

Wudhus News

APRIL/MAY 2018

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PC

Remembering days gone by – a villages effort to support WW2

September 3rd 1939 Great Britain was at war with Nazi Germany. Rolls Royce had made the decision to concentrate all its efforts at the Derby works on Merlin engine production. One of the problems was what to do about crashed engines, being returned to Derby from around the UK, and Europe. Belper and district was selected for the evacuation of non-manufacturing personnel and suitable sites were requisitioned by the Ministry for a variety of tasks; including salvaging parts from these engines and work on the Meteor tank engine (85 per cent of Merlin parts were common to the new tank engine, which at this stage was still on the drawing board). The sites in Horsley Woodhouse which had been selected were North's Bus Garage (where Ken Slack's house now stands). The old Trent Bus Garage site where the Mews is built, Cadman's Yard now the site of the Royal British Legion, Marshall's Timber Yard now B.A. Kelf's Body Works and for storing engines Booth's orchard which fronted what is now Fairfield Road. Wigley's of Belper had been given the contract to take on the engine dismantling. Initially Merlin engines were brought to the village to be dismantled for scrap, after a short time this became a salvage operation. This involved cleaning and inspecting the salvaged parts, these were then sent out for the production of the new Meteor tank engine. Parts not suitable for tank engines were sent for aero engine repair.

So in 1940 the initial workforce of one man and three lads commenced dismantling engines in North's Garage at the rate of 3 to 5 per week. They worked in very basic conditions, a cold water tap without a sink in one corner accessible over a pile of crashed Merlin parts, no serviceable toilet, no heating system, no mashing facilities and very dicey electrics. As time went on a few more men joined the payroll, eventually Marshall's Timber Yard was converted into a cleaning shop and inspection area. 50 local ladies were recruited to work on this, working two shifts a day (6 till 2 then 2 till 10 pm) this had an effect on the village economy, for the first time in many cases these ladies had disposable income in their pockets and local businesses benefitted.

Parts from the Bowmer and Kirkland site at Heage were coming to Woodhouse for cleaning and inspection and the demand from Belper, for parts for the new Meteor tank engine, plus bits to repair existing engines began to build. The dismantling sites at North's Garage, Cadman's Yard and the old Trent Garage were manned and busy stripping engines down. Lorries were arriving in the village from all over the UK. The problem was where to put the engines they carried, and one day I witnessed this as an 11 year old school boy. Lorries were standing from the Flower Shop up to the Old Oak Inn waiting to be unloaded, drivers impatient and wanting to get away to destinations as far afield as Glasgow, Manchester and the South Coast. Mr Wigley was sent for and he negotiated with the owners and Booth's orchard was made available. The lorries were driven in through a gap

*A tribute to
Simon
Harrison*

Remembering days gone by – a villages effort to support WW2 cont...

torn in the fence, the engines rolled off onto the grass, they were bolted onto jigs in the crates so suffered no damage. Remember at this stage the workforce had no crane or lifting tackle and had to improvise as each situation arose.

By the end of 1942 the operation from engines arriving in the village to the end product of parts for the Meteor tank engine or for repairing existing engines was running smoothly thanks largely to the overseeing of Ron Harrison who still had to get his bike out at times to keep things moving. However, pressure was about to build on the Horsley Woodhouse war effort, in America Packard Merlins were in production but the increase in

engine input was to come when R.A.F Bomber Command began to receive its 4-engined heavies (Stirling Halifax and Lancaster) aircraft.

To be continued.

*This article is based on research by Simon Harrison, plus first-hand knowledge Ron Harrison contributed when he gave a talk in the Royal British several years ago. This is a condensed version for the Wudhus News to reach a wider audience. Sadly, Simon passed away before this came to fruition. **Therefore this is dedicated to him and the contribution he made to this community.***

Don Barham

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

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

Please email Tania Pells (Editor) at
editorwudhusnews@gmail.com

Publishing Deadlines:

June/July – 20th May 2018 and August/September – 20th July 2018.

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.

Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Low temperatures and heavy rain have had a significant impact upon our roads. In 2017, we had reduced the backlog of potholes by 80%. However, due to the exceptionally bad weather, we have seen the number of potholes listed for repair in a week rise from 120 in December to 2,000 in March. We are, therefore, spending an extra £1m to address this, on top of the £2m already allocated. The Government has added a further £1m, so we are now spending double the amount from the previous 12 months. We also have nine additional gangs of road workers to support our usual team of 12.

The Teams have managed to repair 7,943 potholes so far, this year, compared to 5,355 last year. So, they are working hard to try and get on top of things. However, it is worth noting that if you lay tarmac in low temperatures it is likely to crumble and will quickly need doing again. This is inefficient and just leads to further complaints. The Council try and fix potholes within a couple of days, but this can extend from anything between five and 28 days, dependent upon severity and workload. I am conscious we need to keep on top of things, so please use the Derbyshire County Council's website to report any

road defects under the 'Transport Section' as it makes the process more efficient www.derbyshire.gov.uk.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of learning a new language, improve their Maths, English, IT skills, or wish to gain professional qualifications in bricklaying, plastering etc., can sign up to our Adult Community Education Service. The summer term starts on Monday 9th April and includes free courses to help get people back into work, with CV writing, job applications and interview skills. There is advice on starting your own business and a range of trainee apprenticeships. You can enrol online or call 01629 533 190.

The Public-Sector reform agenda rumbles on. Combined Authorities and Devolution of powers to local regions has certainly stalled in the East Midlands. Getting 19 Local Authorities to be in agreement was always going to be a herculean task. The Derby & Nottingham Metro Strategy aimed at bringing the two Cities together has not attracted much traction so far. I am hardly surprised at that, because the final document included enveloping Amber Valley, together with six other Local Authorities. Proposing to do that, without speaking first

to the Local Authorities concerned is never a good tactic in my book! It certainly does not win you many friends.

I fully recognise that Public-Sector reform can achieve significant savings, reduce duplication and bureaucracy. It is also easier for Governments to deal with one accountable body, as against numerous. Finding the right model will be a challenge, but Councils will need to come together and work together to find a solution that works for this region. Otherwise, we will lose out on both finances and opportunities.

The Secretary of State has appointed an independent Planning Inspector, Karen Baker, to conduct an examination of Amber Valley's Local Plan. I anticipate that this will take place in June.

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



St Susanna's Parish Church

April 2018

15th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer
 22nd at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer
 29th at 10.00 am – Group service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Denby

May 2018

6th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer
 13th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion
 20th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer
 27th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

June 2018

3rd at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

Date for your Diary:

Saturday 21st May - HONEYPOT CAFE in Church Hall 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. We will be serving Bacon Cobs!!!

Events and activities at the Church Hall - weekly programme:

Date	Activity	Contact details
Monday	7.00 to 8.15 pm Line Dancing	Megan 01159 326 217
Tuesday	5.00 to 9.30 pm United Response Disco	Michelle 07891 759 907
Thursday	5.30 & 7.30 pm Slimming World	Tracy 07821 616 372
Saturday (commencing 16 th June)	10.30 to 11.30 am Zumba classes	Cathy 07963 738 137

Hire the Church Hall

There are two main rooms. The **Sitwell Room** seats 80 people, has a sprung dance floor and a very good sized stage. This room is ideal for stage productions, concerts and presentations. **The Meeting Room** is well equipped with tables and chairs for meetings and smaller functions. It has a large serving hatch which accesses the kitchen. The facility has a fully equipped kitchen, is gas central heated, is wheelchair accessible and includes onsite parking. The hiring rates are reasonable and competitive.

If you'd like more details, please give Sheila (the Bookings Secretary) a call on 07803 158 235 and she will be pleased to help you.

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

April 2018

Sunday 15th at 6.00 pm – Celebration of Faith Service led by members and friends, with a United Choir

Sunday 22nd at 6.00 pm – Service led by Deacon Ann Gilson

Sunday 29th at 6.00 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart

May 2018

Sunday 6th at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Kenneth Cupit

Sunday 13th

at 10.30 am – Café Church in the Schoolroom

at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Keith Bamford

Sunday 20th at 6.00 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart

Sunday 27th at 6.00 pm – Service led by Mrs Jennie Binks

Minister: Revd
Judi Smart
Tel: 01332 781 296

Church Contact:
Mrs Phyllis Shaw
Tel: 01332 880 083

CHRISTMAS FAIR – 25th November 2017 - We received a generous donation of £180 for the Christmas Fair fund, bringing the final profit to £1,001.53. Grateful thanks to all who supported in whatever way.

CAFÉ CHURCH - At the time of writing we have held two Café Churches - 2nd Sunday of each month from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Not a Service, not a Sunday School. No Sermon, no Singing. We meet in the Schoolroom and serve coffee/tea/squash and biscuits – no charge but donations welcome. All are welcome - with or without children, for all or just part of the time.

Mothering Sunday Cards and Easter Cards were the craft last time, with children and adults taking advantage of this opportunity. Other adults were engrossed with the Easter Jigsaw Puzzle which after two sessions is still not finished! Sheep Cards (Lost Sheep parable) with real sheep’s wool will be the craft at the May Café Church (13th May) with an easier Jigsaw Puzzle for the adults!



THE COFFEE MORNING for Christian Aid will be a joint one this year with **St Susanna’s Church** on **Saturday 12th May** from 10.00 am to 12 noon at the Church Hall. All welcome.

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: samanthadraper@live.com.

Orchard Group

We meet every fortnight at the Orchard Centre on Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Mavis Thomson for more details on 01332 882 985.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Scouts (10 ½-14 years) Monday – 7.00 - 8:30 pm
Cubs Scouts (8-10½ years) Wednesday – 6:30 - 8.00 pm
Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Thursday – 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1st Sitwell Scout Group on:
Mob: 07847 207 756

Email:

gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Web: www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Whist Drive

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

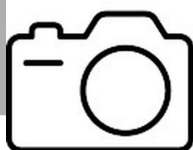
Camera Club

Dates for your diary
Forthcoming meetings at
The Old Oak Pub

Tuesday 10th April
Tuesday 8th May
Tuesday 12th June

at 7.30 pm.

Come along and join in



Over 60's Club - at the British Legion

The Club meets alternate Tuesdays in The Royal British Legion hall at 2.00 pm and we are always pleased to see new members. The programme for 2018 outings is now being formulated by the committee, times and prices have yet to be decided on but these are the venues voted for by the members:

- May 18th - Bakewell-Buxton and Hartington
- June 13th - Bridlington

- July 18th - Ashton Market Stockport
- Sept 5th - Mystery Trip
- Dec 4th - Eckington (members only)

Members and their families have priority on these outings, but visitors are welcome where seats are available.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group Hall

Due to bad weather last month's evening was cancelled, so we are having our AGM on April 5th normal time 7.00 - 7.15 pm

May's meeting is on the 3rd, normal times, which will be a social evening, including discussions on future events for the coming year.

All meetings in the British Legion
 All Wudhus ladies are welcome.
 Terrina Girling, Member



Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

The Branch has now been informed that Derbyshire County will fund two representatives of the Horsley Woodhouse branch to attend the G90 great pilgrimage which will be the grand finale of our events marking the centenary of the Great War 1914-1918.

The standard bearer and the wreath bearer will travel to France and Belgium in early August 2018, along with members

from Legion branches from all parts of the UK and abroad. They will take part in ceremonial events along the old Western Front during the week and all this will culminate in a parade through Ypres to the Menin Gate.

We are putting together a programme to mark the centenary locally and once venues and dates are firmed up these will be made public and we will welcome the support of

non-members.

Meanwhile meetings are held first Monday in the month (apart from Bank Holidays) and new members are very welcome and give us the encouragement to carry on in the village.

Don Barham
 Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

Sitwell Arms Crown Green Bowling Club

New members welcome for the coming season. Season starts mid-April and goes on till the end of September.

All ages welcome

Please contact Tony on 07939 004 479 or 01332 880 858 for more details.





Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

April 2018

Wed 11th Apr – Bargate & Booth Wood (3 miles), meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 18th Apr – Stanley Common & Morley Hayes Wood (2.75 miles), meet at Stanley Miners Institute at 9.45 am.

Wed 25th Apr – High Woods via Rawson Green (2.75 miles), meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

May 2018

Wed 2nd May – Denby Pottery to Denby Village (3 miles) and back via Dumbles Lane & Flamstead Lane, meet at Denby Pottery Car Park at 9.45 am.

Wed 9th May – Horsley Woodhouse & Golf Club (3 miles), meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 16th May – Horsley Woodhouse circular (3.5 miles), meet at Smalley car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 23rd May – Holbrook & Horsley (3.5 miles), meet at Kilburn car park at 9.45 am.

Wed 30th May – Lumb Farm and Ripley Greenway (2.75 miles), meet at Denby Pottery Car Park at 9.45 am.

For more information contact:

Amanda Gowing 01773 841 428

Phil Brown 07854 132 612

Gordon McNeil 07740 243 825

Owen Marshall 07800 542 689

'Aladdin' at the Church Hall

The Stargazers Drama Group had an enormous success with their 'Aladdin' pantomime at Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall in February. The Group draws its members from the villages of Horsley, Kilburn, Denby and Horsley Woodhouse and has been going for 30 years, but this is only the third time they have used the Church Hall.

The Director, Ray Ripplingale said, "this venue is ideal for our family-orientated show, with its beautiful stage, lights and sound and its comfortable seats for our audience. We had practically full houses for three out of our four performances and we certainly hope to be back next year with another traditional panto."

Graham Middleton from Denby, the Stage Manager, created settings from Egypt to China with spectacular designs crafted by Sam McGuinness, Beccy Hodgkinson and Sarah Moorby. Christine Booth, the Group's Wardrobe Mistress, went to town not only on the costumes but also on a giant dragon and a Chinese lion that danced among the audience at each performance. Choreography and dance training were provided with great effect by Sarah Lowe. The cast of 22 performers ranged in age from six to 69, and anyone is welcome to join the Group. No experience is necessary.

Phone Ray on 01332 882 200 for more information about Stargazers.





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YEEE-HA... JUST TURN UP!



Safer Neighbourhood meeting - 5th March 2018

This meeting was very well attended, with four members of our local Community Policing Team, namely PC. Teresa Kay, PC. Garry Statham, and PCSO's Jenny Lorimer and Tom Shale. The Arthur Medical Centre was represented and members of the Parish Council were also present, together with residents of the village. The meeting room in the Church Hall was almost full to capacity. An extensive number of subjects were raised, discussed and noted, including:

- Vandalism
- Road traffic problems, including speeding
- C.C.T.V.
- Lights in the Medical Centre car park
- The litter problem

- Parking on pavements and verges and the obstructions caused for wheelchair users, prams, motability scooters etc. and problems with footpaths.

PC Garry Statham is also a Wildlife Officer and he briefly outlined some of the problems encountered in the countryside and his duties.

A representative from Age UK came along to liaise with various people and departments to raise awareness and improve health, safety and social & community issues to improve the quality of life for our older people.

A very big thank you to all who attended this very successful meeting. Your concerns were heard and very much noted.

The next meeting will be on 11th June 2018 at 7.30 pm, look out for the posters, details in the Wudus News and make a date in your diary to take the opportunity to get your voice heard, our Community Police are listening and are here to help us All!



Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Reports from
February &
March 2018
Parish
Council
meeting

The Safer
Neighbourhood
Team provides
up to date
information on
twitter
[@HeanorRuralS](#)
NT and you can
email the team
on
ripley.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

Crimes and anti-
social activity
can be reported
by ringing 101

February:

- Cllr Buttery informed members that every anti-social behaviour incident should be reported to the police to ensure a crime or incident number is issued.
- Parish Clerk reported that old minute books have been located and will be taken to the Records Office at Derbyshire County Council for safe keeping.
- BT has a social responsibility to keep payphones in locations that do not have a working payphone close by, therefore the telephone box by Church Lane will be repaired within the next five days.
- A further Cultivation Licence for the land opposite the Doctors has been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council.

