



**Stargazers Drama Group
Presents**



Rapunzel

at

**the Church Hall, Main Street,
Horsley Woodhouse, DE7 6AS**

7:15pm Thur 23rd Feb

3pm & 7:15pm Fri 24th Feb

3pm & 7:15pm Sat 25th Feb

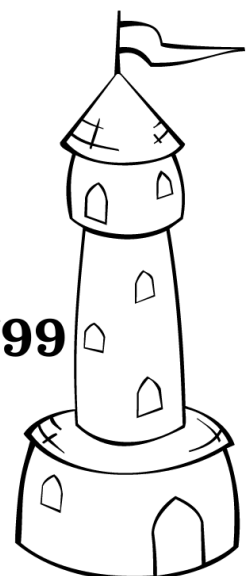
Tickets:

Adults £5

Concessions £3

To book call Becky on 07745686799

 **Stargazerspanto**



Remembrance Sunday

We will remember them



Horsley Woodhouse came together at the Sitwell Recreation Ground for this year's Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November.

The Act of Remembrance was carried out by Revd Martin Jones alongside Cllr Karen Seals (Chair), HW Parish Council, Don Barham (Hon Secretary) and David Beresford (Branch Chairman) HW & Smalley Royal British Legion. Alongside Terry Whittaker (Standard Bearer) and young people from 1st Sitwell Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers.



Photos courtesy of
Glynn Wilton

In Memory of Ellen Carrie Beeston

11th February 1927 - 22nd October 2022

Ellen passed away at Spencer Grove nursing home on October 22nd aged 95. Born in Quarndon, one of five sisters, she lived there until her marriage to George, a farmer from Mugginton. They moved to Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse in 1954.

She had six children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Always close to her sisters they would venture out, around Derbyshire, every Tuesday. In some places they were known as the Tuesday 'girls'.

Growing up in our house was always lively, everyone was welcomed with tea and homemade cakes, especially every Saturday when she laid on a tea, very often for more than fifteen people. Mum always put others first. She loved having children around her. She was, also, a keen gardener, and grew a variety of fruit and vegetables on her allotment.



She will be sadly missed by all her family and those who knew her, but she leaves us with lots of happy memories.

The Beeston family



Friday 2nd
December



7:30pm
In the Church Hall

£2 per person

Feel free to bring your
own drinks & nibbles

Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion



The branch continues to meet first Monday in the month at 7.00 pm at the Royal British Legion Hall Main Street.

The Remembrance period is over for another year and along with a good number of likeminded people we did the honours for the men from this village who died in the conflicts of the last century.

Sunday morning and a good congregation at St. Susanna's Church, followed by the trek up to the village memorial on the Sitwell Recreation Ground where the names were read, Last Post, Reveille and the Kohima Epitaph. Sunday afternoon and we attended the Methodist Church for a similar ceremony this time including Lieutenant Sitwell whose name does not appear on the memorial plate in the Church.



Both services were well attended and it's heartening to know that so many people still acknowledge the great debt we owe these men and, but for their courage its highly likely that the freedom to live our lives we have today would not exist and a regime similar to Putin's would rule from London.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal.



Tom Longdon, serving RAF & Local Poppy campaign organiser

Don Barham Honourable Secretary
Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group

There will be no meetings in the British Legion Hall in December or January.

The next meeting in the British Legion Hall will be held on the first Thursday in February (2nd) at 7.15 pm.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Everyone Welcome, for more details contact Pat Dickinson 01332 880 858

Litter Picking - Bin Bag Brigade!

If you've been out and about in the village on Friday mornings over the last few months you may have seen your local Bin Bag Brigade hard at work litter picking across Horsley Woodhouse and Kilburn (not covered by the Parish Warden). We wish Mark (Kilburn Parish Warden) a happy retirement, and thank him for his excellent work.

As we all know there are lots of benefits to litter picking as well as the obvious environmental advantages of keeping the villages as litter free as possible.

We all benefit from a little outdoor exercise, with a bit of gentle bending, stretching and reaching! Litter picking is a great way to aid personal well-being, enjoying being out in the fresh air, with opportunities to chat to each other and passers-by. We are sometimes joined by a four-legged friend; litter picking is a great add-on to dog walking.



If you're interested in joining us occasionally, or want to know more about us please do get in touch with via email on hedley.nichols@yahoo.com or call 07723 071 984.

SCHEDULE:

Meet at 10.00 am - finish approximately 11.00 am
Horsley Woodhouse meet at the Co-op, Main Street
Kilburn meet at Car Park, Church Street Kilburn

December

Friday 2nd December – Horsley Woodhouse
 Friday 16th December – Kilburn

Xmas break

January

Friday 13th January – Kilburn
 Friday 27th January – Horsley Woodhouse

February

Friday 10th February – Kilburn
 Friday 24th February – Horsley Woodhouse

March

Friday 10th March – Kilburn
 Friday 24th March – Horsley Woodhouse

**PLEASE
 NOTE:
 Litter picking
 will be
 cancelled if
 the weather
 is foul**



Community Action - Bus Service Consultation

A local Consultation is being conducted to get your feedback into the Bus Services in the area. It is being conducted in two initial stages.

