

SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Firstly, let me start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, where has this year gone. For me Christmas is about spending time with family, going to the Christingle Service and enjoying a lovely Christmas lunch with all my children and grandchildren. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas however you spend it.

Last year the Parish Council agreed to decorating the Village Hall and Parish Office with festive lights to be a little more Christmasy, unfortunately, last year I was a little late and 'missed the boat' purchasing the lights. This year I have been on the ball, and the lights have been purchased, Moira's husband Tim, has very kindly agreed to help put these up for us, so over the next week or so, they will be in position ready to be turned on. You may have also noticed that a Christmas Tree has appeared on the Village Green, along Common Lane. I thought this would be a lovely Christmas edition and set about finding a sponsor. I mentioned this to my son, who is a Director of KEY Integrated Services and he very kindly agreed to sponsor the purchase of the Tree, lights and fencing and the hire of the stand. The picket fencing will be in place later this week, along with the lights. An official gathering/switch on will take place over the next week or so. A very BIG thank you to KEY IS and everyone who has helped put this together along with the installation of the Village Hall and Parish Office lights.

Secondly, let me wish the South Wootton in Bloom Team huge congratulations, this year they won first prize in the Churchyard category and have been awarded with a wooden trophy and a certificate. The Village Green also received a Gold Certificate as did Wootton Park. Thanks to all the team for their tremendous efforts.

There are always jobs in the pipeline at the Parish Council, the Village Hall Car Park was partially re-laid over October half term, the surfaces to the two kissing gates onto the village Green are going to be replaced, all the hedges will be cut and of course the dredging of the Pond will take place as soon as it can. Once this has been completed, next spring we can move forward and carry on with the work to make this a nicer place to visit. It has been quite a sad time really over the summer as the water evaporated away and the ducks perished with Avian Flu. However, better times are ahead, and I look forward to seeing the changes.

Planning continues to take up lots of time, the Knights Hill development has started, and meetings are still ongoing to achieve the best possible outcome, both for new residents and existing. The show home is expected to open in the New Year, and first occupation of new dwellings is expected in around March 2026.

Last month I mentioned that the Parish Council has to have a new email address to be compliant with the External Audit for next year, although we are experiencing some teething problems with this, this has now been set up and you can contact us via email at clerk@southwootton-pc.gov.uk In the coming weeks, our Councillors will also have a Gov.UK email address.

Wootton Park 200 Club: As always, we still need new members. If you would like to join, please contact me in the office by telephone or email. The annual subscription is £24 and all the money goes straight back into the park. If you haven't already done so, and you are able, go and take a look at the new refurbished Pavilion on a Saturday or Sunday. It really has been transformed; you can now get a coffee and a piece of cake and sit inside and enjoy it talking to friends.

The Parish Office at 24 Church Lane, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, PE30 3LJ, is open to the public between 9am and 11am on each weekday morning except Wednesdays. You can leave messages on the answer phone by calling 01553 824355 or you can email us. Moira or I will respond as soon as we can.

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