



## Woolverstone News

February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear All

*The Candlemas weather lore proved correct and it seems there is more Winter to come. March 1<sup>st</sup> is “officially” the first day of Spring but our calendars do not always match weather patterns and it looks as if we are in for some really cold weather over the next few days. Interestingly, February 24<sup>th</sup> was St Matthias’s Day and there is some country weather lore attached to this day.*

*“If it freezes on St Matthias’s Day, it will freeze for a month together.”*

*If this is true, and it looks as if the high pressure over Scandinavia will remain in place for a while, we are in for a cold March and a late Spring.*

*Over the next few days when temperatures are expected to dip well below freezing and with a likelihood of a good covering of snow, please look out for vulnerable neighbours. Check in with them and see everything is ok, especially that they are keeping warm enough and have a supply of food.*

### **Suffolk County Council School Transport Consultation**

SCC is consulting on proposals for “School and Post 16 travel” and they are looking to save money. There seem to be three options; fulfil legal obligation and no more, phase in fulfilling legal obligation and no more; or, stay the same which raises funding challenges. Each option presents consequences for parents in rural communities. For a full account of the issues, please follow the link below and read Alistair McCraw’s (District Councillor Brantham, Stutton and Tattingstone) analysis

<http://shotleypeninsulanewsandfeatures.com/Alastair-McCraw.php>

If you feel strongly about this issue you have a chance to make your views known in the SCC School and Post 16 travel consultation. The time limit for this is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The link below will provide more information and access the survey.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/school-and-post-16-travel-consultation/>

### ***Some Dates for your Diary:***

#### **St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00 -12.00**

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful. We are meeting at Horsepond's Green at 10.00 a.m. There is some clearance work to be done as well as hedge cutting around the boundary of this area. Thick gloves, secateurs etc. would be useful.

#### **Woolverstone "Spring Clean" Weekend – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 Meet at Berners Hall.**

Our village "Spring Clean", now an annual tradition, is the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March. It coincides with the "Great British Spring Clean" #LitterHeroes

The Big Rubbish Clear Up is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30 a.m. Meet outside Berners Hall. We have Hi-Viz waistcoats, litter pickers and bin bags. Please bring gloves and a "litter picker" if you have one!

If you can't make the Saturday clean sweep, choose any area over the weekend, maybe the hedge opposite your home or a path along which you walk, or an area which irks you! Walkers can also help along the footpaths towards Freston, Chelmondiston and Pin Mill. Please let me know where you have been so we can keep a track of areas that haven't been reached.

It would be good to join the "Sea Shepherds UK" beach clear up as well along the side of the Orwell. Anyone up for this one?

"Tiffers – the bus shelter" are going to help clear around Freston Crossroads. Thank you to them for their offer of help to the community.

Please try to help out over "Spring Clean" Weekend and keep our village looking beautiful. You could make it a family event to help our young people feel a part of their environment. Ipswich High School Eco warriors will be joining us again this year on the road down to the Marina.

Over the weekend, it is also a good opportunity to do a "within Parish boundary footpath check" and see if styles, gates and paths are clear and are in passable condition for people to use and enjoy. So, if you are walking along a footpath over the weekend, would you check the state of it, the accessibility and report back to me, with picture and location? If the footpath sign is not clear due to undergrowth, rotten post or some other reason please take a picture and location to include in your report.

#### **Woolverstone Parish Council. Berners Hall. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. 7.30 pm**

Agenda posted on Noticeboard by Horsepond's Green in advance. In months to come it will be on our village website which is in process of being upgraded.

#### **Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. 9.00 – 12.30**

Theme: "Mother's Day". Opportunity to buy locally sourced gifts for Mum.

Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! East End Butchers are back. There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone, specialist artisan breads from Anchor Bakery, Aloe Vera

products, Game Keeper's Daughter with wild meat goodies, local crafts, plants and trees and much more.

Take a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and buy some local produce in the most beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

### **The Jubilate led, sung Evensong at St Michael's Church. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 4.00 pm**

There will be an Evensong led by Jubilate at St Michael's Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 4pm. It will be followed by tea and cake. Jubilate is a choral group led by Martyn Bagnall, who lives in Woolverstone. Martyn returned to Suffolk in 2015 to spend more time making music, and he founded and is Musical Director of Jubilate, a group of 16 singers specialising in choral evensongs in Suffolk churches.

