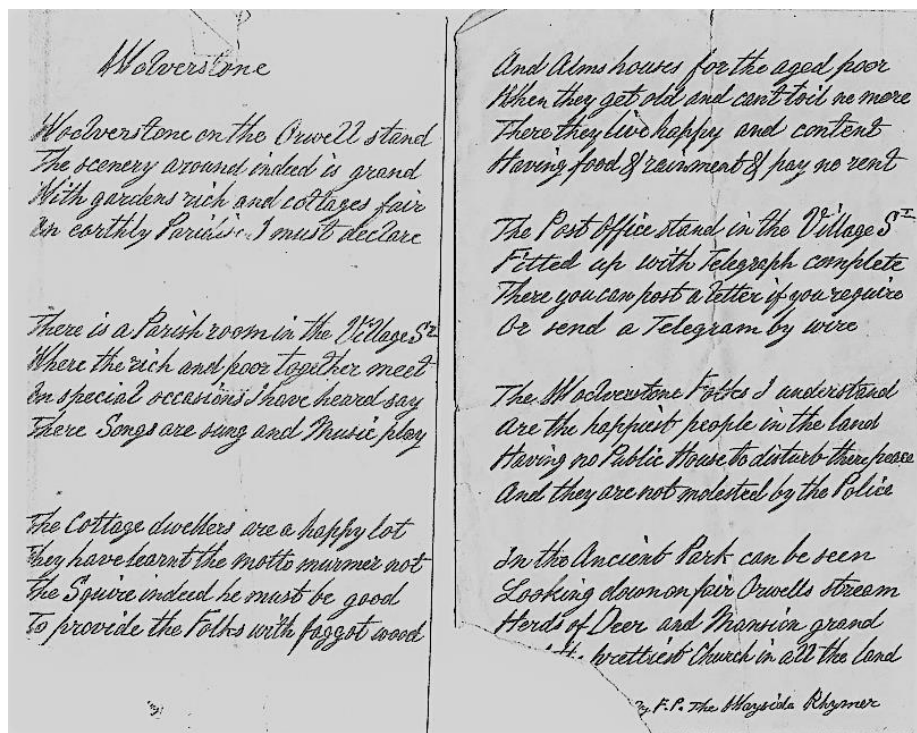


## Woolverstone News

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear All

Pat Lakey, from Chelmondiston, found this delightful poem about “Wolverstone”\* when she was sorting out some “clutter”. I thought it would be good to share it with you! The poem must have been written after 1904 when the Post Office opened and before 1937 after which there wasn’t a squire in Woolverstone. Anyone know who the Wayside Rhymer might be?



Here is a typed version if you are finding it hard to read the original:

And Alms houses for the aged poor  
When they get old and can't took no more  
There they live happy and content  
Having food & rainment& pay no rent

## WOLVERSTONE

The Post Office stand in the Village St  
Fitted up with Telegraph complete  
There you can post a letter if you require  
Or send a Telegram by wire

Woolverstone on the Orwell stand  
The scenery around indeed is grand  
With gardens rich indeed and cottages fair  
An earthly paradise I must declare.

The Woolverstone Folks I understand  
Are the happiest people in the land  
Having no Public House to disturb their peace  
And they are not molested by the Police.

There is a Parish room in the Village St  
Where the rich and poor together meet  
On special occasions I have heard say..  
There songs are sung and Music play.

In the Ancient Park can be seen  
Looking down on fair Orwells stream  
Herds of Deer and Mansion grand  
And the prettiest Church in all the land.

The cottage dwellers are a happy lot  
They have learnt the motto murmur not  
The Squire indeed he must be good  
To provide the folks with faggot wood.

Written by F.P. The Wayside Rhymer

## Parish News

I have written to Geoff Mayhew and Roger Balmer on behalf of the Parish Council in regard to their proposal for building 20 houses within the village asking for more information. Specifically, I hope that they will come back with more detailed information about design, architecture, parking and access. This additional detail will then be brought back to a village meeting. Currently, there isn't enough information to consider the proposal fully and fairly.

## 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: a print of "Boats laid up at Cat House Jetty" by Leonard Squirrel; Discussion about Woolverstone Primary School and Mannings Lane or Love Lane; Home Farm historical documents file; photos of the Ice House; and, an image of the inside of the stable block at the Hall c. 1900.

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 135 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.