March:

- The blocked drain at Stainsby Meadow which has caused considerable flooding over the past few days has been reported to Derbyshire County Council.
- The posters are on the notice boards advertising the three vacancies for parish councillor, the closing date for applications is 16th March 2018.
- The Parish Council with the Scouts are organising an event to light a Beacon on the Sitwell Recreation Ground on 11th November 2018 to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI.
- All the grit bins in the village are to be refilled.

Recreation Matters

Horeston Recreation Ground:

February

- The planning application for the new play equipment on the Horeston Recreation Ground has been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council.
- A hawthorn hedge is to be planted around the carpark at the Doctors, a donation towards this has been provided by the Arthur Medical Centre.
- The seat on the picnic bench has been repaired on the Horeston Recreation Ground.

March

- A hawthorn hedge around the car park at the Doctors has been planted.
- The football pitch on the Horeston Recreation Ground is to be re-measured and laid out correctly, the goal posts are to be moved to accommodate this.

Sitwell Recreation Ground:

March

- Councillors agreed to look into providing a 5 a side football and basketball hoop equipment for the Sitwell Recreation Ground.

**Dates of next two
HW Parish Council
meetings:**

The next two meetings will be on **Tuesday 10th April 2018** and **Tuesday 1st May 2018** 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.

Parish Council Contact Details:

- Cllr K Seals (Chairman) – 01332 881 983
- Cllr S McGuinness (Vice Chairman) – 07790 849 000
- 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: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com



Parish Councillors making a difference in the community



Horsley Woodhouse parish councillors and their family members turned out to plant a new hedgerow around the carpark at Horeston Recreation Ground on 18th February 2018. Unfortunately since they were planted the tree whips have been pulled out several times. Due to the commitment of local park users



and councillors they have been replanted. If you do witness any anti-social activity in the park or anywhere else in the village please report it to the local policing team by ringing 101 or by email on



ripley.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

We had a great time at the “Cubs Winter camp” last month and we did lots of activities while there. Thanks to the 21st Ilkeston for joining us. Also many thanks to the leaders for giving up their time for free to let Cubs have a great scouting adventure. Ready for the next one – info already out!!



We had a great time at our District Cub shout event last month. We got loads of ideas from the young people to plan the forthcoming activities within the district of Ripley and Heanor. Many thanks to the leaders who ran the event and it was great to see Michael Hawley present at his first District meet, as the new Derbyshire Youth Commissioner to give out the Youshape badges and certificate.



A MASSIVE well done to our three new Cubs, who have all been awarded their BRONZE award last night. Also another HUGE well-done to one of our oldest Cubs who has gained his SILVER award. It’s taken lots of hard work to earn these badges, you should be very proud of yourselves. And thanks to Michael the new Derbyshire Youth Commissioner for presenting the awards.

1st Sitwell Cubs had great fun caving in Matlock this weekend – thanks to the Derbyshire Scouts Caving Team for giving up their time for free to let the Cubs have a great time. The leaders had fun too!

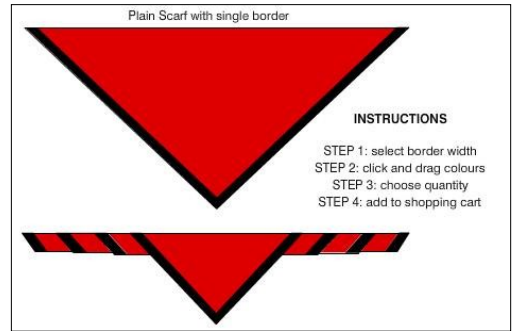


The Cubs visited Pets at Home and were able to meet, stroke and even hold some animals (except the fish. They could only feed the fish).

The Cubs started working towards their DIY badge. They made a start on some napkin holders, which we hope to use at Group events. They also learnt about different tools and how to use them safely.

