

Remembrance Sunday



The Act of Remembrance was carried out by Revd Martin Jones alongside Cllr Karen Seals (Chair), HW Parish Council, David Beresford (Vice Chairman) & Don Barham (Hon Secretary) HW & Smalley Royal British Legion and 1st Sitwell Scouts

(Centre) Terry Whittaker (Standard Bearer) joined by young people from Explorers, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers





In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

by Dr John McCrae, May 1915



Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae died months before the end of the First World War.⁽²⁾



Lieutenant Alexis Helmer,
1st Brigade Canadian
Field Artillery.⁽¹⁾

Inspiration for "In Flanders Fields"

During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2 May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander **Major John McCrae**.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

Acknowledgements and References

⁽¹⁾ Photograph of Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. Featured in **A Crown of Life: The World of John McCrae**, by Dianne Graves.. <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/poems/john-mccrae-in-flanders-fields.htm>

⁽²⁾ <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/must-read-remembrance-day-poems-22951429>

Community Request - Christmas Hampers



Last year we supplied eight large hampers to the Royal Derby Hospital ward staff in appreciation for all the work they were doing during the peak of Covid-19. We are doing similar this year and so from November we are accepting donations in terms of suitable produce for hampers or monetary gifts, which will be used to purchase items.

Examples of suitable items include:

- Christmas or other cakes
- chocolates
- biscuits
- sweets
- fresh fruit
- savoury items
- non-alcoholic drinks (preferably individual packs)



**The Hospital will collect the Hampers from 88 Main Street on
12th and 19th December from us.**

Please be aware of a few conditions adhered to by the hospital:

- Each Hamper is quarantined for a minimum of 3 days, to ensure Covid free.
- Use by Dates on products apply so please ensure items have at least up to 26th December 2021 on them
 - No hot items or items requiring cooking.
 - No alcoholic drinks

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

"Well most have had a hard time as you know. We did the wonderful Covid Wards and Cath lab last year so maybe following on from that, the Cardiology - ward 408, they lost a member of staff and sadly have six with long Covid, so I'm sure hampers would cheer them up. Also Ward 405, Elderly Care were hit very hard too, they took the brunt of the elderly care during Covid, so they may be worth a consideration.

I am happy to deliver wherever you want me to Keith. It is such a kind thing the village does for us."

Please deliver your donations to 88 Main Street, HW
Keith and Terrina Girling

In Memory of

Eric Lancashire MBE

13th July 1930 – 1st October 2021

Eric passed away peacefully at the Royal Derby Hospital aged 91 years, Beloved husband of the late Marjorie, much loved dad of Gwyn and the late David & Simon, Father-in-law to Denise and Grandad to Ashley, Megan & Deon.



Eric was a native of Horsley Woodhouse, having been born here 91 years ago. His father was miner. He had three siblings Hazel, Betty and Jeff. He once said of himself that, in early childhood and adolescence, he had roamed, explored, played, entertained and fraternised all over the surrounding villages. He also commented that, living in a mining community, he had shared the *“fellowship, pain and joys, failures and successes that are so richly rewarding in life’s experience”*.

Eric was educated here in Horsley Woodhouse and then Smalley schools. Later, he studied engineering at the Technical College. While attending the Technical College, Eric served an apprenticeship as a Fitter. He graduated from the College with what was, then, known as a ‘Higher National Certificate with Endorsements’ but which, now, would be known as an Honours degree in Engineering.

Eric worked the majority of his life (well, 40 years of it) at **Rolls Royce**, rising to Section Leader on operations planning and, eventually to production engineer. He was, also, for 35 years, an active member of the ‘Technical Trade Union’ – now known as *Amicus*. Eric was the Chairman of the local Branch and the Negotiating Committee for 30 years. During this period, Eric was offered a number of senior jobs which he turned down, because it meant him changing sides, as it were. As an example of his commitment to the firm, he was very active – along with two others – during Rolls Royce’s financial crisis in the early 1970’s. He and the two colleagues were tireless, not just raising money for RR but also in lobbying the Government and other organisations to rescue RR as the country needed it so very badly. He even went to Lambeth Palace and met with the then Archbishop of Canterbury (Head of the C. of E.) to warn of the drastic effects on the workforce of RR going bust. He and his friends ‘won’ though. RR was taken over by the Government and the jobs were saved and England continues to have the best large engineering firm in the world. In 2017 Rolls Royce & the Unite Union recognised Eric, Charlie Hunt & Mick Walker for their efforts, presenting a small silver model of their RB211 aeroplane engine and by opening new meeting rooms in their names.

While RR was very important to Eric, he was also very active in the local community. He became a founder member of the Horsley Woodhouse Scout group and finally became Asst. Scoutmaster. He resigned from that position when he was 24 on the occasion of his marriage to Marjorie (who, sadly, passed away in 2015). He was also active in the village football team from the age of 17 to 30. He did his National Service in the RAF but was invalided out after nine months.

He then became interested in tennis in 1951, and was Secretary of the local club for about 15 years. However, in 1954 he found that the demands of work and home – particularly with a growing family – conflicted and time at home was more precious (said Marjorie!). 21 years later, Eric ‘escaped dare I say’ and returned to help organise a school bus. From this group, eventually grew the Community Association and – guess what – Eric became Secretary! The main activity of this group was the village Carnival which Eric organised for some 30 years.

Eric was confirmed into the Anglican faith when he was 15 and he never lost his faith from that moment on. He re-joined the choir in 1950 and became choirmaster in 1954 (by accident, he once said). Shortly after, Eric joined the PCC and, from 1956 was Secretary for 17 years. Ever the practical man, in the late 1980s, he took an interest in tidying up the burial ground. He also acted as the lead co-ordinator in securing funding of the £250,000 project to refurbish the church hall, this was officially reopened in October 2000.

Politically, Eric was a member of the Labour Party all his life and he represented the local ward from 1983 to 1987 and then from 1991 to 2002 on the Borough Council. He was also a member of the Derbyshire County Council from 1993 to around 2006. He served on the Police Authority, the Derbyshire Rural Community Council, the East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum and the Amber Valley Partnership. He was also Chair of the Parish Council here. Eric also served on National Commissions including the Local Govt. Assoc. Rural Commission and was a member of the Local Govt. Pension Scheme Committee.

In the New Year’s Honours List of 2004, Eric was honoured with the award of M.B.E. for services to the community. He was very proud of that and had every right to be proud.

The one thing Eric couldn’t do was to hold back the sands of time. As he became frailer, he moved into Coxbench Hall Residential Care Home. This, however, did not interfere with his life-long support of Derby County FC and he still went with the family to home games.

The family would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their kind messages of support and are truly grateful to all the volunteers who decorated the Church and Church Hall with flowers and served refreshments on the day of the funeral.

With Thanks

The Horsley Woodhouse Community Association (HWCA) would like to pay homage to Eric and say a big thank you for all his efforts in keeping the Carnival going for over 30 years. Without Eric and a few others (whom sadly we have paid respects to over the last few years) including Jack Clarke, Dennis Nutt and Dennis Cruise, the village Carnival would not be running today. We hope the committee do him proud as we continue to hold this community event. I know Eric continued to visit the Carnival each year, even when he went into Coxbench Hall. I got a nod and a smile one year so I’m going to take that as we were still doing a good job! Next year will be the 44th Horsley Woodhouse Carnival and fingers crossed it will be able to go ahead on 16th July 2022, as it was sadly missed last year.

Tania Pells - HWCA Chair

Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

Horsley Woodhouse & Smalley Royal British Legion



The Branch continues to meet usually the first Monday of the month.



We fulfilled our duty on Remembrance Sunday, at St. Susanna’s Church service, then at the village memorial on the Sitwell Recreation Ground, finally at the Methodist Church in the afternoon.

Our Standard Bearer was present and we contributed with the homage and Kohima epitaph. The names were read, Last Post and Reveille sounded, in short once more we remembered them.

It was pleasing that the huge audience for ‘Strictly’ saw the work that goes on at Stanford Hall (close by to us on the Melton Mowbray road) re-habilitating and healing members of our Armed Forces, who have been physically and mentally hurt in the line of duty. This establishment is fully backed by H.M. Government, the Legion and S.S.A.F.A., and is fully equipped and staffed to deal with all the problems physical and mental incurred by H.M. Forces. The visit by the judges and participating members of this year’s ‘Strictly’ was a great morale booster, well done all concerned.

Don Barham, Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60’s Club

As no-one has come forward to take on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer it is with reluctance that the committee are now taking the necessary steps to wind up the Club’s affairs.

Don Barham Hon. Sec.

Horsley Woodhouse Ladies Group

The November meeting was an enjoyable evening of an autumnal flower demonstration by Sandra Redfern.

There will be no meeting in the British Legion Hall until 3rd February 2022 at 7.15 pm.

Have a Merry Christmas and hope to see you in the new year.

Horsley Woodhouse Walking Schedule



Date	Meeting Place	Walk Route & Distance (miles)
1 st Dec	METEOR CENTRE – DE21 4SY	BREADSALL/GREAT NORTHERN GREENWAY (2.75)
8 th Dec	VILLAGE INN MAREHAY CAR PARK – DE5 8JF (CHRISTMAS DINNER)	MAREHAY TO PEASEHILL AND GREENWAY (CHRISTMAS DINNER) (2.25)
15 th Dec	SHIPLEY PARK VISITOR CENTRE – DE75 7DZ	ONE OF VARIOUS WALKS (2.75)
22 nd & 29 th Dec	HOLIDAY	
5 th Jan	LIDL LANGLEY MILL	EREWASH AND NOTTINGHAM CANAL (3)
12 th Jan	MAPPERLEY RESERVOIR CAR PARK – DE7 6BT	RESERVOIR, MAPPERLEY, SHIPLEY COUNTRY PARK (2.75)
19 th Jan	LITTLE EATON CAR PARK – DE21 5EA	LITTLE EATON, DUFFIELD BANK (2.5/3)
26 th Jan	KILBURN CAR PAR – DE56 0LX	KILBURN AND DENBY BOTTLES (2.5)
2 nd Feb	DENBY POTTERY CAR PARK	DENBY POTTERY AND STREET LANE (2.75)

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

Meeting time 9.45 am

Stargazers Drama Group

Stargazers are rehearsing their 2022 Panto!

The Stargazers Drama Group are aiming to perform their family pantomime at the Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall starting on **Thursday 24th February until Saturday 26th February 2022**. We are proud to announce that we'll be presenting our very own version of 'Peter Pan'. Tickets will not be on sale for several weeks yet, so please watch our Facebook page for updates.

www.facebook.com/stargazerspanto/

If you are unsure about anything, just give Ray a ring on 01332 882 200.

Arthur Medical Centre

In the last edition of the Kilburn & Wudus News, an article was published titled 'Listening to the Patients' Voice', which included a report from a meeting that was held at the local Legion in September. Arthur Medical Centre would like to share some insight in response to this article for the sake of clarity and accuracy of information shared with our patients.

The meeting had been advertised in advance in the previous edition of the Kilburn and Wudhus News as an open local forum to discuss 'Our NHS'. The context given was to cover topics such as data protection, provision of healthcare, the potential for the NHS to be privatised etc. Prior to the event, the organisers contacted and met our Practice Business Manager to request input from the Arthur Medical Centre. The Practice was supportive of the broad intentions of the event, although the discussion was not presented as being directly relating to our Practice or specifically relevant to NHS Primary Care. We were unable to send a manager or one of our GP partners due to existing commitments and workload, however the Chair of our Patient Participation Group was asked to attend, so that the Practice was represented in what was presented as a general discussion on the NHS.

Arthur Medical Centre would therefore like to clarify that the update presented in the October/November edition of the News was not an 'Arthur Medical Centre Update'. Whilst we were initially pleased to hear of an effort to support the NHS as a whole, the practice would like to clarify that the article in the last edition of the News was not an accurate reflection of the meeting and should not be taken as being truly representative of the views of our patients.

The Partners and Staff of Arthur Medical Centre are committed to providing an excellent level of care and our practice values reflect our priority of supporting the wellbeing of each and every patient. Our teams have worked very hard through the pandemic and continue to do so during the current time of unprecedented demand following the periods of lockdown. We continue to support the Covid and Flu vaccination programmes with our partner practices in our locality with a high level of uptake and success in addition to our 'business as usual' work here in the Practice.

Arthur Medical Centre has had an established and active Patient Participation Group (PPG) for several years. The members of the PPG are patients of the Practice from diverse backgrounds. The PPG serves as representation of the views of patients and acts in the role of a supportive, 'critical friend' to help the practice work as well as it can for patients, clinicians and staff. The PPG meets and consults regularly with partners and management to discuss matters relevant to the practice and patients. We work collaboratively on communications and initiatives to support the success of the practice and the wellbeing of our patients.

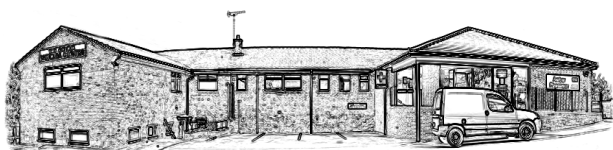
Contrary to popular belief, the Practice has never been closed during the pandemic and in fact, we have been working to a very high level throughout. Over the last few months, the practice has introduced a hybrid appointment system and the ratio of provision of 'face-to-face' appointments to telephone appointments is around 50/50 in terms of time allocated. We have learned over the course of the pandemic that many matters can be effectively dealt with over the telephone or online services and general feedback received reflects that these options suit the needs of many of our patients. Face-to-face appointments are and have always been available - although not every matter requires one and we may be able to help you just as

effectively and more efficiently via the telephone or online. We have also recently made improvements to our telephone system to improve our accessibility for patients.

