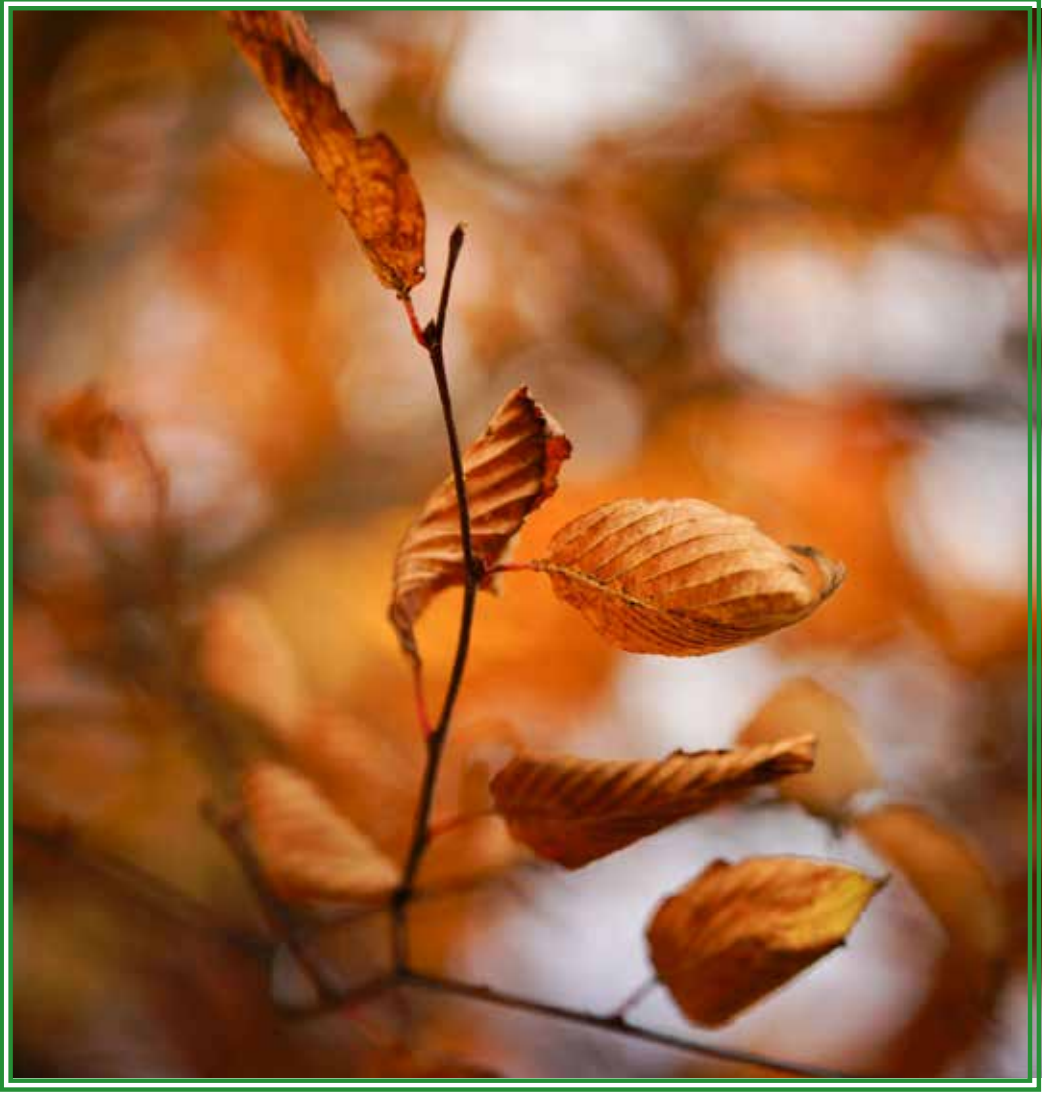


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Chairman's Report *Gareth Lloyd*



Gareth Lloyd



The Community Centre, or should I say that big empty building on the Berryfields estate, is still empty. The council have been pushing to get this building open for over a year now. We have submitted a few snagging lists to the builders and are waiting for them to be complete, some of these are major health and safety issues. I would like to thank Kevin Dundas for inspecting the building and producing such a thorough snagging list.

Continuing on the development theme, there seems a lot of confusion between Parish Council, Borough Council, past development and the **Neighbourhood Plan**. In the past Bedford Borough have pushed a lot of development on Wootton and the parish council and residents have had little say in any of this. The parish council is creating a Neighbourhood Plan which gives it and residents a greater say in any future development in the village. So what is different between this plan and past schemes? The Neighbourhood Plan is backed by Central Government and once this has been successfully voted on by

residents, Bedford Borough Council can only build where it states within that plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is rejected by residents, then Bedford Borough Council can choose wherever they wish to develop, as has been the case up until now. Another article on this can be read elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, this is the centenary year of the end of the Great War. The **Remembrance Parade** on Sunday the 11th November is open to all groups and clubs to join the parade and lay a wreath. If you would like your group/club to be part of this remembrance parade please contact the Clerk with your clubs details.

