

THE WUDHUS NEWS

PUBLISHED BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Come along and have some fun

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that the new park on the Sitwell Memorial Recreation Ground is installed and open!

It's an early Christmas present for the village. Huge thanks to the groundworks crew from Lawsons who worked really hard to get it all completed in an amazingly quick time. Also thanks to Play and Leisure for the fantastic design and play equipment. I look forward to seeing lots of families enjoying the new playspace!

A date for your diaries in 2014: We will be having an official opening event for the park on Sat 1st Mar 2014 to coincide with the Scouts and Cubs open day at the Scout Hut. I hope to see lots of you there.

For those who want to sit and enjoy the amazing view from the park, there is now plenty of seating. Two new benches and an accessible picnic bench have been added along with the existing seating means there is now lots of places to sit, enjoy the view and relax whilst those more able or daring play on the zip wire, basket swing, stand-up roundabout and play frame!

Cllr S McGuinness, Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council





Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

If the weather conditions are bad the routes may be changed and the walk will only be cancelled if there is any ice.

January 2014

1st Jan 2014 – no walk

Wed 8th Jan (9.45 am – 11.30 am) - Coxbench Round approximately 2.5 miles, meet at Horsley Woodhouse Working Men's Club.

Wed 15th Jan (10.00 am – midday) - Shipley Country Park approximately 2 miles, meet at Shipley Park Visitors Centre at 10.00 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the Working Men's Club at 9.45.*

Wed 22nd Jan (9.45 am – 11.30 am) - Morley Retreat approximately 2.25 miles, meet at Horsley Woodhouse Working Men's Club.

Wed 29th Jan (9.45 am – 11.45 am) - Kilburn & Rawson Green approximately 2.75 miles, meet at Kilburn Car Park at 10.00 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the Working Men's Club at 9.45.*

February 2014

Wed 5th Feb (10.00 am – 11.45 am) - Denby Pottery approximately 2 miles, meet at Denby Pottery Car Park at 10.00 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the Working Men's Club at 9.45.*

Wed 12th Feb (9.45 am – 11.30 am) - Golf Club & the Meadows approximately 2.5 miles, meet at Horsley Woodhouse Working Men's Club.

Wed 19th Feb (10.00 am – midday) - Shipley Country Park approximately 2.25 miles, meet at Shipley Park Visitors Centre at 10.15 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the Working Men's Club at 9.45.*

Wed 26th Feb (9.45 am – midday) - Eaton Park Wood approximately 3 miles, meet at Horsley Woodhouse Working Men's Club.

For more information, contact: Tor or Debbie on 01283 56 348 or Simon Harrison on 01332 780 450 (walk leader). Full details can be found of all the walks on the Arthur Medical Centre web site www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/info.aspx?p=12

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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 or have some community news 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.

The next edition is due out at the beginning of March and will cover March and April 2014. The following edition will be distributed for the beginning of May and will cover May and June 2014.

Publishing Deadlines: March — 20th Feb 2014. May — 20th Apr 2014. Unfortunately any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition.

Many thanks Tania Pells.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

The Sitwell Recreation Ground play area work is now complete and has brought the facilities up to present day standards, to enable a wider choice for young people to be entertained. The Parish Council gained access to grant money to enable this ambitious scheme to go ahead. It is a distant cry from what I remember when the grass was not mown, a piece of play equipment and isolated usage.

The plaque to celebrate the School Centenary is to receive some alterations before being finally placed at the Primary School.

The Contract of Employment between the Parish Clerk (Kay Richardson) and the Parish Council has now been finalised.

At the 11th Nov 2013 Remembrance Service the Scouts made a great effort in serving refreshments. Many thanks

Regarding the County Council's proposal for reduced street lighting the Parish Council have raised their concerns at the proposal and are awaiting a response.

Cllr E Lancashire MBE

Details of expenditure to Dec 2013

Precept collected via Council Tax contributions from households within Horsley Woodhouse for 2013/2014 will be £28,000.