Our reception team are legally and morally bound to respect patient confidentiality. Our receptionists have been trained to help get you the most appropriate type of appointment and when they ask for a description of your problem, this is the Practice's first step in trying to help you. Please help our reception team to help you, by giving a brief description of your symptoms or needs when requesting an appointment.

We are currently working with the PPG to reinstate the regular practice newsletter which will present insight and updates into our work and the measures we are taking to care for our patients, whilst managing demand versus capacity.

Our practice also shares news and updates via our website www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk and our Facebook page. Patients may communicate with the practice via our website, Facebook or our online service, Engage Consult. Patient queries or concerns may be addressed to Mr Azeem Climie, our Practice Business Manager. Views and opinions may also be shared with the Chair of our PPG, Mr Martin Allsop, via the practice contact webform which can be found under the Contact Details link on our website, or at https://www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/contact_dlg1.aspx?p=T12345.



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Horsley Woodhouse Events – 2022

Horsley Woodhouse Community Association (HWCA) are making plans for activities in 2022 and just want to give you a quick overview of some of the events we are hoping to put on in 2022.

Litter Picks as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean Campaign	May/June (TBC)
Music in the Park – to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee	2 nd June (Evening)
Music in the Park (Pre-Carnival)	15 th July (Evening)
Carnival	16 th July (12.00–5.00)
Bulb Planting	October (TBC)

Which this space for more details or our HWCA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HorsleyWoodhouseCarnival>.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please do get in touch secretary.hwca@hotmail.com

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council – October and November

October

- The Chairman reported the sad news that Mr. Eric Lancashire MBE who served on the Parish Council for many years had passed away.
- Mr G Wilton gave a presentation on the Roman Road Project to the Councillors.
- The bin has been ordered for Fairfield Road and will be delivered in within the next 6 weeks.
- The audit has been completed for 2020/21 comments were noted.

November

- **Christmas Lights Competition** - The 'Best Christmas' decorated house is to be judged on Tuesday 21st December, with prizes available.
- The Christmas Lights to be switched on 1st December.
- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - 2nd & 3rd June 2022.** An event will take place - more news to follow!

Planning

October

AVA/2020/1151 - 27a Main Street. Demolition of plant store/workshop rebuild with new.
No objections

AVA/2021/1056 - The Crescent. First floor extension, two storey extension, front dormers, raised patio and associated alterations.
No objections

November

AVA/2021/1123 - 122 Main Street. Variation of condition 2 – change opening hours.
No objections

AVA/2021/1119 - Stainsby Bungalow. New dormers, open flat room and new front porch.
No objections

AVA/2021/1126 – 12a Chestnut Close. Outline planning permission
No objections

Recreation Matters - Horeston Recreation Ground

October

Hawthorn whips to be ordered from the Woodland Trust to fill the spaces in the hedge on the boundary of Horeston Recreation Ground and Doctors car park.

November

Woodland Trust Application - Hawthorn whips have been ordered and due to be delivered in November to fill in the gaps around the Doctors car park.

With Thanks

The Parish Council are very sorry to lose their Secretary Mrs Kay Richardson, who has worked for the Parish Council for over 20 years, and will be greatly missed.

They welcome Mrs Hayley Varty who has taken over the job and hope she will be happy in her new role.

In Memory – Eric Lancashire

The Chairman wished to say that Eric Lancashire did a lot of work for the Village and served on the Parish Council for a number of years, also he was a big part of the Carnival. He will be sadly missed.

Date of next meetings:

The next two meetings will be held on **Tuesday 7th December and Tuesday 4th January 2021 at 7.00 pm, at the British Legion. If you wish to raise any issues**, please get in touch with your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

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Parish Council Contact Details:

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- Cllr S McGuinness (Vice Chairman) – 07790 849 000
 - Cllr A James – 07811 384 858
 - 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 H Hayley Varty (Parish Clerk)

Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

The Safer Neighbourhood Team provides up to date information on twitter [@HeanorRuralSNT](https://twitter.com/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

“RAMBLING” Through Time

(A serialised alternative history of Horsley Woodhouse)

Part 4. Down Church Lane to the Sitwell Recreation Ground

Back onto Church Lane again to continue our Ramble. On our right we see a row of terraced houses. These are a more recent addition to the Village and I believe they were built for miners. They have good sized front gardens which were no doubt put to good use for growing fruit and veg and are advantageous nowadays as there is ample room to park cars safely off the road. There is an alleyway in the centre of the row which leads to small yards, across which there were coal houses and toilets. A later addition was a brick built detached house which marks the start of the long gardens which reached right up to the boundary of the Sitwell Rec. There was one of the pig sties (mentioned in the previous issue) in this garden, although it's now long since gone to make way for a new build. The next houses were a short row of semi-detached council houses, again with these long gardens reaching the Rec and they also have substantial space at the front too. There were still no houses until more recently when we reach the two long drives to two semi-detached residences which were known as Knights and Westons, these being the families who occupied them, I think originally (they are still known by this name among the older residents). There were several ponds by the road along here. The water springs up by the side of the pavement nowadays, maybe a leftover from a long since

forgotten supply to a pond. The long line of trees which continues from the end of Stainsby Avenue extends until we reach The Vicarage on the left with several houses on the right ending at the junction of Calladine Lane. The row of trees consisting of mainly Ash, Oak and Sycamore with a few Hawthorns accommodates an ever increasing Rookery, a clatter and clamour of noise and black feathers



in the Spring when nesting and feeding their young and fabulous air displays in the Autumn. I include an old photograph which was taken a little way down Main Street showing the Calladine Lane junction. Although

hazy, it's interesting to see that Bottom Dobholes (Stepping Hill) can be seen. The uninterrupted view is right up what is now Merlin Way and across the Rec, there are no houses at the end of Church Lane or on Merlin Way in the picture.



Before venturing up Merlin Way, let's pause and have a look at The Vicarage and its history. It is an imposing brick built house which stands with its own forecourt, adjacent to St Susanna's Church. The front boundary is a stone wall behind which grow some established trees and shrubs with an old Yew tree in the corner. To the rear a large manicured lawn has a superb backdrop of colourful, crowded borders and turning to face the south there is a breathtakingly tranquil and restorative view of open countryside. In 1879 the first Vicar was inducted to the Village. He was previously the Curate in charge of Smalley. In 1880 Mrs

Holcombe who was formerly Miss Susanna Sitwell gave donations amounting to £1,600 towards the building of a Vicarage and Church in the Village. The building was commenced on July 16th of that year. The original plans were to build a few yards further towards the south west behind the Church, but this site was abandoned due to the close proximity of Kilbourne Colliery workings. Mrs Holcombe sadly died within a fortnight of sending her last donation on August 7th of the same year. Apparently it was an unusually wet summer.....sound familiar? The building cost £1,400 and it was occupied for the first time on May 11th 1881.

Let's leave the Vicarage and cross Church Lane to have a walk up Merlin Way. In earlier days there were the houses at the bottom, but no garage or the house and bungalow nearer the top. There was an area which in the war years was used to store and dismantle Merlin engines for smelting down at the plant down Lady Lea Road. This was just one of several such places in the Village and the local women used to do a lot of the hard labour due to a lot of the men being away at War.. The engines were delivered in Rolls Royce crates and stacked ready to be taken apart and transported down to Lady Lea. The smelting plant was known as the "Spitfire" or "Spit". It's a matter of conjecture if this is because of the Merlin engines being used in Spitfire planes or because of the immense spitting of sparks and fire during the smelting process. Either way the name lives on to this day, the former being the most apt considering the strong Spitfire connection. This access to the Sitwell Recreation Ground was originally called Church Street, until very recently. The main reason for the re-naming was due to the similar post codes to Church Lane (which was in old days just a lane but is now somewhat of a super highway through this part of the Village and people assumed that it was called Church Street). The risk of life-threatening confusion when emergency vehicles were called became increasingly apparent. The necessity to be spot on first time when approaching their destination became of the utmost importance. Hence Merlin Way was born.

We continue up the short but steep incline to the Sitwell Recreation Ground. Looking to the immediate left as we visit the Rec there is the War Memorial. The first inscription we see is that of Lieut J.S. Wilmott -Sitwell who lost his life in WW1. In his memory the Sitwell Family gifted this piece of land to the Village for their use for sports and recreation. It is in the trusteeship of the Parish Council who continue to ensure that the terms of the Deed of Gift are adhered to. The laying of the Wreaths, the playing of The Last Post and a sombre Service take place each year around this Memorial, surrounded by the beautiful vista of open countryside. We can look towards Denby and over to the iconic Crich Stand, with our Village Cemetery on the left in which there are several War Graves. On 11th November 2011 Beacons were lit across the country to mark the hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day. The Horsley Woodhouse Beacon was lit within the view of the Crich Stand Memorial on the far hillside. It was an emotional event for older people and a historic moment for the younger ones. The Sitwell Rec also hosts an annual Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks, this is enjoyed by many and has established itself as a popular event, complete with the Scouts ever popular BBQ, Bar and Music. On walking round the Rec we realise again how lucky we are to live with these stunning views. The area is criss-crossed with many footpaths, one of which we pass on our way back up to the top of the field. It is marked with a stile which is at the



