THE WUDHUS NEWS

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Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

<u>June 2016</u>

Wed 1st Jun (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Erewash Canal 3 miles, meet at the road at the side of Lidl, Langley Mill. *This is a buggy friendly walk.*

Wed 8th Jun (9.45 am – 11.15 am) Old Oak & Golf Club 2.75 miles, meet at The Old Oak Pub car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 15th Jun (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Shipley Country Park 2.5 miles, meet at the Mapperley car park at 9.45 am. *This is a buggy friendly walk.*

Wed 22nd Jun (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Cloves Wood approximately 2.25 miles, meet at the Morley lay-by at 9.45 am and returning to Morley Retreat for refreshments.

Wed 29th Jun (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Lumb Farm & Ripley Greenway 2.25 miles, meet at Denby Pottery car park at 9.45 am.

<u>July 2016</u>

Wed 6th Jul (9.45 am – 11.15 am) Woodhouse Circular 2 miles, meet at The Old Oak Pub car park at 9.45 am. *This is a buggy friendly walk.*

Wed 13th Jul (9.45 am – 11.45 am) Holbrook 3.5 miles, meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 20th Jul (9.45 am – 11.30 am) Codnor Castle 2.75 miles, meet at Codnor car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 27th Jul (9.45 am – 11.30 am) Coxbench & Little Eaton 2.75 miles, meet at Coxbench at 9.45 am.

For more information, contact Amanda Gowing 01773 841 428 of Simon Harrison (walk leader) on 01332 780 450. Full details available at:

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 <u>editorwudhusnews@gmail.com</u>. 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 and information submitted will be reviewed by the Parish Council before it can be approved. Unfortunately we cannot advertise businesses within the newsletter or print personal letters.

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

Publishing Deadlines: Aug/Sep – 20th Jul 2016 and Oct/Nov – 20th Sep 2016

Unfortunately any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition. Many thanks Tania Pells.





'We Will Remember Them'

Horsley Woodhouse Servicemen with known graves:

Sapper Willis Annable, 49th Division, Signals, Royal Engineers WW1

Willis was the son of Frederick and Sarah Jane Annable, residents of Horsley Woodhouse at the time of World War 1.

Records show that he served as a "Sapper" with the 49th Division Signals, Royal Engineers during the First World War, Service No. 568243. I do not have details confirming when Willis joined the Army, however, unless he joined "under age" (not inconceivable), it seems <u>more likely</u> that he did so during 1916. If any of the above was the case, Willis may have seen action on the Western Front before or during 1916 but again, this is not confirmed.

The term "Sapper" was/is used to denote soldiers who perform a variety of military engineering tasks including signalling and communication related duties. The word comes from the French "*saper*" meaning to dig, entrench etc. and came into more general usage in the British Army in 1856 when the Corps of Royal Sappers & Miners amalgamated with the Officer Corps of the Royal Engineers to form the Corps of Royal Engineers.

In WW1, signalling communications were operated at battalion level by infantry signallers or by the Royal Engineers in the case of larger army formations. Signallers often wore a white over blue armlet or brassard on both upper sleeves to show that they were "signals personnel". Being involved with signalling meant that you were frequently close to the front- lines, supplying signal communications to various recipients including Company and Battalion H.Q.'s. Wire connected telephones were in regular use and this required landlines to be laid, a risky business due to corresponding exposure to enemy artillery fire. If landlines could not be laid, different forms of visual signalling were employed including mirror/heliograph signals using sunlight during the day and "Lucas type" lamps at night. The messages were sent in Morse code, one signaller would send the message and another would read incoming signals (using a telescope when extended distances were involved). Willis would no doubt have been familiar to a greater or lesser extent, with the various tools and hardware of the signaller's trade.

Willis' unit was the 49th Divisional Signals Company, RE. The Company provided communications for the 49th (West Riding) Division who were part of the Territorial Force. At the outbreak of war with Germany, the Division concentrated in South Yorkshire and Lincolnshire for training. They crossed to France in April 1915 forming up in the Estaires vicinity. Their first taste of action took place at Aubers Ridge in the May 1915 battle. They fought in the Battles of the Somme in 1916 and were involved in operations on the Flanders coast and the Battle of Poelcapelle during Third Ypres (Passchendaele) in 1917. The Divisional Signals Company would have been present throughout these actions.

