

Wudhus News

February/March 2020

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council



Stargazers Drama Group

Proudly presents

Cinderella

The traditional family Pantomime
at

HW Church Hall, Church Lane, DE7 6AT

Thursday 20th February at 3.00 pm

Friday 21st February at 3.00 and 7.15 pm

Saturday 22nd February at 3.00 and 7.15 pm

Tickets £5 and £3 for concessions and children

On sale from all cast members, or from the
Peony Café and Gift Shop and on the door or
telephone 07745 686 799

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Report from the December and January Parish Council meetings:

The Safer Neighbourhood Team provides up to date information on twitter @HeanorRuralSNT and you can email the team on ripley.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

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

December

- The hawthorn hedge around the Doctor's car park has been trimmed.
- **Speed Watch** - The Parish Council now have nine volunteers for the Speed Watch committee, training will be carried out soon.
- Clerk to contact the Woodland Trust regarding trees which they are donating to organisations, the Parish Council wish to plant the trees at the bottom end of the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- The owl boxes have now been put up in the village.
- The judging of the Christmas Pavement competition will take place on Friday 20th December 2019 at 7.00 pm, there will be four prizes which will be vouchers from the Peony Café.

January

- It was noted that members of the Council have received several complimentary comments from the parishioners regarding the Christmas lights.
- A new street name and post code for the road up to the Recreation Ground is being organised by Amber Valley as in the past emergency services have found the area difficult to locate.
- **Speed Watch** training will take place in the near future.
- Members agreed that any future decisions made should bear in mind climate change. Grant funding will be conditional that single use plastics will not be used.

Planning - January

AVA/2019/1178 - Demolish porch and construct larger front elevation extension

27-29 Wood Lane, Horsley Woodhouse

No objections

Recreation Matters - Horeston Recreation Ground

December: The litter bin on the Horeston Recreation Ground will be painted

January: Wildflower seed has been spread over the bank at Horeston Recreation Ground.

Don't forget to keep up to date with all things Horsley Woodhouse via the Parish Council's village website www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council meetings:

The next two meetings will be held
on **Tuesday 4th February and
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 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.

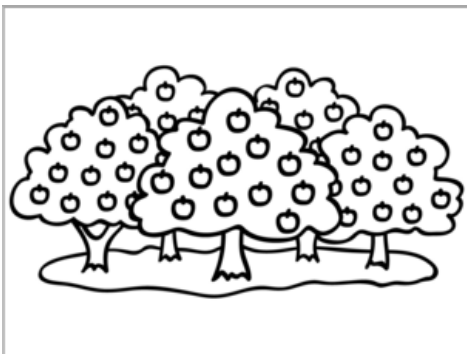
Parish Council Contact Details:

- 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 or

Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Request from the Parish Council



Does anyone have a piece of land that the
Parish Council could use as a community
orchard? If so please contact the Clerk at
horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall

**This welcoming and well equipped local venue can be hired very
reasonably for:**

Crafts. Dances/Dancing Lessons. Parties and Celebrations. Training Sessions.
Buffets. Fund Raising Events. Sales. Exhibitions. Concerts. Amateur Dramatics.
Music Practices/Recitals. Fashion Shows. Corporate Functions. Meetings. Quizzes.
Meals. Clubs and Societies. Classes. Hobbies. Zumba. Yoga.
and lots more.....

Call Sheila on 07803 158 235

Christmas Tree Light Up

The Christmas Tree Light Up event at the Millennium Wall, followed by a community get together in the Church Hall was a huge success. All the activities were sponsored by the Parish Council to mark the first switching on of the brand new lights for the village on Sunday 1st December; preceded by services in St Susanna's Church and the Methodist Church. The weather was ideal, dry and seasonally frosty. There were words from Revd. Dr Martin Jones, Revd. John Malnutt also attended and the switch on was operated by Karen Seals (Parish Council Chair). Onwards then to the warmth of the Church Hall where the Sitwell Room was filled with stalls selling



seasonal gifts, which were largely hand crafted by very talented local people. The

mulled wine flowed as did the tea and coffee, alongside warm mince pies and other tasty treats were enjoyed by all. What a friendly community evening it was, with many requests for a repeat performance next year! Well done to all who organised, sponsored and attended, what a lovely way for the Village to start the Christmas Season.



Christmas Decoration Competition

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you who lit up and decorated your homes for Christmas. There were so many this year that it was decided to award four prizes. The Village looks more festive with each year that passes and it was a difficult decision to arrive at. Each and every highway and byway were walked and, in some cases, re-walked before we could decide which properties to award and in which order.

**You all did an amazing job and the Village looked brighter than ever before.
Well done Horsley Woodhouse people, you did your Village proud!**

(Pictures overleaf)



1st - 5 Fairfield Road

2nd - 10 Stainsby Avenue



3rd - 48 Fairfield Road

4th - 36 Fairfield Road



**Sponsored by Horsley
Woodhouse Parish
Council**

Arthur Medical Centre

The surgery continues to remain under extreme pressure during the winter months. We are continuing to do our best to keep up with demand but we appreciate that you may not be able to get an appointment as quickly as you may have done in the past.

Did you know that it isn't always necessary to have an appointment at the practice at all? As one of our patients you are able to self-refer to lots of different services that will help you to live well and stay well.

These include:

Physiotherapy/ Occupational therapy

A physiotherapist or occupational therapist can see you with all kinds of joint and muscular problems including arthritis, sprains and injuries. They can be contacted on 01335 230 079.

Counselling

If you are feeling down, anxious or stressed then you can self-refer for talking therapies. People are often worried that they won't know what to say, but therapists are trained to manage this and you will have an initial assessment that will ensure you get the right type of talking therapy for you. There are details of local services on-line (just search for "Trent PTS" or "Talking mental health Derbyshire").

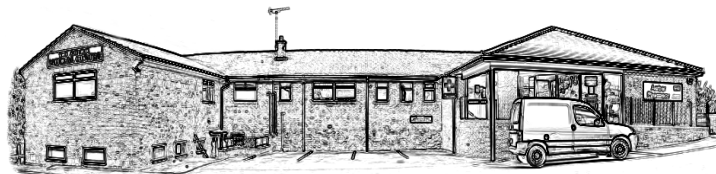
Support at home

If you think you or your relative could benefit from some additional help at home, be that from carers, help with meals or getting dressed, or getting some additional equipment to stay mobile then ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533 190 and they can get you sorted.

Minor Injuries Unit

The team at the Minor Injuries Unit in Ripley can see you with sprains, broken bones, wound infections, minor head or eye injuries and animal bites amongst other things. They are open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm every day including weekends.

And remember, if you (or someone you are with) is experiencing a medical emergency, such as chest pain, loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties or a stroke please ring 999. Every second counts with these conditions.



Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, Derby, DE7 6AX.

Tel: 01332 880249 Fax: 01332 781269

www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk

The “Getting to Know You Café” 2019

2019 has been a wonderfully successful year for our Café. At the start of 2019 we were usually to be found in the Meeting Room.....then came The Meeeces! We have so much to thank this kindly group of fellas for. The Café now has to be held in the Sitwell Room. The Meeeces regularly give us their time, friendship and talents to give a superb afternoon of musical entertainment which gives so much happiness to everyone. We love having you and the Café certainly owes a large measure of its success to you All.

During a busy and varied year, we’ve also had a talk on Smartmeters, which turned out to be light hearted and very entertaining with participation from our attendees. There have been sales of crafts and hobbies, a Candle Party, a “taster” afternoon with demonstrations of future classes of Qigong and the Relevation Dance Academy, and there is always a free raffle. David has entertained with his Ukulele, there are regular visits from our local Safer Neighbourhood Team. Karen held her “Brave the Shave” in aid of the Macmillan Fund (what an afternoon of mixed emotions that was!), we’re proud to say this wonderful lady raised £725. Wendy masterminded a terrific buffet for our first Birthday Bash, well done Wendy....big thanks from all of us. We held a Christmas Bazaar where the crafters amongst us had a free stall each to sell their Christmassy items.

Then came the evening of Christmas entertainment where Wendy did another of her blockbuster buffets, complete with the celebration “Fizz” (again from the accumulation of the £1.50 entries) and David brought his Ukulele. We all made merry, sang Christmas songs and had a truly festive, fun get together. Finally, on the 18th December we enjoyed the last Café of the year. We had a mini Stage Show, again with David supplying Christmas music, stage entertainment from Leanne from Relevation Dance Academy treating us to her version of “Nutcracker” and (with Morgan) a

tap routine to “Never do a Tango with an Eskimo”.

Then the secret star guest arrived.....Santasaurus, with a large sack of many prizes for the free raffle.

The Café owes its success to the generosity of many kind hearted people giving of their time, efforts and talents and of course to the

people who regularly and faithfully attend and support. There is a great feeling of friendship and community spirit which spans the whole of the age range.

We are looking forward to 2020, with a host of ideas, plus our regular popular entertainments. We wish everyone the very best for the New Year and we extend our invitation for you to come along and be a part of the Café. You are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome. Come and make yourself at home with us!



With Best Wishes from the “Getting to Know You Café”

Local Clubs, Community Groups & 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

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.

