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Chairman's Report *Gareth Lloyd*



Gareth Lloyd



Spreading the word

In the good old days (or so I am told) news would travel around the village quickly via word of mouth. People would talk in the shop, at the bus stop or just walking down the street. In modern times – where communication is supposed to be easier, with websites, Facebook, Tweets and even this newsletter, important information isn't reaching everyone in the parish. So how do we get everyone to know about the Marston Vale Innovation Park, Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2035, the village sign vote or plans to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to give the parish a greater say on what happens in Wootton? Could I ask all those that read this newsletter to talk to their neighbours and friends about all the issues printed herein?

The Village Sign

We will be looking at constructing a new village sign on Fields Road at the end of this year or early next year (see article in the September newsletter). Before we choose the final design we would like the residents to choose which design they prefer.

The Neighbourhood Plan

What is it? This is where the residents (you), can help decide what facilities and resources we need to improve life within the village.

Why have one? Without a Neighbourhood

Plan, a developer can come along and expand the village with even more building. Our plan can limit the amount of development and dictate the type of homes that are built and where. We can also make sure that the facilities we need are provided.

What do you need to do? Over the next 12 months there will be surveys posted through your door, informal drop in sessions for you to view plans and give feedback and work groups looking at the green space we want to protect. We need you all to help and participate.

Summary: What we all do in the next 2 years will dictate what happens in the next 20 years! Do nothing and watch all the green space around Wootton be converted to homes

The Fun Day

I would like to remind everyone that on Saturday 8 July, the annual Fun Day will be on the recreational ground from 1pm. As well as the usual stalls, music and games we are also having live music from 4pm until 9pm – please check page 38 for more information.

Complaints

Finally we do receive calls from parishioners about anti-social behaviour, noise and dogs on the recreational ground. These crimes should be reported, but to the correct authority. If you see it, hear it, report it!

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A reminder again about the small grants scheme which the parish council operates – 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. If you know of an organisation in need of financial assistance, pass this information on or ask a representative to contact me.

Please take time to read Cllr Lloyd's report – especially the information regarding our upcoming Neighbourhood Plan. This really is your opportunity to have more say over what happens to Wootton in the future – not just in terms of development – but existing infrastructure (roads and footpaths for example).

Next, a reminder for everyone to please use the bottle bank at the recreation ground on Church Road. The parish council receives recycling credits from Bedford Borough Council and passes all of that

on to a local charity – **Wootton Church & Poor's Land**. The monies are put to good use helping residents in the village who find themselves in need of financial assistance. I'm happy to put anyone in need in touch with a representative from the charity – in confidence.

I was asked recently if the parish council could include **school term dates** in the newsletter – so we have. You can find the details elsewhere in this edition. I was also asked to include an Ordnance Survey Map of the village. I haven't been able to fit that in as yet, but I'm working on it. Who says we don't listen to residents?



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The Hub,
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Cause End Road, MK43 9DE

Office Hours:

During Term Time
Monday 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 10am - 12pm

Office Hours:

During School Holidays
Monday 10am - 12pm

Hours may be subject to change, so feel free to telephone in advance to ensure the office will be open).

Dates for your Diary 2017

JUNE

7th	Wootton Play Equipment	7.30pm
14th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
14th	Full Council	7.30pm
21st	Fun Fest	7.00pm
28th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
28th	Finance & General Purposes committee	7.30pm
28th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group committee	8.00pm

JULY

5th	Wootton Play Equipment	7.30pm
12th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council inc grant reqs	7.30pm
19th	Roads and footpaths committee	7.00pm
19th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group committee	8.00pm
26th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
26th	Finance & General Purposes committee	8.00pm
26th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group committee	8.00pm

AUGUST

2nd	Wootton Play Equipment	7.30pm
9th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
9th	Full Council	7.30pm
30th	Planning & Environment committee	7.00pm
30th	Leisure & Amenities committee	7.30pm
30th	Finance & General Purposes committee	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, Roads and Footpaths Safety Steering Group and Wootton Play Equipment Working Group which will be held at The Hub, Wootton New Life Methodist Church, Cause End Road
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Neighbourhood Plan

Your Neighbourhood: Your Future

THE FUTURE OF WOOTTON IS IN YOUR HANDS

YES, THE FUTURE OF WOOTTON TRULY IS IN OUR HANDS.

