

The **Wootton** P A R I S H N E W S

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Saturday 9th July

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Chairman's Report *Gareth Lloyd*



Gareth Lloyd

Become a Councillor

The role of a parish councillor is both voluntary and non-political – the main aim being to work towards the good of the village, liaising with other organisations including our local authority (Bedford Borough Council) and the police, for example. We currently have two vacancies, so if anyone is interested in learning more about the parish council and what is involved being a parish councillor, please contact the clerk or myself to find out more. Don't worry – there is no campaigning or knocking on doors for votes! You need to be over the age of 18 and have lived/worked in Wootton for over a year. Fuller information can be found on our website: http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/files/index?folder_id=2014112 and includes a document on eligibility, information on local councils and the latest edition of the Good Councillor Guide.

The role of a parish council

The aim of the parish council is to represent the people of the village. To do this we need YOU the residents of Wootton to help us. If the parish council has the power (in the form of legislation/law) to take something forward it can. If it doesn't have the power it can lobby other organisations – but in both cases ONLY if there is enough village support.

That support can be in a number of ways – a petition is one example. The skate park started with a petition and was followed by

consultation evenings open to everyone. Feedback from those evenings was then considered and a decision made – this could work for other potential projects. We always need volunteers to work with us – collecting ideas and signatures for example. So far, road safety and speeding are giving people concern, but to move anything forward we need your help. A new group to look at road and footpath safety is being formed to look at speeding, improving the movement of people around the village (footpaths and roads) and congestion 'hot spots' (outside the local shops, for example). Please contact the clerk or myself if you would like to join the road and footpath safety group, or help in other ways.

Fun Day

I would like to remind everyone that on **Saturday 9th July**, the annual Fun Day (now FunFest) will be on the recreational ground from 12 noon. As well as the usual stalls, games and food we will also have live music from 4pm until 9pm – please check the centre page for more information.

Complaints

We do receive calls about anti-social behaviour, noise, fly-tipping and potholes. These need to be reported to the correct authority. **If you see it, hear it, report it!**

Police non-emergency number – 101.

Fly tipping – 01234 267422 (Bedford Borough Council main number).

Anti-Social behaviour – 01234 276037 (Bedford Borough Council Anti-Social Behaviour Hotline) and 101.

Noise complaints – 01234 227266 (Bedford Borough Council Noise complaints).

Pot holes – 01234 718003 (Bedford Borough Council Pothole Hit Squad).

It's also worth noting many of the above can be reported online also – please visit www.bedford.gov.uk



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The parish council currently has two parish councillor vacancies. This is a purely voluntary role and non-political too! The parish council has monthly Full Council meetings (second Wednesday) and monthly committee meetings (Planning & Environment, Leisure & Amenities and Finance & General Purposes – last Wednesday). *If anyone is interested in standing or finding out more information, please either visit the parish council's website: (<http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk>) or contact myself or the Chairman, Gareth Lloyd.*

The parish council operates a small grants scheme, designed to support local community initiatives. A grants policy and application form are available online – please visit: http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/files/index?folder_id=2014112. I can also provide paper copies (and advice) as needed.

Finally, I would like to detail how the advertising process for the Wootton newsletter operates, following a recent enquiry. There is no waiting list to advertise – each quarter a call for advertisements is done on a first-come, first-served basis, to allow all advertisers the same opportunity to apply. The process is detailed below for those who would wish to advertise in future editions:

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If you wish to be added to our list of potential advertisers, please email Gareth Lloyd (editor) with the following information (gareth.t.loyd@googlemail.com):

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The Hub,
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Office Hours:

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During School Holidays

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Dates for your Diary 2016

JUNE

8th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
8th	Full Council	7.30pm
29th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
29th	Leisure & Amenities committee	7.30pm
29th	Finance & General Purposes committee inc payments & grant reqs	8.00pm

JULY

13th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
13th	Full Council inc grant reqs	7.30pm
20th	Roads and footpaths committee	7.00pm
20th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group committee	7.45pm
27th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
27th	Leisure & Amenities committee	7.30pm
27th	Finance & General Purposes committee inc payments	8.00pm

AUGUST

10th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
10th	Full Council	7.30pm
31st	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
31st	Leisure & Amenities committee	7.30pm
31st	Finance & General Purposes committee inc payments	8.00pm

Please check noticeboards and the parish council website for any changes to timings and/or cancellations.

All meetings are held at the Memorial Hall on Bedford Road, with the exception of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group which will be held at The Hub, Wootton New Life Methodist Church, Cause End Road.

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Responsible Financial Officer Report *June 2016*

The annual accounts for 2015/16 are currently with the external auditors, BDO LLP - the following information provides a good indication as to the financial wellbeing of Wootton Parish Council.

Income

Wootton Parish Council (WPC) obtains its income from the precept, charges for burial plots and memorials, hire of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), allotments and paddock rent, newsletter advertising and interest on deposits. The precept is the part of the Council Tax collected by Bedford Borough Council (BBC) and paid to WPC. WPC budgets all its needs towards the end of the calendar year and advises BBC of the figures required to meet its obligations. In 2015/16 this was £123,116. WPC has requested the figure of £137,354 for the 2016/17 financial year. This increase can be attributed in part to ongoing housing occupations, although there has also been a slight increase in the average Band D council tax figure (used to calculate the precept) – from £75.43 to £76.94. WPC received its final Council Tax Support Grant of £7,731 from BBC. Interest totalled £575.