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

Forthcoming meetings at

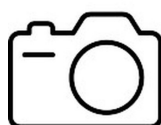
The Old Oak Pub

11th February 2020

10th March 2020

14th April 2020

at 7.30 pm



Come along and join in

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers at the Sitwell Recreation Ground



Monday 7.00 - 8:30 pm - Scouts (10 ½-14 years)

Tuesday 7.00 - 8:30 pm - Explorers (14-18 years)

Wednesday 6:30 - 8.00 pm - Cubs Scouts (8-10½ years)

Thursday 6.00 - 7.00 pm - Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)

Please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1st Sitwell Scout Group on:

M: 07847 207 756

E: gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Over 60's Club - at the British Legion Hall

The Club meets every other Tuesday 2.00 to 4.00 pm in the Royal British Memorial Hall. Members now look forward to the Spring and Summer. The committee will have met by the time you read this to plan outings for the new season. This year we will have an extra day out thanks to the generous grant from Amber Valley C.V.S. Details of this will be given to the members at the next meeting on Tuesday 28th January. The venues for our days out are decided by suggestions from our members and the coach company then listing all appropriate ones and putting it to the vote. It is never possible to obtain 100 per cent agreement but the only democratic way to reach a decision.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group

We meet in the British Legion Hall, first Thursday of every month at 7.15 pm

February 6th - Stephen Booth a local author writes detective and crime novels set in the peak district, an open meeting all are welcome including gentlemen.

March 5th - AGM come along and have a say in the running of the Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group followed by a friendly quiz.

April 2nd - Starters and Puddings Evening, come along in March and find out more.

For more details contact Pat Dickinson on 01332 880 858

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

Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

So 2020 and the village Royal British Legion branch moves onwards and upwards. We have only a few ex-regulars and national service men left but the spirit behind the Legion is just the same as the early days, and is epitomised by our standard "Service Not Self". Today with the welfare state in being, our service to the community is totally different to what it was in the 1920's and 30's. With regard to Horsley Woodhouse the modest Memorial Hall is of great use to the community by

keeping our hire charges down to the minimum possible we are seeing greater use of the hall than at any time previous. However, our number one priority is Remembrance and as the years roll on it is the Legions aim that those young men who left this green and pleasant land behind, sometimes to die in horrific circumstances should never be forgotten. Surely it is not too much to ask that on one Sunday of the year we all stir ourselves, smarten up, polish our shoes and pay tribute.

"We Will Remember Them"

Don Barham Treasurer
Horsley Woodhouse and
Smalley Royal British Legion



Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies cont...

Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

Wed 5th Feb – Little Eaton Waterworks (2.75 miles) – meet at Little Eaton carpark.

Wed 12th Feb – Rawson Green & Park Hall (3 miles) – meet at Kilburn carpark.

Wed 19th Feb – Smalley Dam (snowdrop garden) (2.5 miles) – meet at Smalley Tennis carpark.

Wed 26th Feb – Lumb Park & Greenway (2.75 miles) – meet at Denby Pottery.

Wed 4th Mar – Marehay to Greenway & back (2.25 miles) – meet at Marehay village.

Wed 11th Mar – Mapperley Reservoir & American Theme Park (2.75 miles) – meet at Mapperley Reservoir.

Wed 18th Mar – Denby & Dumbles Lane (2.5 miles) – meet at Denby village carpark.

Wed 25th Mar – Morley circular walk (2.75 miles) – meet at Morley lay-by.

Meeting time 9.45 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

For more information contact:

Jane Stallion 01773 841 428
or
Gordon McNeil 07740 243 825



'Cinderella' Pantomime

Stargazers Pantomime 20th – 22nd February

The Stargazers Drama Group will present their traditional family pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall from Thursday 20th February. Tickets are on sale now every Monday during rehearsals between 7.00 and 9.00 pm at the Kilburn Welfare and Social Club, Chapel Street, Kilburn or from the Peony Cafe and Gift Shop on Main Street. You can also order tickets from any cast member, or reserve them by ringing Beccy on 07745 686 799.

Performances are on:



Thursday 20th February at 7.15
Friday 21st February at 3.00 and 7.15
Saturday 22nd February at 3.00 and 7.15



Last year three of our five performances were sold out so please buy your tickets in advance if you can. **Prices are £5 or £3 for concessions.**

Thursday weekly Chair Exercise - 10.00 to 11.30 am and Chair, Care and Chatter Club

These Age U.K. Derby and Derbyshire Chair Exercise sessions have become so popular that they have now moved into the large Sitwell Room in the Church Hall. They are a weekly light hearted group of people who enjoy each other's company plus the skills of Diane Cliff the Instructor, who mixes her skills with a light hearted demeanour.

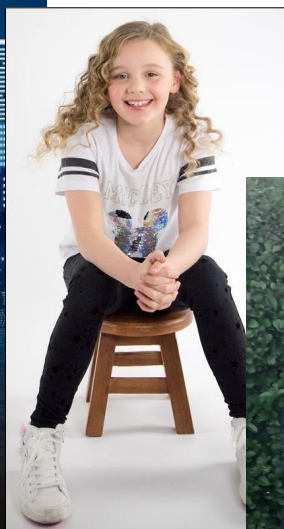
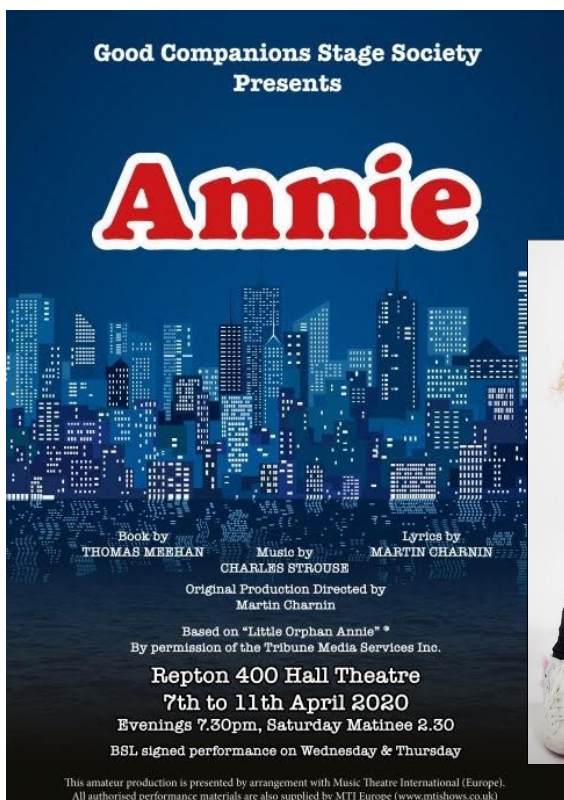
There is now a friendly Carers Social Group running alongside this Exercise Group in the adjoining room. **This Group gathers every 2nd Thursday of the month.** The Carer who supports the person in the Exercise Group can enjoy a coffee, biscuits, a relaxing time and a chatter with like minded people while their loved one has the assurance that they are close by. Also any advice or information can be discussed with the Derbyshire Carers' Association representative.

If you are a Carer and would like to come along and join in, don't hesitate....you'll be assured of a warm welcome and at the same time your loved one has the security of having you nearby while they exercise.

Any queries please call 07919 116 585 or 07837 277 252

Studio 7 Dance and Performing Arts School

Three Studio 7 dancers who have successfully auditioned for roles in the Good Companions Stage Society - Derby production of "Annie". Pictured here are: Daisy who will be playing the lead role of Annie, Libby who will be playing the role of Molly, and Millie who will be playing the role of Ruth.



The Good Companions production of the musical is at the Repton 400 Theatre on 7th, 9th & 11th April. Tickets are now on sale at Derby Live www.derbylive.co.uk/whats-on/annie/.

St Susanna's Parish Church

February 2020

2nd at 3.30 pm – Evensong
 9th at 3.30 pm – Holy Communion
 16th at 3.30 pm – Evensong
 23rd 3.30 pm – Annual Memorial Service

March 2020

1st at 3.30 pm – Evensong
 8th at 3.30 pm – Holy Communion
 15th at 3.30 pm – Evensong
 22nd at 10.30 am – Evensong (Mothering Sunday Service)
 29th at 10.00 am – Group Service of Holy Communion at St. James, Codnor

April 2020

5th at 6.30 pm – Evensong
 12th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion for Easter Day
 19th at 6.30 pm – Evensong
 26th 6.30 pm – Evensong



Other services over Lent and Passiontide:

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday

10.00 am – Holy Communion at St. Clement's Horsley
 7.00 pm – Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Denby

Thursday 9th April: Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm – Holy Communion at St. Luke's, Loscoe

Friday 10th April: Good Friday

10.00 am – Building the Easter Garden at St. Clement's, Horsley
 7.00 pm – Good Friday Worship at St. Clement's, Horsley

Saturday 11th April: Easter Eve

7.00 pm – Easter Eve Worship at St. James, Codnor

Sunday 12th April: Easter Day

7.00 am – Son Rise Service on Pit Hill Kilburn

Weekly Activities at the Church Hall

Date	Activity	Contact details
Monday	7.00 to 8.15 pm - Line Dancing & 5.30 to 6.30 pm - Circuit Training	Megan 01159 326 217 Julie Cole 07976 710 882
Tuesday	10.30 to 11.30 am - Yoga & Relevétion Dance Academy: 4.30 to 5.00 pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (4-6yrs) 5.00 to 5.45 pm - Primary Ballet (6-10yrs) 5.55 to 6.25 pm - Primary Tap (6-10yrs) 6.25 to 6.55 pm - Primary Modern (6-10yrs) 6.55 to 7.55 pm - Acrobatics (6-10yrs) 8.00 to 9.00 pm - Adult Latin	Anita 01332 842 070 Leanne 07500 823 243
Wednesday	Relevétion Dance Academy: 9.30 to 10.15 - Toddle in Time (2-5yrs) 10.30 to 11.30 am - Adult Ballet & 6.30 to 7.30 pm - Circuit Training	Leanne 07500 823 243 Julie Cole 07976 710 882
Thursday	10.00 to 11.30 am - Chair Based Exercise & 5.30 & 7.30 pm - Slimming World	Diane 07919 116 585 Tracy
Friday	11.00 to 12 noon - Qigong/Tai Chi	Angela 07762 380 277
Saturday	10.30 to 11.30 am - Zumba classes	Cathy 07963 738 137

If you are interested in booking the Church Hall for meetings, parties and other functions, or on behalf of Societies and Clubs, please contact Sheila Cullen (the Bookings Secretary) on 07803 158 235.

Our local Singing Fireman at Christmas

The Church Hall lit up its stage lights and opened its curtains to present Andy Quinn (the Singing Fireman), supported by Hilary Leam. They sang and entertained their way through their "Christmas Countdown" Show on 14th December and gave the packed audience a truly enjoyable and unforgettable festive treat.

On the menu were Christmas songs, Swing and Carols, all served with huge helpings of the talent which has made Andy and Hilary so very popular. What a spectacular and unforgettable way to start the festive season for us all.



We all thank you so very much for the superb entertainment and we can't wait for a return visit.....please come back very soon!

THEATRE 2020

V.E. Day Celebration

May we take this opportunity of announcing the launch of the brand new performing group, Theatre 2020. This is a collaboration of members of the Ex Woodhouse Players, Stargazers, the Relevation Dance Academy, the "Getting to Know You" Café and even going back as far as people who have worked alongside the much respected and revered Ray Weston.

We have decided that the time is right, at the start of a new decade and on the threshold of an historic national celebration to embark upon a new approach. This is a brand new decade, hence the name and also with the ambition of 20/20 vision to clearly see the way forward in entertainment.

We have great pleasure in preparing and presenting a special production especially for the Horsley Woodhouse V.E. Day Celebrations. We are being sponsored by the Parish Council for two performances, **Friday 8th May at 7.00 pm and a Matinee on Saturday 9th May at 2.00 pm.**

We look forward to entertaining you on this Celebration weekend.

Winter Wudusland – the sequel

This was the second Winter Wudusland production in two successive years. Due to the popularity last year, we decided to present an additional matinee performance on the Saturday afternoon. Both performances were near sell outs and we were pleased to donate £155 each to Stargazers, the Church Hall Fund and the Methodist Church. We had a few new additions to the cast, namely Scarlett and Seb, our two talented youngsters, Leanne our dancer, singer and choreographer, Karen who started as a carol singer and ended up solo singing and dancing too. Morgan, Gaz and Ray from the Stargazers, Miles who is studying Performing Arts, Wendy the prompt, Graham Stage Manager and not forgetting Ian who did a sterling job in the control box for the first time. Our other people, Lorna, Steve, Ray, David and myself are old stagers (pardon the pun) and were also part of last year's Show.

We heartily thank all of you who supported Winter Wudusland – the Sequel and we hope you had as much pleasure as we all did. We have plans to entertain you next Christmas but in a different guise which you will discover as you read on about the V.E. Day plans.

S Cullen (Church Hall Booking Secretary)



Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

SERVICES

February

Sunday 2nd at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Robert Foster

Sunday 9th

10.30 am – Café Church. Call in for a coffee/tea, no charge - donations

2.30 pm – Service led by Mr Des Lowes

Sunday 16th at 2.30 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd John Malnutt

Sunday 23rd at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Sheila Baldock

March

Sunday 1st at 2.30 pm – Service

Sunday 8th

10.30 am – Café Church. Call in for a coffee/tea, no charge - donations

2.30 pm – Service

Sunday 15th – *Church Anniversary & Celebration of Faith* - Service at 2.30 pm led by Mrs

Jayne Watson

Sunday 22nd at 2.30 pm – Service

Sunday 29th at 2.30 pm – Service

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

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday – 10th April at 11.00 am – Service led by Mrs Margaret Barker

Easter Sunday – 12th April at 6.00 pm – Service

Minister:
Revd John
Malnutt

**Church
Contact:**
Mrs
Phyllis
Shaw
Tel:
01332
880 083

BIBLE STUDY Our studies continue with Revd John Malnutt once a month on a Friday afternoon at 2.30 pm. Usually the third Friday. The next one is on Friday 14th February when we will continue studying *1 Timothy*. All are welcome to join with us.

November/December 2019 fund-raiser:

FOR OUR CHURCH FUNDS

Carols & Buffet: £79.00. **Donations** (humble jumble): £37.00. **Donations** (Stargazers): £155.00.

FOR CHARITIES

Air Ambulance: £102.00. **Methodist Women in Britain:** £40.00 (Christmas Day Collection)

Christmas Card: £70.00 which will be divided between *All We Can* and *Embrace the Middle East*.

Grateful thanks are expressed to all those who supported, and gave so generously.

Dates for your Diary

We are continuing with **Café Church from 10.30 to 11.30 am** – once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month. It's not a Service, not a Sunday School, there is no Sermon, no Singing. We are in the Schoolroom and serve coffee/tea and biscuits – no charge but donations welcome. There is Bible-based craft for the children – and adults if wanted – and jigsaws. You are welcome to come for all or part of the time, with your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews; or as an adult on your own.

BEETLE DRIVE – Saturday 28th March at 7.00 pm. Suggested £5.00 donation for church funds which includes Jacket Potato Supper (provided). Please let Pam Nelson - pamelson@talktalk.net, Gloria Smith (01332 880 814) or Gwen Barham (01332 881 379) **know by Friday 20th March, if you hope to come.**

Councillor Kevin BATTERY – Keeping you Updated

Climate change impacts upon us all and will certainly affect future generations. I am therefore fully supportive of Derbyshire County Council's proposal to commit £4 million to help tackle climate change, funded from business rates. This is to help pump prime innovation and drive development, providing an opportunity for both businesses and communities to reduce our carbon footprint. The Council will host a 'Tackling climate change together' event in March for businesses, housing developers and other councils to discuss what they can do to help. We will be bidding for cash to install electric vehicle points around the county and plan to introduce a new grant scheme, called Climate Action Grants, to support local communities to take-action on climate change.

Over a 10 day period, Derbyshire experienced excessive rainfall, suffering one month's amount of rain in a single day alone. This caused significant damage to our Highway infrastructure and became a major incident. There were in excess of 200 flood areas across Derbyshire, 7 landslips, 25 highway structures (bridges) and 124 miles of road affected, together with 13,481 gullies and associated drainage connections. The cost of this damage alone is estimated at over £20 million, note the Highways annual maintenance budget is less than £18m. With the rain continuing and further damage

being discovered on a daily basis, the Highways Crews who normally repair potholes are working tirelessly with other staff to address this damage to minimise the weathers continued impact on our highway network. We are lobbying Government for additional funding to address this damage, so please bear with us, because potholes will take longer to repair as we are still in the recovery process.

Trading Standards recently helped two pensioners get their money back after being separately subjects of scams totalling £52,500. **If you have been victim of a scam or need advice you can contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Services tel: 03454 040506, report fraud to Action Fraud tel: 0300 123 2040.**

Trading Standards' advice is to register your home phone to opt out of unsolicited and marketing calls via the free Telephone Preference Service. These scams are sophisticated, so please be vigilant and there is nothing wrong in being suspicious and taking advice before you do something involving giving out bank details or transferring money.

Responsibility for the National Child Measurement Programme, which involves the annual measurement of the height and weight of children in Reception Class and Year 6 has recently been passed to Derbyshire County Council as part of their responsibility for delivering public health services. Parents will receive a letter to obtain their consent and

have an option to opt out. All information is confidential and will not be revealed to the child or teachers. Details of the scheme can be found at www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk/nationalchildmeasurementprogramme

As Chair of the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service, I am very proud that following an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, Derbyshire was one of only 16 Fire Services nationally to be awarded a 'good' rating across all 3 categories. Being deemed 'Outstanding' for promoting the right values and culture across the service. This was a pleasing end to 2019, which also saw Derbyshire Fire Service being voted Emergency Service of the Year. This is true testament to the excellent work by all the staff and thoroughly deserved. The Fire Service has published 'Our Plan 2020-2023' which is about how we continue to prevent, protect and respond to the needs of our communities whilst continuing to make Derbyshire Safer. It is currently out for public consultation, which closes on the 7th February 2020, please have your say via www.derbyshire.gov.uk. Consultation documents are also available at Ripley and other Libraries.

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



“Missing”

Two Horsley Woodhouse Servicemen, Two World Wars Part Three – The RAF Bomber Offensive, WW2:

Prologue

1940, the RAF has fought and won the Battle of Britain. German bombing has not prevailed, even with fighter escort, Luftwaffe losses on daylight raids have been high. The Germans switch to night bombing of London and other cities, the so called “Blitz”, London is bombed on 57 occasions. By the end of May 1941, some 43,000 British civilians have been killed by the bombing. Prime Minister Winston Churchill knows that Britain must strike back hard at Germany, but the resources of the only means available to do so, RAF Bomber Command, are hardly adequate.