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foot of an established Crab Apple tree. It has a show of glorious blossom in the Spring and its branches are weighed down with a crop of bitter fruit each Autumn. The footpath leads towards Stainsby Avenue and if you continue straight on, it heads up to Smalley, left to Denby and Kilburn, or right to return back further up Church Lane again, it's a veritable pedestrian cross roads! These paths must be a throw-back to accessing collieries, schools and places of worship back in the day. How fortunate for us to be able to still use them. Back up to the top of the field and there is a modern area accommodating an array of play equipment. What a wonderful place for children to enjoy the fresh air in the heart of the countryside. Back to the gate again and there is the Scout building on the left. This is not the original building, but it has become well established and now houses several thriving sections of the previously mentioned local Scouting Community. This



building was not originally used by Woodhouse Scouts, but was a Food Store in the second World War years. The Scout Troop which was formed in 1927 was housed in a building on land which is between the Church Hall and the School. This was originally a Dame School which we'll discover more about when we arrive at the Church Hall. Before we leave, we must not forget a very important annual occasion which this Rec has hosted for the Village,.... yes....The Carnival! It has been the setting for Carnival Queens (and more recently, Carnival Royalty), Fancy Dress, Floats, Dog Shows, Falconry, Dancers and Gymnasts, Steam Engines, Fire Engines, Vintage Transport and Engines, Punch and Judy, a large refreshment marquee, Arena Events and an annual Marching Band Contest. A local celebrity is found to open the event and they normally stay for the duration and enjoy the fun and entertainment. There has always been a large turnout of Village stalls and of course the Scouts with their celebrated BBQ. The July weather has usually been kind in the course of the forty odd years on Sitwell Rec, apart from a couple of recent washouts, and of course 2020 and 2021 have seen cancellations due to the Pandemic. Again, I emphasise the idyllic panorama of the Derbyshire countryside which provides a glorious backdrop for this wonderful countryside event. Hundreds of people attend and it's a marvellous opportunity for friends and relatives to meet up and enjoy a superbly organised afternoon of entertainment.

After the hustle bustle of the Carnival, we now saunter back down Merlin Way, we turn to look to our left and we see the flag at St Susanna's gently stirring in the breeze, signalling our next port of call.

Sheila Cullen

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**A big thanks to all the people who
contribute articles, deliver the
Wudhus News and all our readers.**

**Happy Christmas &
Best Wishes for the New Year**

St. Susanna's Church

Church Services

28th November - Holy Communion

5th Dec - No Service

12th December - Holy Communion

19th December - Annual traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December (Christmas Eve) - Holy Communion

Most services will be held at 6.30 pm this winter with the exception of our Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service which will start at 3.30 pm.

We still practice social distancing within the church building which means that only alternate pews are in use. Additionally, we ask the congregation to make use of hand sanitisers on entry. The wearing of masks is a matter of personal preference whilst moving about but is not required once seated.

Christmas wreaths placed on graves in St. Susanna's Church Yard/Cemetery

Whilst the Church of England regulations for churchyards do not encourage the laying of seasonal wreaths on graves we have always permitted this practice at Christmas. However, we do ask that wreaths are **removed by 28th February** in order that grass strimming and general churchyard tidying may begin in March. Any wreaths remaining on graves after this date will be removed as part of this process.

Any wreaths in the Church Garden of Remembrance must be placed on the slabs and not directly onto the consecrated grass area. Again, we ask that these be removed by the **end of February**.

What's on - events and village news

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

Website: www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Wudhus News - online Past and Present

You can access all copies of the Wudhus News in colour with past and present editions, from 2013 to date. Just click on the News and Events/Wudhus News Page section of the website.



Keeping the villages connected... Kilburn News

KILBURN REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2021

Kilburn Parish Council held their annual Remembrance Day parade on 14th November 2021.

The parade was led by Newstead Brass Band – the parade included Members of the Council, local MP, Nigel Mills, and other local dignitaries. There were also representatives from the local scouting groups and approximately 250 residents in attendance. The parade came to a conclusion



at the War Memorial where the Act of Remembrance was carried out by the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr David Hall and the Act of Commitment by the Rev Dr Martin Jones.