Sapper Willis Annable died of wounds received (given as "gas") on the 29th July 1917 in a hospital at Abbeville, France, aged 19.

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Willis' grave was visited in recent years when Frieda and Keith Staley placed this poppy tribute on behalf of the village. The card reads: "In memory of Willis, son of the village of Horsley Woodhouse, soldier of an unreturning army: "In this rich earth a richer dust concealed"



Willis' grave carrying the inscription "Asleep in Jesus until the day breaks and the shadows flee away"

He was buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Plot 3, Row B, Grave No.13.

As already noted, signalling could be a hazardous task. Frequently in forward positions, feeding back information to the artillery and others concerning enemy emplacements and targets, signallers often became isolated and, as such, they were somewhat vulnerable to enemy artillery fire and attacks. After 1915, this exposure included "gas shelling or gas attacks" with gas delivered by artillery or special gas projectors firing larger volume gas shells and canisters filled with phosgene, chlorine/phosgene mixtures or, by 1917, the blister inducing

"mustard gas". Although I do not have details of the actual circumstances,

Willis was clearly exposed to gas, <u>most likely</u> sometime during the first half of 1917. This may have been during the Flanders coast operations or prior to the British offensives at Messines Ridge or Third Ypres. It seems that, initially, Willis survived the gas exposure and he may well have received subsequent attention in a field and/or casualty clearing station before being transported to Abbeville.

Lying to the N.W. of Amiens on the main road from Paris to Boulogne, the town of Abbeville was in British hands from September 1914 right through to the end of the war. Field-Marshall John French set up General Headquarters in Abbeville in October 1914, later on the town became an important British base, a centre of communications, training, supply and transport. In addition to this, a number of military base hospitals were established there including the British No. 2 Stationery, British Red Cross No.3 and No.5 British Red Cross B. Willis Annable would have been brought to one of these (probably No. 2 Stationery or No. 5 BRC.). Depending on the severity of exposure and the gas type, there was often little available treatment beyond basic care. Sadly Willis succumbed, ultimately, to its effects.



Abbeville Communal cemetery with the extension on the left

Mick Barham (copyright 2016)

Up to September 1916, Abbeville Communal Cemetery was used for military burials. The cemetery extension was established and used thereafter.



49th (West Riding) Division Memorial, Essex Farm Cemetery, Boesinghe, Ypres Salient

Something a little light hearted

Church Stories

"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the vicar. After the close of the service, the Board gathered at the back of the Church for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before. "My friend," said the vicar, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?" "Yes," said the visitor," and after today's service, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

Three vicars from the local villages were having lunch in the pub. One said "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away.

Another said "Yes, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptised all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

Church Signs

- * This is a ch_ _ ch. What is missing?
- * Fight truth decay -- brush up on the Bible daily.
- * What part of THOU SHALT NOT don't you understand?
- * Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- * Due to the Vicars illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued.
- * At the Church meeting Martha and Jane sang a duet. The Lord Knows Why.

Are you a Woman born in the 1950's? Is your mother, sister, friend of this age group?

Did you think you would receive your State Pension at the age of 60 or even 64, then think again? Some women born in the 1950's will not be able to receive their state pension until the age of 66.

WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) is an action group that was formed by five ordinary women born in the 1950's who are personally affected by the changes to the state pension age and wanted to do something to address this injustice. WASPI is specifically about the way the increase to the state pension age (1995 and 2011) was implemented.

There are WASPI local groups springing up nationwide raising awareness. For further information please look at the following link on the internet:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/563375923830827/?fref=ts

Your local group is WASPI Amber Valley, their email address is waspiambervalley@gmail.com.

County Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Derbyshire County Council Highways Department has encountered problems with parked cars preventing them from repairing streetlights. On occasions, they have had to visit 4 times to effect a repair. Can I ask that, if you receive a notice through your door to let you know when they are coming, please assist them.

Concern has been raised relating to a proposed Co-op Store being built on the site of The Club, 131 Main Street, Amber Valley Planning Reference AVA/2016/0210.

This relates to the impact upon other shops in the surrounding area, as well as traffic congestion which is addressed within the Transport Assessment Document and off-street parking.

Local businesses are concerned as to the impact a new Supermarket will have upon their sustainability. I acknowledge that the new Supermarket has indicated it will provide up to 23 new jobs, but this could be at the expense of others, which may be lost.

It has been suggested that a more acceptable option for the Brownfield site would be housing in support of the Local Plan. However, it is up to the owner of land/property to decide how they develop it, Councils cannot dictate. It is also a requirement of the Local Plan to identify land suitable for Employment and to encourage people to work locally.

I have asked for concerns raised above to be considered as part of the planning process, before any decision is made. The grounds being; adequate parking, the impact of servicing vehicles, access and highway safety, traffic generation and design and appearance.

Derbyshire County Council Highways are a statutory consultee, so I would expect them to pass comment upon the Transport Report as to its suitability. I am also supportive of the planning application being 'called-in' and heard by the Planning Board, so that local residents can outline their concerns personally.

Derbyshire County Council Library service offers free eMagazines, eBooks and eAudio books. There are best-sellers and well-known magazines that you can download for free onto your computer, phone or tablet and it is available 24/7. Check it out online at <u>www.derbyshire.gov.uk/libraries</u> for more details of this and other services they offer. You may have to download a free app to use some devices, but it is a simple process and is easy to use.

I am once again pleased to support the Carnival, with a donation from my Community Leadership Fund. As well as supporting Amber Valley Community Transport to purchase an additional vehicle to assist helping groups and individuals to access health, education, social events and activities.

If there is an issue I can help you with, please contact me on 01332 781 092 or <u>kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk</u>.



Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Report from April and May Parish Council meetings

April

To celebrate the Queens 90th birthday the planters in the village will be planted with red, white and blue plants.

May

- Cllr K Seals elected Chairman and Cllr S McGuinness was elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year, there were no other nominations.
- Members of the public were asked to give their opinions on the proposed planning application for a Co-op Store to be sited on the site of the Club, the final decision will be made by Amber Valley Borough Council.
- Mr D Barham informed members that the British Legion have produced a book detailing all the names and information of the members of the armed forces whose names are on the Sitwell Recreation Memorial. One of the books is to be deposited with the Church. Members requested that a book be put into school too.
- A planter has been relocated to the entrance of Stainsby Avenue.
- A design for the stone seat has now been approved, and work will commence in the near future.
- The Chairman reported that the Clerk and herself had a meeting with the Chairman of Kilburn Parish Council to discuss the proposed new Kilburn sign at Four Lane Ends junction, it was suggested that Kilburn Parish Council reconsider the siting of this sign as residents are concerned that postal services will be disrupted, and that the new sign be positioned further down Woodhouse Road towards the end of the houses. Cllr Hall will take this to the next meeting of Kilburn Parish Council.
- The Oak Old Pub is now registered as an Asset of Community Value.
- The grass verges are to be cut shortly in the village.

Police Report (April):

2 x road traffic collisions - no-one was injured

- 1 Lady Lea Road crossroads
- 1 Church Street junction

Planning:

April

AVA/2016/0216 - 5 Fairfield Road

To erect single storey cedar wood shed/summer shed No objections

AVA/2016/0325 - The Haven, Wood Lane

Extension to bungalow and loft conversion to residential space together with a detached garage No objections

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May AVA/2016/0210 - 131 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse Construction of new Co-operative Food Store No objections

AVA/2016/0376 - Wood Lane, Horsley Woodhouse

Garage conversion, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, porch and car port No objections

Action on outstanding issues:

Parking on verges and footpaths – Cllr Buttery agreed to continue to press for a decision from Derbyshire County Council as to whether the Parish Council can put up no parking on the grass verge signs in the village.

Parish Council Contact Details:

- Cllr K Seals (Chairman) 01332 881 983
- Cllr S McGuinness (Vice Chairman) 01332 880 240
- Cllr S Harrison 01332 780 450
- Cllr A Nathan 07790 730 610
- Cllr I Ratcliffe 01332 781 872
- ◆ Cllr S Till 01332 881 739
- Cllr J Whitmore 01332 880 203
- Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) 01332 883 404
 Email: <u>horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com</u>

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th June at 7.00 pm in the British Legion Hall**, all members of the parish are welcome to attend to observe the meeting and raise any issues.

Stargazers

Stargazers Drama Group will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th June at 8.00 pm in The Old Oak Pub. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone interested in acting, dancing, comedy and technical work behind the scenes. We shall start planning for our next show at Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall for February 2017. Any queries to Ray on 882 200.

Ray Rippingale Chair, Stargazers Drama Group

Local clubs, community groups and societies

Jog Derbyshire

Horsley Woodhouse Joggers meet every Thursday at the Church Hall at 7.00 pm. It is a group for absolute beginners or those returning to jogging after a break. For anyone who wants more details please contact Sam Draper by phone 07891 571 488 or email <u>samanthadraper@live.com</u>.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Thursday – 6.00 - 7.00 pm Cubs Scouts (8-10½ years) Wednesday – 6:30 - 8.00 pm Scouts (10 ½-14 years) Monday – 7.00 - 8:30 pm Please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1st Sitwell Scout Group on: Mob: 07847 207 756 E-mail: gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk or Web: www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Orchard Group

We meet every fortnight at The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Peggy Parry for more details on 01332 883 240.

British Legion

Our branch is sponsoring a book which will commemorate the village men of both major wars of the 20th century who left their families behind and did not return. This book is now in its final stages and will be going to the printers during the next few weeks. A copy will be placed in the Parish Church and in the Methodist Church. It is hoped that descendants, researchers and scholars will benefit from the extensive information contained therein and will perpetuate the memory of these men who left all good and pleasant things behind to protect the precious freedom we have today.

Our branch continues to meet on the first Monday in the month unless a bank holiday occurs.

The new visitor centre is now well advanced in its construction at the Alrewas National Memorial Park in Staffordshire. Once it is completed we will arrange a visit and take the opportunity to see our friends at Alrewas Royal British Legion Club. Anyone visiting the centre should call in the Royal British Legion Club where you will be made most welcome.

The branch welcomes any new members to help us carry on with our work. Don Barham, Hon. Secretary

Ladies Group

The next meeting is on 2nd June, at 7.00 pm, when the guest speaker will be a local lad, Howard Beedle. Howard is a keen wine fan but his talk this time will be very interesting as it is be about his recent experiences Trekking the Himalayas, near Mount Everest. He will do anything for a nice glass of red wine!!

On July 7th it is our summer outing through Chatsworth and Baslow Village, stopping for a meal at the Wheatsheaf Pub. The coach will pick up outside Horsley Woodhouse Post Office at 5.00 pm.

No meeting in August as a lot of members are away on holiday. All new members are welcome to come along to a meeting or to join and take part in community activities. Terrina Girling, Committee Member

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

The club went on its first outing of the year to Melton Mowbray Market, followed by a late lunch at the Shepherds carvery Radcliffe-On-Trent. The June outing will be on Wednesday 15th to Llandudno a few seats still available, coach fare to be decided after the next committee meeting. Contact Cilla or Don on 881 379.

The club meets fortnightly at the Royal British Legion Hall 2.00 pm start. We play cards, dominoes and bingo or just come for a chat and a cup of tea. All are welcome and a friendly atmosphere. Come and join us and keep this community asset alive.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

Whist Drive

Meet every Friday night at 7.00 pm at the British Legion - contact Malcolm Parkin for more details 01332 880 160.

Horsley Woodhouse Primary School Chess Club

An after school Chess Club has been run for nearly a decade by Mr Jones for Yr3 to Yr6 pupils. They all enjoy a challenge and once they have learnt the basic rules go on to develop their attacking and defending skills. They play each other throughout the year and their results recorded so they can monitor their progress. This year we had joint winners Dylan McGuinness (Yr6) and Louis Crompton-Smith (Yr5).

In recent years the Club has entreated The Declancey UK School Chess Challenge. Last year over 56,000 pupils took part, making it the largest chess challenge in the



country. The first round took place in the schools. Pupils play seven games and get three points for a win, two for a draw and one for playing if they lose. Those who get 17 points qualify for the County Mega final. Last year only 7,000 pupils progressed to this round in the Country.

