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Chairman's Report *Gareth Lloyd*



Gareth Lloyd



I am writing this report following the May elections – the parish council didn't have enough applicants to trigger a contested election. We have 15 seats on the council and I am pleased that all existing councillors are standing again. I would like to thank these hard working people for all they have done in the past and for continuing to help improve the parish. With five vacancies on the council we need more volunteers. If you are 18 and over, live or work within the parish and are interested in joining, please contact the Clerk at **WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com**.

Recycling

The glass recycling in the recreational ground has been well supported and we have raised over £1600 in the last year for the local Wootton Poor's Land Charity. There is currently a trial scheme in place using special monitoring bins, which have been placed around the village to see what kind of rubbish is being disposed of. The Borough Council will use the data obtained from these bins to see if there is a need for recycling bins to be located around the village.

Open Air Film Show

On **Friday 12 July**, we will be hosting a free open-air film show on the grass area between Berryfields and the A421. We are hoping to show *Dumbo* at 4pm and *Avengers: Endgame* around 7pm. Please pop along and watch the films, bring chairs, blankets and picnics. If this is successful, we are hoping to make it an annual event. Please take all your rubbish home with you!!

Fun Fest

This year's Fun Fest is on **Saturday 13th July** – 1pm to 9pm with live music throughout the day. The running order is elsewhere in this newsletter. Last year we lifted the dog exclusion order just for the day, as it was a success we intend to do the same – again, just for one day, as we know many do like to bring their pets along. All dogs must be kept on leads at all times and all mess picked up and properly disposed of. The lifting of the ban for next year's Fun Fest will depend how responsible dog owners are this year.

Community Centre

The Community Centre is being managed by a charitable trust and an open day is being held on **Saturday 15th June**. If you are interested in looking around the centre, enquiring about bookings or seeing what is going on, then pop down on the day. For more information see their Facebook page **<https://www.facebook.com/Wootton-Community-Centre-373702299872573/>** or email them on **WoottonCommunityCentre@gmail.com**. Please note the parish council are not responsible for booking the community centre.

Useful Numbers

Fly tipping
01234 267422

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21 Fields Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9JJ

Free outdoor film shows

Friday 12th July, on the park at Harris Way.

Bring your family, chairs, food, drink and enjoy the show

4pm - **Dumbo***

7pm - **Avengers: Endgame***

* Film s being showed may change because of releasas dates

Clerk to the Council's Report *Sue Playford*



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Another reminder for anyone wishing to have an **allotment**. Please contact Alison, our allotments officer on **07977 341861**.

A further reminder too, for anyone wishing to join the **Speed Watch team** which operates in the village. This scheme is NOT under the jurisdiction of the parish council so if you would like to learn more or volunteer your services, the point of contact is Jules Donel at Police HQ – **Juliet.Donel@bedfordshirepolice.pnn.police.uk**. Training is required before joining the team and they are looking for extra numbers.



The **Street Watch team** are also looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more please contact **Juliet.Wright@bedfordshirepolice.pnn.police.uk**. Volunteers will need to be vetted before

receiving training and equipment. Again, this scheme is NOT run by the parish council.

Some of you will be aware of **anti-social behaviour** including littering which has been an issue over recent weeks at the recreation ground on Church Road. The parish council is working with Bedford Borough Council and WPC Kerry Jones and PCSO James Dancer to resolve this. It has been suggested that the gates be closed earlier, however this is only possible when there are no events on at the recreation ground or village hall. The parish council is now looking at other methods to prevent anti social behaviour and I am currently investigating several options. Thank you to one resident who is calling all incidents through on 101. The police have taken action - 5 cautions have been issued to date and one individual is currently being prosecuted for littering by Bedford Borough Council. Their actions and details were captured using the CCTV cameras on site (which include an ANPR Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera.



Wootton Parish Council

Office Location:

The Hub,
Wootton Life Methodist Church,
Cause End Road, MK43 9DE

Office Hours:

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).

Dates for your Diary 2019

JUNE

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

JULY

10th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
10th	Full Council	7.30pm
17th	Roads and Pavements Safety Steering Group	7.00pm
17th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	8.00pm
31st	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
31st	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.00pm
31st	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	7.30pm

AUGUST

14th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
14th	Full Council	7.30pm
28th	Planning & Environment Committee	7.00pm
28th	Finance & General Purposes Committee	7.30pm
28th	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	8.00pm

All meetings are now held at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way.

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

Our noticeboards can found at;

- Bedford Road - opposite the Cock Inn PH
- Bedford Road - outside Wootton Lower School
- Bedford Road - outside Manor Road Flats
- Bedford Road - outside the Memorial Hall
- Hall End - adjacent to the post box

(<http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/noticeboard>)



Email: john.wheeler@bedford.gov.uk
Phone: 07913 409 433

I would like to **thank everybody who voted for me** in the recent elections and I am very proud to be representing you as Ward Councillor for the next four years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neera Regmi who was a great support to me over the elections, Wootton Parish Council (especially Sue Playford and Gareth Lloyd), the churches, clubs, schools and residents for all their support over the last four years. It has been a hard fight to get Wootton heard but at least now the village is getting the benefits and funding promised from the new developments. Plus the famous shops at Berryfields have all been approved and the developers have informed me work will start in July of this year!

As you will have noticed the work on **widening the pavement on Fields Road** is now under way and will be followed by the new crossing adjacent to the surgery and then the resurfacing of Fields Road. Wootton Parish Council and I are still consulting with the Borough Council regarding average speed cameras around the village and the resurfacing of Bedford Road as a starting point. The Borough Council are still investigating the cause of the leak on Cause End Road.



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.

The Greener Cleaner Wootton campaign being run by Jonny Syrratt is going well and has been supported by Wootton residents, schools and clubs. Talks have been held with the Borough to look into recycling bins in various locations around the village and temporary bins have been introduced to monitor use.

We have the **Wootton Fun Fest** coming up on **Saturday the 13th July** at the recreation ground from 1pm - 9pm. As always, it will be a great day out and the Committee has been working hard to organise attractions and music. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Please see below updates from the wider Borough which may be of interest:

- **Rough Sleeper Initiative:** The Council is to receive £383k from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to continue a range of services to support rough sleepers. The money will be used to provide units of accommodation and outreach workers.
- **Hospital Merger:** The proposed merger between Bedford Hospital Trust and Luton & Dunstable Hospital Trust is still no further forward. In December a bid from the Trusts for around £150m

to enable the merger was unsuccessful, meaning that alternative funding options are now being considered. When the merger was announced in 2017 both Chief Executives pledged that it would see the retention of key services on both sites including maternity, paediatrics and A & E.

