Dec	5.00pm	Family Film Night : Frozen (Cert PG)
Christmas Eve	7.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service <i>Followed by coffee & mince pies</i>
Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Christmas day Celebration

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On Sunday 19 October Wootton Blue Cross U13 youth football club held their annual memorial match against Woburn Lions U13's in remembrance of two special people. The day holds a special place in the club's fixtures calendar, it gives everyone in the team a chance to remember loved ones and at the same time raise money for a very worthy cause that touches people of all ages. In line with tradition and as a mark of respect, a minute's silence was observed by both teams and spectators before kick-off.



Once the match kicked off the adrenaline started pumping and both teams fought hard against each other, because after all there was a cup at stake and these young lads are fiercely competitive when it comes to winning. Woburn were first to score, but undeterred the Wootton boys kept pushing and got one back. Soon after Wootton conceded a penalty Woburn went 2-1 up the chances of retaining the cup were slipping away. With 5 minutes to go the WBX manager pulled off a master stroke and pushed our top defenders forward to centre midfield. Literally minutes from the final whistle he scored the equaliser, this meant only one thing a 'penalty shoot-out'.

After taking five penalties each, the teams were still level! Now it was sudden death Wootton scored the 1st and 2nd Woburn scored their 1st and stepped up for the 2nd the pressure was on, but alas over the bar it went. The Wootton boys had won and were ecstatic - they went wild. It was a pleasure to see the match played with real professionalism by such a young group of lads. Everyone commented on how well each team conducted themselves on the day. Final score was 9-8 to Wootton Blue Cross who needless to say retained the cup and *'did us all proud'*

Afterwards a reception was held for both teams and spectators where volunteers served teas, coffee and afternoon nibbles. A raffle helped boost extra funds and in total the event raised over £280 in a few hours this will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer appeal. It was a brilliant day and we look forward to the opportunity of building on this success year on year. A big thank you goes out to Jason (team manager) & Jazmin Thompson, our referee Ivor and all the committee members for organising the special event and gave up their time to make it happen.



New beginnings and a new roof

The school has experienced a number of changes in the light of the retirement of former Headteacher, Mr. Withell, and Mrs. Fleure, Deputy Head and Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding.

Firstly, the school's Senior Leadership Team is largely new. I am enormously fortunate to have been joined in my new role by so many talented colleagues who are working very hard in their responsibilities.

Secondly, we re-organised many of our support structures in the school by, for example, creating a 'Well-Being Centre' led by our new Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding, Mr. Rutter, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Farrant, Safeguarding and Early Help Officer. If any member of the community has any concerns regarding the wellbeing of any of our students, Mr. Rutter and/or Mrs. Farrant are likely to be your first point of contact.

We have also created a 'Partnership Centre' where we are working work with students whose behaviour, for whatever reason, gives us cause for concern. We aim to reduce the number of fixed-term exclusions through the development of this resource. Permanent exclusions have been rare at Wootton Upper School and I hope this will continue to be the case.

In terms of other new developments, some villagers may have noticed the scaffolding around the buildings to facilitate a roofing firm installing a new flat roof on to the main block of the school. Thanks to the good weather in the Autumn, this project is well advanced. It is the first stage of an on-going maintenance programme which will take several years to conclude. However, I am pleased to report that the site is already looking much better.

In terms of the Performing Arts, we have staged 'Cabaret' this term, which has recently been on tour to Germany. I hope those villagers who came to see it enjoyed the production. We are now looking forward to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 16th December in the Theatre Hall at the school. I do hope that many villagers will, as in previous years, wish to come to this festive concert and support our many talented students. If you would like tickets, please telephone our Reception on 01234 767123 for more information.

If you would like more information about the school in general or perhaps just to read out latest newsletter please visit our school website (www.wootton.beds.sch.uk)

Finally, on behalf of all my colleagues and the students at Wootton Upper School, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas in 2014 and thank you all for your on-going support.

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Wootton Women's Institute

The **23 November** was our annual Craft Fair. Many thank to all who came along, your contribution will enable us to make a donation to our chosen charity this year- 'MAGPAS', Air Ambulance.