At the outset of war, Britain had around 280 twin-engine light to medium bombers, mostly outdated, the exception was the Vickers Wellington which would give good service for several years. Early daylight raids on German coastal and shipping targets see the RAF sustain heavy losses. In May 1940, the Germans invade France and (neutral) Belgium and Holland, bombing all three regardless. As a result, Churchill clears the RAF to begin attacks on German factories and installations; by the end of 1941, the RAF has flown almost 44,000 bombing sorties, but 1019 aircraft and crew have been lost. Despite the arrival of the first new 4-engine “heavies” (the Short Stirling and Handley Page Halifax) the bombing has had minimal effect; a review shows that, at best, bombs fall within 5 miles of the target. Bomber Command is ordered to stop.

Much debate ensues until, on the 14th February 1942, the Air Ministry issues a new directive to Bomber Command: re-commence, using intensive night bombing against German cities. The theory is that, as the bombing cannot be sure to hit factories and rail yards etc., striking a city will get at least some parts of industry. A significant change of focus, the method is dubbed “Area Bombing”. Two further



Avro Lancaster Bomber

“milestone” points occur: the appointment of a new RAF Bomber Command Chief, Air Marshal Sir Arthur (“Bomber”) Harris, taking over from Sir Richard Peirse and the arrival in service of the Avro Lancaster bomber. Arguably the best 4-engine “heavy” of the entire war, it is technically advanced, needing a 7-man crew, including a Flight Engineer to assist the pilot with various in-flight technical matters. Bomber Command begins to pursue the Area Bombing Directive. Three key points are achieved during 1942:

- The successful bombing of the port of Lubeck (March '42);
- A successful 1000 bomber raid on Cologne, during which the use of a concentrated “bomber stream” is employed for the first time;
- Formation of the Pathfinder Force to mark targets for better accuracy.

By the beginning of 1943, many obsolete bomber types have been withdrawn, 70% of Harris’ force now consists of the 4-engine “heavies”. With “Gee” and “Oboe” navigational aids and the “H₂S” ground scanning/target finding device, the RAF is finally equipped to carry out a sustained offensive against Germany.

Fast forward to July, 1656 HCU (Heavy Conversion Unit) RAF Lindholme near Doncaster. A seven-man Avro

Lancaster crew has completed final training and been “passed” for operational flying; they are posted to 101 Squadron, RAF Ludford Magna (NE Lincolnshire), arriving there on Thursday the 15th July. One of the crew is



Aircrew briefing, Ludford Magna

Sergeant Cecil Bardill of the village of Horsley Woodhouse, Derbyshire. 22 years old, Cecil had started basic training in 1942, progressing on to an OTU (Operational Training Unit) under the Air Training Plan. With natural mechanical aptitude, he completes as Flight Engineer, gaining his “aircrew brevet” and sergeant’s stripes before being posted to 1656 HCU, joining the other six members of his operational crew who have undergone the time honoured informal “crewing up” process at their OTU. Passing through the gates of “Ludford Mudford” as someone had called it (for reasons much apparent after heavy rain), Cecil

might have reflected on their progress. A mixed bunch, they had generally bonded quite well as a crew and got used to flying in “Lancs”:

Herbert “Bert” Edis, their 22-year old “Aussie” pilot from Waga Waga New South Wales;

“Norman “Norm” Corfield, navigator;

Ron Holdaway, 20-year old bomb aimer – Londoner;

John “Jock” Findlay, Scottish wireless operator from Dundee, at 35, the “old man” of the crew, husband to Jenny;

And two air gunners:

Geoff Haigh, 19 year-old Yorkshireman from Halifax;

Bob “Taffy” Bennett, Welshman from Flintshire, 20 years old.

Still “green”, they need to settle in to their new surroundings and get the first “Op” done.

The first few days pass quickly; assigned to C-Flight (101 are a three-flight squadron), Cecil and the others are allocated quarters and go through the “kitting out” process. Ludford is certainly rural, the village is surrounded by the Station, living quarters to the north side, airfield to the south. As a “village lad”, Cecil is familiar with such a setting, Ron Holdaway and “Jock” Findlay less so, still, Lincoln and Grimsby are not too far away. After their first week a new CO arrives, Wing Co. Carey Foster replaces the long serving “Chiefy” DA Reddick. Saturday 24th July starts with a “buzz”, the board shows “ops are on” for the night, nine crews listed but Cecil’s is not one of them. A mixture of frustration and relief as the airfield “comes alive” with shouts, clanging, banging and vehicle movements as the aircraft are made ready; later a couple of Lancs take off on air tests. Over the next two days the news is that it was Hamburg – by the end of the month more news tells how Hamburg has been hit several times and the city devastated.