STAGE 1 – Initial feedback from the communities NOV / DEC 2022

STAGE 2 – Proposals, Ideas, Initiatives JAN 2023

You are most welcome to input to them, please email details to the address at the bottom of this article. If you want more details of the inputs to date, please provide your email address.

The main points from the Consultation will be submitted to Derbyshire County Council for their considerations as part of their Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIP). The dates, above, are important as the BSIP Management Team have advised they need to complete their plans asap before April 2023.

Their BSIP is being developed to reverse the decline in Bus Passenger usage, so can you focus any feedback across the three areas below, that you believe may help achieve this objective:

- **Proposals**
- **Ideas**
- **Initiatives**

COVID-19 and now the 'Cost of Living' crisis has threatened some previously commercially viable bus services. The Council's BSIP should explore which parts could become commercially viable again with the right investment. Which parts will not return to viability, but are socially or economically necessary and how these could best be supported. A significant proportion of our local bus services are currently not viable for the Bus Operators and are financially subsidised by the Council. These services are put out to Tender by the Council to Bus Operator company's so any changes to current bus routes will probably not be made before April 2023.

A short-term financial Bus Recovery Grant for post Pandemic support, has been given to the Council for the period October to December 2022 and a further amount is being considered from January to March 2023.

The Department for Transport have advised that the main agreed funding to support the BSIP for the first few years of the Council's plan, is to be allocated shortly, this is understood to be used from April 2023.

Keith Girling

kgirling@btconnect.com



**A big thank you to all the people who
contribute articles and deliver the
Wudhus News**

**Happy Christmas &
Best Wishes for the New Year to
all our readers**

Battersea Dogs Home – Muddy Dog Challenge

15th October 2022 at Locko Park

For a number of years now, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home has held Muddy Dog Challenges across the country and this year (as last) the Midlands event was staged at Locko Park which on what was to be a glorious sunny and bright day – that is, until the heavens opened just as everyone was packing up to go home.



The course is either 3km or 5km and consists of numerous water, climbing and crawling obstacles designed to get dog and runner as muddy as possible. And just for good measure, should anyone have managed to almost complete the course having avoided mud, the final obstacle involved buckets of muddy water being thrown as you navigated the hanging webbing.

The Wudhus Wanderers had entered a team of four runners each with pooch – Rachel Asher following Goose, Emily Feenan towed by Smithy, Sara Smith somewhere with Milo and Peter Milner with a very calm Rhyl and we all tackled the 5km uphill and downhill course fording a torrent of a river along the way. Great fun, lots of donations for a great cause and the dogs thoroughly enjoying watching their handlers slip, slide and groan from start to finish.

Locko is a glorious setting and, hopefully, the Muddy Dog Challenge will reappear in 2023. If it does, maybe Wudhus will manage to double the size of its team!! If you fancy a go here is the link <https://muddydog.battersea.org.uk/> for more information.

You can also contact the editor of Wudhus News on editorwudhusnews@gmail.com who will be able to put you in contact with the Wanderers organiser, Peter Milner.

Photos courtesy of
Stephen Lingley



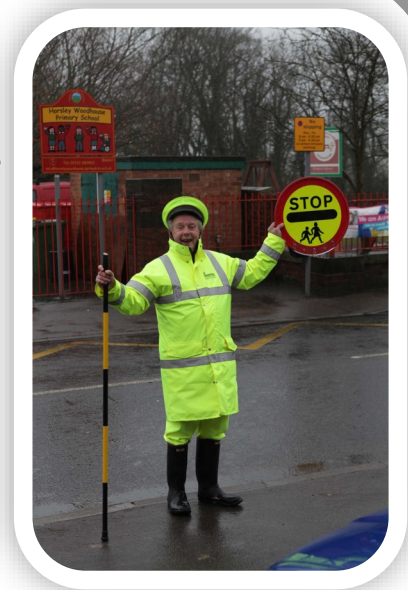
In Memory of Malcom Hall

17th July 1942 – 11th August 2022

I just wanted an opportunity to thank all the lovely people from the village for all their kind words, messages and cards on the passing of my great uncle - Malcolm Hall.

He truly was a legend in the village, who knew everyone by name and everyone knew him.

A solitary character with a huge heart and a cheeky disposition to go with it. He adored working as the lollipop man at Horsley Woodhouse Primary School for over twenty-five years and I can honestly say, if it hadn't had been for the awful accident he had last October, he would still be doing the job today.



On a personal note, the accident meant Malcolm opened up to us more which we absolutely loved and wished we'd had more time to listen to his stories and spend time with this amazing man.

At his funeral, our wonderful celebrant Clare told the story that people in the village knew if he liked you because he'd put your bin out for you! She also spoke about how he always liked to help the teachers reverse their cars in - although I was told after the service that on one occasion, he caused an accident and a teacher banged her car when following his instructions so she never listened to them again even though he always thought he was helping!

That was Malcolm - just a kind, considerate and happy man. A solitary life might seem sad or depressing to most of us but to Malcolm, being alone at home was his happy place. People would bring round meals and endless gifts at Christmas time but he didn't need them. We found dozens of boxes of handkerchiefs, socks, gloves and chocolates which parents had so kindly given to him but he didn't need them so they all stayed in pristine condition in his cupboard. When Malcolm decided he didn't want to come back home to the village, we made sure all the kindness in those gifts were passed on and given to charity.

