Wudhus News

June / July 2021 Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

HW Primary School Safari Hunt

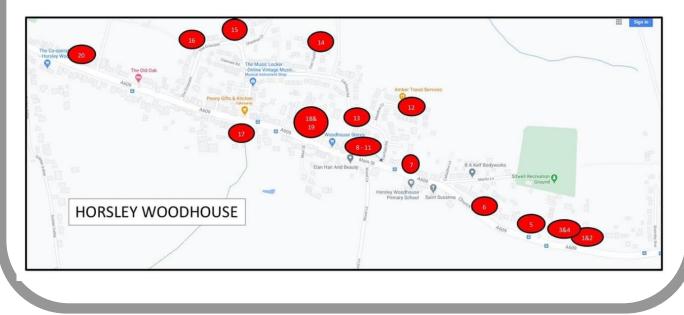
Back in February, over the half-term, the children of Horsley Woodhouse Primary School took part in a wild adventure. With Covid-19 restrictions in place, and by sticking to the guidelines, households were encouraged to venture out on their own urban safari.

With answer sheets in hand families trailed across the wilds of the village to track down untamed beasts from elephants to giraffes and monkeys to pandas. As well as identifying the animals, they answered some questions that enhanced their learning experience.

So thanks to all the parents in Denby, Kilburn and Horsley Woodhouse who decorated their windows and gardens in the theme of anything Safari.



ROAR!





Horsley Woodhouse Primary School Welcomes a new Head Teacher

Welcome to Horsley Woodhouse Primary School! We are part of the Embark Federation of local Derbyshire schools.

As you will be aware, our school is a small village school at the heart of the community here in Horsley Woodhouse. We pride ourselves on teaching children to love life and love learning and they are given every opportunity to succeed through our school mission; happiness and positivity are the foundations for our success.

Our mission is for all children to remember to:

- act on curiosity
- learn from mistakes
- be proud of achievements
- care about others
- dream big for the future
- Act, Learn, Care, Be Proud, Dream



Our school is an inclusive and caring environment where all learners are welcomed and embraced. I am extremely lucky to work with staff who are a dedicated and committed team and who care deeply for the children in their care. The children thrive as a result. We currently have vacancies starting in Reception in September 2021 – if you are interested, please get in touch!

This year, we are working on improving some of our learning environment and so far, we have refurbished the outside play area for our youngest learners. For this project, we have been extremely lucky to have had help from parents, business owners and volunteers who have built a mud kitchen, donated play equipment, provided astro-turf and built a playhouse for us. We are always looking to forge links with the community so please do get in touch if you are able to become involved in any way.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, it has not been possible to invite community members into school for school events but I look forward to re-establishing that connection in the near future.

I look forward to leading the school in the next part of its journey and thank you on behalf of our children for your support as a community.

With very best wishes

Mrs Atwal Headteacher, Horsley Woodhouse Primary School





Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council - April and May via Zoom

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- The Neighbourhood Watch Committee has returned funds of £963.41 to the Parish Council. £500 will be put aside for any future Neighbourhood Watch Groups, the remainder will be given to the 'Getting to Know You Café Project'.
- A litter pick has taken place recently in the village; a litter pick in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy will take place in May.
- Parish Clerk to apply for permission to install bollards by the Millennium Wall.

May

- Cllr K Seals was appointed Chairman and Cllr S McGuinness was appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- The Council will be looking at resurfacing the area in front of the millennium wall, installing another seat, plus the installation of bollards.
- Students from Broomfield college will be planting up the corner by the Doctors with box hedge and lavender in the shape of a Spitfire Plane on Friday 7th May.

Planning:

AVA/2021/0473 – 29 Main Street. Single storey extension.

No objections

Recreation Matters:

April

- The Sitwell Recreation Ground has been cleared of smashed glass and litter after an illegal gathering took place the prior weekend.
- The goal posts have been inspected on Horeston Recreation Ground and require painting at the base; Cllr S Till and Cllr I Ratcliffe will be carrying out this work.
- The play equipment has been inspected and all in working order.