Due to the pandemic this is the first parade since 2019 and because of the ongoing need to keep everybody safe the service in the Baptist Church was cancelled. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped organise the parade and the volunteers who acted as Marshalls – without whom the parade could not have gone ahead.

Kilburn Parish Council

By the time you receive this Newsletter you will most likely have seen that Kilburn Parish Council have re-located the Christmas tree to Bywell Lane adjacent to the War Memorial. The Council felt that this was a more prominent position to be enjoyed by all.

The Council also decided to cancel the Carol Service this year as once again the necessity for keeping everybody safe.

To keep you up to date with the ongoing work at the Nature Reserve. Instructions have been given to a contractor to complete some of the footpaths to enable the nature reserve to re-open. It was hoped that this work would have been done but the ongoing problems with obtaining materials and also gaining access whilst the works are being carried out at the Toll Bar junction has made this impossible.

The Council are looking into ways of accessing additional funding to enable the remaining footpaths to be finished.



Keeping you in touch Cllr Trevor Ainsworth

Hello again, these certainly come along very quickly.

At Derbyshire County Council (DCC) we are changing the way we work; during the Covid pandemic staff have been working from home and that has had benefits for the staff and the organisation. Together with the staff we have created our Modern Ways of Working programme. This has re-organised our office spaces so that they can be used to support service delivery in a more flexible way. It will allow staff to work from home, which in turn will save thousands of journeys to and from work.

Gritting season is around the corner



Do you know which roads we grit?

There's lots of information on our website, and a map which tells you when a road was last gritted. We grit around half of the roads in the county, with our gritting routes split into primary, secondary and tertiary routes.

Primary routes are treated during the day and night and we will 'pre-treat' before bad weather hits. Gritting continues 24 hours a day if necessary and the gritting crews cover around 1,000 miles of road.

Secondary routes cover around 550 miles of road and are generally only treated in the daytime with the first run being completed by mid-morning. This helps overcome the problem of parked cars getting in the way of gritter vehicles doing their job on residential roads at night.

When bad weather hits, keep your eye on our social media channels – Facebook and Twitter as this is where you will find out if main roads are closed.

Derbyshire Catering Service were awarded the 'Best Use of Technology Award' at the 2021 Foodservice Cateys. The Food Service Catey winners are selected by their peers and celebrate industry leaders and innovators.

One of our apprentices within the catering service was awarded the 'Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award' at the 2021 LACA Awards for Excellence. During his internship he ran a food waste initiative across several Derbyshire primary and junior schools, in one school successfully

reducing waste by 12%.

Parents can now apply for their child's infant, junior or primary school place for September 2022.

Applications for children who were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 will close at midnight on Saturday 15th January 2022. Parents can also apply during the same period for junior school places for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school and will transfer on to other schools in September 2022.

The easiest and quickest way is to apply online. You can access the online services mentioned via the DDC website:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

If you have an issue in which you think I can help please contact me.

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Studio 7 Dance and Performing Arts School

Studio 7 Dance and Performing Arts School (who are located on Lady Lea Road) have finally been able to return to live events that have been delayed by up to 18 months through Covid-19. In October the school took part in



the Kings Dance Festival coming away with no less than 15 trophies, amongst them was the senior bursary winner.

Last weekend the school was proud to present its annual show 7!



Pictured - Robyn Wilkinson (20), Isla Taylor (14), Jessie Smith (13), Daisy Hamilton (11) and Halle Smith (6)

Representing seven years of Studio 7



A wonderful time was had by all dancers - they just love performing live again.

Local People Saving Our Planet

As media attention focussed on Glasgow, and COP26 and thousands of people took to the streets in towns and cities all over the world, a group of local representatives joined The Climate Coalition marchers in Chesterfield. The future for our planet may look bleak, but there was nothing bleak about the good-natured crowds making their way around Chesterfield.

We met people pushing bikes, people pushing pushchairs, people pushing on through the streets with walking aids, faith groups, one group having a quick prayer huddle in the car park, wildlife supporters, 'foxes and badgers', vegetarians, vegans, anti-frackers, Keep our NHS public supporters, Extinction Rebellion rebels, Trade Union activists, supporters of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Stand up to Racism, Members of the Peace Movement. There were singers, drummers, poets and dancers, performing the story of oil, leaks and pollution. A dramatic reminder of what's happening to our oceans and coastal communities, as their ten feet wide black 'oil monster' oozed and slithered through the streets of Chesterfield.

We marvelled at plastic waste themed fancy dress, exchanged leaflets, signed petitions, listened to speakers, read slogans on an amazing selection of banners and placards, some (like ours) about the need to protect local greenbelt, which we cobbled together with a couple of bamboo canes, the side off a big cardboard box, and some paint. Others were works of art, obviously the outcome of hours of careful design and dedicated stitching from artists, craftsmen and craftswomen.