WPC also receives a grant (agency services) for cutting some highway verges in the parish on behalf of BBC. In 2015/16 this was £1,682 however WPC received an additional amount of £350 in respect of Lorraine Road green (property of BBC), which will be an ongoing annual sum. This was paid for the first time in 2015/16 – WPC had historically cut the grass without reimbursement prior to that date.

Income from the newsletter is down for the second year running, this time from £2,630 to £2,365. A new graphic

design and printing company were recently appointed so watch for subtle changes. It continues to be delivered to all households in Wootton, Wootton Green and parts of Kempston Rural, and an electronic version remains available on WPC's website.

Income from Lorraine Road cemetery totalled £5,000. The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) saw a further reduction this year in income – from £1,388 to £763 – again due to the mild winter but also because the floor size is proving too small to train on for the older football teams.

Income from the provision of allotments and the leasing of the adjoining paddock increased from £894 to £930. This was due to a slight increase in allotment charges (£18 and £10 for a full and half-sized plot, respectively).

WPC continued to receive income from the bottle bank situated on the recreation ground car park (recycling credits). This totalled £1,528 – divided equally between a local charity, Wootton Church & Poor's Land and WPC's budget for its annual Fun Day (now Fun Fest).

Expenditure

WPC employs a full time Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (Sue Playford), a part time Parks & Complex caretaker (Charlotte Mihailiuc), a part time litter picker (Lorna Cochrane) and a part time allotments officer (Alison Reed Thomsett). Our previous litter picker Andy Snelson, who also undertook handyman tasks as necessary, left the parish council in June. WPC also said goodbye to Frank Bavington, who cleaned the bus shelters within the village on a monthly basis. I would like to thank everyone past and

present for their efforts in keeping the parish clean and safe for all to use.

Spending on grass cutting for 2015/16 was £8,119 – up on the previous year from £5,994 and due to the wet summer and mild winter. Two additional cuts had to be carried out during March 2016, before year end. Cemetery maintenance was £13,461 – up on last year from £11,400 as works to add more wood chip at Lorraine Road cemetery entrance, remove a fallen tree branch at the same location and clear undergrowth at St. Mary's cemetery extension were also undertaken. Newsletter costs were up from £4,000 to £4,760 – as the parish council now employs a delivery company. The village Christmas tree for 2015/16 cost £1,745 and was again supplied, erected and removed by Bedford Borough Council. This figure was less than last year (£2,692) as no new lights were needed. WPC again paid contractors £1,400 in 2015/16 to keep the MUGA flooring in shape for teams and individuals to train and play on and the annual rent paid to Wootton Church & Poor's Land charity in respect of the allotments remained unchanged at £1,200. WPC paid an additional £300 to a contractor to cut back the hedgerow (inside and out) at both the paddock and allotments. The CCTV annual maintenance contract totalled £1,221.

Works at the Memorial Hall during 2015/16 included rodent control, a manhole cover replacement and works to make safe and replace iron railings (damaged by vehicle impact). WPC received an insurance claim of £1,210 in respect of the railings – the total cost for all works totalled £2,050. A further replacement fence by the Old Pound on Bedford Road cost £720 and a new noticeboard at Hall End was erected at a cost of £175. Works to the village hall car park included a replacement bollard and re-alignment of the gates totalling

£410. WPC also spent £955 on Keeley End Pond – fixing damaged fencing and infilling a gap in the hedgerow to make the area safer, with a further £432 to rotavate the area ahead of planting, which is now underway. These works were delayed due to the wet mild winter, as was the lower school regeneration project – it's hoped this will be completed in spring/summer 2016/17. Works to cut vegetation and hedgerows at the recreation ground and Memorial Hall totalled £300 and repairs to play equipment at the Memorial Hall totalled £718.

The streets were illuminated as always during 2015/16 – WPC doesn't own all the street lights (some are owned by BBC) but the cost nonetheless totalled £1,612. Repairs to lighting columns and replacement bulbs totalled £218. A further amount of £1,245 was paid to E-on to power the changing rooms and MUGA lights, with a further £555 for MUGA lighting repairs. WPC suffered four episodes of vandalism during 2015/16 – on top of the Memorial Hall railings. This totalled £579 and included the replacement of a bin by the skatepark and removal of three lots of graffiti, in the same location. The annual Fun Day (now Fun Fest) cost £1,275 in 2015/16 to host.

Projects completed in 2015/16 included works to remove the shingle footpath and replace it with tarmac at Lorraine Road cemetery and the building of additional memorial walls, at a cost of £5,185 and £2,571 respectively. Monies have been earmarked in 2016/17 for a Neighbourhood Plan, which will give residents a say on how they wish the future of the village to be shaped. Further monies have also been set aside to potentially transfer all street lighting responsibilities to BBC and a 'Wootton in Bloom' project.

2015/16 saw extensive works to all trees for which the parish council has responsibility – this totalled £9,236 for the inspection report and works.

Small grants were given to the local Community First Responder Scheme (£420 for new protective clothing) and Wootton Village Hall (£600 for replacement doors and frames).

Annual Audit

The appointment of an internal auditor (Gill Wiggs) for the 2015/16 year end accounts, was confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 11th May. An internal audit involves an independent examination of accounts for 2015/16 as required for the Annual Return. BDO LLP remain the appointed external audit providers. Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd will appoint a new external auditor for 2017/18, for a five year period. SAAA Ltd

was created on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and the Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA), following the cessation (1st April 2015) of the Audit Commission.