- **Police Grant:** Bedfordshire Police has been awarded £1m from the Home Office to tackle violent crime. This is in addition to the successful bid for £4.571m in December 2018 for the same purpose.

- **East Midlands Trains Franchise:** The Department for Transport (DfT) has awarded the new East Midland Railway franchise to Abellio, which will take over from Stagecoach in August. The East Midlands Railway is the line providing fast trains to Bedford (i.e. those travelling to and from St Pancras in under 40 minutes). Since May 2018 fast trains have

not been serving Bedford in peak hours due to an upgrade to the Midland Main Lane. The DfT has stated to local media that the peak hours service will return to Bedford (with 2 trains per hour) once the upgrade to the Midland Main Line has been completed towards the end of 2020. Bedford is currently on the 'Intercity' line which runs from St Pancras to Derby and Nottingham, amongst other destinations. Under the new franchise Bedford will be on the St Pancras – Corby line, meaning that those travelling north beyond Corby will have to disembark at Kettering to change trains.

Please note my Surgeries are: The first Saturday of the month at Wootton Library 11am to 12pm and every Wednesday at the Hub, Cause End Road from 10am to 12pm.

Classes are kept small and held in Wootton Chance to relax with cake and a cuppa after each class.

Invitations to our events including buggy walks, picnics and mummy nights out.



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

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Hello from everyone at Bizzy Bee's.

We had a busy Spring term and the Summer term is off to a flying start. There are 11 children moving up to 'big school' this September, so we will be spending lots of time getting them ready for their transitions.

Our **parents evening** was a great success, with all the parents and carers able to look through their child's progress files and speak with their Key Person about all the achievements and wonderful activities they have been up to.

Bizzy Bee's put on a lovely **Mother's Day tea** for all the Mum's, Nans and Carers, with cakes galore! We then of course have something in store for all the Dad's and Grandad's in June for Father's Day... nobody gets left out of the fun here at Bizzy Bees!

We held our very first **Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt** with a raffle full of amazing prizes. All the children had lots of fun and we even had a lamb come to visit us for the morning. This event helped in raising some much-needed funds which have gone back into the Pre-School towards purchasing some sensory resources.

The children have been working very hard practicing their dance for the Wootton

Lower School **May Fayre**—all fingers are crossed for good weather. We will soon be getting geared up for Sports Day and hope to see lots of parent participation too!

We currently have **spaces available** for the new academic year of September 2019, so please get in touch for an application form.

Bizzy Bee's offer free-flow sessional day care including Breakfast and Lunch Clubs for young children from 2 years to school age.

Our days are term time only Monday to Friday 8.15am – 3.45pm. We accept 2-year-old funding and 3-4 year old 15 and 30 hour funding for all of our sessions. We also accept cross funding if your child attends/would like to attend more than one Pre-School.

Sessions are:

Breakfast Club: 8.15-9am

Breakfast provided AM session: 9-12pm

Lunch Club: 12-12.45pm

Please bring a packed lunch PM session: 12.45-3.45pm

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BACI has been granted the Right of Appeal in recognition of the Substantive Grounds against the Judge's decision to uphold the award of an Environmental Permit to Covanta by the Environment Agency. The Appeal focuses on the legal requirement to prevent contaminated water entering Stewartby Lake that the EA has ignored. The Appeal will be heard in Court on 2/3 July. With a successful Appeal, the EA must cancel Covanta's Environmental Permit.



Please support BACI, for more detail see

**bedsagainstincinerator.
wordpress.com**

Thank you.

Are you worried about your child?

- Do they suffer from anxiety, stress or phobias?
- Have they suffered a loss or bereavement?
- Are they withdrawn or continually unhappy?
- Have they suffered a trauma or abuse?
- Are they at risk of being excluded from school?
- Do they have nightmares or disturbed sleep?



Vivienne Price

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Play Therapy could help, it is a form of counselling or psychotherapy in which play is used as a means of helping children communicate their feelings, and to move forward from traumatic events or difficult periods in their lives. I am practising in schools around Bedford with children aged 4-16, and will soon offer sessions after school and in the holidays, in Wootton. Please call for an informal chat.

Website: www.soothing soulsplaytherapy.com

Email: vprice@soothing soulsplaytherapy.com

Tel: 07485-101904.

Wootton Vale Retirement Community Is Open



The sight of construction vehicles and builders busying themselves on our Fields Road site will have become common over the last year. And now, after months of work, millions of bricks and tonnes of concrete, we're delighted to be welcoming residents into bpha's Wootton Vale Retirement Community.

We're extremely proud of our new community of one and two-bedroom apartments, designed specifically for the over 55s and brimming with modern yet homely features.



Alongside private accommodation, a resident lounge and cinema room, Wootton Vale also plays home to a state-of-the-art hairdressing and beauty salon which is open to residents and non-residents. **Hairdresser Sarah Bunting** can be contacted on **07853 357 658** and is onsite on Thursday and Friday but

also offers appointments on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday if pre-arranged. **Beautician Jen Mulligan** will also be at Wootton Vale on a Monday and Thursday, offering some evening appointments, and can be contacted on **07964 011657**.

If you'd like to find out more about living at Wootton Vale Retirement Community, please get in touch by calling us on **0330 100 0272** or emailing **info@bpha.org.uk**.

And finally, we know how disruptive any construction project can be so would like to say thank you all for your patience and understanding during the building of this retirement community.



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



Gardening - the children have enjoyed growing plants and vegetables. The children have planted a herb garden, potatoes, French beans, courgettes, nasturtiums and grown sweet peas to make a sweet pea tepee.

Gardening has so many benefits for the children, it engages all the senses, enhances fine motor development, introduces scientific concepts, math skills, social skills, teaches responsibility and patience, encourages healthy eating and most importantly it is fun!

Forest School – we have introduced new activities at Forest School - pulleys, whittling and palm drills. They have enjoyed having a snack and listening to stories and rhymes while sitting at our log circle. Our focus story has been Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been acting out the story and practising a loud giant's voice booming out, "Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman." We have made a beanstalk in the wooded area, looked at beans and seen how many beans we can hold in our hands. The children have planted some beans in clear plastic bags without soil, and are eagerly waiting to see if they grow!!

Pet Corner – the children have been learning

about how to take care of, feed, cuddle and clean up after our guinea pig, Nibbles. They have been taking it in turns to take Nibbles home for the weekend. The children have enjoyed drawing pictures of Nibbles and these are displayed in our 'Art Gallery'. Lorna has also brought in a rescue hedgehog for the children to meet. The children have learnt all about hedgehogs, including what they like to eat, how they move around our gardens and how we can help them.



