



Stargazers Drama Group
Presents

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Written & Directed by Morgan Bennett & Jess Buxton

at The Church Hall, Church Lane
Horsley Woodhouse, DE7 6AS

3pm & 7:15pm Thursday 22nd February

3pm & 7:15pm Friday 23rd February

3pm & 7:15pm Saturday 24th February

Tickets: Adults £5 Concessions £3

To book, scan the QR code below or visit
ticketsource.co.uk/stargazers-drama-group



@stargazerspanto

HW Christmas Decoration Competition



Congratulations to all the winners of the village Christmas Competition.

Despite the gusty storm conditions the gardens and houses looked great again this year. Thank you to all households and businesses for making the village look so festive.



Judged and sponsored by Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Here are some more that didn't make the winners shortlist but still looked great.



Studio 7

Studio 7 have been busy raising money again. On the 17th December 21 students (aided by a group of parents) did a reindeer run around Horsley Woodhouse to raise money for Treetops Hospice, with each runner raising between £10 and £51. We haven't got the final total yet as all the forms aren't due

in until the end of January, but we'll let you know in the next edition. We are really proud of everyone involved, as this figure is in addition to £862 we raised at our show in October 2023 for the same cause.

Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies



Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion

The Branch continues to meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.00 pm with the exception of Bank Holidays.

Our main concern currently is the state of the British Legion Hall's roof as it is now beginning to show its age and the recent wet weather exposed several areas where it is no longer waterproof. Ideally it needs a replacement, which using the latest rubber material costs around £11,000. This is beyond our financial means, and we have applied to the Legion property department for their assistance. Meanwhile it is a case of patching it up as the leaks become visible.

2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Thankfully no village lads died during the Normandy Landings, but we will mark this turning point in the appropriate way once we receive guidance from HQ.

We now have our best membership figures for many years but are in urgent need of a new secretary. I have now been in post for 36 years and it is time to stand down. Anyone can pick up the knowledge required and ensure the future of the Branch for years to come. We are one of the few remaining village branches in Derbyshire and it would be sad to see it close, due to an administration requirement. Please contact Don if you are interested 01332 881 379.

Don Barham Honourable Secretary, Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group

Meet on the first Thursday of the month at the British Legion Hall at 7.15 pm.

- **February 1st 2024** - Talk and demonstration of a defibrillator what to do and how to use it.
- **March 7th 2024 AGM** - Come along and have your say, all suggestions are welcome.
- **April 5th 2024** - Colin Hobday Derbyshire Delights. An illustrated talk, landscapes, customs and history.

Open meeting, gentlemen welcome, any enquiries phone Pat Dickinson 01332 880 858



'Snow White' Panto tickets are selling fast!

The Stargazers Drama Group's pantomime this year is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and this time there will be six performances **starting on Thursday 22nd February** at the Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall.

We don't expect that there will be any tickets left to be bought at the door, as well over half of them have already been snapped up. If you would like to enjoy this family entertainment in our magnificent local theatre please buy your online tickets now by going to:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stargazers-drama-group



Amber Valley
Borough Council

HW Walking Schedule



Date	Meeting Place	Walk Route	Distance (miles)
7 th Feb	Kilburn car park DE56 0LX	Kilburn to Holbrook Browns Lane	3.5
14 th Feb	Langley Mill (Lidl)	Erewash Canal	3.2
21 st Feb	Denby Pottery	Pottery/Marehay/Greenway	2.75
28 th Feb	ShIPLEY Garden Centre	ShIPLEY Wood	3.0
6 th Mar	Mapperley Reservoir DE7 7BT	Reservoir/Mapperley, ShIPLEY Park	3.0
13 th Mar	Denby Pottery	Denby Pottery/Park Hall	3.25
20 th Mar	Little Eaton car park DE21 5EA	Little Eaton/Duffield Bank	2.75
27 th Mar	Chester Green car park DE1 3RR	Darley Abbey	3.0

Contacts: Gordon McNeil: 07740 243 825
Richard Noble: 07533 830 187

Meeting time 9.45 am

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

SERVICES

February

Sunday 4th at 2.30 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Tim Simms.

Sunday 11th

10.30 am – Café Church.

2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Helen Penfold.

Sunday 18th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Ann Anderson.

Sunday 25th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Mr Keith Bryan.

March

Sunday 3rd at 2.30 pm – Service.

Sunday 10th

10.30 am – Café Church.

2.30 pm – *Mothering Sunday Service.*

Sunday 17th – *Church Anniversary* - Service at 2.30 pm led by Revd Colin Smith.

Sunday 24th at 2.30 pm – *Palm Sunday Service.*

Friday 29th at 11.00 am – *Good Friday Meditation.*

Sunday 31st at 2.30 pm – *Easter Sunday Service* with Holy Communion led by Revd Tim Simms.

Most of the preachers for March are not available at the time of going to press.

THE COFFEE MORNING on 13th December raised £88.35. Thanks to those who came and supported us.

Please note: Our
Sunday Services revert
to 6.00 pm in April.

Contact:

Revd Tim Simms -
Tel: 01773 750 659

Mrs Phyllis Shaw -
Tel: 01332 880 083

COFFEE MORNING



WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

10 am to 12 noon

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits

Donations for our Church Funds

Miscellaneous Stall - *Donations only*

All Welcome



St Susanna's Church Services & Events

Part of the Denby Group of Churches:

*St Susanna's Horsley Woodhouse, St Clement's Horsley,
St Mary's Denby, St James's Codnor & St Luke's Loscoe*

Church Services Diary

At St Susanna's unless otherwise stated.

All are welcome!

Sunday 11th February:
4:00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th February
4:00 pm Evening Prayer

Mothering Sunday 10th March:
4:00 pm Evening Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Palm Sunday 24th March:
10.00 am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
A combined Denby Group service at St Susanna's (*please note the morning time*)

Holy Week Monday 25th March:
7:00 pm Compline *at St Clement's Horsley*

Holy Week Tuesday 26th March:
7:00 pm Compline *at St Clement's Horsley*

Holy Week Wednesday 27th March:
7:00 pm Compline *at St Clement's Horsley*

Maundy Thursday 28th March:
7:00 pm Holy Communion *at St Mary's Denby*

Good Friday 29th March:
2:00–3:00 pm Reflective Service for Good Friday *at St James's Codnor*

Easter Sunday 31st March:
4:00 pm Holy Communion for Easter Day

Quiz Night

Friday 8th March

7:30pm in St Susanna's Church Hall.
£2 entry
feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Funds raised help to maintain the church.



Baptisms & Weddings

To enquire about booking a baptism (also called a christening), or a wedding, contact:
Revd Tracy Robinson
07935 713 535

Church Hall Bookings

Excellent church hall facilities, including performance stage & lighting, hall, meeting room and a well equipped kitchen.

Contact Janet
01332 506 739

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Tracy Robinson

 **07935 713 535**

denbygroup.tracy@gmail.com

Christmas Hampers - Community Request

You all exceeded yourselves again this year, your donations towards the Hospital Christmas Hampers surpassed all previous years, enabling nine large hampers to be sent.

These were delivered a couple of days before Christmas to six wards this year, for staff to enjoy who were working over the festive period. Three of the very large wards were given two hampers each:

- 302 - Oncology / Haematology
- 303 - Oncology
- 410 - Stroke

The other three wards were:

- 307 - Head and Neck
- 206 - Short Stay (nominated by Mick at Wudus Chippy)
- A & E

A big thank you was received from all the Wards, so as we do every year thanks to all from Wudhus and neighbouring parishes for your kind donations.

Keith & Terrina Girling




CHRISTMAS
HAMPER APPEAL

Entries for the Wudhus News

Please let us know your news as we are excited to hear what is happening in and around the village. If you have any special birthdays, raising money for charity or memories of people and places that are no longer with us, please do get in touch. Unfortunately, we cannot advertise businesses within the newsletter or print personal letters, but if your business is hosting a community event, we would love to hear from you.