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the above is to continue to improve the financial controls and accounting procedures of WPC, whilst remaining open, transparent and accountable to its parishioners. In summary I am happy to report that WPC is in a good financial position and will continue to work for the good of its parishioners.

Sue Playford

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
to Wootton Parish Council

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20th July Karen Jones - Builder

Find out how to approach building work, from a local village resident experienced in the construction industry.

17th August Summer Social Evening

Enjoy an evening where you can make new friends, test your wits with a fun quiz, and have a go at our version of the Olympic games! (Don't worry, nothing too strenuous!)

Please contact **Kath on 01234 765333** if you would like to come along, so we can be sure to welcome you properly!

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Outstanding Parish Council Issues & Projects

Item	Location	Deadline
Bus stop facilities	Throughout the village	Ongoing
Bus stop issues	Church Rd	Close
Improvements	Lorraine Rd Cemetery	Close
Keeley End Pond	Bedford Rd/Keeley Ln	Spring/Summer 2016
Local Plan 2032 (now 2035)	Throughout the village	Ongoing
Overgrown hedge, damaged fencing & ash tree	Behind Lorraine Rd	Ongoing
Parking restrictions	Several sites in village	Ongoing
Roads and footpaths	Throughout the village	Ongoing
Street lights	Throughout the village	Ongoing
Traffic Management Issues	Throughout the village	Ongoing
Wootton Village sign	Fields Rd entrance	2016

Any other information

WPC lobbied Bedford Borough Council (BBC) for improvements to bus stops within the village – including raised kerbing and tactile paving – without success. It has since been told developer contributions will not be available to use for several years and so has asked the Borough Councillor (John Wheeler) to see if BBC funding might again be available in this new financial year.

Safety concerns over the amount of upper school children boarding the bus along Church Road. The parish council (WPC) understands a staff member attends in the afternoons to ensure property is not trespassed upon.

Works to extend and tarmac the entire footpath length and build two new memorial walls are now complete.

WPC is working with the lower school to regenerate the area – to include the addition of plants and shelter to attract a variety of wildlife. Rotavating works have now been completed and some planting undertaken. Further planting will take place in spring/summer 2016 and the lower school will be asked to care for some plants before they are established enough for planting. The duck house project remains ongoing but will be the last feature to be installed in the area.

WPC previously stated it DID NOT wish any further development to take place within the village. The Borough Council has since undertaken a call for sites which has pushed deadlines back.

WPC continues to lobby BBC for works to be done to the damaged fencing. The ash tree will be removed by the Crown Estate.

Some areas have now been yellow-lined but WPC is chasing BBC to establish why some areas remain outstanding.

WPC is creating a Roads & Footpaths Safety Steering Group to lobby BBC for further works to improve safety throughout the village. Please let the Chairman Gareth Lloyd or Clerk Sue Playford know if you are interested in joining this group.

WPC has responsibility for 36 columns within the village – the rest are the responsibility of BBC. WPC has replaced three at Potters Cross. Two remain outstanding at Hall End – it is hoped ongoing issues between Allan Peacock (Street Lighting) Ltd and UK Power Networks will soon be resolved. BBC has its own replacement programme running alongside.

The double mini-roundabout is in place as is a pedestrian island – further works to the roundabout will follow. The works are being carried out by Persimmon Homes – WPC has been requested to ask for any queries to be forwarded to the BBC's Highways Helpdesk (highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk, 01234 718003). A new footway link is proposed from Cranfield Road into Church Road and plans are also in place to widen part of the footpath at Hall End.

WPC are looking to install a new village sign on Fields Road. Design suggestions feature elsewhere in this edition.

The pupils at Wootton Lower School have continued to be a delight and have worked hard this year on the new National Curriculum. The expectations of what each year group should achieve in reading, writing and maths has increased but the staff and children have risen to the challenge and are achieving some superb outcomes.

The School Choir is now led by Mrs Grove after Miss Hughes left and they have moved from strength to strength. They recently sang at the Senior Citizens' afternoon tea at the Chapel and it was lovely to receive unsolicited written praise. Well done boys and girls - your singing is beautiful!

Our new pre-school (**woottonpreschool.org**) at our Harris Way site has been another great success and is full for this year. However as some of the children move into the reception class at the end of this term we have places available for September. Please look online or contact either school office for more details.

The school recently participated in the

'Big Pedal' Competition where children, parents and staff were encouraged to cycle or scooter to school. The School did exceptionally well and came first out of the participating Bedford schools. Nationally we came 215 out of a total of 1,680 schools. Overall there were 2,284 journeys to school made on a bike or scooter over the ten days of the competition. As a prize a stunt team will visit both our sites and put on a display for the pupils. Let's hope for some nice weather so this can be outside!

And finally a group of dads who like to share a curry and a few drinks on a regular basis are looking to support the school in a very exciting way. They are proud to announce the inaugural **Wootton Car Fest 2016** which will be held at our Bedford Road site on **Saturday August 27th from 11am**. It will be a great day out for the family. Lots of amazing cars and vintage tractors will be on show and there will also be some fun things to keep the children amused. All proceeds are being donated to the School. Follow the group on Facebook **WOOTTON CAR FEST 2016**. We all hope to see you there.



The Wootton Sign

The highways department at Bedford Borough Council has given permission for the parish council to erect a new Wootton village sign on Fields Road.