Mothers Day – to celebrate our amazing parents, mums and grannies were invited for a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party. We decorated the room with bunting and daffodils. The

mums and grannies were served tea and cakes and presented with a bunch of flowers and handmade gifts from their children.

Easter - the children took part in an Easter Bonnet parade on Friday 5th April. They wore some fantastic bonnets and a hamper was awarded to the best bonnet. The children took part in an Easter egg hunt; and they went to Church for a short service to celebrate Easter.

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 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 receives funding for early years education. It is open each weekday during term-time only; and offers all day care.

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**.

Children not eligible for funding – Fees are £3.75 per hour (£11.25 for a 3-hour session).

Children eligible for funding but attending another setting – Children may take sessions at a combination of pre-schools or nurseries, however, for any session where we do not receive funding fees are £3.75 per hour (£11.25 for a 3-hour session).

Term time opening hours:

Mon 9.00 – 12.00

Tues, Wed and Fri 9.00 – 16.00

Thurs 9.00 – 15.00



"I promise that I will do my best to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community to help other people, and to keep the Brownie Guide Law."

This is the Brownie Guide Promise, which we are very proud of at 2nd Wootton Brownies! And we do our best to keep it!

Did you know there are two brownie units (girls age 7-10) and 2 rainbow units (girls aged 4-6) in Wootton? They are very busy units and full of wonderful girls who are learning new skills, working together and looking after others and their world. We are always trying to do new things and we have just done the WWF Earth Hour where we considered how we care for our earth and use resources responsibly. We also enjoyed taking part in the clear up campaign in Wootton! We learn many skills together that help the girls to find out who they are and how they can grow in the things they love to do. **And we have a LOT of fun!**

Being a volunteer in rainbows, brownies and guides is a wonderful privilege to share special time with a group of girls and watch them learn and grow together. The 1st Wootton Rainbow Unit (Monday evenings) will be looking for a new leader to support our younger girls to enjoy the fun and laughter of friendship and learning about themselves and the world around them! **Could you be part of this great team?**

If you want to know more about brownies, rainbows or guides please contact as we would love to hear from you!

Please contact **Jennie Grove** - jennie.grove@girlguiding.org.uk

Poem

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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Stewartby Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



News and Forthcoming Events

Our Major production this year will be the ever popular *Pirates of Penzance* planned for 19th-23rd November 2019 at Stewartby Village Hall (see poster elsewhere in this newsletter). If you are interested in joining us, as performer or backstage do come along and find out more. Informal workshops were/are being held on 30th May and 3rd, 6th and 10th June and auditions for principals are being held on Thursday 13th June, all at Stewartby Church Hall. We are always keen to welcome newcomers, so do come and talk to us about performing or helping out backstage; light, sound, costume, stage design and stage management. We particularly welcome young people who might like to become involved. Performing Arts students may be interested in contacting us if they would like to gain practical experience in the community.

For further information,
phone **Carol** on **01234 767618**

or visit our website
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Wootton Baptist Church



'What a mess this poor old country is in', a man said to me recently. I had to agree that things seem to have gone from bad to worse in the last few years. I reminded him that the country was just the same. It was the people in it who were the problem.

We live in one of the most blessed countries in the world, with the majority of people having sufficient on which to live and where thousands of people from other countries also want to live. We have welcomed many new people into the village over the last few years and still more will come. Facilities in our village have improved, new schools, new Community Halls, a new Residential home. (we could do with a few more shops). Also willing people in the village to look after our needs.

Why is it then, that people say our country is in a mess? It's not a material mess we are in, but a spiritual mess. Few people seem willing to acknowledge that God is the one who has blessed this country and has done for centuries. Few people acknowledge God's spiritual laws. These were all set down for the good of all people, whether they live in this country or not.

I think everyone knows the world is neither a safer nor a better place now. The Bible talks about wars and rumours of wars and earthquakes in many places, as the time of the end draws near. Obviously Governments have not got the answer. The foundations are being shaken and basic principles

which we thought to be unshakable, are being thrown over. So, where is the answer? Another man said to me recently, 'Religion is the cause of most of the world's problems.' I agreed with him. History has proved that.

Jesus Christ demonstrated a way of peace and forgiveness while He was here. It is all recorded in the Bible. In Matthew chapters 5, 6 & 7, which are called the Beatitudes, the standards are so high that none of us can keep them. Even though Jesus set the standards, He knew we would not be able to keep them. That is the reason why Jesus died on a cross to forgive our shortcoming and unbelief.

God's judgement of sin is rarely heard of or preached in our churches. Religion will never help us, but the Bible tells us of the Good news of Jesus Christ, which is said to be one of the best kept secrets of today. The Bible tells me that we 'must all stand before the Judgement seat of Christ' That's why we believe that the good news of the Gospel is the only way to God, by trusting Jesus Christ's sacrifice in our place and the free gift of Eternal Life and a relationship with God the Father.

Our Church is open to anyone who wishes to come. You will get a welcome. Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.00pm. The coffee morning is on Tuesdays from 10am to mid-day.

On behalf of the fellowship
at Wootton Baptist Church,
Rob Stanton

WOOTTON FUN FEST *FREE EVENT*

Wootton Parish Council Presents

Saturday 13th July
Wootton Recreation Ground
1pm - 9pm

1pm - LOCAL TALENT Students from Wootton Upper & Kimberly
2pm - LAVOLTA Duo playing pop gems from the 21st Century
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Outstanding Parish Council Issues & Projects

Item

Location

Deadline

Average Speed Cameras

To be determined

Ongoing

A need for Average Speed Cameras was identified during the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire process by residents. This is currently being investigated with (1.) BBC's Highways Department as a project to take forward and will be funded using Community Infrastructure Levy funding (2.) and s106 Developer Contributions

Community Centre

Berryfields

Ongoing

The charitable trust is in the process of being formed, following the community centre's transfer into the ownership of the parish council. Any further details regarding bookings and general enquiries should be addressed to the charitable trust at woottoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

Covanta Incinerator

Stewartby parish

Ongoing

Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator (BACI) is currently fundraising to support the appeal against the decision by the Environment Agency to award an Environmental Permit. That appeal will be held in the Appeal Court on 2nd/3rd July. For fuller information please BACI's website at: <https://bedsagainstinincinerator.wordpress.com/> or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/residentsagainstcovanta/?ref=bookmarks>

Local Plan 2035 (now 2030)

Throughout the village

Ongoing

The Mayor's Executive approved BBC's final Local Plan for submission in December 2018. It must now be examined by the Planning Inspectorate, which could take several months to complete. For fuller details please visit their website: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/local-plan-2030/>

