



Woolverstone News

November 26th 2017

Dear All

This spectacular Autumn has provided us with a “mast year” – a year when there is a super abundance of acorns and beech mast. Even the Sweet Chestnut seems to have joined in with the biggest crop, both in numbers and size, I have seen for many years. I noticed something of additional interest this year. At home, I have to reverse my car back under one of these prolific oak trees to get out onto the road. The other day, as I was manoeuvring, I saw three pheasants turn and race across the field towards my car. “What’s got into them?” I wondered. On returning from my short trip I discovered them scratching away under the oak tree. I can only assume that they knew I was going to crunch a few acorns that would make it easier for them to eat!

Babergh District Council – New Joint Local Plan 2018 - 2036

Parish Council’s response can be found on our website: <http://woolverstone.onesuffolk.net/> It was complicated and took many hours of work to try to convey views not just about Woolverstone but the Peninsula and planning for its unique and special qualities. This is only the first phase of the process and it will be interesting to see the outcomes.

I would like to say a big “Thank you” to all of you who also made responses to the Joint Local plan consultation.

Boundary Commission consultation.

The Boundary Commission’s proposals for changes to the Babergh District wards have been published. You can find the full draft recommendations at:
http://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/35535/Babergh-Draft-Recs-Summary.pdf

We now have until Dec 11th to make our comments on these proposals.

In brief, Berners ward will disappear. Shotley will become a ward on its own. Woolverstone will be part of ward comprising: Chelmondiston, Woolverstone, Freston, Wherstead and Bentley. This ward will be called “Chelmondistan” ward and have one councillor. Holbrook, Stutton, Tattingstone and Brantham are to form another ward which will be called Brantham and Holbrook and have 2

councillors. Your Parish Council is going to suggest an alternative which is more Peninsula orientated.

If you would like to have your say on these proposals you need to go to:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/9231?bbox=574498,224822.5,631448,264122.5>

There is a box for your submission and you also need to record your personal details.

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 1st December 10.00 -12.00

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful.

If you would like to join in with this venture, please come to the Churchyard prepared with tools, if you can: shears, edging tools, secateurs, rake, strimmer, wheel barrow. Anything that you might feel is useful in creating a true wildlife garden in "God's corner". There might also be some work undertaken at Horsepond's Green.

"Punch and Pie" Berners Hall Sunday 3rd Dec. 10-12.30.

Punch and Pie is a traditional Woolverstone event to bring people in the village together before Christmas. Come along for some convivial conversation and a glass of warm Punch with a Mince Pie.



MULLED WINE
MINCE PIES
HANDBAGS
CUSHIONS
CAKES
JEWELLERY
PEPPER POTS
BEAUTY WITH ALOE
FEATHERED WREATHS
HANDMADE GAME PIES
& MUCH MORE

INVITATION TO
Punch & Pie
with Christmas Fair

Berners Village Hall, Main Road
Woolverstone, IP9 1AR

Sunday 3rd December
10.00 am - 12.30

Christmas Delights by
A & B TEXTILES, CONSTABLE WOODCRAFTS, CURBIE'S
CAKES, FOREVER LIVING, GAME KEEPER'S DAUGHTER,
MONIKA TAYLOR, PICKED & PLUCKED, POSH & PRETTY

Entrance Free
Punch & Pie £3

PARKING - Disabled Parking plus a limited number of spaces available behind the hall. Additional parking available as signed using the field farm entrance.
Contact: Elspeth - ciskander@aol.com

Come and support our village. Meet old friends, introduce yourself to someone new. Have a lovely morning enjoying a glass of Elspeth's Mulled Wine, eating warm sausage rolls or mince pies and perhaps allowing our stall holders to help make Christmas that bit easier.

There will also be sausage rolls and mince pies for the freezer and luxury Mincemeat from Friends of Woolverstone.

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 9th Dec 9.00 – 12.30

This month our Monthly Market will have a Christmas theme and there will be carols sung by Vivo. Don't miss the bacon butties! Or, the Woolverstone sausage! Delicious!! All made with meat from Stuart and Cheryl at East End Butchers, East Bergholt. You can pre-order meat for collection.

There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone and specialist artisan breads from Anchor Bakery.

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

Family Carol Service. St Michael's Church Wednesday 20th Dec. 7.00 pm

Our traditional Family Carol Service in St Michael's Church will be on Wednesday 20th December starting at 7.00. It is a delightful opportunity to see the way to our church lit with candles and take part in this very special service. You are invited to stay and share a glass of mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. The collection is in aid of Ipswich Winter Night Shelter.

Helping our Community

Poppy Appeal

Romy tells me that the door-to-door Poppy Appeal raised £258 this year and wanted to say "Thank you" to everyone for their support.

Burglaries

There have been a number of opportunist burglaries across the Peninsula in the last few weeks especially from sheds and cars. Please be aware and ensure the security of your belongings. In particular, a silver Suzuki Vitara, with registration number KA03NYM, has been associated with a number of thefts on the Peninsula. Keep your eyes peeled and stay safe.

Local History

It would be great to collect and digitise more photographs and recollections from the past in Woolverstone. The history of the Widows Homes, Berners Hall, Woolverstone House, the Saw Mill at the Timbers, the Post Office in Number 24 Main Road, war time recollections to name but a few. Most recently, gathering recollections from the period at Woolverstone Hall of the London Nautical Training School 1947 -1952.

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

We did our first survey for a "while" this week. As a consequence, 3 drivers will be receiving letters through the post from the Police. 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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