The Wudhus News is funded and approved by Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council and is a community newsletter which goes to all houses within the Parish of Horsley Woodhouse.

Send submissions to: editorwudhusnews@gmail.com

Next publishing deadlines: 18th Mar – Apr/May 2024 and 20th May – Jun/Jul 2024

Editor: Tania Pells

Your newsletter is delivered by a team of over 30 villagers who endeavour to get the Wudhus News out to you by the first week of the edition date e.g. Feb/Mar 24 during w/c 5th Feb.

We do hope you enjoy it and if you have any ideas, comments or criticisms then please do get in touch via the email above.

Litter Picking - Bin Bag Brigade!



All residents are welcome. Please bring your own gloves, bags are provided. Events usually take around 45 to 90 minutes. Events will be cancelled if heavy rain is forecast or there is deep snow. Collection is in open and rural areas so as not to duplicate the work of parish wardens. **All events start at 10.00 am.**

- **February 23rd Horsley Woodhouse Co-op**
- **March 8th Church Street car park Kilburn**
- **March 22nd Horsley Woodhouse Co-op**



Typical areas covered are Tants Meadow, Horsley Road, Bywell Lane, Lower Kilburn lay-by, Pit Fields footpath, Woodhouse Road, Lady Lea Lane, the playing field behind Arthur Medical Centre.

PLEASE NOTE: Litter picking will be cancelled if heavy rain is forecast.

These litter picking events are organised by the local Labour Party to benefit the community and have been running for several years. If you're interested in joining us occasionally, or want to know more about us please do get in touch with via email on hedley.nichols@yahoo.com or call 07723 071 984.

2023 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



The Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Branch raised a total of £1,431.79 last November. My thanks go to all individuals who donated to the appeal at various collecting locations in the villages and to those businesses and organisations that hosted the collection boxes.

I would like to give a special mention to the three primary schools in Horsley, Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley. Each school contributed in the region of £200 towards the appeal. It is good to know that the next generation of youngsters are being taught the importance of Remembrance. I also wish to thank Mrs Dorothy Beresford for house-to-house collecting in Horsley Woodhouse.

This was my first year as a Poppy Appeal Organiser and I am looking forward to representing the branch again in future appeals. **If you did not host a collection box last year and would like to do so in 2024, please contact me by email and I will put you down for a visit in October.**

Anyone requiring a Poppy Wreath in 2024 should let me know as early as possible as these have to be obtained on special order, well in advance of the appeal launch in October.

Nick Hopkins, RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser for Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Branch
email: nick.hopkins959@yahoo.com

Derbyshire County Council - Mobile Libraries

There are two mobile libraries based at Buxton and Long Eaton, serving around 150 communities across the county where there is no library building. These places are visited once every four weeks. The mobile libraries have a lift if you use a wheelchair or have mobility problems.

For further information call **01629 533444**, or email ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

Horsley Woodhouse	Main Street was Post Office at layby	Friday	2 nd February 2024 & 1 st March 2024	11.10 am	midday
Horsley Woodhouse	Fairfield Road	Friday	2 nd February 2024 & 1 st March 2024	12.05 pm	12.30 pm

Reporting Potholes in Derbyshire

How many times have you passed a pothole recently and thought, “why doesn’t someone do something about that”. Don’t just assume that someone else will report a pothole or that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) will know the pothole even exists. You can report potholes in Derbyshire on-line and it takes five minutes. Before you start you will need to know the road name and if possible, the house number nearest to the pothole. Report potholes via the following link: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/potholes/potholes.aspx

Click on ‘Report a pothole’/ ‘continue without an account’ (or login if you are already registered)/Continue/Next

If you don’t have access to the website or if you consider the fault could cause an immediate threat to life or serious injury to road users or the general public,

please report this immediately via the DCC contact centre on 01629 533 190 between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Friday and between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on a Saturday.

Keeping the villages connected.... Holbrook & Smalley



Be entertained, even educated and support a local community event at the same time for just £4 entrance fee. Events commence at **7.30pm at Holbrook Methodist Hall, Moorside Lane, Holbrook, DE56 0TW**

Monday 19th February – Self help for gardeners by Paula Collier
How to treat and avoid gardening aches and pains

Monday 18th March – The Potty Plotters starring Elaine and Julia from Derby. Entertainment from the allotment. A talk highly recommended by the W.I.

Monday 15th April – Gardens of the Arts and Crafts movement - Camilla Anderson. A history of Edwardian Gardens of Harold Peto

Look at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1390895611207544/>

Smalley WI



All meetings are the third Thursday of each month in Smalley Church Hall 7.15 pm

15th Feb - Ashley Franklin, talks about Derbyshire (with photos)

21st March - Amy Potter talks about her Sewing Box

18th April - David Adams - Historical Talk

If you would like to come along everyone is welcome.
For more information, please call Laura 07907 256 536

County Councillor for Horsley Division - *Cllr Trevor Ainsworth*

Hi

I do hope you managed to have a good Christmas and the New Year has started well for you. The poor weather does not seem to want to give in, continually battering us all, and as a result services have been stretched.

Budgetary Measures

You may have read in the news that Derbyshire County Council in common with authorities across the country, are facing budgetary pressures far greater than experienced before, due to factors beyond the Council's control. These include dealing with higher than anticipated inflation and higher prices for fuel, energy and materials, meeting the cost of the national pay award set nationally that has to be met locally, and the continued unprecedented increase in demand for vital adults' and children's social care services.

As well as a current forecast overspend for 2023-24 of £33m there is a predicted shortfall of £39.5m in our budget for the year ahead (2024-25) which has resulted in savings proposals being put forward. There are many stages for the proposals to go through and no decisions will be made without the appropriate engagement and consultation being held. The budget savings proposals, if agreed, would save millions of pounds, and support the setting of a balanced budget for 2024-25.

Speeding Vehicles

I am aware and involved in the Community Speed Watch at Smalley and that we are joining up with Horsley Woodhouse to enable us to check the speed of vehicles in both villages. The idea of Community Speed Watch is around the involvement of the local community making their roads safer. If you wish to volunteer to assist the team, please get in touch to provide your contact details. There is training available, and it is not that arduous (I managed it so it must be quite easy!).

Go greener in 2024 - Have you turned over a new leaf to go greener?

If so, why not sign up to DCC's "Journey to Net Zero" E-Newsletter delivered straight to your inbox. Here you will get tips on how to reduce energy and waste and all sorts of other helpful information on how you can help tackle the effects of climate change. Visit Derbyshire County Council Website and sign up via this link <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDCC/signup/31499>. We've already started talking to businesses and other groups about some exciting new projects to reduce carbon, if you've got additional ideas about what you could do in your community then

we want to hear from you. Drop us a line and get in touch by email climate.change@derbyshire.gov.uk

Ofsted 'good' grading for DCC specialist support services for children and young people.

Ofsted inspectors have given DCCs a 'good' grading across the board for our services for children in care or at risk of harm, families who need social work support and young people leaving care. During their visit, which took place between 30th October and 10th November they reviewed many services across children's social care including fostering and leaving care, they gave 'good' gradings in all five key areas of inspection. Inspectors said since their last visit in 2022, issues which had been identified as 'requiring improvement' have 'much improved' and 'strong progress' has been made. They also found our senior leadership was strong and political leaders were supportive of children's services work despite the financial challenges the authority is currently facing.

Please remember that if you have any issues or problems that I may be able to assist you with, please contact me via the details below.



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DCC, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

Your Green Councillors in Horsley Woodhouse



Your borough councillors, Amanda and Lian are busy on your behalf. If you think there is anything they can help you with, please contact us using the details below.

Firstly, Happy New Year 2024. As we have previously written Amber Valley Borough and Derbyshire County Councils have different responsibilities. Another of the areas which Amber Valley runs is refuse and recycling. The current collection of refuse and then recycling is something we are regularly contacted about. Missed collections and replacement of damaged bins being two of the main issues. Given the government has put out proposals that will require councils to expand the range of items collected to include food waste the current arrangements will have to be reviewed. We would be happy to hear resident's views and we will look to keep people informed as this develops.