Then the “milestone moment”, Monday 2nd August, Cecil’s crew are listed on the Operations Board for a raid that evening, briefing 19.30 hrs. The crew gather and cycle out to their aircraft, check and re-check equipment; the “chat and banter” is a little loud and forced, they all have “butterflies” and a knot in the stomach. Back over to quarters, Cecil forces some lunch down while over at the airfield fuel bowsers crawl round the aircraft followed by bomb trolleys – word filters back, not much clue as to the target, medium range perhaps? The day drags on, some



Aerial view of RAF Ludford Magna showing runways and aircraft dispersals

“Missing” cont....

of Cecil’s crew try to “doze off” before grabbing some bacon and eggs about half six. At last briefing arrives – Bert Edis and Norm have been in first, now Cecil and the others learn that the target is Hamburg, again, one last area to be hit. Norm is a bit concerned, the Met. Officer talked of possible storms. Now time accelerates until they are driven out to dispersal and clamber aboard. Checks all done - then a delay, the butterflies return. After an age its ‘start engines’, dark now, Edis taxis her out – green light, take-off - all goes OK, Cecil’s butterflies settle.

The rest passes in a blur, they hit a storm along the way but get through and drop their bombs, hopefully somewhere on or near Hamburg – not sure, no target indicators seen. They make it back home, Cecil is relieved to see the English coast – elation, their first op “chalked up”.

Less said about their second trip the better, a week later, 9th August, target Mannheim. All OK on take-off, but then engine related problems start, Bert Edis takes the decision to turn back. Mixed feelings, anti-climax, relief, frustration – “early return”, it will not count to their tour. Days pass, then no ops due to a “moon period”, more frustration, still at least they could get a few drinking hours in....

To be continued...

Mick Barham

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Keeping the villages connected.... Kilburn News

The annual Kilburn Parish Carol Service and Christmas light switch on took place on Friday 6th December and was attended by members of Kilburn Parish Council, Mayor of Amber Valley Cllr John Walker and a number of parishioners. The Christmas lights were switched on by the Mayor of Amber Valley. There was also a special visit from Santa Claus and his elf's from Amber Valley Rotary Club.

Unfortunately this year due to another event taking place in the vicinity, less people than usual attended the Christmas light switch on and joined us afterwards for free hot drinks and minced pies.

At the Parish Council meeting in January the Council agreed to review the date in which we have the Christmas Carol Service and light switch on in 2020 but this will be dependent on the availability of those involved. If residents do however have any suggestions or comments, please send them to the Clerk via the Parish Council website.



Kilburn Kilometres

This year's Kilburn Kilometres Fun Run will be held on Sunday March 15th 2020.

This is the second time we have organised the event and we hope it will appeal to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities and be as successful as last year. The course will be split into two, with a 10k and 3k around the local roads, paths and fields, so there will be something suitable for the whole family.

Whilst we try to minimise disruption in the village during the morning of the event, by suggesting designated areas to park vehicles, please be mindful of additional traffic around the village during the event and of course, congestion on local footpaths.

Participants can register on the morning but we would like to encourage people to visit our website: kilburnkilometres.co.uk to register beforehand, so why not start training now?

If you would like to sponsor the event, please contact the school office and we will ensure your details are included on promotional materials, our website and other correspondence.



Kilburn Parish Litter Pick

Kilburn Parish Council have organised a litter pick that will take place on **Saturday 4th April**. If you are able to volunteer on the day, please email the Clerk at samatthews2001@aol.com.

Protective equipment and litter pickers will be provided by the council.



Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers

Cubs have been doing some knots and they took string home to make rope. The picture shows some knotting attempted with some help. Skills still need developing – parents too!



Some Cubs did badges outside of our weekly meeting. Here Huey has been very busy stripping and painting his bedroom. While hanging new curtains and shelves. All this will go towards a couple of badges too. Very well done to him. Cubs have been doing the Air Activities badge over the past couple of weeks, with expert visitors to help run it for us!



The Cubs have done all sorts, learning about planes, making wooden gliders, using walkie-talkies and the phonetic alphabet, making paper-planes and playing with an electric powered plane! The winners from our wooden glider and paper plane competitions won Aero's too (because aeroplanes)!



Scouts had a great last night of 2019 and went to Clip and Climb. They and leaders burn off their energy ready for the Christmas meal.



Thanks to all the Scouts for a fantastic

year, we had put in a good word with Santa as they've all been good helping out at events, pushing themselves in hikes, trying new things, getting out of their comfort zones, and working as a team (we have more Scouts than ever).



Thanks to the Leaders, Young Leaders, SPL, PL, and APL's with so many Scouts.

Beavers did some great cooking last year – they had to cook one more dish at home (sweet or savoury) and pop a photo on Facebook as it counts towards their Cook Badge. Sadly no one brought anything in for us Leaders to try.



Horsley Woodhouse

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 5th April

Win an iPad in our Easter Raffle

Hunt for clues around the village
Start and finish at the scout hut
Win a chocolate Egg and other prizes!

£2 per child 11 - 2pm
Refreshments And Raffle tickets available

See Facebook for full details: 1st Sitwell Scout Group

If you are interested in becoming a Leader or Young Leader please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1st Sitwell Scout Group on:

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*Find yourself a cup of tea:
the teapot is behind you.
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- Saki*



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