Three suggestions have been submitted to date and the parish council would like to hear your selection, or thoughts and ideas, before the final selection is

made. Traditional? Contemporary? Or something in between?

Please email to the Clerk at:
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telephone 07531 930788.

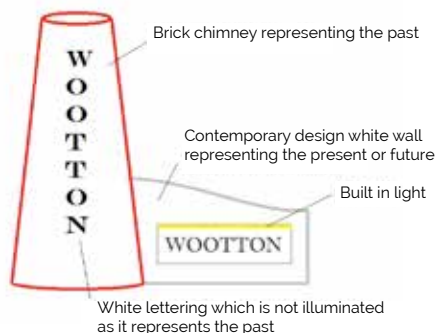
option 1

Side pillars the same as those at the cemetery entrance. Rear wall lower than pillars. Distance between pillars & sufficient width to enable the WOOTTON sign which could be a replica of the one on Kempston Road. Pillars to be of double brick, wall to be single brick.



A very rough photo sketch of a proposal

option 2



If the sign is to capture and reflect the village, then we should have a brick chimney representing the past with a contemporary curved white wall representing the modern (FRN and possibly FRS). Combining the past and future in one wall. It is more than a sign, or a place marker, it's a point of discussion and a landmark. It must be something that is different from all the other brick built signs around Bedfordshire.

option 3



Wootton Baptist Church

Isn't NATURE wonderful! In early April two bluetits started to show an interest in our bird nesting box where we have a camera fitted. Soon a nest was being built and after a few days, the first egg appeared, then two, until eight eggs had been laid. After the Mother had been sitting on the eggs for about two weeks, on 7th May there was great excitement in the box. The first egg had hatched and Mother was busy taking out the shell and looking after her new family. Then within 24 hours, seven eggs had hatched. It looks as if one egg was a dud and had to be removed. Now we have seven mouths which open wide every time the mum and dad comes in with food. (One chick has disappeared somewhere.) Within three days they had doubled in size. It's amazing to see nature at work and how new life comes about.

Seeing this new life appearing I was reminded of the new life mentioned in the Bible. The Bible talks a lot about new life, or being born a second time. This was questioned seriously by a man named Nicodemus in John's gospel who couldn't understand how it was possible. Jesus explained it to him in the Gospel of John Chapter 3. John then writes several times of the new birth in his first letter, 1 John, Chapter 5, where he says, 'everyone born of God overcomes the world. 'This is the victory, even our faith'; faith in Jesus dying on the cross and taking our punishment for sin and defeating death. So there must be a natural and a spiritual birth too. This is one of the major teachings in our church. We are surrounded by amazing

things in the natural world, but don't forget the spiritual side of our lives too.

By the time you read this, the tiny baby bluetits will have grown and flown the nest for their new life. Their natural life will end as will ours, but our spiritual life will continue on into eternity. That spiritual life can be ours through the Lord Jesus Christ.

It looks like summer is round the corner and we wish everyone a good Summer and if you are going on holiday, may it be a safe and restful one, where ever you are going.

From the fellowship
at Wootton Baptist Church,

Rob Stanton,

For the Members and Deacons.



West End comes to Wootton!

Students from Wootton Academy Trust will be performing Billy Elliot the Musical at Wootton Upper School from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th July at 7.30pm.

This award winning musical with music by Elton John will be performed by our talented students - two of whom have already had their professional West End debuts performing in the hit musical Matilda. Billy Elliot the Musical is an inspiring celebration of one boy's journey, who hangs up his boxing gloves for ballet shoes. The student cast and crew are thrilled, nervous and very excited to be given the chance of performing this West End hit.

Students and staff across the school are working very hard to continue to build the wonderful reputation Wootton Upper School has in producing high quality shows. We are very thankful for the support given by Borough Councillor, Cllr John Wheeler in helping to raise funds for this show.

The story of Billy Elliot the Musical is one which can reach out to its local community and we would really be delighted if lots of Wootton residents and their friends and families in surrounding villages and towns would like to see a fantastic production here in the village in July.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 6th June.

To order tickets (priced £8 for adults and £5 for children and Senior Citizens) please post a cheque made payable to Wootton Academy Trust to the school - enclosing a stamped addressed envelope - or telephone the school on 01234 767123 to arrange to come into school to buy tickets in person.



Acorn Quilters and Craft Club

1st Tuesday of the month, 8pm to 10pm
Memorial Hall, Bedford Road

We are still doing a wide range of crafts, including knitting, embroidery, card making, crochet and patchwork and quilting. We are loaning the "Wootton" quilt, which was signed by residents of Wootton at the millennium fete, to St. Mary's Church, for their Queen's birthday exhibition, and two of our members are entering quilts into the Quilts UK show at Malvern. We always welcome new members and visitors to our meetings.

Fun Day, Saturday 9

on the recreation

FOOD & DRINK

BBQ

Hog Roast

Beer Garden

Ice Cream Van

Popcorn

Candy Floss

Slush Puppies

Cake Stalls

Beer Raffle

ATTRACTIONS

Fun Fair

Pony Rides

Archery

Face painting

Glitter Tattoos

Paint Ball Alley

Variety of stalls

What's on

Arena

Bird of Prey

Tang Soo Do Martial Arts

Classic Mini Display

Stage

Boo Sells

The Keeleys

Eastwood

SugaSoul

Kempston Choir

Please note that the p

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July 12 noon - 9pm

ational ground

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music From 12:45pm - 9pm

Boo Sells - Acoustic guitarist performs a range of cover songs from artists including Snow Patrol, Floyd, Hendrix, Coldplay, The Fooos and more.

The Keeleys - A 4 piece local band performing their take on popular rock classic music

Eastwood - 4 Piece band performing rock covers and "rocked up" pop from the 80's

SugaSoul - Sophia has a rich soulful voice and performs songs by the likes of Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Diana Ross, Gwen McCrea, Mary J Blige to name but a few. Sophia also combines these classic soul numbers with reggae and popular modern songs by artists such as Bob Marley, Alicia Keys, Booty Luv and Amy Winehouse

Kempston Hammer Community Choir - The choir is fun and entertaining for all ages singing a variety of popular songs



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

We returned to Bizzy Bees following the Easter holidays ready to begin a busy summer term. We talked about Saint George's Day and the children decorated biscuits with white glacé icing and used strawberry laces to make a cross.

Great fun was had as many children helped to paint the large twigs in our craft area, these were subsequently decorated with tissue paper flowers and butterfly pegs produced by our young artists!

The Queen's 90th Birthday saw the children producing homemade bunting in red, white and blue, decorating cakes and enjoying a favourite story 'The Queen's Knickers'.

During our 'bug' theme we made cocoons, caterpillars and butterfly pegs, had great fun finding the frogs hidden in the sand tray and found real bugs underneath the logs in our garden area. The children used fine motor skills to play a hopping frog game and were keen to use the large plastic tweezers to pick up large coloured insects encouraging colour recognition and descriptive language.

The book 'Aliens in Underpants' is always popular in the setting and the children were able to make their own rocket with a little adult support using the willow arches and large wooden blocks. Rockets were also produced at the craft station using cardboard tubes and other junk modelling materials along with lots of glue and sellotape!

In our garden area we have had some wooden posts installed to support two large removable shade sails – one over our 'mud kitchen' and the other over our sandpit, in order to keep our children safe in the sun whilst enjoying the outdoor area. These were obtained via an Anniversary Grant from the Harpur Trust who are this year celebrating their 450th anniversary. We are extremely grateful for this invaluable addition to our resources and very proud of our splendid enhanced environment which is so important for the ongoing learning and development of our little 'Bizzy Bees'!

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.

What's New in the Surgery?

As of the end of April, Shannon Dudley left the practice to return to her roots in America. She will be sadly missed by all here at the surgery and no doubt her patients so we all wish her the best for her new life. In other news, Lucinda Meekins has joined us as a Healthcare Coordinator (HCC) in training, to work alongside Anne Meyern. This role is unique to Wootton Vale in that it provides patients a named point of contact for any concerns or enquiries you may have, as well as dealing with correspondence and referrals relating to you. Other services that a HCC can offer are: health checks; weight management and dietary advice; smoking cessation support and support for other lifestyle changes and social issues.

Practice Newsletter

We have also just released our new spring edition of our Wootton Vale newsletter, which provides you with information on local services which may be of interest. For further information, please pop into the surgery and pick up a copy from reception or download a copy from our website.

Interested in having your opinion heard in relation to surgery matters?



We also have a thriving patient participation group (PPG) who discuss services and care offered by the surgery, and suggests how improvements can be made. If you are interested in having your opinion heard, please contact Anne or Lucinda at the surgery, and we will put you in contact with the PPG group. We are particularly keen to have members between the ages of 18-35 years to join the PPG, as currently this age group is underrepresented.

Urgent access clinic at the surgery is also changing!

As of 13th June 2016, there will no longer be an urgent access telephone triage clinic. Instead, we will operate an urgent problems service, whereby you need to call the surgery before 10:00am for any urgent medical problems. You will then be given an urgent on-the-day appointment. It is important to note that these appointments are five minutes in length, and for one problem only. If you request an urgent appointment for non-urgent, or multiple problems, the GP will ask you to rebook routinely, in order to prioritise urgent medical problems. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CQC Visit

We were recently inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), who are an independent regulator of all health and social care in England. They monitor, inspect and regulate all hospitals, care homes, home care agencies, GP practices and dental practices, to ensure that your care meets national standards. Wootton Vale pride ourselves on the high quality of care delivered to all of our patients, so we hope that this will be reflected in

the findings from this inspection, which we will be able to report to you within the next issue. As soon as the report is published by the CQC it will be made available on the practice website.

Online Services

The practice is currently in the process of extending the range of our online services. Notices of these will be shown

Library Corner

The summer holidays will soon be here. Join the Big Friendly Read Summer Reading Challenge with Bedford Borough Libraries.

The Big Friendly Read is coming to Wootton Library this summer – starts **Saturday 16th July 2016**. Collect your free Big Friendly Read collector folder when you join.

Read 6 library books to receive your 6 collector cards and a certificate, read 12 for a pair of wacky rainbow glasses and 18 for a gold Big Friendly medal. The collector cards include Quentin Blake illustrations from some of Roald Dahl's best loved stories. See if you can spot your favourite Dahl character and look out for the scratch n' sniff cards too!

To find out more about the Big Friendly Read Summer Reading Challenge and

in the practice and on our website as they become available. Please note that we have already increased the number of appointments that can be booked online. Online services will help both patients and the practice as they will reduce the need to call the practice, e.g. to book appointments and get test results which will free up our phone lines for other purposes and make us more accessible.

events visit www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries

Looking for ways to entertain your kids? Why not pop into your local library. There will be lots of free fun activities at Wootton Library.

