

St John The Baptist, Woodhurst

Services

28th September : Holy Communion 6pm
5th October : Evensong 6pm
9th October : Holy Communion 10am
19th October : Harvest Festival 10:30am
26th October : Holy Communion 6pm

Church Open Mornings

If occasionally you would like to escape from the frenzy of Saturday mornings and have a cup of coffee made for you, in peaceful surroundings, the Church will be open on October 4th and subsequently, unless a special service is taking place, on the first Saturday of each month from 10.30am until 12 noon.

If you have any queries, please contact Sally Barrett on 823014.

Churchyard Tidy Up

Please come along and help tidy up the churchyard on Saturday October 4th. For further details, please contact Andrea Marr (822417)

Woodhurst In Bloom

Woodhurst achieved a Silver Award in the Anglia In Bloom Competition this year. The judges were particularly impressed with the new tree seat in Moot Way and the variety of planting in gardens around the village. As always, the cleanliness of the village was commented upon, so we have much to be proud of.

It will always be difficult for a village the size of Woodhurst to win the coveted Gold Award, but we have lots of plans to help us attain our target

The Judges' full comments can be found on the village website.

The Digital Debate

A survey has been delivered with this newsletter that gives us the chance to tell OfCom (the communications watchdog) about the needs of the village in the digital age. Especially relevant to us are the problems with getting broadband internet access in the village. Please return the surveys to the address shown, or drop them off at the Long Barn in Church Street and I will arrange for them all to be returned at once.
Andy Notman

Woodhurst Conservation Area

We now have a management plan for the conservation area and are about to put it into action.

Please come along and help keep your village a place to be proud of. There will be an opportunity to discover what wildlife there is on the site, keep fit and restore the area for local people to visit.

We will be holding a programme of practical conservation days over the winter. The dates are:

Saturday 29 November 2008 from 10 to 12. When we will be clearing access to the pond.

Saturday 7 February 2009 from 10 to 12. Clearing overhanging vegetation from the footpath around the reserve.

Everyone welcome, please wear suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor work.

For further information, please contact Philip Clark on 07894708352

Woodhurst Village Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the **Woodhurst 100 Club** at £5 each. See Nick Dowding or telephone 823322.

Weekly draw for £5 prize will commence 4th October, final draw held at the Christmas Quiz on 6th December 2008 for

1st prize £100;
2nd prize £50;
3rd prize £25

Friday 31st October Village Halloween Evening

6pm start at Village Hall for Fancy Dress Judging and Trick or Treat. Please put a pumpkin out or a torch or candle in your window if you would welcome a visit from the trick or treaters

Line Dancing

Line dancing lessons take place every Wednesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Beginners are welcome and it costs just £3 for an hour

Gardening Club

If you would be interested in joining an informal gardening club for the chance to swap tips, seeds and cuttings, please contact Gary Davis on 825263

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Please be aware that there were two thefts of hanging baskets and pots in the village recently, one in Church Street and one in St Johns Close.

Parish Plan

The PP committee will shortly be asking for volunteers to attend small meetings to help decide what the pressing issues are in the village. These meetings will form the basis for the Parish Questionnaires which we hope to distribute in 2009

If you have any questions regarding the Parish Plan, please contact one of the committee (see below).

Village Contacts

Parish Council

Chairman : John Nicoll (823528)
Clerk : Alison Brace (842391)

St John The Baptist

Priest In Charge : Chris Barter (840676)
Churchwarden : Andrea Marr (822417)

Village Hall

Chairman : Simon West (823803)
Secretary : Annabel Armstrong (824356)

Parent & Toddlers

Meets on the 1st Monday Monthly
Contact : Karen Holley : (823226)

Parish Plan

Chairman : Gary Davis (825263)
Secretary : Tony Reynolds
Annabel Armstrong, Shirley Firth, Alistair Marr, Avril Mayall, Andy Notman

Woodhurst In Bloom

Chair : Karen Holley (823226)
Secretary : Andy Notman (823797)

Woodhurst News & Website

Andy Notman (823797)