The sceptical members of the community do not believe it, but with a Wootton Neighbourhood Plan we can control how Wootton will change in the next 20 plus years.

The Wootton Community are encouraged to become involved and will be able to:

- Identify existing and new areas of open space that are of value to the community and protect them by having them designated as local green space. Examples of green space areas are sports fields, parks, woodlands, dog walking fields, country parks, etc.
- Identify potential infrastructure improvements such as sports and leisure facilities, parking, traffic management, walkways, cycle routes etc. within the parish.
- Help to promote and encourage support of local businesses, such as public houses, shops, restaurants, businesses, etc.
- If shops, houses, offices are required, the plan can dictate where they can be built, the style, Tudor, Edwardian, Modern, etc. and size, single, two, three storey buildings.

What do we need to do?

All Wootton residents will shortly be receiving a Housing Needs Survey posted through their doors. The responses from this will give the data needed to identify what type of housing, if any, is needed in the village.



The legal bit

Through the Localism Act, the government has given local communities more power to influence the future of the places where they live. A neighbourhood plan will outline a vision for Wootton and set planning policies for the use and development of land. It will cover where any new development could go and identify green spaces to be protected. Wootton's Neighbourhood plan will be about local issues and focus on guiding development rather than stopping it. Once adopted, a neighbourhood plan becomes a statutory plan and will be used in making decisions on future planning applications.





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In the last few months I have been busy dealing with the **proposed new industrial park** in Wootton and its potential effects, especially on the safety of those children going to and from school. I am pleased to say, at the time of writing, that the safety issues are being addressed by both council officers and the developer, Goodman. Various proposals being assessed include widening footpaths, extra crossings and traffic calming measures, which will all be paid for by developer contributions (known as section 106 payments). There are lots of other issues that need addressing regarding this site and the planning meeting has now been put back to June / July of this year. I would just like to clear up a point regarding the 7.5 tonnes weight limit coming into Wootton; this will come into force soon and will be from the new roundabout on Fields Road going round the village. I would like to thank the parish council and all the residents who have taken time to come to meetings with suggestions and filled in the online consultation, I will keep you updated.

I would like to thank the residents who are contacting myself and the parish

council clerk regarding potholes, faulty street lights, overgrown hedges and trees blocking pavements around the village. You can now report these issues directly to the council using the '**ReportIt**' section on the Borough web site, which also gives you lots of other information including useful contacts. See <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk/> if you would like to report any issues.

The **new play area** down Harris Way is now nearing completion and the new cycle path from Stewartby Lake should also be completed by the end of this year / early next year which will mean a safe route to Stewartby for people to use.

The **Wootton Fun Fest** is on **Saturday 8th July** and the organisers are working hard to make sure it will be a success and a great day out. Please look out for further information along with details of other village events.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank both schools** for their help in the community from arranging tea parties for senior residents to singing at / attending local events to mention a few. It is great to see their involvement.

At the beginning of April, **Ofsted** published its report on the Council's Children's Services function following an inspection undertaken in January – February. Overall, the council requires 'improvement to be good', although adoption performance and the experience of care leavers was judged to be 'good'. The council has produced an action plan in response to the report and is seeking to employ more social workers in the coming years.

Bedfordshire Police is undertaking a **recruitment drive** to bolster its cohort of special constables. special constables are volunteers who have the same powers as police constables, including powers of arrest and the ability to stop vehicles. They must volunteer for a minimum of 16 hours a month. If you are interested call **07590 465 193** or email **BeSpecial@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk**.



Further details can also be found at http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/recruitment/special_constables.aspx

A consultation is being held from the 24th April - 9th June on the council's **Local Plan 2035** which sets out proposed sites for housing and employment growth. For more information see www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2035

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Democracy may not be perfect, but it is the best we have. What does the Bible say about political parties? Not much really, but it shows what problems are caused by divisions and the various tribes. There were many wars in the Old Testament. But when Jesus came, through the promised new covenant, given by God, as it says in Jeramiah 31: 33, 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts, I will be their God and they will be my people.' This new covenant came when Jesus Christ died on a cross and was raised again from the dead. It is now a matter of faith rather than law. It's not a religious thing, its and simple faith in Jesus Christ.