May - A new litter bin for Horeston Recreation Ground is to be purchased.

Date of next meetings:

The next two meetings will be held on

Tuesday 8th June and Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.00 pm (venue tbc)

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



 Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404 or Email: <u>horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com</u>

Community Safety - Goal Post Inspection

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council checked the goal posts on the Horeston Recreation Ground at the beginning of April to ensure they



were up to code. The inspection didn't fully go to plan as Cllr K Seals got covered with stagnant water when the posts were being put back. Others helped but got it all over their hands; as Cllr Seals was covered she could



In the line of duty -Cllr Seals and local resident looking a bit sludgy!

confirm that the smell was most unpleasant!

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HW Parish Council Website

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

www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

Wudhus News - online Past and Present

You can access all copies of the Wudhus News in colour, from 2013 to the latest edition. Just

click on the News and Events/Wudhus News Page section of the website.



Annual Street Scene - Competition 2021

Another chance to create the popular "View from the Pavement" scene which will be judged during the period 12th to 18th July 2021. The front view of all types of properties will be included, those with front gardens and also those with paths and hard standings, so please join in.

No special theme, just bright and in a Carnival Spirit Automatic entry for all

There will be prizes for the most appealing of each of the following categories:

Hanging Baskets, Window Boxes, Planters,

Scarecrow People and Bunting

Overall Champion Property

With thanks to the following Sponsors:

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council Horsley Woodhouse Community Association (HWCA) Kevan and Lesley Gascoyne

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Horsley Woodhouse Community Association

As part of a series of community events HWCA will be hosting the following activities:

Community litter pick to coincide with the National Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign on 28th May to 13th June. Working in partnership with HW Parish Council

and following a grant from Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Fund.

Saturday 5th June at 11.00 am – meet at the Co-op and on Sunday 6th June – meet at Sitwell Recreation Ground at 11.00 am. Equipment will be provided.

Party and Picnic in the Park – Sitwell Recreation Ground on Saturday 21st August at 4.00 to 8.00 pm. Join us for music, food and drink. Bring your own or enjoy a burger from the BBQ. Free Entry.

More details to follow in the next edition.

Scarecrow Hunt – as part of the annual Street Scene garden decoration competition 12th - 18th July. Entrants for the Scarecrow Hunt can download a competition sheet from the HWCA Facebook page or pick one



up from Woodhouse Stores & the Co-op. Search the village for the all the scarecrows – **jot them down and win a prize!**

https://www.facebook.com/ HorsleyWoodhouseCarnival

Tania Pells - HWCA Chair

Chris Wilcox - Secretary secretary.hwca@hotmail. com



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Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A Legion branch will be meeting on Monday 24th May for the first time for over 12 months, we have much business to sort out.

A follow up to the assistance we gave our friends in Holland with regard to Driver Roy Abbott who lost his life on the Arnhem "Market Garden". We have received photographs of the memorial erected by the Dutch to the men of the despatching units who flew with the R.A.F., pushing out supplies to the Para's fighting for their lives in the perimeter around the bridge at Arnhem.

The name of Roy Abbott is on the memorial together with his comrades who lie in the Overloon war cemetery. We have thanked the Dutch people involved for their work in perpetuating the names of our men who lie in Holland for evermore.

At the moment the Legion Hall remains closed to the general public, that is the latest guidance we have from H.Q.

Don Barham Hon. Sec.

Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

Stargazers Drama Group

Stargazers Drama Group Prepares for February 2022!

If all goes well, Panto is due to return to Horsley Woodhouse on Thursday 17th February 2022. The Group will start its planning soon and it intends to hold auditions in the autumn. The door is open to anyone to get involved; there is no need to have experience of theatre. The Group is always looking for new talent in a range of areas including acting, singing, dancing, scenery painting, costumes, makeup, lighting, sound and even crowd control! Equally, there are no age limits and we welcome young children up to senior citizens; all you need is enthusiasm.

We'll announce the auditions on posters around the village and we'll update our Facebook page once dates have been confirmed.

