

Woolverstone News

June 28th 2019

Dear All

"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade." Gertrude Jekyll

The Open Gardens event was a wonderful success and even the weather played its part with a window of sunshine holding throughout the day. The gardens that were open to visitors were simply glorious and captured the "young summer" that Gertrude Jekyll was referring to. Thank you to all that opened their gardens and also to those who helped in myriad ways making it a most memorable occasion.

We are now moving into a time of ripening; the bushes are heavy with plums, greengages, damsons, blackberries just waiting for the warmth of July to bring them to sweet perfection.

The sky though is not faring so well. Our house martins who should be swirling and chattering around the cottage roofs drawn by heavens filled with insects have fallen markedly in numbers this year. Nests that have survived in the shadows of the eaves for decades are empty and have fallen into disrepair and there seem too few to bring them back to useful life again. We must hold fervent hope for a good summer for those that remain.

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Woolverstone "Classics on the Park"

Thursday 18th July noon - 6.00 p.m.

Second Classic Car and Motorcycle Event on the Church Field, Woolverstone is on Thursday, July 18th from noon until 6.00pm. This beautiful parkland location offers good access and hard standing.

Members of the Eastern Counties Motor and Motorcycle Clubs have been invited and it is hoped that there will be a good response to the invitation.

Refreshments will be offered on Church Field: tea, coffee, delicious cakes and savouries. A beer tent, barbecue and ice creams will also be available within the park.

Ipswich High School, who have generously agreed that Church Field can be used for this event, have also agreed that photographs can be taken of vintage cars in front of beautiful Woolverstone Hall and would be pleased to receive any copies of photographs taken to commemorate the day.

Please bring your vehicle, preferably pre 1980, for everyone to see and admire. Or just bring your friends and family for a wonderful afternoon.

There is no cost to display your vehicle, but donations will be asked for to cover our costs and for our village.

If you have a car that you would like to bring please contact j_s_young@ icloud.com or 01473 780156. Or, just turn up on the day!

If you would love to bake some cakes or savouries for sale on the day, please let Jen know.

Ipswich High School - Dairy House

Ipswich High School have secured boarding places for 14 students from September in their new accommodation in the Dairy House; three students who are currently day students and 11 students from China.

The conversion of the 1870s Grade II Listed Dairy House to boarding accommodation for Ipswich High School commenced in March 2019 and is due for completion in August 2019. The project has been on-site for approximately four months and great progress is being made. The former residential layout of the building has been stripped back to the structure, and new partitions, ceilings, electrics and plumbing have been installed. The windows and doors have been overhauled and the replacement of the floor and wall finishes is due to commence shortly. The Dairy House comprises a creamery end, which is of particular historic interest due to its marble and stone worktops, hand decorated tiling and fine oak doors. These areas are being restored by a conservation specialist and will provide two boarding rooms and a study room when completed.

The works are being completed by main contractor Hills Building Group, with a consultant team of Ingleton Wood, Roger Balmer Design, Johns Slater and Haward and JP Chick and Partners.

Anyone for tennis?

Ipswich High School has generously offered one of their tennis courts for use by residents of the village at weekends and during the holidays. The tennis court we can use is the one nearest the church. The gate should remain open. Please make sure you do not leave anything behind you.

We are hugely privileged to be allowed to walk through the grounds of Ipswich High School in the evenings after 6.00 pm, at the weekends and in the holidays. Please remember that dogs should be kept on leads and take regard of signage.

The Great Run Local - Alton Water

This is a free weekly 2k and 5k run or walk held every Sunday starting at 0925am at Alton Water. Everyone of all ages including parents pushing buggies and dogs on leads are welcome. Pay £1 for parking in the bike shop and not in the car park machines.

Check GRL Alton Water Facebook page for updates and information.

The next run is Sunday 07th July. We look forward to seeing you there.

www.facebook.com/GRLAltonWater

Gary Edwards, GRL Alton Water, Run Coordinator

Warning of Foxes

There seems to be a hungry fox family around Woolverstone at the moment. Several people have lost poultry to them on either side of Kennel Wood. They seem to search for their next meal by day and night. Myself, I lost six mature hens at 3 in the afternoon and saw the deep russet-coated vixen heading out of the run. If you can, check your fences and protection before you lose yours, too.