We have the privilege of voting or not voting, there is no law which says we should, but it gives us the opportunity to express our wishes in whatever form of government we want. What a privilege. Whatever

type of government we get next time, I can rest assured on God's word which tell me in Romans 13:1 that all 'Authorities are established by God.' Of course it would be best to live under a Theocracy, but that is only likely to happen when Jesus Christ returns to this world.

Whatever you are doing this summer or wherever you are travelling, or in whatever situation you find yourself, may the Lord bless everyone in this rapidly expanding village.

The Baptist Church is a place of public worship and is open to all. Everyone is welcome.

Have a look at our website:

www.woottonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Rob Stanton,

For the Wootton Baptist Church Fellowship.





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

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This term we have explored the topic of growing. We had ten chicken eggs arrive in an incubator of which 8 hatched, 4 boys (yellow) and 4 girls (brown), the children enjoyed watching them hatch and watching them grow and begin to sprout feathers. They were also able to hold the chicks under adult supervision. A staff member brought in two adult chickens so the children could look at similarities and change.



We looked at the book Jasper's Beanstalk by Mick Inkpen to introduce the children to plant growth. We then sowed small pots of grass seed which the children cared for and watched as they sprouted. Beans were placed in clear bags with cotton wool on the windows of Bizzy Bees allowing the children to watch their beanstalk grow. We explored compost in the mud kitchen with small trowels and plant pots.

We looked at people who help us – fireman, hospitals, vets, dentist. The children enjoyed various role play activities and the use of resources both indoors and outside to further explore the topic.

Bizzy Bees attended the Wootton Lower School May Fayre and danced to the 'Hokey Cokey' to an audience of delighted and proud parents.

We have had a fun packed and enjoyable half term and we look forward to the next.

Bizzy Bees Pre-School has been running since 1972 and serves the local community. We are registered with OFSTED and are a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance. Bizzy Bees Pre-School offers term time only day care for children aged 2 years to school age. The manager has early years teacher status and leads a team of 9 qualified and experienced staff to provide children with high standards of care and education.

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Wootton Good Neighbour Scheme – if you need the occasional lift to the doctor or a bit of shopping doing if you are unwell, then ask the Good Neighbour Scheme. A group of DBS checked volunteers provide an invaluable service to the community.

Call Colin on 07717 770 247.

is available to them. Andrea can help you find out what services and benefits there are that can provide support. There is also a new service offered by Carers in Bedfordshire for people with dementia and their carers. Call Andrea for details.

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.



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Brownies

2nd Wootton Brownies meet on a Wednesday evening during term time from 5pm-6.30pm at Wootton Memorial Hall.

We are run by Rebecca Ruffhead (Brown Owl), Sarah Sowerby (Snowy Owl), our young leader Amie Eales (Barn Owl) and lots of parent helpers.

Brownies is all about the Brownie Adventure. Teaching girls aged 7-10 about themselves, their community and the world, meeting other girls of a similar age and making new friends, whilst having loads of fun and adventures along the way.

We always have a fun-filled programme including visits to the local police station and fire station, treasure hunts and McDonalds to name a few. We have regular visitors into the unit for informative demonstrations. We play games, sing songs, do crafts, work towards badges, have parties and discos. We learn, laugh, share and grow.

The girls develop confidence and self-esteem through having new experiences and learning new skills. They build friendships and learn to share and cooperate with others by working together.

They get a say in what happens at Brownies through discussions or 'pow-wows', which help them develop decision-making skills and the ability to put their views across.