If anyone wants to chat about the Group and its activities ring Ray on 01332 882 200. Ray Rippingale As of Wednesday 19th May, the Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group started their programme of activities again.







WALK

Date	Meeting place	BUS PASS	Walk route	miles
19 th MAY	Kilburn car park Church street DE56 0LX	NO	High Bluebell wood walk	3.0
26 th MAY	Stanley Common w/mens club DE7 6FY	NO	Stanley common and bluebell woods	2.75
2 nd JUNE	Chester Green car park old Chester road DE13RR	NO	Darley Abbey and river Derwent	3.0
9 th JUNE	Denby pottery car park DE5 8NX	NO	Pottery to Denby village and back	2.75
16 th JUNE	Little Eaton car park Vicarage lane DE21 5EA	NO	Little Eaton and Duffield bank	2.5
23 RD JUNE	Morley Hayes lay-by DE7 6DG	NO	Brackley Gate and Breadsall Golf Course	3.5
30 th JUNE	Smalley car park, Dobholes lane DE7 6EN	NO	PIT LANE , SMALLEY DAM,	3.0
7 TH JULY	Kilburn car park chuch street DE56 0LX	NO	Bargate and Booth woods	3.0
14 TH JULY	Denby Pottery car park DE5 8NX	NO	To Lumb Farm and back by greenway	2.75
21 ST JULY	Shipley Garden Centre DE75 7JB	NO	Shipley Wood and back by American adventure park	3.0
28 th JULY	LIDL Langley Mill NG16 4HY	NO	Erewash and Nottingham canals	3.0

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

Nothing to report with regard to the Club. The Legion Hall is still closed to the public, once it opens we can hold a meeting to decide if the Club has any future or if it will have to be wound up. Don Barham Hon. Sec.

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Community Pride – Litter Picking

"It began in a local Labour Party meeting. We were discussing our fears about the impact of climate change and someone said, "Yes, big changes are needed, but what can we do locally?". We talked about green spaces, upcycling, recycling and waste, and about keeping our beautiful area litter free.

Hopefully setting a good example, we started fortnightly Litter Picking in the areas where our Labour Branch covers - Horsley, Horsley Woodhouse, Shipley Park, Denby, Holbrook and

Kilburn. We were shocked as over six occasions we filled 60 bags (20 from Horsley), finding dog mess in plastic bags everywhere (the mess degrades quicker than the bags), empty beer and spirits bottles and every kind of household rubbish. We also found bits of cars, an empty fire extinguisher; you name it, we bagged it!

I contacted Cllr K Buttery who was very helpful. He advised contacting the senior officer for Amber Valley who supplied us with AV Council labelled bags, but also told us where to leave the bags so his team could pick them up.



The good people of the area have stepped up. Although a Labour initiative, alongside other initiatives, we found that every fortnight new people saw what we were doing and said, "Can I join in?". Mostly non-Labour people, we've gone from a regular five to a regular 12.

The worst places have been parks (dog mess), speeding car rat runs (drinks) and near shops, including chip shops. Horsley Woodhouse Co-op have been exceptionally friendly, providing us with free hot coffee after a big clean up, and I think the chip shop keepers also tidy around.

Join us and lots of local people on Saturday 5th June at 11.00 am (Co-op) and Sunday 6th June at 11.00 am (Sitwell Recreation Ground); we'll be supporting the village's contribution to the weekend of Keep Britain Tidy.

We plan to keep on doing this – so please get in touch.

Keith Venables Chair, Labour and Coop Party venables keith@yahoo.co.uk

Find out more - <u>https://</u> <u>www.facebook.com/</u> groups/262389991590216



Take Part in the HW Community Litter Pick on:

Saturday 5th June 2021 at 11.00 at the Co-op Main Street

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and/or

Sunday 6th June 2021 at 11.00 at the Sitwell Recreation Ground

Just turn up. Gloves, litter pickers and bin bags will be supplied

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"RAMBLING" Through Time

(A serialised alternative history of Horsley Woodhouse)

The idea for this regular article came from the last edition which featured the Church Hall. I thought it would be a great opportunity to acquaint our Community with some of the history of the Village, together with anecdotal personal accounts. I will again dip into the history of the Village by the Rev. Peter Lyme and also use a large quantity of notes given to me by Miss Ethel Stanton who was a respected teacher at our Primary School and lifelong resident of Horsley Woodhouse. We became good friends over the years and she recorded her memories for posterity. I'm flattered that she entrusted me with this treasure and I now feel that the time is right to share her personal memories. I've called this series of articles "Rambling" through time....., as one of the great passions in Ethel's life was walking and rambling through the countryside that she dearly loved, so we have a very appropriate "double entendre". There will also be many contributions resulting from numerous telephone conversations with my "Lockdown Buddy" Geoff Nash. We have been on many happy "virtual" rambles through Woodhouse during the past year. These articles are by no means an attempt at a concise history, but I hope that on reading they will bring the past to life. Thus, establishing a closer understanding of day-to-day life in the transition from the early history to a mining, farming, tanning and small cottage industry village and then forwards into the Horsley Woodhouse we are familiar with today.

Before we embark upon our first Ramble in the next issue, allow me to introduce you to some of the early information about our area in the times leading up to the evidence of the first traces of our Village. We start during the years BC when the Ancient Britons inhabited the land and they mined lead in what is



Duane Bestwick shows the sign for the Roman Road on the Horsley Golf Course. now called the Peak District and transported it south via a track which they had constructed, a section of which passed through our area. The Romans arrived on our shores and proceeded to construct one of their celebrated roads over this track and it became part of Rykeneld or Ryknield Street. The road was 20 feet wide between kerbstones and was constructed of a layer of clay on gravel placed on stone and pavings. Our local length of the road entered our Parish at Horsley Lodge, through to the lower section of Golden Valley, over to Bottle Brook and then on to Street Lane. (It is said that in our older dialect it was pronounced Straight (Strayt) Lane and the spelling and thus the pronunciation has been modernised in more recent years. Imagine the horses, pack mules, locals, traders and travellers, Roman soldiers and many others, (some of doubtful character maybe) who must have travelled for over 1,000 years so very close to where we all live! Picture those sometimes suspect, clandestine journeys that perhaps took place during our murky

history, or is that my over active imagination I wonder?

There is nothing recorded about the Village from the Romans leaving in the AD400's until the Scandinavians began their invasions. Denby could mean a Danish settlement and maybe Stainsby has an origin in the Saxon word for stone (stan). During the 12th century the Normans built Horeston Castle,

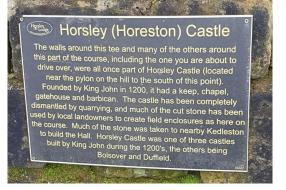
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possibly to keep a watchful eye on Ryknield Street? Much of the stone has been re-used over the years to build agricultural walls, parts of Kedleston Hall and Bolsover Castle. Although there are still traces of the Castle left on the site itself, as in the photograph. Horeston Wudehus was mentioned in a Nottingham law suit with regard to land in Horsley. By this time Wudehus would have probably been a small hamlet in



Some of the large stones which still remain on the site of Horeston Castle.

the civil and ecclesiastical parish of Horsley.



The plaque on the Golf Course providing information about Horeston Castle.

In 1328 a tax was imposed upon landowners to fund the war against Scotland. Among some of these landowners were, Rob de Stanesby and Wills de Stanesby. They had to pay 44 shillings tax. (a formidable amount then, £2.25...it wouldn't even buy a pint nowadays!) The Stainsby area had obviously established itself as the seat of some important landowners, but again there is also a reference to Horsel Wodehouses.