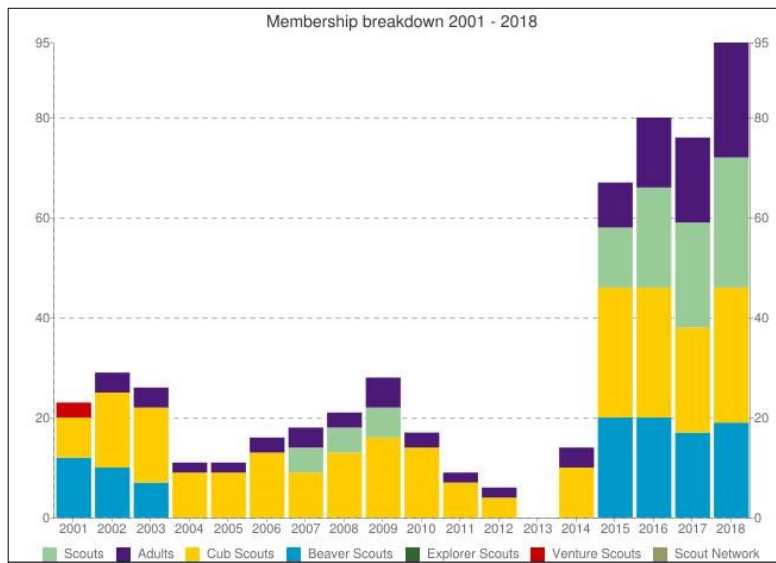


The young people at the New Explorer unit in Horsley Woodhouse have picked a Necker for their unit. They have also picked a name - Ignis Explorers, so if you are aged between 14-18 why not drop in on Tuesdays 7.00-8:30 pm. If you are an adult and would like to help out why not email me for more information.



Well the censuses for this year are now done and we have grown again, from the picture you can see that with leaders we have 95 members at 1st Sitwell. Note this is our fourth year since we re-opened all the sections at the Scout group. The issue now is that we have a waiting list for all sections; we will be working on this but what a difference. Remember we first re-opened the group with only the Cub section in

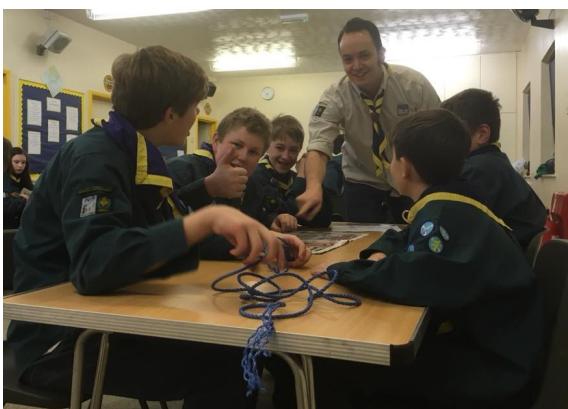
September 2013 and got the other two open again in February 2014.



Many thanks to the leaders, the support group and parents, doing the role for free because without their help we wouldn't be where we are today and doing the best scouting adventure we can do at Sitwell. Again many thanks for all the support.

You may have already seen but a Big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Leaders and Support Groups car park, it will make a big different and safer too.

Many thanks to Aggrecom for the support. Also many thanks to Chris Wilcox and Andy Bore for making this happen. I can't forget to thank Baloo for the cakes. **Please note the top soil is for a garden project – info out soon.**



All the Scouts did a piece to camera last month. They looked at the footage the following week, and all spoke well. We hope they gained some valuable confidence and experience.

We were very lucky again with the weather and had an eggcellent day at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped to make it a success. We look to have made over £1,000 – this will go towards the roof

replacement. Congratulations to Wayne who won the 1st prize iPad in the Scouts Easter Raffle!

What will our next big project be – new carpet in the main hall ?? The young people of the group will confirm it soon.

Email Ian: gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk



Naming of Parts

Today we have naming of parts. Yesterday,
 We had daily cleaning. And tomorrow morning,
 We shall have what to do after firing. But today,
 Today we have naming of parts. Japonica
 Glistens like coral in all the neighboring gardens,
 And today we have naming of parts.

This is the lower sling swivel. And this
 Is the upper sling swivel, whose use you will see,
 When you are given your slings. And this is the piling swivel,
 Which in your case you have not got. The branches
 Hold in the gardens their silent, eloquent gestures,
 Which in our case we have not got.