Lorraine Road

Lorraine Road cemetery

Ongoing

Cemetery extension

(3.) WPC is ringfencing money annually and will approach the Crown Estate (adjoining landowners) to request it be permitted to purchase an area of land adjacent to the existing cemetery in order to extend it

Marston Vale Innovation Park

Towards the A421

Ongoing

BBC approved the proposal despite WPC's and numerous objections. A Development Liaison Group (consisting of parish councillors and residents) met in September 2018 with representatives from BBC and Goodmans (who will be developing the Innovation Park). The idea is to pass as much information on to residents to keep everyone informed on latest developments. Please check our website and Facebook page for further information

Memorial Hall Play Area resurfacing

Memorial Hall, Bedford Road

2019

WPC wishes to resurface underneath the existing play equipment in order to make it safer and easier to use in bad weather and intends to use either s106 Developer Contributions or Community Infrastructure Levy funding

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) resurfacing

Recreation ground, Church Road

2019

WPC wishes to resurface the MUGA and intends to use s106 Developer Contributions

Neighbourhood Plan	The whole civil parish of Wootton	2019
Findings from the second consultation (entitled Issues & Options) were published on WPC's website and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues to make good progress towards delivering a Neighbourhood Plan that meets resident's wants and needs		
Parking restrictions	Several sites within the village	2019
The Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group continues to meet every other month to raise issues (including parking restrictions) for BBC to consider. Residents are welcome to attend those meetings. Minutes to view are available at: http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/files/index?folder_id=10434511 (or request a hard copy from the clerk)		
Planters	Bedford Road (opposite the Memorial Hall) and Fields Road (near the Berryfields development)	2019
WPC has received the licence paperwork and two further planters should be in place at the time of reading this article		
Real Time Passenger Information (bus stops)	Four bus stop sites within the village	2019
WPC wishes to install electronic real time passenger information at a number of bus stops in the village and intends to use Community Infrastructure Levy funding		
Roads and Pavements	Throughout the village	Ongoing
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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 has been sought from Historic England and BBC and the parish council is looking to also seek advice from a suitably qualified brickwork specialist		
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. The project has been delayed as BBC have had numerous similar requests from other parish and town councils, so need to agree how best to proceed		
Wootton Village sign(s)	Various locations	2019
The sign on Bedford/Wootton Road has been cleaned up and re-lettered. A flower bed has been added at the front and should be planted at the time of reading this article. Plans for other signs at other locations will then be determined		

Key:

1. Bedford Borough Council
2. For further information on what Community Infrastructure Levy funding and s106 Developer Contributions are please visit: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/community-infrastructure-levy/>
3. Wootton Parish Council

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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Meetings

Our meetings will be held at
5pm on the first Tuesday
of the month in future.

With the advent of summer and the long school holidays many of you will be looking to travel abroad. Please remember to check if you need any **vaccinations** for the countries you intend to visit. The nurses at the surgery will be happy to advise you. Just fill in a form obtainable from the surgery.

If your child is starting school in September, check that their **immunisations** are up to date. It is surprising how many parents forget because of their busy lives. Please ensure that your child is up to date with the **MMR** vaccine as measles, although under control, is on the increase, I quote from the **GOV.UK** site:



"Between 1 January 2018 and 31 October 2018, there have been 913 laboratory-

confirmed measles cases in England. This steep rise in cases (when compared to 259 lab-confirmed measles cases in 2017), was associated with outbreaks linked to importations from Europe that have led to some limited spread in the community, particularly teenagers and young adults who missed out on their MMR vaccine when they were younger. The measles outbreaks previously reported in different parts of the country are now under control, and we have seen a sharp decline in the number of measles cases reported."

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can lead to complications at any age.

Have you used the Extended Access Services yet? Would you be prepared to share your experience of this with the PPG? The Extended Access Service has been set up to accommodate people who cannot attend doctor's appointments within the surgery hours because of work or other commitments. All the usual services offered at your own surgery are available with the extended access but the appointments are held at either Riverfield Drive or London Road surgeries. Your practice will book these appointments for you and you will still get a text reminder. At the moment the uptake on these appointments is low with about 25% not being booked. The PPG is in the position to feedback to BEDOC whether this service is working and useful so we would be grateful if you could email us or drop a note in our box in the surgery.

Please note we no longer use our **Facebook** page. If you wish to contact us please use the suggestion box in the surgery or email us at **wootton.ppg@outlook.com**.

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Looking Ahead at Wootton Library

Pyjamarama week (from the Book Trust) runs from the **3rd-9th June**, there will be a special **story time with Ted** on **Thursday on 6th June**.

June 12th sees our 100th meeting of **Are you sitting Comfortably?**
Ask in the library for more details.

To celebrate **Wimbledon fortnight**, we are offering tea/coffee and scones to all our customers on **5th July**, bring your friends along for a cuppa and a chat.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** starts on **13th July** at Wootton Library!

Come and join us for **Space Chase fun crafts** throughout the holidays.

We look forward to seeing you!



what's coming up this summer...

Please be aware that due to some supply problems we may have to change a craft listed at short notice

Saturday 13th July

11.00am-12.30pm
Space Chase Glasses/
Self-portrait for our Rocket
Launch!
Jigsaw/Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 20th July

11.00am-12.30pm
Rocket Gliders
Jigsaw/Lego/Colouring
Club

Monday 22nd July

2.00pm-4.30pm
Solar System Wooden
Mobile
Lego/Colouring Club

Tuesday 23rd July

10.00am -11.30am
Rocket Wands
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 24th July

2.00pm-4.30pm
Solar System Wreaths
Lego/
Colouring Club

Thursday 25th July

10.00am -11.30am
Solar System Colour in
Window Decoration
10.30am - 10.50am
Story Time with Ted

Friday 26th July

2.00pm-4.30pm
Wooden Stand Up Rockets
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 27th July

11.00am-12.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Lego/Colouring/
Jigsaw Club

Monday 29th July

2.00pm-4.30pm
Solar Dotty Art Craft
Lego/
Colouring Club

Tuesday 30th July

10.00am -11.30am
Solar System
Scratch Art
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 31st July

2.00pm-4.30pm
Alien Pom Pom Kits
Lego/Colouring Club

Thursday 1st August

10.00am -11.30am
Rocket Collage
10.30am - 10.50am
Story Time with Ted

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Friday 2nd August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Solar System Sticker Scene
Lego/
Colouring Club

Saturday 3rd August

11.00am-12.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Jigsaw/Lego/
Colouring Club

Monday 5th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Unicorn Mask
Lego/Colouring Club

