

# Wudhus News

JUNE/JULY 2018

HORSLEY WOODHOUSE PC



Thank you to all the children from Horsley Woodhouse Primary School who took part in the Carnival poster competition. The winning poster for this year was produced by Kate McGuinness and Madeleine Last. Well done girls - very professional. Watch out for all the posters around the village.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Church

# Quiz Night

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Friday 6th July

In the Church Hall



7.30pm

£2 per person

Refreshments served but feel free to bring  
your own drinks and nibbles  
*All proceeds to Church Funds*

Please pop into our

“Carnival Day”

***Honey Pot Cafe***

in the Church Hall

10am until 1.30pm

**Fresh Bacon Cobs**

**Hot and cold drinks**

St Susanna's  
Parish Church

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# Afternoon Tea

on Saturday 9th June

in Horsley Woodhouse

Church Hall at 2.30pm

£6.50

Please contact 01332 881521 to reserve your table



## Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Plans to create a 'Strategic Alliance' between Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire has recently been announced in an effort to create a unified voice for the region, which will focus on transport, infrastructure, jobs and strategic planning. The Strategic Alliance proposal is in its infancy, requiring further talks and detailed plans if it is to attract investment and draw down powers from Central Government.

Whether it is the Metro Strategy or Strategic Alliance proposal, the issue of public sector reform remains on the agenda. Either proposal could see Borough, District and County Councils being integrated into one Unitary type of Council which will provide all services to the public.

The West Midlands Engine, which we are competing with, is forecasted to drive up to £34billion of growth over the next 15 years and is receiving Government investment to achieve this. Therefore, if the East Midlands doesn't look to move forward, it will be left behind and lose the

opportunity to achieve efficiency savings, whilst supporting growth to the economy and job creation.

Note that unlike the previously proposed Combined Authorities, the Strategic Alliance does not require the election of a regional Mayor.

Talking of growth, Derbyshire was one of 10 regions nationally who were chosen to pilot the retention of 100% Business Rates. This is to test out how the system works in practice before it is rolled out nationally. The forecast is that Derbyshire as a whole should benefit from in excess of £27million of additional funding. The pilot might be extended for a second year, so it will be treated as one off income until we know otherwise. I will certainly be bidding into this pot for proposed projects in Amber Valley.

I was pleased that the Division I represent received over £500,000 in Capital Highways funding last year. Finances are still tight, but I have no intention of being complacent and acknowledge there are always schemes and

improvements residents would like to see.

After a difficult winter, which saw the Council use over 4,500 tonnes of grit in March alone, potholes still remain a challenge. The Highways Department did manage to repair 10,000 potholes in a six week period, but there is still a backlog which they are trying their best to catch up on.

I am pleased again to support the Carnival from my Community Leadership Fund. Just a reminder, Derbyshire County Council allocated £1million towards Youth Activity Grants, Derbyshire Sport Community Action Grants, as well as Community Safety Projects if you know anyone who may benefit from this scheme. Application forms are available on the Council's website.

**If there is an issue I can help you with, please contact me on 01332 781 092 or [kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk).**



# St Susanna's Parish Church

## June 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evensong  
 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion  
 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evensong  
 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am – Group service of Holy Communion at St Susanna's

## July 2018

1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evensong  
 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion  
 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evensong  
 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30 pm – Evensong  
 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am – Group service of Holy Communion at St James, Codnor

## Dates for your Diary:

**Afternoon Tea – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 pm** at the Church Hall, £6.50 per person. Please contact 01332 881 521 to reserve a table.

**Quiz night – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm** in the Church Hall, £2.00 per person with refreshments, but feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. All proceeds to Church Funds.

**Carnival Day – Honey Pot Café on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 10.00 am to 1.30 pm** for bacon cobs and hot & cold drinks, at the Church Hall.

## Events and activities at the Church Hall - weekly programme:

Date	Activity	Contact details
Monday	7.00 to 8.15 pm Line Dancing	Megan 01159 326 217
Tuesday	5.00 to 9.30 pm United Response Disco	Michelle 07891 759 907
Thursday	5.30 & 7.30 pm Slimming World	Tracy 07821 616 372
Saturday (commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> June)	10.30 to 11.30 am Zumba classes	Cathy 07963 738 137

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

# Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

## June 2018

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00 pm – Service led by Mr Keith Bryan

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

at 10.30 am – Café Church

at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Stephen Pratt

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm - Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm - Service led by Mr Bernard Ault

## July 2018

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Keith Bamford

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

at 10.30 am – Café Church

at 6.00 pm – Service led by Mrs Geraldine Stamp

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Kenneth Cupit

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00 pm – Service led by Revd Helen Penfold

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm – Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart

**Final Service with Judi before she retires.**

**Minister:** Revd  
Judi Smart  
Tel: 01332 781 296

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

## OPEN GARDEN

The garden at 9, Main Street will be open again for the National Gardens Scheme charity on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1.30 to 4.30 pm.** The money raised by NGS goes to a number of nursing and caring charities including Macmillan cancer support and Hospice UK.

As usual, the fund raising team from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre will be on hand with their splendid cream teas and our plant stall will be selling a variety of home-grown plants.

Entrance charge is £3.00, children free. As dogs on leads are welcome, the whole family can enjoy a visit.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Alison Napier



## Local clubs, community groups and societies



### Jog Derbyshire

Horsley Woodhouse Joggers meet every Thursday at the Church Hall at 7.00 pm. It is a group for absolute beginners or those returning to jogging after a break. For anyone who wants more details please contact Sam Draper by phone 07891 571 488 or email: [samanthadraper@live.com](mailto:samanthadraper@live.com).

### Orchard Group

We meet every fortnight at the Orchard Centre on Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Mavis Thomson for more details on 01332 882 985.

### Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Scouts (10 ½-14 years) Monday – 7.00 - 8:30 pm  
Cubs Scouts (8-10½ years) Wednesday – 6:30 - 8.00 pm  
Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Thursday – 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Please contact Ian Britton, GSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Sitwell Scout Group on:  
Mob: 07847 207 756

Email:

[gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk)

Web: [www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk)

### Whist Drive

Meet every Friday night at 7.00 pm at the British Legion - contact Malcolm Parkin for more details 01332 880 160.

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

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

Please email Tania Pells (Editor) at [editorwudhusnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwudhusnews@gmail.com)

### **Publishing Deadlines:**

**August/September – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and  
October/November – 20<sup>th</sup> September  
2018.**

*All articles and information submitted will be reviewed by the Parish Council before it can be approved.*

## **Over 60's Club - at the British Legion Hall**

The club continues to meet in the R.B.L. Hall alternate Tuesday's. We began our summer

outings programme with a visit to Bakewell Market on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was good and we rounded off the day at Hartington's cheese shop which was doing a good trade while we were there. Tea and

ice-cream in the sunshine made a pleasant end to the day.

The next club outing is to Bridlington on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Coach times and cost to be decided visitors are welcome.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

## Sitwell Arms Crown Green Bowling Club

New members welcome for the coming season. Season started mid-April and goes on till the end of September.

All ages welcome

**Please contact Tony on 07939 004 479 or 01332 880 858 for more details.**



## Camera Club

Dates for your diary  
Forthcoming meetings at  
The Old Oak Pub

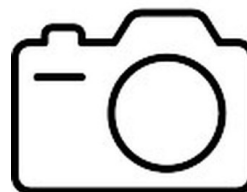
**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> August**

at 7.30 pm

Come along and join in



## Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion

The branch meets the first Monday of each month except bank holidays. The Memorial Hall is undergoing a long overdue spring clean. The carpet has been cleaned and the curtains are due for removal and dry cleaned. The exterior of the building will be

treated during the next 12 months and will continue to be used by the village whilst the Legion branch remains in existence.

Plans are on-going for a visit to R.A.F Digby in June this will be for members only and numbers restricted for security reasons.

Don Barham  
Horsley Woodhouse  
and Smalley Royal  
British Legion



# Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Reports from  
April & May  
2018  
Parish  
Council  
meeting

The Safer  
Neighbourhood  
Team provides  
up to date  
information on  
twitter  
[@HeanorRuralS  
NT](https://twitter.com/HeanorRuralSNT) and you can  
email the team  
on  
[ripley.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ripley.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

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

## April:

- The Parish Council will be receiving two new grit bins for the village.
- The Parish Council has not received any applications to fill the current vacancies of Parish Councillor.
- Battles Over – A Nations Tribute WW1. The Scouts are happy to take the lead with the Beacon event which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Members agreed to sponsor the carnival competition for best hanging basket/planter/front garden.

## May:

- Cllr K Seals was elected Chairman and Cllr S McGuinness was elected Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.
- Designs for the presentation board and designs for the poppies were discussed. Members agreed that these should now proceed, and further details will be sent to the members for final agreement.
- The Council is still waiting for the cultivation licence for the land opposite the Medical Centre from Derbyshire County Council, however the area will be strimmed next month. Weed killer is to be put down and further grass seed in areas which require attention. Members are to consider putting wildflower seeds in the area.
- The Church Hall is now an Asset of Community Value.
- Cllr Till has attended training in playground inspections and will be producing risk assessments for the play equipment and instigating new schedules for inspection and operation inspections for the future.

## **Recreation Matters**

### **Horeston Recreation Ground:**

#### April

The size of the football pitch on the Horeston Recreation Ground is suitable for youth football with full size goals, however as this facility is used for adult football training members agreed that the goals should remain this size.

#### May

Members agreed that the dog bin on the Horeston Recreation Ground should be changed for a new litter bin and moved to the end of the path. Parish Clerk to confirm with Amber Valley BC if they would empty this bin.

### **Sitwell Recreation Ground:**

#### April

The zip wire seat hook has broken, the zip wire has had the seat removed to ensure the equipment cannot be used, this will be repaired asap.

#### May

The zip wire has now been repaired.



**Dates of next two  
HW Parish Council  
meetings:**

The next two meetings will be on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018** on and **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018** at **7.00 pm in the British Legion Hall**, all members of the parish are welcome to attend to observe the meeting and raise any issues.

**Parish Council Contact Details:**

- Cllr K Seals (Chairman) – 01332 881 983
  - Cllr S McGuinness (Vice Chairman) – 07790 849 000
  - Cllr A Nathan – 07790 730 610
  - Cllr I Ratcliffe – 01332 781 872
  - Cllr S Till – 01332 881 739
  - Cllr J Whitmore – 01332 880 203
- Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404  
Email: [horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com](mailto:horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com)



**Georgie's India Project fundraising so far.....**

Since the very successful Bake Sale in the Church Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, Georgie and her team have been busy with three more bake sales, a karaoke night, pub quizzes, a street collection and a stall at the Buxton Fair. When they arrive in India the Team will be working in two schools teaching English through fun lessons. They are busy collecting teaching resources, paper, pens, books etc. They will be working in Palampur, which is the tea growing capital of India. This is a rural area where the children will benefit greatly from the teaching which Georgie and her friends will provide. There are regular updates, details and pictures on <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal//fundraiserPage?pageId=862994> .

Watch this space for the next stage of this worthwhile project, led by our "Local Girl".



## Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

### June 2018

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Nutbrook (3 miles), meet at Straws Bridge car park at 9.45 am.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Horsley Castle (1.75 miles), meet in Coxbench at 9.45 am.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Little Eaton Waterworks (2.75 miles), meet at Little Eaton car park at 9.45 am.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Little Eaton Duffield Bank (2.75 miles), meet at Little Eaton car park at 9.45 am.

### July 2018

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Morley & Breadsall Golf Course (3.5 miles), meet at Morley Layby at 9.45 am.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Codnor Castle & Monument (2.75 miles), meet at Codnor Market Place at 9.45 am.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Shipley Wood (2.25 miles), meet at Shipley Garden Centre at 9.45 am.

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Smalley Dam (2.75 miles), meet at Smalley car park at 9.45 am.

### **For more information contact:**

Amanda Gowing 01773 841 428

Phil Brown 07854 132 612

Gordon McNeil 07740 243 825

Owen Marshall 07800 542 689

## Lyrical Lunches in the Church Hall



The very first of these Luncheon Clubs was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May. What an occasion it was too. Simon and his team supplied a hearty and very tasty home cooked lunch for everyone, followed by trifle which was packaged to take home if required. What a thoughtful touch Simon! There was tea, coffee and conversation in plenty too.



Musical entertainment was supplied by "Loz" a very talented fellow, who played his guitar and sang well known songs from our past, ranging from "Hi Ho Silver Lining" to a truly wonderful rendition of "The Wild Rover". There was clapping, singing, some tambourine playing and even some gentle dancing. Above all else there was a room full of very, very happy faces, a real treat to see. Even Simon and his team joined the fun in between serving the delicious lunch.

**We would all love to see you at the next one on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June.** You are guaranteed a warm welcome, friendship, fun and laughter plus tasty and nutritious food too.

**Just call Diane on 01773 766 922 or Sheila on 07803 158 235 and they will reserve your place for you.**

# LYRICAL LUNCHES



## ALL THE SONGS YOU KNOW AND LOVE TO SING ALONG TO HORSLEY WOODHOUSE CHURCH HALL

Arrive 11:30am for lunch served at 12:00 and music until 2:00pm  
Only £10 per person which includes a 2 course lunch!