This is the safety-catch, which is always released
 With an easy flick of the thumb. And please do not let me
 See anyone using his finger. You can do it quite easy
 If you have any strength in your thumb. The blossoms
 Are fragile and motionless, never letting anyone see
 Any of them using their finger.

And this you can see is the bolt. The purpose of this
 Is to open the breech, as you see. We can slide it
 Rapidly backwards and forwards: we call this
 Easing the spring. And rapidly backwards and forwards
 The early bees are assaulting and fumbling the flowers:
 They call it easing the Spring.

They call it easing the Spring: it is perfectly easy
 If you have any strength in your thumb: like the bolt,
 And the breech, and the cocking-piece, and the point of balance,
 Which in our case we have not got; and the almond blossom
 Silent in all of the gardens and the bees going backwards and forwards,
 For today we have naming of parts.

Henry Reed

In anticipation of spring and for anyone who has gazed out of the window during a lesson, lecture, training session or indeed (only momentarily of course) at work - in other words just about all of us at one time or another!

Mick Barham

OUR GEORGIE'S CHARITY BAKE SALE

Georgie Crouch is an English Literature undergraduate at York University. Many of you will know that she has lived in Horsley Woodhouse all her life, she attended the Primary School, was a Cub and was also the Carnival Queen. She has very much been a part of our community.



Since being at University, Georgie has become the co-leader of the India Adventure Challenge. She and a 10 strong team will travel to Palampur in India to volunteer during the summer. During the next few months they will be fundraising to pay for this life changing experience. They will be working on behalf of the Future Sense Foundation who aim to provide permanent solutions for disadvantaged communities. The area they will be working in has limited access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and healthcare. All of these basics we all very much take for granted.

Georgie organised a Bake Sale in the Church Hall on Sunday 25th March. The warm spring sunshine shone on her and her friends, family and supporters, (including the congregation from St Susanna's Church service). It was a lovely function, very much enjoyed by all, with beautiful cakes, tea and coffee, resulting in a wonderful total of £200 being raised. Thank you to all who gave so generously.



Very well done Georgie, you and your team are doing a great job planning a once in a lifetime summer of giving..... we applaud you! Look out for updates of the fundraising activities and the trip, in the Wudhus News as we follow the Team's travels.

Grandparents - we need you!

- Do you have a gladness for gardening? A passion for pickling?
- An enjoyment of embroidery? An aptitude for art?
- Do you have an hour or two to spare now and again?
- Do you enjoy being around children?

We need grandparents/retired people with a skill that they would be willing to share with a small group of children on an occasional basis.



You don't need to be an expert! We would love to welcome you into school and learn your skill. We would like our children to learn to knit, crochet, embroider, sew, bake, pickle, garden, learn woodwork, learn about nature, paint, draw, tie dye and anything else that the local community can share.

For more details please phone Katy on 01332 882 591, 07943 123 635 or email katylastx@gmail.com. Horsley Woodhouse Primary School

Horsley Woodhouse Carnival - Sat 14th July 2018

This year's Carnival will be held on **Saturday 14th July** and is a week earlier than usual due to the early school summer holiday break. **The Carnival will be opened by Charles Hanson**, the local antiques expert from Hansons Antiques; although you may know him best from his television appearances on Bargain Hunt. Make sure you put on your best fancy dress as he will also be undertaking the judging for this and the best float. Entertainment for this year includes a horse display to music, circus skills, the red barrows field display team and some live music from local bands.

Unfortunately due to increasing health and safety risks we can no longer have cars moving across the field whilst the carnival is open. Therefore we cannot accommodate parking on the field for our disabled and less enabled visitors, but don't worry we value all community members so we have organised some parking at the Primary School with a drop-off point at the bottom of the hill. At the drop-off point (on the corner of Callandine Lane and Church Lane) we will be transporting you up the hill to ensure you get up there comfortably.

Hope to see you all there and don't forget to keep up to date with what else will be going on via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HorsleyWoodhouseCarnival>.