Our Christmas Party will be on **17 December** when we are pleased to have a return visit from Jon Scott with "Music to Dance To", which is sure to be another great evening.

Can you believe 2015 is nearly upon us? Our first meeting of the year is on **21 January** which is a Quiz Night with Bring & Buy and, hopefully, to entertain us, a budding local magician!

One of our members has visited The Galapagos Islands and she and her husband will be showing us their stunning photos and talking about their holiday on **18 February**.

Don't forget, we are always happy to welcome visitors at The Memorial Hall, Wootton when we meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The cost is £3.50 to include refreshments – come along and join in the fun!

Wootton Lower School



Where Creative Learning Thrives



Wootton Lower School is expanding to a brand new second site from September 2015. We are increasing most year groups and opening a pre-school.

Parents and children are warmly invited to visit our existing school to meet our friendly staff and children. Come along to see our fantastic school and find out about the exciting opportunities we have available.

Please contact the school office to book a school visit.

Tel: 01234 768239

Email: office@woottonlowerschool.co.uk



After another very successful year in terms of academic standards achieved by our pupils, the new term has started well at Wootton Lower School and the children and staff are enjoying the enhanced freedom in their learning provided by the new National Curriculum for Year groups 1 to 4 which started in September. Whilst the expectations in what a child should be able to do in reading, writing and maths has been increased across all year groups, all seem to be rising to the challenge and are enjoying their new topics. The school is blessed with lots of happy, polite children who are very keen to learn!

On the sports front, the school football teams continue to do well. After a couple of friendly tournaments with local Mid Bedfordshire schools, the Year 2 team has just started to play regular full matches. Their season has started extremely well and they have recorded some wins against some schools which historically have been impossible to beat. The Year 4 Team notoriety also builds as they are still to lose at home. Their away form is also strong and recently a very tight away win secured them an early trophy by winning the Autumn league. The school is also very proud to have achieved a national Gold Award for the quality and breadth of the PE taught at the school. Many thanks to Miss Wright who has led the work on this.

In terms of the building, over the last few days you may have noticed that the builders who took residence at our school over the Summer have finally left and we have new facia, new roof lights and two new super classrooms for our Year 4s to learn in. With solar panels, latest IT and under floor heating the new classrooms are a great addition to the school. Two Wombles, found by the builders, have proved to be a valuable addition to the school staff team as they have been helping the Year 3s learn all about recycling. As an after school project, and in keeping with the onset of the colder weather, the latest recycling project at school is to make some large igloos out of used plastic milk bottles so the children can play in these during their breaktimes. These will sit nicely next to the new 'lodge' in the back playground which was funded by the PTFA. The Lodge is a new outside classroom which doubles as a tearoom for the Saturday football spectators.

And finally the children would like to thank their guests who attended the recent Senior Citizens' Tea Party. Everyone was very excited to present their different songs and poems to our visitors and the children were very hopeful that some of the delicious cake, which was kindly donated by the parents, was left after the party for them to share. Unfortunately for them, the school sold the surplus cakes and donated the proceeds to a local charity!

Mr Chris Tavener
Head Teacher - Wootton Lower School

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Saturday 20th December 2014



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Wootton Baptist Church

By Rob Stanton.



November 2014 will be a month when people of this country and the countries of the former British Empire will look back a hundred years to the devastation of the First World War from 1914 to 1918. Ultimately it was a time of victory for this country, but at tremendous cost to thousands of families in this and other countries.

Few if anyone alive today can remember those awful years. We who are older can remember the men who came back from that war, wounded and crippled with lost limbs and chronic chest complaints from the gas used. Wootton has remembered these terrible years by planting a tree and placing a remembrance bench in the Lorraine Road, cemetery. It was a short but significant dedication service, with not many folks attending, but it was a real time of remembering the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in that war, who came from our village

Recently I heard a sermon on Sacrifice. Reference was made to the 800,000 plus men who lost their lives in the Great War. The actual sermon was taken from chapter 22 of Genesis, where Abraham, at God's instructions, offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice to God. But God intervened and stopped the sacrifice being made, and an animal was provided in the place of Isaac. This showed Abraham's willingness to obey God, even to the extent of giving his son, believing that God could raise up a family to Isaac. This was Abraham's personal sacrifice.