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I would like to thank everyone who helped with our **Fun Fest** event this year – especially Mark Atkins. We were up against the football, but it was still enjoyed by many nonetheless. See page 15 in the newsletter for photos of the day, courtesy of Neera Regmi.

This **newsletter** and our **first annual report** are/were put together by Cllr Lloyd and myself with contributions from other parish councillors, village organisations and residents too. I was recently asked to thank our editorial team for the publication of the annual report and I was also recently criticised, as some road name explanations were omitted from the same report. The editorial team is actually just Cllr Lloyd and myself. We try to get it right, but sometimes we don't. Please let us know when we do not, so we can make amends for the future – constructive criticism is always welcome.

The parish council's allotments officer, Alison has asked me to remind any resident interested in taking up an **allotment plot** to contact her – she has a very small waiting list which could be ever smaller as I write this article, so do get in touch if you are interested. Her telephone number is: 07977 341861.

Following the long hot summer we had, I

have been asked by a concerned resident to remind people to spare a thought for our pets in the heat – especially dogs who need to be walked. Dogs can suffer fatal heatstrokes within minutes as they can only release heat through panting or their paw pads. Pavements get hot very quickly too (as do cars) so please consider when to walk and when not. The same applies when taking them in cars. Blue Cross for Pets has some useful and more detailed information: <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/how-keep-dogs-cool-summer-heat> - but the same will apply to other pets too.

Finally – the **MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) at the recreation ground is a well-used facility that offers free play for many and bookings for teams/organisations looking to train/host training camps. If you are a football team or organisation, the facility must be booked. The reason for this is the parish council needs to see public liability insurance details and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks. All bookings should be made through myself and the cost is £10 per hour.

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Monday and Wednesday
morning 10am-12noon

(Hours may be subject to change and appointments can be pre-booked, feel free to telephone in advance to ensure the office will be open or availability).

Dates for your Diary 2018

SEPTEMBER

12th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council	7.30pm
19th	Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
19th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee	8.00pm
26th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
26th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.30pm
26th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee	8.00pm

OCTOBER

3rd	Wootton Play Equipment Working Group	7.30pm
10th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
10th	Full Council	7.30pm
31st	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
31st	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.30pm
31st	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee	8.00pm

NOVEMBER

7th	Wootton Play Equipment Working Group	7.30pm
14th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
14th	Full Council	7.30pm
21st	Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
21st	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee	8.00pm
28th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
28th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.30pm
28th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee	8.00pm

DECEMBER

5th	Wootton Play Equipment Working Group	7.30pm
12th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
12th	Full Council	7.30pm

All meetings are held at the Memorial Hall on Bedford Road, with the exception of the Roads and Footpaths Safety Steering Group, some Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings and Wootton Play Equipment Working Group which are held at The Hub, Wootton New Life Methodist Church, Cause End Road.

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

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Hopefully by now you would have had a nice summer and are cooling down after some very hot weather and getting ready for the autumn. Wootton had a very successful **Fun Fest** this year with the weather staying fine and lots of live music and side shows encouraging many people to stay to the end. I would like to thank Wootton Parish Council for arranging the event, Sue Playford (the Parish Clerk) and a big thanks to Mark Atkins for running the show. Thank you also to the Wootton Upper School pupils for all their help on the day and for their work in the community at the summer tea party for Wootton residents and performing at local events.

There is a lot happening in Wootton at the moment and it is difficult to keep everybody updated. Wootton Parish Council does put a lot of information on its website and residents are welcome to attend **Parish meetings** (details of which are on the website). I have a **surgery** on the **first Saturday of each month at the Library from 11am to 12 noon** and most **Wednesdays** the Clerk and myself are at **the Hub**, Cause End



SURGERY

first Saturday of each month
at the Library, 11am to 12 noon

and most Wednesdays at the Hub,
Cause End Road, 10am to 12 noon.

Road, from 10am to 12 noon. Please feel free to attend and I will try and help. Alternately please email or phone me using the contact details above.

In the winter edition of the Wootton News I should be able to give you a much better update but the new nursery should be open by the end of September. I have been informed the new housing association apartments on Fields Road should be completed by January 2019 and then Bedford Borough Council can implement the 7.5 tonnes vehicle weight limit on Fields Road.

In terms of the wider Borough, there are a few items which may be of interest:

Putnoe Walk In Centre: The Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG), the body which organises NHS services locally, recently has announced its intention to close the Putnoe Walk In Centre from Spring 2019. This was linked to plans to open a new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) on the Bedford Hospital site. The BCCG undertook a consultation on these plans which was due to end on the 19th August. It was announced on the 10th



August, however, that the consultation was to close early following the receipt of over 1900 responses. The BCCG now says 'it is clear that we need to reconsider our proposals on the future of urgent care in Bedfordshire'.