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"A View from the Pavement" in Carnival week

Due to the popularity and success of the garden and decorative competition last year, the Parish Council and Lesley and Kevan Gascoyne have again agreed to kindly sponsor the prizes. Those of you who took part last year made a huge effort in giving the Village a really bright and colourful Carnival atmosphere. Look for the posters in the next issue, but in the meantime think of ideas. **Again the "most appealing" will be what the judges are looking for.** There will be prizes for Scarecrow People, Bunting, Window Boxes, Planters, Hanging Baskets, Front Garden and last, but certainly not least, the Overall Winner which includes as many of these as possible. You don't need a front garden to be included, a small yard can be decorated, or the front of your home. The choice is yours and it is automatic entry, the judges will look at every property.

THE DALESMEN MALE VOICE CHOIR

CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF THE SOZEIN TRUST



SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018 at 7.30 pm

THE CHURCH HALL

MAIN STREET, HORSLEY WOODHOUSE, DE7 6AT

REFRESHMENTS AND TOMBOLA

TICKETS £8

CONCESSIONS £5

UNDER 16'S FREE

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT BARBARA BROADBENT 01332 780 598 or
SHEILA CULLEN 07803 158235**

Help the school with your clothing donations

The Primary School has a clothing donation bin which is available for the whole community to use. The bin is just inside the main gates and can be accessed every week day during term time between 8.30 am and around 6.00 pm. Please support us by donating your unwanted clean clothing or bedding (in bags please) as the school receives small payments based on the weight of donations collected.

Horsley Woodhouse Primary School



“Shonkcum” – local mining history



property owner amongst other things; involvement with a coal working is therefore no surprise, he may well have financed it.



These two photographs are believed to be of the coal working known by locals as “Shonkcum”, the name coming from the “pinkish” coloured flowering weeds growing formerly in abundance thereabouts. Records show that the more formal name may have been “Hill Top”:

“Hill Top Adit, Horsley Woodhouse, (Thomas Jordan Esq) Kilburn best coal 2’ 4” (0.71m), seconds 1’ 1” (0.39m), flush 7” (0.18m), inferior coal 1’ 1” (0.39m), Sep 1928, Surveyor George K Barrow (365)”.

Note. Thomas Jordan was a noted Horsley Woodhouse local of the times and what we would now call an “entrepreneur” – merchant, builder, land and

Located opposite the Sitwell Arms Pub in the fields adjacent to Wood Lane, Shonkcum was a Footrill (or Adit, hence the name above), basically names for a drift type mine working that slopes down from the surface to a seam of coal. It appears that Shonkcum was worked commercially during a period starting perhaps prior to, or just after the First World War, up to 1929 and “turned” some fairly good quality coal in its time, evidenced, to some extent, by the fair sized lumps seen in one of the photographs. The photographs look south from the footrill to the brook course (Park Brook), running approximately parallel to Smalley Mill Road. It is

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thought that the extracted coal was taken across the fields and loaded at this road.

It is understood that the workers experienced difficulties with “gas”, basically methane and carbon dioxide, the former often called “black or firedamp” and at some point was the scene of a rescue, one of the miners bringing a colleague (or colleagues) to safety, an act for which he was awarded a medal for bravery.

If the Hill Top name is correct, records show that, by the late 1920’s, the working was no longer viable:

“Hill Top (Thomas Jordan) Horsley Woodhouse, Kilburn, Derbyshire, unprofitable, 8 Jun 1929, met old hollows and coal worked from neighbouring old Kilbourne”.

Again, if the same workings, this meant permanent closure of the Shonkcum footrill; only surface traces remain visible today.

Some of this account is anecdotal and I would be interested to know if anyone could confirm the main points or provide additional information on this piece of local mining history.



Shonkcum almost reclaimed by nature



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All but gone, just “mounded spoil remains”

Fancy Dress



Craft Tent



Pony Rides



HORSLEY WOODHOUSE CARNIVAL

Saturday 14th July 2018

Sitwell Recreation Ground

Fun for all the Family

**Parade Starts at 13:05 from the
Arthur Medical Centre**

Balloon Modelling



Bouncy Castle



Fun Fair



Advance warning - Road Closure Notice (Temporary Closure - No.1 Order 2018)

Please note that Church Lane and Main Street will be closed for the Carnival Parade from 13.00 – 13.40. However, the road will not be closed until both buses have passed through the village around 13.05.