An update with regards to Community Speedwatch. A training session was completed in Horsley Woodhouse at the beginning of January (hosted at Peony's) with several volunteers from the village present. Several locations to conduct the speed checks have been approved by the police on Church Lane, Main Road and Wood Lane and we are now arranging for the first of these to take place. We hope to be able to say how this has gone in the next Wudhus News.

It was a pleasure to have helped with and attended the Christmas light switch on and carols. To have so many residents coming together in the village is a testament to the strength of the community and the children certainly enjoyed meeting Santa!

As we write this, we have just had confirmed that 2023 was the warmest year recorded with every year since 2014 in the top ten. One of the wettest December's with parts of Amber Valley suffering flooding again and now a cold snap with several days barely reaching freezing. Clearly there is much to do as we move towards electric vehicles, make all our homes more energy efficient and reducing our impact on the environment. Rest assured this remains a top priority with us.

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“RAMBLING” THROUGH TIME

A serialised alternative history of Horsley Woodhouse

After 14 episodes of 'Rambling Through Time' provided by Horsley Woodhouse resident Sheila Cullen the series has come to an end. I am sure our readers have enjoyed delving into the intricacies and history of the village. We would like to give a big thank you to Sheila who has spent her time researching and pulling together the articles for each edition.

Thank you Sheila

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse PC: December 2023 & January 2024

December

Cllr K Seals has met with the manager at the Arthur Medical Centre regarding the new appointment booking system. It was confirmed the change to the appointment booking system was made to cope with the high volumes of appointment requests. The change is temporary, and the surgery will revert to the old systems in February 2024.

The Parish Council would like to thank Ian Britton (1st Sitwell Scouts) for repairing the CCTV equipment at Sitwell Recreation Ground.

January

It has been reported the cradle swing and helicopter play equipment at Horeston Recreation Ground need some repairs which the Parish Clerk and Cllr A Miller are actioning.

Training took place on 10th January 2024 for the new Speed Watch volunteers which will enable the Speed Watch sessions to recommence.

Planning - no applications

Speeding and Traffic related matters

The A609 is a major route that passes through the village and HW Parish Council have been seeking some support for permanent traffic calming measures to reduce speed, improve public safety and reduce the level of pollution. Research conducted by the Parish Council suggests that, on average, 6,000 vehicles pass along Main Street and Church Lane every week.

Everyone in the village will have witnessed speeding vehicles but there has always been a lack of real evidence of the level of speeding and the potential of risk. You will have noticed that a Speed Indicator Device has been deployed at different locations over the last few months. The device was purchased with the support of the Police and Crime Commissioner, but half the cost has been met from Parish Council funds. As well as providing a reminder to motorists to slow down and adhere to the speed limits, this device has been recording the speed of every vehicle that passes it. This information will allow the Parish Council to provide a proper body of evidence of the issues/risks faced along this route.

In addition, the Parish Council is seeking to work with Kilburn and Smalley Parish Councils to provide a full picture of the issues from Bywell Lane in Kilburn to Dobholes Lane in Smalley. This work is ongoing but will result in a full report to be submitted to the Police and County Council in 2024 for their attention. More information will be made public at that time.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council cont.....

New Regulations for Dogs in Playgrounds

In January 2023 Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) introduced new regulations to ban dogs (other than guide and assistance dogs) from all their playgrounds. This was done to minimise the risk to young children who may be inexperienced and nervous in the company of unfamiliar dogs, and particularly vulnerable to contamination from dog fouling.



The Parish Council have discussed this Amber Valley initiative and decided that, as of February 2024, **dogs will only be allowed in the Sitwell and Horeston Recreation Ground areas near play equipment when on a lead.** This will ensure that children who are uncomfortable in the presence of dogs will feel safer.