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Wednesday 31st May - Elmer Crafts (10.30 - 12.30pm, 2.30 - 5.30pm)

Friday 2nd June - Aliens in Underpants Crafts (2.30 - 5.30pm)

Saturday 3rd June - Lucky Dip Crafts (10.30 - 12.30pm)

Monday 5th June - Bookstart Bear is visiting our Funtime at 2.30pm

Between the **5th and 30th June** the Lions have a display in the library to mark their 100th Anniversary.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mondays during term time - Funtime for the under 5s (2.30 - 2.50pm)

Wednesdays - Colouring and Calm, for adults that like to colour (11.00 - 12.00)

Are You Sitting Comfortably? **Story time for grown ups** with tea at 3pm (2.30 - 3.30pm)

Wednesdays during term time - Baby Funtime, for babies 0 - 18 months (10.15 - 10.45am)

1st and 3rd Friday of every month - Knit and Natter (2.00 - 3.00pm)

COMING UP IN JULY, don't forget the marvellous Summer Reading Challenge. Starting on Saturday 15th July this years' theme is Animal Agents. There will be children's crafts every day we are open and a chance to read some lovely library books, while earning certificates and medals. The Summer Reading Challenge continues throughout the summer holidays, finishing on Saturday 9th September.

Wootton Library, Lorraine Road, Wootton, MK43 9LH

Telephone No. 01234 766061

We are open Mondays & Fridays 2-6pm; Wednesday 10-1pm, 2-6pm; Saturday 10-1pm.



Wootton Lower School

The summer term is a busy time for us. The term started with some of our year 4 children going on a three day residential trip to Caythorpe Court near Grantham. The children had a wonderful time taking part in such activities as climbing, obstacle courses, raft building, archery, fencing and driving quad bikes. There were some very tired children (and teachers) who arrived back at school after a very successful experience. These trips are a great opportunity for our children to build up skills such as team work, independence, perseverance and develop their confidence as they get ready for their transfer to middle school.

We would like to say a huge "thank you" to our PTFA who put on a wonderful May Fayre. It was fantastic to see so many members of the local community there. The children put on some wonderful dances in the main arena for everyone to enjoy. The year three children particularly enjoyed their maypole dancing, an activity they all look forward to each year.

You may have noticed lots of our children cycling and scootering to school. Before the Easter holidays we took part in a challenge against other schools to see if we could record the most number of pupils biking or scootering to school. We await the results with great anticipation! To encourage all

of our children to get biking, we have had Sustrans come into school to teach our children how to be more confident whilst keeping safe on their bicycles.

Every other Tuesday morning we run Wootton Tots, a parents and baby/toddler group for any members of the local community. Your children do not have to be attending our school. It is a chance to meet other parents, have a chat whilst your little ones play and enjoy a cup of tea. We start at 8:30, to coincide with drop off times and run until 10am. Please come along to our Harris Way site where we would love to see you and your little ones. The next Wootton Tots is on Tuesday 13th June.

We are now hoping for some good weather this summer for the children to enjoy learning outdoors as well as taking part in our sports days! We hope you too have an enjoyable summer.



'The Forest of Marston Vale got a little bit bigger this year, with the creation of Waypost Wood in Cranfield. We've planted around 5500 trees, with the help of local people, businesses and school children (and our public planting event took place on possibly the coldest day of the year!).

In previous years, we have planted quite a high proportion of ash trees in the mix of species, but – as a result of ash dieback disease – we've changed to planting hornbeam. Hornbeam is a native broadleaf, and is so called because of its incredibly hard timber. Its wood is difficult to work because it's so hard, but years ago it was used to make cogs for windmills and watermills. The trees look a little bit like beech, can reach up to 32m tall, and can live for over 300 years. They also provide food for caterpillars, finches, tits and small mammals, so keep your eyes open for this fabulous tree if you are walking in Cranfield.

If you're walking in the Green Gateway Woods between Wootton and Kempston this summer, you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the nationally rare dingy skipper and grizzled skipper butterflies. Like all skippers, they can be tricky little beasts to follow, making busy, darting flights – but if you have the patience to wait for them to alight on a stem, to bask for a minute or two in the sunshine, you might be lucky. They inhabit woodland rides and clearings, where they feed on various nectar sources including birds foot trefoil and buttercup, so we're hoping that our woodlands are the perfect habitats for them.