Local History

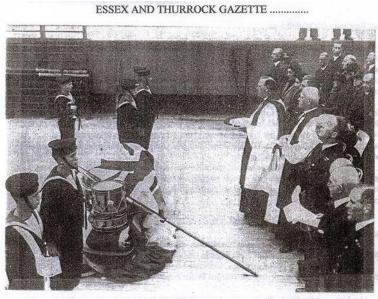
Have you looked at our Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. This month we have added: "Operation Quicksilver"; Woolverstone Hall during WW2; Dame Marion Kettlewell; Pin Mill Barge Match 1967 – Spinaway C; and, WI anniversary.

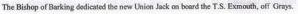
There have been questions about Woolverstone village school. If anyone has photographs with names we would love to see them, especially the year of closure. It has been another busy month. We now have 146 members. Why not find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too? Join the conversation. 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.

London Nautical School "Colours" - LNS Woolverstone







August 2016

29th October 1937

In the past few months there has been discussion with the St Michael's Parochial Church Council regarding the *colour* associated with the London Nautical School following their removal from the Lady Chapel. St Michael's had been considered the only place the *colour* could remain and links to Woolverstone could be retained.

Sadly, over the years, their condition had deteriorated considerably. The Parochial Church Council made the decision that they should be removed from display. Advice was sought from conservators and the Diocese; sadly, the task of conservation and preservation would have been prohibitively expensive. The *colour* is to be stored appropriately in the vestry.

The *colour* was presented to the training ship TS Exmouth on 29th October 1937 on the quarter deck of the ship moored off Grays in Essex. It was given by Mr. Charles Shippam of Chichester, Sussex (of the Shippam fish paste family). The ship adopted it as their *colour*.

The flag was dedicated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Barking, Dr. J.T Inskip and was presented by Admiral Sir Henry Bruce K.C.B

During the Second World War the *colour* accompanied the London Nautical School on the evacuation from TS Exmouth on 1st September 1939 to Burnham-on-Crouch where it remained until June 1940. LNS then moved to Lydney, Gloucestershire and remained there until January 1945. From Lydney it moved to Bray Court, Berkshire until September 1947 and then finally moved on to Woolverstone Hall.

The *colour* was laid up in St Michael's church on Sunday 15th July 1951 on the change in status of the London Nautical School to that of a County Secondary Boarding School, provided by the London County Council.

Follow the link below to see a short film of the presentation and dedication of the *colour* on TS Exmouth in 1937.

https://www.britishpathe.com/video/presentation-of-new-colours-to-t-s-exmouth

There will be prayers to mark this transition incorporated in the Sea Sunday service at 11.00 on Sunday 14th July in St Michael's church, Woolverstone. There will also be a photograph, plus provenance and who to contact if you want to view the *colour*, placed in the Lady Chapel close to the spot where the *colour* was laid to rest on 15th July 1951, sixty-eight years ago almost to the day.

All welcome to attend the service.

Some Dates for your Diary:

Spring Lodge Summer Fun Day Sat 29th June 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Aimee is looking for stalls for the Summer Fun Day at Spring Lodge Care home in Woolverstone. Stalls cost £10. Contact Aimee Davey, Spring Lodge Activities Co-ordinator.

Tel: 01473 780791 Email: spring.activities@kingsleyhealthcare.co.uk

St Michael's Churchyard team

Fri 5th July 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.

Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 11th July 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.

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.

Spring Lodge Fashion Show Sat 13th July

Time to be confirmed

Advanced notices:

Royal Harwich Yacht Club RHYC Sat 3rd & Sun 4th August

RHYC is holding its annual Regatta on 3rd and 4th August. Members of the village are welcome to come in and join the fun – whether to race or simply enjoy a drink and the shoreside entertainment! (See poster attached)

Second Woolverstone Art Show and Sale will be held on Sat 31st Aug and Sun 1st September in Berners Hall. The show will be open from 10.00 - 5.00 pm on both days. This will be an opportunity to view and buy local artist's work. The sale will also include a "silent auction" for the chance to own one of several original works by a local artist or of local interest.

There will be refreshments available throughout the day.

If you would like to show your work the fee will be £10 per day (£20.00 for the two days) and 15% commission from any sales. Display boards and tables will be provided.

If you would like to book a place please contact me, Simon Pearce. (Tel: 780009 or Email: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk) Only three places remain.

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

Sunday 7th	July	10.00	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. A traditional "said" service. All are welcome. Communion will be celebrated by Revd Marian Carter.
		11.00	Café church
Sunday 14th	July	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way for Sea Sunday. During that service Duncan Myatt will reference the TS Exmouth "colour" and offer a prayer for those who trained under it and went on to serve at sea.
Sunday 21 st	July	11.00	Morning Prayers with a baptism
Sunday 28 th	July	11.00	Informal Holy Communion

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.(see below) 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

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. simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)