Tuesday 6th August

10.00am -11.30am
Dragon Scratch Art
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 7th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Unicorn Colour in Biff Bats
Lego/
Colouring Club

Thursday 8th August

10.00am -11.30am
Dragon Colour in Gliders
10.30am - 10.50am
Story Time with Ted

Friday 9th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Dragon Spiral Mobiles
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 10th August

11.00am-12.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Jigsaw/Lego/
Colouring Club

Monday 12th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Design a Sword
Lego/Colouring Club

Tuesday 13th August

10.00am -11.30am
Knight and Dragon
Sticker Scene
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 14th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Design your own
Body Armour
Lego/Colouring Club

Thursday 15th August

10.00am -11.30am
Helmet Face Masks
10.30am-10.50am
Story Time with Ted

Friday 16th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Design your own Shield
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 17th August

11.00am-12.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Jigsaw/Lego/
Colouring Club

Monday 19th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Dinosaur Colour in
Window Decoration

Tuesday 20th August

10.00am -11.30am
Dinosaur Scratch Art Magnet
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 21st August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Dinosaur Mask
Lego/Colouring Club

Thursday 22nd August

10.00am -11.30am
Dinosaur Collage
10.30am -10.50am
Story Time with Ted

Friday 23rd August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Dinosaur Sun Catchers
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 24th August

11.00am-12.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Jigsaw/Lego/Colouring Club

Tuesday 27th August

10.00am -11.30am
Pirate Sticker Scene
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 28th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Decorate a Pirate Sword
Lego/Colouring Club

Thursday 29th August

10.00am -11.30am
Dress a Pirate
10.30am - 10.50am
Story Time with Ted

Friday 30th August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Pirate Mask
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 31st August

2.00pm-4.30pm
Lucky Dip Crafts
Lego/Colouring and Jigsaw Club

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Monday 2nd September

2.00pm-4.30pm
Summer Lucky Dip Crafts
Lego/Colouring Club

Tuesday 3rd September

10.00am -11.30am
Summer Lucky Dip Crafts
10.15am -10.45am
Baby Fun Time

Wednesday 4th September

2.00pm-4.30pm
Summer Lucky Dip Crafts
Lego/Colouring Club

Saturday 7th September

11.00am – 12.30pm
Summer Lucky Dip Crafts
Jigsaw/Lego/Colouring Club

Don't Forget our Regular Events:

1st Saturday of each month – **Councillor Surgery** (11.00am-12 noon)

Thursdays (10:30 – 11:30pm) – **Crafty Thursday for Adults**

Fridays (2:00 – 3:00pm) – **Knit and Natter**

Wednesdays (2:30-3:30pm) – **Are You Sitting Comfortably?**

And **tea** at 3:00pm

Plus:

Fun time for the Under 5s – Mondays
(2:30 – 2:50pm)

Colouring Club – Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays
(3:30 – 4:30pm)
Saturdays (11:00 – 12:30pm)

Lego Club – Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays
(3:45 – 4:45pm)
Saturdays (11.00 – 12:30pm)

Baby Fun-Time (for 0-18mths),
Tuesdays (10.15-10.45am)

Jigsaw Club – Saturdays (11:00 – 12:30pm)

Storytime with Ted –
Thursdays (10.30-10.50am)

Tiddlers and Toddlers – 2.15-2.45pm
(Rhymes, Songs and Crafty things
for 0-4 year olds, starting 10th May)

Craft – Saturdays (11.00am–12.30pm)



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a day allowed by planning

Location = next to Millennium
Country Park/Forest Centre

Lifespan = up to 40 years

Now Fundraising for Appeal

Covanta Incinerator

Help us Fight Back - BACI is looking forward to another day in Court challenging the Covanta Incinerator Environmental Permit.

Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator (BACI) has received permission to move forward to a full hearing at one of the Highest Courts in England - the Court of Appeal at the Royal Courts of Justice. The reasons the Appeal Judge gave for granting permission were that "The grounds of appeal have real prospects of success" and the case continues to be classed as an environmental issue of public concern.

Although Covanta have the required permit to build the Incinerator originally granted in 2011 - the Environmental Permit is required in order to operate the plant. BACI is delighted that the Environment Agency and Covanta will need to face not just ONE but THREE Judges at the Court

of Appeal regarding this essential permit.

Why are we against the Incinerator?

The longevity of this development effectively locks us into an environmental dead-end. The Incinerator has a life-span of up to 40 years and each and every day of that 40 years it will need feeding with over 1,600 tonnes of waste. Each and every day it will produce 400 tonnes of Incinerator Bottom Ash as a by-product that will need to be taken away from the Site. Such a constant requirement will make it less likely that innovation and funding will be put into more environmentally friendly alternatives to deal with our Waste. Additionally - the planning permit does not limit the catchment area that Covanta (or their partners) are able to source waste from - so legally waste could be arriving in Bedfordshire from all over the UK. It is indicated that this waste will not even be household black bag waste - but commercial and industrial waste - mainly provided via Covanta's partner Veolia.

Emissions from the plant include Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Heavy Metals and Nano-Particles PM2.5 PM10. Some of these emissions to surface water have been totally overlooked by the Environment Agency and although the emissions from the chimney stack are stated as monitored - a) this monitoring is to be carried out by Covanta and not an independent third party and b) there are many conditions/instances where the Environment Agency will allow Covanta to go over the so called safe emission value limits without any need to report and without recourse.

The location of the site is also astonishingly inappropriate for the development. The number of HGVs that is allowed by planning is 594 movements a day - all using Green Lane which is essentially just a village road. Additionally each and every one of those movements take the HGV's directly past a Sixth Form College and will see the traffic constantly held up by traversing a village level crossing - adding to the net pollution.



The Incinerator site is directly adjacent to the Millennium Country Park and Forest Centre - a popular family destination which currently sees up to 400,000 visitors a year. The site is also situated within the Natural Bowl of the Forest of Marston Vale which periodically experiences localised weather conditions - which have the ability

to force air emissions from the chimney downward to ground level rather than them being dispersed in the normal way. This weather phenomenon was observed and endured by many residents during the operational period of the Stewartby Brickworks.

This area of Bedfordshire continues to grow at an alarming rate - and it is of concern that we continue to get reports that new home buyers who not aware of the Incinerator as it is not appearing on the solicitor searches - thereby taking further control away from residents.

Please help us take back control and continue to legally challenge the Environmental Permit.

Go to bedsagainstinincinerator.com or search facebook for 'residents against covanta' for more details how you can get involved before its to late.

Nicola Ryan-Raine - Chairman
Bedfordshire Against Covanta Incinerator

Please help us take back control and continue to legally challenge the Environmental Permit.