If you're interested in monitoring the wildlife in the woods near Wootton, or if you can help us keep the woods tidy and be our 'eyes and ears' on the ground, please just get in touch with **Jo; 01234 762608**, or jo.roberts@marstonvale.org.



The National Garden Scheme,
(which people who like gardening open
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Open Gardens in Wootton
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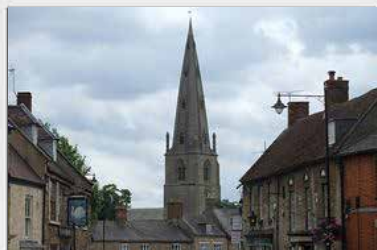
The Oddfellows

Established in 1810, the Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies in the UK with over 310,000 members across 132 branches Nationwide. The society is a non-profit mutual run by members for members and aims to improve the quality of people's lives through friendship, care and charitable support. The Bedford Branch is based in Wootton on the Industrial Estate off Bedford Road.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our activities, which include the following:

Wednesday 21st June

Day trip to Olney including the Cowper and Newton museum, Olney Church, antiques shops and lunch. Meet at 10.50 a.m. outside St Peter and St Paul Church, Church St, Olney, MK46 4AD. Transport may be available from Wootton



Saturday 8th July

at 10.15 a.m, a **round of putting at Russell Park**, followed by refreshments. Putting £3 for adults, £1.50 for children. Transport may be available from Wootton

Thursday 13th July

at 10.30pm, a 3-hour **canal trip** starting at Stoke Bruerne, going through the tunnel at Blisworth and views over Northampton, £12.50 per person.

Wednesday 19th July

Ageing Well Exhibition, a 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.

Tuesday 22nd August

Trip to **Kathy Brown's Gardens** in Stevington with a tour of the garden and followed by Kathy's delicious cakes, freshly pressed apple juice and tea/coffee. (£9 for entry and tea)

Wednesday 13th September

Drop in for tea or coffee as part of a new friendship group. The Hub, Wootton Methodist Church, 10.30 am to 12pm

Saturday 21st October

Lunch at the **Tavistock Carvery**, 12.30pm, £6 for carvery



For further information and to book please contact:

Mrs Ailie Redman,
Kingston House,
106a Bedford Rd,
Wootton, Beds,
MK43 9JB

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The Daisy Chain

I sat within a garden fair and all the flowers growing there
Were mine to do with as I thought I should.
The sky was blue, the trees were green
and everything within that scene
Was wonderful and beautiful and good.

All I had to do each day to while the sunlit hours away
Was use up all the daisies growing there
And make them into daisy chains,
so all day long I took great pains
To link them up with tenderness and care.

Outside there was a precipice; and as I pondered over this
I saw a barrier to guard the way
Lest anyone should fail to see that drop into Eternity
As they were coming there day after day

And as I made my daisy chain I saw the folk come up the lane
But no-one saw the barrier was there
They fell over the precipice,
right down into that deep abyss
I heard their cries of anguish and despair.

"Why do they fall?" I cried aloud,
and then I saw, as through a cloud
That everyone who went that way was blind
Although 'twas very plain to me
the barrier they could not see
And so of course the way they could not find.

The sight was more than I could bear
I said "Why is there no-one there
I must go out and stop them and explain"
"You cannot go" the others cried
There's too much here to do - beside
Who else is there to make your daisy chain?



Wootton WI - INSPIRING WOMEN

Why not give us a try?

We meet **every third Wednesday** of the month at 7:30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Visitors are always welcome, only £3.50, including refreshments

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



Wootton WI members also have the opportunity of going on outings with other WIs in the county. Recent trips have included an outing to Newmarket, to see the Gallops and National Stud, and a visit to the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, the home of the Chelsea Pensioners, plus many other, more local, activities, to suit all interests!



20th July

Michael Brown is coming to talk to us about 'Making Gardening History Fun'

16th August

We have 'An Evening with Dot Wigg'.

20th September

Find out all about 'Daily Life in Tudor Times'.

18th October

'Tweets from the Edwardians'



You can now find Wootton WI on Facebook – search for **Wootton Beds Women's Institute**



Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre

Patient Participation Group



STP! Initials that bring fear into the heart of many! Many of us will have read the news articles regarding changes to the NHS that tell us huge changes and many cuts are on the way. We must all realise by now that the NHS is in crisis and changes must be made as it cannot continue in its current form leeching money that could be better spent on the patient. This is what the STP or Sustainability and Transformation Plan is all about.

As I understand it, nothing has been set in stone yet. Consultations and brainstorming workshops have been held around the county to gain an insight as to how the patients feel about change. The staff on the front line have also been consulted as they are the ones who often see better ways where things can be done. Recruiting trained doctors and nurses is very difficult because of shortages of people entering the profession, therefore the expertise isn't always available. At present, one idea is that small hubs could be created to deliver the needs of non-urgent conditions without the need to see a consultant, asthma and diabetes being two conditions that spring to mind.

The next possible change could be specialist centres to deal with other

conditions, thereby keeping specially trained consultants in one place and the patient travels to them. One suggestion put forward was an A&E centre thus negating the need to cancel pre-planned operations at local hospitals, due to bed shortages caused by emergency admissions. We already accept that Addenbrookes is a leader in cancer treatment and Papworth for heart care, so we will travel to them knowing we are going to get the best care available. Would it be so bad to travel to other areas of the county to access better care for other conditions? Childcare and maternity are two areas that a growing community are desperate to keep at Bedford hospital and I see no reason why this would not continue at an everyday level with specialist treatment elsewhere if the needs arose.



It will take many years to effect such changes but the NHS has changed from its early birth when Aneurin Bevan stated, "The NHS will provide services that are free for all at the point of delivery." Medical advances in treatments have moved forward at such a pace that was never even imagined at the start of the NHS in 1948 and we are the generations who have little choice but to cope with the changes for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to

benefit. Although maybe that statement still rings true today, it's the point of delivery that may change.

I would like to add that these are opinions I have formed from discussions and workshops I have attended but I hope I have given you an insight to the other side of the STP story and provided food for thought. As a PPG it is our job to keep you informed.



Don't forget we have an email address if you wish to get in touch with us,

wootton.ppg@outlook.com

If you wish to find out more about changes in the NHS come along to our meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the surgery at 6pm.

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& 7.00pm - 9.30pm



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Pathfinders (ages 9-13)

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Church Hall.

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Sundays 7.15pm term time
at 52A Church Rd.

Wrigglers Parent/toddler

group. Every Monday in
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Men Behaving Dadly

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12 year olds. Last Sat of the
month 9am. Visit the
website for details.

Lunch Club Monthly on
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- Chat show events -Thurs & Fri eves
- and much more!

Popular Christian speaker Glen Scrivener
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More details are on our website & facebook
page, and through your door.



Summer Holiday Club

Tues 22 – Fri 25 August

Book the dates in your diary for our summer
holiday club for young people. See our website and
Facebook page for registration forms.



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



School Term Dates: 2017 – 18 Academic Year (Revised July 2015)

August 2017							September 2017							October 2017							November 2017						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30*	Mon	6	13	20	27				
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue	5	12	19	26		Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28				
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December 2017							January 2018							February 2018							March 2018						
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April 2018							May 2018							June 2018							July 2018						
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Key Term lengths

Autumn = 73 days, Spring = 58 days, Summer = 64 days

Total = 195 days

Less 5 PD days = 190 days

PD Days: 1 Sept, 30 Oct, 2 Jan, 16 Apr, 4 June

Total teaching days = 190

* first day after break

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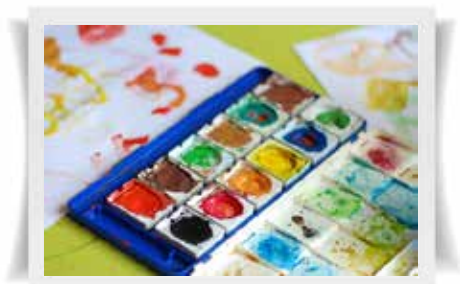
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The children at St Mary's Playgroup have had another busy term experiencing lots of fun activities.

