



## Woolverstone News

August 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

*Dear All*

*Just the other day I was in the churchyard on a beautiful English summer's morning when my eye was caught by movement to my left. Lifting my gaze, I was greeted by the most wonderful sight; eight fallow deer, in summer markings a light sandy fawn with some dappling, trotting swiftly across Church Field from the Marina Road opening and on into the woods at the corner by St Michael's. The harem was led by a young stag with four points on his antlers. We are so very fortunate to live in such inspiring, precious and uplifting surroundings. Keep your eyes peeled in the woods!*

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### **Boundary Commission**

In its final recommendation, the Boundary Commission has decided on future ward arrangements in Babergh. Woolverstone has been amalgamated with Chelmondiston, Freston, Tattingstone, Wherstead and Belstead to form a "Peninsula Orwell" ward, which has been shortened to just "Orwell". It is a positive that we will be in a single member ward. However, we will have to work hard to find common connection with all ward members, with Belstead being the other side of the A137 and not really part of the Peninsula. One single factor uniting nearly all of us is sharing the B1456! Personally, I think it is a shame we have lost the historical connection to the Berners family.

The Boundary Commission said the arrangement: "provides for more effective and convenient local government and has good electoral equality." I have attached the full report for interest.

### **Local History**

Have you looked at our Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. In the last month we have added snippets about London Nautical School 1948 to 1952 whose "colours" used to hang in St Michael's Church but have recently been removed; William Messenger, Head Gardener at the Hall; pictures of the "Winter Room" at the Hall and photos of the Walled Garden interior. Why not find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too. 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!

### **Reports of Illegal Immigrants at Woolverstone Marina.**

Our local police released the following statement:

“To clarify yesterday’s (21/08) Police activity around Woolverstone Marina, Suffolk Police received a phone call at around 16:20 which reported people being dropped off from a motorboat at Woolverstone Marina, which seemed suspicious to the caller. A vehicle was also seen to leave the area at speed and a vessel was seen to be acting in a suspicious manner on the River Orwell.

A short while later, Suffolk Police received a phone call from the UK Border Force in which they stated they had received reports of illegal immigrants being dropped off at Woolverstone Marina.

Suffolk Police deployed numerous officers to the scene, including Police dogs, and the UK Border Force deployed at least 6 of its officers. The Metropolitan Police also assisted by sending a Marine Unit to the scene.

6 people in total are believed to have been put ashore with 3 leaving in a vehicle and 3 on foot.

The vessel used to drop the people off was identified and seized by Police and the owner was arrested. Following Police searches, one person was located hiding in the churchyard and was subsequently arrested for immigration offences.

This was a UK Border Force led operation and Suffolk Police would like to thank the residents of Woolverstone for their co-operation last night. Enquiries are still on going to locate the vehicle seen leaving at speed and the detained persons have been handed over to the UK Border Force.”

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

**Art Show and Sale.      Saturday and Sunday - September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>      10.00 – 5.00**

Come and support our local artists.

We are holding an Art Show and Sale on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</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 work by 10 local artists. Catalogues are available from me or on the door. The show is free to enter. In addition, there will be a book sale focussing on art books and non-fiction as well as other interesting items e.g. antique prints of local places. The sale will include a “silent auction” for the chance to own one of several original works by a local artist or of local interest. See attachment for details of the six pictures.

There will be refreshments available throughout the day.

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

**St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September. 10.00 -12.00**

The grass is now growing again! Apace!! 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.

**Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.00 – 12.30**

The theme this month is: Car Boot

Pitches: Book through Jane Gould 780777 or [jane.gould@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.gould@btinternet.com). (Last time they were £15.00) Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! East End Butchers are here. There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone, 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.

**Advance Warning: "The Great East Run" - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 6.00 – 13.00**

"The Great East Run is returning to Ipswich on Sunday 16th September 2018.

**The Strand (B1456), Freston Hill (B1456), Freston Street, Unnamed road (Freston).**

When the event is in operation and the roads closed as per the times stated above, we will have the availability to allow public transport access / egress through section of the road closure up until 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the race at 10am.

At this point we will be required to commence a full closure with no access until such time as the event has passed and then section of the roads detailed will be open immediately to allow normal traffic flows.

Kevan Churchill General manager of Palmer (Fencing) LTD  
Suppliers of traffic management for the Great East Run 2018."

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## Centenary of the end of World War One

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 marks the centenary of the signing of the Armistice that marked the end of World War 1. As a village, we plan to mark this special anniversary in a number of ways.

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Michael's followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside Berners Hall. In the evening, there will be a "Battle's Over" Beacon of Light commemoration on the lawns of Ipswich High School with the village sharing with the High School. This ceremony will be repeated in over a thousand communities across the country.

During the weekend it is planned that there will be an exhibition of information and photographs about Woolverstone's role in WW1 and its naval connections.

If you have ideas about how we could further develop our commemorations, please get in touch with me.

**Events:** Church service at St Michael's 10.00 and Service of Remembrance at our village War Memorial 11.00 and "Battles Over" beacon and "Last Post" shared with Ipswich High School 7.00 pm in Ipswich High School grounds.

**Exhibition** to include: WW1 Memorial to the Fallen; WW1 "Woolverstone Park Hospital"; WW2 "HMS Woolverstone"; LNS Woolverstone.

We would really like to have family information and pictures that would help complete the story for each serviceman from Woolverstone that gave his life in WW1. This would help them be so much more than names on the brass plaque in the Church or on the Woolverstone's War Memorial outside Berners Hall.

Here is the list of names on the War Memorial and two additional names of Woolverstone WW1 "fallen".

Pte E Baxter; Capt. H H Berners; Pte G Cattermole; Pte M Damant; Corp H Damant; Pte H Driver; Pte W S Foreman; Pte E J Garnham; Lance – Sgt H A Jackaman; Lance Corp F Jackaman; Pte W Lait; Gnr B Moyse, Pte F Rowe; Pte W Rowe; Pte C Saunders; Pte D Southgate; Corp W Southgate; Pte L Surrige; Lieut J Spencer-Warwick; Gnr S Wright.

If you could help that would be so good. Please send any information (photos/biographical details) to me: [simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk) or Lorraine Wildbore: [lorrainewildbore@yahoo.com](mailto:lorrainewildbore@yahoo.com)

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### Our Rector, Geoffrey Clement

Sadly, our rector Geoffrey Clement is moving on to pastures new at the end of September. We send him and his family our very best wishes in their new home. We would also like to thank him for his work amongst us over the past few years. His last Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service will be at 10.00 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please come along.

### Sunday Services at St Michael's.

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	10.00	BCP Holy Communion. A "said" Holy Communion in
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the traditional style using the Book of Common Prayer.

	11.00	Café Church
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	11.00	Morning Prayers
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	11.00	Holy Communion

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### **Helping our Community**

Our community is stretched out in a ribbon or linear 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.

### **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.*

Best wishes

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