

PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

WHEATSHEAF CROSSROADS

The Parish Council has been represented in a meeting alongside seven other local Parish Councils, a representative from Envar (Green Waste Recycling Site) and the St Ives and District Road Safety Committee to discuss the Wheatsheaf Crossroads. All those present agreed the ideal solution would be a roundabout at the crossroads. However with the likely cost potentially somewhere over £1million and with the crossroads sitting 49th out of 88 in the County Council's list of junctions under safety review, there appears to be no easy solution to this. The Road Safety Committee has agreed to look into some other funding methods and other safety measures and will report back in the near future.

MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council continue to look at what maintenance needs carrying out around the village. Our contractors will be engaged to thin out the reeds and overhanging vegetation in Ridges Pond (South Street) which needs a bit of attention. Grass cutting and leaf clearing will also be carried out as per previous years

TOWNLANDS CHARITY

The Townlands Charity can be traced back some centuries and exists to use monies received in rent from an arable field near the conservation area to distribute amongst those pensioners of the village who elect to receive it- previously around £25. Those who have previously applied do not need to re-apply but should any one of pensionable age who does not currently receive funds from the Charity, then you should contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance on 07741 418444 or parish.clerk@woodhurst-cambs.com only one applicant per household. The amount payable this year is likely to be less than previous years as the Charity had to take out specific insurance on the land owned last year.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th November



Are you on Facebook ?

Why not join the Woodhurst Facebook Group. This is a closed group which is limited to Woodhurst residents and is a good way of finding out who is who and what is what in the village

WOODHURST CALENDARS

Featuring pictures from the Feast Week Photo Competition

Only £7.50 : proceeds to Feast Week

Available from
Neil Farbon (824356) or
at the Advent Fair, Christmas Quiz
and Pensioners Lunch

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TRAFFIC CALMING

Thank you to all those who responded to the Parish Council Traffic Survey earlier this year- we had a total of 75 responses which is a 25% response rate from the number of people on the Electoral Roll. Our initial Local Highways Initiative (LHI) application has been approved and the items listed below will be presented to a panel in December for consideration. The LHI scheme is a joint funding initiative between the County Council and Parish Councils.

Following careful consideration of the surveys and the options available to us, our application was submitted on the basis of:

- Purchase of a Mobile Speed Indicator Device- this not only informs drivers what speed they are going but also records speed data for future use. It can be moved around the village.
- Creation of 40mph zones on both the Wheatsheaf Road and Old Hurst Road before the 30mph village zones. Many comments in the survey related to trying to slow traffic down more before it entered the village which this will hopefully do.
- Creation of a 20mph zone down South St. South St does not have any pavements and is very narrow in places so should be suitable for a 20mph zone.
- Replacements of reflective bollards around the village. Most of these are either broken or no longer reflective and will serve to improve demarcation of the corners at either end of the village.



(Speed bumps are proving so unpopular with householders that the County Council have moved away from installing these- due to increased noise etc and even potential re-sale effects on houses and our streetlighting is not adequate to install any priority narrowing).

However this is the start of a process and if successful we can use the data from the Mobile Speed Device to assess future options and additional applications. The Parish Council has allocated £5,000 of reserves for this application and if we are unsuccessful we shall still use this money to implement some of the above measures ourselves.

There are of course habitual speeders who will continue to ignore any measures put in place and we would ask for cooperation in reporting such vehicles if you are out and about and are able to obtain a registration number- these can be easily reported on the Cambs Police website.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

MONTHLY SERVICES

- First Sunday of the Month 6pm Evensong
Second Thursday of the Month. 10am Communion
Third Sunday of the Month. 4pm Family Service
Fourth Sunday of the Month. 6pm Communion

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday November 11th- REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at 10.45am
Sunday December 23rd- CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at 4pm
Monday December 24th- CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at 11.30pm

HARVEST SUPPER and WINTER SUPPER

Thank you to all those who attended and especially Liz Pendered and Sarah Richardson and their team of chefs and helpers for a very enjoyable evening with delicious food and great company. The event raised upwards of £800 for Church funds. The next fundraising event is a Winter Supper kindly hosted by Andrea and Alistair Marr at Manor Farm on Saturday 10th November at 7.30. Tickets are £20 to include canapes, a three course meal and drinks and can be booked via Andrea either by phone on 07774 245816 or by email at andrea.marr@btinternet.com.

ADVENT FAYRE

The Woodhurst Advent Fayre will take place on Saturday 1st December 11am-2.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with local stalls selling produce, art and craft, jewellery and more. If you are interested in having a stall please contact Caroline on 824476.

OPEN MORNINGS

These are held on the first Saturday of every month in the Church between 10.30am and 12pm. Free coffee/tea and a chance to win a delicious cake. A chance also to meet and have a chat.

LEAD ROOF

The lead roof is alarmed (please ring the police if the alarm is going off); the PCC have not planned or scheduled any maintenance works to the roof over the winter so please contact the Police immediately if you see any "workmen" on or near the roof and take registration numbers of any parked vehicles nearby if possible.

The Rector and the Church Committee remain grateful to all who support the Church whether financially, attending services and events or through the giving of time.

Any enquiries on Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, General Service Enquiries or if you would like a Pastoral visit or know someone who would benefit from a visit then please contact Rev Sue Simpson on 01487 840676

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

It has been another busy few months over at the Village Hall.

In May we introduced our Pop-Up Tearoom which we hope will become a regular fixture. We entertained nearly 40 people with delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches and good company – it also raised the fantastic sum of £371. We are looking at doing some other food-based events in the future.

We are very pleased to report that June saw another extremely successful Feast Week with roughly two thirds of households in the village taking part in some way. A big thank you to Sharron Davis for coordinating the week. Whether you attended an event, gave your time, shared your talents, donated, entered a competition or bought a 100 club ticket, we are so grateful to you all. The final total raised was **£2,161.75** which has been shared 50/50 between the Church and the Village Hall.

Unfortunately, the Halloween trick or treating was curtailed by poor weather on the night, but despite being rather damp, there were some scary costumes on show.

Work on the plans for the new Hall is continuing. We are currently fact finding by talking to other villages about their new build experiences and visiting their Halls. Having prepared our business plan, we realised that the timeframe for seeking grants and raising funds for the budgeted £235,000 means that it will be necessary to carry out some repairs on the existing Hall. We are therefore going to be putting together a working party to paint and lay new lino in the toilets, make some changes to the kitchen (does anyone have any contacts for second hand catering kitchen units?) and generally refresh the building. If you think you could help, either by donating labour or materials, we'd love to hear from you, please contact Louisa at Meadowcroft on Church Street (email: martin.louisa.jones@gmail.com)

If you are interested in booking the Village Hall or hiring any of our equipment then please refer to the village hall page on the Woodhurst website where booking forms can be downloaded.

Please keep an eye on the Village Facebook Group and Woodhurst Village Hall Facebook pages for future events, events will also be advertised in editions of the village newsletter.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

7.30pm for 8pm start, tickets £7.50 each to include supper

WOODHURST PENSIONERS LUNCH - SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

1.00pm for 1.30pm start. Tickets free and available to any pensioners resident in the village. Donations welcome whether ingredients, skills or funds

Team Reservations for the Quiz and Place Reservations for the Annual Pensioners Lunch can be made via Neil and Annabel on 01487 824356 or fullards@btopenworld.com