Wootton WI - INSPIRING WOMEN

Wootton WI held a very successful Dabble Evening in March when we tried our hands at different crafts. Some of us embellished silk pictures, others made embroidered cards or gift bags or decorated picture frames, nearly everyone who attended went home with something they had created. Dabble evenings are very popular as it is a good way to mix with other members whilst learning something new.

We held our Annual Meeting in April and welcomed several new members onto our committee. It is important to have new members on the committee to keep our ideas fresh and up to date. Every member brings expertise from areas of their lives and has something to offer.

At present a group of ladies are knitting for the special baby unit at Bedford Hospital. They are making bonding squares, small blankets which can be layered up to keep the babies warm, premature baby hats and canula covers. These items are given to the parents to take home when their baby is discharged so a continuous supply is welcomed by the unit.

Upcoming Events

June 19th – Low Maintenance Gardening

**July 17th – Learn about the History of
Flitwick Manor**

August 21st – Our Centenary Celebration

(For catering purposes would visitors please let a committee member know if you wish to attend this particular meeting)

**All visitors welcome at a cost of £4pp
including tea or coffee and a biscuit.**

**Meetings start at 7-30pm in the
Memorial Hall.**

Poem

The Supermarket Meeting



(A bit of classic fiction in a modern setting)

She anxiously approached the
local superstore
She guided her trolley and opened the
door
Undercover she folded her wet brolly
And stowed it safely inside her trolley

Would he be there she pondered
Or would her time be squandered
Winding her way through the throng
Was it the right day, or had she got it
wrong.

Whilst she selected the items from her list
Her eyes were roving – had she missed?
She scanned the faces of every male
Slowly realised she was going to fail.

As the end of the store loomed nearer
and nearer
She was sure he wasn't there, nothing
could be clearer.
Finally she checked the long central aisle
A man at the entrance looked like his
style.

Abandoning her trolley she started to run
She was almost certain that this was the
one
"Heathcliff, Heathcliff" she cried
My name is Derek he quietly replied.

KEP

Memories of WW2 ...part 2

The Land Army

Young women were not immune to the call-up, they either joined the forces or went into the Land Army. Mrs McKeegan (Cicely Redman) spent time in the Land Army. Living in a hostel with 19 other girls there was a race for the bathroom. If sent to a farm to help with the corn, the sheaves had to be gathered and then stand in stooks to allow the corn to dry before being carted to the threshing machine. It was heavy work throwing the sheaves up onto the machine, even more so to be standing on the top cutting the strings off the sheaves before dropping them into the drum – especially when they contained a nest of mice. String was tied around trouser legs (leg straps) in case the mice looked for a quick escape route.

Life on the Farm

Frank Cook, a farmer's son lived at Bourne End Farm, Wootton. On the last Saturday in September 1939 a lady arrived with four young boys from London. Frank's mother was distraught as how to cope with the extra lads. The boys had never been on a farm and the first thing one of them asked was where the nearest pub and fish and chip shop were. They only stayed one week then returned to London. When biking to school Frank passed a search light based on the hill between Hall End and Wood End. Some of the soldiers working the light used to help in the harvest. In 1943 a pigeon unit from the RAF was based on the farm joining the Land Army girls. A gang of about 20 men from the Free Polish Air Force helped to dig the potato crop. Many of them had gold false teeth. They said that it was the custom in Poland and also served as an emergency supply of money. Air Force and Army and Navy Weeks were sometimes held in the village. Concerts were held in the old school to raise money to send parcels, etc. to the forces abroad. Bill Juffs' father was the Wootton baker and delivered twice a



week. Stale loaves would be soaked in milk, heated in the oven and were as good as new. In 1945 there were now many thousands of Italian prisoners of war in this country. The farm had four every day and in harvest sometimes six. The Italians were a happy lot. The discipline in their camp was enforced by the threat of cutting off their hair of which they were very proud. Eventually farming/holiday camps for volunteer Londoners were started, one was at Ampthill. They were cockney women of all ages. Imagine a 16-year-old lad in charge of 20 of them, not understanding their cockney language, then German prisoners arrived. Thurleigh Aerodrome was seen quite clearly from Bourne End Farm and American Flying Fortress aeroplanes could be seen leaving and returning.

8th May 1945 - VE Day, Victory in Europe. There was a fair behind the Cock Inn and everyone felt so happy that the war had ended at last. However, the forces were still on the battle fronts and did not return home for a long time.

Viv Minney

Reflections

Why on earth had he done it?

Peter knew why, really. Money.

The possibility of escape from the endless cycle of running out of funds before the end of the month, borrowing to see himself through until the next payday, and then having to repay that debt as soon as his wages hit his bank, which left him short after just another two or three weeks, needing another loan until the end of that month.....

And so it went on.

He managed to keep his head above water; he managed to exist, but only just. There was never enough to buy anything new for himself. He was sure that none of his mates had that problem. They always seemed able to buy a new pair of designer trainers or jeans, or take a girlfriend out for a meal, whenever they wanted. Paul had even been able to buy a new car a few months ago.

If only he could change his job, get one where he could earn more. But there weren't many vacancies at the moment. Times were hard, and very few companies were recruiting. The only ones who did advertise seemed to be offering the world, but on a commission-only basis, and that was far too great a risk in his position.

It wasn't because he did not have a good education. He had achieved good A-level results, but had opted not to try for a university place. He wasn't academically inclined, and he regarded another three years study as a block to stop him going out into the real world. Some guys took a gap year, then went on to Uni to study arty farty subjects like performing arts, or



psychology, ran up huge student loans, and came out at the end with no more chance of a decent job, and four years wasted.

His career so far at the insurance company had been less lucrative than he had hoped for. There had only been one promotion in all the five years he had been there, and he had been stuck in the medical and travel department for the last two of them. His present financial circumstances were forcing him to cut back in all sorts of ways. He'd had to cancel his gym membership, but there was no chance of him putting on weight! He ate much less than he used to, and walked almost everywhere he went. So, fewer calories and lots of exercise.

He had stopped drinking except for a couple of pints on a Saturday night, and he had changed to drinking those at the Carpenters Arms by the council estate, because their beer was twenty pence a pint less than anywhere else in town.

It was while he was in there about six months previously, that he had overheard three rough looking men deep in conversation. He was particularly depressed at the time, and hadn't been paying any attention to what was going on around him. The men were obviously up

to no good, planning some dodgy activity. Gradually he became aware of the gist of what they were discussing in hushed voices. They were talking about burglaries, houses they were breaking into, and bemoaning the fact that they took huge risks for very little gain. Peter gleaned, from the snatches of conversation he heard, that they were often disturbed by the householders waking up while they were in the houses, and had to make their escape, leaving their loot behind. They were also bemoaning the fact that what they were able to steal was often of poor quality, and fetched little money when they took them to their fence.

