



Woolverstone News

February 28th 2019

Dear All

Spring is a period of renewal; gardeners know this only too well! The resurgent nettles have grown a couple of inches in the last week. The banks and verges are exploding in vibrant green hues. There is so much to look forward to. It is a salutary thought that in only three weeks we will be halfway to the summer solstice.

This is the last realistic opportunity for clearing and tidying the debris from winter. It is also the chance to have everything ready for the massive surge in growth to come. Perhaps it is no surprise that "Spring Cleaning" is associated with this time. Perhaps not so much in these days but in days gone by the dust and closure of the house throughout the cold of Winter can be flung open to the fresh air and sunshine of Spring.

Parish News

Woolverstone "Spring Clean" Weekend -2nd and 3rd March **This weekend**

Our village "Spring Clean", an annual tradition, is the weekend 2nd and 3rd of March.

The **Big Rubbish Clear Up** takes place on Saturday 2nd March at 10.30 a.m. Meet outside Berners Hall. We have Hi-Viz waistcoats, litter pickers and bin bags. Bring gloves and a "litter picker" if you have one! The aim is to clear the Main Road and side lanes of rubbish before the undergrowth takes hold.

If you can't make the Saturday sweep, choose any area to clear over the weekend, maybe the hedge opposite your home or a path along which you walk, or an area which irks you! Walkers can also help along the footpaths towards Freston, Chelmondiston and Pin Mill. Please let me know where you have been so we can keep a track of areas that haven't been reached.

Please try to help out over "Spring Clean" weekend and keep our village looking beautiful. It could be a family event to help our young people feel a part of their environment.

Over the weekend, it would also be good to do a within Parish boundary footpath check and see if styles, gates and paths are clear and are in passable condition for people to use and enjoy. So, if you are walking along a footpath over the weekend, would you check the state of it, the accessibility and report back, with picture(s) and location? If the footpath sign is not clear due to undergrowth, rotten post or some other reason please take a picture and location to include in your report.

This year the Eco team from Ipswich High School for Girls are going to clean the beach on the river next to RHYC and down Marina Road.

Thank you.

Advance Notice of informative village meeting on 4th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There is: "A public presentation of proposals by a local landowner for a considered, holistic approach for new residential development within Woolverstone.

You are invited to attend an open meeting in Berners Hall when we will be presenting plans for some proposed development within Woolverstone.

There will be a briefing on the proposals by the design team, together with an opportunity for open questions and answers.

This is a design led project which has been carefully researched and development by the professional team, which includes a respected local architectural practice, together with Conservation and AONB experts. There are distinct public benefits for the village that are being considered as an integral part of these proposals.

We hope you will be able to join with us. We will welcome constructive feedback as we seek to engage with the community of Woolverstone as part of this exciting project. It is important that the needs of the village are identified and listened to as part of this engagement as we seek to provide development which is relevant and at the right level."

Roger Balmer Design, East Bergholt

Nominations for the Parish Council Elections 2019

If you would like to become a Parish Councillor for Woolverstone the opportunity is now here! Nomination papers are available from 1st March. Nomination papers need to be completed by hand and delivered by hand. Deadline is 3rd April, but we have been given a slot to hand over nomination papers as a group at Pinewood on 20th March. I'm quite happy to take anyone's nomination papers along with me, if that would help.

I have also attached details of the Nomination Process & Nomination Papers. A notice of Election will be displayed from the 12th March 2019 on the village noticeboard outside Horsepond's Green. If you would like forms or if you need help completing the forms please make contact. If you need electoral roll numbers, please make contact. Mobile: 07825708171. Tel: 780009 Email: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk

Nomination papers can be completed as soon as you wish but they must not be dated before the 12 March 2019.

Anyone can bring in a nomination paper but you will need to call 01449 724684 to make an appointment so that someone is available to accept them. Nomination Papers cannot be left at Endeavour House reception, or posted to us, as legislation states that they must be handed to someone in the Returning Officers Office (which is Electoral Services).

