



## Woolverstone News

November 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

*Dear All*

*At last the leaves are falling gently to the ground it is becoming the time of bare branched trees and their stark outlines. The colours have been beautiful again this year, especially the Field Maple and the Silver Birch that have turned quite golden in the last two weeks. More dry weather would have helped the magnificent show of the vast variety of hues that surround us. It will be interesting to see which trees hold onto their leaves for longest this year.*

*Autumn and winter are important the times of year for the migrant birds that visit our rivers. It is a vital time for them to feed and rest. Numbers are declining dramatically so we need to do everything we can not to disturb those that remain. Please stick to footpaths along the sides of the river and try not to let dogs chase after birds or through them when they are resting on the marsh lines. These wading birds are especially vulnerable at high tide when they are closest to the paths. I have attached a flyer from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB about the importance of our beautiful protected areas and the wildlife we share them with.*

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## Parish News

Jimmy Mayhew, who lives at the end of Berners Lane with his wife Janice, was 100 years old on 22<sup>nd</sup> November this year! What an incredible achievement!! Imagine the change he has witnessed across those years. He asked me to say: "Jimmy Mayhew would like to thank all those who sent kind wishes for his recent birthday." We wish him "Many Happy Returns".

The Parish Council has responded to Babergh District Council's declaration of a climate and wildlife emergency by agreeing a draft policy recognising ways in which way can support such a move. The draft policy can be found on our website: <http://woolverstone.onesuffolk.net/>

We would like to set up a group with people within the village interested in developing a Climate and Wildlife Emergency policy within the Parish; looking at ways we, in Woolverstone, can minimise our impact on the environment in these challenging times. If you would like to be part of the Climate and Wildlife Emergency group please contact with me. (simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)

## Ipswich High School

Ipswich High School will have a new Headteacher from September 2020, Mr Mark Howe. Oona Carlin, the current Headteacher, steps down at the end of this term and has a new role as Head of a group of schools in the Middle East. Nicola Griffiths, currently Deputy Headteacher, will be leading the school for the next two terms.

IHS is hosting the Suffolk Schools Cross Country event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of you will have noticed the miles of red and white tape around the grounds. The roads will be a bit busier during the morning.

The Dairy House building programme, Phase 2, is making good progress. In Phase 2 the old barn at the back of the Dairy House will be transformed into boarding accommodation and a new block will be built at right angles to it providing further boarding accommodation. When completed the dairy House will accommodate up to 55 students.

Work on repairing the road surface down to the church will commence when all the digging of trenches etc. has been completed.

In the Easter and summer holidays the beautiful new boarding accommodation will be empty. This means it will be available for private letting. It can sleep 14 students plus additional rooms for staff. If anyone is interested, or has any association with any clubs or societies who may be interested in renting the accommodation, please contact Liz Hill, Head of Finance and Operations.

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## *Some Dates for your Diary:*

**Punch & Pie Christmas Fair    Village Hall    Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November    10.00 – 3.30**

The traditional Woolverstone "Punch and Pie" Christmas Fair will be held in Berners Hall, Main Road, Woolverstone on Saturday 30th November from 10.00 until 3.30 pm.

There will be a fabulous range of stalls offering a wide variety of crafts and seasonal gifts: textile art and cards, Anne Plummer's paintings, Japanese bags, jewellery, oriental crafts, wood turning, ceramics, candles, wrapping and gifts, wreaths, Tropic cosmetics, cushions, cards, antique prints, crocheted and knitted toys and accessories.

**Raffle** with fabulous prizes: Red Lion Chelmondiston, meal for 2; a Hollingsworth hamper; Voucher for massage treatment from Ed Jones, The Point Clinic; sack of potatoes from Mayhew farms; a brace of pheasants, and sundry other items.

In addition, there will be refreshments throughout the day. Tea, Coffee, Gluhwein, mince pies, sausage rolls cake etc.

### **Free Entry.**

Come along for some convivial conversation and a glass of warm Punch with a Mince Pie or sausage roll. . Meet old friends, introduce yourself to someone new. Allow our stall holders to help make Christmas that bit easier.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Thurs 5th Dec 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](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.

### **St Michael's Churchyard team**

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 -12.00**

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful. We are meeting, weather permitting, St Michael's for 10.00 am. Grass cutting and clearing around Headstones. Any help would be much appreciated to keep the churchyard looking beautiful.

### **Ipswich High School Christmas Fayre**

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30 – 15.00**

Ipswich High School Association holding its Christmas Fayre in the Sports Hall. 20 gift stalls: raffle, craft stalls, games and prizes, face painting, tombola, gifts, Santa's grotto, mince pies and mulled wine, find Olaf's nose, guess Anna's birthday.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00 pm**

Christmas Carol Service led by Revd. Jenny Seggar in our beautiful St Michael's church. Seasonal refreshments will follow.

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## Sunday Services at St Michael's.

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	Dec	11.00	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion led by Revd. Jenny Seggar. <b>Please note:</b> this service will be held at <b>Freston church</b> due to a planned power cut at Woolverstone church
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	11.00	Seasonal service of worship led by Duncan Myatt
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	11.00	Morning Prayer led by Duncan Myatt
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	19.00	Christmas Carol Service. Revd. Jenny Seggar. Seasonal Refreshments will follow.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Dec	11.00	Less formal Holy Communion with Revd. David Newton
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	23.15	Midnight Mass. Revd. Jenny Seggar at <b>Stutton</b> church
<b>Weds 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	9.30	Christmas Morning Holy Communion. Revd. Jenny Seggar <b>Holbrook</b> church
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec	11.00	Holy Communion. Revd. Jenny Seggar <b>Holbrook</b> church

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## Local History

Have you looked at Woolverstone's Facebook page yet? Why not join and scroll through the information 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/>

Do please take a look at the site. It is a growing and fabulous collection of information about Woolverstone's past. 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.

## 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.

## Services within the village

This is a new addition! Why not share the service or trade you offer with people in our village?

I was amazed, and probably the last to know, at what an Aladdin's cave S& P Leisure is down in the Marina.

Here is some of what they have to offer:

**S & P Leisure at Woolverstone Marina. Did you know we are here and what we sell? From camping and caravan spares and accessories, garden chairs, tools, trailer spares, number plates, fishing gear, knitting yarns and jigsaw puzzles.**

**Tel: 01473 780033**

**Web: <http://sandpleisure.co.uk>**

If you would like to share what service you have to offer in our village newsletter, please get in touch and let me know. We may be able to create a space on our website, too.

### **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)

*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](mailto:simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk))