

Remembrance Sunday



Horsley Woodhouse came together at the Sitwell Recreation Ground for this year's Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12th November.

The Act of Remembrance was carried out by Revd Martin Jones alongside Cllr Julie Whitmore (HW Parish Council, Vice Chair), Don Barham (Hon Secretary) and David Beresford (Branch Chairman) HW &

Smalley Royal British Legion. Alongside Terry Whittaker (Standard Bearer) and young people from 1st Sitwell Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers. Followed by cakes and drinks kindly prepared by 1st Sitwell Scouts, in a nice dry Scout Hut!



Continuing on from 'Rambling Through Time' - a resident's perspective

After reading 'Rambling Through Time' in the last edition (Aug/Sep 2023) it suggested that Wudus was known as "Herring City" because of the shortage of herrings in Kilburn due to them all sold in Wudus. It may have helped but the real reason for this nick name came into being after a short discussion between two colliers in Heanor pit bottom. During a snap break the Heanor collier asked the Wudus one, "what's in your snap", "Jam and Herrings" was the reply and this response spread quickly through the pit and up the shaft and spread like wildfire to all the other local pits. There after all the residents of Wudus lived in the "JAM AND HERRING CITY" which was rather grand compared with the one earned by Kilburn which was "KILBURN BUCKET BANGERS"; that is another story.

Being a lifelong resident of this village, born here 84 years ago and knowing that my ancestors had lived here for the last two hundred years with at least three Ben Turners, a great grandmother born here and now our daughter lives in the same house (once famous when it became involved in the case of the three murderers from Heage) where the saying comes from they hang them in bunches! The house my mother was born in still stands today.

I was born in Daisy Bank which had no electricity, one cold water tap, an outside toilet called a double holer which enabled two persons to perform side by side which was emptied by Mister Hicklin into a large barrel mounted on the back of a small dray drawn by a single horse.

This house overlooked a pork butchers' shop and slaughterhouse, pigs only and when we were kids, we used to help in scraping the carcasses just to be given a pig's bladder which made fine balloons. The rest of the pig was turned into joints of meat, pork pies, sausage, chicklins, tripe, black pudding, polony etc., all sold in the shop only the squeal went to waste.

Great grandfather Ben Turner was a nail maker, and his workshop was located at the rear of the cottages at Cross End and once a week he took his hand made nails all the way to Nottingham in a small pony and trap and often on his way back he would fall asleep, and the pony would come all the way home and right into the yard.

Great uncle Herbert Marshall used to keep a shop directly opposite Top Lane (now The Crescent) and sold everything. Next to his shop there was and still is a small lane leading to the fields and down this lane on the right-hand side stood several small workshops, one being a blacksmith's which I can remember quite well. I could write a book about Wudus.

Ben Turner

Studio 7 Dance Academy



This year has been incredible for Studio 7 Dance Academy located on the Lady Lea Industrial Estate, Horsley Woodhouse. We have taken part in three sets of competition so far and were named the overall winners at one of them. We successfully auditioned and danced at Disneyland Paris. Delivered our annual show “smile” which completely sold out all four performances and at the same time raised a whopping £861.62 for the Treetops Hospice at home charity. Our final festival was on 5th November before having a quieter month running up to Christmas. We have also had two sets of exams with 67 distinctions and 12 merits.



For anyone interested, this is an excellent time to join our dance family; please either email info@studio7dance.co.uk or call us on 07539 119 290.



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

Scheduled dates and locations:

Horsley Woodhouse	Main Street was Post Office at layby	Friday	8 th December 2023, 5 th January 2024 & 2 nd February 2024	11.10 am	midday
Horsley Woodhouse	Fairfield Road	Friday	8 th December 2023, 5 th January 2024 & 2 nd February 2024	12.05 pm	12.30 pm

Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

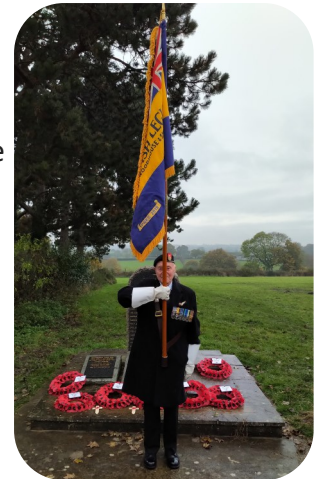


Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion

The Branch meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.00 pm at the Legion Hall, with the exception being when it is a Bank Holiday.

Remembrance period once again passes by. The Legion's number one priority is that the men and women who lost their lives serving the country and preserving that priceless privilege we have in this United Kingdom of living without fear and free speech within the law is preserved. Most of the names on the playground memorial are from Horsley Woodhouse. If they had not stepped up to the plate in 1914 and 1940 it would have been a different story.

The branch attended the St Susanna's Church service and the 11.00 am ceremony at the Sitwell Recreation Ground, followed by the afternoon service at the Methodist Church. Prior to that we were present at Smalley School service on the Friday morning.



The Legion Hall is now over 70 years old and is showing it in the roof area, for some time we have been patching the various leaks that have appeared. So, we have now asked the Legion Property Department for financial help to re-roof the building, as obviously the Branch cannot afford to do it from our limited funds.

Thanks to all who supported the services over Remembrance, once a year, it's not a lot to ask. **Also thank you again to all the recent support from new and existing, as membership now stands at 42, the highest ever in its history as a village branch.**

Don Barham Honourable Secretary, Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group

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

- **January 2024** - No meeting
- **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.

Everyone Welcome, any enquiries phone Pat Dickinson 01332 880 858

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stargazers Snow White Panto - Tickets on sale in January

Tickets for 'Snow White' will be put on general sale starting on **1st January 2024** - so please **make a note in your calendar now**. This year our audience will be able to buy and pay for tickets online by going to ticketsource.co.uk/stargazers-drama-group. Our prices are unchanged at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children and concessions.

The last show was sold out in February 2023, so we are adding an extra matinee for 'Snow White'. **The dates are Thursday 22nd February at 3.00 pm & 7.15 pm, Friday 23rd February at 3.00 pm & 7.15 pm and Saturday 24th February at 3.00 pm & 7.15 pm.**

The cast and crew are already hard at work to produce a magical show that can be enjoyed by all the family. The venue is, once again, our

magnificent local theatre at
Horsley Woodhouse
Church Hall.

Any questions please talk to
Ray on 01332 882 200.



Amber Valley
Borough Council

HW Walking Schedule



Date	Meeting Place	Walk Route	Distance (miles)
6 th Dec	Smalley Car Park DE7 6EN	Smalley towards Shipley Park/ Bell Lane	2.5
13 th Dec	Shipley Park Centre	One of various walks	2.75
20 th & 27 th Dec	Holiday	No walks	
3 rd Jan	Meteor Centre Aldi	Breadsall/Northern Greenway	3.0
10 th Jan	Kilburn Car Park DE56 0LX	Kilburn/Rawson Green	2.75
17 th Jan	Chester Green Car Park DE1 3RR	Darley Abbey	3.0
24 th Jan	Denby Village Car Park DE5 8PH	Denby/Dumbles Lane	2.5
31 st Jan	Straws Bridge	Nutbrook Trail Canal	3.0

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

Meeting time 9.45 am

Keeping the villages connected.... Smalley

Smalley WI

Time is going by so quickly and the year is drawing to a close. In September we had a Beatle Drive and afterwards a 'bring and share' supper. Fast and furious fun, followed by an opportunity for a good catch up.

October's meeting had us all reminiscing with Bob Neil who brought along a box full of interesting gadgets from yesteryear. Members were quizzed on the items and guessed their uses, bringing about some fabulous memories and funny suggestions.

In November the meeting was a craft evening, hosted by one of our members Jenni.

Villagers may have seen the Post Box topper that some very talented members made to join Smalley in its act of Remembrance. The church also has poppies displayed inside, also made by members.

In December the WI will have a Christmas tree and a stall at the annual Christmas Tree Festival. We hope to see lots of you there.

Smalley WI - January to June 2024 Programme

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

Jan 18th - Paul Newsham returns for another interesting and talk

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

March 21st - Amy Potter talks about her Sewing Box

April 18th - David Adams - Historical Talk

May 16th - AGM and talk from Barbara Daykin

June 20th - Kathy Powis talks on the Mary Rose

If you would like to come along everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call Laura 07907 256 536

St Susanna's Church Hall Bookings

Please note that bookings and queries for the HW Church Hall can be directed to Janet via the booking line 01332 506 739.



St Susanna's Church Services & Events

December 2023 & January 2024

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 - All are welcome!

Sunday 10th December

4:00 pm Carol & Crib Service

Thursday 21st December

*Denby Group Service
at St Clement's Church Horsley*
7:00 pm Longest Night Service

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

4:00 pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

*Denby Group service
at St Clement's Church Horsley*
10:00 am Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Sunday 31st December

*Denby Group Service
at St Susanna's*
10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January

4:00 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st January

2.00 - 4.00 pm Messy Church Christingle
Denby Group event St Susanna's Church Hall

Sunday 28th January

4:00 pm Holy Communion

December Quiz Night

Friday 8th December

7:30 pm in St Susanna's Church Hall.