"If only we could work from a list of wealthy people, who were away from home on some expensive holiday!" whispered one of the three.

Peter had never done anything remotely illegal in his life, but when he ran out of money during the following week, his plan had suddenly sprung into his head.

The following day at work, he looked through his worksheets at the insurance policies he had sold since the start of that financial period. There it was, all the information neatly laid out on the printout on his desk. Names, addresses, phone numbers, holiday destinations, dates of departure and return, everything!

Some of his clients were just going away for a few days on package holidays to Majorca, or Tenerife. They wouldn't promise rich pickings. But some of them, well! Weeks away, on holidays to South America, or the Caribbean, cruises on luxury liners to exotic destinations.

His records even showed whether any of his customers had household insurance with his company, and although that was a different department, he could look up the

value of the contents insured. Items worth over one thousand pounds were itemised. He had serious reservations about the plot that was developing in his head, but the arrival of the notification of next year's council tax made up his mind.

The following Saturday, he was at the Carpenters Arms again, when the three scruffy men came in. "Buy you a pint?" he said to them. "I may have something of interest for you."

They were very suspicious of him, but pricked up their ears when he started telling them about the information he could provide to make their nefarious activities more profitable. They would all have enough information about each other to put all of them inside, so there would be no grassing up, and the only matter to be decided was Peter's cut. So it started, and based on their new intelligence, the gang started making more money than they had ever dreamed of.

Six months later, Peter hated himself, and had been considering owning up to the police, to salve his conscience.

But as he switched off his new sixty inch flat screen TV, and poured himself another VSOP brandy, on reflection, he decided not to.

Colin Zardin



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see our website.

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Weds 7pm term time
Church Hall.

J.A.M (ages 14-18)

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at the Church Hall

Wrigglers Parent/toddler group. Every Monday in term time 9.30am at Wootton Baptist Church

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Rev'd Peter Ackroyd:
768391
Church Office: 765375



www.stmaryswootton.org.uk



Summer Holiday Club

Tues 20 -

Fri 23 August

Book the dates in your diary for our summer holiday club (for children who are currently in Reception to Year 8) for lots of fun! More details on how to book on our website and Facebook page. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Babies & Toddlers: 'Wrigglers'

Wrigglers meets every Monday during term time from 9.30am and is held at Wootton Baptist Church. Hot drinks, squash, biscuits, crafts, good company and fun for your little ones! Pop along one Monday. More details on our website or on the Wrigglers Facebook page

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



News from the Forest of Marston Vale



Tree planting is what gets the team here at the Forest of Marston Vale REALLY excited, and this tree planting season was a whopper! With the help of lots of lovely local people who share our passion for trees, we've planted up half of a new woodland in Wilstead – around 5000 saplings. We'll be planting the other half next February, and I hope lots more people get inspired to come and join in.

We've also been really busy planting trees with hundreds of lower school children throughout the Forest. We've planted nearly 4000 trees, with well over 1000 children, and helped to transform their grounds into interesting spaces to play and watch wildlife. The project is funded by Defra, and aims to involve as many children as possible with tree planting. We had an absolutely brilliant time planting at Wootton Lower School (their new Harris Way site) this winter. Families and friends braved some pretty chilly conditions over the course of the week, to plant over 1700 small trees. The teacher coordinating the week, Heather Burry, did an amazing job of coordinating classes (and grown-up helpers!), and helped to make sure things ran like clockwork. We hope those little trees will grow and thrive, providing the children with shade, clean air, as well as

providing habitats for wildlife and so much more.

As usual, our Wood Wardens have been doing a fantastic job of clearing litter from the Green Gateway woods between Wootton and Kempston. They act as our eyes and ears on the ground, and can make us aware of any issues almost as soon as they happen, which means that we can deal with fly-tipping and overgrowing brambles (and lots of other things) so much faster than we could before. We are still facing issues with bags of dog mess in our woods, so this is another heartfelt plea – dog owners, please please please take your dog mess home with you, or to a bin on your route home. We don't provide any dog bins on our sites, because we simply don't have the resources to empty them. The vast majority of our visitors are lovely people who totally understand, leaving plastic, litter and dog mess in natural spaces is terrible for the environment.

Onto much nicer news - this year, we're delighted to have been able to support two projects in Wootton with our Community Fund grant scheme. Wootton Lower School received funds to help them create a 'Peace Garden' and Wootton Blue Cross FC was awarded funding for equipment to set up 5-a-side football pitches in the village, both great local initiatives that should benefit a lot of people. We have grants of up to £2000 to give to local communities in the Forest, for a wide range of projects, so please do either look at our website (www.marstonvale.org) or get in touch with me (jo.roberts@marstonvale.org) to find out more.



Letters to the parish council



If you have a letter you would like published and answered in the next edition, please write to The Clerk to the Council, 3 Longden Close, Haynes, MK45 3PJ or email WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com

Dear Chairman,

Why did the parish council allow this monstrosity of a warehouse to be built? You also allowed the 7.5-ton limit to be removed so are you profiting by allowing this warehouse to go ahead? Clearly, the councillors do not live here, do not care what happens to our village and are making a profit.

Resident, Fields Road

Dear Resident,

All parish councillors live in the village and therefore care what happens to Wootton and don't make any money being a parish councillor.

We and several residents tried to prevent the B8 distribution from being built. Plans for an innovation park and housing were determined some 20-30 years ago, however the B8 unit was never a feature. Residents petitioned, were interviewed on a local news channel, and the parish council employed a professional planning consultant, Andrea Pellegram (Andrea Pellegram Ltd) to try and prevent it being built. Members from Wootton Parish Council plus the Clerk also attended Bedford Borough Council's Planning Committee meetings – who ultimately determined that pollution would not be an issue, that there was no need for a separate slip road directly into the unit from the A421 (something the parish council requested in the event the B8 got the go ahead).

The bridge over the A421 into Wootton can take 43 Tonnes. The 7.5 Ton limit is to stop lorries over that limit from travelling through the village. However, a vehicle over 7.5 tonnes can drive into the village for work purposes – examples include dustcarts, emergency services vehicles and removal lorries.



To the Parish Council,

I have been told that the recreation ground car park, skate park, 5 aside pitch and play areas are covered by CCTV that the police can have access to. I have also been told that you record the car number plates that enter and leave the car park?

Anonymous

Dear Reader,

Yes, all those areas that you have named, and more, are covered by a high quality CCTV system and images are forwarded to Bedfordshire Police and Bedford Borough Council as and when incidents occur. Of late, there have been a number of anti-social behaviour incidents, drug dealing and littering and the police recently issued a number of cautions as a result. Local residents have been encouraged to report incidents on 101 and let the Clerk know, so footage can be downloaded at the earliest opportunity. The police need reports and footage to build up a profile – without that, they can't act as they won't know there is an issue! There is an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera at the entrance to the recreation ground. This camera can read through reflective tape, grease and other tricks to disguise number plates, so if your number plate starts with CP0, DL1, M23 and L18 – you've been clocked.

To the Clerk of the Council,

Why wasn't there a Parish Council election this May? My understanding was that May 2nd was to be Borough Councillor elections, Mayor elections and Parish Councillor elections. So why didn't we get to vote on who sits on our parish council?

Resident, Lorraine Road



Dear Resident,

The parish council has 15 seats and only 10 people put themselves forward to become councillors - this is known as an uncontested election. If you would like more information on becoming a parish councillor, then please contact the Clerk at WoottonParishClerk@gmail.com or 07531 930788 for more information.

WOOTTON UPPER SCHOOL PRESENTS

TEACHERS

A COMEDY BY JOHN GODBER

This amateur production of "Teachers" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD a Concord Theatricals Company.

9TH & 10TH JULY, 2019
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Wootton Upper School, Hall End Road, Wootton, MK43 9HT



Our GCSE and A Level examinations have now started after months of preparation by pupils and staff. We have our fingers crossed that when August comes and results are published, our pupils will be smiling widely and celebrating with their families. We will let you know how well they do in the Autumn.

There is much, much more to our school and college than examination results and I want to use this article to showcase some recent and future events.

In March, **two of our Year 13 students won first and second place in the Northampton University Schools Art and Design competition.** Katie Lansbury won first prize in two categories for her Japanese/Scandinavian inspired garment in the Fashion and Textiles category and also the 3D Design category- winning a total of £1000! Katie Witt won second prize in the Fashion and Textiles category - winning £250.

Recently, three of our Year 10 pupils provided entertainment at a **Senior Citizens' tea** at the Wootton Baptist Chapel. Our thanks go to Daniel for playing the cello and to Charlotte and Erin for playing the clarinet.

In school we held a **poetry competition** for Years 9, 10 and 11 pupils. There were over 200 entries. These are the winning poems:

'Dragon' by Niamh Whelan (Year 9)

I have a dragon and it never leaves my side
Not everyone can see it, but she is always there,
My dragon hides within me, occasionally she
peeps outside -
Some won't go near me; they are afraid of the
dragon's lair,
Dragon's shadow never ceases - she is always
there,

Possessive wings are able to confine;
Malicious teeth capable of plunging deep;
Talons fierce enough to twist me like a vine;
Dragon can be bestial - my wounds continue to
seep

I am the fortress of my dragon -
Where else am I to go?
Dragon is now part of me: rapidly she devours,

Time is running out, my dragon is left unslayed
No. The battle will not be lost.
I am in no need of the beast -
Dragon is not a companion; dragon is a deadly
frost.

I am stronger than the dragon -
Dragon shall fall mute;
An end to her is near - there's the death wagon:
I have slaughtered her. A spectre remains to
haunt -
But I came across it less and less.
I'm not dragon's only victim - she is always
there.

'Summer Love' by Holly Halson (Year 10)

Roses are red, violets are blue,
a statement I wholeheartedly wish to be true
Now the roses have wilted, the violets are dead
all that's left are memories stuck in my head.

One of a leisurely walk in a park
where your dog uncontrollably started to bark
We looked down fondly at the dog on the ground
and ran to a spot where we'd never be found
We laid down laughing with ease
in our secluded spot behind the trees
in that moment it was just you and me
and never had I felt so free
I felt like a bird soaring through the sky
with you by my side it was easy to fly
You leaned forward and we shared a kiss
time stood still and all I felt was bliss
However, it was a mistake you wished to erase

So, next I ended up getting replaced.
There's a new girl now whom you take to that
spot
you smile when you kiss, I guess you like her a
lot

Now my wrists are red, lips are blue
Committed by an act you can never undo
as the roses have wilted, the violets are dead
Summer's gone so I listened to the voice in my
head.

'Anna' by Aimee Thompson (Year 11)

I have a friend, her name is Anna,
She became my confidant with astonishing
alacrity
She's the most caring friend I've ever had,
at least, I think she is.
She tells me everything she does is for my
benefit,
of course, gratuitous enmity is for my benefit.
Counting calories, like I'm counting sheep,
trying to sway myself to sleep,
praying for a release that never envelops me.
She has turned my jubilant life,
into a dolorous existence.
Clawing at each inch of my skin,
I must be thin. Thin, so thin.
Until I vanish into thin air.
Anna is not beautiful, or majestic;
She is malicious and malevolent.
I have a parasite; an infestation festering in my
mind.
I am only Anna, apparently
that is all people see.
They take one look at my body, and
that is all they deem me to be.
If I am Anna, and Anna is me,
then all I am is entrhralling toxicity.

But I am not. I am not Anna.
She may have claimed my body
but she will not claim my life.

Finally, thank you for your support and if you know anyone who would like to work at Wootton Upper School or Kimberley College as a Cover Supervisor, Supply Teacher or in another support capacity, please ask them to contact me at the school.

Kind regards

Michael Gleeson, Executive Principal

FUTURE EVENTS

Please come along and join us at these
events - you will be impressed.

WOOTTON AREA FAMILY OF SCHOOLS' ARTS FESTIVAL

Monday 24th June 2019

at Kimberley College, 6.00 p.m.
A celebration of Art, Dance, Drama, Music
and Poetry by pupils from local Lower,
Middle and Upper Schools.

DANCE SHOWCASE

Tuesday 25th June 2019

at Wootton Upper School, 7.30 p.m.
A lovely evening of GCSE and A' Level
Dance choreographed performances.

FIDDLE FIESTA

Wednesday 26th June, 2019 at Wootton
Upper School, 6.30 p.m. (Free Admission)

SUMMER ARTS EXHIBITION

Thursday 27th June, 2019 at Wootton
Upper School, 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
(Free Admission)

Exhibits are from this year's GCSE and
A' Level work by pupils studying Art,
Photography and Textiles.

TEECHERS - a comedy by John Godber

Tuesday 9th July and

Wednesday 10th July, 2019

at Wootton Upper School, 7.30 p.m.

Tickets prices: Adults £6.00 /

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(available to purchase after
May half-term).

Year 10 Drama pupils will perform
Teechers, a comedy by John Godber.



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