

Woolverstone News

November 28th 2018

Dear All

There was a time, my father told me, when you swept up the last of the autumn leaves and put them on the bonfire on November 5th. And that was that. But, times have changed. Here we are near the end of November and there are still plenty of leaves on trees waiting to fall or be blown off. It has been a long, mild and pleasant autumn.

Winter starts on December 1st! This is also the day for our Christmas Fair - a must!

Twenty-one days until the winter solstice and the shortest day turning the only endless wheel back to summer. A few short days after that and it will be Christmas. This really is a season of delicious anticipation.

Parish News

Woolverstone Christmas FairSaturday 1st December10.00 - 3.00

The traditional Woolverstone Christmas Fair will be held in Berners Hall on Saturday 1st December from 10.00 until 3.00 pm. It is a great chance to meet up with people from the ends and the middle of the village! Make a date of it!

There will be fabulous stalls offering a wide range of crafts: art/cards, jewellery, beaded creations, quilts, knitted & sewn presents, wreaths, pictures and textile art cards.

In addition, there will be refreshments throughout the day. Tea, Coffee, Gluhwein, mince pies, sausage rolls cake etc.

Tombola. Do you have anything you would like to donate for the tombola? Berners Hall will be open from 2.00 until late on Friday 30th for setting up. Please drop your donation in when you can.

Cakes etc. should be brought to the Berners Hall on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Help with the refreshment area? The Christmas Fair is open from 10.00 until 3.00. If you feel you could help, please let Elspeth Iskander on 780751 know when you would be prepared to slot in?

Ipswich High School

IHS are kindly giving neighbours advanced notice that there will be two private fireworks displays taking place for weddings at Woolverstone Hall in December:

- 1. 9:30pm on Saturday 15th December 2018
- 2. 6:30pm on Saturday 29th December 2018

Local History

Have you looked at our Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. This month we have added: Woolverstone United FC team pictures late 40s and early 60s, plus names; Photographs of local resident R S Jackaman; Photograph including John Anstruther Berners and (?) Major-General Cameron Shute preparing for the unveiling of the War Memorial; an account of a murder in Woolverstone in 1819; photograph of Mrs Mary Anstruther Berners funeral in 1911, who had died in Marseilles; photograph of the Royal Observer Corps outside Berners Hall; entry from Kelly's Directory for Woolverstone in 1904; photograph of the Woolverstone Village School pupils c.1920; history of the Dairy House. It has been another busy month. There are now 60 members. Why not find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too? Our Facebook page is called: Woolverstone: Notes and Queries. Here's the link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044317292447243/

Please take a look at the site. It would be of huge interest if we gathered history of the older houses in the village and the memories of villagers of Woolverstone in the past before they are lost to us. Please join the group and feel free to add information and photographs about our historic village. Or, indeed, ask questions! Someone may have an answer.

"Up and coming" Village events

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Church	yard team.	Fri 7 th Dec.	10.00 -12.00

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful. We are meeting at St Michael's at 10.00 a.m. Grass cutting and clearing around Headstones.

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 8th Dec. 9.00 – 12.30

The theme this month is: Christmas

Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! East End Butchers are here. There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone, local crafts, plants and trees and much more.

Take a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and buy some local produce in the most beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 13th Dec. 7.30

Parish Council meetings take place on second Thursday of the month, except August. We receive reports for our County and District councils as well as discuss local issues. If there is something you would like to raise, please contact one of our councillors or come along to a meeting. There is an opportunity to raise your own issue(s) in the first 10 minutes of the meeting. If you would like to do this, please contact me, Simon Pearce, Chairman at simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk or Kathryn Deaton, our clerk, at kathryn@deaton.org.uk in the week preceding the meeting.

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

As I expect you are aware, we have no rector at present. We are in "interregnum". The process to find a new one will commence soon. It is uncertain how long this will take.

Sunday 2 nd Dec	*11.00*	Advent Benefice Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer which will include hymns. The service will be led by Rev. David Newton and accompanied on the organ by Jane Gould. All are welcome and what better way to start Advent. Note the change in time!!
Sunday 9 th Dec	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way.
Sunday 16 th Dec	11.00	Morning Prayers
Wednesday 19 th Dec	19.00	Family Carol Service with singing led by Vivo. All are Welcome. This will be followed by warming mulled wine and tasty mince pies.

Sunday 23 rd Dec	11.00	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10.00	Family Crib service. Come and hear the story of that first Christmas; carols to sing, stories to hear, celebrations to share and festive fun to be had!
Sunday 30 th Dec	11.00	Benefice Service in All Saints Church, Holbrook.

Helping our Community

Our community is stretched out in a ribbon or linear settlement, mostly along the B1456. People at No 1 are over a mile away from people at No 38. It is hard to stay connected. One of the ways to keep connected is through supporting local events, meeting and catching up with people. I hope you will be able to support the village through the different events that have been organised. We also need your help for some of the jobs that keep the community ticking away.

Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch has carried out 4 sessions in the last sixweeks. Most drivers slow when they see the signs and hi-viz jackets. Mostly good humoured! Six drivers have been sent letters following the survey as they were driving at over 35 mph.

In order to have a continuing presence we really need people who are prepared to give a couple of hours a month to support us.

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. Contact details below.

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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