East West Rail: Plans have been submitted by Network Rail to the Secretary of State for Transport to begin works as early as 2019 on the western section of the East – West Rail link. East West Rail will see the development of a new train line between Oxford and Bedford (western section). It is then planned to open a line from Bedford to Cambridge (central section) by the mid-2020s, with scope in the future for it to extend further into the east of England. Trains running from Oxford to Bedford will stop at: Oxford Parkway; Bicester; Winslow; Bletchley; Woburn Sands, and; Ridgmont.

Visit www.eastwestrail.org.uk for more details.

Homelessness Grant The Borough Council has received a grant of £307k from the Government to invest in services supporting rough sleepers. The funding will be used to employ 6 additional support workers and a Rough Sleeper Outreach Co-ordinator who will ensure that the Council works efficiently and effectively with partner organisations. Furthermore, 36 additional units of accommodation will be provided, as well as more emergency accommodation beds during the winter months. The additional funding follows the opening earlier in the year of the 29 bed Complex Needs Unit on St John's Street, Bedford. This facility provides 24/7 intensive support to help people break the cycle of homelessness.



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Thank all those residents who have contributed to the emerging plan

On behalf of the N.P. Committee, we would like to thank all those residents who have contributed to the emerging plan by completing the various questionnaires and attending the numerous meetings and workshops over the past year. This information has now been collated and, based on these responses, our appointed planner will formulate the Wootton Neighbourhood Plan.

Along the way, we have received some negative comments, such as 'there's no point, the Borough planners just do as they want anyway' and 'planners have never listened in the past, so why would they listen now'. This may have previously been true, however the latest Government Neighbourhood Planning Act now gives the local community more influence in determining what happens in their area.

This plan gives us more power to determine the future of our village, and includes plans for the Local Environment (green spaces), Village Facilities (shops, local services), Local Economy (business opportunities), Housing (quantity, type, location) and Sustainable Community (footpaths, parking).

When the plan has been completed, the residents of Wootton will be given the opportunity, in a referendum, to vote on whether to accept or reject this plan.

We, the **NP COMMITTEE**, **WOULD URGE YOU TO VOTE** for it as, **with no plan in place, Wootton could become an easy target for further over-development.**



This plan gives us more power to determine the future of our village



5th Annual Scarecrow Festival



Group Winner and Individual Winner

Saturday 13th October 2018

11.30am -1.30pm

Wootton Memorial Hall,

Bedford Road, Wootton, MK43 9JB

Come join Bizzy Bees Pre-School voting for your favourite Scarecrow (50p per vote), BBQ, Tea/Coffee, Children's Tombola, Raffle, Games and much more.....

If you would like to enter a Scarecrow please bring it along on the day by 11am. Everyone welcome, bring friends and family to vote!



May the best Scarecrow win!



All profits go to benefitting our children

For Event updates go to our facebook page: Bizzy Bees Committee Fundraising & Events Page



5th Annual Scarecrow Festival



Bizzy Bees Pre-School is running its 5th Annual Scarecrow competition on Saturday 13th October 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Our Scarecrow festival is a lovely community event, where we have a BBQ, games and activities for the children and families, a raffle, tombola and much more. The event is held in the Wootton Memorial Hall and park behind. The Winners will be presented with a small prize and announced in the Wootton Parish News and the Bizzy Bees Committee Facebook page.

We would love if you/your organisation could join the fun and make a scarecrow to enter into the completion and come along to vote (50p per vote). There are no rules or themes, you just need to ensure the scarecrows can be transported and fit through a doorway into our hall.

There will be an organisation/group winner & individual winner. Organisation can be any groups, clubs, school etc. Individual entrants can either be a family or person entering a scarecrow. Some highlights and winners from last year's festival are below.



Please confirm via email if you would like to enter a scarecrow so we know to expect your creation and ensure your scarecrows arrives by 11am the morning of the event (if you would like to drop it off the day before let us know so we can make arrangements). The scarecrow will also need to be collected after the event.

Bizzy Bees is a local pre-school in Wootton which is a parent committee lead charity, all profits made from this event go directly to benefitting the children at our setting.

Best Wishes,
Emma Brett

Chairperson
Bizzy Bees Pre-School CIO

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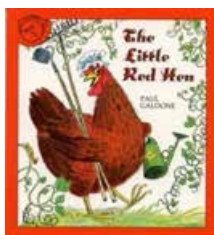
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St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, Wootton, Beds MK43 9HB
Tel: 01234 767158 Email: stmarys5@hotmail.co.uk

At St Mary's we aim for our children to thrive holistically as well as academically, so from September we have introduced Forest School sessions. These sessions focus on communication skills, team working, emotional coaching (resilience, emotional intelligence, self motivation and empathy) and curriculum based learning through physical activity. For example, the children take part in bushcraft activities, making bug hotels; outdoor art and gardening. St Mary's Forest School has a canopy and a log circle, where the children shelter from the rain and listen to stories and enjoy circle times and hot chocolate!