There is a hiatus in the information for the next 150 years the reason being perhaps, the Black Death and the Civil War of the Roses (between the two Royal Houses of York and Lancaster fighting for the throne of England). Too much trouble and strife to record no doubt and also literacy would have been rare,. Things begin to move again in 1530 when the Manor of Horsley Woodhouse was conferred on Sir Michael Stanhope of Shelford (Nottinghamshire), but by 1584 he'd given away his Manorial Rights to our villagethere is a conflict of dates when I read that in 1552 the first Sir Michael Stanhope was beheaded for conspiring to assassinate a John Dudley. (Stanhope had a son, also Michael, maybe there lies the answer and he kept his head!). In 1539 Lenton Abbey in Nottinghamshire was dissolved by Henry VIIth. This must have been a bitter blow because the Monks in the Abbey were patrons of Horsley Church and no longer would the sick, aged and unemployed residents of Woodhouse benefit from the charities. This is where I will pause and resume the more structured history of the Churches as we visit them in our future Rambles.

In 1558 Horsley started to keep a record of Births Marriages and Deaths. As the people of Woodhouse were in the parish, they walked across to St Clements to worship. This is the first point at which family members could be traced.....our more documented history has now commenced and is to be closely linked with Horsley until a much later date when we gain our own parish. The whereabouts of people could now be officially found and a Rent Collector was appointed. This was John Sacheverell who owned land in Woodhouse. He was forced to flee England because he was Catholic and refused to attend Anglican worship. His property was seized by Elizabeth 1, but she

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"RAMBLING" Through Time cont...

later returned it to his son Sir Henry Sacheverell. His tomb can be found in the north aisle of Morley Church. Two Wardens were appointed for our Village, in 1640 Robert Walker and in 1683 John Radford. The records become sketchy again, as in 1642 Civil War broke out, (a struggle between King Charles and Parliament). This was the war of the infamous Roundheads and Cavaliers. There weren't any Clergy at Horsley, so no registers were kept during this period. Things looked up from 1660 when Charles II came to the throne and the history starts to show some structure with mentions of a house on the Crescent and a Country Mansion which was demolished in 1850 where the School is now. There is also reference to Stainsby House, the first mention of the Stainsby area for 350 years. Woodhouse would have been tiny with maybe 100 inhabitants. From 1700 to 1800 the population increased with a rise in the number of registers, the Village was becoming more established.

Again I have reached a period in the history where the notable points can be included in the next issues,...let the "Ramblings" commence! Sheila Cullen.

With thanks to Della Woods Bestwick for the photos

Amber Pharmacy

Amber Pharmacy is an NHS community pharmacy located at Main Street and provide services including, an electronic prescription service, free delivery service, over-the-counter medication & confidential advice on healthcare matters. They also operate a number of seasonal services including the Covid Vaccination Programme.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30 - 18.30 *(closed 1-2 for lunch)* Saturday 8.30 - 12.30 (Closed bank holidays* and Sundays)

* *please check the website* <u>www.amberpharmacy.co.uk</u> for more details as the pharmacy is open on some bank holidays

Important announcement due to Coronavirus

In order to protect the staff during these unprecedented times, the following procedures will be in place until further notice:

- Only TWO customers are to enter the pharmacy at a time
- Please observe the 2m social distancing recommendation when in the pharmacy and if waiting in a queue to enter

St Susanna's Parish Church

Church Services June - July 2021

Dates and details of Services are as follows:

Date	Time	Service
13 th June	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
11 th July	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
25 th July	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Current Regulations affecting the conduct of Services

Certain regulations seem set to continue for the moment but hopefully these will

be gradually lifted over this period as the pandemic recedes:

- Social Distancing continues to affect seating and church capacity
 - Face coverings continue to be a requirement
 - Hand Sanitisers should be used upon entry and at departure
- Communion will be 'of one kind' [the bread] and will be distributed according to Church of England guidance
 - Singing by the congregation is still not possible
 - Track and trace procedures remain a requirement

Whilst I do not anticipate that maximum permitted numbers will be exceeded at any service it will be helpful to have an indication of your intention to attend.

