



WOODHURST NEWS

AUTUMN 2020



Happy Halloween, and the spookiness is all around with normality still some way off. However, I think you'll all agree that the various village organisations are doing a fantastic job of working out new ways to keep the village spirit alive within the ever changing rules. Remember we are all here for one another and if you ever need help you just have to ask, whether by the village Facebook page or one of the village contacts.

This newsletter is kindly funded by the Parish Council to share village information and keep everyone up to date with events. Please get in touch with any suggestions for future newsletters.

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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/

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PARISH COUNCIL

After a number of online meetings it was a pleasure to be back in the Village Hall for our last couple of socially distanced Parish Council meetings, although it is a bit chilly with all the doors open! Hopefully we can continue in this vein until things get back to normal, but rest assured we are doing everything we can to continue running the council in a safe way.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

Road Safety continues to be a recurring theme on the agenda and a new LHI bid was recently submitted for the funding of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) of our own. The proposed works from the last successful bid to provide buffer zones on the village approaches was, for obvious reasons, delayed, but work will hopefully start in the next few weeks.

A temporary SID will appear around the village over the next few months courtesy of Community Roadwatch Ltd, which will help with gathering more data for our bid presentation in the new year. We saw a significant increase in HGV traffic through the village earlier in the year, but this seems to have dropped off a lot following contact with a number of companies, both local and national. The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation so if you see an oversize lorry please report to Simon.Brown@woodhurst-cambs.com with as much detail as possible, ideally date, time Reg No and any company names.

Parish Council meeting dates for 2021 were recently agreed and will shortly be available on the website. Please remember that you are required to register with the parish clerk for track and trace purposes if you wish to attend a meeting. Full details are printed on the agenda for each meeting.



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Xmas 100 Club

This year's 100 club will once again be an online only affair. Tickets will be available from 8th November at www.woodhurst-cambs.com, priced £5 each

Pensioner's Lunch

Obviously we will be unable to hold the Annual Pensioners lunch in the Village Hall this year, but it IS still going ahead. It will be on Sunday 6th December and will be delivered to those over-60's that order it. Full details will be made available nearer the time, but you will need to register on the website (after 8th November). At the time of writing you can join together in groups of 6 if you so wish, but this will depend on the regulations at the time.

VILLAGE HALL

With all the new regulations we've been thinking of ways in which we can still keep our annual village traditions going, so we are very pleased to present socially distanced trick or treating.

On Saturday 31st October 5.30pm - 7pm we will have 4 treat stations set up around the village, the children are invited to visit each one and collect a bag of sweets. They will be located at:

The church porch, The bus shelter, Maycroft and The paddock opposite Fullards Farm.

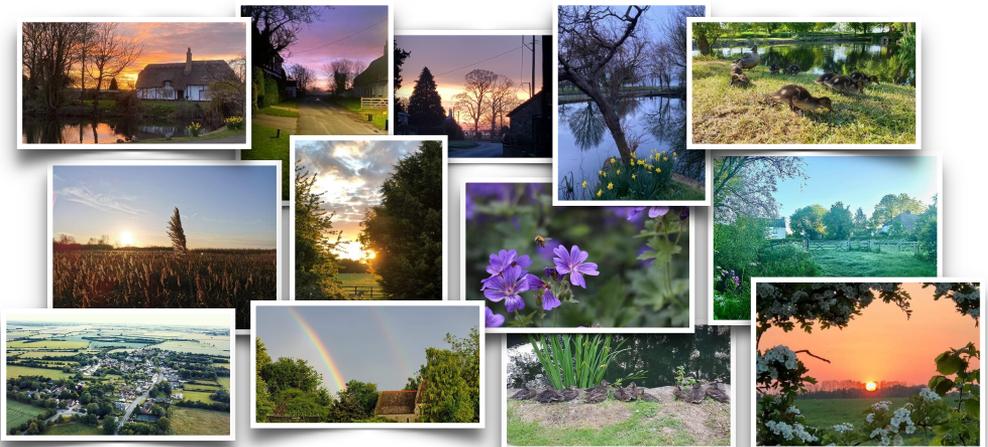
Everyone is very welcome to come and join the fun (fancy dress is encouraged!). To keep everyone safe please remember to socially distance and to stay in your own groups. As ever children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and as it will be dark remember to bring a torch.

