



# WOODHURST NEWS

AUTUMN 2021



Just when it looked like we were getting back to “normal”, 2021 has thrown more at us and we can now participate in the British favourite pastime of queuing, whilst staying warm in our cars! However, let’s not focus on the bad and focus on the good instead.

The village is starting to open up with the Church now accessible all week and the Village Hall events up and running once again. On that note we’d like to say a personal thank you not only to the Village Hall Committee who have done an amazing job with the renovations, but also to you, the Woodhurst community, who have shown how wonderful you all are with your generous response for the emergency roof repairs.

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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## PARISH COUNCIL

### WELCOME

Firstly, I’d like to welcome all the new residents in the village that have arrived in the last few months. It’s been a busy period for the removal companies as there has been such a high turnover of properties in the village post-lockdown. We also bid a fond farewell to those who have moved on to pastures new. Check out the Welcome to Woodhurst Leaflet on the Woodhurst Website, along with village maps and walks.

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# PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

## **ENVAR**

As you may know, the Parish Council voted unanimously to object to the Envar planning application. This was originally described by Envar as beneficial to everyone, but it feels like elements of the application were held back so as not to cause alarm. Woodhurst has generally had a good relationship with Envar in the past but I suspect that their local reputation has suffered irreparably because of their plans. You can find a copy of the response on the Woodhurst Website.

The application, and the 900 plus comments will be considered by the County Council planning Committee in due course, most likely in December. If we can make representation as a Council at that meeting then we will put our case as strongly as possible.

Thank you to all of you who commented or came along to the recent Parish Council meeting.

## **WHEATSHEAF CROSSROADS**

The plan to convert the Wheatsheaf crossroads to traffic lights has once more been approved following a review of the plans, which had suggested a staggered junction would be more cost effective. As a Council we supported the traffic light option and happily the Transport Committee agreed. The whole review process has delayed the detailed design which was due to be carried out over the summer, so work is now unlikely to begin before the spring as funds which had been committed now have to be found again. Thanks again to County Councillor Criswell who has been the driving force behind this scheme.

## **DOG POO**

Sadly we still seem to have a number of dog walkers using our footpaths who don't clear up after their dogs. This is not limited to the public footpaths but also the private walks around the village, verges along South Street and West End and on the pavement in Church Street. I know that we get dog walkers from other areas, but it can't always be down to them, so please pick up after your dogs, and most importantly take it home or put it in a bin.

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## LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE

You will have noticed that we now have new speed limits on the approaches to the village thanks to our successful LHI bid back in 2019. From anecdotal evidence it does seem to be making a difference to most drivers, although there are still a minority who will take no notice whatever we do. Last years bid for a mobile speed indicator device was also successful and we are in negotiations with Highways regarding potential positions for new poles on which it can be mounted. Some of these will replace existing poles which are corroded so that we don't end up with more Street clutter than is necessary.

Our latest bid for LHI funding has just been submitted and if successful will see South Street made into a 20mph zone. Over a recent 7 day period the average speed was only 19mph, but a number of drivers still thought that 40+ mph was acceptable during the day, on a narrow street with no pavement. Decisions on the latest LHI bids will not be made until next spring, with implementation likely in 2023.

## FEAST WEEK REVISITED

Even though the Feast Week didn't necessarily go exactly to plan, the Cream Teas, Raffle of Promises and 100 Club managed to go ahead and eventually we got to enjoy the annual Garden Drinks, this year back in it's rightful home. A massive thank you to Sally, Georgie and Wally for running the drinks, and we must say Sally's is looking beautiful after the repairs



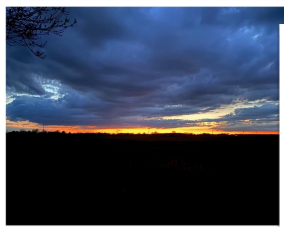
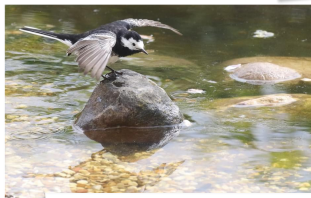
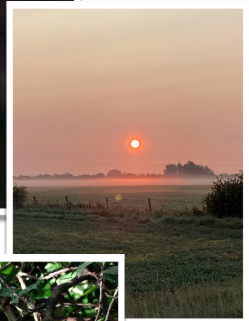
The weather thankfully held up for the Cream Teas to be held outside

to remain Covid Secure and a massive thank you to all the helpers on the day (Andrea, Sue, Lynn, Bev, Andy, Martin, Louisa and Jan) as well as all the bakers for the beautiful cakes.