Expenditure breakdown:

- ◆ Administration (including Clerks salary and expenses, room hire, stationary, audits, insurance, bus shelter maintenance) - £5,717.02
- ◆ Recreation Ground (Hedge cutting) - £120.00
- ◆ Street Lighting and Bus Shelter - £0.00
- ◆ Projects (EON – Electricity for Xmas Lights) - £2.52
- ◆ General (including Grit Bins, Wudhus News, Footpath Maintenance, HWCA, Scouts Association, Remembrance wreath and DALC subs) - £2,277.60

Parish Council Contact Details:

- ◆ Cllr E Lancashire MBE (Chairman) – 01332 881 566
- ◆ Cllr C Crowder (Vice Chairman) – 01332 781 955
- ◆ Cllr K Seals – 01332 881 983
- ◆ Cllr S McGuinness – 01332 880 240
- ◆ Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404 Email: krchrds77@aol.com

Date of next meeting – Tue 7th Jan 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. All members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting and raise any issues.

‘We Will Remember Them’

Horsley Woodhouse Servicemen who have no known grave:

Private George Beardsley, 10th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts. & Derby) WW1

Born at Stanley Common in 1888 to parents Thomas and Harriet Beardsley, George had two brothers, Alfred and Ezekiel and two sisters Mary and Alice.

For reasons not altogether clear, George, aged 13, was sent to an ‘industrial boys school’ near Stockport; after this, George joined the army and spent three years with the 5th Battalion Notts & Derby (Sherwood Foresters).

After leaving the army, George went on to marry Frances Blanche Hitchcock of Back Lane Horsley Woodhouse in 1909. By 1911, Frances and George were boarding at the home of Fred North and his wife Mary in Horsley

Woodhouse, Mary being George’s sister. Frances and George gave birth to their first daughter, Mary Ellen in 1912,

followed by the arrival of a second daughter, Georgina in 1913. Things were seemingly fine, but, just one year on Britain was embroiled in the First World War.



Private George Beardsley

George answered his Country’s call, enlisting this time with the 10th Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment, the “Sherwood Foresters”. This Battalion had been raised at Derby in September 1914 as part of Kitchener’s “Second New Army” joining the 51st Brigade in the 17th (Northern) Division. On joining up, George gave his address as Chapel Row, Smalley – his age was documented as 27 years 5 months, occupation: Miner, three years previous army service also noted.

After an initial period of training close to home, the 10th Battalion moved to Wool in Dorset and then to West Lulworth (also Dorset) in October 1914 before returning to Wool in December. In June 1915, the Battalion moved to Winchester for final training in preparation for service in France and Belgium “The Western Front”. The Division had been selected originally for Home Defence duties but this had been reversed and they crossed to France, landing at Boulogne around August 1915, the Division concentrating near St Omer. They next moved into the southern Ypres salient for trench familiarisation before taking over the front line in the Ypres vicinity. As 1915 drew on, the 10th Battalion remained at Ypres. Extracts from the Battalion War Diary confirm their presence in the Menin Road locality on the 11th December 1915. The Diary records the following for the next two days:

"12th December (1915) H.E. shrapnel and crumps from direction of HILL 60 burst near Bn. HQ and R4 from 10-45 am for about two hours. Two men were killed just outside H.Q. signal dugout.

"13th December An organised bombardment of enemy's trenches took place for 1 hour in the morning. Companies relieved in the evening and a patrol sent out reported considerable damage done to enemy parapet and wire. Retaliation by enemy resulted in 2 O.R. being killed. Reinforcements joined LIEUT GDM ABBOTTS and 2Lt/FC NODDER.

Records show that George Beardsley was killed on the 14th December 1915 whilst on active service at Ypres. The Battalion War Diary has the following entry for the 14th:



The Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium

"An eventful day. The enemy began shelling casually from 10 am until 1 pm when they began in earnest and bombarded for just over two hours, the front line, R4 and Batt. H.Q. being very heavily shelled. After 20 minutes every wire was cut except that to Border H.Q. who were also in the same predicament. All dugouts in front line and many in second line were blown in. Companies in front line very badly shaken and so were relieved by B & D Coys. Who did excellent work in repairing, collecting and burying dead. Casualties since last report, 16 O.R. killed and 25 o.r. wounded: a heavy toll".

Indeed it was, we can only assume that George Beardsley was one of the 16 killed – his body was never identified or recovered.