We will be making up the bags with wrapped sweets which have been put in quarantine. If anyone would like to donate sweets please leave them in the church on Wednesday.

We are currently busy planning for Christmas so watch this space!

WOODHURST CALENDARS

These are now available at www.woodhurst-cambs.com priced £8.50 and contain the winning pictures from the Feast Week Photo Competition.



STAY WELL THIS WINTER

This winter, it's really important that we all remember that the NHS is here to help you stay well, safely.

The NHS have been working hard to make changes to how healthcare is provided to make it safe for you during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If you're worried about your health, don't delay. The sooner you get advice, the better. Depending on your symptoms, you can get advice from your local pharmacy, GP practice or NHS 111. For minor health concerns, your local pharmacist can help. GP practices offer remote consultations online or by phone, or if you need a face-to-face appointment, they will tell you what to do.

If you need medical help fast, think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) or you're not sure what to do, use NHS 111 first – online or by phone to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment for you.



You can also help us to help you. If you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant, it is more important than ever this year to ensure you have your free flu vaccination. Just speak to your GP or pharmacist to book an appointment. You can also find more information at www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine.

Be sure to also stock up your medicine cabinet with winter self-care essentials too. Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to help relieve symptoms of common winter illnesses and you can find further information at www.nhs.uk.

To help prevent further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) please follow current Government guidelines for the area you live in at all times. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus it's important you get tested as soon as possible. You can apply for a test online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or by calling 119.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Life is returning to normal at the Church with services twice a month, please see the notice board for up to date information. Rev Sue, Rev Gary and the team have done an amazing job of meeting the new regulations and we've had some lovely services.

Everyone is welcome to join us or simply come and use the church for quiet reflection. The Church is open Wednesday and Sunday but if anyone would like to use it at other times then we'll happily open it for you.

Did you hear the church bell ring? Senni Wade, who was the last person to ring the bell before it was deemed too unsafe to be used, rang it to welcome parishioners to the family service on 18th October. Thank you to everyone who helped with the restoration.



We are currently looking at how we can safely hold our Christmas services and any other activities we might be able to run. We are very grateful to Caroline Wade who has very kindly agreed to organise a raffle for us so please keep an eye out for further details.

NO TRICKS ONLY TREATS FOR
THE KIDS THIS HALLOWEEN

Saturday 31st October 5:30 to 7pm



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Maycroft & The paddock opposite
Fullards Farm**

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be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Please stay in your groups & stay socially distant.*

FEAST WEEK REVISITED

Cast your mind back if you can and although it may feel like years, it was only a few months ago when the village held its first (and hopefully last) Socially Distanced Feast Week. The 100 Club and Raffle went down a storm and a massive thank you goes to all those who kindly donated to the Raffle of Promises as well as to everyone who helped with the organising.

There was also the Key Scarecrow Worker Festival and although there may have only been a few appearances those that materialised were fantastic (and you'll be pleased to know the cat was successfully rescued!).





We're here to help you stay well this winter



GP

Call your GP practice or visit their website to arrange an appointment. This may take place over the phone or via video. If needed, you will be seen face to face.

PHARMACY

Prescriptions, over the counter medications and first aid help, everything you need is still available at your local pharmacy.

111

NHS 111 can help if you're not sure what to do. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk 24/7. If you're in a mental health crisis call 111 and select option 2.

**URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE
or
MINOR INJURY UNITS**

Located in Ely, Wisbech and Peterborough you can get help with minor injuries and illnesses, as well as xrays

Visit www.nhs.uk for more information

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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

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