



WOODHURST NEWS

Summer 2022



After a wonderful Jubilee weekend where we managed to escape the madness of house moves and return briefly to the village to partake in Karaoke at the bar night (although I think that a number of those in attendance - including Dean - wished I'd stayed away after hearing my "singing"), we're eagerly anticipating the joys of Feast Week.

If this is your first Feast Week in the village, then you've got plenty to look forward to and we highly recommend you attend/take part in as many of the events as possible. *Warning - we aim to be back (you can't keep us away) so better hide the Karaoke machine!*

A big thank you to all those who have contributed to photographs for this issue. Unfortunately being away makes it hard to capture all the wonderful moments from the village. Therefore, if you take any photographs that you think suitable for future newsletters please do send them over to the email below.

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/

Jenny and Dean Hartwell

PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS

Following the recent local elections, there were only 4 nominations submitted to become members of the Parish Council, but we then had 3 villagers who applied for co-option to the council. At the recent AGM, all three were co-opted to the council and the full line-up is

Drum roll please ...

PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED

ELECTIONS CONTINUED

- Andy Notman (Chairman)
- Martin Jones (Vice Chairman)
- Shirley Firth
- Tony Reynolds
- Andrew Pendered
- Rachael Griffin
- Benjamin Poulton

Meeting dates are published on the village website and on Facebook, as well as in the diary section of the newsletter.

NO MOW MAY

The area opposite the pond and some other areas around the village were left to grow during May as part of #NoMowMay. Not all areas are maintained by the Parish Council, so if any were cut it will either be by Chorus (Luminus) or Highways carrying out their normal cutting routines.

FOOTPATHS

Sadly, the footpaths and walks around the village are really suffering from inconsiderate dog owners not picking up after their dogs. Every footpath and bridleway in the immediate vicinity of the village, including the two private walks at each end, are blighted by numerous piles of poo. It can't ALL be from people who are visiting the village to walk their dogs.

Please always keep your dog in sight because if you are 100 yards in front of your dog how are you going to know where it's made a toilet stop?

Bag it, Bin it, or take it home. Please keep our village clean.

SPEED SIGN

You will have noticed our new speed indicator sign being moved around Church Street over the last month or so. This does appear to be making a difference to some drivers. Our recent bid for funding for a 20mph limit in South Street was unsuccessful, so the sign will be deployed in South Street over the coming months to collect more data for future bids.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

For details of upcoming services and coffee mornings please see the notice board, www.somershamparishes.org or the diary page at the back.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our coffee mornings either by attending or hosting. We are particularly thankful for the help with the brass polishing, which supports the great work Brenda and Lois do with the cleaning. We're always looking for volunteers to host and if you're interested please speak to Sally.

We must also say a massive thank you to everyone who is helping to maintain the churchyard by mowing, weeding or watering. We really do appreciate your help as it not only keeps the churchyard looking nice, but helps with the overall maintenance. If the grass looks like it needs a trim and you feel able to help then please do just go for it.

Just a reminder that the church is open daily for quiet reflection. Please do feel free to pop in for a few minutes of peace and quiet. We really want it to be thought of as a community resource rather than simply a place of worship. Although we have a small congregation, the building has nearly 1000 years of history that belongs to us all.

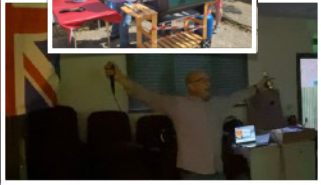
On that note we very much enjoyed hosting yoga when the Village Hall was being used for voting. We have also used it for champing, concerts and the supper clubs. The PCC is very much open to it being used for other activities, so if there's something you'd like to suggest then please let us know.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

The Parish Council have received notification of road closures for surface treatments that may affect the village in the 18 months from 1st August onwards.

There are no exact dates yet but relevant closures will be available on www.roadworks.org and hopefully we'll get advance notice, so keep your eyes out on Facebook and the Village Website for further news.

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VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who has come along to support our events and bar nights, we hope you've enjoyed them as much as we have. Our first dart tournament was a great success and well done to Bill who is our new champion. We also enjoyed a well attended bingo night which was great fun.