This account from Genesis, is one of the many indications that God would provide a final sacrifice, when there would be no need of animal sacrifices, but one man would be the last sacrifice, ending the days of the Law and ushering in the day of Grace. We love to sing that wonderful hymn, 'Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me'. But how many know its true meaning. That amazing grace was God sending his son Jesus Christ into this world to be the final sacrifice for sin. Anyone simply believing in Him, can now have everlasting life. For, we read that, 'God did not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world, through Him.' (John Chapter 3, verse 17. The Bible.)

Our Christmas Carols by Candlelight services are on 13th and 20th December at 6.00pm and Christmas morning at 10.30am. and don't forget the Carols with the Salvation Army Band in the Lower School on Friday, 11th December at 7.30pm. Free entry with refreshments and a speaker.

Doesn't time fly, soon be Christmas again. Happy Christmas everybody. Don't forget what it means.

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.

Sunday Services

9am Prayer Book Service
10.30am Morning Service

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Regular groups. See website.

Young people's Groups

See website for details

Pathfinders (ages 9-13)

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Monthly on Thursdays
3.45pm Church Hall
4 Dec, 22 Jan

Lunch Club Monthly on Mondays, 1pm, Church Hall

8 Dec, 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 10 Mar

Men Behaving Dadly

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Our new website!

Over the summer we have been creating a new website and we were very excited to launch it at the beginning of November. Why not have a look around – and also visit our facebook page?

Stonework Appeal

We are busily fundraising to be able to complete some overdue repairs to the stonework on the southside of the church building. On December 13th we will have a wonderful festive concert by the Concord Singers, in church at 7.30pm. Look out for more fundraising events in 2015.

Holiday Club 2015

We are very excited to announce that we will again be running a holiday club in the summer, probably towards the end of August – look out for dates on our website in the New Year.

Come and say 'hello'

We hold regular events for all ages. Our Wrigglers (parent & toddler group) is thriving, as is our monthly 'Messy Church', we call it 'Encompass', for all the family – we serve a hot meal and there are crafts and activities for everyone.

Lunch Club (for 55yrs and over), provides a place where old and new friends can catch up over a hot meal, followed by a talk or demonstration for those who want to stay on. In January there will be New Year entertainment and a quiz!

And don't forget all our Young People's groups: see website for more.

Christmas at St. Mary's

Sat 13 Dec	7.30pm	Concord Singers Concert at St. Mary's
Sun 14 Dec	4pm	Christingle
Sun 21 Dec	10.30am	Family Nativity Service
	6pm	Carols by candlelight
Sat 24 Dec	4pm	Family Carols
	11pm	Midnight Communion
Sun 25 Dec	10.30am	Family Service



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Christmas Word Search

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Contacts Directory

Playgroups
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St Mary's Church
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All our volunteers live in Wootton, are all DBS checked and most importantly very friendly.

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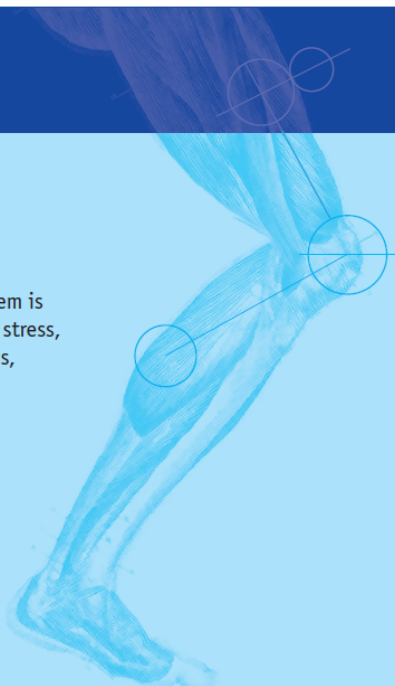
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