Sea Creatures and Mermaids Craft on **Saturday 21st May** 10.30am – 12.00 noon and **Wednesday 25th May** 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Elmer craft fun day on **Saturday 28th May** 10.30am – 12 noon and **Wednesday 1st June** 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

A reminder that **Rhymetime for babies** and **pre-school children** takes place **every Monday** between 2.30 pm – 2.50 pm and **storytime with Bill Bear** is **every Saturday** at 11.00am.

Thank you to everyone who entered our 'Design an Easter egg competition'. We had a fantastic response.

And finally, In March we said goodbye to two of our staff, Heather and Sharon. We wish them every happiness in their future plans.

Wootton Library is open on Monday from 2-6pm, on Wednesday from 10-1 and 2-6pm, on Friday from 2-6pm and on Saturday 10am-1pm.

Ingrid, Wootton Library.



Wootton Village Agent News

Village Agents provide a free, confidential service and are here to help the over 60s with any issues you may have – large or small. We are a team of six who work part-time and are funded by Bedford Borough Council.

Warm Weather Burglaries - advice from Bedfordshire Police is that given the recent warm weather and predictions for a long, hot summer, please be reminded that "walk-in" burglaries can be prevented. Of course, the best advice is to keep doors and windows locked but here are some ideas to help you stay safe at home during warm weather:

- Consider using a door chain on your backdoor if you need to ventilate the house
- Review your window security and see if you can lock window restrictors (it may be possible to retro-fit lockable restrictors)
- Consider fitting a contact buzzer alarm to backdoors and ground floor windows so you know if someone is entering the house

If you are over 60 and require a free doorchain, please contact Andrea.

Free UV Property Marking Pens – a limited number are available to the over 60s to mark your household valuables. Phone Andrea for more information.

Fancy a trip out? – Wheels in Motion, community transport service, are

running four more day trips from September onwards. Aimed at the over 60s who have mobility issues which makes using regular transport difficult. Venues include Milton Keynes shopping and Wickstead Park Christmas Special. Early booking advised. For further information, phone Andrea on 0800 039 1234.

Help completing benefits forms - Andrea can also help you complete Pension Credit, Blue Badge, Council Tax Reduction, Personal Independence Payment, Housing Benefit and Attendance Allowance forms.

Please call Andrea, your Village Agent on Freephone 0800 039 1234

This is an answerphone service, so please leave your name address & telephone number, & we aim to call you back within 48 hours.



Come and join us at Treelings

Parent and toddler group

Thursday mornings in Berry Wood
9:30 - 11:30am



Welcome to Marston Vale Forest School's toddler session where we provide the perfect opportunity for children under five to experience wild play. We start with a story, play in the mud kitchen, do woodland arts and crafts, and develop confidence and a connection with nature.

The woodland is a rich, natural, sensory environment for children to explore. That's right - no walls - just trees, leaves and mud...and the camp fire of course, we all like a nice cuppa and a biccie afterwards.

For more information about this and our other groups contact Shona on 07811 087322

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The Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies in the UK with a 200 year tradition of making friends and helping people. The Bedford Branch of the Society is based in Wootton on the Industrial Estate off Bedford Road.

Social events are open to everyone and these are some of the events that are taking place over the next few months:

Wednesday 8th June

Exhibiting at the Ageing Well Festival and Exhibition, Bedford Corn Exchange. Free event for over 50s in the Corn Exchange with information on a wide range of topics as well as taster sessions of music, dance and exercise. Organised by Bedford Borough Council and Age UK.

Thursday 30th June

Trip on the John Bunyan Boat from Sovereigns Quay, Bedford to Cardington and return. Meet at 2.15 for 2.30pm sail. Cruise under the historic Town Bridge past Bedford Castle mound, through the town lock and along the quiet river to Cardington lock. Return 4.30pm. Adult £10 (Concession £8).

Wednesday 27th July

Visit to Emmaus Village, Carlton with lunch, 11.30am

Thursday 4th August

Frithsden Vineyard Tour, Hemel Hempstead A tour of the vineyard, wine tasting and supper - £20

Saturday 17th September

Carvery Lunch at the Tavistock Inn, Bedford

£6 for carvery, other options possible.

If you would like further information on any of these please contact the office on **01234 768914**,

email:

events@oddfellowsbedsandbucks.co.uk

or visit the website at:

www.oddfellowsbedsandbucks.co.uk.

All events must be booked in advance and transport may be available.



Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre PPG

If you are regular readers of the Wootton News then you will have heard of Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre Patient Participation Group or PPG for short. However let me refresh your memories of what this body of people do.

We are independent of the surgery who act for the patients by promoting the ideas of healthy living (not necessarily always in the guise of healthy eating as we are human after all) but in the ways of promoting the services available at the surgery. These include health checkups, travel vaccinations, children's vaccinations especially, (you would be surprised how many parents forget follow ups once children pass the baby injections). We keep an eye on the number of 'no show' appointments. We will also investigate any complaints or suggestions that are brought to our attention.

The surgery is constantly fighting to keep the numbers of 'no shows' or DNA's (Did not attend) to low levels. Given that it can be difficult to get an appointment with a preferred doctor please try to remember that if you fail to keep an appointment or cancel one if it is not needed it means another

patient has been denied that access to a doctor. Texting reminders to patients is one way of helping but numbers still remain high so any suggestions on how we can help the surgery beat this will be gratefully received.