The Jubilee was a great success and thank you to everyone who joined us in decorating their home and gardens in red, white and blue. The prize for the best dressed went to the Loosley's for their lovely window display (a bottle of wine will be on its way - don't panic). Whilst the Hamper for "Name the Corgi" was won by Arlo (The Augstein's grandson), with the beautiful name of Susan (named after the Queen's beloved Corgi).

With one fantastic event completed just like buses another one comes along, and Feast Week will be running from 18th to 26th June. We have decided that June is possibly bit early for an open garden event so we have postponed it for now, but are looking for volunteers to organise this please. Check out the next section for all the planned events.

Our recent AGM has resulted in the committee remaining the same.

FEAST WEEK EVENTS

Check out the Woodhurst Website for all your Feast Week tickets, as and when they become available: www.woodhurst-cambs.com/shop

WILDLIFE WANDER

On Saturday 18 Jun @ 20:00 join Ben, Naomi, Ruth and Phil at Cherry Tree House, Church Street for an evening of activities discovering the flora and fauna of Woodhurst. Discover Newts, Orchids, Bats and Moths then finish the evening with drinks round the fire-pit.

GARDEN DRINKS

Sadly we are missing a key contributor and personality at this wonderful event, with the village's beloved Wally having passed away earlier this year. However, Sally and Georgie will be back behind the bar and hosting their annual Garden drinks at Maycroft (next to the pond) from Mon 20th to Fri 24th from 18:30 to 22:00.

FEAST WEEK EVENTS CONTINUED

RAFFLE inc. REQUEST FOR PRIZES

As is the tradition we will be holding a Feast Week raffle and we're on the hunt for raffle prizes. Although we appreciate any donations, including booze, vouchers and chocolates, we'd also like to promote the "Raffle of Promises". This involves a pledge from individuals or business in the village to donate an item or provide a service within the coming year.

In previous years we've had offers ranging from baking a cake, babysitting, to MOTing a car. The gift or service is entirely your choice and any donation you can give is very, very much appreciated. Please get in touch with Karen on 01487 823902 by Wed 22nd June and the raffle will run from Thur 23rd, with the final draw at the Cream teas. Check out the Woodhurst website for tickets, or buy them on the day.

100 CLUB

There will be a number of daily draws over the period with small prizes over the first few days. The BIG final draw will take place on Sun 26th with a top prize of £100 as well as smaller prizes. The prizes vary depending on tickets sold, as unlike other 100 clubs named after the limited number of tickets, this one is named after the Big Prize amount!

For just £5 a ticket, you'll be entered into every draw, and you could win on multiple occasions with the same ticket. Proceeds will be shared between the Village Hall and the Church. Visit the Woodhurst website shop for tickets - available to buy now!

VILLAGE HISTORY DISPLAY

Do you want to find out more about the village's past, then come to the history of Woodhurst display in the church. Saturday June 25th between 10 and 5pm, then after the service (at 10:30am) on the Sunday.

BAR NIGHT

The title says it all, just turn up for another fun filled evening in the Village hall on Sat 25th from 19:00 to 23:00.

CREAM TEAS

Join us on Sun 26th June at the Village Hall between 14:00 and 17:00 for the annual end to Feast Week celebrations. As well as cake will include the Raffle and final 100 Club draw.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Sat 18th	Wildlife Wander, Cherry Tree House, 20:00
Sun 19th	Evensong, St John the Baptist, 18:00
Mon 20th	Garden Drinks, Maycroft, 18:30 to 22:00
Tues 21st	Garden Drinks, Maycroft, 18:30 to 22:00
Wed 22nd	Garden Drinks, Maycroft, 18:30 to 22:00
Thur 23rd	Garden Drinks, Maycroft, 18:30 to 22:00
Fri 24th	Garden Drinks, Maycroft, 18:30 to 22:00
Sat 25th	Village History Display, St John the Baptist, 10:00 to 17:00
Sat 25th	Bar Night, Village Hall, 19:00 - 23:00
Sun 26th	Feast Week Sunday Service, St John the Baptist, 10:30
Sun 26th	Cream Teams + 100 Club & Raffle, Village Hall, 14:00 to 17:00

JULY

Sat 2nd	Coffee Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00
Tues 12th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 19:30 - 21:00
Thur 14th	Communion, St John the Baptist, 10:00

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Sat 6th	Coffee Morning, St John the Baptist Church, 10:30 - 12:00
Thur 11th	Communion, St John the Baptist, 10:00

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:

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