We listened to local young people speaking about their hopes for small changes from us all, and big changes from politicians and businesses. Hundreds and hundreds of people enjoyed the day, without losing sight of the reason why we were there. We learned a lot, including that on a blustery day in Chesterfield it's not easy facing great gusts of Derbyshire wind, while hanging on to a couple of bamboo canes borrowed from the kidney bean row, and a big flat piece of cardboard.

Chrissie Hall
Keith Venables at venables_keith@yahoo.co.uk



On a cold November morning the Litter Picking Team roamed the area around Horsley Woodhouse Co-op and the Arthur Medical Centre. We left a big bag bursting at the seams for the Council to take away.

Join us next on Friday 10th December at 11.00 at Kilburn car park, Church Street

Keith Venables - venables_keith@yahoo.co.uk

Please note there is an underscore _ between Venables and Keith in the email address.

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers

Many thanks to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from 1st Sitwell plus Ignis Explorers who were at our Remembrance Sunday service (14th November) in Horsley Woodhouse. Great turn out, all looking smart too. Thank you to all the parents for joining in.



Again many thanks Beavers decorated biscuits in November.



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.



We had a great weekend just before the bonfire event cutting back the hedge at the Scout Hut. Many thanks to the few people who

helped. We sadly found the fence damaged too. But the hedge looks better with its hair cut!



We have a new Group logo for our Beavers, Cubs and the Scout sections plus a new one for the Ignis Explorers. These will be used on our new t-shirts and hoodies. Info out later in the year.



Many thanks to Paul at Scenery Projection for doing them.



Cubs really enjoyed shooting in November.



Cubs had to plan, cook, serve and clear away a two-course meal for at least two people.



Hope the Scouts had fun this week - one leader did.



1st Sitwell Scouts - Bonfire Night

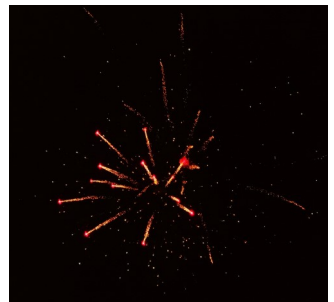
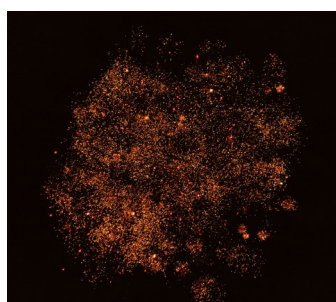


Thanks for building our bonfire, thanks to everyone who worked on the food stall and the drink stall, everyone who worked on the hectic gate. Thanks to everyone who helped set up the tents, who sold the booze, who helped pack everything away, who helped organise, who helped patrol and did the first aid. Thanks for buying and prepping everything, thanks for setting up and setting off the fireworks, and thanks for sorting all the money out, the paperwork, and everyone who fetched, carried, and supported the event.



And can all the parents and carers pass on a big thanks to all the young people who did a brilliant job stepping up and helping us and the Scouts and Explorers who took part in a very long day and night. To the network team who helped at the event this year too. Hope you all had fun and I hope to see you all next year. Again, thanks for your support. **Please put your photos on our bonfire Facebook page and join the photo Competitions, above are some photos already in the running.**

Photos (below the asterisks) courtesy of Stephen Lingley



Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

SERVICES

December 2021

Sunday 5th – Service with Holy Communion at 2.30 pm led by Revd Robert Foster

Sunday 12th

10.30 am – Café Church

2.30 pm – Service

Sunday 19th – *Carol Service* at 2.30 pm led by members of our congregation. *You will be most welcome*

Saturday 25th – *Christmas Day* - Service at 9.30 am

Sunday 26th – *Boxing Day* – No Service

January 2022

Sunday 2nd - Service at 2.30 pm

Sunday 9th

10.30 am – Café Church

2.30 pm – Service

Sunday 16th – Service at 2.30 pm

Sunday 23rd – Service at 2.30 pm

Sunday 30th – Service at 2.30 pm

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Harvest Services: Grateful thanks to all who helped and supported our Harvest Services. The Gifts and Goods were gratefully received by the Padley Centre.

COFFEE MORNING
4th December
HW METHODIST CHURCH
from 10.00 am to 12 noon
Miscellaneous Stall
Coffee/Tea and Biscuits: £1.00
In aid of our Church Funds
Free Admittance
ALL WELCOME



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!



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.

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