This term the children have been on a journey with the Little Red Hen. The story of 'The Little Red Hen' was read to the children accompanied by a set of puppets. Each child took it in turns to have a puppet and took on the speaking role for their character. They later played with the puppets at our table top puppet theatre. They have learned about growing corn and making bread. The Little Red Hen Project has helped the children explore a variety of numeracy related concepts, which include sorting matching, counting, recognising shapes and problem-solving.



Autumn is a fun time at St Mary's Playgroup. Over the next few weeks the children will be gathering leaves, using rakes and brushes; and will be hunting for conkers, acorns and pine cones under the trees in our large grassed garden. The children will be using the leaves to create artwork, leaf printing and leaf collage.

GENERAL INFORMATION

St Mary's Preschool 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 Preschool supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language. The Preschool is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and is registered by Ofsted. St Mary's Preschool has six qualified members of staff. All our staff has many years' experience of working with children and their maturity and training ensure that those who come to the preschool have a positive learning experience. St Mary's Preschool 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 preschool place, or require any further information please phone **Tracey** on **01234 767158**. Alternatively you can call in to pick up an enrolment form.



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The weather was good this year for the harvest, after the 'Beast from the East' in the spring even if the crops were lighter than last year. If there is any shortage, no doubt the prices will go up. In the end it will even itself out. God promised that 'seed time and harvest would not fail' and it never has. There is always sufficient food to feed the world, but the selfishness of mankind, means that many people will be hungry and many have too much.

God has always been faithful. Like the promise that there would always be a harvest, his promises have never failed. God's promises are wonderful. When mankind fell into sin, he promised that a Saviour would come to save them from death. All through the Old Testament part of the Bible, we see God looked after his people and that the saviour Jesus would

come. Jesus came and lived and died to make a way back to God. We remember his birth at Christmas and his death at Easter. We read that in the New Testament.

But God told us in the New Testament that Jesus would come again to this world and before then the world situation would be so bad that it would be difficult to live in it. With all the troubles in the world today, I wonder if the time of Jesus' return is not far away?

Do you ever read the Bible? If you have a Bible and want to start somewhere, just read the Gospel of John first. That will tell you why Jesus came and what he did while here, before he was crucified. It tells us what God has provided for those who will accept his gift of salvation.

As it is harvest Time, we have our **Harvest Thanksgiving** on **Sunday, 9th September** with a morning service at 10.30am and evening service at 6.00pm. We have a traditional Harvest Thanksgiving, with the church decorated for the occasion. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you.

Rob Stanton

For the Fellowship at
Wootton Baptist Church.

1st Wootton Boys' & Girls' Brigades at Wootton New Life Methodist Church, Cause End Road, Wootton. MK43 9DE



We have a few places available for all ages for September 2018

Girls meet on Thursdays
from 6.00pm – 7.30pm
starting from age 4

Boys meet on Fridays
from 6.00pm – 7.30pm
starting from age 5.

**For more information or to reserve a place for your child
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Email: bbgb1stWootton@gmail.com

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/1stwoottonbbgb/>

Outstanding Parish Council Issues & Projects

Item

Location

Deadline

Berryfields ditch

Berryfields

Ongoing

A risk assessment and report were sent by WPC to BBC and Persimmon Homes, setting out health and safety concerns – initially in September 2016. Persimmon Homes' response did not address all concerns and a further report was sent in August 2017 (having given them time to undertake further works). Persimmon have confirmed this area has now been passed to Greenbelt and they are chasing for a response and action

Christmas street lighting

Bedford Road/Fields Road

2018

The Christmas lights were well received in 2017. The parish council has recently agreed to extend the scheme further along Bedford Road towards the Memorial Hall and down into Fields Road

Community Centre

Berryfields

Ongoing

WPC is still in talks with Persimmon Homes and is still chasing regularly to get an answer on whether it will be appointed as the centre's Management Entity. WPC has appointed a conveyancer to assist with the process. Significant snagging issues have now been identified which have been passed to both legal teams – timescales cannot be determined until these issues have been resolved

Covanta Incinerator

Stewartby parish

Ongoing

WPC is bitterly disappointed to learn the Environment Agency has granted an Environmental Permit to Covanta Energy Ltd – despite overwhelming objections not just from WPC, but Wootton residents and residents/organisations from adjoining parishes. Fundraising to take this decision to judicial review is ongoing. For fuller information please visit MMAG's website: <https://mmetag.wordpress.com/covanta-proposal/>

Dog and Litter bins

Throughout the village

2018

WPC is often asked why additional dog bins are not placed at various locations in the village – most notably Potters Cross and the area into the Forest of Marston Vale. Both BBC and the Forest of Marston Vale have stated they will not consider additional bins (they would be responsible for emptying them) as they do not have the resources. Now that dog bins are being phased out by BBC as litter bins can be used – WPC is looking to see if a further bin can be installed near the Berryfields development on Fields Road