George is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to the missing at Ypres, Panels 39 & 41. If you visit Ypres, try to be at the Menin Gate at 8 o'clock in the evening when, as every night, come rain or shine, the Last Post is sounded in memory of the fallen.

Additional note

Although there is some reference to George being killed in a "gas attack", the Battalion Diary does not confirm this. It seems more likely that he was killed by artillery fire, a weapon that accounted for 75% of all 1st WW casualties with High Explosive (HE) shells used for trenches and buildings and shrapnel shells targeting soldiers.

Mick Barham

Local clubs, community groups and societies

Jog Derbyshire – New Group

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.

Scouts and Beavers—Big news

Scout and the Beaver sections will start in Feb 2014

Scouts on the 3rd Feb (Mondays 7.00 - 8:30 pm) and Beavers on the 6th Feb (Thursdays 6.00 - 7.00 pm)

Also on the Sat 1st Mar 2014 we are going to have a “scouting taster day”

Beavers and Cubs age groups in the morning 11.00 am - 12 noon and the Scout plus age groups 1.00 - 2.00 pm. Open to all and we hope many people from around the area will visit us. Free if you bring a smile.

Please contact Ian Britton, CSL, 1st Sitwell Cub Pack on:

Mob: 07847 207 756

E-mail: cubs@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

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

The Branch are pleased to inform the general public that the amount despatched to HQ at Aylesford for the 2013 - 2014 Poppy Appeal stands at £2,598.44.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this very worthy cause.

This is my last year as Poppy Appeal Organiser, the time has come to hand over to a younger more energetic person, I thank everybody involved in assisting me over the years, particularly the door to door collectors.

Thanks to Eric Buttifant for his help with ordering and distributing the wreaths, he is also standing down and once the new organiser is appointed, the new contact will be made public. Don Barham Hon. Sec.

Ladies Group

November 2013 - The guest speaker was Barbara Daykin MBE, who gave a very entertaining talk about her life as she grew up into adulthood, around Morley. All members had a really good laugh at some of the tales she told and we would highly recommend her, to other groups, as a speaker.

Ladies Group continued...

December 2013 - The December meeting included the Ladies Group Christmas Meal, this year at the Village Inn in Marehay. The meal and evening was enjoyed by all.

Merry Christmas is wished to all members.

A Happy New Year is wished to all for 2014

There is no meeting in January 2014. The next meeting is scheduled for the **6th Feb 2014 at 7.15 pm** in the British Legion. The guest speaker will be the **Derbyshire Air Ambulance Service** who will be talking about what they do and how the service works.

All New Members are very welcome.
Terrina Girling, Committee Member

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

The club ended its year with a mince pie and sherry party at which the free raffle organised by the chair person took place.

2013 was a good year for the group, we visited Barnsley Market, Skegness, took a trip on the River Trent with lunch on the boat and finally Sherwood, Clumber Park ending up at The Seven Mile Inn at Arnold.

We supported the Village Carnival in July, running a bottle stall and ended the year with Christmas lunch at the Marquis of Ormonde.

Membership remained steady and we welcome any one who would like to join us for a social afternoon of cards, dominoes, Bingo, a cup of tea or just a chat, we re-open for 2014 on Tue 7th Jan 2014.

We remember at this time of year former members who have passed on and particularly those who led and ran the club from its early beginnings and have given us many pleasant memories of past events in the club's long history.

Don Barham Hon. Sec.
Please contact Don Barham for more details on 01332 881 379.

Whist Drive

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

If you have a group or local club and you want to be included in this section please contact Tania Pells (Editor) on editorwudhusnews@gmail.com.

St Susanna's Parish Church

January 2014

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

February 2014

Sun 2nd at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer
Sun 9th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion
Sun 16th at 6.30 pm – Memorial Service
Sun 23rd at 10.30 am – Morning Prayer

March 2014

Sun 2nd at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

Events and activities at the Church Hall

Currently the weekly programme of activities open to the public in the Church Hall is:

- ◆ Monday - 19.00 to 20.00 Line Dancing (contact Megan on 0115 9326 217)
- ◆ Tuesday - Tae-Kwon-do 18.30 to 20.30 (contact Shirley on 07790 812 468 or 01332 880 865)
- ◆ Thursday - Boogie Babies (dance class for toddlers) 10.00 to 11.00 (contact Lucy on 07870 198 046)
- ◆ The Over 55's Keep Fit class which has been run on a Wednesday 13.30 to 14.30 may resume if sufficient people are interested.