This term the children's learning has been based on the topic of Spring and nature. The children went on a nature trail around the garden. They found lots of different coloured blossoms, daisies, dandelions, feathers and twigs. We talked about what they had found and looked closely at everything through magnifying glasses. We talked about shapes and size of the leaves and twigs and how birds use the twigs to make nests. We then used our collection to make nature collages.

The children watched Come Outside, where Pippin and Auntie Mabel discovered how crisps are made. The children then planted some seed potatoes. They have learnt about the life cycle of the potato plant and have been responsible for watering and watching the potatoes grow. We then used potatoes to create potato print artwork. They learned the 'Potato' song; and ate crisps at snack time.

The children have been exploring what happens when they mix colours. The children were given different coloured paints, red, yellow and blue. The children then freely experimented, using their fingers, mixing any colours they chose. They children made patterns and pictures in the paint; and then printed their creation on paper.



Over the next few weeks St Mary's Pre-School will be celebrating 50 years. In June all the parents and children will be going on a trip to Open Mead Farm and at the end of term celebrating with a 50th Anniversary party.

General Information

St Mary's Playgroup opened in 1967 and operates from the main room within the Church Hall. Children have access to a fully enclosed, grassed outdoor play area. St Mary's Playgroup supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language. The Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and is registered by Ofsted. St Mary's Playgroup has six qualified members of staff. All our staff have many years' experience of working with children and their maturity and training ensure that those who come to the playgroup have a positive learning experience.

St Mary's Playgroup receives funding for early years education. It is open each weekday during term-time only; and offers all day care. The setting serves the local and neighbouring community.

If you would like to put your child's name down for a playgroup place, or require any further information please phone **Tracey or 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	9.00am-15.00pm
Thursday	9.00am-15.00pm
Friday	9.00am-15.00pm

Opportunities to promote Physical Activity in the Bedford Area

Bedford Physical Education Old Students' Association is pleased to announce that we are able to support opportunities for Physical Activity from a Legacy left to us by Dr. Eileen Alexander O.B.E.

To date we have supported a range of initiatives, including activities for Asian women, swimming for those with cerebral palsy, an activity programme for Emmaus, provision of facilities to increase the capacity of a tennis club and extension of activities for older adults. Members of this last group have given us the following feedback after their participation in an activity:-

It really helps my balance, I'm visually impaired so balance is very important. I also love being with like-minded people: "It's so good for flexibility, uplifting and relaxing at the same time. I feel energised afterwards." I can keep moving. Pilates helps me relax and feel less tense and stressed. "The social

aspect of the group is really good and I consider the others as my friends."

We would be pleased to hear from those interested to take advantage of the opportunity. Please complete a short expression of interest form found on the BPEOSA website bedfordpeosa.org.uk

Thank you
Margaret Whitehead Chair Legacy
Committee BPEOSA



News From Wootton Upper School

Michael Gleeson, Executive Principal, Wootton Academy Trust

In many respects the half-term between Easter and May half-term always seems to pass more quickly than any other in the school year. Everybody in our school community is utterly focused on the examinations that lie ahead for students in each year group, but most especially for those taking GCSE, AS and A-Level examinations.

This year, the degree of concentration by Year 11 and Sixth Form students has been extraordinary these last few weeks. Recently, somebody said to me that when students are really working hard, they stand up straighter and appear taller. It is really true, our students do seem taller. There is a steely determination amongst them to do well, which is really heartening. Many of the initiatives introduced by Mr. Frazer and Mrs. McMorn have helped us to move forward this year, alongside those which are tried and trusted here.

All students owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the many staff who have given so much extra time over the last term by putting up additional study sessions. I cannot remember a year in the past when so many staff were involved. We held a very successful Easter study School over four days at Kimberley College and since Easter there have been breakfast, lunch-time and after-school study clubs taking place. Last Saturday almost eighty Year 11 students gave up their morning for a further period of organized revision.

We have every reason to look to both A-Level and GCSE results days in August with great confidence.