Local Plan 2035

Throughout the village

Ongoing

WPC previously stated it DID NOT wish any further development to take place within the village. A recent consultation on the soundness of Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2035 was noted at Full Council in February 2018 – the plan did not affect Wootton. WPC understands BBC will now take its plan to the Planning Inspector in Autumn 2018

Marston Vale Innovation Park

Towards the A421

Ongoing

BBC approved the proposal despite WPC's and numerous objections. WPC has formed a Development Liaison Group (consisting of parish councillors and residents) which aims to meet with all developers and key officers from BBC to ensure information is shared at the earliest opportunity regarding ongoing/future building works both at the Innovation Park site and elsewhere in the Fields Road South/Cranfield Road site. If you feel you could contribute to these discussions and have relevant skill sets (development, engineering for example) – please contact the clerk

Neighbourhood Plan

The whole civil parish of Wootton

Ongoing

WPC has employed APC Planning (Planning Professional), Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) and Regeneration Positive (Neighbourhood Plan Professional) to aid with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. This will give residents a greater say in the future of the village. The plan has now launched, Green Infrastructure Plan workshops held, and the results of those workshops and the first Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire have been collated. Those findings have just formed the basis for a second questionnaire

Parking restrictions

Several sites within the village

2018

The clerk has been asked to take forward requests for parking restrictions at several areas within the village. It would be for BBC to take anything forward and the clerk is waiting on further information from some residents concerned about parking before taking these to the Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group. Any viable proposals will then be sent to BBC for it to take forward

Planters

Bedford Road

(opposite the Memorial Hall) and Fields Road (near the Berryfields development)

2018

WPC is awaiting licensing from BBC before two additional planters can be added

Recreation ground emodelling works Jubilee Gardens

Recreation ground

2018

Plans are to install additional play equipment aimed at 0-8 year olds (including sensory play equipment) and remodel the area to make it more open and accessible. A funding application submitted to Veolia secured £75k and the winning contractor has been appointed, subject to contract and terms & conditions

Roads and Footpaths

Throughout the village

Ongoing

The Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group continues to meet every other month to raise issues for BBC to consider. Minutes to view are available at: http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/files/index?folder_id=10434511 (or request a hard copy from the clerk)

St. Mary's stone and railing cemetery wall

St. Mary's Church

Ongoing

Funds have been earmarked to repair or replace as necessary, as both are in a poor state of repair. A fallen ash tree (December 2016) necessitated some works already and WPC has taken forward a structural engineer report which highlighted the wall's instability in parts. Advice from Historic England is to rebuild the wall using the reclaimed bricks and WPC is currently determining the best way forward

Street lights

Throughout the village

Ongoing

WPC is in talks with BBC on a proposal for the ownership/maintenance of all street lights to be transferred to BBC

Please note this is a brief overview of ongoing/proposed projects and the list is not exhaustive as changes can occur before the next newsletter edition goes to print. For fuller information on these or other projects, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

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including young people's
groups.

Encompass

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Christianity Explored

Regular groups;
see our website.

Pathfinders (ages 9-13)

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Church Hall.

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Sundays 7.15pm term time
Church Hall.

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toddler group. Every
Monday in term time
9.30am Wootton Baptist

Men Behaving Dadly

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0-12 year olds. Last Sat of
the month gam.

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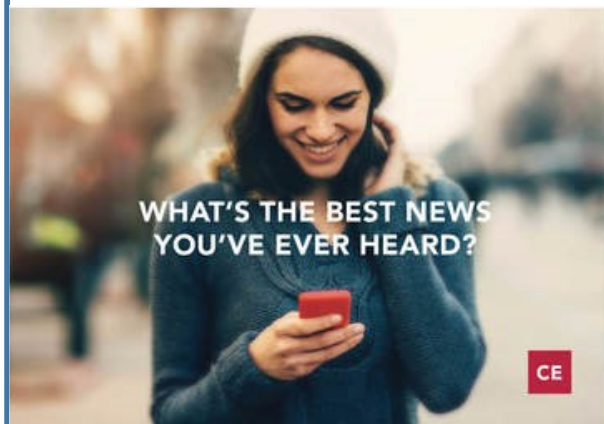


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Christianity Explored

New group beginning on 11 September.
See our website for more details soon.
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Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 30th September: 9am & 10.30am

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Kimberley 16 - 19 Sixth Form College

A level Results



It has been another incredibly successful year at Kimberley Sixth Form College this year. The College, part of Wootton Academy Trust and based in Stewartby, has for the second year running been identified in the top twenty performing sixth form colleges by 'The Sunday Times' (November 2016) rising from 20th in 2016 to 11th in 2017. Following another set of excellent results, this position should improve further.