When Uncle Malcolm moved to the care home, he continued his quiet life. Preferring to stay in his room at the end of the corridor, reading his papers. But he always had a cheery (and sometimes cheeky) word to say to the other residents and staff as he wandered down the hall for his meals before happily returning back to his room.

Malcolm's death was a massive shock to us as his family. Only a couple of weeks before, we'd been celebrating his special 80th birthday with cards, cake and presents. I will never forget how happy and overwhelmed he was by this day and I'm so glad we got to spend this time with him.

We are now living in Uncle Malcolm's house and I have to say - the village and its residents are just as wonderful to us as you were to Uncle Malcolm and he was delighted that we were moving here before he passed away because he knew what a brilliant village we'd be moving into.

So as new Wudus residents we'd like to say thank you for being so welcoming and on behalf of a much loved former resident we'd like to say thank you for a marvellous farewell.

Gemma Hall & Family

Christmas Hampers



This is the third year Horsley Woodhouse and other local communities are looking to send Christmas Hampers to the hard working NHS Staff on wards at the Royal Derby Hospital.

The first year was to all those in the Covid wards working in terrible circumstances, the second year to the Coronary and Elderly wards. The first year's contributions from you all were outstanding, but last year was even better accumulating eight large hampers that were much appreciated by all the staff especially those having to work over the Christmas and New Year period.

Collections are well on there way with lots of donations from people in the community, please keep them coming. I would already like to send a big thank you to Wudus Chippy, Karen and Mick. for their contributions, this continuing from their major donations for the Queen's Jubilee Street Party earlier in the year.

There are still a couple of slots left if anyone with recent experience of a particular ward or service would like to nominate them to receive a Christmas Hamper, please contact me using details below. The exceptions are the Children's and Macmillan wards who get inundated with gifts at Christmas. Nominations to date include the following wards:

- Pathology
- Ward 216 - Rehab Short Stay
- Ward 206 - Elective Trauma & Orthopaedic
- Ward 207 - Orthopaedics / Medical
- Ward 304 - Liver
- Ward 303 - Oncology



Please Note: The final date for donations is Friday 16th December, following which the Hospital will collect them, allowing time for them to quarantine and distribute to the wards before Christmas Day.

Donations for the Hampers must have a long 'Use By Date' (preferably early New Year) and may include:

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| • cakes | • soft drinks |
| • boxes of chocolate | • jellies |
| • biscuits | • Christmas crackers |
| • savouries | • cheese |
| • sweets | • fresh fruit etc. |

Items not suitable:

Alcohol or items that have to be heated.

We understand it is a difficult time with costs rising, but if anyone wishes to contribute with funds or food, however small, I'm sure the ward staff will appreciate it.


CHRISTMAS
HAMPER APPEAL

Please contact or deliver donations to:

Keith & Terrina Girling at kgirling@btconnect.com

88 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse

Cybercrime Awareness

During the pandemic many people became a victim of cybercrime. This broadly consisted of traditional scams that took advantage of increased use of the internet but also an increasing number of crimes that are only possible because of the internet. **The police divide cybercrime into four main areas:**

1. **Ransomware** - which is when someone highjacks your computer and encrypts everything on it. To regain access they request a payment, usually in bitcoin or something untraceable.
2. **Phishing** - which can also be done with texts and phone calls, but the internet makes it easier to collect information from social media to make the scammer believable: we tend to trust someone that already displays a personal knowledge of us.
3. **Invoice fraud** - you are asked to pay an invoice that looks legitimate or pay a charge for receiving something or getting it delivered.
4. **Remote Access fraud** - which involves you giving someone direct access to your computer to fix a problem with it. It often involves a phishing attack claiming to be from your internet provider: put out enough emails and you're bound to hit someone with a problem.

There is a lot of overlap between these since a text or email, purportedly from your bank, may have a link in it that if clicked provides a route in for the cybercriminal. **So, what can you do to protect yourself?**

- Don't click on links in emails, texts etc. If you get a text from your bank, contact them using your normal route and never use details provided in the text or email. If you are phoned out of the blue, then the same applies; contact the bank on a different phone (scammers can make it sound like they've hung up but stay on the line and pretend to be your bank).
- If someone contacts you about a problem on your computer or internet, even if you have one, end any contact immediately. Either contact your internet provider or a reputable repairer of computers. **Never give remote access to your pc.**
- Limit what you put on social media. Criminals constantly scan social media for opportunities they can use for scams, for example:
 - You moan about problems with your internet and scammers ring you up pretending to be from your provider; they know what the problem is and your service provider as you probably put them in your post.
 - You make a complaint about a hotel, flight etc. and someone contacts you from the airline asking you to fill in a claim form with your bank details so that they can pay compensation. They will often use a clone of the real website and it is difficult to spot that you are being scammed. This has become increasingly popular way as more people use social media to make complaints rather than directly to the company.
 - Avoid posting anything that indicates you are on holiday (pictures of you on social media, email out of office etc.). Scammers often use publicly available information to scam individuals and friends by sending an email that looks like it is from you asking them to send money, pay a fake business invoice etc.
- Don't change payment details, email addresses, phone numbers etc. for businesses, friends or family without physically confirming they have requested the change. This means speaking to a real person; everything else can be faked (and don't use numbers given in correspondence!).

