

Feast Week 2010

This year's Feast Week celebrations started with a well attended Church Service. Shirley Firth had researched and organized a presentation on education in Woodhurst over the years, which was very informative.

The Cream Teas at Fullards Farm also drew in the crowds and the weather was very kind. Many villagers enjoyed a chat and a cuppa in the sun.

This year we also held a family sports evening on the field at Manor Farm. This was

another great success and a hard fought game of rounders was finished off with burgers and sausages.

Unfortunately the numbers of scarecrows were down on previous years, but the Marr's & Rawlin's entry made up for it by displaying a whole cricket match.

They won the overall prize for best scarecrow which was presented at the 'Through the decades' disco at Manor Farm.

Over £1000 was raised throughout the week to help the Church, the Village Hall and

Natural Woodhurst.

Many Thanks must go to the numerous local companies who supplied Raffle and Competition prizes;

- The Raptor Centre
- Lakeside Lodge
- Pets At Home
- Slepe Hall Hotel
- Cranbrook Garden Centre
- Parkhall Nursery
- P & F Foods

Gary Davis also compiled a Feast Week Quiz. This was won by Anita Ive, with Bill and Dee in second place.

Feast Week 100 Club

Weekly Winners (£5)

Les Bass, Mr Pearson, Anne Parker, The Brookes, Hannah Parker, The Menzies, Tracey Dowding, Pat Tyhurst, Mike Prince

Final Draw Winners

£100 : Poppy West

£50 : The Wheelers

£25 : Martin & Mel

Natural Woodhurst

Although the open space opposite the pond has now been cut, over 20 species of wild flowers were recently counted;

Knapweed, Birds-foot trefoil, Yarrow, Spear Thistle, Smooth sow-thistle, Lady's bedstraw, Red clover, Mallow, Bindweed, Cat's ear, Hawk's-beard, Ribwort Plantain, Hoary Plantain, Bugle, Creeping buttercup, Dandelion, Common Dock, Upright Hedge Parsley, Yellow Iris, Soft Rust, Great Willowherb, Marsh Marigold, Creeping Thistle

A recent Moth Survey in Butt Lane found the fairly rare White Spotted Pinion Moth as well as 4 Large Yellow Underwings, a Cloaked Minor, a Heart & Club, a Lunar-spotted Pinion, a Lesser Common Rustic, a Svensson's Copper Underwing, a Copper Underwing, a Mouse Moth, a Black Rustic, an Early Thorn & several other smaller unidentified moths. For pictures search for Natural Woodhurst on Facebook.

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

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September 2010

Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 20th September at 7.30pm

The Agenda and minutes of the last meeting are always available on the village website and noticeboards one week before meetings.

Each meeting has an open section where villagers can address the meeting or if you prefer you can raise any issues with your councillors or you can contact Liz Pendered, Parish Clerk, on 822116.

A list of your Parish Councillors is available on the village website

Pond Clearance



Volunteers young and old working at the pond.

Around 25 volunteers turned out in wellies and waders in July to help with the Swan Weir pond clearance.

Although the smell was terrible, everybody mucked in and around 5 tons of blanket weed were removed,

All the volunteers were treated to tea and sandwiches by Avril and James Mayall who own the pond.

Although the pond is green again, it is now much cleaner and further work will be taking place to naturally remove nutrients from the pond so that the weed does

not have sufficient 'food' to re-grow. This will be achieved by setting water-loving plants around the edge of the pond, below the water-line.

The Duck house was removed for renovation and was found to be rotten. It has been taken away for repair and should be back in place very soon.

More pictures of all the hard work can be seen on the village website gallery or on the "Natural Woodhurst" Facebook page.

If you would like to get involved in working parties around the village, please get in touch with Karen Holley (823226) or Phil Clark (822835).

Village Water Supply

There have been some complaints about a TCP-like taste in the water supply that Cambridge Water are investigating, but they

would take this more seriously if others were having the same problem. Please contact Liz Pendered (822116) who

has been in contact with Cambridge Water or join in the discussion on the Woodhurst website Forum.

Village Hall Events this Autumn/Winter

Saturday 30th October

Village Halloween Evening & Bar

8th Annual Children's Fancy Dress Trick Or Treat

6pm start at Village Hall for Fancy Dress Judging and Trick or Treat

Please put a pumpkin out or a torch or candle in your window if you would welcome a visit from the trick or treaters

Participating children will be divided into 4 groups which will then be escorted round the village between 6.15 & 7.30pm, trick or treating houses with pumpkin/torch etc

Offers of help with escorting children on the night gratefully received

Woodhurst Christmas 100 Club

Tickets on sale at £5 each from 3rd September from Annabel Armstrong or Tracy Bass

Weekly draws will commence on Saturday 9th October, with the final draw being held at the Christmas Quiz on Saturday 11th December 2010.

Weekly Prize : £5

Final Draw Prizes : 1st—£100, 2nd—£50, 3rd—£25

Prize winners names will be displayed on the Woodhurst Website

Village Hall Contacts

Secretary : Annabel Armstrong : 824356

Bookings : Simon West : 823803

Treasurer : Tracy Bass : 822436

Please support these events to enable your Village Hall to continue to function

Woodhurst Christmas Quiz

Saturday 11th December

7.30pm for 8.00pm start in the Village Hall

Teams of 2—8 Welcome

Tickets £7.50 each

Supper Included

St John The Baptist , Woodhurst

Summer Supper : Harvest Supper

This year's summer supper hosted by Shirley Firth was an Italian themed evening which was very lucky with the weather. The rain stayed away and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all those present. Over £700 was raised for the Church.

The annual Harvest Supper will be held on 16th October at Manor Farm.

Once again we will be having a "Raffle Of Promises" so any offers of gifts, talents, skills or areas of influence (eg normally unobtainable tickets or access all

area passes etc) would be most gratefully welcome. Please contact Annabel Armstrong or Neil Farbon with any offers of help.

Tickets will be available from Andrea Marr.

Advent Fair

This Year's advent fair will be held in the Church on 13th November. To book a stall or to offer to help, please contact Caroline Wade on 824476

Church Contacts

Revd Chris Barter

Tel 840676

Churchwardens

Andrea Marr : 822417

Jan Pinder : 822500

PCC Secretary

Shirley Firth : 822958

Services

September

Sunday 5th : Evensong : 6pm
Thursday 9th : Holy Communion : 10am
Sunday 19th : Morning Prayer : 10.30am
Sunday 26th : Holy Communion : 6pm

October

Sunday 3rd : Evensong : 6pm
Thursday 14th : Holy Communion : 10am
Sunday 17th : Morning Prayer : 10.30am
Sunday 24th : Holy Communion : 6pm
Sunday 31st : Shared Service with Old Hurst

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 ?

A raffle is held for one of Tom's cakes and Shirley Firth runs a book swap stall. Contact Sally Barrett on 823014 if you have any queries