To cap a fantastic year the students of the college have produced a set of excellent results in both A' Level and BTEC subjects. Kimberley College Principal, Tim Detheridge, was delighted to learn that this almost a quarter of all of grades awarded (23%) were either A* or A. "This has shown the students have risen to the academic rigour of the new A' level qualifications. I am delighted to learn that the number of students who have achieved grades A,A,B in at least two facilitating subjects has now risen by 4% to 18.5%". The percentage of all grades awarded at the College in the range A* - B was 46% in 2018; this high performing figure has been consistent for the last three years.

Mr Detheridge stated, "We are very proud that the efforts of students and teachers have produced such wonderful outcomes for the young people of our Sixth Form College. Students have performed exceptionally well in all subjects and in both

A level and BTEC qualifications. It is clear the outstanding and unique opportunities for Kimberley students have been reflected in these fantastic results."

Mr Gleeson, Executive Principal of Wootton Academy Trust, noted, "I am pleased to see the range of successes across subjects. Our recent focus on STEM subjects continues to produce outstanding results in maths, further maths, chemistry, biology and computing. This is complemented by equally impressive results in the arts, languages and humanities, especially French, sociology, philosophy and ethics, history, communication and culture, art, textiles and drama."

Many students have received offers from a wide range of top universities, whilst others have taken up competitive apprenticeships at prestigious companies following the completion of their studies at Kimberley College. This year students from the college will be heading to both Oxford and Cambridge University. Sasirekha Valaiyapathi, head girl at Kimberley, achieved four A* grades in maths, further maths, chemistry and physics, she will be going on to study chemical engineering at Kings College Cambridge. She has recorded a video diary in the build up to results day, to be shown on the regional news broadcast today. Whilst head boy Martin Teh, who achieved A*, A* in maths and further maths, and A, A in chemistry and physics, will be studying mechanical engineering at Imperial College, London (both are shown in the attached photograph).

David Redman, after taking a year out to support students in college as a learning mentor, will take up his place at Oxford University where he will study mathematics. Not to be outdone, his brother Iain achieved



three grade A's in biology, mathematics, physics, and will studying Biological Sciences at Durham University.

lain was not alone in achieving a clean sweep of A*/A grades, 8% of the year group achieved this feat including; Umair Khan, Luca Jackson, Krupa Thomas and Mai Shehab.

There have been many success stories this year for students. Worthy of note is the performance of Leah Nolan who has achieved D*, D in her Graphics BTEC and an A grade in photography. Leah has earned a place at Leeds University to study Communication and Graphic design.

The chairman of Wootton Academy Trust, Mr Peter Haddon, commented, "I am pleased to see continued improvement in outcomes for our students." Mr. Haddon added, "the Trust is determined to maintain the excellent results students achieve in all subjects."

Tim Detheridge commented, "The hard work of these students over the last two-years has led to these outstanding results. I would like to congratulate all of them on their successes, wish them every success in Higher Education and employment. I would also like to thank the tremendous dedication and commitment of the staff and directors of Kimberley Sixth Form College in supporting them."

Feeling Sheepish



Sheep are weak,
 sheep are slow
 Follow each other
 Where ever they go.
 Dare not cross when water's deep
 Quickly drown-
 Pathetic sheep.
 Very easily they take fright
 Catch disease and parasite
 Get on their backs
 and there they stay
 Until put back the other way.
 When in wrong pasture quickly stuff
 Don't know when they've had enough,
 So collapse-soon to die.
 Sorry sight but
 There they lie.
 Many predators beset them
 Foxes, dogs or crows will get them.
 Left on their own they'd never cope
 Self reliance not in their scope.
 But--maybe sheep are not that dim
 Those with a shepherd
 Follow him.

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In this edition of the Wootton News I would like to remind patients of a few things to get the best possible use out of your surgery.

Sign up to On line Services: As well as booking / cancelling appointments / changing personal details and ordering repeat medication you can also get test results if you are signed up to the service. We all know how difficult it is to get appointments whichever surgery you use, because of the national shortage of doctors, so please remember to cancel your appointment if you can't attend.

Children's Vaccinations: Don't forget to keep your children's boosters and pre school vaccinations up to date.

Repeat prescriptions: Pharmacists are no longer able to order prescriptions for patients – this has been ceased by the CCG to reduce wastage. Patients need to order direct from the surgery and can do this by using on line services (or posting/bringing in the repeat slip to the surgery).

Flu Jabs: With winter fast approaching (given how quickly the rest of the year has flown by) get your flu jab appointment booked as soon as they become available.



Urgent Treatment Centre (UCT) Update. Work has started on converting the old Weller wing building to accommodate the UCT. This centre sits halfway between primary care (your local surgery) and A&E. The plan is to triage patients at point of entry then direct them to either to the UCT or A&E depending on the severity of the problem. The UCT will have access to all services, X-Ray or blood test for instance, and will also be able to escalate a patient to A&E

should the problem become more severe. This scheme has been running in Luton for awhile and has had significant success. To access the service either NHS 111 will be able to refer you, or your own GP. An appointment will be made, and you will be seen within a 4hr time range. Priority will be given to those with appointments over walk ins.

