

Woolverstone News

February 3rd 2016

Dear All

Ganges update

Our application for Judicial Review into the lawfulness of Babergh District Council's decision to grant planning permission for building 285 houses etc. on the former HMS Ganges site at Shotley Gate was handed in at the High Court, London last Thursday 28th January. This was within the six week period permitted under legislation. It is now live. We expect to be able to give a further update on progress within the next 21 days.

There may be comments on social media sites about this. Some of the information may be incorrect, for example costs. Some may be uncomplimentary. It is a topic that raises much passion on the Peninsula.

If you want to know anything further, please make contact with me through my email address.

Village Questionnaire

Collection is now taking place and will continue over the next ten days. If you are missed, please post your completed questionnaire into No 29 Main Road.

Queen's 90th Birthday 10-12th June

Suggestions so far:

- ✓ Lunch: Picnic/BBQ at St Michael's Church and on the field.
- ✓ Afternoon: Musical afternoon in St Michael's
- ✓ Evening: Beacon/bonfire

- ✓ Open gardens during the weekend.

We could do all this but need people prepared to organise one strand.

If you would like to help organise this event, please contact Mrs Romy Blackburn, Clerk to Woolverstone Parish Council.

Mobile Phone Signal

We have been given a petition by James Cartlidge. He is looking for signatures from people who would like improved mobile phone signals in rural areas. The petition will be left in the porch of St Michael's for people to sign if they wish.

Clerk to the Parish Council

Romy Blackburn is retiring from her role as Clerk to the Parish Council in May this year. We are urgently seeking her successor. It would be beneficial if there was some time working in tandem.

If you think you have the qualities needed for this role and would be interested in this role, please contact myself or Romy. The sooner the better! It is vital we have someone in place in this role for the handover.

Saturday Market at St Michael's Church Woolverstone. February 13th. 9.00 – 12.30

Drop in and see what's on offer.

Woolverstone "Spring Clean" Weekend - 5th and 6th March

Three objectives:

1. Clear litter from roadsides and footpaths
2. Walk footpaths and check their condition, signage, styles etc.
3. Volunteers to help clear the main Berners grave plot in the churchyard and clean the stone.

Speeding through the village

Our Community Speedwatch team will be undergoing their training on the weekend of 28th/29th February. Hurrah! If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Community Speedwatch Team, please get in touch with myself or Romy, Clerk to PC, on 780731 blackburn_30@btinternet.co.uk

Proposed changes to the Fire service. Consultation open until 22nd Feb

Only two weeks to take part in the consultation.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/emergen.../fire-service-redesign/>

Date for your diary

Ipswich High School is hosting a Girls Day School Trust residential weekend, which includes camping, between 12th and 15th July 2016. The school will not be open to Woolverstone residents over that weekend due to understandable safeguarding concerns. I would like to thank HIS fro allowing us to enjoy their grounds for so much of the year. It is hugely appreciated.

If you know your neighbour is not on the internet, or does not get this newsletter, please print of a copy and drop it through their letter box. If you know someone who would like to be on the mailing list please ask them to send me an email to the address below and I will add them to the group email list. Many thanks.

Best wishes

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