So, what else can you do to protect yourself?

- Keep software up to date on phones, tablets and computers and use anti-virus software, if you do not already have it as part of the operating system.
- Use two-factor authentication. This is becoming the norm for online payments when you are asked to confirm a payment with a code sent to you on your phone or in a banking app. Look to enable it for anything that involves financial information because it is much harder for fraudsters to use your card details to make a payment without you knowing – do not forward the verification codes to anyone however plausible they are.
- Make sure your email password is a strong one since this is often used for resetting other passwords.

If you do receive emails or texts that look like a scam they can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk or text to 7726. You can check if your data has been breached by using www.havebeenpwned.com.

“RAMBLING” THROUGH TIME

(A serialised alternative history of Horsley Woodhouse)

Part 9. The Wood Lane Circular Walk

Hello again as we turn into the junction of Wood Lane and autumn is well under way. Our first point of interest is immediate. Take a look at the old stone retaining wall on our left and try to imagine a reasonably sized hole in the structure. This was one of several such features in the immediate vicinity. The ones in our Village were also at the Old Oak and the Crescent. These “Tin Holes” were used to deposit items of unwanted scrap metal including food tins and the like. They were reputed to attract many wasps and flies during the summertime as the smell of decaying food residues in the tins would be attractive to the insect population. These holes were also an excellent supply for young lads who were always on the lookout for construction and repair components for their “go carts” and bikes etc. The demand for old pram wheels was always high, only to be surpassed by the extra-large ball bearings which were sometimes to be sourced from the several Merlin engine dismantling yards found around the Village. These ball bearings made more durable but noisy wheels for the carts unlike the more fragile pram wheels. One would assume that these “Tin Holes” disappeared along with the engine dismantling yards at the end of the War and the facilities would be replaced by dust carts and further afield as transport advanced, the scrapyards.

Before we continue down the hill, remember that this lane used to be the main thoroughfare to Smalley. The road to Smalley which we are familiar with nowadays was no more than a track originally. We go down into the dip and we can see where Gypsy Brook passes under the road to make its way across the fields in the direction of Golden Valley. As we start to climb the hill, we see on our left what can loosely be referred to as a “lay by”. This was a passing point for larger horse drawn vehicles. Although this lane was the main thoroughfare, it was barely wide enough to cope with little more than just a vehicle and a horse passing in opposite directions. Two vehicles could present a problem, thus the need for this widened area. Further up the incline the grass verge widens and, in the spring, rich yellow Coltsfoot flowers can be found on the gritty edge of the grass. They are unusual in the fact that the leaves don’t appear until the flowers have set their seed. These flowers aren’t rare, but because of their preferred gritty, sunny and well drained habitat, they aren’t as ubiquitous as many of our other native wildflowers.

At the brow of the hill there is a group of modern dwellings which are built on the site of one of the several farm homesteads to be found in the immediate area. This one, Hilltop Farm was demolished a few years ago to make way for these fine dwellings which have been built in its place. I include a photo of the original Hilltop Farmhouse which in its time would have been quite a fine building.



Image courtesy of Paula Nash



Let’s wander a little further and we approach one of the two remaining Horsley Woodhouse Pubs, The Sitwell Arms. This attractive country hostelry was obviously named after the locally renowned Sitwell family. Situated in picturesque countryside, it’s a lovely place to visit and eat, with a bar, beer garden and a splendid function room.

The people who lived in the property opposite The Sitwell Arms owned a traction engine. The engine and threshing machine used to be taken around local farms to "Thresh" the corn and separate it from the straw. This seasonal job took place in the early autumn. Many farm stack yards had "Winter Crack" or "Sugar Plum" trees bearing their late, golden fruit during the threshing season, popular for pies and a treat for picking and eating their sun warmed sweetness straight from the trees. The local farmers would listen for the clank and clatter of the approaching machinery, knowing that a busy day or two lay ahead. The "Threshing Set" as it was called, was levelled up, belts were put around pulleys and tightened and wheels were chocked ready for the off. This preparation was more often than not done the day before so that a full day's work could follow. The sheaves of corn which had been harvested and stored in a stack would be forked onto the top of the threshing drum, their string would be cut and the corn would be put through the process. The noise, smoke, dust and flying chaff when the thresher started its work, driven by a hot and powerful traction engine, treated passers-by to a remarkable sight. The straw would be collected on a cart or sometimes baled and used for bedding the animals and lining nest boxes for the laying hens. There were usually two or three keen and skilful Jack Russell's on hand to dispatch the many rats which had made a home and pantry in the corn stacks. The corn was bagged up at the end of the process and kept for animal and hen feed through the winter months and beyond. Local farmers would help each other out at Threshing time, with the farmer's wife having the job of feeding the workers at the end of the day. Hearty homemade "Meat and Tater" pies and rich gravy would usually be in plentiful supply with a glass or two of beer. It was intense and hard, dusty work, but nonetheless a happy and unforgettable time was had on these fine, golden, autumn days.