Please contact Andrew Shaw on 01332 883 124 or 07790 012 606 or email <u>andrew.shaw70@btinternet.com</u>

Hiring HW Church Hall

It is very much hoped that providing the Government and Church of England Restrictions allow, the Hall should be in a position to open for suitable hirings from **week commencing 6**th **September 2021**.

Any enquiries please call Sheila on 07803 158 235

Coffee Morning & Afternoon for the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Jacob Holt

10.00 - 12.30 & 2.00 - 4.30 on Saturday 10th July

(assuming social distancing rules have been relaxed by then)

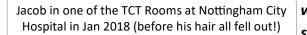
Jonathan and Dawn Holt and family are inviting anyone in the area to an event in their house and garden in honour of their son Jacob who died of cancer last August, shortly before his 21st birthday.

Jacob lived in Horsley Woodhouse and went to Horsley Woodhouse Primary School, Heanor Gate Science College, Bilborough Sixth Form College and the University of Edinburgh. He loved learning, going to the theatre, hiking, skiing, travel, languages, time with friends and knowing lots of stuff! He did the National Citizen Service programme in its early days and subsequently volunteered with a charity shop in Nottingham, the CAB in Heanor, Belper & Ilkeston and the student theatre in Edinburgh. His friends valued his good company, sense of adventure, honest and well-informed advice, organisational skills and enthusiasm about lots and lots of different things.

Jacob was diagnosed with a highly aggressive sarcoma of the prostate when he was 18. He underwent nine months of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy based on the Teenage Cancer Trust ward at Nottingham City Hospital and started university the day after finishing his treatment. He had a year of maintenance chemo during his first year at university and was delighted to be officially in remission in October 2019, only for the cancer to return and be declared incurable at the start on 2020. Jacob - came home from university and started palliative treatment back at the Teenage Cancer Trust ward for as long as was possible before moving to the Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People in Loughborough for his final weeks. The TCT ward is a great home from home with cool rooms and a "Retreat" common room with sofas, TV, pool table & kitchen area.

> The TCT also have specially funded support staff on each ward. Jacob himself said, "*My TCT Nurse and the Youth Support Coordinator (or "Pizza Lady" as we liked to call her) were always there when we needed them, even just for a chat.*"

The TCT say, "We rely on donations to fund our work to improve the quality of life and chances of survival for young people with cancer. Nothing we do is possible without the generosity and support of people like you."





Jacob, taken outside at Spa Villa after all his hair fell out!

Dawn & Jonathan say, "Having seen for ourselves what an amazing difference the Teenage Cancer Trust makes if you face cancer at a young age, we would really like to give something back to them. If you can make a donation, bake a cake or come along on the day we will be really grateful. It will also be a great opportunity to see people from the area once we are allowed to meet without restrictions. We plan to have seating inside and out (with gazebos in case it rains).

If the social distancing rules have not been relaxed by the 10th July, the event will be postponed until Saturday 4th September."

Tea, Coffee, Cakes and a warm welcome to our home and garden at Spa Villa, 11 Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, DE7 6AU

Contact details for Dawn: T: 07543 783 354 E: <u>dholtxx@gmail.com</u>

If you would like to donate please justgiving.com/fundraising/jacob-holt-2021

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

If you would like to put forward any details to be included in the next edition of the Wudhus News please contact Tania Pells (Editor) at

editorwudhusnews@gmail.com

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

All articles and information submitted will be reviewed by the Parish Council before it can be approved. Unfortunately we cannot advertise businesses within the newsletter or print personal letters.

If you wish to use any material that is listed within the Wudhus News, please contact Tania Pells (Editor) on the above email address.

Publishing Deadlines: 20th Jul – Aug/Sep and 20th Sep – Oct/Nov

Unfortunately, any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition.

Keeping the villages connected.... Kilburn News

Kilburn Parish Council

You may have noticed the work being carried out on the nature reserve at Rawson Green thanks to a Grant from Derbyshire Environmental COUNCIL Trust. The work is nearing completion (in fact it may be complete by the time this edition is published). The Parish Council would love to hear your comments about the work – these can be made via the Parish Council website or to the Clerk). Families of the memorial trees which have been identified and saved (unless classed as dangerous from the tree survey) would be welcome to attend with a member of the Council in order to identify their tree.

