



WOODHURST NEWS

Spring 2020



Welcome to the first edition of Woodhurst News of the new decade! While it may have been a quiet start to the year village news and event wise, that's about to change. Make sure to take a look at the calendar on the back page.

This newsletter is kindly funded by the Parish Council to share village information and keep everyone up to date with events. However, ultimately it is here for you, so if you have any ideas or suggestions please do contact us:

newsletter@woodhurst-cambs.com

Defibrillator Training

Following the recent installation of a defibrillator in the phone box on Church Street, it was suggested that now may be a good time for a training course in its use and CPR. Magpus Air Ambulance, as part of their 'Hearts Matter' Community Campaign, will be providing training in the Village Hall during March (date TBC). This will be free and open to all (recommended age 8+) no matter what your first-aid experience is. If you would like to attend then please send an email to the newsletter address by 6th March.

Don't forget you can catch up with all the latest news, including Parish Council minutes, on the village notice boards or online:

www.woodhurst-cambs.com/

www.facebook.com/groups/woodhurst/

Jenny and Dean Hartwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Wheatsheaf Crossroads

Like all of you, the councillors were shocked by tragic events at the Wheatsheaf Crossroads in November. As a parish council we have been supporting our County Councillor, Steve Criswell, in the work he has undertaken since last spring in trying to find, and fund, a suitable solution to make the junction a safer one. There is no quick fix to the problem and the on-going water main replacement is only going to cause a further hazard, so I urge you all to take care.

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PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

Streetlights

Over the past few months we have been looking for a new energy supplier for our streetlights following a decision by Cambridgeshire County Council to end the previous process of organising all the power for the county and charging that back to the various town and parish councils. I am pleased that following a long search we have recently agreed a contract with OPUS to supply our energy at a fixed price until 2023.

On a slightly different tack, we have recently ordered the new streetlight for the eastern end of the village after it was removed twice in short succession early in 2019 by errant motor vehicles. Thankfully the excavation work and most of the rebuilding is now complete at the properties that were affected by the two crashes and we are finally in a position to have the streetlight replaced.

Traffic Calming & Local Highways Improvement Scheme

As you may remember from last summer, we were unsuccessful in gaining funding for the road safety measures we had identified as part of the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme. Following much discussion at council meetings, we submitted a bid this year for funding for some form of traffic calming at the entrances to the village. The highways department identified that 40mph “buffer zones” between the existing 60mph and 30mph zones would be effective and I recently attended the LHI panel to put forward our arguments for funding. At the time of writing, we are yet to hear if this bid for funding has been successful.

The Parish Council has committed a substantial amount of the precept to traffic calming and should we be unsuccessful once again with our bid, we will look to finance our own improvements, but given our limited resources, it is likely to be less effective than any County Council backed scheme.

Friend against Scams

The councillors have recently resolved to get involved in the “friends against scams” campaign. We have all agreed to take part in online training sessions which will help us to protect ourselves and others within our community. Details of the scheme can be found elsewhere in the newsletter and I urge you all to register and undergo the 20 minute session online. It may help you identify a scam being carried out on you, or a vulnerable friend or family member. If you need to know more information, please do not hesitate to ask one of your councillors.

TAKE A STAND AGAINST

SCAMS

Consumers **LOSE** approximately
£9 BILLION to scams each year!

Don't add to this staggering figure. **TAKE A STAND!**

Top 10 tips to take your stand against scams

- 1 **Say NO.** To unwanted, uninvited callers.
- 2 **Be wise to rogue traders.** Too good to be true offers, probably are.
- 3 **Don't feel pressured to make a decision.** Say "No", or say you need advice first.
- 4 **Be wise to postal scams.** No legal company will ask for money to claim a prize.
- 5 **Keep personal details safe.** They could be used fraudulently in the wrong hands.
- 6 **Research the credentials of the company.** Be certain they're not bogus.
- 7 **Be online savvy.** Check who you're communicating with online.
- 8 **Talk to someone you trust.** If you're suspicious.
- 9 **Report a scam.** Help expose the criminals.
- 10 **Know you are not alone.** Anyone can be a victim, report it and get the right support.



