FEAST WEEK EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

NATURAL WOODHURST			A selection of photos from the
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	Entries close 17.06.13	A display of all entries will be on show at the Cream Teas event on 29 th June - come and vote for	competition will be included in a fundraising 2014 calendar
"Wood & Wildlife in	see website & Flier for more details	your favourite in the Adult and the under 16's competitions	Winners announced at end of Cream Teas on 29 th June
Woodhurst"		Available at £1 each from	
Woodhurst Quiz Sheet	From 8 th – 29 th June	Shirley Firth at The Swallows, Church Street and Neil Farbon at Fullards Farm, South Street	1 st prize £20 John Lewis / Waitrose Gift Voucher
Natural Woodhurst Garden Competitions	Entries close 12 th June	Fabulous Follies Curious Crops Beautiful Baskets	Prizes announced 4.30pm at Cream Teas
Start of Woodhurst Scarecrow Festival	Saturday 15 th to Sunday 30 th June	Put a scarecrow out in your garden or outside your house (you may get some ideas from the Gallery at www.woodhurst-cambs.com which has photos of scarecrows put out over the last few years)	Please put your Scarecrows on display by 12 noon on Saturday 29 th in time for the Cream Teas
Feast Week Art Competition	Entries close 17.06.13	Prizes for the winners of the following categories Under 5's	Please take your entry to Shirley Firth at The Swallows, Church Street by 17.06.13.
Paint or Draw a Tree		5-7 years 8-11 years 12-18 years Over 18s	Make sure that your name is on your picture and your age if you are under 18
FEAST WEEK SUMMER QUIZ	Saturday 22 nd June 7pm	at Woodhurst Village Hall, St John's Close, Woodhurst	Teams of 2-8 welcome for a light hearted quiz evening. Ploughmans supper provided, bring your own drinks. Tickets £7.50 each from Annabel (824356)
St John's Feast Week Service	Sunday 23 rd June 10.30am	St John's Church at 10.30 am Woodhurst Historian, Shirley Firth, will explore "Trees in Woodhurst" and the Church will be decorated with the entries for the Tree painting/drawing competition	Please complete and return your garden tree survey form to Shirley Firth at The Swallows, Church Street by 17.06.13. All are welcome to the Service
BBQ & BAT WALK	Monday 24th June	BBQ from 7.30pm @ Moat Cottage Bat Walk commences 8.30—9pm from Butt Lane	Bat detectors will be available so that you can hear as well as see the bats
Traditional Cream Teas	Saturday 29 th June 1.30pm – 5pm	At Fullards Farm, South Street from 1.30pm Off road parking available adjacent to Pear Tree Cottage, South Street	Homemade Cakes & Scones, Cucumber Sandwiches, Raffle, Treasure Square, Lotto Board, and more If you would like to book a stall (£5 per table) please telephone 824356 by 9pm on Friday 21 st June
Feast Week 100 Club	from Sunday 30 th June	Tickets priced at £5 each are on sale from Tracy Bass (824436)	Weekly draw for £5 prize will commence 30 th June, final draw to be held 1 September for 1st prize £100; 2 nd prize £50; 3 rd prize £25

Please contact Andy Notman (823797) if you would like to write an article or advertise in this newsletter. Next issue scheduled for early August. All information for inclusion to me by 24th June please.

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Bishop Of Ely to visit Woodhurst

The Right Reverend Stephen Conway. Bishop of Ely has agreed to attend the service of thanksgiving and re-dedication at the church on Sunday 16th June at 10.30am.

The Bishop will also bless the refurbished village sign.

Light Refreshments will be served after the service in the village hall.

PATHFINDER MUSEUM VISIT

We are looking at organising a visit to the Pathfinder Museum at RAF Wyton which charts the history of the wartime specialist bomber group that had its HQ at Wyton.

The museum is run by volunteers at Wyton and we have to approach them with suitable dates so it may take a bit of coordinating.