The Parish Council is currently seeking additional funding for further work to be undertaken.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about speeding traffic, especially in the Ryknield Rd & Woodhouse Rd areas. Speedwatch has recently been reinstated and following a campaign on Woodhouse Road 145 vehicles were checked of which 27 vehicles were found to be exceeding the speed limit. The results of the Speedwatch campaign are reported to the police. The Parish Council will continue to pursue the problem with Derbyshire County Council and the Police.



KILBURN PARISH

Councillor Trevor Ainsworth – Keeping you Updated

Hello

I am Trevor Ainsworth, I have been the Borough councillor for around six years now for this area, I have recently been elected to represent the Horsley Division at Derbyshire County Council. Your ward is part of that larger division, previously you were represented by Cllr Kevin Buttery. I have worked with Kevin for the past six years representing this area and I would like to thank him for all his efforts to improve the lives and solving the problems of the residents of this Division.

As we start to enjoy a little more freedom, let us not forget that Covid-19 is still with us, we have better protection due to the vaccination programme, sadly covid is still very much something we need

to consider whilst we are out and about each day.

Starting school is a very big step in every child's life, so I am pleased that of those parents applying for a reception place, 94.6% of them were offered their first-choice school and 98.2% were offered their second choice.

As we all try to do our bit for the environment, International Compost Awareness Week has really helped to dispel some myths about how composting works and what you can put in your composting bin. Vacuum dust and hair is definitely something I hadn't previously considered! Derbyshire County Council is running an online competition, with the prize being a new compost bin. Deadline date is 21st May. The question is "About what % of waste in your bin could be composted?" Answers by email to

recycling.competitions@derbysh ire.gov.uk

Three people have recently been issued with fines totalling over £2,500 for unlawful disposal of waste. Just a reminder, it is the resident who bears the responsibility for waste disposal. So if you are paying someone to get rid of your rubbish, please check that they have a valid waste carrier's licence and obtain a receipt, which shows their details.

If there is an issue I can help you with, please ring me on 07970 741 787 or e-mail <u>trevor.ainsworth@derbyshire.</u> <u>gov.uk</u>



NHS Biscuit Appeal

Bryan and I have been collecting and delivering biscuits for our dedicated and hard-working NHS staff for the past 14 months. Now that "things" are beginning to get easier for the hospital staff, we have now decided to stop.

We wanted to thank <u>all</u> those villagers who have regularly (some every week) left biscuits, cakes and sweets at our back door during those 14 months. The staff have been very appreciative and have sent some lovely texts, videos and cards to say thank you.

Once again, a BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone for supporting the appeal.

Hilary & Bryan Pope

HWPC Chairman's Report April 2021

Well, what a Year this has been with Covid-19 taking over the World.

I wish to thank all the Members of the Parish Council and Kay as Secretary for their continued support in these strange times. I know it has been hard and everyone's circumstances have been different but we have carried on. We have not been able to meet for a year now but have managed to have meetings by Zoom - even me.

Cllr Richard Illif and Cllr Kevin Buttery have not managed to attend through the year due to other commitments and illness, although Kevin did attend the last meeting. We have not heard directly from the Police but they have been present at times in the Village.

Amber Valley Borough Council has kept us informed by regular emails regarding updates to the crisis.

Life has been different so we could not do things as normal, but I am proud to say we have still achieved things.

We still had the 'Garden' competition in the Summer, and the Christmas Light competition in December. We had the poppies on the lampposts thanks to Alex and some of the Parish Councillors. We still managed to have a small Remembrance Service following Government guidelines at the Sitwell Recreation Ground, and the tree at the Millennium Wall was lit up for Christmas.

We have planted trees at the Horeston Recreation Ground and the planters have been tidied. There has been a new dog bin placed in a new position which seems to be working and we have replaced the damaged litter bin at the Millennium Wall area.