Local Community Tea Party in March 2017

On the 29th March, Wootton Upper School Community Student Leaders and other pupils from Wootton Upper School were very pleased to welcome members of

the local community for an afternoon tea. Pupils helped to prepare and serve food and provided some wonderful musical entertainment. There was time for pupils to chat with guests, some of whom had lived in the village their whole lives, and so had many interesting stories to tell. Pupils were also delighted to be able to help kick off the celebrations for the diamond wedding anniversary of local residents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loft. The guests were very impressed with the way pupils organised this event,



National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) - North Bedfordshire

See below, very strong entries into this competition from three very talented and hard-working students at Kimberley College, who all attended Holywell School and Wootton Upper School and who all live in Wootton. We will be informed of any winners in early June.

An exhibition of entries will be held in the Bunyan Basement Gallery in early July.



Close Up- Watercolour on Paper
By Natasha Burgess (Year 13)



Connie - Acrylic on Paper
By Lauren Newman (Year 13)



Bridges - Oil on Canvas
By Kathleen O'Hara (Year 13)

Dates for your diary:

Summer Exhibition of Art, Photography, Textiles and Media work

We will be holding an exhibition to showcase students' work on **Tuesday 20th June**, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. at Wootton Upper School. Please come along.

School Drama Production

Performances of our Summer production of 'I Love You Mum, I Promise I Won't Die' - a new play by Mark Wheeler, will take place on **Wednesday 12th** and **Thursday 13th July**, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are £8.00 Adults / £5.00 Concessions and will be available from the Box Office at Wootton Upper School 01234 767123

Neighbourhood Plan

Your Neighbourhood: Your Future

Wootton Green Infrastructure



We live in a great community surrounded by valuable countryside. We also live in an area which is changing with increased pressure from development. You now have an opportunity to have your say in how your local environment can be protected and

enhanced, by helping us create the Wootton Green Infrastructure Plan. You are invited to a workshop which will help shape and prioritise actions for future enhancements to Wootton's network of public access, biodiversity, heritage and landscape assets. The Green Infrastructure Plan will help inform the emerging Wootton.

Neighbourhood Plan.
Thursday 15th June,
7.30 - 9.30pm
Memorial Hall, Bedford Road

The Neighbourhood Plan process is being led by the parish council however volunteers from the local community are being actively encouraged to join the steering committee to help with the gathering of information, the distribution of leaflets etc. If you would like to become more involved in the Neighbourhood planning process, please contact the parish clerk for details.



The Eileen Alexander Legacy Fund



Funding opportunities to promote physical activity for people of all ages in the Bedford area.

The Bedford Physical Education Old Students' Association (BPEOSA) are offering grants to promote physical activity. All applicants must be able to show proven demand/need for extending or establishing a physical activity opportunity. All involved in delivering the work with school age children will be expected to be DBS checked.

Grants are available to:

Groups or individuals looking to set up an opportunity for participation in a physical activity. These applicants will be asked give evidence of their experience and qualifications the area.

Currently active groups or individuals looking to expand work in a specific physical activity. These applicants will be asked to give evidence that their current work is well delivered and managed, is safe, sound and in demand.

Work with participants in the following categories are particularly welcomed:- women, early years children, those with a disability, older adult population and other under-represented groups

Grants awarded will normally be between £500 and £10,000

Funding will be given to schemes that show evidence of sustainability beyond the grant period.

Expression of interest

Forms can be found on the BPEOSA website **bedfordpeosa.org.uk** and can also be obtained by writing to:

The Eileen Alexander Legacy Fund,
c/o Ms J. McKeown,
The University of
Bedfordshire, Polhill Avenue,
Bedford MK41 9EA.

Please enclose a SAE.

The Awarding Committee meets four times a year.

Following consideration of the Expression of Interest Forms, applicants may be asked to complete a more detailed Application Form.



WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Wootton Recreation Ground
Saturday 8th July 2017 1pm to 9pm

ENTERTAINMENT

3:00pm Tang Soo Do Display
3:30pm Mini Display
4:00pm Krisgar Magic Show
4:30pm Balloon Modelling
4:45pm Big In Brazil
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7:00pm Boo Sells
8:00pm Band With No Name

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A new play by Mark Wheeler



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7.30 p.m.

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Tickets available from the School's Box Office: 01234 767123

