



## Woolverstone News

March 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

*Dear All*

*In Woolverstone we are privileged to have several “Ancient” trees within the parish. It is sobering to reflect that they may have witnessed the Ipswich of Thomas Wolsey, the building of Freston Tower and even caught whispers that Ann Boelyn was visiting Erwarton Hall; by comparison Woolverstone Hall is a relative youngster.*

*The Woodland Trust encourages people to keep an eye on trees in their neighbourhood and has a map of the locations of heritage trees in this area. This link will take you to the mapping tool: <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk> You can look at the positions of various important trees and maybe visit them.*

*However, I’m not sure the record is complete! Currently there are 6 “Ancient trees”; 11 “Veteran trees”; and, 5 “Notable trees” recorded. It would be exciting to conduct a Parish tree survey and chart our Arboreal Heritage more definitively.*

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### **Parish News**

#### **Conservation Area Appraisal**

It is now 10 years since our Conservation Area Appraisal was completed in 2008. The entirety of our village was designated a Conservation Area in 1989 because of its heritage features as a well preserved estate village with extensive parkland and ancient estate farm lands.

Many things have changed in 10 years and the village has welcomed many new people to the parish. With ever more pressure for development, it seemed timely to share the Conservation Area Appraisal and responsibilities of those living within a Conservation Area. Each household will receive a copy.

I hope you enjoy the opportunity to reflect on what makes Woolverstone so special.

### **Informative village meeting on 4th April 2019 at 7.30 pm in Berners Hall**

You are invited to attend an open meeting in Berners Hall when there will be a presentation about plans for proposed development within Woolverstone. Refreshments will be available.

Just for completeness I should explain the process that has occurred thus far:

The landowner approached me, without any specifics, saying he wished to move forward with a project. I explained to him he would need to come to the next Parish Council meeting (February 14th) and talk to the Parish Council with some details and advised that if this was a large project that he would need to bring his ideas to a village meeting which has been arranged for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

At the Village meeting there will be an opportunity to view information boards about the proposal from 7.30 onwards. A short presentation by the Design Team is scheduled for around 7.50 followed by a chance for a question and answer session about the proposals. There will also be an opportunity to record your views before you leave.

Note from the Design Team

*There is: "A public presentation of proposals by a local landowner for a considered, holistic approach for new residential 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 close on April 3rd**

If you would like to become a Parish Councillor for Woolverstone the opportunity is now here! Nomination papers need to be completed by hand and delivered by hand. Deadline is 3rd April

A notice of Election has been displayed since 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](mailto:simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)

Note:

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).

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://becouncilor.co.uk/>

## **Parish "Spring Clean"**

The Parish "Spring Clean" took place over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. A big "Thank you" to the team of volunteers who swept the village from one end to the other. We collected 12 bags of rubbish from the verges. Students from Ipswich High School spent an afternoon clearing rubbish from the small beach next to the Royal Harwich Yacht Club.



[Rubbish collected from along the Main Road]

## **Dairy House**

Work has started on the conversion of Dairy House into boarding accommodation for the High School which aims to have their first boarders this September.

The first stage is "stripping out". Ingleton-Wood are the project managers. Hills Building Group have been appointed as contractor . The Site Manager is Leon Taylor and his contact details are tel. 07523519213 or Leon.Taylor@hillsgroup.com. Hills are an experienced contractor from Colchester and have significant experience in education, residential and commercial sectors. Their target date for completing Phase 1 of the project is mid-July 2019.

## **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: colour photograph of hay making on home farm; photograph of visiting dignitaries at Woolverstone Hall School in 1959; hand-coloured postcard of Parterre at Woolverstone Hall; painting by Felix Gotto who lived at "The Forge" until his death in 1994; and, a photo postcard of St Michael's church in 1913.

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 127 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 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**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.

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**7.30**

Parish Council meetings take place on second Thursday of the month, except August. We receive reports from our County and District councillors 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.

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](mailto:simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk) or Kathryn Deaton, our clerk, at [kathryn@deaton.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@deaton.org.uk) in the week preceding the meeting.

**Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church Sat 13th April 9.00 – 12.30**

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's church, Woolverstone. Lots of local producers, craft stalls, veg, cheese, meat, cakes, tea & coffee and of course Bacon butties. East End butchers will be there. If you would like to ring them for an order they will bring it with them on the Saturday. Their number is 01206 392190.

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

**Horsepond's Green team Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 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.

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:**

**Quilting Exhibition in St Michael's Church Sat 4<sup>th</sup>, Sun 5<sup>th</sup> and Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Exhibition of Antique and new Quilts. Other stalls as well: spinners and weavers. Chance to buy from stalls. Refreshments and raffle on offer each day. Entry £3, accompanied children free.

Opening hours: Sat 10.00 – 4.00, Sun 11.00 – 4.00, Bank Holiday Monday 10.00 – 4.00.

If you would like to book in quilts or ask for more information please contact: Jane Gould 780777

**Open Gardens Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Would you consider opening your garden to visitors for a few hours? There will 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.

If you would like to offer your garden for Woolverstone Open Gardens event, please contact Phil Mayhew: 07771576047

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## 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 has commenced. It is uncertain how long this will take.

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	March	11.00	Mothering Sunday service of Holy Communion with hymns and songs from a guest singer telling a mother's tale.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	April	10.00	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. A traditional "said" service. All are welcome. Rev Marian Carter.
		11.00	Café church
		12.00 noon	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	April	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way for Palm Sunday
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	April	11.00	Easter Day - Easter Service
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	April	11.00	Holy Communion.

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## Helping our Community

Our community is stretched out in a ribbon 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

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. [simonpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonpearce@gmx.co.uk))