All the hedges have been cut and tidied, also the verges have been cut. The area opposite the Doctors has been mowed and kept tidy.

We listened to the general public and have put toddler swings on the Horeston play area.

The Carnival couldn't be held last year but hopes are high to hold perhaps a smaller event for this year, depending what the rules are.

The Scout troop have kept going virtually and have still done challenges, all Leaders have worked hard to keep moral going.

The different organisations in the Village have not been able to meet but some have kept in touch by phone, to check in with people. The Church Hall has been mainly closed during the time, but has recently re-opened as a Vaccination Centre which has seen the area become really busy. The various activities in the Village have not been able to be held for a while now but before Covid-19 struck the Church Hall was almost fully booked every day.

The School has been open for the children of essential workers but has now fully reopened.

The Church and Chapel have been working within the guidelines and opened when they could.

The British Legion has been the same, but has a few problems. Don would like to step down but as yet noone has come forward to take his place, so it is possible it could close which would be an asset lost in the Village.

The Co-op has been a real asset to the Village in these times and has been really busy; for some people it has been the only time they have been out.

The Oak has opened when it could but has been closed for a while now, but hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We have lost some of the older generation from the Village, including some of the original Carnival Committee, which is very sad but hopefully as more people get vaccinated things will improve.

I must thank Tania for all her hard work in keeping the Wudhus News going, which for some people who are isolating was a lifeline to what was going on in the Village. Thanks to the people who felt they were able to deliver them during this time as I know some couldn't.

I must also welcome Andrew James to the Parish Council who has joined at an unusual time, but things hopefully are going to get back to some kind of normality.

Hopefully I have not forgotten anything but as this covers two years I apologise if I have. Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors and Kay for backing me in my role as the Chairman of the Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council and hopefully we will be able to meet again soon in person.

Karen Seals (Chairman Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council)

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church Services

We are still not opening for Sunday Services while the current restrictions are in place. A Meeting in early June will include discussion on when we feel it right to open. We are continuing with our *Sermon Delivery Service* each Sunday which our Minister, Revd John Malnutt, is writing each week for which we are very grateful, as are all those who receive them, by email or printed out. We are keeping in touch with our members in various ways.

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the life of one of our members, Violet Rice (96 years of age) was held at Markeaton Crematorium on Wednesday 19th May. Violet died in April at Smalley Hall.

CHRISTIAN AID - In the last Wudhus News, we suggested that anyone wishing to make a donation to *Christian Aid* (which would normally be spent at the Coffee Morning, or as a thank-you for our free Vaccinations) - could get in touch with Barbara Moore by the 15th May to arrange it. We are very pleased to say that £220 has been donated. Most grateful thanks to all who have contributed.

Minister: Revd John MalnuttTel: 01773 713 711 Church Contact: Mrs Phyllis Shaw Tel: 01332 880 083

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers

Great to be back at the Hut again, many thanks to the leaders for their time, picture shows the Cubs having fun. We are still following the Scouting rule and social distancing is to be maintained but it's great that all sections are back face-to-face.

District St. George's Day Parade was online this year. It was on Sunday 25th April at 3.00 pm.



The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sent a photo of themself in their uniform to take part in the District virtual parade video. We had a lot of members from 1st Sitwell and Ignis Explorers on the video.



Hope next year it will be back face-to-face.

Some of the Cubs who took part in the virtual parade



Cubs had to learn a new skill during the last few weeks, many Cubs had been to plant lots of different seeds, veg and flowers; learning in particular about

growing tomatoes and how to look after them, keep them watered and picking off side shoots (when they actually have grown) but you can leave them on to get more fruit!





Cubs had to design a game or website during the last few

months, with one Cub designing a video game on Scratch. He created a character - Zombie Fighter Dave and coded all his movements as well as being able to switch guns.



He created a bullet for the guns

and coded this movement and also created a zombie to attack Dave.

During the last few weeks, we made pitta pizzas on open fires and cooked hot dogs - all part of their backward cooking.





Why not ask to become a leader and join the adventure of scouting: Email - gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