This year four pupils Dylan McGuinness (Yr6), Jacob Tout (Yr6), Louis Crompton-Smith (Yr5) and Charlie McGuinness (Yr4) qualified for the Derbyshire Mega final, which was held at Foremark Hall School on Sunday 8th May 2016. They played six games throughout the day.

In order to go onto the Intercounty Competition they had to win four games. Unfortunately Dylan McGuinness and Louis Crompton-Smith just failed by winning three games and drawing one. Next year they may well be County Champions.

David Jones

St Susanna's Parish Church

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Sun 5th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer Sun 12th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion Sun 19th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer Sun 26th at 10:30 am – Morning Prayer Sun 3rd at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer Sun 10th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion Sun 17th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer Sun 24th at 10.30 am – Morning Prayer Sun 31st at 10.15 am – Group Service at Horsley Church

Dates for your Diary:

Open Church - join us for a cup of tea and a chat on **Saturday 18th June 10.00 am - 12.00 pm.**

Vintage Tea – a celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday on **Saturday 25th June at 2.30 pm**.

QUIZ to be held in the Church Hall on Friday 8th July at 7.15 pm, £2 per person including refreshments. Proceeds in aid of St Susanna's Parish Church. ALL Welcome!

Day	Activity	Contact details
Sunday	a.m. Smalley Tennis Club – Junior Tennis	Simon 07469 210 548
Monday	p.m. Line Dancing	Megan 01159 326217
Tuesday	a.m. Fitness Class for New Mums	Sam 01332 468 428 07891 571 488
	p.m. United Response Disco	Michelle 07891 759 907
Wednesday	p.m. Circuit training	Sam 01332 468 428 07891 571 488

Events and activities at the Church Hall - weekly programme:

Anyone interested in booking the Hall for a party, other celebrations or for regular meetings of their club/society may contact Andrew Shaw (Churchwarden, St Susanna's Church) on 01332 883 124 or 07790 012 606.

Temporary Road Closure - Saturday 16th July 13:00 - 13:40

Main Street (from Four Lane Ends) through to Church Lane - the road will be closed for the HW Carnival Parade. No vehicles will be permitted through the village during this time (No. 1 Order 2016 Amber Valley Borough Council).

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Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

Minister: Revd Judi Smart - Tel: 01332 781 296 (on Sabbatical to 11th July)

SERVICES

<u>June 2016</u>

Sunday 5th at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mr Peter Morley.

Sunday 12th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Mr Jonathan Stanyon. Sunday 19th

at 10.30 am – Service led by Mrs Carol Warren.

at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mrs Sheila Carty.

Sunday 26th at 6.00 pm – United Service at West Hallam Methodist Church.

There will be no Service here on this Sunday.

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Sunday 3rd at 6.15 pm – Service led by Revd Helen Penfold. Sunday 10th at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mrs Jayne Watson. Sunday 17th

at 10.30 am – Service led by Mrs Jennie Binks.

at 6.15 pm – Service led by Mrs Alison Wood.

Sunday 24th at 6.15 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart.

Sunday 31st at 6.15 pm – Service led by Revd Roy Queripel.

Request for Community Support - HW Commemorative Book

Work is nearly complete on a commemorative booklet covering all of the names on the memorial and other plaques within the village, this will hopefully be produced this year for the 10th Anniversary of World War 1.

I am now asking if anyone has any more information or images of any of the 22 names. The book is due to go to the printers in mid-June and should be available July/August this year. It is available to anyone who is interested, there is no charge, and we are just asking anyone who receives a copy to consider giving a donation to Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion Branch. The book covers all of the names complete with relevant images, foreword, preface and introductory pages culminating in three maps showing places of burial or commemoration and a summary epilogue.

The spirit is remembrance and the possibility of assisting future research carried out by those wishing to know more of their ancestors. If anyone wishes to get in touch with photographs please email Mick on <u>barham791@btinternet.com</u>.

Mike Barham

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Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

We won the outdoor Cubs football competition – the first time 1st Sitwell has won this competition and the trophy dates back to 1951; of course 1st Sitwell isn't that old but well done to the nine Cubs who won it for us.



