

Woodhurst Parish Council

Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2011

Having completed my first full year as chairman of Woodhurst Parish Council, I am pleased to report that Woodhurst continues to thrive.

Looking back over the past year there have certainly been less major issues to resolve than in previous years, but there has not been any decline in our enthusiasm to improve the quality of service to our community. The council have been actively representing our views at District and County Council level and have worked diligently to improve or at least maintain the levels of service we expect.

I am often reminded by people living both near and far that we are lucky to live in such a delightful village. This is always gratifying. However, there is to my mind far too much litter and rubbish being discarded in our streets and roadsides. I wish more could be done to prevent it, difficult though this maybe. The district council has been quick to respond to our requests for the clearing up of such rubbish. I hope this continues. I would still like to do more to improve the state of the roads leading to the village, especially the Wheatsheaf Road.

The council is grateful for the activities of the Village Hall and its commitment in organising community events. I am pleased to say that they are generally well attended and always appreciated.

I am particularly struck by the amount of time devoted by the volunteers who regularly work to maintain the church and churchyard and take pride in making this vital focal point a real asset to the village.

Natural Woodhurst is now well established and continues to improve the environmental amenities that make up part of our heritage. It has been successful in obtaining funding for various projects and has already made a significant impact.

Our clerk, Liz, has completed all her training modules and hopes to gain her qualification later this year after submitting her portfolio.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their continued support and valued contributions throughout the year and look forward to an interesting and challenging year ahead.

Alistair Marr – Chairman

Toddler and Baby Group

The first Toddler and Baby Group will take place on 14th July at 4pm in the Chapel, so if you would like to join us for tea, please get in touch with me. Hopefully we will soon have our own page on the Village Website and more details will be posted on there as and when they become available.

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

WOODHURST NEWS

FEAST WEEK SPECIAL

June 2011

GROW.....GROW.....GROW.....

1 Corinthians 3:6 says "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." This text is displayed in the Church porch. Having seen it every time I entered the church over the past three years it seemed appropriate to use it as the theme of my final family service on 15th May. Together, we considered the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, planted beans in pots and read the parable of the Sower that Jesus told. Then we thought about the work of God in the lives of people – some seed is planted but fails to grow and some grows to produce varying amount of fruit. If the seeds are not planted, nothing can grow! That is partly what we are about at St. John's, planting the seeds of God's love, growing worthy values and producing the fruit of faith and good works in ourselves and those around us in Woodhurst.



As it says in the porch, we plant the seed and water it, but it is God who causes the life and growth and being fruitful. We all play our part.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve God and be with you all in Woodhurst over the past three years. I wish you all every blessing – may your village community grow and blossom and be fruitful as you live and work together in love.

Rev. Ann Peters

Feast Week Quiz Sheets—First Prize £20



These will be available shortly for £1 each from Gary Davis and Shirley Firth. They will also be available at the Cream Teas.



Winners will be announced at the Barn Dance

Feast Week 100 Club



£5 Winners so far.....Marie Archer, Haggis & Nic, Stewart McGeoch, Dave and Jackie Whittaker, Marie Archer (again—different ticket!), Tobi and Becky Menzies. More draws still to come with the final prizes being drawn at the Barn Dance



WILLOW HURDLE MAKING

10am onwards

Saturday 18th June—Opposite the Pond

As part of the Feast Week celebrations, Natural Woodhurst has invited a hurdle maker to come & demonstrate this traditional woodcraft. There will also be an opportunity to try making a hurdle yourself.

Hurdles are portable wooden frames, or screens, mainly used as temporary fences. There are many different styles of hurdle fencing, from wattle hurdles with a more open appearance, to the basket-like close weave of gate hurdles.



Hurdling techniques have been used for thousands of years, our ancestors used similar methods to construct shelters for themselves and for their livestock and more recently they have been used in industries and gardens. The hurdles we will be making will be used as a natural feature along the back of the wildflower meadow being created on the Green opposite Swan Weir pond.