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AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP

To learn more:

[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/
Cambridgeshire](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire)

To download a copy of Little Book of Big
Scams:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scams



For advice on scams call
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: **03454 04 05 06**

To report scams contact
Action Fraud: **0300 123 2040**

Woodhurst Village Hall

RACE NIGHT

February 29th 2020 - 1st Race 7.30pm

Licenced Bar * Free Nibbles * £5 a Ticket

Every Race is different * Not real horses



Contact Andy Notman for tickets : 07956 340157

villagehall@woodhurst-cambs.com

Woodhurst Village Hall

Easter Bar

Easter Sunday: April 12th

1pm until 4pm



*There will be an Easter egg hunt after the Easter service,
details will be published on the Village Facebook Group*



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

As ever the PCC would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Church and its activities. During 2019/20 we have seen a welcome increase in bookings for events such as weddings. If you're thinking of getting married or any other event then please get in touch. Rev. Sue Simpson is also happy to come and visit anyone in need of spiritual guidance.

The benefice team are just finalising Services for the next few months including Easter. Details are published on the benefice website but everyone is welcome. Thanks to volunteers kindly opening and closing the Church for us, it is open daily and everyone is invited to make use of this beautiful space for quiet reflection.

If anyone can help by hosting a coffee morning we'd be most grateful. There is a sign up sheet on the Church notice board or please contact Shirley Firth. We are really keen to keep these going and extend our thanks to everyone who has already put their name down.

Finally, we are about to start on the repairs including work on the bell, so please keep an eye out for more information on this exciting project.

VILLAGE HALL

We've been busy planning an exciting and busy year of events at the Village Hall. We'll have to update some of the details as they are finalised but the dates are in the diary so something will be happening. Come and join us!

Dates for the spring events can be found in the diary on the back page, with the next event on 29th February. In addition, during Feast Week at the end of June we'll be running a quiz (27th) and the usual Cream Teas (28th).

Hold the date for July 18th, with details to follow in the next newsletter, and be prepared that if England make it through to the end stages of Euro 2020 we'll be opening up the bar!

Speaking of the bar, we've been working hard to stock it with a wide selection of wine, beers and spirits, but if you don't see your favourite tippie then let us know and we'll do our best!

Keep an eye out for our new range of bar snacks as well as improvements we're making to the look and feel of the hall.

Woodhurst Village Hall



VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebration "Street" Party

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020 from 2pm



Traditional "Street" Party in the Afternoon*

Barbecue in the Evening

Licensed Bar All Day

Dress and Party like it's 1945!

The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War II

At 3pm on the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day people in the UK and around the world are encouraged to raise a toast to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Second World War.

For offers of help on the day, or in advance, please contact Louisa Jones on 07847 643879

Or email villagehall@woodhurst-cambs.com

**Street party will be held in the village hall car park, under cover if necessary.*

It is a free event but all donations will be gratefully accepted

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Sat 29th Race Night/Bar Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm First Race

MARCH

Sat 7th Open Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00

Tues 10th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00

TBC Free Defibrillator Training, Village Hall, TBC

APRIL

Sat 4th Open Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00

Sun 12th Easter Egg Hunt and Bar, Village Hall, 13:00 - 16:00

Tues 21st Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00

MAY

Sat 2nd Open Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30-12:00

Fri 8th VE Day Street Party, Village Hall, 14:00 Onwards

Note - This is the early May Bank Holiday that has been moved to allow for wide spread celebrations across the UK.

Tues 12th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00

Keep your eyes open for flyers, A-boards on entry to the village and online updates to provide reminders nearer the time.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Want to ask a question or volunteer to help? Then please get in touch:

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