

Woolverstone News

June 6th 2017

Dear All

Thank you so much to all who took part in Woolverstone's first Open Gardens last Sunday, whether you offered your garden to visitors, helped in the preparations and organisation, ran the Village Hall tea rooms, baked any of the scrumptious cakes, scones and sausage rolls on offer in a variety of locations, took part in the marshalling of visitors parking and locations, or just looked around the exquisite gardens. It was an absolute treat. We were blessed with a quintessential English summer's day of bright blue skies, light white clouds and a cooling breeze.

This Open Gardens project came to fruition thanks to the energy and drive of Jenny and Rowan who managed to bring so many different people together to make it a success. The volunteers – so many of them – worked tirelessly in different roles. And, all this was achieved in a little under two months. Thank you so much.

There was an incredible atmosphere in the village on Sunday. It was a great to meet new faces in the village. We had approximately 350 visitors. Many spoke in glowing terms of their warm welcome; the spectacular gardens; the beauty of the village; and, the simple pleasure of strolling along our footpaths and crossing Church Field.

We look forward to Woolverstone Open Gardens 2018!

Some Dates for your Diary:

Saturday Market at St Michael's Church, Woolverstone. June 10th. 9.00 – 12.30

Don't miss the bacon butties! Or, the Woolverstone sausage! Delicious!! All made with meat from Stuart and Cheryl at East End Butchers, East Bergholt. You could even pre-order meat for collection. Plus:

- ✓ Gamekeeper's Daughter, Jess Noy, "Suffolk Young Chef of the Year 2017" will be selling freshly made seasonal salads, homemade pies and pastries. Perhaps she will be selling her delicious Suffolk venison pasties as well...
- ✓ Coffee, tea, bacon butties, Woolverstone sausages
- ✓ Crafts: jewellery, glass, wood, cards, furniture, knitting, crochet
- ✓ Food: cakes, sausage rolls, bread, fruit, veg, eggs, jams, chutneys, pastries, cheeses

- ✓ Anchor bakery breads
- ✓ Natural products
- ✓ Plants, trees and bird food
- ✓ Antiques and Art work

Take a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and buy some local produce.

Looking forwards, the July market is our second anniversary month. Yes, two years this year. We've got the added attraction of a car boot sale. Pitches are £12. The service at 11am the next day is a special anniversary service followed by a lunch.

Our August market has a theme of "bring your pets" and at 11am the next day we have a pet service!!

Saturday 10th June. "Song Through the Centuries" 6.45 p.m. Ipswich High School Girls - Hayward Theatre

"Song Through the Centuries" - a 30 minute concert by renowned opera singer Zoe Todd and Andrew Leach. Zoe is a classically trained singer and specialist in opera and art song. Having most recently performed at the Royal Opera House, Zoe is currently rehearsing a brand new community opera based on Sutton Hoo. The concert will cover a range of music across 400 years.

Admission: £10.00 which includes a glass of fizz (Prosecco) or non-alcoholic drink. Children under 16 are FREE.



Zoe says, "In terms of what I'm looking forward to on Saturday - I've put together pieces I really like singing and which will (hopefully) be nice to listen to at the end of a potentially difficult week... Some are old friends, whilst others are relatively new to me. I have basically been moving between the mezzo soprano and soprano repertoire in the last 5 or so years, so I'm thrilled to be able to sing the two Puccini pieces 'O mio babbino caro" and 'Mi chiamano Mimi", which didn't used to be part of my repertoire. I've also put in some Lieder by Richard Strauss - I'm a big fan of German Song - I think of them as sort of pocket operas - full of emotion, philosophy and love and loss, but condensed into a piece of about 3 minutes duration. Then Salley Gardens arranged by Britten and an old favourite Flanders and Swann number at the end.

"So this Saturday is designed as a quick pre-dinner concert - designed to be very user-friendly, just over 30 minutes long, with songs by Handel, Puccini and Britten, amongst others. I'm even throwing in a funny one at the end. And over in time for people to go off and enjoy their more usual Saturday night afterwards."

It'll be an introduction to classical singing for those who don't know the genre very well, or a saunter through some old favourites for those who do. There will be songs in English, German and Italian for those who are flexing their foreign language muscles (but don't worry, as there will be translations for those of you who hide their language skills under a big bushel). It's a chance for you all to hear what I really sound like, if you ever wondered, and I promise - no horned helmets....."

Tickets from: Phil Mayhew: philmayhew@aol.com 01473 780275 / 07771 576047; Simon Pearce: simonpearce@gmx.co.uk 01473 780009/07825708171

Tickets ordered in advance may be collected on the door.

Saturday 24th June. 12.00 – 3.00. "Summer Fete". Ipswich High School for Girls

Ipswich High School for Girls is holding its Summer Fete with an Olympic theme. There will be:

* Fun Fair Rides * BBQ * Pimms Tent * Archery *Shooting * Face Painting * Tombola * Craft Stalls * Pony Rides * Ice Creams * Tennis Tournament * Static Bike Competition * Bungee Trampolines *Fencing & Karate Demonstrations *Tea And Cake *Open Mic

All are welcome.

Helping our Community

Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for two Parish Councillors. If you think you would be interested in being part of the PC and would like to know more, please get in touch (780009)

Clerk to the Parish Council

We have a vacancy for the role of Clerk to the Parish Council. If you would like to know more about the role, please talk to me. (Simon)

Community Speedwatch

We have lost three of our Community Speedwatch team. If you would like to be part of the team to help keep the traffic flow through the village to safe limits, please make contact with me. We've got the kit but need to get this project moving and regular. (780009)

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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