The Parish Council wish to emphasise that dogs will still be free to be off their leads, under control of their owners, in all other areas of the recreation grounds. As before, owners are required to clean up any dog fouling in a bag and place it in one of the bins provided.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Parish Council Contact Details:

- Cllr K Seals (Chairman) – 01332 881 983
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 - Cllr A James – 07811 384 858
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- Cllr S McGuinness – 07790 849 000
 - Cllr A Miller – 01332 882 918
 - Cllr S Till – 01332 881 739

Mrs Hayley Varty (Parish Clerk) – 07854 535 958

Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

The next meetings will be held on
6th February and 5th March, 7.00 pm at the British Legion Hall.

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

Bus Problems - HW Parish Council

Since the Amberline bus service stopped in October 2022 and replaced by the 138 service, the Parish Council have been trying to find a long-term resolution to the lack of a regular and reliable service for residents. The Parish Council are aware of the difficulties many face, especially those who need to get to Derby and Nottingham for medical reasons. We have also been seeking an improved service that residents can use for work and social events which could reduce car use.

The contract for the current 138 service is due to expire in October 2025 so some form of solution needs to be provided before that time. In normal circumstances we accept that Derbyshire County Council may struggle to provide the necessary financial support for the bus service, but in light of the fact that they will receive several million pounds in additional funding from central government up to 2026, we believe Horsley Woodhouse should be a priority case for better investment in bus services.

The Parish Council has therefore sought support from the Derbyshire County Council and from our local MP to provide an improved service. What we seek is not simply a 'replacement' but an 'improved' service. Our thoughts are laid out in our consultation paper which can be found on HWPC website:

https://www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk/files/ugd/9bc283_176c06eb4ed64a5dbf03444e6c6f0970.pdf

A small amount of paper copies can also be provided for those without internet access. The paper is now out for consultation with those parishes and towns along the 138 route and the final paper will be submitted to Derbyshire County Council in March 2024. If you have any additional views that you believe may add value to the document, please contact the Parish Council Clerk on

horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Bus Forum

The Bus Forum, stating the obvious to many of you, can report that little progress is being made on levelling up the bus services in rural areas of Derbyshire, such as ours. This, in the main, is due to the current devolved system for buses where the bus operator companies decide themselves which services to run. Where the bus operators decide not to, as with the Amberline, then Derbyshire County Council (DCC), can if they so wish fund some socially necessary bus service, as they do with the 138. As you have seen in the news recently councils locally are having significant financial problems, and some are already proposing cutbacks in those bus services they fund directly.

The £47m fund allocated to DCC (post covid) was specifically related to a 3-year Bus Service Improvement Plan the main aims for which, published in their plans, were to 'level up' bus services across the county for everyone and to target increases to bus passenger usage. DCC state that most of these funds must be targeted at those bus services, which in their view, are sustainable. This, as the Bus Forum has reported before, result in a two-tier service, those run by the bus operators improving, the others deteriorating. According to DCC's own published figures, their performance figures by 2025 will result in a 0% increase in bus passenger usage.

In May this year we will all have the opportunity to vote for an East Midland Combined Authority Mayor, one of whose responsibilities is likely to be transport across the whole of Derby, Derbyshire,

Bus Forum cont....

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The Bus Forum is already lobbying the three currently named candidates for the Combined Authority (CA) Mayor, to determine what their plans for buses services are likely to be. We are, in particular, promoting to them proposals for a change from the devolved system to a type of franchise bus system. The franchise would enable the CA to determine the bus service routes, their schedules, fares and then contract out the running of each service to a bus operator. This the Bus Forum believes may provide a better platform for our communities and bus passengers, whom as we keep informing DCC, are a major stakeholder in bus services. Through your inputs the Bus Forum are seeking to enable you to have a greater say in what your bus needs are, and which hopefully may provide better opportunities to achieve levelling them up for us all.

We have already been contacted by one of the candidates who has indicated their preference to franchise bus services. We will relay to you in the next Wudhus News any feedback on bus plans, we receive from each of the CA Mayor candidates.

