



Woolverstone News

June 28th 2017

Dear All

Sun rise from the terraces below Woolverstone Hall on 21st June 2017. The longest day. Perfect. We are so blessed to live in such a unique and beautiful place.

How can we protect what makes the Shotley Peninsula so special?

Babergh District Council tell us we they no longer have a 5-year housing supply. This means that 2,420 homes have to be built across the entirety of Babergh's district by 2022, according to one of our Councillors. How many should our peninsula be expected to take, on top of the 435 to be built at Shotley Gate (Ganges + Marina)? In addition to the 74 houses in Holbrook?

Our peninsula is surrounded by an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Coming up from the Strand into the peninsula is an uplifting experience. The question arises then, how can we keep what makes the area we live in beautiful? How will the loss of a 5-year housing supply affect our villages? How will the "presumption in favour of sustainable development" affect us and our quality of life which, some might say, is being slowly eroded by decisions already taken which are bringing creeping urbanisation to a delightful rural landscape.

I have asked Derek Davis, one of our Babergh councillors, to come and explain what the consequences are for our community of Babergh not having a 5-year housing supply. He will also answer questions to clarify our understanding. Please come along and hear what he has to say.

Some Dates for your Diary:

Friday 7th July St Michael's Churchyard 10.00 -12.00

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

We have an informal agreement to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.00 a.m. to continue the maintenance programme.

This Friday we may also try to do some work at Horsepond's Green.

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. Hedge cutter? Anything that you might feel is useful in creating a true wildlife garden in "God's corner".

All welcome.

Saturday Market at St Michael's Church, Woolverstone. July 8th. 9.00 – 12.30

This is the *second anniversary* of the monthly market being established. This is a real achievement. Congratulations to all those who have worked hard to make it a sustained success.

This month includes a "Car Boot Sale" on Church Field. Pitches are £12. Phone 780777 to book a pitch.

The church service in St Michael's, 11am 9th July, is a special anniversary service followed by a lunch.

All welcome.

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 could even pre-order meat for collection. Plus:

- ✓ Coffee, tea, bacon butties, Woolverstone sausages
- ✓ Crafts: jewellery, glass, wood, cards, furniture, knitting, crochet
- ✓ Food: cakes, sausage rolls, bread, fruit, veg, eggs, jams, chutneys, pastries, cheeses
- ✓ Anchor Bakery breads
- ✓ Natural products
- ✓ Plants, trees and bird food
- ✓ Antiques and Art work

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

Note: our August market has a theme of "bring your pets" and at 11am the next day there is a pet service in St Michael's!

Ipswich High School for Girls Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th July

The grounds of Ipswich High School for Girls will be closed to us from Tuesday 11th until Friday 14th July. They have 500 girls visiting from other GDST schools and camping in the grounds.

Can people also be aware that the IHSG Forest school – off to the right of the footpath going down to the Marina from Church Field is a sensitive area and needs to be treated with care and respect as it is used by very young children as part of their education.

Parish Council meeting Thursday 13th July Berners Hall 7.00pm

Derek Davis, District Councillor, will be making a presentation about the changes in planning policy at Babergh District Council since the loss of its 5-year housing supply. How will this affect us? How will this affect our Peninsula?

This is an information session but there will be an opportunity to ask questions and clarification. I am hoping that our other District Councillor, Peter Patrick will also be in attendance.

Helping our Community

Parish Councillor

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

*****Clerk to the Parish Council*****

We have a vacancy for the role of Clerk to the Parish Council. If you would like to know more about the role, please talk to me. (780009)

Community Speedwatch

We have lost three of our Community Speedwatch team in recent weeks. 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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