



The
Astonishing
Story
of
Mary Alice Berners
an illustrated talk concerning the life & times
of the eldest daughter of
Charles Hugh Berners Esq. Woolverstone Park
by *Simon Pearce*

Friday 27th March
Berners Hall, Woolverstone
7.30 pm

Entry: £6.00 to include a glass of wine or coffee
To reserve tickets phone: 01473 780009 or 07825708171
Tickets can also be purchased from Orwell Stores

Supporting Friends of Woolverstone

Woolverstone News

January 27th 2020

Dear All

I don't want to tempt fate but it has been a quiet, mild winter so far with only a handful of decent frosts to speak of. The recent unseasonal weather has encouraged leaves out on some of the hawthorn in our hedges. I even picked a small posy of violets from a sheltered bank last week. The bird song sounds different, in a way we might expect of early spring.

New records have been set, too. On Sunday 19th January, the highest atmospheric pressure, since records began in 1692, was recorded in London. These conditions were triggered by an intense, record-breaking blizzard in Canada. Is this going to be another year of records? All things are connected.

A few days ago I was walking down towards our beautiful church. Four fallow deer came out of the woodland just beyond, their dark backs at this time of year looking almost black. They had been spooked by a group of walkers who had let their dog roam free through the undergrowth. The two eldest sprang over the stock fence into the sheep fields but the two youngest couldn't make the jump; they ran in increasing panic up and down the side of the fence. The two largest didn't seem concerned and skipped over the fence on either side of the drive through Nelson's Avenue. The youngsters ran beside the fence until they came to the drive and tried repeatedly to jump. It was so distressing to watch. Eventually, one of the smaller ones, having tried to force its way through the fence, with an almighty effort cleared the obstacle leaving just the one behind. This little one ran up the

drive to the Main Road desperate to find a way to re-join its companions. I hope it made it! The walkers were completely unaware of the domestic drama caused by allowing their dog to roam through the woodland unchecked.

Parish News

Phone Box

Your Parish Council have successfully adopted the iconic Red Phone Box – K6 model – in the village. BT engineers will be along soon to remove their kit. There have been several suggestions of how to put the unusual space to use in the years to come; however, first it needs to be renovated. So, we are looking for volunteers who would like to contribute time and energy to the refurbishment process. If you would like to be part of this challenge then give me a call or drop me a line, please.

The link here takes you to a successful renovation project in Brookwood: <http://blog.brookwood-expo.org.uk/search?updated-max=2010-05-07T21:01:00%2B01:00&max-results=9>

VE (Victory in Europe) - Fri 8h May and VJ (Victory in Japan) Day – Sat 15th Aug

VE Day 8th May (Bank Holiday)

Your Parish Council will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with a WW2 themed "Afternoon Tea" on Friday 8th May in Berners Hall. Discussions are on-going but the current proposal is:

- A free themed "Afternoon Tea" will be offered from 3.00 – 5.00 pm
- Sandwiches, cakes and sundries of the period
- Tea with cups and saucers
- WW2 era music
- Exhibition of Woolverstone's role in WW2
- It would be great if people came to tea in themed attire
- We will be looking for RSVPs to know how many to cater for.

VJ Day 15th August

Friends of Woolverstone are currently discussing how to re-enact a Street Party in the village. More details will follow.

Climate and Wildlife Emergency

Thank you to those who made contact and want to take this vital issue further. What can we do **practically** to help in the village? Would you like to help make a difference? If so, please contact me by email and we'll find a date to get like-minded people together: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk

Woolverstone "Spring Clean" Weekend – 7th and 8th March

Our village "Spring Clean", an annual tradition, will be the weekend 7th and 8th March.

The *Big Rubbish Clear Up* will take place on Saturday 7th March at 10.30 a.m. Meet outside Berners Hall. We have Hi-Viz waistcoats, litter pickers and bin bags. Bring gloves and a "litter picker" if you have one!

Please try to help out over "Spring Clean" weekend and keep our village looking beautiful. It could be a family event to help our young people feel they belong and care for their environment.

The **Bottle Bank** at RHYC can be used by everyone in the village. The money raised from recycling the glass is put towards the "Woolverstone Project" which supports sailing for the disabled – a really worthwhile cause. The Bottle Bank is the one to the front of RHYC building on the tarmac standing before the steps to the pontoons. Go any further and you will be in the river! Make it a sensible home for your empties.

Ipswich High School - Vacancy

Ipswich High School requires an enthusiastic and flexible Lunchtime Supervisor as soon as possible to support the pupils during their lunch time.

Duties will include support in the dining hall and supervision on the field. A sense of humour is vital.

Hours are 12.30pm – 1.30pm term time only. £8.72 per hour.

For full details see www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk

Please return your application form and cover letter by post to the HR Officer, Ipswich High School, Woolverstone, Ipswich, Suffolk IP9 1AZ or by email torecruitment@ipswichhighschool.co.uk

Closing date Friday 6th February 2020 Interviews week commencing 10th February 2020

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard team

Fri 7th Feb 10.00 -12.00

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful. We are meeting, weather permitting, at St Michael's for 10.00 am. We'll be collecting the last of the leaves and clearing around headstones preparing for a new year. Any help would be much appreciated to keep the churchyard looking beautiful.

Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 13th Feb 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.

Advance notice

"The Astonishing Life of Mary Alice Berners" Berners Hall Fri 27th March 7.30 pm

Buy or Reserve your ticket now! Put it in your diary!! Limited availability remaining.

Come along to an illustrated talk concerning the truly astonishing life and times of Mary Alice Berners, eldest daughter of Charles Hugh Berners who was Squire at Woolverstone Hall between 1891 and 1919. Her story has fascinated Simon for over four years and is of quite extraordinary colour, breadth and interest spanning the British Empire at its height and yet so local to ourselves. Glimpse through a window on to part of our Peninsula history. The talk will be in two parts with a refreshment break in the middle.

Entry £6.00 - a glass of wine (or other refreshment) included with the ticket

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Tickets can also be bought at Orwell Stores, Chelmondiston.

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

Sunday 2nd Feb	<u>9.30</u>	BCP Holy Communion - Revd Jenny
Sunday 9th Feb	11.00	Service of Worship - Duncan Myatt
Sunday 16th Feb	11.00	Morning Prayer - Duncan Myatt
Sunday 23rd Feb	11.00	Holy Communion - Revd David Newton

In addition there will be a service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at Holbrook on Ash Wednesday (26th February) at 7.30 pm. - Revd Jenny

IMPORTANT: Please note the earlier start time for the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion on 2nd Feb.

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: A terrific in-depth account of the history of Dairy House; a painting by Russ Gentry of the River Orwell; a print from an engraving based on a drawing by Maria Berners dated 1795; and, a collection of photographs from the 1958 Estate sale catalogue.

Our membership continues to increase. We now have 183 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:

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

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)