



Woolverstone News

October 28th 2018

Dear All

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.”* Laurence Binyon



Unveiling on Woolverstone War Memorial August 1st 1920 by Major General Sir Cameron Shute

Centenary of the signing of the Armistice to end World War 1 on 11th Nov 1918

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.

From 5th to 12th November a display in St Michael's church aims to give a context and life to the names on the War Memorial of the "fallen" from the village of Woolverstone.

On Thursday 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.

On Sunday 11th November there will be a Service of Remembrance at St Michael's at 10.00 a.m. followed by an Act of Remembrance at 11.00 a.m., the War Memorial outside Berners Hall.

In the evening, from 6.30 p.m., a "Battle's Over" - Beacon of Light commemoration will take place 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. Further details set out below.

Monday 5th to 12th November. St Michael's church. Display All day

There will be a display of information and photographs which attempts to bring to life the stories of the men from our village who gave their lives in WW1. Our aim is that the men should be more than names in stone or brass. Please stop by the church to see the fruits of our labours. Hopefully you will leave with a greater understanding of the role and sacrifice of "our boys".

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 Surrige; Lieut J Spencer-Warwick; Gnr S Wright.

If you are able to offer any information about these young men, please contact me: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk or Lorraine Wildbore: lorrainewildbore@yahoo.com

Thursday 8th November. St Michael's church. Suffolk Remembers 10.30

Ipswich High School Remembrance Service combined with Suffolk Remembers on Thursday 8th November. Attendees should assemble at 10.30 and it will be completed at around 11.15 after which there is a general invitation to the Preparatory School for tea and cake.

Suffolk Remembers is a unique commemoration that has been organised at cemeteries and churchyards across the county on November 8th. Every one of the churchyards with a grave from someone from the 1914-1918 Great War will be visited and marked at 11am on Thursday, November 8th.

Students from Ipswich High School will show respect as wreaths and a commemoration marker are placed on the grave, which is part of 1,332 graves in 248 Suffolk cemeteries and churchyards.

People from the village are invited to attend and take part. Medals should be worn.

Readers, bugle player, and wreath layers will gather around the grave whilst the pupils, parents and village attendees will gather outside the Graveyard boundary on the south-east corner. A few chairs will be provided for those in need. A marker will be placed as part of Suffolk Remembers its "boys".

If we end up with adverse weather conditions the service and silence will take place in the Church with the wreaths laid as the pupils depart.

Sunday November 11th - Centenary commemoration of end of WW1

St Michael's church - Service of Remembrance 10.00

Berners Hall War Memorial - Act of Remembrance 11.00

"Battle's Over" - Beacon of Light, Ipswich High School 7.00 p.m.

"Battle's Over" – beacon of light commemoration. All members of the village and beyond are welcome. We would love you to come along to take part in this historic commemoration; a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives during World War 1 in the service of their country. The High School will be open to village at 18.20. Please ensure to arrive by 18.30. There will be a recitation of poetry and a tribute to the fallen at 18.50 followed by a bugle sounding the "Last Post". The beacon will be lit promptly at 19.00. Coffee and tea will be available after the event.

Parish News

The Parish Council has taken the first steps towards a Neighbourhood plan for Woolverstone. We have submitted the first official form to Babergh designating the red-line boundary which is the same as the parish boundary. The process is quite a long one building on the village questionnaire which was undertaken in 2016 and the earlier village review. There will be events within the village to continue gathering views and ideas over the next several months.

The idea of the Neighbourhood plan is that we are able to have a greater say over the way our village develops in the future, putting us more in control especially with regard to housing development. It also gives us a greater percentage of any Community Infrastructure Levy payments that become available. We have started this process at the same time as Stutton village and our application will run along the same track. Chelmondiston are already further down the line.

Ipswich High School

Ipswich High School is in the process of buying a property which will become its first boarding house. The school is in the process of purchasing 'The Dairy House', which is located on the edge of the school campus, close to St Michael Parish Church and adjacent to Church Field. It is a Grade II listed house, dating from 1870 and originally part of the Woolverstone Hall Estate. The school is working with local architects and a school design company to completely renovate the property (including its outbuildings and barns) to meet the needs of boarding pupils.

IHS will be welcoming its first boarders from September 2019, with more boarding places available from the following Summer Term.

In September 2019, the Dairy will initially house approximately 16 pupils, with additional living space for staff. There will be twin and single rooms available for pupils and IHS hope to create a warm 'home away from home' environment. Following a second phase of development, the Dairy will be able to house up to 55 pupils. The school hopes to have a boarding house which will be appealing to home and international pupils and offer full and flexi-boarding options.

Local History

Have you looked at our Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. This month we have added: a glimpse into the life of Mary Alice Warwick (nee Berners) mother and sister to two servicemen on our War Memorial; photographs of the observation platform built on the Hall during WW2; a photograph of a Woolverstone resident early 20th century Mr R S Jackaman; photo of the Hall with sun blinds extended. It has been another 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

Woolverstone Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December

10.00 – 3.00

The traditional Woolverstone Christmas Fair will be held in Berners Hall on Saturday 1st December from 10.00 until 3.00 pm. It is a great chance to meet up with people from the ends and the middle of the village! Make a date of it!



There will be fabulous stalls offering a wide range of crafts: art/cards, jewellery, game pies, beaded creations, quilts, knitted & sewn presents

In addition, there will be refreshments throughout the day. Tea, Coffee, Gluhwein, mince pies, sausage rolls cake etc.

There are a couple of stalls (£10.00) still available. Phone Elspeth Iskander on 780751

Would you be able to help?

Would you like to help with plans and preparations? Phone Elspeth Iskander on 780751

Baking? Mince pie/sausage roll/cake/biscuit/cookie/flapjack/brownie makers! Would you bake for the event? If you could help, would you let Elspeth know what and how many you would be prepared to bake? 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 evening or Saturday morning.

Help with the refreshment area? We're also looking for help with the hospitality. Thank you to those who have already offered to help. The Fair is open from 10.00 until 3.00. If you feel you could help, please let Elspeth Iskander on 780751 know when you would be prepared to slot in?

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard team.**Fri 2nd Nov.****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.

Berners Hall Management Committee AGM**Weds 8th Nov.****8.00**

This is the annual meeting of the small group of determined people that keep our village hall running, reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the year to come.

Parish Council Meeting**Thurs 9th Nov.****7.30**

Parish Council meetings take place on second Thursday of the month, except August. We receive reports for our County and District councils 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. There is an opportunity to raise your own issue(s) in the first 10 minutes of the meeting. If you would like to do this, please contact me Simon Pearce, Chairman at simonpearce@gmx.co.uk or Kathryn Deaton, our clerk, at kathryn@deaton.org.uk in the week preceding the meeting.

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 10th Nov 9.00 – 12.30

The theme this month is: Peace

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.

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

As I expect you are aware, we have no rector at present. The process to find a new one will commence soon. It is uncertain how long this will take.

Sunday 4th	10.00	BCP Holy Communion. A "said" Holy Communion in the traditional style using the Book of Common Prayer.
	11.00	Café Church
Sunday 11th Nov	10.00	Service of Remembrance, St Michael's
	11.00	Act of Remembrance, Berners Hall
Sunday 18st Nov	11.00	Morning Prayers
Sunday 25th Nov	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

Community Speedwatch has carried out 3 sessions in the last five weeks. Most drivers slow when they see the signs and hi-viz jackets. Mostly good humoured! Five drivers have been sent letters following the survey as they were driving at over 35 mph.

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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