

Friends of Woolverstone



## Art Show & Sale

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug & Sun 1st Sept

An opportunity to view and buy local artists' work

Textile art demonstrations

Books, local interest and antiquarian prints

Sale will include a "silent auction" for the chance to own one of several original works by a local artist or of local interest

**FREE** Entry

Refreshments available throughout the day

Open 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Berners Hall, Main Road, Woolverstone. IP9 1AR

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## Woolverstone News

July 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

*Dear All*

*What a month of extremes it has been! The electric storm last Thursday night was both exhilarating and a reminder of the wild beauty around us, our landscape lit up with crackling bursts of lightning; there was even a "red" rainbow included. Temperatures have hit new heights as we sweltered under a short heatwave.*

*But where have the moths gone? So few are drawn to lamps these days. Some people in the village seem to have been inundated with mice which have decimated young beans and peas. Our local sparrowhawk has been feasting off the young blue tits coming to the feeder or waiting for returning house martins and trying her luck before the martins make it to the safety of their nest. She even pursued a young swift low over the allotments until it veered too sharply and she lost it.*

*The blackberry crop is going to be stupendous; the fruits are already dark, full and heavy. Our greengage crop looks as if it will be something of a record breaker, too. Maybe extremes aren't all bad.*

## Parish News

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have produced a Draft Local Plan. Your parish council will be looking at the draft document during the 10 week consultation period which closes on 30<sup>th</sup> September. This will be the key item in our Parish Council meeting on September 12th. We provided a careful and thoughtful response to the initial consultation last summer which can be found on our website in the drop down menu under Newsletters: <http://woolverstone.onesuffolk.net/>

You can have your say, too.

It should be noted Woolverstone has been reclassified as a “hamlet” in the settlement hierarchy due the lack of services and facilities in the village, as we had argued. This designation *should* afford a certain level protection from development. However, the settlement boundary has been extended, contrary to our view, to include land on the south side of the Main Road and re-routed around the north of the Walled Garden. This has specific implications for us as planning rules give “presumption in favour” of development within settlement boundaries. These new areas will be designated for housing. Furthermore, Woolverstone has been set a **minimum target** of building 31 houses within the village; one of the highest percentages increase when compared to size within the district which equates to **at least** a 30% increase in housing. This seems at odds with the notion of sustainability, protection of greenfield sites and our Conservation Area status.

Please read the policy document; especially those sections that are pertinent to our village. (We are supposed to receive a hard copy for those who have no access to computers. If you would like to view this when we receive it please just give me a call.) You can send your responses direct to Babergh or channel them through your Parish Council. It would be great to have your views. There are several opportunities to drop in and talk to officers about the draft plan. The two nearest ones to us are:

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	2.00 - 5.00	United Reform Church, Stowmarket
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	3.30 – 6.30	Copdock Village Hall

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Below is the letter we received from Babergh:

### **BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION (July 2019)**

Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council are undertaking a second round of consultation on a new Joint Local Plan. **The consultation period runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 until 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.** This consultation is part of the initial stages of plan production and is being carried out under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Joint Local Plan will inform how our Districts will develop over the next 18 years. It will establish how much housing and land for businesses will be needed and where it will go, alongside protecting and enhancing the environment and delivering infrastructure.

As a registered consultee, we are writing to inform you of the consultation and provide you with the opportunity to make comments on the Joint Local Plan.

To view the consultation document online, and to submit your comments, please visit our websites at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan)

Paper copies of the consultation document are also available to view at libraries within the Districts and at the Councils' office for the duration of the consultation period.

A series of initial public drop-in events are being held where you can come along and find out more.

Details of further events will be published on the Councils' websites and through other communication channels.

Comments should be submitted online via the consultation system available through the websites at [www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan)

Alternatively comments can be emailed to [localplan@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk) or posted to Strategic Planning Policy Team, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX. A printable comments form can be downloaded from the websites or collected from the Councils' offices or from libraries in the Districts. If you wish to deliver your comments in person, please telephone us on the number below.

**Please ensure that your comments on the Joint Local Plan are received by 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Following this consultation, we will consider all of the comments received before we publish the next version of the Joint Local Plan for further consultation.

Should you have any queries in relation to the new Joint Local Plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Planning Policy team using the contact details above. (Please note that when calling our main telephone number, 0300 123 4000, you will need to select option 5, and then option 4 for Strategic Planning Policy team).

