



Woolverstone News

September 26th 2018

Dear All

The last sweet peas of summer; the year is turning. Fascinating revelations of a baking hot, dry summer have all but disappeared with the renewed growth of grass. Outlines of the ancient carriageway to the Hall across Church Field and the gently curving path for the Rector leading from the Parsonage (now Spring Lodge) across to the church have become hidden once again. We are so fortunate in Woolverstone to have the past all around us and be reminded of it in such unexpected ways.

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 The Berners family tree, Paymaster Captain Millett RN, Luigi Mayer with drawings of Holbrook Gardens in late 1790s and Charles Maskell's painting of "River Orwell from Woolverstone Park", Plans for the extension of St Michael's in 1888. It has been a busy month. 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!

"Up and coming" Village events

Quiz Nite

hosted at RHYC

Saturday 10th November

6.30 'til late

also connect up Manning's Lane. There is more network further east again at the west part of Chelmondiston and the area around Shotley Common."

This may leave some Woolverstone residents not included in the area above still without fibre broadband. If they would like to email me I will provide contact details of senior people at BT/Openreach they can chase directly to push for inclusion.

In the meantime I will be checking in with Openreach on a regular basis to ensure there are no big delays to this.

The scope they outlined is for the new project only. Some residents are already covered and should be able to get fibre broadband now.

To check your status go here and enter your landline number:

<https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre>

You will then see a status under "Fibre Journey":

- If it states "Accepting Orders" then you are already covered.

- If it states "In Scope" then you are likely covered by the new project or a subsequent one (which will be delivered later).

- If it states "We are exploring solutions" there is no project or funding.

The "We are exploring solutions" is where we were many months ago and really means they have no plan at the moment that includes your property. If you are at that stage then I think time to chase BT/Openreach.

Thank you, Paul and Robert for all your hard work.

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard team. Weds 3rd and Fri 5th Oct. 10.00 -12.00

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 13th Oct. 9.00 – 12.30

The theme this month is: Harvest market

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.

St Michael's Harvest Songs of Praise Sunday 14th Oct. 11.00

Join in celebration of harvest time followed by a scrumptious BBQ. All welcome.

Centenary of the end of World War One

On 8th November there will be a commemoration at the grave of Private W. S. Foreman in St Michael's churchyard; the only War Graves Commission grave in Woolverstone. Further details will be posted in November's newsletter.

11th 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. The High School will be open to village at 18.20. Please ensure to arrive by 18.30. There will be a tribute at 18.50 followed by bugle sounding the "Last Post". Beacon will be lit promptly at 19.00.

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 which will be located in St Michael's Church for a week from Monday 5th November.

To summarise:

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 and "Woolverstone Park Hospital" in St Michael's church from Monday 5th November.

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's 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 Surridge; 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 or Lorraine Wildbore: lorrainewildbore@yahoo.com

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

Sunday 7th Oct	10.00	BCP Holy Communion. A "said" Holy Communion in the traditional style using the Book of Common Prayer.
	11.00	Café Church
Sunday 14th Oct	16.00	Harvest Songs of Praise followed by a harvest BBQ.
Sunday 21st Oct	11.00	Morning Prayers
Sunday 28th Oct	11.00	Holy Communion

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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