Anyone with any feedback on the local bus issues please contact me via email to kgirling@btconnect.com

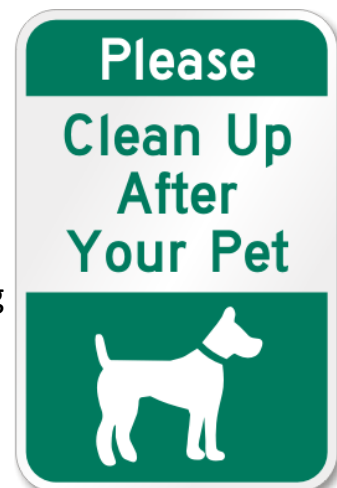
Dog fouling causing a nuisance

Since the nights have been darker there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dog foul on the pavements around the village. Particularly on Main Street, Fairfield Road and the Recreation Grounds.

As well as being a finable offence not to pick up after you dog (The Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996), there is nothing worse than treading in dog foul and having to clean it off on your return home.

Please have some consideration for others. If you own a dog then pick up after it has fouled, put it in the many bins around the village or take it home. It's your dog so please care for others and stop giving responsible dog owners a bad reputation.

If you wish to make a complaint regarding dog fouling, please contact Amber Valley Borough Council's helpline on 01773 841 335 or submit the form online via www.ambervalley.gov.uk/environment/dog-control/dog-fouling/



Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers



The Cubs visited Bramble Lodge Residential & Dementia care home in Ilkeston – well done all the Cubs. They sang campfire songs and then went round the residents to say hello and ask them what they wanted for Christmas. Again, well done everyone.



Thank you for your Toy donations. 1st Sitwell and Ignis Explorers were busy collecting toys in November. They were picked up by Children First, Derby who support children, young people and families in the Derby area.

They wanted unwrapped toys for any age up to 18 years but the majority of the children they work with are aged 10 to 16 years old. Jordan Hazell along with some Beaver Scouts handed the groups donations to the charity <https://childrenfirstderby.co.uk/>. Many thanks for your support.



We have spent the £250 that Lubrizol Ltd awarded 1st Sitwell Scout group towards a new tent. Big thanks to Tim Hollingshurst for nominating the group for the funds and to Lubrizol Ltd - www.lubrizol.com/. Nearly 40 members of 1st Sitwell Scouts and Ignis Explorers will be taking part in a Derbyshire Scout Challenge – the Chilly Challenge in January at Drumhill campsite. The Challenge is to sleep in tents for one night during the month of January, hence the name. Hope the weather doesn't drop too low and many thanks to the leaders and helpers for their support. **If your company would like to donate funds or you would like to help out, please contact us: gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk**



Some Beaver Scouts checking the tent out

All sections of 1st Sitwell Scout group went to Clip and Climb just before the Christmas break. The Scout group help towards funding this event and many thanks to the support group for their support. Great time was had by all.



**1ST SITWELL SCOUT GROUP
HORSLEY WOODHOUSE
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**

A vibrant illustration for an Easter egg hunt poster. The background is a gradient from orange at the top to yellow at the bottom. In the center, there are several decorated Easter eggs: a large yellow one with white polka dots, a blue one with white polka dots, and a white one with red and green swirls. The eggs are surrounded by pink tulips, white daisies, and green grass. Three monarch butterflies are scattered around the eggs. At the top, a pair of pink bunny ears is visible. The text 'EASTER EGG HUNT' is written in large, bold, dark red letters across the middle. Below it, the event details are written in blue and black text. At the bottom, there is a grassy field with more decorated eggs and a Scout Group logo featuring a skull and crossed sticks.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Win a chocolate Egg and other Prizes

11-2pm £2 per Child

**Hunt for Clues around the village
Start and finish at the Scout Hut
Drinks, Cakes, Raffles Arts & Crafts**

See Facebook For Further Details: 1st Sitwell scout group



St Susanna's Church - Open Church



**The first Saturday of the month from April till October
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Come and have a look round the lovely village church and have
a cup of coffee and biscuits**

**Local History - do you know that St Susanna's in Horsley
Woodhouse is the only St Susanna's Church in the UK?**

What's on - events and village news



Don't forget to keep up-to-date with all things Horsley Woodhouse via the Parish Council's village website and Facebook site:

Website: www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

HW Facebook page: www.facebook.com/horsleywoodhouse/

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