Over the years, these hurdles will gradually rot down, providing habitats for insects, in turn providing food for birds. All materials will be provided and if the weather is fine, there will also be a barbecue.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Family Sports Night & Barbecue

Thursday 26th June—From 6pm

Manor Farm

Rounders for those with the energy, Boules for the less energetic or just come along and enjoy a chat and a burger in the evening sunshine (hopefully).

Village Barn Dance

Saturday 25th June—7pm

Licensed Bar with Real Ale

Come along to Manor Farm and take part in an excellent evening's dancing for young or old, experts and novices alike. The Fen Blow Band will be providing the music, calling and instruction so you can do-si-doh (or something like it) to your heart's content.

Tickets are likely to be popular for this event so please order yours as soon as possible. Supper is included in the ticket price.

Adult £10.00 each

OAP £8.00 each

Under 16's £7.50 each

Family Ticket £30.00 (2 Adult, 2 U16)

Available from Fullards Farm (01487 824356) or

11 Moot Way (01487 823803)

3rd Annual Cream Teas

1.30 pm

Sunday 19th June

Fullards Farm

Homemade Cakes & Scones,

Homemade Lemonade

Raffle, Treasure Square, Lotto Board and more



As in previous years, the cream teas wouldn't happen without an army of behind the scenes people. So, if you can spare an hour of your time to help out in the kitchen or by waiting tables please contact Annabel Armstrong at Fullards Farm. No previous experience necessary.

Also get in touch if you can lend a table and chairs, or a gazebo.

Guided History Walks with Shirley Firth

Departing from the Cream Teas at 2pm and 4pm

Stroll the mile around our wonderful Saxon ring village with our very own historian Shirley Firth.

Shirley will be leading a tour to all the former pubs in the village; a pub crawl if you will !

Feast Week Service

10.30am

Sunday 19th June—St John The Baptist, Woodhurst

In recent years the theme of the Feast Week service has examined various aspects of the Village's past including Education and the history of the Church. This year 's theme is the history of the pubs of the village. At one time there were 5 pubs in the Village itself, with a 6th within the Parish near Wiggins Farm and a 7th at the end of the Wheatsheaf road.

As usual, the history of the establishments has been thoroughly researched by Shirley Firth, so come along and find out more about the history of our wonderful village.

There will also be display boards outside the 5 pubs that were in the village, and the Current residents have been asked to choose a hymn for the Feast Week Service.

Church Decorations

To help with this years theme, you are welcome to bring a display (floral, collage, model, painting, etc) depicting the pub signs of Woodhurst to help decorate the church.

To help you out, the pubs were called.....

The Sun, The Half Moon & Stars, The Traveller's Rest,

The Three Horseshoes, The Farmer's Boy,

The Plough and Harrow, The Wheatsheaf

Please bring these to the Church at 5pm on Friday 17th or Saturday 18th June.

**Woodhurst Feast Week
GARDEN COMPETITION
Entry Form**

Please tick the box next to the categories you wish to enter:

Best Back Garden

Any pleasant back garden with a range of planting! Judging criteria: Overall Design, Planting diversity, garden maintenance and plant care.
Extra points for sustainable planting & environmentally friendly practices.

Best Baskets/Containers

Judging Criteria: Overall Impact, Suitability of Planting, Plant Combinations, Use of Colour, Condition of Plants.

Best Vegetable Patch

Judging Criteria: Range, quality and volume of crops. Appearance of plot. Unusual/experimental crops or growing methods. Year round cropping & environmentally friendly practices. If possible, please be available to discuss your plot with the judges.

To enter: Simply place this entry form in your window **by 12 Noon on Sunday 19th June.**

Judging: Between Mon 20th and Thurs 23rd June eve
(please ensure your garden is accessible if you are out)
Guest Judge: Dawn Smith of Cranbrook Plants

Results & Prizes: At Barn Dance on Sat 25th June.

Prizes for 1st place kindly provided by Cranbrook Plants and Parkhall Nursery. For more information, please contact Karen Holley 823226.