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## **Ipswich High School**

The Dairy House Phase 1 of the boarding accommodation is nearing completion. Key items for August are connection and testing of the fire sprinkler system and connecting Dairy House to the School's IT network. Then fitting out including curtains, blinds, furnishings, landscaping and the many other small and varied items that will be needed ready for occupation from 04/09/19. After a busy August, Phase 2 of the project to convert the existing barns, reinstate the lean-to buildings and build the extension will commence once the autumn term has begun.

On an historic note, Framlingham College has just re-named their library building "The Berners Library". The reason for this is that Charles Hugh Berners gifted the building to the College in 1899. The librarian is collecting information and pictures on Charles for display so the students will better understand the background.

There is a rolling advertisement for school minibus drivers, ideally with the D1 driving license and up to date CPC driver training on the website.

<https://www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/recruitment-opportunities/>

## **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.

## **Can you help?**

Sophie Spiers writes: I'm trying to help the volunteers at Chelmondiston School library and I've been told of a wish-list of books to complete or duplicate popular series – we're constantly on the look-out in charity shops but I thought there might be some households in the village that have these children's books but no longer want them.

We'd really love any books from the following series:

- *How to Train Your Dragon* (Cressida Cowell)
- *My Brother is a Superhero* (David Solomons)
- *Who Let the Gods Out* (Maz Evans)
- *13 Storey Treehouse* (Andy Griffiths)
- *Harry Potter* (JK Rowling)

If anyone does have any of these, and would like to donate them, I'm very happy to collect.

Sarah Hutton is looking for a mini scaffold tower to borrow for a few weeks to continue her exterior painting at the Berners Hall and taking it, safely, to a higher level. Can anyone support the wonderful work Sarah does for us at Berners Hall, please?

## **Warning of Foxes**

Old Reynard is still about and still taking chickens. 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: a report on the foundations revealed following the digging of a trench opposite Holbrook Lodge; a connection to the distant past through a descendent of Samuel Beadle rector at St Michael's until 1615; our Woolverstone or the churchyard rose; and, George Moonie editor of the Beano - once a resident in the village.

There has been a wonderful conversation about Woolverstone Village School with ex-pupils getting in contact. If anyone has photographs with names or further memories we would love to see them, especially the year of closure when a photograph was taken. It has been another busy month.

Membership continues to increase. We now have 155 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.

*Some Dates for your Diary:*

**St Michael's Churchyard team**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug**

**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.

**Royal Harwich Yacht Club**

**RHYC**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August**

RHYC is holding its annual Regatta on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Saturday** includes: Face painting, Giant 4-in-a-row, Bouncy Castle, Live band, Quiz, Tug-of-War, Crabbing

**Saturday and Sunday** offer: Specials at the Bar and Galley, Shore Races and Mega Bagatelle

There are races aplenty. Enter online via: [www.royalharwichyachtclub.co.uk/events](http://www.royalharwichyachtclub.co.uk/events)

(See poster attached for further details.)

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm**

There is no parish council meeting in August.

**Woolverstone Art Show**

**Berners Hall**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug & Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept**

Second Woolverstone Art Show and Sale will be held on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug and Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 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. (See attached guide)

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: [simonpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonpearce@gmx.co.uk)) Only three places remaining.

### **Would you be able to help?**

*Cake/biscuit/cookie/flapjack/brownie/scone* makers! Would you bake for the event? If you could, would you let me know what you would be prepared to bake and how many? It is so much nicer with home-made cakes etc. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. Cakes etc. should be brought to the Berners Hall on Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning.

*Help with the refreshment area?* I'm also looking for help with the hospitality. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. The Show is open from 10.00 until 5.00 on both days. I'm looking for volunteers who would be willing to help make tea/coffee etc. and perhaps take a two-hour slot on one or both of the days. (e.g. 10 - 12.00, 2.00 - 4.00) If you feel you could help, please let me know when you would be prepared to slot in? (780009 or 07825708171 or [simonpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonpearce@gmx.co.uk))

### **Advanced notices:**

**Macmillan Coffee morning                      RHYC                      27<sup>th</sup> September    10.30**

Bake or buy a cake to support this wonderful cause. Bring some friends and buy coffee and cake. Every penny raised means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Coffee morning starts at 10.30 a.m.

### **Sunday Services at St Michael's.**

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Aug	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
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Aug	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way with Pet Service, so come along with your pet
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Aug	11.00	Morning Prayers
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Aug	11.00	Informal 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.

## **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](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

Simon Pearce. Chairman, Woolverstone Parish Council (780009. [simonpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonpearce@gmx.co.uk))