

Woodhurst Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **TUESDAY 26th APRIL**. Note that this a change from the original date due to the Bank Holiday. This is a chance for all villagers to come along and have their say and to find out what the various village organisations have been up to during the year.

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that's all we would need to make a

Toddler and Baby Group

As Parish Clerk, I have been given some funding that could be available for some toys and/or equipment for a Toddler and Baby group in the Village Hall.

It doesn't need to meet every week but maybe once a month we could get together and let the children play and get to know their neighbours. We are a small village and it would be nice to see the young ones get along like many of the older ones do now.

If you are interested then please either email or drop me a note through my door with contacts details and I will try and organise a meeting to discuss it in more detail.

Look forward to seeing you all soon

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Woodhurst Parish Clerk
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Please contact Andy Notman (823797) if you would like to write an article or advertise in this newsletter

LES BASS

We are trying to raise funds for a bench in memory of Les who died recently.

For those who did not know Les, he lived in Woodhurst more or less all his life and was a good neighbour, gardener, verge cutter and perpetual winner of 100 Club draws.

Furthermore over the years Les had planted some of the daffodils and snowdrops that have been out down Butt Lane and it is somewhere down Butt Lane that we would like to site the bench.

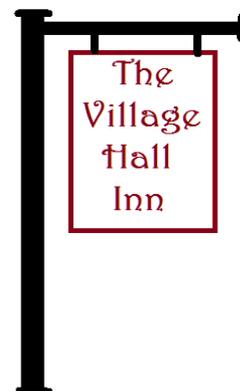
If you would like to donate then please post donations at Fullards Farm or see Neil and Annabel before 17th April.

Many thanks.

WOODHURST NEWS

Also available at www.woodhurst-cambs.com

April 2011



Friday 29th April

Village Pub Night

Licensed Bar

with

Real Ale, Wines, Spirits

from 7pm in the Village Hall

Make the most of the chance to leave the car at home and come and enjoy a drink in the Village with friends and neighbours

Feast Week 2011

18th to 25th June

Saturday 18th - Willow Hurdle Making
Sunday 19th - Feast Week Church Service
Sunday 19th - Cream Teas at Fullards Farm
Thursday 23rd - Family Rounders & Boules evening
Saturday 25th June - Barn Dance

Also Garden competitions, Woodhurst History Walk,
100 Club, Quiz and more

Natural Woodhurst

If you've been down Butt Lane recently you will see that a stretch of it has now been replanted with around 200 new trees following the coppicing work carried out by volunteers and contractors.

Similar clearance and regeneration work has been carried out at the Clay Pits Conservation Area and next on the agenda is planting wildflowers to create a meadow to attract butterflies and insects. We will also be planting wildflowers on the green bank opposite the pond. You are welcome to attend both of these activities on 17th April; We will be starting at the conservation area at around 10am.



Natural Woodhurst Contacts

Chair : Karen Holley : 823226

Secretary : Ruth Clark : 822835

Treasurer : Avril Mayall : 822254



Early Morning Warning ! Hurdle Making to kick off Feast Week

Join us on Sunday 8th May at 5.30am at the Village Hall as we set off on our annual Dawn Chorus Walk around the footpaths of Woodhurst. This normally takes a couple of hours and is followed by breakfast rolls back at the village hall.

On 18th June, the Feast Week festivities will begin with willow hurdle making on the green bank opposite the pond. These will be used to create new fences and all are welcome to come along and have a go at this ancient country craft. All materials will be provided and if the weather holds the barbecue will be fired up.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

"I wouldn't want the Church to close but at the same time I don't really want to go to Church"

The Woodhurst Parochial Church Council (PCC) is looking at trying to set up a "Friends" scheme through which people who agree with the above statement can help support the structure of the Church by making financial and other contributions to running costs, minor repairs etc without contributing to or being involved in the spiritual aspect.

Finding new ways of fundraising is always difficult, particularly so in the current economic climate. It costs around £6,500 to maintain, insure and keep the Church open for regular services, weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc. each year – all of which has to be raised by the congregation, villagers or other supporters of the church at Woodhurst.

No institutional funding or maintenance grants support the day to day running and maintenance costs. Many feel that it is important to keep the Church open; whether for regular spiritual fulfilment, as a publicly accessible historic monument within the village or for those life changing moments of birth, marriage and death.

Les Bass among others, lifetime resident of Woodhurst was not a regular Church-goer but had made clear his wish to be buried in the Churchyard, as were his parents before him. A "Friends of St John the Baptist Church" scheme will help to ensure that the Church is able to continue to be a facility for all in the future.

The first step of the proposed scheme is to set up a Committee whose aims are solely focused on the structure of the building rather than the provision of spiritual services. The Committee's first aim is to establish a "Friends of St John the Baptist Church" facility and constitution through which people are able to make regular financial or other donations now matter how large or small.

If you are interested in either becoming involved on the Committee or indeed in becoming a Friend of the Church then please contact Neil Farbon, Treasurer of St John the Baptist Church on 01487 824356/ fullards@btopenworld.com

St John The Baptist Services

April

Thursday 11th 10am Communion

Sunday 17th Palm Sunday Family service at 10.30am

Wednesday of Holy Week a service of meditation and compline at 7.30am

Easter Sunday (24th) at 10.30am Communion and Baptism

Church Open Mornings are held on the first Saturday of every month from 10.30 till 12.30. Why not pop in for a coffee and a chat ?

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Churchwardens : Andrea Marr : 822417 & Jan Pinder : 822500

PCC Secretary : Shirley Firth : 822958