A total of 65 boys and girls from the Ripley and Heanor Scout District celebrated St George's Day with a paintball challenge at Kegworth. Scouts from 1st Sitwell challenged 1st Ripley, 2nd Swanwick and 3rd Codnor to join in the fun capturing flags and developing team leadership

skills. 1st Sitwell leader Skip said, "We are all proud to see our Scouts working together and tackling challenges face on. We would like to thank all those who made the event a success."

Are you an older member of 1st Horsley Woodhouse, 1st Smalley or when the two





groups joined to become 1st Sitwell Scout Group? On the 15th July we will be having a birthday party to celebrate Beavers 30 years and the Cubs section 100 years since they started in the UK. **Firstly we would like to invite you to the party from 7.00 pm until 8.30pm.**

Secondly we are looking to put together the history of the group, ideally we would like photos of what you did back

then. I am not local so not got a clue what the hut was like nor the surrounding area. If you have information and photos please email them to me and if needs be I can scan the photos.

Please contact Ian via <u>gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk</u>. The picture shows the Cubs helping to build the hut – was you one of them? **Hope to see you all on the 15th July to re-join the fun of scouting.**

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Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders took part in the districts St George's Day Parade. The event was hosted by 2^{nd} Swanwick Scout Group in Swanwick. Next year 1^{st} Sitwell will host the event, if you have any ideas for up to 400 people to celebrate the event please contact Ian at gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk.

Last month the Cubs started the 'Our World' Challenge badge by having a go at Maypole Dancing, and then decorating cakes. Learning what May Day is about was great fun and the kids got some exercise and were fed again with the cakes.

Cubs are celebrating 100 years this year and we have 100 challenges to do, one was to see how far marshmallows will fly? The Cubs had a great time with the Ballista's that they made.





The Cubs who went to the St George's Day parade had a trip out last month to say "Many thanks" by visiting Ilkeston's Georges Tradition Chip Shop on Bath Street.



If you would like to join the Scout section or want more information please email the group on gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk.

IAN HILL, 15th March 1942 to 20th January 2016

Ian was born in Ockbrook and came to Horsley Woodhouse with his parents to set up his poultry business on the land attached to Spar Villa. Though not from a farming background, he became

interested in agriculture whilst in the sixth form at Long Eaton Grammar School, took jobs at a variety of farms and a full-time residential course at Broomfield Agricultural College. On becoming his 'own boss' Ian gradually built up his farm and became familiar to locals and his customers as 'Ian the Egg man'.

Ian and I met in 1973 and were married in 1977. When he suggested marriage to me he was clear, (to my relief!) that he was not expecting me to be a 'farmer's wife'.



We gave one another whatever help and emotional support we could, though our working lives were so dissimilar. For many years, our only holidays were the occasional long week end away somewhere near enough for Ian to get back quickly in an emergency.

Life as a single owner of an agricultural business with very little land of his own was hard, both physically and financially, but Ian always found whatever time he could to be in company, discussing, joking, arguing and taking pleasure in the daftness of life. Never known to refuse any chance for a new experience, his answer to most ideas was 'yes', be it a stag weekend in Blackpool, the Ashbourne football



all-day booze up or setting up a team for the Boxing Day Matlock to Cromford raft race. This for many years was an annual celebration involving other friends mad enough to take part, including Derek Durose and Bryan Pope.

Through being the right personality for his job and a good business sense, lan survived the many crises of agriculture of the past 25 years: the Edwina Curry egg crisis, BSE, Foot and Mouth disease, and came to retirement with great pleasure. Finally we had time to be together and enjoy exploring ideas and places. Ian had been a keen traveller and photographer before his work became so time consuming and now he returned to these. Friends and relations who had been pressing us to visit finally saw us in various parts of the world, and we fulfilled many lifelong ambitions.

Much to everyone's surprise, lan took to gardening after retirement and developed a keen interest in alpine plants which added to our enjoyment of our travels and made his help when we opened our garden for the NGS all the more valuable. His last new occupation was beekeeping, which he took up two

years ago and was thoroughly enjoying as it combined care of living things with intellectual engagement. Given a challenge to organise something practical, Ian would relish the opportunity, and so though constitutionally averse to committees, he became a valued helper with the Carnival. All these things gave him an outlet for his favourite hobby, people watching. He loved the company of his fellow human beings and found them endlessly fascinating.

