



Woolverstone News

April 30th 2018

Dear All

Spring is here. Everywhere around us the natural world is bursting into life. It is a period of frenzied growth, as all gardeners know. It is the time to see the blue bells and wild garlic in Freston woods. Park near the church and walk down through the woods towards the River Orwell. It is a gentle stroll but the walker is rewarded by the intense colours of the bluebells and then the white of the wild garlic and its strong smell on a warm, sunny day.

Wild garlic is a favourite springtime ingredient. The leaves add a wonderfully subtle, tangy flavour to fries and soups. The lightly cooked. Be sure to recipes also call for few minutes in boiling stirred into risottos or used in sauces to



Another garlic type taste abundance at the moment is (Garlic) mustard. This grows milder taste. The leaves and if the leaves are finely little olive oil, they make a dressing. The flowers have a be added to salads.



that is fresh and growing in Jack-by-the-hedge or Hedge profusely in our lanes. It is a make ideal sandwich fillers, chopped and mixed with a refreshing and delicate salad peppery flavour and can also

We owe a massive thank you to Mike who has refurbished our village noticeboard beautifully. For those who don't know where this is, it is by Horsepond's Green opposite sideways cottage.

Boundary Commission draft proposals. Final round. Consultation closes 30th April

The Boundary Commission is re-shaping wards in Babergh District with the aim of cutting the number of councillors and balancing the voting populations for the next five years. Following a first round of consultation the Local Government Boundary Commission has produced new draft recommendations. You are invited to have your say by 30th April.

The Parish Council have welcomed the proposal that recognises the history and geography of our Peninsula. However, it creates a three member ward. We have made a further suggestion, that Shotley and Erwarton become a single member ward and the remainder of the Peninsula a two member ward. We thought that three member ward was too unwieldy.

Have your say through:-

1. Interactive portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>
2. Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
3. Writing: Review Officer (Babergh), Local Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, LONDON. SW1P 4QP.

Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundary review

Natural England has completed its consultation on an extension to the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Parish Council response agreed with all areas for extension protecting our beautiful landscapes.

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 4th May. 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 around headstones and leaf clearing from the fenced area. We are trying to secure the fencing to prevent rabbits and hares gaining access to the churchyard. The original rabbit fencing was donated by Mrs Double and the gaps that have appeared over time need to be closed.

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 14th May. 9.00 – 12.30

The theme this month is: The Royal Wedding.

Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! East End Butchers are here. There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone, specialist artisan breads from Anchor Bakery, Aloe Vera products, Game Keeper's Daughter with wild meat goodies, 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.

St Elizabeth Open Garden. Stone Cottage, Woolverstone. Sunday 20th May 11-5pm

Jen Young is opening her beautiful garden to raise funds for St Elizabeth's Hospice on Sunday 20th May, 11.00 – 5.00 pm. There will be tea and cakes as well as a plant stall by Katy's Garden.

Woolverstone Annual Parish Meeting. Berners Hall. Thursday 24th May. 8.00 pm

The Annual Parish Meeting allows parishioners to catch up with the work of the Parish Council, District Council and County Council over the past year. It also is a chance to ask questions of your councillors about what happens in the village.

The Annual Parish Meeting is preceded by a short Parish Council meeting which begins at 7.30.

Agenda will be posted on our noticeboard by Horsepond's Green in advance.

Advanced notice!

Joanna Eden - Jazz and Picnics on a Summer Evening.

“The Great Divas Show”

Sunday 10th June. 7.00 – 9.00

Friends of Woolverstone are hosting a concert by the talented jazz singer Joanna Eden. It is a wonderful opportunity to listen to a singer who sells out at Ronnie Scott's jazz club! Why not combine the evening with a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Woolverstone Hall? It should be a very special evening.



If you would like to hear her sound there are a couple of links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qtkSkSvm50>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xyo309hTCsk>

More information about Joanna can be found on her website:

<http://www.joannaeden.net/>

Hayward Theatre, Woolverstone Hall.

Grounds open from 4.30.

Tickets: £ 18.00.

Book tickets at: <https://experiencetickets.co.uk> or Mercury Theatre: 01206 573948

(Look for Friends of Woolverstone or Joanna Eden)

There will also be ++ Strawberries and Cream ++ Bubbly ++

Proceeds from this event go to Friends of Woolverstone - supporting our village and community.

A word from our Rector, Geoffrey Clement

Dear Friends,

It has often been said: We live in interesting times! We certainly do, Brexit, Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong-un all seem to be conspiring to make life more interesting and even turbulent. But despite all this the words of Harold "Super-Mac" Macmillan still hold true: We've never had it so good!

On the 8th May in the church calendar we remember Julian of Norwich. It was on the 8th May 1373 that a 30-year-old woman suffering from what was considered a terminal illness experienced a series of visions which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the next twenty years of her life reflecting on these visions and writing down what she had learned from them.

Julian of Norwich lived through "interesting and turbulent" times. In her life time half the population of Norwich had been carried off by the Black Death, the Hundred Year War had been going for 36 years and the Peasants' Revolt was on the horizon.

The consistent and overwhelming message Julian receives through these encounters with Christ is simple: that God is purely and wholly love, and that, despite all the uncertainty and fragility, of life, ultimately the love of God will triumph.

That is perhaps a good insight for us to keep hold of as well. Six centuries after Julian, our world is a very fragile and precarious place too. But the God who loved and cared for the world of Julian loves and cares for our world too, and therefore, in Julian's own words, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

Black Death, Hundred year war! Yes maybe we really have never had it so good.

I remain
Your (optimistic) friend and rector
Geoffrey

Sunday Services at St Michael's Church.

Sunday 6th May	10.00	Holy Communion. Said Holy Communion in the traditional style. BCP.
	11.00	Death Cafe
Sunday 13th May	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way
Sunday 20th May	11.00	Pentacost, "Living Acts" – this is a lively, interactive presentation of the whole of the Acts of the Apostles and is Stutton Primary School from 9.30 -12.00. We are joining with North Samford Benefice for this special morning. There will be breaks for refreshments.
Sunday 27nd May	11.00	Holy Communion

Looking forward

One of our very own, James Hodgkinson, is a Canterbury Cathedral Chorister. We are immensely privileged to have a visit from the group of choristers to St Michael's Church, Woolverstone.

Canterbury Cathedral Choristers Present a Concert
In
St Michael's Church, Woolverstone

7pm Wednesday 27 June 2018

Tickets: £12.50 Including Summer
Refreshments

For more information and to secure your tickets ring Chris Hodgkinson: 07764 285 928
Or
Email: jchodgkinson@gmail.com

All proceeds to St Michael's Church, Woolverstone and the Choir House Choristers' Social Fund

Helping our Community

Local History

Did you know that an England cricket team came to Woolverstone Hall in 1900 to play against a Woolverstone Park 11? Or that the pavilion was once even more splendid than it is today? Want to find out more?

This is one of the entries on our new Facebook page: Woolverstone: Notes and Queries. Here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044317292447243/>

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. Please join the group and feel free to add information and photographs about our historic village.

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

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

Simon Pearce. Chairman, Woolverstone Parish Council (780009. simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)