

PARISH COUNCIL

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The Woodhurst Facebook group has seen some lively discussion recently and is a good way of raising issues about the village.

[Facebook.com/groups/woodhurst](https://www.facebook.com/groups/woodhurst)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19th March 2014

Wednesday 14th May 2014
(Annual Meeting)

7.30pm in the Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 16th April

7.30pm in the Village Hall

FEAST WEEK 2014

Feast Week kicks off this year with a Treasure Hunt around the village on **Saturday 21st June**. This will start and end at the village hall and the bar will be open !

Sunday 22nd June sees our traditional Feast Week Service, with this years theme being the "History of Woodhurst". An exhibition of materials will be held in the church for the rest of the day after the service and refreshments will be available.

Natural Woodhurst are hoping to hold their bat walk during the week and our annual cream tea event will be on **Saturday 28th June**. This climax to Feast Week will include a raffle, the final 100 club draw and the judging of the Natural Woodhurst Photo Competition. We'll also be attempting to make a "mile of money" at the cream teas so bring plenty of change! If you would like to man a stall, organise kids activities or help out with service, please contact Annabel Farbon (823456).

It's also hoped that lots of residents will be putting scarecrows out during the week as part of the traditional Woodhurst Scarecrow Festival (Photos of previous years are on the website for inspiration). There will also be garden competitions and a quiz sheet. Full details will be published as they become available. Anyone willing to organise other activities during the week is welcome to do so

WOODHURST NEWS

Also available at www.woodhurst-cambs.com

March 2014

New Rector Appointed

The Bishop of Ely, who visited Woodhurst last year, has appointed the Reverend Susan Simpson as our next rector. She will be taking her last service at Soham and Wicken Fen on August 10th and will be licenced for our Benefice at a service at Somersham Church on the evening of September 10th.

Litter Pick

**Saturday 15th
March
Sunday 16th March**
(Over 18's only)

Meet at the pond at 10am to help clear the Wheat-sheaf Road verges of litter before the first grass cut of the year sends rubbish everywhere! Gloves, Pickers and Hi-Viz vests will be supplied. Please wear sensible footwear
If you can't make it on one of the days, why not take a walk round the village at your leisure ?
There's generally something that needs to be put in the bin!

Dog Fouling

It appears that some dog owners in the village feel that clearing up after their dog is not their responsibility. If you see someone who seems to think that a dog poo fairy exists, report them to HDC on 01480 388302. Not clearing up after a dog on pavements and foot-paths can attract a fine of up to £1000.



Transport Questionnaire

Your Woodhurst News is accompanied by a transport questionnaire from Cambridgeshire County Council; Please fill the questionnaire in and return it to the Parish Clerk, Amanda Augstein at Silver Birches South Street, or put it in the Phone Box on Church Street by Monday 24th March

NATURAL WOODHURST

Recent Work

Thank you to the 15 people who stopped by to sprinkle poppy seeds to in the two round flowerbeds outside Church Bungalows. Plenty of seed was sown, so we should get a good display in the summer to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War. Both ponds in the village have both been given a spring tidy-up, with dead foliage removed and water plants thinned out to keep them healthy. The marginal plants on the 'revetments' at Swan Weir's pond continue to naturalise well, and the pond weed is reducing. It will be a while yet though, before the weed is completely clear.

Butt Lane Hedge

Our team of trained Brushcutters (Phil, Haggis, Gary and Karen) will be out, cutting back the vegetation around the young trees again, giving them the best chance to grow. If you are walking your dog that way, do feel free to stop and find out about the project! **Saturday 10th March, 10am to 12pm** – be warned it will be a bit noisy!

Photographic Competition 2014

This year's theme is "Four Seasons in Woodhurst". You can enter up to 4 photographs, but they must each be from a different season. If you enter two photographs for example, they need to be from say, Spring and Autumn. Photographs must also be taken within the Parish of Woodhurst. The closing date is 1st June 2014. All profits from the sale of the calendars will be donated to St John's Church. Last year we raised over £200! The calendar featuring this year's winners will be on sale at the quiz night and the pensioners lunch or contact Ruth or Karen (see below)

AGM

Our AGM is coming up in May – look out for the date and come along to find out our plans – maybe you have some ideas to share, or would like to check us out!

Help Needed!

Seven of our active supporters have moved from the village over the last couple of years, so we could do with some extra help! It only needs **1 hour** twice a year to help weed and plant or **15mins** every now and then over the summer to keep the tubs watered? If you would like to help keep our village looking pretty, Ruth and I would love to hear from you.

Karen Holley (Chair)

Contact Us: **Karen 823226** kholley@totalise.co.uk Ruth 822835 or

Find us on Facebook: Natural Woodhurst

St John The Baptist

March Services

13th Communion 10am
16th Family Service 10.30am
23rd Communion 6pm
30th Mothering Sunday 10.30am

April Services

6th Evensong 6pm
10th Communion 10am
17th Maundy Thursday Communion 7.30pm
20th Easter Sunday Family Communion 10.30am
27th Communion 6pm

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.

Thank You

Church Contacts

Revd Canon Fred Kilner : 842864
 PCC Secretary Shirley Firth : 822958
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 Church Warden: Francis Mizuro

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Village Hall Diary Dates

Easter Sunday Afternoon Bar

20th April - Bar Open following Church Service!
 Food Available

Bar Nights

* Saturday 24th May * Friday 5th September*

* Friday 31st October *

Christmas Quiz Night 6th December

Pensioners Lunch 7th December