If you want to know more about Martyn and Suffolk Festival Chorus follow this link:

[http://suffolkfestivalchorus.co.uk/?page\\_id=88](http://suffolkfestivalchorus.co.uk/?page_id=88)

### **A word from our Rector, Geoffrey Clement**

Dear Friends,

"Scrambled eggs, oh my baby how I love your legs"

Not the greatest of poetry I'm sure you'll agree. Which is why Paul McCartney then changed the words to "Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away" and rest (to follow the theme) is history.

In our lives, yesterday, or the past in general can be viewed as both "good old days" or something best forgotten! But generally, it is within our human nature to only remember the good rather than the bad.

How often do we see the past as being enjoyable, fun and we don't want it to end. The past is comfortable, safe and secure. The older we get the greater the number of happy memories we have. But we have to remember that we live to make happy memories, we do not live on our memories. Each day is a new day with new possibilities. There is always the possibility of a new start. We don't need to wait until New Year's Day to make a fresh start.

There's a lot to be said for living every day as it comes and celebrating that today is the end of the old and the beginning of the new.

Here is a traditional Irish blessing, an ancient Celtic prayer that reminds us God wants to be involved in our lives; healing the past and walking with us on life's great journey.

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

I remain  
Your Friend and Rector  
Geoffrey

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

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11 am	Death Café
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11 am	Worship the Woolverstone Way. You are invited to tap into the old traditional "Refreshment Sunday" and see how it works for Mothering Sunday too.
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11 am	Morning Prayers
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11 am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	Easter Vigil starts and ends when the last person feels they are ready to leave. This is a time when it is mostly silent.

## **Looking forward**

One of our very own, James Hodgkinson, is a Canterbury Cathedral Chorister. We are immensely privileged to have a visit from the group of choristers to St Michael's Church, Woolverstone.

Canterbury Cathedral Choristers Present a Concert

In

St Michael's Church, Woolverstone

7pm Wednesday 27 June 2018

Tickets: £12.50 Including Summer Refreshments

For more information and to secure your tickets ring Chris Hodgkinson: 07764 285 928

Or

Email: [jchodgkinson@gmail.com](mailto:jchodgkinson@gmail.com)

All proceeds to St Michael's Church Woolverstone and the Choir House Choristers' Social Fund

## **Helping our Community**

### **Ipswich High School**

Walking across Church Field is one of the delights of living in Woolverstone. It is beautiful space for all. Please would dog walkers remember to clean up after the canine friends to keep it beautiful for everyone else? There is a dog poo bin by Horsepond's Green which is emptied regularly. There is another down at the Marina. Or, dog walkers could take it home. Leaving it at the base of trees or hedges etc. waiting for someone else to clear up is antisocial. Likewise, the large buckets on the park are for the sheep not for poo bags!

We are so very privileged to be allowed to walk through the grounds of the Ipswich High School after 6.00 during the week, throughout the weekend and during the holidays. The only proviso is we are asked, please, to keep our dogs on leads while they are in the grounds and to clear up behind them. It would be a shame to lose this wonderful opportunity by failing to follow the guidelines we have been asked to follow. Please, please keep dogs on leads within Ipswich High School grounds.

## **Local History**

Did you know there was once a pub in Woolverstone? It was called the "Ball Inn" and was situated where the Widows Homes now exist. It is marked on the 1840 tithe map along with surrounding gardens. A newspaper reports that in March 1840, Sarah Ann, wife of Mr J Garrod, of the Ball Inn, Woolverstone died at the tender age of 30.

So, could we set up a Woolverstone history group? If you think you might like to be part of helping to set up this group, contribute photographs or memories or write up a topic, then please make contact with me or Jen Young. Let's see what we can do!

## **Parish Councillor**

We have a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. If you think you would be interested in being part of the PC and would like to know more, please get in touch (780009)

## **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. We've got the kit but need to get this project moving and regular. (780009)

*If you know your neighbour is not on the internet, or does not get this newsletter, please print of a copy and drop it through their letter box. 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.*

Best wishes

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