



Nowton Newsletter – November 2021

As a few date changes have occurred since the Autumn Newsletter, here is a bonus edition!

Village Christmas Social

Our “Last Friday” socials in the Village Hall and the “Second Saturday” walks have been enjoyable. Some people have lived in the village for decades but have only now, through these events, met other residents of Nowton. There have been amusing stories shared.

There will not be a “Last Friday” gathering in November. We will keep our energy for a village Christmas social in the Village Hall at **6pm on Friday 17th December**. This will be a “Potluck” event, in that you can bring your favourite dish or nibble to share, sweet or savoury. Will anyone try my pheasant goujons!? Bring a board game or a pack of cards if you wish or simply enjoy a festive chat and tipple with neighbours.

St. Peter, Nowton – Carols, Flowers and Belgium...

On the evening of Sunday 19th December at 6pm, there will be a service of carols and nine lessons in our Church. This is a family focused combined service with Hawstead. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available to enjoy afterwards.

Do you enjoy or would you like to try flower arranging? In 2022 you would be very welcome have a go at providing arrangements for the church services. You don't have to be an expert. Beginners having a go would be appreciated.

Did you know that our Church is famous of having one of the finest displays of Belgian stained glass in England? Some of our windows are currently undergoing refurbishment and we have been applying for grants. We do need to show support with local donations. If you feel able to contribute any amount or could help with some fundraising, please do get in touch.

If you have any questions or would like to access the Church at any time, please contact Joyce Fynn - 388628

Local Elections

This Thursday, 25th November there is a By-Election for a District Councillor. Nowton Village Hall is our Polling Station and will be open for voting from 7am to 10pm.

Village Hall

The Village Hall committee had their AGM earlier this month and some changes to roles were approved. Joyce Fynn (Chairman), and Carol Perry (Secretary) decided to step down from their roles after many years of service. Joyce remains on the committee. We are all grateful for the dedication they have both provided to the running of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall is a useful space for group gatherings. Please do ask to have a look around if you have an event planned. It is ideally suited to family occasions or group meetings. Residents of Nowton even get a preferential booking rate. Come and have a look around when you attend at the Christmas gathering.

Here is the new contact information:

Chairman – Abi Smith (07468 883297)

Secretary – Sarah Peacock

Booking Clerk – Nina Filler (07557 802318)

Committee members - Jan Oldfield, Renee Forrow, Andrew Pettitt, Joyce Fynn, Nicole Nicholls

Nowton Community Network

A new initiative has begun to enhance the well-being opportunities for residents in Nowton. The “Nowton Community Network” is a volunteer group providing varied support and activities for residents in Nowton. With a volunteer group we can, for example, arrange for interesting speakers / events, partake in “wilding” projects in the village (wield a rake, hoe, or scatter some wildflower seeds), or help such as a regular lift into town. These are opportunities for us to come together in a fun way as well as further supporting each other as a community.

If you feel that you could do with some assistance in any way, you can put this to the community network confidentially – a lift into town, some small help in the garden, a companion to sit with you while a trades person visits, filling in some paperwork / applications etc.

If we can establish a group with members, we are able to apply for grants to support some of the more ambitious initiatives, such as creating areas of wildflowers in the village.

Please get into contact with Henry (767777) if you would like to be involved as a volunteer.

Key date summary / tear-off slip

Tuesday November 23 rd	-	Mobile Library (Village Hall car park 3pm)
Thursday November 25 th	-	West Suffolk local by-election (Village Hall, 7am – 10pm)
Saturday December 11 th	-	“Second Saturday” walk (Village Hall car park 10am)
Friday December 17 th	-	Christmas Party (Village Hall 6pm)
Sunday December 19 th	-	Carols, Service of Nine Lessons, mince pies, mulled wine (Church)
Tuesday December 21 st	-	Mobile Library (Village Hall car park 3pm)