

Woodhurst Information

Church of St John the Baptist

The church is in the United Benefice of Somersham, Pidley, Old Hurst & Woodhurst. The Priest in Charge is Rev. Chris Barter (840676)

Monthly services are as follows:-

1 st Sunday	Evensong 6.00pm
2 nd Sunday	No Service
3 rd Sunday	Family Service at 10.30am
4 th Sunday	6.00pm Communion

There is a communion service at 10.00am on the second Thursday of the month.

Andrea Marr (822417) & Jan Pinder (822500) are Churchwardens.

The first Saturday of every month there is an Open morning at the Church where you can have a free cup of coffee/tea. There is also a Paperback Book Swap.

Feast Week

This is held to celebrate the patron saint of the church St John the Baptist. As his feast day is 24th June, it is held during the week this day falls. There is a varied programme of events which vary from year to year. This year we had a special church service about the history of the pubs that used to be in the village, a cream tea, a guided walk round the village, sports for the children and a village quiz. Some years the village holds a scarecrow festival.

Parish Council

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Monday of every other month in the Village Hall.

Notices announcing the meeting are placed in the Parish Council notice board on the bus shelter and in the notice board in South Street, as well as on the village website.

Members of the Parish Council are:-

Chairman – Alistair Marr -- Manor Farm

Vice-chairman – Terry Huggins,
Peter Collins – ‘The Limes’, Church Street.

John Nicoll - ‘Collingwood’ Church Street,

Andy Notman - The Long Barn, Church Street

Simon West - 11 Moot Way

Bob Newell - The Nurseries, South Street

The Parish Clerk is Liz Pendered who lives at Harradine House. Tel. 842391

Website

The village web site with up to date news and Information can be found at www.woodhurst-cambs.com and is well worth a visit.

It is very comprehensive and most useful if you want to find out which bin to put out and when!

Village Hall

The Village Hall is in St John’s Close and is run by a Management Committee. Events held in the hall include Quiz Nights, Pub Nights and is opened for a variety of other occasions. It is also used as the local polling station.

The hall may be hired for private functions such as birthday parties etc. Details of charges may be obtained from the Lettings Officer Simon West (823803).

Further details can be found on the village website.

Natural Woodhurst

The former “Woodhurst In Bloom” group has organised the floral efforts of the village since 1997. In 1998 Woodhurst was the best small village in East Anglia and was therefore entered into Britain in Bloom in 1999. In 1999 they were second in Anglia in Bloom, They also won the Calor Gas Trophy as the Huntingdonshire ‘Village of the Year ‘ This was organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE, and takes into account not only the flowers and tidiness of the village, but also the community itself. In 2002 Woodhurst struck gold again and was judged the best village in the Anglia in Bloom contest. The Royal Horticultural society then took over the organising of the event and in 2007 Woodhurst won a silver gilt medal, and was adjudged the best small village in East Anglia. In 2008 Woodhurst won a Silver medal.

This Group has now been superseded by the Natural Woodhurst Group and has obtained a Lottery Grant to help with their work to enhance the natural aspects of the village. One of their major projects has been clearing up the pond. They also organise activities such as very early morning walks to identify birds. Full details of all their activities are on the web site or by searching for “Natural Woodhurst” on Facebook.

Conservation Area

This is at the western end of the parish at the double bend in the road on the way to Old Hurst and is managed by the Natural Woodhurst group. There is a pond full of interesting wildlife, and many varieties of plant life, which attract butterflies in summer. An owl box has been placed in the area. There is also a picnic bench and seats. The area is well worth a visit.

Post Office

Unfortunately this facility closed in 1998 due to the ill health of the owner. The nearest Post Offices are at Warboys or Somersham.

Waste Disposal

It is prudent to put your dustbins out very early, or preferably overnight. The blue bin is collected every other Wednesday and the grey and green bins on alternate Fridays. The blue bin is for recyclables including bottles, the green for garden rubbish and the grey for household. The village web site tells you which bin should be put out. When there is a Bank holiday the day may change.

There is a Recycling Centre at Bluntisham Heath; straight across at Woodhurst Crossroads and it is up the road to your right. You can dump garden rubbish, bulky items etc. Household waste can also be deposited here, but must be in black bags.

Newspapers

The only daily paper which is delivered is the Cambridge Evening News. If you want it delivered please telephone Emily Dowding of 6 Moot Way on 823322.

Milk

Dairy Crest delivers milk to the village three days a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The cost is more expensive than the supermarkets, but many people do use them at least one of the days, to try & keep the service going.

Buses

The Number 22 bus operated by Whippet Coaches goes into St Ives once a day leaving at 10.35, returning at 13.21. The buses leave from the bus shelter next to the telephone box. The Guided busway service runs a regular service between St Ives and Cambridge.

Mobile library

A mobile library visits the village on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.40am to 11.05am. It stops opposite the 'Old Post Office'.

Newsletter

The Village newsletter "Woodhurst News" is produced on a regular basis throughout the year.

Police

We are in the Ramsey area for community policing. The area sergeant is Dave Savill and there are three Police Community Support Officers for our ward (Somersham). They are Roger Poole, Aggie Siepak & Gill Goodfellow. The telephone number for Cambridgeshire Police is 0845 4564564.

A useful website to use to find out about crime and policing in the area is www.cambs.police.uk

Schools

Woodhurst is in the catchment area for Warboys Primary School and the Ramsey Secondary schools, and transport is provided from the village to these schools. There is also transport to St Ivo comprehensive in St Ives. However many children from the village go to a variety of schools in Cambridge, Ely, Huntingdon, Bluntisham, Somersham and St Ives.

Doctors/Dentist

Woodhurst people are registered with doctors in Warboys, Somersham or one of the practices in St Ives.

Footpaths

There are six footpaths in and around the village. There is a map showing their whereabouts on the Parish Council notice board. The Parish Council is in the Parish Paths Partnership scheme with the County Council. This helps to maintain the paths with the help of the farmers who own the land. The Parish Councillor with responsibility for the paths is Peter Collins.