Please note Nomination Papers can only be accepted from Tuesday 12th March to Wednesday 3rd April 2019 between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays and weekend) that is a legislative requirement.

The following links may also be helpful:

Electoral Commission Rules & regulations and forms: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-in-england>

Become a councillor: <https://beacouncillor.co.uk/>

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: Portraits of John and Henrietta Berners - d.1886 and 1887 respectively; photo of Woolverstone Hall fernery and description from 1890; photo of milking time in Woolverstone dairy; a photo of magnificent magnolia in the East slip garden of the Walled Garden from around 1920; and, some truly wonderful photos of village people.

There have been questions about Woolverstone village school. If anyone has photographs with names we would love to see them, especially the year of closure. It has been another busy month. We now have 110 members. Why not find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too? Join the conversation. 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 Churchyard team.

Fri 1st Mar.

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. Sat 9th Mar.

9.00 – 12.30

I am told East End butchers are back from their break and if you would like to ring them for an order they will bring it with them on the Saturday. Their number is 01206 392190. Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! There will be local crafts, local foods, plants and trees, bird food 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 14th Mar.

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.

On this occasion there will be a short presentation from Gareth Brenland about the Tiffers homeless project.

If you would like to raise your own issue(s) in the first 10 minutes of the meeting, 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.

Horsepond's Green team

Sat 16th Mar.

10.00 – 12.00

Horsepond's Green is the little area opposite Sideways Cottage and behind the Parish noticeboard which was gifted to the village of Woolverstone many years ago. It has been planted with trees, fruit trees and wild flowers as well as having a pond area. It has been cared for in an *ad hoc* fashion over the past few years.

Thank you to those who came along last month. We need a team of people who would like to work to keep this area "wild" but accessible. The team will meet on the third Saturday of each month. There are all manner of jobs needed: clearing plants from the pond, cutting the grass twice a year, cutting back growth of ivy and bramble, keeping hedges tidy, some tree management among other things!

Advanced notice:

Village meeting

Thursday 4th April 7.30 p.m.

A public presentation of proposals by a local landowner for a considered, holistic approach for new residential development within Woolverstone. Drawings will be available for viewing, and the landowner's design team will present the proposals and answer questions from villagers.

Open Gardens

Sunday June 9th 10 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Friends of Woolverstone are going to reprise Open Gardens for a second time due to popular demand. It will take place in early June, exact date still to be decided. If you would like to consider opening your garden to visitors for a few hours on a Sunday on June 9th, please let me know. There will also be a BBQ available off Marina Road as well as teas, cakes and refreshments and (hopefully) a historical tour around the grounds of Woolverstone Hall. In 2017 we had 9 gardens open around the village and it was the most enjoyable and beautiful day.

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.

** A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than **Sunday 17th March**. There are some enrolment forms in the church and they can also be collected from Romy Blackburn at 30 Main Road. If you want to be your name on the Church Roll and be entitled to attend the annual parochial church proceedings, forms of enrolment must be returned to Romy Blackburn by **Sunday 17th March**.

Sunday 3rd	Mar	10.00	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. A traditional "said" service. All are welcome. Rev. Marian Carter.
		11.00	Café church
Weds 6th	Mar	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion Service, Holbrook Church
Sunday 10th	Mar	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way.
Sunday 17th	Mar	11.00	Morning Prayers for St Patrick's Day
Sunday 24th	Mar	11.00	Holy Communion.
Sunday 31st	Mar	11.00	Mothering Sunday. Benfice Communion service. Rev. Don Mehen.

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

Our Speedar device has been calibrated. We will be back in action next week.

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.

If your neighbour is not on the internet, why not print off a copy and pop it through their letterbox?

Best wishes

Simon Pearce. Chairman, Woolverstone Parish Council (780009. simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)