As we leave these memories of a farming life long since gone, let's look towards the fields on the right and remember a part of the Village's mining heritage. At the bottom of one of these fields was the Shonkum Pit. This is yet another reminder of the strong Horsley Woodhouse connection with coalmining. This pit was accessed via a "footrell". This was the main entrance tunnel which the miners walked down to where it branched off and the coal was taken from seams found and followed in several more tunnels. Rather than accessing this type of mine (known as Drift Mines) through a deep shaft they were excavated horizontally into the side of the land and were continued further while ever there was a seam of coal to be found. A shaft to access and circulate fresh air was dug lower down the field. In order to get the coal to the entrance there was an "endless rope" which had tubs filled and clipped in place, it was driven by a stationery engine to the top where the tubs were emptied and travelled back down again. Pit Ponies were also used in some of these mines because pit props would also have to be taken in to support the roof. These were hard days of darkness, dust, sweat and confined and dangerous spaces. It was certainly not a job for the faint hearted and many of the men in those days couldn't pick and choose how they earned a living.

Opposite the now peaceful entrance to this field was one of the several small Chapels to be found in the Village. The building has gradually metamorphosed into a dwelling and can no longer be recognised as an old place of worship. It was originally a Wesleyan Chapel and the famous Clergyman and founder of Methodism; John Wesley is reputed to have preached there during one of his many travels around the country in the 1700s.

A short distance away we see on our left an attractive timbered house. This is the remaining one of two Lodges which stood at either end of the Sitwell Hall grounds, the other being in Smalley about opposite where there used to be a garage and filling station. The remaining Lodge in Wood Lane stands at the turn in the road which continues as the single-track lane which originally led to Smalley. This was known locally as The Wagon Road. The main road we know now which leads to Woodside and Cloves Hill is a later addition. As we continue up this narrow track, the peacefulness envelopes us. There is birdsong in the small wood on

“RAMBLING” THROUGH TIME cont....

the left, which is fragrantly carpeted with bluebells in the spring, lush green leaves and wild flowers in the summer and warm autumn colours and falling leaves in the approach to winter. On the right is Linkwood Farm, where the owner many years ago is reputed to have harvested all of his hay from his fields with a barrow. More hard work, no doubt made more tolerable by the beautiful surroundings and the old fashioned, intoxicating smell of the hay, a rare pleasure nowadays. We pass through the stile and the view opens up into fertile, rolling arable land to the left. On the right, the footpath reveals a view of the original site of the old Stainsby House which was the grand and substantial home of the Sitwell family. This fell into disrepair and was demolished in the early 1970's being replaced by a modern dwelling which was completed in 1974.



Image courtesy of Della Woods Bestwick

(For a more detailed account and pictures of Stainsby House and the Wilmot Sitwell's, go to Heanor and District Local History Society – Stainsby House, Smalley-Heanor history.org.uk)

The footpath forks and we turn left and walk along the perimeter of Smalley Cricket Ground and onwards across the wildflower adorned Smalley Meadow towards the Tavern Wood once again.

This has been one of the many circular Rambles which our Village has to offer. We turn left at the exit to the wood and make our way back down the main road. Like this walk, the year has turned full circle and Christmas is on its way again. I wish You and Yours a happy and contented time with the hopes of better things to come in the New Year. We'll meet next time opposite the Church Hall at the junction of Fairfield Road for a visit to the Club Row and a tribute to the people and their lives who gave Horsley Woodhouse its unique character.

Sheila Cullen

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Parish Council Contact Details:

- Cllr K Seals (Chairman) – 01332 881 983
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Mrs Hayley Varty (Parish Clerk) – 07854 535 958

Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Date of next Parish Council meeting:

The next meetings will be held on Tue 10th January 2023 and Tue 7th February 2023 at 7.00 pm at the British Legion Hall.

If you wish to raise any issues, please get in touch with your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council cont...

October

- Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council are pleased to announce Adrian Miller was co-opted as a Councillor at the October meeting.
- Correspondence has been received from Ground Control, who are subcontractors to National Grid asking to reduce the top of the sycamore tree accessed via the Sitwell Recreation Ground. In order to gain a 3m clearance from the bottom power line to the reduced top of the sycamore tree. It has been agreed to ask if the tree can be felled in order that repeated visits over the years would not be required.
- It was resolved to have one last cut of the whole of the grass verges between Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley to re-attempt growing the wildflowers.
- Cllr Davidson informed members he had reviewed the costs with Swarco for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) application. An estimated cost is £6723.00 and HWPC would apply for funding for half of this amount with the Derbyshire Crime and Commissioner funding programme. All Councillors in agreement to go ahead with the application.
- The Parish Clerk advised there is a national issue with PFK completing their audit checks by the 30th September deadline and an interim report has been received whilst the checks are being completed.
- Correspondence has been received from a member of the public asking for some new hardcore to be put down on that the footpath that runs down the side of the cricket ground in Smalley, which is in Horsley Woodhouse parish as it becomes a quagmire in winter and unpassable. The landowner has been contacted and informed.