## **Woolverstone Recorder - Lorraine Wildbore**

"I have enjoyed living in Woolverstone for almost five years and in this time my interest in local history has grown. The Suffolk Local History Council got in contact with me, as they were seeking a Recorder for our village. The Local Recorders Scheme is a network of local people securing current and past historical material for future historians. I felt it was important that Woolverstone became part of this.

So what does it involve? I will be noting events and historical changes within the village throughout the year. The Suffolk Records Office will then receive a report from me at the end of each year. Newsletters, church services, photos and interesting facts acquired will also be passed on to the Suffolk Records office. Please let me know if there are any events or activities in Woolverstone you feel should be included in the Annual Report.

In addition to current material, the Suffolk Local History Council urge Recorders keep a look out for historical pictures, photos, stories or memorabilia. I am very happy to take copies of documents and photos if you would prefer to keep hold of the originals."

Lorraine Wildbore

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Tel: 01473 780998

## **London Nautical School "Colours" - LNS Woolverstone**

LNS Woolverstone was based at Woolverstone Hall from 1947- 1951. They brought with them their "Colours" which were dedicated on the training ship *Exmouth* moored off Grays in Essex on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1937. During the Second World War LNS moved to several locations around the country finally ending up in Woolverstone. LNS closed when the school became a secondary boarding school under the London County Council. The "Colours" were laid up in St Michael's on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1951. They have hung in the lady Chapel ever since – 68 years a part of the village.

Sadly, over the years, their condition had deteriorated considerably. The Parochial Church Council made the decision that they should be removed from display. Following some discussion with the Parish Council, the "Colours" are to be stored appropriately in the vestry.

As part of the Sea Sunday service at 11.00 on 14<sup>th</sup> July there will an act of commemoration to mark this transition.

I am in contact with a dwindling number of former LNS (Woolverstone) old boys; but, maybe some from that period could make it back to Woolverstone. I have also asked the PCC that a photograph, provenance and who to contact if you want to view the "colours" remain on display in the church to maintain this particular heritage association.

## **Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church**

Jane Gould says: "After discussion and meetings with all stakeholders it has been agreed that the monthly market which was held in St Michael's Church Woolverstone will not open again. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us for the last four years. Look out for new ventures!!"

*Some Dates for your Diary:*

**St Michael's Churchyard team**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May / Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June 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. Any help, particularly at this time of year, would be appreciated.

**Woolverstone Open Gardens**

**Sunday June 9th 10 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

Visitors will have a chance to look around 9 gardens open to the public for the day including the phenomenal Gertrude Jekyll inspired gardens at Woolverstone House which was designed by Edwin Lutyens.

Fabulous cottage gardens are open bursting with interesting flowering plants; traditional vegetable gardens inspiring those interested in growing their own produce; as well as, modern minimal maintenance designed gardens.

Also, thanks to the generosity of Ipswich High School, there is a chance to view the grand Palladian architecture of Woolverstone Hall and with stunning photo opportunities in the gardens overlooking the River Orwell; one of the "loveliest views in England". There will be several guided tours of the grounds during the day starting from St Michael's church with an emphasis on the Hall's history. (11.00 am, 12.30, 2.00 pm, 3.30 pm)

Parking and Admission £5.00 at Marina Road, Woolverstone IP9 1DQ  
Children under 16 may enter free.

Refreshments: delicious lunches, cakes and teas available in Berners Hall as well as other gardens.

\*\*We are looking for volunteers to bake cakes and scones for teas and light lunches on the day.\*\*

\*\*Please get in touch if you would be willing to help with the baking or with running the temporary "Tea Rooms" on Sunday 9th June.\*\*

**Spring Lodge**

**Coffee Morning**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June 11.00 am**

Coffee Morning Cupcake day/ bakeoff for Alzheimer's society. All welcome.

<https://cupcakeday.alzheimers.org.uk/>

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm**

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.

Jose Simoes, manager at Spring Lodge Care Home, will be meeting with the Parish Council and talking about his work and some of the issues facing Spring Lodge, especially parking.



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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.

## **Berners Hall**

The facilities at Berners Hall are available for booking by anyone in the community. There are special rates for residents. Sessions are up to 4 hours. e.g. 9.am – 1 pm. 6pm – 10pm etc.

Weekday session: £15.00

Sat/Sun session: £18.00

Please contact BHMC Booking Secretary for availability.

Sarah Hutton Phone: 07754075684; or, Email [sarahhutton7@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahhutton7@btinternet.com)

## **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

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