

Feast Week Photographic Competition 2013

The object of the competition is to explore the local area. The theme for this year's competition is "Wood & Wildlife in Woodhurst". Remember, the "wood" does not necessarily have to be living trees or shrubs, but could also be things made from wood. You do not need to have an expensive camera to enter; what we will be looking for is innovative and revealing content, as well as artistic ability. You can enter up to three photographs.

This competition is open to everyone in the Village and will be judged in two age-specific groups:

1. Under 16 year olds
2. 16 year olds and above

The photos will be exhibited during Feast Week, so people can vote for their favourites to win. The winners of each age category will receive a **professionally framed copy of their photograph**. These photographs, along with a further 10 chosen by the Judges, will be included in a **Woodhurst Calendar** that will be sold in aid of the Church.

For the calendar, we would like to see a broad range of photos from across the seasons if possible.

How to Enter:

£1 entry fee per person

3 photos per entrant

Photos must be landscape orientation, not portrait, to work best for the calendar.

Please supply photos in a hard backed envelope, printed on A4 photographic paper with the following information on the reverse of the photo: your name, address, phone number &/or email address, age category, location & title of photo. Plus your entry fee. To: Holdich Cottage, (rear of Holdich Farmhouse), South Street, Woodhurst.

For a chance of your photo appearing in the calendar, a jpeg copy must also be included on CD or emailed along with above info to: photocomp@woodhurst-cambs.com

Closing Date for entries: 1st June 2013.

Competition Rules:

You must agree to have your photo displayed along with its title, your name and age category.

Photos can be either colour or black and white.

Photographs must be taken within the Parish of Woodhurst.

Any photograph entered must not have won a competition before.

For the sake of fairness, we ask that photos are not significantly digitally enhanced.

It is the photographer's responsibility to ensure that the necessary permissions are obtained from any person featured in a photograph

The organisers cannot take responsibility for items lost or damaged in the post.

Copyright of the images will remain with the photographer, but by entering the competition the entrant agrees that the organisers may use the photographs for publicity purposes. Any photographs used in this way will have the photographer's details included with the image.

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

Woodhurst News

Also available at www.woodhurst-cambs.com

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BENEFACTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Rector

For some time now I have been considering my future in full time ministry. I have become increasingly aware that I am no longer operating at my former capacity when I first arrived in the Benefice and so after much thought and consultation both with the Medical world and Senior Diocesan Staff I have decided to take early retirement. I feel it is time for someone with a fresh vision and with the energy needed, to take over, and the sooner I step aside the sooner the process of making a new appointment can begin. It is not a decision I have taken lightly, but one which I believe to be right. I want to express my thanks to those who have been my mentors in this process and to all who have supported me in my 10 and a half years ministry in this Benefice. My prayers are with you for the future. I am aware that much has happened to ensure a strong future in each of the parishes. The Church as a whole is facing difficult but challenging times and I think the Benefice is well placed to face those challenges.

My last Sunday will be 14th July 2013

God bless you all

Chris Barter

PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors Details

Chairman : Alistair Marr : 822417

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Parish Council Events

Saturday 4th May 10am
PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Wednesday 8th May
ANNUAL MEETING

Printing costs for the newsletter have been generously donated by

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Natural Woodhurst

Diary Dates

Pond Revetment Maintenance **13th April 10am**

Amphibians by Torchlight **22nd April 7pm** (Meet @VH)

Dawn Chorus Walk **19th May 5:30am** (Meet @VH)

2013 Feast Week Garden Competitions

We have some new categories which we hope you will enjoy!

Fabulous Follies!

Following the craze for glammed-up sheds, we thought we'd have our very own Woodhurst shed competition! Do you have a pretty shed or summer house? Have you decorated the playhouse, built a tree house, or turned the shed into a bar? Maybe you've created a des-res for the dogs! Whatever it is, send us a photo! We will create a 'shed gallery' at the Cream Teas!

Curious Crops!

We know there are lots of keen fruit and veg growers in the village, so we are laying down a challenge! Can you WOW! everyone with an unusual crop? It can be an odd shape, different taste, or colour, or something exotic. It just needs to be a bit different from the norm! Let us know what you are entering and we will display all the entries at the Cream Teas.

Beautiful Baskets!

A Feast Week staple! Why not give your hanging baskets a head start in the greenhouse, and see if you can create a massive display this year!!

Top tip for great growth – water and feed regularly!

Entry for all Garden Competitions closes on Wednesday 12th June 2013

Phone: 01487 823226, Text: 07841 163662, email: kholley@totalise.co.uk

Photos to: Holdich Cottage, (behind Holdich's Farmhouse) South Street.

(marked 'Fabulous Follies' with your name, and phone number)

Feast Week Scarecrow Competition



They're back! This year we will once again be running the Scarecrow Competition over Feast Week. Scarecrows can be on any theme, with either contemporary or traditional construction. Place your scarecrow where it can be easily viewed from the road during Feast Week. For inspiration, take a look at the gallery of previous years at www.woodhurst-cambs.com. Voting will take place during Feast Week.

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 non-compostable 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

Woodhurst Cookbooks are on sale in the Church or can be purchased from
Liz Pendered or Sarah Richardson

View from the Field

Always a favourite topic, the British weather continues to throw a spanner in the works as we find ourselves still in the grip of winter. For the farming community it is fair to say that 2012 had been one of the most challenging years in a generation. The potentially very good harvest turned out to be one of the worst in terms of yield and quality as the weather acted like a giant wrecking-ball over the bulk of UK production. Unfortunately and possibly inevitably, the fall-out from all that wet weather has continued. Many farmers are still struggling to get back onto their water-logged fields to plant crops for next harvest. Some did not manage to plant *any* of their normal autumn sown crops and those that did, have seen some of them fail to establish. This has led to an exceptional surge in demand for spring sown crops, pushing up seed prices to record levels. More than 2 million tonnes of wheat will have been imported by next harvest and that trend looks likely to continue. In short, 2013 isn't looking great!

However the rise in commodity markets has been the silver lining for many growers. Since last harvest, the global market has been bullish and careful trading of produce has achieved some very good returns. Volatility in global prices is likely to continue as demand for food staples is balanced finely with world production and lower stocks. The marketing strategy for next harvest could well be the difference between a profit and a loss.

Alistair Marr