

VILLAGE NOTICES

Parish Plan

By now, every village resident over the age of 8 should have had a Parish Plan Questionnaire and these will be collected over the next week or so.

Then the hard work really begins as we analyse the results and look to produce the plan itself.

If you need more copies of the questionnaire, or have any questions please contact Andy Notman, Gary Davies, Shirley Firth or Tony Reynolds.

Feast Week 100 Club Winners

**1st Prize £100 : Jill Collins,
The Limes**

**2nd Prize £50 : Pat & Paul,
Chelsea Rest**

**3rd Prize : Archer,
1 St Johns Close**

Weekly Prizes £5: Marie Archer (twice!), Haggis & Nic, Stewart McGeoch, Dave & Jackie, Tobi Menzies, Graham Pinder, Tiff Stimson, Hancock

Parish Council

The Parish Council have now adopted a number of policies, all of which can now be viewed on the parish council page of the village website; also available to download are minutes and agendas for Parish Council Meetings.

Les Bass Bench : Update

The collection for a memorial bench for Les Bass raised £710 which is testament to Les himself and how well he was regarded in the village. The bench has now arrived after a 5 week delay in Indonesia(!) and will be installed in the next couple of months.

Toddler Group

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 7th September at Ashmead House, South Street. If you would like to attend please ask your mum or dad to contact Liz Pendered on 822116

Christmas is Coming!

**Over 60's FREE Christmas Lunch
11th December 2011**

Residents only in the first instance due to anticipated numbers

**Please express your interest to Neil Farbon (824356) or
email fullards@btopenworld.com**

WOODHURST NEWS

Also available at www.woodhurst-cambs.com

August 2011

Walk for Woodhurst!



**See how many laps of the village you can walk, jog or push
in 24 hours and raise money for the village**

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August 2011

8am – 8pm

**Village Hall open from midday on both days for refreshments
and toilet facilities. Laps start and finish in Church Street**

Bar and BBQ Saturday 27th from 8pm

See Sharron / Gary Davis (825263), Neil Farbon (824356) or Shirley Firth (822958) for a sponsorship form (or visit the village website)

Natural Woodhurst

Projects Steaming Ahead !

Although the dry Spring 'checked' the growth of the newly planted hedge plants, the majority of them have taken. Any that have died due to the dry weather, will be replaced or 'beat-up' in the autumn. We also planted two Dutch-elm-resistant elm trees, kindly donated by the charity Butterfly Conservation. Elm trees are the food plant for the nationally-rare white-spotted pinion moth, which was found in Butt Lane during a moth survey

In addition, we have spread a mulch of horse manure along the line of the hedge, to help retain moisture and help 'feed' the hedge during its early years.

Over the winter, we had a contractor pollard the willows in the Claypits Conservation Area. The willows have regenerated very quickly and have put on at least 12 to 18 inches of growth already. This work has opened up this part of the Conservation Area around the pond, allowed more light in and made it more welcoming.

All the timber produced as a result of the hedge restoration and pollarding was sold to a local resident and the proceeds will be ploughed back into projects to improve the local environment.

The next of our projects to get underway was the creation of, or should I say the beginnings of the creation of Woodhurst's own wildflower meadow. This is happening on the 'Green' opposite Swan Weir pond. We have cut 6x 1m squares of turf out and planted up with a native hay meadow plants, including; Yarrow, Common Knapweed, Wild Carrot, Lady's Bedstraw, Oxeye Daisy, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Cowslip, Self Heal and Betony. These areas will be left to grow longer to allow the flowers to set seed, (cutting will take place in late Spring and late Summer) hopefully allowing the wildflower plants to spread into the surrounding grassland. In a few years this will become an area full of flowers from spring through to late summer.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16 August – Natural Woodhurst meeting – all Woodhurst residents invited. It was decided at our AGM in May that every quarter, we would hold an open meeting in the Village Hall to enable the wider Woodhurst community to contribute to the Group's work in the village.

Saturday 20 August – Swan Weir Pondamonium II. Planting up the ledges in the pond with a variety of native wetland plants to improve water quality and increase the amount of wildlife in the pond.

Natural Woodhurst Contacts

Chair : Karen Holley : 823226

Secretary : Ruth Clark : 822835



Feast Week 2010

This years feast week activities kicked off with hurdle making and 20 people turned up for the event.

The next day we had a marvellous Church Service, where an excellent presentation on the pubs of the village through the years was produced by Shirley Firth; Later on in the day the Cream Teas proved to be very popular once again at Fullards Farm, with the weather being very kind to us once again—eventually.

The family sports evening was once again well attended, with the toddler group kicking things off in the afternoon.

Sadly the Village Barn Dance had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest. With very few tickets having been sold by the Monday before the dance, the decision was taken to call a halt before Food and Drink were purchased. This meant that the main fund raising event actually cost money as deposits were forfeited. Therefore the overall total for Feast Week was around half that of the previous few years with £568.40 being shared between the Church, the Village Hall and Natural Woodhurst.

Many thanks to all those who do make the most of the organised events as without these people there would be no Feast Week.

St John The Baptist, Woodhurst

August Services

Sunday 21st at 10.30am Family Service

Sunday 28th at 6pm Holy Communion

Please note that the Harvest Festival will be on Sunday October 2nd at 10.30am

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