



## Woolverstone News

December 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

*Dear All*

*After a day of low cloud and mist the skies cleared yesterday just as the sun was setting. Perfect. The weather has been incredibly mild so far this winter. I don't think it had quite registered exactly how mild until I walked out a few days ago to gather some holly, rich with berries, for Christmas decorations. Between here and Holbrook I found a south-facing slope where, to my complete surprise, there were ripening blackberries! Not just a few but the leaf covered brambles were laden with red and deepening blue/black berries. But then I reflected I had just picked the last of my outdoor tomatoes which were still ripening on December 18th!*

*I hope you have had a really wonderful Christmas. Marcus Aurelius says in his Meditations: "What a precious privilege it is to be alive, - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love." Happy New Year.*

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### **Parish News**

#### **Poppy Appeal**

£301.25 was raised through the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

#### **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: more Woolverstone United football teams; short history of Woolverstone Post Office 1904 – 1954; glass plate photograph of an outing to Woolverstone possibly Methodists from Ipswich 1924; photograph of horse and cart possible carrying furze or bracken(?); renovated

memorial stone in the churchyard; photo of Deer Park Lodge c. 1900; and, photograph of Cat House early 20<sup>th</sup> century. There have been questions about Woolverstone village school. If anyone has photographs with names we would love to see them, especially the year of closure. It has been another busy month. We now have 87 members. Why not find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too? Join the conversation. 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! Someone may have an answer.

## **"Up and coming" Village events**

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

**Parish Council Meeting** **Thurs 10th January** **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 [simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk](mailto:simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk) or Kathryn Deaton, our clerk, at [kathryn@deaton.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@deaton.org.uk) in the week preceding the meeting.

**St Michael's Churchyard team.** **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.** **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 12th Jan. 9.00 – 12.30**

Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! There will be 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.

**Horsepond's Green team** **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.** **10.00 – 12.00**

Horsepond's Green is the little area opposite Sideways Cottage and behind the Parish noticeboard which was gifted to the village of Woolverstone many years ago. It has been planted with trees, fruit trees and wild flowers as well as having a pond area. It has been cared for in an *ad hoc* fashion over the past few years.

We need a team of people who would like to work to keep this area "wild" but accessible. The team will meet on the third Saturday of each month. There are all manner of jobs needed: clearing plants from the pond, cutting the grass twice a year, cutting back growth of ivy and bramble, keeping hedges tidy, some tree management among other things!

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## **Sunday Services at St Michael's.**

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

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10.00	Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome.
	11.00	Café church
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11.00	Morning Prayers
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11.00	Holy Communion

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## **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**

Our Speedar device is currently being re-calibrated.

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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