November

- The Parish Clerk informed the Parish Council the Anti-Social Derbyshire Crime and Commissioner funding application for the CCTV upgrade at Sitwell Recreation Ground had been declined. The Parish Clerk to request feedback on the application.
- Cllr Till and Cllr Davidson met with Cllr Ainsworth to discuss the current bus route being amended to be able to reach as many villagers as possible. Progress is ongoing and being reviewed by Derby and Notts bus service.

Planning: November

Ref: AVA/2022/0838

Proposal: Rear single storey extension, loft conversion including dormer window and construction of detached double garage and detached triple garage.

Development Type: Householder

Location: 24 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 6AT

RESOLVED: The application was approved.

Ref: AVA/2022/0891

Proposal: Proposed dependent relative unit over existing garage and second floor loft extension to detached house.

Development Type: Householder

Location: 7 Wood Lane, Horsley Woodhouse, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 6BN

RESOLVED: The application was approved.

Recreation: Horeston Recreation Ground

October - Cllr Till has replaced the lily pads at Horeston Recreation Ground.

November - The hedges and hawthorns have been cut at Horeston Recreation Ground. A sapling was identified and left to establish itself as a tree.

Arthur Medical Centre

Like almost all general practices, Arthur Medical Centre has been experiencing a greatly increased level of patient demand for appointments and services which unavoidably causes delays to patients' access to routine appointments. Feedback received from our Clinical and Reception teams is that the current level of demand, especially for 'on-the-day' appointments, is becoming unmanageable in terms of the significant impact on workload, and unsafe in terms of our teams' ability to deliver appropriate care. This situation is not unique to our practice. The British Medical Association recently reported that *"In August, practices in England delivered 3 million more appointments than in the same month in 2019"*.

Following a study related to our appointments and services, we have identified that the majority of patient demand appears to be for 'on-the-day' appointments. Often, the number of appointments or patient contacts that clinicians conduct in the practice is significantly greater than maximum safe levels recommended by the British Medical Association and Local Medical Councils. Arthur Medical Centre is therefore adapting the way we deliver our services and appointments from the 7th of November 2022, to reflect changes in patient demand, whilst safeguarding our teams' ability to provide safe and appropriate levels of care.

What is changing?

- From November, we will begin to transition our appointment system towards offering more of our appointments to as 'on-the-day' face-to-face and telephone appointments, which will increase our short-term capacity to reflect the majority of our patient demand. We aim for full implementation of the new system from 5th December 2022.
- The remaining portion of appointments will remain as 'pre-bookable' face-to-face and telephone consultations for routine matters.
- We are also increasing the overall ratio of face-to-face patient appointments.
- When our appointments are fully booked for the day, you will be asked to call NHS 111 for assistance or treatment. NHS 111 will then refer you to the most appropriate treatment route for your problem. These options will include referral to your local pharmacy, a local urgent treatment centre or wound clinic, or other appropriate solution.

How you can help us

- When you contact Arthur Medical Centre, please be considerate and kind when speaking with our Reception Team. Our team do their best to provide the best care possible to you within their resources and a difficult interaction with a patient can often have an emotional impact on the member of staff, which then affects how they are able to help other patients.
- If you are advised that our appointments are full on the day you call, please understand that this is not a personal rejection, but simply that the Practice's capacity within which we can safely deliver care, is now full due to demand from other patients.
- If you are unable to make an appointment that you have booked, please contact us to let us know as soon as possible to enable us to offer this appointment to other patients. In October 2022, **140 appointments, equating to approximately 35 hours of clinical time was wasted** due to patients failing to attend without notice.
- All of the staff at Arthur Medical Centre strive to deliver an exceptional level of care to each and every patient, and we do so within the parameters of available resources and funding. If you have feedback or a complaint regarding your experience as a patient of the Practice, please submit this in writing for the attention of the Practice Manager. If you have feedback or a complaint regarding national policies related to Primary Care or NHS services, these may be best raised with your MP.

Changes to prescribing medication which is available to buy over the counter (OTC)

As a practice we continually monitor our prescribing to ensure that our patients receive the treatment which is the most medically appropriate for their illness or condition. In March 2018, NHS England published guidance about reducing the prescribing of medicines or treatments that are available to buy over the counter (OTC). Arthur Medical Centre have adopted this guidance aiming to make all local people more “self-care aware”.

We encourage all patients to take simple steps to help manage minor illnesses and injuries at home. This means that we will be no longer providing you with medication that can be purchased over the counter.

The “self-care” section <https://joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/stay-well/#u> has lots of information and advice on treating minor health problems with self-care. By keeping certain useful medicines at home you can treat common conditions immediately and you won't need to see a GP. The medicines you may want to keep at home include:

- A painkiller to help treat minor conditions associated with pain, discomfort and fever
- Indigestion medicines, oral rehydration salts and treatments for constipation and diarrhoea
- Treatments for seasonal conditions such as colds and hay fever

We believe that empowering people with the information and confidence to look after themselves gives people greater control of their own health. It will also help to reduce the number of GP consultations, enabling GPs to focus on caring for higher risk patients, such as those with multiple illnesses, the very young and the elderly. **Please feel free to speak to your local pharmacist who has the knowledge and skills to advise on the most appropriate treatment for you.**

Practice Statistics

As of 1st November, Arthur Medical Centre has **9,059 patients registered with the Practice**. This is an increase of 164 patients since the same point last year.

- Over the month of October, Arthur Medical Centre has:
- handled **3,567 incoming telephone calls** (an average of 178 calls handled per working day)
- provided **4,113 patient appointments** in total (an average of 196 per working day)
- Of these appointments, **2,088 were face-to-face appointments** (an average of 99 per working day and around 49% of the total)
- **As mentioned earlier, 140 patients** did not attend their appointments and did not give notice of cancellation, which would have allowed us to offer these appointments to other patients who needed to access a clinician. Whilst this may appear to be a small number against the total, 140 'DNAs' represents up to **35 hours of patient contact time across the month**.

As everyone is no doubt aware, practice appointments are a precious resource and patients can be frustrated when trying to book GP and Nurse appointments. Please help us to help you by notifying the practice if you are unable to attend your appointment to allow us to offer the time to other patients.

Thank you for your ongoing support whilst we hope to continue offering the best care possible.

The Arthur Medical Centre team

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Keeping you in touch Cllr Trevor Ainsworth

Hi All

The recent rain and the fall of leaves have combined to cause some flooding issues on the road. If you notice any blocked drains, excess water collecting on the roads, please report it to Derbyshire County Council via the web site. Use the report a road fault tab. If you have trouble doing this, please contact me and I will do it on your behalf. I will need the road name and the nearest house number.

Public consultation on £1.14bn devo deal to begin in November

A public consultation about the East Midlands devolution deal is due to take place from 14th November 2022 until 9th January 2023.

Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council have all given the green light to a public consultation on devolution, so the public, businesses, community groups and other organisations will all



have the chance to have their say about the deal.

The deal would provide the region with a guaranteed income stream of £38 million per year over a 30-year period, and would cover around 2.2 million people, making it one of the biggest in the country. It would also mean a new regional mayor and new type of combined authority for the area, from 2024.

Free careers advice service

If you, family, friends, or residents that you work with need careers advice, we run a



careers service which offers impartial information, advice and guidance about career opportunities, learning and employment.

You can contact the service in person across the county or by telephone, video call, text or email.

Contact Louise Wilson, team leader/careers coach:
email: louise.wilson@derbyshire.gov.uk
re.gov.uk

tel: 07717 343085

Mandatory housing for captive birds comes into force 7th November

Anyone who has poultry or other captive birds must keep them indoors from the 7th November 2022, to help stop the spread of avian flu. I am aware that some local wild birds, such as Buzzards have contracted the flu and subsequently died from it.



Anyone suspecting bird flu must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

If you have any issues that you think I can assist with please contact me.

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth

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Keeping the villages connected.... Kilburn and Holbrook



CRAFT STALLS HANDMADE GIFTS BBQ TOMBOLA
RAFFLE REFRESHMENTS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BOTTLE PULL CHILDREN'S STALLS

KJS PTFA

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 6.30PM-8.30PM
KILBURN JUNIOR SCHOOL

Kilburn Community Events Calendar Dates for your Diary

**Fri 2nd Dec – Kilburn Junior School
PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening -
6.30-8.30pm**

**Fri 9th Dec – The Carol Service -
Baptist Church, commencing at
6.30pm - All welcome to attend and
kick off the village Christmas cheer**

**Sun 11th Dec – Kilburn Baby and
Toddler Drop in Christmas Special –
Kilburn Village Hall 9.30-11.30am**

**Fri 16th Dec – Chatterbox Café
Christmas Special – Kilburn Village
Hall 10.00am-12.00 noon**



Holbrook Garden Group



The group meets on the third Monday in the month during the winter, then in the summer we go and visit gardens.

We meet at Holbrook Moor Methodist Church,
Moorside Lane, Holbrook, DE56 0TW

All are welcome, no membership required, £4 per meeting
and a cup of tea & biscuit is included.

Look at our [Facebook](#) page
Further details ring 01773 824 446

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers



Squirrels

We had a banging, popping time at Squirrels this term! Learning key points of fire safety around fireworks, making & eating S'mores, making our own firework, a video story & not forgetting the adventure Mr Squirrel had!

We had a great turnout for this year's Remembrance Service. Great to see the new section Squirrels there too... many thanks to the young people who brought cakes etc. and of course thanks to the leaders for their help and support.



Beavers

As part of the Beavers Disability Awareness badge, we would just like to say a big THANK YOU to both Rhiannon and Beanie, the assistant dog, for showing us how he assists Rhiannon in her day-to-day life. It was brilliant. We also got a certificate for all the stamps we have collected.



Beavers had a great sleepover last term. They were asleep until 6.30 am. They played many games, did pumpkins ready for Halloween, again thanks to the leaders for giving up their time.

Beavers made models out of recycling items, it had to float and hold the Beaver teddy – the teddy got very wet.



Cubs have been busy this term. They had fun cooking – made a vehicle that moves by air/ Kinetic energy, went to

Ilkeston Fair - this was the 1st time to a fair for some Cubs. Some Cubs got invested. Btw Ian got my mushy peas at the end!

Cubs had a great sleepover in November, many thanks to the leaders for giving up their time for the Cubs to gain the scouting adventure. We did games, the egg game and breakfast was great but we could have done with more sleep!!



Wow four Cubs have moved on to Scouts, hope they enjoyed their time in Cubs, and they have fun in Scouts. Remember to smile 😊



It's great when we can award leaders/helpers. We have handed a few 5-year service award this week. Here is Andy (Chil) getting his award by an Explorer. Thanks for your support, Andy.



Bonfire Night

Hope you all accept my personal apology for the firework display this year.

The fireworks look to have got damp and this made the fuses faulty. We used a new electronic firing system which failed to light the fuses so we reverted back to manual lighting but this didn't work either so both the main and standby fuses didn't work hence no lit fireworks.



We did the normal prevention and wrap them up etc. but unfortunately this year the damp got to them all. We finally got most of them working but clearly wasn't at our normal standard.

We are re-examining our method and will have a different approach for next year. I have had a few messages from non-scouting members saying that they had great fun and the atmosphere was great – one said, “the atmosphere was super-friendly and we felt very welcome. Plus, the firework quirkiness just added to our evening, in a positive way”. Which is very nice to receive.



So again, please accept my personal Apology and that I'll have to learn a new “skill for life” and fix this issue. Regards Ian.

Other than the fireworks, we had a great time at our annual bonfire event. Many thanks for your support.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the bonfire event this weekend, we literally could not have pulled that off without everyone's help. Thanks for building our bonfire, thanks to everyone who worked on the food and drink stall, everyone who worked on the hectic gate. Thanks to everyone who helped set up the tents, who sold the alcohol, who helped pack everything away, who helped organise, who helped patrol and did the first aid. Thanks for buying and prepping everything, and thanks for sorting all the money out, the paperwork out, and everyone who fetched, carried, and supported the event. Can all the parents and careers pass on a big thanks to all the young people who did a brilliant job stepping up and helping us and the Scouts and Explorers who took part in a very long day and night. To the network team who helped at the event this year too.

Please put your photos on our bonfire 1st Sitwell Scouts Facebook page and join the photo Competitions. Again, thanks for your support Ian. The winners of the hat and photo competition will be out soon.

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

Contact:

Mrs Phyllis Shaw -

Tel: 01332 880 083

SERVICES
December 2022

Sunday 4th – Service with Holy Communion at 2.30 pm led by Revd Stephen Pratt

Sunday 11th

10.30 am – Café Church.

2.30 pm – Service led by Deacon Michaela Doherty

Sunday 18th

2.30 pm – *Carol Service* led by members of our congregation. *You will be most welcome*

Sunday 25th – *Christmas Day* - Service at **9.30 am** led by Mr Keith Bryan

January 2023

Sunday 1st – *No Service*

Sunday 8th

10.30 am – Café Church

2.30 pm – Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Stephen Pratt

Sunday 15th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Mr John Moorley

Sunday 22nd at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Helen Penfold

Sunday 29th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Mrs Judith Millner

PLEASE NOTE: Our Services will be at 2.30 pm until till March.

PRAYER

*Quote: 'Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today
that You and I can't handle together.'*

If you wish to contact us or put an article forward:

If you would like to put forward any details to be included in the next edition of the Wudhus News, please contact Tania Pells (Editor) at editorwudhusnews@gmail.com

If you are holding a fund raiser, have some community news or you need support to write an article please get in touch.

All articles submitted will be reviewed and approved by the Parish Council. Unfortunately we cannot advertise businesses or print personal letters.

Publishing Deadlines:

20th Jan – Feb/Mar 2023 and 20th Mar – Apr/May 2023

Unfortunately, any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition.

If you wish to use any material that is listed please contact Tania Pells (Editor) on the above email address.

United Benefice of the Denby Group of Churches

St Susanna's Church Horsley Woodhouse

Date	Church Services	Time
Sunday 11 th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	6.30 pm
Saturday 24 th December	Family Christmas Crib Service	3.30 pm
Sunday 25 th December	Holy Communion	10.00 am
Sunday 8 th January	Holy Communion	6.30 pm
Sunday 22 nd January	Evensong	6.30 pm

Revd. Tracy
Robinson, resides at
the Vicarage in
Horsley.

Contact details
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**St Susanna's Church
Christmas Services**

December 2022

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 11th December 6.30 pm

Come and share the Christmas Story with carols, readings and mince pies

Christmas Crib Service

Saturday 24th December 3.30 pm

Please join us for this informal family service. An opportunity for children to come dressed as characters from the Christmas Story and help to build the Christmas Crib scene.

Christmas Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December 10.00 am

Please come and join in our Christmas Day Communion service

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council Presents....

Christmas Lights Switch on &
Carols Under the Tree

Friday 2nd December 6pm

Music and Singing with
Kilburn Community Choir

At the Millennium Wall in the centre of the village
Then join us for drinks at the Old Oak Inn



Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Christmas Decoration Competition

Could your house be one of the 'most Festive' in Horsley Woodhouse?

Judging will be done by the Parish Council close to Christmas

Get festive and good luck!

Merry Christmas



Judging will take place the week before Christmas