Anyone interested in booking the Hall for a party or other celebration or for regular meetings of their club or society may contact John Slater on 01332 883 443. Anyone unaware of the facilities we have available may contact Andrew Shaw (Churchwarden, St Susanna's Church) on 01332 883 124 or 07790 012 606 to arrange a visit.

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

Ministers:

Revd Judi Smart - Tel: 01332 781 296

Revd Philip Taylor - Tel: 01773 822 484

SERVICES

January 2014

Sun 5th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Kenneth Cupit
Sun 12th at 6.15 pm - Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Philip Taylor
Sun 19th at 10.30 am - Service led by Mr David Gent
Sun 19th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Roy Queripel
Sun 26th 6.15 pm - *Songs of Praise* led by members of the congregation

February 2014

Sun 2nd at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd David Blanchflower
Sun 9th at 6.15 pm - Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Sheila Baldock
Sun 16th at 10.30 am - Service led by Mrs Sheila Gent
Sun 16th at 6.00 pm - United Circuit Service at Duffield Methodist Church. (There will be no Evening Service here)
Sun 23rd at 6.15 pm - Service led by Mr Keith Bryan

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church continued...

WE GIVE THANKS to the village folk for the support we had at our *Christmas Fayre* held on Sat 30th Nov 2013, opened by Gwen and Don Barham. The total amount raised will be included in the next Wudhus News.

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the life of *Raymond Millhouse* took place on Wed 11th Dec 2013 at 2.00 pm. *Our thoughts and prayers were with Cynthia and family.*
Donations were for the *British Heart Foundation.*

BAPTISM Our Christingle Service, on Sun 15th Dec 2013, included the *Baptism of Rose Elodie Davies*, daughter of *Holly and Adam*, and sister to *Lily Claire.*
We extended a very warm welcome the family and friends.

BIBLE STUDY We hold a Bible Study, led by Revd Judi Smart, once a month on a Thursday afternoon at 3.00 pm. It is usually on the last Thursday of the month but this can vary. Anyone is welcome to come but please check the dates with Phyllis (tel: 01332 880 083) beforehand.

Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you updated

Christmas and increased winter fuel bills can be an expensive time for all of us. Do you have money problems? Do you have to rely on payday lenders, logbook loans and cheque cashing centres? These companies can be convenient, but their interest rates can be very high and many people fall into a spiral of debt, which can lead to financial hardship, depression and relationship breakdown. **Erewash Credit Union** is a financial co-operative which operates like a community bank. It does not make a profit and has the **support of Amber Valley Borough Council.** A typical loan of £500 taken out with Erewash Credit Union over a 51 week period will cost around £562 to repay. That is hundreds of pounds cheaper than these payday lenders. You can also open Christmas/Holiday Savings Accounts, as well as General Savers, Junior Isa and Cash Isa Accounts at competitive rates.

They have Branches in both Ripley and Heanor. If you require further information contact **Erewash Credit Union on 01773 841 400** or www.erewashcreditunion.org.uk.

Derbyshire County Council is also investing £466,000 to create free advice centres from April next year.

When it snows make sure you are in the know this winter. If you need information about school closures, what's happening on the roads, where to find your nearest grit bin and report one empty, gritting routes and latest gritting activity call Derbyshire on 01629 533 190 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow.

If you can help with clearing snow in your street or local area, please contact Councillor Alex Stevenson on 07850 651887.

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

1st Sitwell Scouts Group



Would you like to:



Have fun

Play loads of games

Gain badges

Go on trips and visits

Go camping and hiking

Meet new friends



If so, come and join us every week

Meeting Place:

**Sitwell Scout HQ, off Church Lane, Horsley Woodhouse
DE7 6AW**

**Scouts and Beavers Sections open in
February 2014!**

Wednesdays (Cubs) 8-11 years 6:30 - 8:00 pm

From 3rd Feb (Scouts) 10½-14 years 7.00 - 8:30 pm

From 6th Feb (Beavers) 5¾-8 years 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Come and join in – first Few Weeks are free!

www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk