



## Woolverstone News

October 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear All

*It has been a fantastic few weeks for fungi foraging! The warm earth was made fruitful by some pretty torrential rain. Fields and woods alike were clothed in a variety of mushrooms and toadstools. Some are easy to identify and safe to eat. Beautiful and delicious Parasol Mushrooms were hiding under the chestnut trees on Church Field where the mower couldn't reach them. Pick them young when the cap is the size of a tennis ball with little beige flakes lifting off the surface and before they have time to open into their eponymous shape. Check the stem for the tell-tale signs that flies have beaten you to it and already reached the base; look for holes travelling upwards. Cook them in butter with a little garlic. Tasty! Keep an eye out for the Giant Puff-ball, another easily identified fungus on the Park growing to the size of a football. Slice as thick as steak and fry with butter. They keep their texture well when cooked and are quite solid.*

*But watch out for those that will not do you any good! There was a wonderful crop of Yellow-staining Mushrooms in the Marina, looking for all the world like edible Horse Mushrooms. But no! Run the edge of your nail across the top and a bright yellow weal will appear. Steer clear!*

*A final thought: why not get yourself a good guidebook to help you identify friend from foe?*

## Parish News

Woolverstone Parish Council and St Michael's Church PCC have worked together to create a "Garden of Remembrance" for this year's period of Remembrance.

All are welcome to place an appropriate token in memory of anyone killed or affected by conflict, whether serving in the Armed Services, the Civilian Services or as a civilian. A special place to remember: "For your tomorrow we gave our today."

I have added Walter Lewis, who died on 8th February 1901, in South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War, who was a resident of Woolverstone and for whom there is a memorial in our churchyard. The remainder of those young men on our War Memorial will also be included.

Please feel free to add your own token of remembrance over the next few weeks. The garden will close on 11th November.

*We will remember them.*

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, is included further down this month's newsletter.

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Jon Mann has discovered an effective way to gain support from Suffolk County Council to clear footpaths and other issues by using the online reporting tool which can be found at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue/>

The Highways Reporting Tool can be used to report issues from the list below:

- Blocked drain
- Bridge or highway structure
- Cycle lanes or tracks
- Drain-manhole cover
- Debris, weeds or mud on the road
- Flooding on a road or pavement
- Heavy goods vehicle incident
- Grass cutting
- Lit sign or bollard
- Missing or damaged barriers or guardrails
- Missing or faded road markings
- Obscured, missing or damaged sign
- Pothole
- Pavement defect
- Public right of way
- Street light
- Traffic signal or pedestrian crossing
- Tree or hedge affecting the highway

## Local History

Have you looked at Woolverstone's Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. This month we have added: further information about the Woolverstone Rose "Surpassing Beauty of Woolverstone" or "The Churchyard Rose" from Mr Fisk's notes; a newspaper report covering the carriage accident in 1893 on the drive to the Hall along the banks of the Orwell; a newly discovered photograph and brief biography of Mary Berners, wife of Charles Berners; a photograph of a pram dinghy "Claritie" designed by Austin Farrar; and, a connection to the past of a group member.

Our membership continues to increase. We now have 172 members. 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. 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 1st Nov**

**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.

### **Blossom Ball**

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**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

**6.00 pm**

Please join us for this black tie ball. All money raised will be donated to The Blossom Appeal, raising £2.5 million for a new Breast Care Centre at Ipswich Hospital. Tables of 10 are £750 each (individual tickets are available) and include welcome drinks at 6pm, a three course dinner and live entertainment. Carriages at midnight. Entertainment on the night will be from "Sonic Architects", a fun casino, a live auction (Please bring your wallet!) and more! Please call Carly or Kathryn on 01473 780 319 to book your table or for more information.

### **Berners Hall Management Committee AGM**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov 7.30 pm**

BHMC are the small group of parishioners who run our village hall, Berners Hall and are determined to keep it going. All residents of the village are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting. Find out about the work of Committee members and, maybe, offer to help them out. Always looking for new members to keep Berners Hall functioning. Currently searching for a booking secretary!

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Thurs 14th Nov 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.

### **Friends of Woolverstone AGM**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30 pm**

Friends of Woolverstone are a group of volunteers who are putting on regular events which showcase our village, our village hall and brings people in the village together and raise funds. E.g. Open Gardens, Classic Car Show, Art Show and Punch and Pie Christmas Fair.

If you would like to be part of the team, please come along and join in the discussion. We are always looking to elect new steering committee members.

### **Punch & Pie Christmas Fair Village Hall Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.000 – 3.30**

Christmas themed tabletops. Festive food and drinks. Meet friends old and new. Enjoy the festivities. Shop for Christmas gifts: silver jewellery, cosmetics, woodcraft, oriental handbags, purses and ornaments, Christmas cards, and painting, knitted/crocheted hats and toys, textile art and cards.

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

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Nov	10.00	BCP Holy Communion led by Revd. Jenny Seggar
		11.00	Café Church
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov	10.55	Remembrance service will be at the church. Led by Duncan Myatt. Please note: The service will be held <b>entirely</b> at the church. It will start promptly at 10.55.
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov	10.55	At War Memorial to observe 2 minutes silence and the Ode to Remembrance. Any wreaths and crosses laid at the church will be transferred to the War Memorial at this time.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov	11.00	Church service
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov	11.00	Church service

A small area near the Church gate has been marked out as a Garden of Remembrance. All are welcome to place an appropriate token in memory of anyone killed or affected by conflict, whether serving in the Armed Services, the Civilian Services or as a civilian. The Garden will be available until the 11th November.

The work on the bells is a work in progress. On Monday evening I heard the bell being rung. Hopefully they will be used at the next service. Listen out for their distinctive sound.

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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.

## 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

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