During the summer a consultation has been taking place regarding the future of our surgery. We asked to take part in this but had no response from those carrying out the consultation. As we represent the patients we felt we needed to inform as many as possible of the situation so, with the best of intentions, the PPG started a petition to prove to the BCCG that we need permanent premises in Wootton. The support for this was amazing with people taking to Facebook, contacting our MP, and generally stating they want to keep a surgery in the village. The petition has now been sent to the BCCG and we await the outcome of the consultation with bated breath.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who signed our petition to keep the surgery in permanent premises.

Wootton Vale NOT Closing

It has come to our attention that a recent Petition by our Patient Participation Group (PPG) has led to concerns that Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre practice is closing. The Management Team, at the practice, would like to take this opportunity to assure you that this is NOT the case.

The PPG have been working on behalf of the practice and patients to try to get us out of the current temporary building and move us into a permanent building in Wootton. When we opened in 2006, it was envisaged that we would only be in the temporary building for 2-3 years. However, due to delays in

the building of the new houses on Fields Road, the patient list size did not increase as quickly as planned. As a result we are still in the temporary accommodation. However, now that many of the houses have been built our premises are not large enough for the number of registered patients and this will only get worse as the new houses being built around us are occupied.

In response to this, the PPG wrote to Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) and Bedford Borough Council (BBC), who have joint responsibility for new healthcare premises provision in the borough. The information they received back indicated that the options, under consideration, for GP services in Wootton were:

1. A new surgery in Wootton, or
2. Wootton surgery would move into larger premises in Kempston where more on site specialist services would be available to patients.

BCCG and BBC were commissioning consultants to consider the options available. The PPG felt that the patients, of the practice, would prefer the practice to remain in Wootton and, to this end, they started their petition, which would represent the views of the patients and could be considered as part of this consultation.

Flu Clinics

Yes, it hardly seems believable following our lovely hot summer but we have to turn our attention to the upcoming winter and ensuring that our patients who are vulnerable to the flu virus are vaccinated. We are running our usual Saturday flu clinic on 13th October 2018. If you fall into the following categories then please contact us to make an appointment for your vaccination:

- You are 65 years old or over
- You are pregnant
- You are a carer
- You are between 6 months and

65 years old and you have a long term condition such as:

Asthma; Chronic Respiratory disease; Chronic Heart Disease; Chronic Kidney Disease; Chronic Liver Disease; Diabetes; Immunosuppressed; Neurological diseases; Member of Childhood flu groups.



If you have consented to receive SMS text messages then we will contact you to invite you for a vaccination if you fall into the qualifying groups. If in doubt, please call the surgery to check to see if you qualify for a flu vaccination.

Care Navigation

You may be aware of the pressures on the NHS. There is a shortage of doctors and nurses and this means that waiting times for appointments can be longer. We are always looking at ways to alleviate these problems to ensure that we can offer you the best care possible with appointments available at the earliest times. To this end we ask you to let us know, as soon as possible, if you are unable to attend your appointment to reduce the number of unattended (DNA) appointments which waste the precious time of our doctors and nurses and lead to unnecessarily long waiting lists.

Another new idea that we, along with all the other GP practices in Bedfordshire are introducing, is called "Care Navigation". The range of skills, provided by the various healthcare professionals in the modern NHS, is very wide. This means that it is quite likely that a GP may not be the best person to treat your condition. Often the GP will refer you on to see someone who is more specialised in that area and therefore, better able to treat you. We are, therefore, training our Administration Staff so they can navigate patients to these specialists. They do this by asking you some simple questions about your condition and, if appropriate, they will offer you an appointment with the specialist

rather than a GP. You are totally free to refuse to answer these questions and ask to see a GP but, please bear in mind that this could result in you having to wait longer for treatment and the need to see both a GP AND the specialist if the GP decides that an onward referral is needed.



The Militia by Viv Minney

Military campaigns were usually short and seasonal, for the men sent off to battle with the army were the same men required to gather in the harvest and perform all the other essential tasks. Eventually the rather haphazard feudal system had become better regulated. Each county had a quota of men to be supplied in times of national emergency into a force that became known as the Militia.

Following the break between Henry VIII and the Catholic Church an invasion was expected from France and Spain. Wootton had the requirement to provide two archers and thirty-three billmen (bill: pike with a hook on the end) towards the county quota. After the restoration of Charles II in 1660 the first regular army in Britain was a mere four regiments. Counties were still required to maintain their Militia lists.

The gentry of the county, which included Sir William Thompson of Wootton, raised a mounted and armed force, at their own expense. Various parishes were responsible for providing foot soldiers and five Wootton men were listed as part of the Colonel's Company. By 1757 the militia force was again raised, for home service only. Within Bedfordshire eligible men between 18 and 50 years of age were balloted to provide the 400 needed for the county's quota. Military service was for three years, although those selected had the option of providing

a substitute, if they could do so - wealthier men would pay someone else to take their place. The ballot provoked a riot in Wootton 'which mutinied, took the list from the Constable and tore it'.

Parish relief was provided for the families of the men who were called up. In 1763 there were eleven Wootton men in service, the regular army having grown in size. As two had enrolled for a second term, they may have been paid substitutes. The Militia was again embodied during the American Revolution before being stood down in 1783. One Wootton man certainly paid for a substitute as William Goddard took the place of Benji Hill, Goddard's family receiving parish support. At this time the Light Infantry Company was commanded by Captain Monoux.

When agricultural unrest broke out special Constables were enrolled to deal with the troubles rather than recall the Militia which had disbanded after the French threat ended with the battle of Waterloo. Disturbances occurred in Wootton and Kempston in 1828 and Wootton Pillinge suffered from arson attacks in 1830.

Wootton Pillinge was renamed Stewartby in 1937 in recognition of the Stewart family, directors of London Brick Company since 1900.



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What we are asking people to do is make a red poppy, and please they have to be red; in whatever material you like, wood, metal, plastic, embroidered, knitted, crocheted, and paper are some ideas, donate £1 to The Royal British Legion, and add it to our waterfall. Weather permitting, the waterproof poppies will be on the outside of the building, and paper ones on the inside. We are aiming for a flood of poppies, not a trickle, and there will be teas and coffees for sale in the hall, a display, and some activities as well.

If you Google 'free poppy patterns' there are a lot of sites with them on and Pinterest has a huge range of ideas in different mediums. We will try to get some links on the Wootton Community pages on the internet.

You may not have ancestors who lived in Wootton, but maybe your road name is one on the war memorials, but most of us will have a relation who took part, who lived in a different part of the world, commemorate their lives by making a poppy for our waterfall.

This is a Wootton Community Group project. If you would like further information, please contact **Sheila Warman** at **sheila.warman3@gmail.com**

Free Poppy Patterns

<http://www.theyarnloop.com/article/help-knit-17-000-poppies-for-royal-british-legion>

<http://www.armymuseum.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/knitting-patterns.pdf>

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Summer of 2018 is certainly going to be one to remember for the heat and the football. We'd like to thank all those who braved the heat and supported the local stallholders at the Funfest in July. Thanks also go to the wonderful team who go all out to make the day a success.

Despite the heat we have had a good turnout of members and visitors each month at our meetings. We met several ladies at the open days at the new community centre who expressed an interest in attending. Our recent games evening was a greatly enjoyed when members joined together to play dominoes, pitch and putt, catch ball plus trying their hand at a few quiz sheets to jog the grey cells! We continue to knit for our charity work also and will willingly help anyone who wants to learn how to knit. Other crafts are available!

As always do come and join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 7-30pm at the Memorial Hall in Bedford Rd. Visitors pay £4-00 or you join at a cost of £41 per annum. If you wish to join now you will pay a pro rata amount.

We run a savings scheme through the year, so members can save towards their subs therefore avoiding paying a large sum right after Christmas.



September 19th

Gold Jewellery by Design, this is a demonstration of bespoke jewellery by a husband and wife team of designers.

October 17th

Anglian Water Ambassadors are visiting to talk to us about their work, with tips on how to save water. They will answer questions too.

November 19th

A talk by a local orthopaedic surgeon, Philip Edge, on arthritis and joint replacements, something a lot of us may have to deal with in the future.



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(3:45 – 4:45pm)
Saturdays (11 – 12:30pm)
Baby Fun-Time (for 0-18mths), Tuesdays
(10:15-10:45am)
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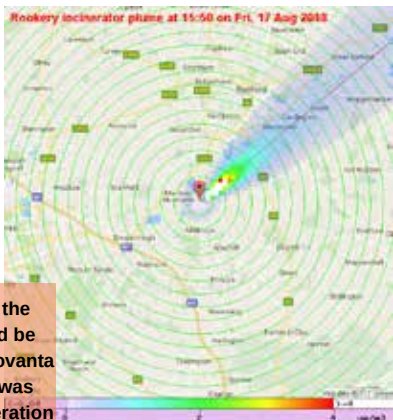
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**Help BACI to take advantage of this legal opportunity against the
Permit issued to Covanta by the Environment Agency to operate one
of the largest Incinerators in the Country**

Green Circles
represent 1km



See where the
plume would be
today if the Covanta
Incinerator was
already in operation

Fundraising Targets

Amounts donated
correct as of 23/08/18

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01/10/18 £51,500 2 Day Court Hearing

16/09/18 £38,500 Skeleton Argument and
Court Bundles

£33,300 Current Total Raised



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