If you are interested then please contact Neil Farbon on 01487 824356 or email fullards@btopenworld.com

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

Saturday 6th July

(by appointment, please contact the clerk) PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Wednesday 10th July PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Natural Woodhurst

Annual General Meeting & Open meeting - Thursday 20th June - 7.30pm -Village Hall

Your chance to come & find out more about the work of the group & have a say in future projects. The Photographic Competition was one such idea that came out of one of these meetings for example, after a suggestion from one or two of our volunteers! The positions of Chair, Treasurer & Secretary will be up for election, so if anyone out there is interested in taking on one of these positions, please let me know and I will send you a detailed description of what the job involves. An agenda & other details will be sent out very soon.

Bat walk & barbecue - Monday 24th June - 7.30pm (BBQ) & 8.30/9pm (Bat walk) Moat Cottage, corner of South Street & Butt Lane

We will be running this event again, as last year's evening proved so popular! You will have a chance to try out a bit of bat detecting as you explore the village searching for bats. Bring your own bat detector, or borrow one at the event. A bat walk is a chance to see and hear bats in their natural habitat -- flitting through the trees, skimming over the water... It's really rather magical, and a great way to explore the village at an unusual time of the day. A fantastic evening for all ages. Please bring a torch and wear sensible clothing and shoes.

Contact Ruth Clark (822835) or Karen Holley (823226) with any queries regarding Natural Woodhurst

PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors Details

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HACT

The Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport run a bus service (free if you are a Cambs CC pass holder) to various locations throughout the week.

A representative will be present at the next Parish Council Meeting (10th July) to explain the service.

Alternatively, check their website at www.hact-cambs.co.uk or call them on 01480 411114 for more details.

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St John The Baptist

Services etc

1st Saturday 10 till 12

Open Morning: Coffee and Chat

1st Sunday: Evensong: 6pm

2nd Thursday

Holy Communion 10am

3rd Sunday

Morning Prayer 10.30am

4th Sunday

Holy Communion 6pm

5th Sunday: Benefice Service See Church Noticeboard for details

Churchyard

If you are tending graves in the churchyard, please ensure that no noncompostable materials such as plastic wrappers, pots or wires are placed in the green bin as the Council will not collect the bin if they find these things inside. Please take any rubbish home with you.

Church Contacts

Revd Chris Barter 840676

PCC Secretary Shirley Firth: 822958

ChurchWarden: Jan Pinder: 822500

Church Warden:Linda Spencer: 824928

View from the Field

April weather proved to be fairly kind with most growers getting their spring crops planted in fairly good conditions albeit a little later than the optimum timing. The risk of late plantings being hit by an early drought is always a concern, but *not* this year. We have continued to see below average temperatures and plenty of rainfall to get them established reasonably well but this has not favoured the flowering oilseed rape crops. For the most part, their normal early growth has been hampered by the lack of warm sunshine and has led to stunted plants, late flowering and in some cases, poor pod set. Many crops are still looking patchy. Winter wheat crops, although backward, have slowly improved and are generally looking much better.

This time of the year, the farming calendar is usually starting to fill with invitations to attend technical briefings and to visit trial plot demonstrations. It's an important time to start planning for next year's cropping and to select from the multitude of varieties on offer, together with the most up-to-date techniques and agrochemical recommendations. With most of the manufacturers and plant breeders vying for our business in a competitive market, getting good advice can be crucial to get the best returns. The biggest showcase and most important by far is the annual Cereals Event which is expected to attract over 25,000 farmers and around 500 exhibitors. Everything will be on show, from the newest tractors and machinery right down to the latest farming-related smart-phone apps.

Tempting growers to part with their cash is not going to be easy with commodity prices in a downward trend and the lack of confidence in the prospect of a good harvest. Sunshine would not only help to bring out the crop's potential, but also might help to bring out the farmer's chequebook . Alistair Marr