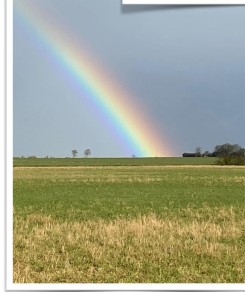
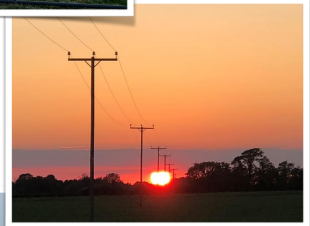
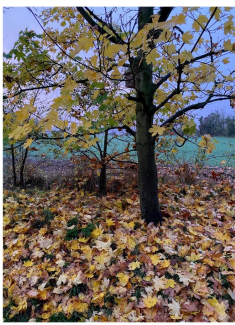
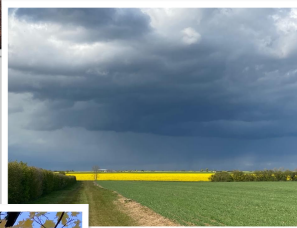
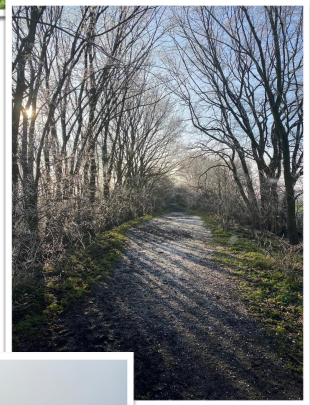


# FEAST WEEK PHOTO COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the Photo Competition, and congratulations to the winner Debbie Pain, for her beautiful Owl. The top 12 photographs will be turned into the 2022 Woodhurst Calendar which will be available to purchase soon (with delivery at a later date) from either the Woodhurst website, or direct from Faye Johnson if you wish to pay cash. A bargain at only £8.50



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# VILLAGE HALL

Following the recent renovations the hall is now fully up and running. Thank you so much for your generous support and encouragement. It's amazing to see the hall looking so good! There's just the kitchen to be upgraded and the plan is to do that in stages as we get the funds.



If you're interested in hiring the hall, know anyone looking for a venue or would like to run a class then please contact Andy Notman who is our Letting Officer (see Village Contacts).

We've also been busy planning our winter programme with some new events as well as old favourites, including the ever popular Christmas 100 Club. Full Details will be posted on the Village Hall and village FB Page but check out the Dates for your Diary on the back page with the Family Bingo nearly upon us.



The Trick or Treating will take the same format as last year with stations as opposed to door to door to ensure it remains Covid secure. Donations of sweets are very welcome; please drop them into either Meadowcroft or the Church.



There is now a clothes bank in the Village Hall car park, so if you have any clothing, handbags, belts or shoes please feel free to bag them up and put them in.

Please don't drop anything else off, such as towels, sheets, blankets, rugs or carpets or we may lose the value of the contents as we will be charged. It is also not the place to drop off any other recycling.

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Now that things are starting to return to normal the church is settling back into our new-old routine. St John's will now be open daily for quiet reflection, please do pop in and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

The book swap and jigsaw exchange will also be back up and running.

Coffee mornings are back on the first Saturday of every month. All are welcome to join us for free coffee and cake. We are always looking for volunteers to host and in you can help then please contact Shirley (see village contacts for more details).

We're once again planning to hold a Christmas raffle with several luxury hampers to be won. Tickets will be available soon online from Shirley.

There will be a Remembering service 2nd November at 7pm to be held at St John's, Somersham. During the service we will remember those we love but no longer see. There will also be a practical act of remembering in Woodhurst the same week with details to follow.

Remembrance Sunday will be 14th November and will again be a short service with music and reflection.

The arrangements for Christmas are still to be finalised but we are intending to hold our usual carol service and service on Christmas Eve. More details to follow once the benefice diary is finalised.



*Bishop Stephen, 26 Sept*

## FREE CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

You may remember that we had to delay this in 2020, but Magpus Air Ambulance, as part of their 'Hearts Matter' Community Campaign, will be providing training in the Village Hall on Friday 19th Nov at 19:30.

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 1st November. If numbers exceed capacity, it will be a 1st come, 1st served basis with villagers taking priority.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## **OCTOBER**

Sat 9th	Family Bingo, Village Hall, 19:00
Tues 12th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00
Thur 14th	Communion, St John the Baptist, 10:00
Sun 24th	Evensong, St John the Baptist, 18:00
Sat 30th	Kids Trick & Treat and Halloween Bar, Village Hall, 18:30 - 00:00

## **NOVEMBER**

Sat 6th	Open Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00
Tues 9th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00
Thur 10th	Communion, St John the Baptist, 10:00
Sun 14th	Remembrance Sunday, St John the Baptist, 10:45
Fri 19th	Free Defibrillator Training, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00
Sat 20th	Race Night, Village Hall, TBC
Sun 21st	Family Service, St John the Baptist, 16:00
Sun 28th	Evensong, St John the Baptist, 18:00

## **DECEMBER**

Sat 4th	Quiz Night, Village Hall, TBC
Sat 4th	Open Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00
Sun 5th	Pensioners Lunch, Village Hall, TBC
Tues 14th	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 get in touch:**

## **Parish Council**

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