



## Woolverstone News

August 31st 2017

*Dear All*

*After the swifts left the skies seemed to fall silent. Then, just the other day, there was the most extraordinary clamorous chattering from the house martins under the eaves outside our row of cottages. The young had fledged, three nests at the same time, and all of them were on the wing, flying low through the garden and up to the walls, gripping for a short time and then away again; chattering for all they were worth. For nearly an hour the parents encouraged their young off the walls and up higher into the air. Then as swiftly as it had begun, the skies quietened, and the now confident young followed their parents into the sky and up towards the clouds, feasting on insects in preparation for their long flight to Africa. The garden fell silent again. We are lucky to witness these moments and as Cesare Pavese reminds us: "We do not remember days, we remember moments".*

### **Babergh District Council – New Local Plan 2018 - 2036**

Babergh District Council has now published the "Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan: Consultation Document. August 2017". The consultation period runs from 21<sup>st</sup> August to 5.00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We have to make our response by this date. The Parish Council will discuss the way it will do this on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at its monthly meeting. I propose to hold a further Village Meeting in early October – provisionally Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – to share our thoughts and gather yours in time to draft our response at the PC meeting on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. This will give us time to have the finished response agreed and returned by the deadline.

The Local Plan, when finalised by BDC, will plot development in Woolverstone and on the Peninsula over the next 18 years. We need to make sure we have made a detailed and careful response so our voice and views are clearly heard.

The Local Plan document is long and complex. There are 88 pages of consultation proposals consisting of 73 questions plus 243 pages of maps. The Local Plan can be found online at:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/joint-local-plan-consultation-document/>

The web page makes it clear how you can make your comments on the plan. You can also pass your views on to Parish Council and Parish Council members. There will be a public drop-in event in Tattingstone Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00 – 7.00 p.m. Furthermore, Parish Councils have been asked to nominate two from their number to attend a meeting at Holbrook Academy on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6.30 p.m.

It is worth noting that in addition to the substantial areas of land being offered for development in Woolverstone, it is proposed to re-classify Shotley as a Core village rather than as a hinterland

village. This has implications for the future as Core villages are expected to attract more development as they have greater resources. Currently only Holbrook on the Peninsula is classified as a Core village.

Please let me have your views between now and the middle of October. Thank you in advance.

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

**St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 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. Hedge cutter? Anything that you might feel is useful in creating a true wildlife garden in "God's corner".

All welcome.

**Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00 – noon**

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. 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, shrubs, trees and bird food
- ✓ Antiques and Art work
- ✓ Cards, quilting

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

### **Helping our Community**

#### **Crab apples**

The crab apple tree on Horsepond's Green is loaded with lovely apples. If you are interested in making crab apple jam, jelly or wine, or anything else with this fruit please pop along and help yourself. Horsepond's Green is a community resource.

#### **Local History**

Woolverstone is a village with a fascinating history. Some fellow villagers have been part of that history for a many, many years and have wonderful tales to tell. Recently, I have been lucky

enough to spend time with a granddaughter of the last Head Gardener at Woolverstone Hall when it was in the hands of the Berners family. I was able to use photographs of the Walled Garden and gardeners at the Open Garden event to help our understanding of the importance of the gardens and the Hall.

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.

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!

By way of a starter, I have attached to this newsletter an account of the Woolverstone Park obelisk that existed between 1793 and 1943 – part of our landscape for 150 years; but, sadly no more. I hope it is of some interest. If anyone has any further information or pictures about the obelisk, I would be delighted to hear from you.

## **Berners Hall Booking Secretary**

We're still looking! Can you help?

Berners Hall Management Committee urgently require a willing volunteer to take over the position of Booking & Hiring Secretary.

Duties to include:

1. Taking telephone and email enquiries from new and existing Hall users
2. Arranging all bookings and viewings and advising hire charges
3. Completion of hire agreements
4. Showing the available facilities to new hirers
5. Collection of payments, issuing receipts, passing payments to treasurer
6. Unlocking & locking before and after an event
7. Liaising with other BHMC members on a regular basis
8. Maintaining current Booking diary

Some of these duties, i.e. unlocking & locking, collecting payments & issuing receipts may be shared with a member of BHMC

You will need to be prepared to use your own home phone and mobile to take telephone enquiries and also an email address to receive and send electronic data.

Your telephone numbers and email address will be advertised, together with your name only (no address) as being the contact for all enquiries relating to Berners Hall.

Although this is an unpaid voluntary position, any reasonable incurred expense will be reimbursed subject to prior agreement

For more info please contact current Booking Secretary –

Jenny Double on 01473 780535 or alternatively

Sarah Hutton on 077540 75684 or email: sarahhutton7@btinternet.com  
Regstd Charity no - 304842

### **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**

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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