More than anything, I think Ian will be fondly remembered as a good humoured, optimistic, sociable and adventurous person; a cheerful nonconformist who leaves us with the memory of his wry smile and quiet amusement of life around him. The phrase that has been used to me by many people talking of him is 'He was such a lovely man'. Who could wish for a better memory?



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for

their help and kindness during Ian's illness and since his death. The collection in his memory for the special fund at the Arthur Medical Centre raised £865, for which again, many thanks.

Alison Napier

Open Garden

The garden of 9, Main Street is opening again for the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) and this year we will be open both **SATURDAY 6th and SUNDAY 7th August, 1.30 to 4.30 pm**. The usual plant stall and splendid Cream Teas (in aid of Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre) will be there on both days.

The NGS collects money for nursing charities including MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Cares Trust and Hospice UK, and is the largest single donor to MacMillan. We are grateful for your support in the past and look forward to seeing you again the first weekend in August.

Alison Napier

It's the Ruby Carnival on Saturday 16th July!

We are celebrating the 40th annual Carnival this year. The Parade starts just after 1pm from the Four Lane Ends junction with a variety of vintage vehicles, marching bands, dance, mountain bikes, fancy dress and floats. It makes its way along Main Street to the Sitwell Recreation Ground where the Mayor and Mayoress from Amber Valley Borough Council Councillors Richard and Susan Iliffe will officially open the carnival. This ceremony includes the crowning of the Carnival Queen and judging of fancy dress. **The road will be temporarily closed for the parade.**

In addition to many favourite attractions, we have a number of new events and side shows this year. One of the two **RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Dakotas will be making a flypast** during the afternoon, weather and other service requirements permitting. There will also be **BMX and mountain bike trial displays by 'Extreme Wheels'** with professional riders performing. We have also booked **Apex Gaming Theatre** for computer game enthusiasts.

A **photography competition** with a 'red' theme is being run during the carnival, organised by Kevin Marriot, with prizes donated by Alison Napier in memory of her late husband, Ian. Glynn Wilton will be the official Carnival photographer this year. We are still appealing for any photographs of some of the early carnivals, for instance of the carnival queen, fancy dress or floats. If you can help, please contact Alison Napier. There will also be a **horticultural competition** organised by Denby Group of Churches Men's Group - so if you want to display your prized produce and flowers bring them along on the day.

Lesley and Kevan Gascoyne and family have kindly offered prizes for the **best decorated house frontages** to celebrate the summer carnival. So please join in the fun and brighten up Wudhus for the occasion! We hope to have more floats and fancy dress participants this year, so please start planning your entry now. **We are suggesting a 'ruby' theme or a 1977** look to echo the first year of the carnival, but the final choice is yours.

The fee for adults entering the recreation ground remains at a very reasonable £2 this year (children are free) and as always, you can watch the parade free of charge. As in recent years, the carnival programme will act as the entry ticket but this year we are making these available some time before the event at a number of businesses in Horsley Woodhouse in order to speed up entry. There will be a special 'lane' for visitors who have prepaid, so please purchase your programme beforehand if possible.

Please also look out for raffle tickets which will soon be on sale. Income from the raffle forms a significant part of our fundraising effort and there will again be a number of valuable prizes on offer. As always, we are appealing for volunteers for the afternoon to help make the Ruby Carnival truly memorable. Help is especially needed on the entrance gate, refreshment tent and with marshalling.

The Church Hall will be serving bacon cobs, tea and coffee in the morning from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Alison Napier (Chair) and Howard Beedle (Secretary) - Horsley Woodhouse Community Association

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Photographic Competition

This years theme for the

Open Photographic Competition is

'The Colour Red'

There will be 3 classes (two adult & one child) with a maximum of 2 prints in each class Class 1. Any subject - <u>Un-mounted</u> print showing the 'colour red' within the subject Print size: 10"x8" approx



Class 2. Any subject - <u>Mounted</u> print showing the 'colour red' within the subject <u>Minimum</u> Print size: 10"x8"

Class 3. Children under 15 years - Any sized print, of any animal, domestic or wild Get in close and fill the whole picture with your subject!! For entry terms and conditions and details on how to enter your photographs email: <u>hwcc1@outlook.com</u>

In the meantime, get taking lots of photos

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