You can contact the PPG by several means, the suggestion box in the waiting room, Facebook, our own website or follow the link from the surgery's website. I would like to highlight the fact that we welcome any person wishing to join us, particularly from the younger element of the patient list. **We meet on the first Tuesday of the month** for one to two hours so it's not a huge time commitment but a very interesting one. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us.



Wootton 55 Art Club

Wootton 55 Art Club is a small self-help group who meet approximately **every two weeks on a Tuesday afternoon in the Village Hall.**

We mainly do water-colour or acrylic painting but lately we have branched out into some interesting collage work. We would love to welcome new members whether experienced artists or complete beginners. You don't need to have all the equipment :we can supply everything you need to start and there will always be somebody there to help and advise.

If you fancy having a try at painting do ring me on 01234 302404 and I will give you the dates of our meetings when you can come along, join us for a cup of tea and see what we do.

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As usual, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries with which I or the Parish Council can assist. I have set out below some recent developments which may be of interest

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- The new community centre is now nearly completed and should be finished by late June/ early July. At the moment, discussions are still ongoing with Persimmon (the developer) about the running of the centre but hopefully this should be agreed soon.

- The new roundabouts and crossings at the Fields Road, Bedford Road and Church Road junctions are now finished, apart from the resurfacing of the roads which is scheduled for the end of June / early July. Unfortunately, there will be diversions in place whilst this is done (Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm- please look out for the diversion signs).

- In March, I brought together a range of interested parties from

the village, Borough Council and Bedfordshire Police to discuss road safety in response to residents' concerns, particularly around Fields Road. Following this, at the Borough Council's last meeting it was agreed by councillors to undertake measures to improve safety on Fields Road and provide a safe walking route for Wootton Lower School pupils. Discussions are ongoing at the moment and a roads and footpaths safety steering group is being set up to deal with this and other routes around Wootton. If you would like to sit on this steering group please let me know.

- As mentioned last time, there is still a problem of parking on footpaths and verges around the village. This is, in some cases, forcing people to pass on the road which is highly dangerous. The situation is now being monitored and will be part of the new steering group as outlined above. Work will start in the summer to sort out the damage caused to the verges and yellow lines will be considered in some places.

- You will no doubt have noticed a lot of Police and Wootton Speed Watch activity around the village recently. Unfortunately, cars are still speeding and a number have been stopped and fined. These enforcement activities will continue and will hopefully get across the message that speeding is unacceptable.

- The Borough Council operates weekly black bin collections and alternate weekly collections for

recycling and green waste. The service is at present funded partly through a £2.3m grant received from the Government in 2012 which was provided on the basis of the Council maintaining weekly collections until 2016/17. As the grant is set to run out, the Council's Executive has said it intends to launch a consultation in due course on moving to fortnightly collections.

- The extension of the Bedford Western Bypass, linking the A428 at Biddenham with the A6 at Clapham, opened on the 25th April. It is hoped that the new road, costing £18.6m, will alleviate traffic congestion in Bedford by taking vehicles out of the town centre.

- The Borough is set to benefit from a Government fund investing

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1st Wootton Boys & Girls Brigades

Registration now open for September 2016



Girls meet on Thursdays from 6.00pm – 7.30pm

starting from age 4 and **boys on Fridays from 6.00pm – 7.30pm** starting from age 5.

At present we have groups up to year 7 with older age groups commencing in September.

For more information or to reserve a place for your child contact us using one of the methods below.

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St. Mary's Playgroup *Established 1967*

St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road,
Wootton, Beds MK43 9HB
Tel: 01234 767158

St Mary's has welcomed two new additions this term in the form of our new pet goldfish Sukie and Rosie. The names were chosen by the children who take it in turns to feed and look after them. We have enjoyed playing in our new building site, an area of our garden which has been fenced off and where we are able to play with bricks, sand, shovels, tools, wheelbarrows, hard hats and hi vis jackets. This term we will also be planting our potatoes which we will harvest at the end of term to be used in our school leavers annual dinner. We are currently practising our country dancing which we will perform at Wootton Lower School's May Fayre. So far this term we have been learning about the Life Cycle of the Butterfly, The Hungry Caterpillar and the Days of the Week, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to like our sports day and end of year party. Our school leavers are currently learning independence skills such as putting on their own coats and shoes; this is getting them ready for 'big school'. St Mary's will be saying goodbye to one of their ladies this term as Michelle leaves us to have a baby, all of us at St Mary's wish Michelle and Leon all good wishes and safe arrival of the new addition to their family.

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 or Tracey on 01234 767158. Alternatively, you can call in to pick up an enrolment form.

Term time opening hours:

Monday	09:00-12:45
Tuesday	09:00-15:00
Wednesday	09:00-15:00
Thursday	09:00-15:00
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23 June.



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Regular groups; see our website.

Pathfinders (ages 9-13) Weds
7pm term time Church Hall

J@M (ages 14-18) Sundays
7.15pm term time at 52A Church Rd.

Wrigglers Parent & toddler group. Every Monday in term time 10am at Wootton Baptist

Men Behaving Dadly Group for Dads and their 0-12 year olds. Last Sat of the month 10am. Contact the Church Office or visit the website for details.