£2 entry

feel free to bring your own
drinks and nibbles!

Funds raised help to maintain the
church.



Crib & Carol Service



St Susanna's Church

4:00 pm

Sunday 10th December

*For all the family - come and hear the
Christmas story, build the crib, sing
carols and get ready for Christmas.*

*You can come dressed as your
favourite nativity character!*



Baptisms & Weddings

*To enquire about booking a
christening/baptism or a wedding,
please contact the Priest in Charge*

Revd Tracy Robinson

denbygroup.tracy@gmail.com

01332 880 284

Menopause Café

www.menopausecafe.net

Saturday 27th January

10 am – 12 noon

Kilburn Village Hall

For all who want to talk about living with
menopause, share experiences & enjoy tea
and cake!

Contact Tracy on 01332 880 284



Christmas Hampers - Community Request



The 2023 appeal for donations towards the Christmas Hampers, for Royal Derby Hospital ward staff who must work the festive period, is going extremely well. This year the Hospital has requested a few amendments to the arrangements due to changes on how they operate.

Delivery of eight hampers to eight different wards last year took a lot of hospital staff's efforts. They have asked if we can instead provide two hampers each to four wards this year, which we have agreed to. This is an advantage as the wards selected this year are those with large numbers of staff working. They have also asked if we can arrange the delivery as they have reduced transport resources. Again, we have agreed to, and I thank all those who volunteered to help.

Your donations have been arriving regularly and the hampers are 75% full already, so thanks to all who have given. **Please note: last date for donations will be Thursday 21st December**, as we will be delivering on the 22nd/23rd December. If you still wish to donate to the hampers, **we still require things like Christmas cakes and puddings (microwave only), savoury crackers, soft fruit drinks & water (individual), jellies & fruit pots (individual) and Christmas crackers etc.** We now have plenty of chocolates, sweets and biscuits. Thank you

Items must have long 'Use by Dates' preferably early New Year 2024, no alcohol or items that have to be heated, except in a microwave.

Can I again thank everyone involved and those who donate.

If we don't see you beforehand have a very Merry Christmas
Keith & Terrina Girling, 88 Main Street



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: 20th Jan – Feb/Mar 2024 and 20th Mar – Apr/May 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. Bring your own gloves. We provide bags. Events usually take around 45 to 90 minutes. We collect in open and rural areas so as not to compete with the work of parish wardens.

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



- Friday 1st December, 10.00 am - Horsley Woodhouse Co-op
- Friday 29th December, 10.00 am - Kilburn Church Street car park
- Friday 26th January, 10.00 am - Horsley Woodhouse Co-op

These litter picking events are organised by the local Labour Party to benefit the community and have been running for around three 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.

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



Smalley Richardson School Foundation Study Grants Available

Following on from the article by Peter White (June/July 2023 edition) the Smalley Richardson School Foundation would like to remind young residents of HW that applications are still open for grants.

If there are any university students resident in Horsley Woodhouse who would like to apply for a grant to help support them for academic year 2023/24 would they please contact Elaine Tissington at elaine.tissington@btinternet.com for an application form.

Grants will be reviewed at our meeting on 22nd January 2024.

Elaine Tissington
Smalley Richardson School Foundation Clerk



“RAMBLING” THROUGH TIME

(A serialised alternative history of Horsley Woodhouse)

Part 14. Back where we began.....

Hello again, here we are at the beginning of our final Ramble as we find ourselves rapidly approaching yet another Christmas. I wonder if the time passed so quickly for the people in the olden days of the Village.

We set off from the top of The Crescent. Turning to our right we soon see The Old Oak, one of our two remaining pubs. The Sitwell being the other, as previously mentioned. Thankfully they are both busy and are valued assets to the life of the village, hosting a variety of community events as well as the usual activities expected of licensed premises. A warm welcome is guaranteed at both.

We continue a little further on from The Old Oak and we see a row of semi-detached houses. These were the first council houses to be built, followed by the ones on Stainsby Avenue, at the other end of the village. Directly opposite is the comparatively recently opened Co-op Stores. It stocks an excellent range of items and has long opening hours, it's another asset to our village as most of the original shops are now long since gone. This was built on the site of the old Working Men's Club. In its hey-day this Club hosted many, many happy family times. There were numerous entertainments and activities as well as the facility of a licensed bar. There were Christmas parties organised for the children and a present for each child was always handed out. There were also dart and domino teams who were part of the Belper League and these were keenly supported. All this and much more was available for everyone to participate, and the bonus was, like everything else in the village, it was all on the doorstep.



Back onto the opposite side of the road again and we arrive at the Arthur Medical Centre and the Amber Pharmacy which were built on the corner of Horeston Recreation Ground. They are modern and necessary welcome additions which replace the old doctor's surgery at his home at Dunadae, adjacent to the Church. Their predecessor on Horeston Rec was the Miners Welfare. This building unusually was erected on "stilts" and was another venue for varied activities for the people of the village. A Cinema Night was held on a Monday evening, with a gentleman coming from Long Eaton with a film. First it would be shown at the Welfare and would then be taken to Kilburn for a another showing the following evening. There was a Guides night and the Committee met to arrange a party for the Old Folks. There were home football matches played on the Rec, as the Welfare had a team. When it rained the team used the space under the building, (as it was on "stilts") to shelter. It was also perhaps a handy retreat for courting couples in those happy days.

If we cross back over the road again and wander down Golden Valley, between the Co-op and Horeston Cottages, we find ourselves on an attractive residential lane. It leads down to the starting point of our Rambles in June/July 2021. This is where the Ancient Britons during the years BC constructed a track over our area to transport lead from the Peak District. Later, when the Romans arrived on our shores, they built one of their famous roads over it. This was Rykeneld or Rykneild Street.

Here we are, back where we began and the rest in between, is as they say..... history.

The majority of the journey has taken us through Ethel's memories, but we must also acknowledge some of the notable national and local events which the village has experienced. The introduction of streetlamps and a gas supply, the telephone became an indispensable means of communication and there were huge steps

forward in education, computerisation and medical and surgical discoveries. There were two World Wars with huge loss of life nationally. The 1918 – 1920 and the more recent Pandemic also took a massive toll. The Great Depression which played havoc with the economy, causing much desperate poverty in the 1930s. Ironically, there is again turmoil in the economy following in the wake of our recent Pandemic. Fashions, music, entertainment, space travel and much more have evolved at an astonishing rate.

The transformation of everyday life has been rapid and remarkable to bring us to where we are today, with the majority of employment no longer being accessible on foot or bicycle, but at the end of an often, quite lengthy car, bus or train journey. The mining has gone and most of the small local farms have largely disappeared. The way of life in the village has radically changed, but proudly, Horsley Woodhouse and its people have adjusted, coped and continue to thrive..... long may it last.

My sincere gratitude to Miss Ethel Stanton for her friendship and helping me to settle in the village nearly 35 years ago and for the gift of her lifetime of memories. Geoff Nash for generously sharing lengthy phone calls, knowledge, his memories and wonderful friendship with me. Duane Bestwick, Della Woods

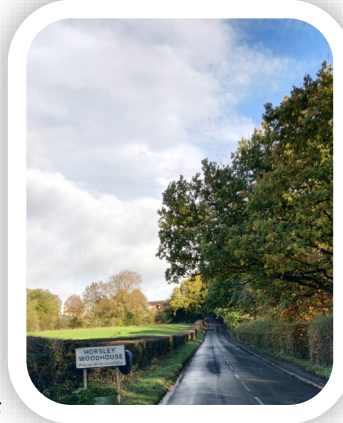
Bestwick, Geoff Nash, Paula Nash and Karen Hardy for providing photos and illustrations. Di Cliff and Don Barham for their memories and dates etc., and thanks to Tania Pells, the editor of the Wudhus News for her skill and expertise in putting the "Ramblings" into print. I couldn't have done it without you All, thank you so much.

(Additional dates from a history of the Village by Rev. Peter Lyne.)

There have intentionally been very few specific names, dates or accolades. This has been with the hope that the descriptions of the lifestyle over the years in our Village has revived many memories of the day to day lives in times gone by for our longstanding families and evoked a heightened sense of belonging for our more recent residents as they become more familiar with the local way of life as it used to be.

Our good wishes for Christmas and the New Year and a happy, contented and peaceful future for our Village..... Horsley Woodhouse.

Sheila Cullen



A big thank you to all the people who contribute articles and deliver the Wudhus News

Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for the New Year To all our readers



Arthur Medical Centre

Winter Pressures – change to appointment system

Each year, General Practice surgeries experience a sharp increase in demand for appointments and treatment over the winter period. This is caused by various factors, such as an increase in seasonal viral infections, however the increased demand is largely for acute or urgent 'on-the-day' appointments and services.

What is happening this winter?

Over this year, all GP Surgeries have faced a sustained increase in demand for patient appointments. NHS England usually provides GP Surgeries with additional funding to provide additional 'on-the-day' appointments and services, to help meet expected seasonal increases in demand. NHS England and the local Integrated Care Board have recently confirmed that there will be no additional funding for GP Surgeries to provide additional appointments this year. This presents a serious challenge to all practices in terms of how to manage increased demand without additional resources or support.

In advance of the expected winter pressures, the team at Arthur Medical Centre have met to plan the most appropriate strategy for ensuring provision of services to our patients with our available resources. Previous years have shown that the majority of patients contacting the practice over winter require urgent, 'on-the-day' appointments, whilst staff sickness presents a problem for pre-booked appointments which then have to be rearranged at very short notice. **It is apparent that the most appropriate solution would be for the practice to change our appointment system to an all 'on-the-day' model from November through to the end of January.**

What is changing and when?

From the beginning of November, our GP appointments system will be phased towards this 'all on-the-day' model, with limited numbers of pre-bookable appointments being used for patients who have been asked to book a future appointment by their GP. This system will last until the end of January, unless another solution or additional support for the practice becomes available. A number of future 'follow-up' appointments will still be available for our doctors to book for patients who they feel need to be seen again in the near future.

This does not affect appointments with other members of our team, for example nurses, mental health workers, physiotherapists etc.

What if I want to book a GP appointment for a date in the future?

Over the period from November to end of January, we will generally not be able to book future GP appointments. If you have a need for an appointment in the future, we ask that you contact the practice on that day to request an appointment. **In cases where you genuinely cannot call the practice on the day to book a GP appointment, we ask that you contact the practice through our website, <http://www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/>, using the Contact Us Online function.** Please complete the form in full, advising what the problem is and what circumstances are preventing you from booking an 'on-the-day' appointment by phone. Where appropriate, the team will review your request and respond, however this is not a route to request an appointment when we are full for the day.

What if there are no appointments left on the day?

As before, a GP surgery only has so much capacity and when appointments are fully booked, we are unable to simply provide more with the resources available. When this happens you will be asked to phone NHS111 who will provide an appropriate route for your problem. Please understand that this is not a personal rejection, but simply that the Practice's capacity within which we can safely deliver care, is now full due to demand from other patients.

Arthur Medical Centre cont....

How you can help us

Please understand that the practice does its best to provide an excellent service at all times and in times of increased pressure, measures need to be in place to try to serve high patient demand with the resources that are available. We also ask that you are considerate towards our Care Navigation staff, who work very hard to support the wellbeing of all of our patients. Our team do their best to provide the best care possible to you within their resources and a difficult interaction with a patient can often have an emotional impact on the member of staff, which then affects how they are able to help other patients.

Flu and Covid Vaccinations

Our team has worked very hard to deliver an efficient and effective Covid and Flu vaccination service over the month of October. Our programme has been successful, and we are delighted to be able to offer this service again from our practice in Horsley Woodhouse. Whilst the collaborative efforts with our partner practices from Babington Hospital in previous years was also successful, we are committed to serving our locality as best we can and the feedback we have received thus far has shown that this has been appreciated. We would like to thank our patients for supporting this effort. **There are remaining appointments in November for Covid and Flu vaccinations and we encourage all eligible patients to book for your jobs to ensure you are protected as we move into the winter.**

Practice Statistics

As of 1st November 2023, we have 9,131 patients registered with the Practice. In October AMC has:

- handled 5,137 incoming telephone calls (an average of 234 calls handled per working day). This compares to 4,206 calls over the same period last year – an increase of 22%
- provided 4,427 patient appointments in total across the last four weeks (an average of 170 per working day) This includes vaccination appointments
- Of these appointments, around 53% of the total were face to face GP appointments (our levels of face-to-face appointments are now largely a matter of patient choice at the time of booking)

HW Community Association - Bulb Planting



HWCA planted crocus and snowdrop bulbs in front of the spitfire display in October. The bulbs were kindly donated by B&Q Eastwood and Nottingham, Electric Ave stores.

County Councillor for Horsley Division - Cllr Trevor Ainsworth

Keeping you updated

Hi

I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to Christmas.

Speeding Vehicles

It's great to see the mobile speed indication devices moving around the village and can I say a big thank you to the Parish Council for the speed that they applied for the use of them in the village, found funding and got them put in place. I have heard unofficially that they are making a difference to vehicle speeds. I have been involved and supported the Parish Councillors all the way in the process.

Online Shopping

With Christmas fast approaching and living within your means being very important to everyone, now is the time to be extra vigilant when making purchases online. If it looks too good to be true it probably isn't true. According to the latest data, cybercrime accounts for almost 50% of crime, and is estimated to cost the UK economy £27 billion a year. UK residents are statistically more likely to suffer a cyber-attack than in any other country in the world, with their money and accounts being targeted. Setting strong passwords, downloading the latest software updates are two ways to make you more secure.

Millie Bright to be honoured

Following the extraordinary success of the England team at

the world cup we are proposing that Derbyshire's own Millie Bright be put forward to become an Honorary Freewoman of Derbyshire. The whole team are all amazing ambassadors for women in sport and I felt so proud to know that Millie, the captain, is from Derbyshire.

Young Driver Education Day (YDEP)

Partners from the Derbyshire and Derby Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP) have delivered YDEP to 21 sixth form colleges.

Interactive presentations and student-led activities covering drink and drugs, distracted driving, speeding and peer pressure are delivered by Road Safety Police and Fire officers as part of the DDRSP's commitment to reducing young driver collisions.

First Gear

Since April, road safety staff have delivered six 'First Gear' pre-driver workshops for students aged 15-17. We have another six dates planned between October and March. The courses have been extremely popular, all courses are fully booked.

Road safety education and training

Over the last academic year Road Safety Officers have delivered 553 road safety workshops in primary and secondary schools. Topics covered included crossing the road safely, in-car safety and independent journeys.

Child car seat checks

As part of our ongoing commitment to reducing car passenger casualties, road safety officers have carried out three child car seat safety check events at supermarkets across the county. We have delivered seven child car seat training courses to social care teams. All road safety staff are Institute of Occupational Safety and Health accredited in child car seat fitting and training.

The trusted Trader Scheme celebrates 15 years

This scheme helps Derbyshire residents to find trustworthy tradespeople and services around 1,000 traders and services, ranging from plumbers, electricians, gardeners, joiners and decorators to electric vehicle charger installers, accountants, dog walkers, removal firms and will writers, have registered as Trusted Traders since the scheme was set up in 2008.

It was launched to help local people find traders and businesses who agree to do a good job at a fair price and deliver good customer service. It's also aimed at protecting consumers by making it easier for them to find and use traders they can trust, rather than falling foul of rogue traders cold-calling and using high pressure sales techniques. **Visit the DDC Website, and type "Trusted Trader Derbyshire" in your search bar.**

Do you want to stop smoking?

Live Life Better Derbyshire offers dedicated stop smoking clinics across Derbyshire, a supportive Facebook group and help with nicotine replacement options and stop smoking medications. The team also provides friendly, non-judgemental support to pregnant women who want to stop smoking. **Visit their website, type "Live Life Better stop smoking" in the search bar or T: 0800 085 2299 or 01629 538 200.**

All that remains is to wish you a Merry Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Trevor Ainsworth

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Derbyshire County Council, 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 them using the details below.

One of the borough council responsibilities is planning. From being contacted about proposals for extensions to existing homes, to the building of a new house, through to the current proposals just outside the village for a large solar farm, they will always seek to act for you. This might be supporting someone to raise concerns about a planning application, calling in a proposal for consideration by the planning board at Amber Valley Borough Council and for the solar farm, a public consultation evening was arranged for local residents to find out more at The Bell in Smalley. Both will certainly be keeping a close eye on this and are keen to hear everyone's views. It is also worth remembering that the Parish Council is asked for its views on any planning application in the village although it doesn't make the decisions.

Although highways are not the responsibility of the Borough Council, many residents have continued to raise concerns about traffic and speeding through the village. In Smalley, Lian and Amanda are part of a local Community Speedwatch which can play its part in reducing speeding. Volunteers are able to carry out high visibility speed checks at approved locations in conjunction with the police. Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council is hoping that enough volunteers come forward to be trained in the new year to mean we can have Community Speedwatch in the village as well. Both councillors have already said they will take part to.

Your councillors were pleased to have attended Remembrance events at Richardson Endowed school and St John the Baptist Church in Smalley. Seeing the poppies that had been made by the pupils along the roads, together with the turnout of local residents at the many other memorial events shows the importance of continuing to remember those who lost their lives in conflict.

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Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

October Meeting

- The external audit report has been received and is now available on the website.
- HWPC are looking to set up a Speedwatch team and are seeking volunteers to help.
- **The lights switch on will take on Friday 1st December.**
- **Christmas decorations judging taking place on Thursday 21st December.**

Planning

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0673

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding in order to construct replacement outbuilding/garage

Development Type: Householder

Location: High View, Merlin Lane, HW, DE7 6PZ

No objections from HW Parish Council

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0684

Proposal: Single and two storey extensions to the rear of the medical centre and erection of detached clinical waste store

Development Type: Minor other

Location: Arthur Medical Centre, HW, DE7 6AX

No objections from HW Parish Council

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0678

Proposal: Conversion of existing store/workshop to a residential annex

Development Type: Householder

Location: 1 Main Street, HW, DE7 6AU

Objections raised by HW Parish Council due to concerns of being close to a main road and the noise generated with it being located next to a Churchyard Garden of remembrance. Also, concerns over loss of privacy.



A note from the HWPC Chair: Due to circumstances beyond our control the poppies on the lampposts throughout the village didn't happen as early as we would have liked this year, and we weren't the only village who had this problem. We managed to obtain some at the last minute and two of the Councillors put them up in the middle of the village, along with some smaller ones that were made. Thank you to those residents who raised their concerns. Going forward it would be nice to know what people would like for next year.

Are there any knitters or crocheters interested in contributing towards a display at the Millennium Wall for example? Sponsor a poppy? Suggestions welcome. Please speak with one of our Councillors or email the Secretary on horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com.

November Meeting

- The Parish Council have requested a meeting with the Doctor's surgery to discuss the new appointment system.
- A new bin has been ordered for Sitwell Recreation Ground and is awaiting delivery.

Planning

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0772

Proposal: Proposed single and two storey extension with balcony to front elevation and 2nd floor extension to rear elevation

Development Type: Householder

Location: Valley Farm, Golden Valley, HW, DE7 6BA

No objections from HW Parish Council

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0778

Proposal: Side and rear extension, construction of a raised patio and the insertion of new windows into the existing side elevation.

Development Type: Householder

Location: 103 Main Street, HW, DE7 6AW

No objections from HW Parish Council. Noted concern regarding neighbour's privacy

Our Ref: AVA/2023/0753

Proposal: Proposed double and single storey rear extension, garage and addition of ground and first floor windows to side elevation

Development Type: Householder

Location: Spa Villa 11 Main Street, HW, DE7 6AU

No objections from HW Parish Council. Noted concern regarding neighbour's privacy.

Our Ref: AVA-2023-0733

Proposal: New agricultural building to be used primarily for lambing

Development Type: Minor other

Location: Meadow Farm, Main Street, HW, Ilkeston

No objections from HW Parish Council

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council cont.....

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Dates of next Parish Council meetings:
The next meetings will be held on 5th Dec and 9th Jan, 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 Forum and Services

Many of you have passed on, to the local Bus Forum, your personal issues and commented on the poor level of bus services locally. Your concerns have been and continue to be referred to both the transport team at Derbyshire County Council (DCC), as well as your elected representatives. Please continue to do so using the email link below or if you prefer to, write it down.

It is important we express our views to them collectively through as large a representation of residents as possible. We are working on an independent Bus Service Consultation that we would like to engage you with please. Through this you will soon be invited to indicate what matters most to you when it comes to improving the bus services locally. The Bus Forum as well as the residents we surveyed, were originally hopeful, following the publication of the government 'Bus Back Better' scheme and DCC's Bus Service Improvement Plan, that our bus services would get a lot better locally.

Extracts from the DCC Plan of 2021: *"Derbyshire is **determined to grasp the opportunity** to build "Bus Back Better" and deliver a **bold and ambitious** Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) in Derbyshire". "Our challenge is to "**level-up**" bus travel across the county by bringing **all our services** up to the high standards of our very best ones."*

The Plan included bus passenger number targets to be achieved by 2025, using the £47m funding allocated. **Two years on, is an extract from the latest DCC Performance Report 2023:**

"BSIP has been amended to provide a realistic but challenging performance target". This new target for 2024/25 gives the same bus passenger numbers as that for 2019/20, indicating a "**Zero**" level of achievement over five years.

We have indicated to DCC that instead of delivering a Levelling Up of Bus Services across the County, they have now created a Two-Tier service, improvements on the main routes and deteriorating ones on the others.

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Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

Wow we got a great boost as we have been awarded £250 from Lubrizol Ltd towards a new tent. We hope to get a new tent for the Scout's chilly challenge in January 2024, big thanks to Tim Hollingshurst for nominating the group for the funds. Again, many thanks to Lubrizol Ltd - <https://www.lubrizol.com/>



Hope the Cubs had fun in October. I got my mushy peas! Many thanks to the leaders and helpers who helped the Cubs have their fun at the Ilkeston Fair; and some people think Ilkeston Fair is a small fair. Lol.



Big thanks to Dave (ADC for Cubs) for visiting the Scout section at 1st Sitwell to hand out silver awards to Baxter and Noah, this award is the highest award that a Cub Scout can gain. Many thanks to the Cub leaders for their support so the Cubs can do their Scouting adventure and achieve this top award.



What a great result this week at 1st Sitwell Scout Group. Henry who has just moved on to Beavers from Squirrels has been awarded the Squirrels section top award, the Chief Scout Acorn Badge. He had to do a number of activities and fun adventures to gain the award, thanks to the Squirrel leaders who helped him achieve the award and giving up their time for free. Many thanks to Sandy (Squirrel leader) and Sue (Derbyshire County Commissioner) in presenting Henry the first Acorn badge ever awarded at 1st Sitwell Scout group.

It's a sad week, two Explorers who joined the group as Cubs have now moved onto the big world. Bryn is joining the Navy soon and Tate is starting his own adventure. They will be 100% missed for their fun and support over the years. We had to get photo of them both. Hope you join me in wishing them all the best for the future.



Some Ignis Explorers did a Bushcraft and skill weekend at Beaudesert Campsite, they did many adventurous activities including learning some new fire lighting techniques, preparing a trout and bigger animals, cooking on open fires and of course on-site activities too. Many thanks to the leaders who gave up their time for free so the Explorers could do the Scouting adventure.



Toy Donation - hope you can help.
Please visit:
<https://childrenfirstderby.co.uk/>
for more details.

We had over 60 members turnout for this year's Remembrance Service. Many thanks to the young people who brought cakes etc. and of course thanks to the leaders for their help and support. Just a shame about the weather.



Toy donation

Thursday 7th December 2023



As a group we plan to run a toy donation scheme for local Derby children

The scheme is run by Children first in Derby.

They want unwrapped toys for any age up to 18years but majority of the children they work with are 10 to 16 years old.

If you can drop the donations off after the bonfire event of course we will hand them over to the children first derby on the 7th December.

Many thanks for your support.

<https://childrenfirstderby.co.uk/>

Just a quick note to say thanks to everyone who helped at the bonfire event this weekend, we literally could not have pulled that off without everyone's help. Thanks for building our bonfire, to everyone who worked on the food and drink stalls and on the hectic gates. Thanks to those who helped set up the tents, sold the alcohol, packed everything away, helped organise, patrol and UK Event Medix Ltd who did the First Aid. Thanks for buying and prepping everything, and thanks for sorting all the money, the paperwork, and everyone who fetched, carried and supported the event. **Please can parents and careers pass on a big thanks to all the young people who did a brilliant job stepping up and helping us. Finally to the Scouts and Explorers who took part in a very**



Cubs making guys for the bonfire event.

long day and night and the Network Team who helped at the event this year too. Photos are on our bonfire Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470496443259254>. Hope you had fun and I hope to see you next year.

We were thrilled that UK Event Medix Ltd supported 1st Sitwell Scout Group with our bonfire, fireworks event by providing First Aid cover free of charge. They have said as a local business they believe in supporting local community and 1st Sitwell Scout Group is teaching the young people life Skills. We thank UK Events Medix for their support. <https://www.facebook.com/UKEventMedix>

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

SERVICES

December 2023

Sunday 3rd at 2.30 pm – *Advent Service* led by Revd Janet Rossall

Sunday 10th

10.30 am – Café Church

2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Tim Simms

Sunday 17th at 2.30 pm – *Carol Service*

Sunday 24th at 2.30 pm – *Christmas Eve Service* led by Revd Julian Penfold

Monday 25th – *Christmas Day Service* at **9.30 am** led

by Mr Keith Bryan

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

January 2024

Sunday 7th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Helen Penfold

Sunday 14th

10.30 am – Café Church

2.30 pm – led by Mr Keith Bryan

Sunday 21st at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Janet Rossall

Sunday 28th at 2.30 pm – Service led by Revd Julian Penfold

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COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 13th December

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

10.00 am to 12 noon

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits

Donations for our Church Funds

Miscellaneous Stall (stocking fillers?)

Donations only.

All Welcome

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE

Visit Santa

Present for the Kids



SWITCH ON

Christmas

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023

Meet us at the Millennium Wall at 6pm and join the school choir for Christmas carol's. The British Legion will be open for free refreshments and a visit to Santa.

Mince Pies

Mulled Wine

Tea & Coffee

This event is provided by the
Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council & Community Association

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Christmas Decoration Competition

Could your house be one of the 'most Festive' in Horsley Woodhouse?

Judging will be done by the Parish Council close to Christmas

Get festive and good luck!



Judging will take place the week before Christmas