Lunch Club Monthly on Mondays, 1pm, Church Hall
13 June, 11 July

Rev'd Peter Ackroyd: 768391
Rev'd Lucas Durant: 313122
Church Office: 765375

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



Babies & Toddlers: 'Wrigglers'

Wrigglers meets every Monday during term time from 10am and is held at Wootton Baptist Church. Hot drinks, squash, biscuits, crafts, good company and fun for your little ones! Suggested weekly donation is £1. Occasionally the Local Bedford Children's Centre joins Wrigglers for baby weighing and fun activities. Why not just pop along one Monday. More details on our website or on the Wrigglers Facebook page.



'God Save the Queen'

A weekend of events at St. Mary's to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th Birthday
Sat 11 & Sun 12 June

Join us for afternoon tea and cakes in the church and churchyard, tower tours, a teddy bear parachute jump, floral and art displays in church arranged by village organisations. On Sunday morning at 10.30am there will be a Thanksgiving Service to give thanks for the life and service of the Queen. Come and have a look at the displays, eat cake, watch teddy's parachute from the church tower and celebrate the Queen's official birthday. More details on our website or facebook page.



Seaside Rock Summer Holiday Club: Tues 23 – Fri 26 August

Book the dates in your diary for our summer holiday club for young people. Registration forms and details can be found on our website.

Open Air Service

10.30am Sunday 10 July on the Green, Lorraine Rd

www.stmaryswootton.org.uk



Speed Watch Wootton

There has been much activity surrounding the amount and speed of traffic along Fields Road for some time now. It came to a head when the new Lower School opened at Harris Way.

On one particular Speedwatch session, on the opening day of the school, the Speedwatch officers were extremely concerned for the safety of pedestrians negotiating the narrow footpath which is only on one side of the road. Due to the fact that parents and guardians were walking along the footway, in company with prams, children on pedal cycles or scooters, adults riding on or pushing cycles and upper school children using the footpath, all looked like a recipe for disaster. The Speedwatch Officers decided to report their findings to the Parish Council Clerk, and the Borough Councillor.

Since then meetings have taken place, petitions have been submitted and plans are underway for certain proposals on Fields Road whilst further building work is still ongoing. Police have been carrying out speed checks on Fields Road, the difference being that the Speedwatch sessions only carried a warning letter but the Police checks carried a fine and fixed penalty on conviction.

Whilst meeting took place an interesting fact emerged. Data was collated for us by the Police, and in a dip sample of vehicles recorded by Speedwatch officers the following was revealed:

12th November 2015 -
4 motorists caught, 2 live in Wootton

29th November 2015 -
17 motorists caught, 8 live in Wootton

26th January 2016 -
9 motorists caught, 3 live in Wootton

Of a total of 30 motorists caught 13 lived in Wootton, which equals 43.3% of the speeding problem coming from the residents themselves.

This is how it goes on through the year, with a majority of the offenders coming from Wootton and a high majority of the rest from Kempston.

Speedwatch will continue to monitor speed around the village because some areas are at least as hazardous, and recently some more so as drivers continue to disrespect the law and local people in particular think that they are outside of it and that they are not the problem.

Bill Brady

Speedwatch Coordinator
Wootton





Community Café

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Sat
10.00am – 12.00pm

woottonnewlife.org.uk

PAT - A - CAKE

Join us every Thursday

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Toys, crafts and activities for pre-school

Refreshments available in

The Hub

WOOTTON NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH

ROCK

'n'

ROLL



For all the family. Join us in the church for crafts, games, activities, time to chill and food.

3.00pm – 5.00pm on the following Saturdays
11 June & 17 September

Sundays@WNL

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10.30am. Once a month we have breakfast available from 9.45am. Check the website for dates.

Find us on Cause End Road, Wootton. MK43 9DE

Wii Drinks

Snacks Films

Table Tennis

Music

Chill

Yr7+

YOUTH HUB SPECIALS

10th & 24th June, 8th July

7.30pm – 9.30pm



1st Wootton

Boys' & Girls' Brigades

Girls age 4+ Thurs

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Boys age 5+ Fridays

6.00pm – 7.30pm



WOOTTON PHARMACY

www.woottonpharmacy.co.uk

43A Tithe Barn Road Tel. 765166

- Walk in Prescription Dispensing Service
- Free Repeat Prescription Collection Service from Wootton and Kempston GP surgeries
- Free local Prescription Delivery
- You can talk in private to us in our Consultation Room
- Stop Smoking & Healthy Lifestyle Advice available
- NHS Medicines Review Service: speak to ARIF or RAJ
- Digital and 135 Photo
- Holiday Needs + Anti-Malarial tablets

Open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.30pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday/Bank Holidays

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Halls for Hire



Memorial Hall, Bedford Road

Hall available for parties and meetings. The hall has a kitchen with serving hatch, toilets and use of tables and chairs.

For more information please contact Naomi on 07722 876252 or NaomiGroves@hotmail.com

Wootton Scout Hut

Children's Parties, Birthdays, Weddings, Meetings for individuals or groups. The hall is suitable for up to 80 people and has a kitchen with serving hatch, toilets, plenty of parking, garden and use of tables and chairs.

The fee to hire is £10 an hour and there are discounts available for people linked with the group or regular bookings.



For more information or to book the hall please contact Vicky on 01234 311386 or 07872 316948.



Village Hall, Church Road

Children's parties up to 11 years old, plenty of room and open space out the back, a great hall of hire for parties. Also there is a small committee room to use for meeting.

Contact Jenny Lambert 01234 767488