The 3rd Thursday of the month  
Thursday 17th May  
Thursday 21st June  
Thursday 20th July  
Thursday 16th August  
Thursday 20th September



To book your tickets  
contact Diane at Age UK  
Derby & Derbyshire on:  
**01773 766922**



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Derbyshire  
**age UK**  
Love later life

If you wish to attend please do ring first and confirm a place.

# Scouts, Cubs & Beavers



Beavers had a visitor from Derbyshire Police. We learnt about stranger danger, asked LOTS of questions and we tried on a big police helmet! Thank you to PCSO Mott for visiting.



We had a visitor from the Alzheimer's Society, who talked to the Cubs about Dementia. She not only explained what it was and the effects it has, but she also explained how we can help someone who suffers from it. So now our Cubs are 'Dementia Friends'.



Last night we continued with our Cub DIY badge and started working on some bat boxes.



Scouts have some projects coming up. We have been collecting wheels for go-kart construction and still need a few.. sources prams/carts etc. If anyone has some, please bring them up to the Hut.



Leaders from all over Derbyshire took part in a First Aid course this weekend at Sitwell's HQ; they learned the correct way to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use different types of defibrillators etc.



Many thanks to the leaders for giving up their time to do this course.

We did an online competition to win a great chocolate egg from "I Should Cocoa" in Belper. Gray, from West Hallam, won the egg and was handed the by prize by Chill (a Cub leader) along with Cubs from red six.

Scouts went paintballing. Hope everyone's washing machine survives and the Scouts enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Karen Watts and Alison Blagg from Codnor who helped administer nearly 15,000 paintballs. Thanks Andrew, Kev, Andy, Chris and Eylisha who were there as leaders and helpers. Paint washes away, memories like



these don't.



All sections from 1st Sitwell Scout group took part with the St George's Day parade this year in Codnor. Well done to all who took part, and especially doing such a great job renewing their Promise!

The Explorers have crated their name and are called Ignis

Explorer Unit. They meet every Tuesday 7.00-8:30 pm (term time only) so if you are aged between 14 and 18 why not drop in. They started their survival skills badge this term, they learned how to light fires without matches, how to collect water, how to filter it clean and the effects of hypothermia and heat exhaustion.



The Explorers started their chef badge too. They've all found a cake recipe to research and a baking project to do at home. Great to see and taste the iced biscuits. Alfie, one of the Explorers, has been very busy....iced biscuits and strawberry cheesecake, priced, shopped independently and made the cakes too.



For more details email lan:  
[gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsl@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk)

# **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**7.30 pm**

**Church Hall**

**Horsley Woodhouse**

Police team members for our area will be present to help with and target problems in our community.

It's a great chance to come along and get your questions answered. Also importantly, any ideas you may have will be heard and considered.

OUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM are approachable, friendly and entertaining.

**Make a date in your diary and come along to make a difference to the quality of life in our village.**

# Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall

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

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

**Call Sheila on 07803 158 235**

and she will be pleased to help you

## Stargazers

Stargazers Drama Group will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Old



Oak Pub at 8.00 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018. All are welcome; we shall begin planning our next family pantomime for February 2019. Auditions will start in autumn 2018.

**For more information ring Ray on 01332 882 200.**

**\* Advance Warning \*  
Road Closure Notice  
(Temporary Closure -  
No.1 Order 2018)**

**Please note** that Church Lane and Main Street will be **closed for the Carnival Parade from 1.00 – 1.40 pm**. However, the road will not be closed until both buses have passed through the village around 1.05 pm.

## Horsley Woodhouse Carnival - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Who wants to be the 'best family' at the Carnival this year?**

We will be having some real family fun with races, tug of war and welly wanging. Dad, mums, grandparents, cousins and kids can join in the **family obstacle and wheel barrow races**.



Have a go at welly wanging and see **how far can you through a welly** – standard sizes children's and adults. Register for these games and the tug of war at the HWCA support tent, where you will also be able to buy your raffle tickets – 1<sup>st</sup> prize Afternoon Tea at Morley Hayes. We have loads of other great prizes donated by local businesses so make sure you buy a ticket.



**The fancy dress and best float judging will be on the field at 2.00 pm** so make sure you don't miss it. Join us for the parade from the Arthur Medical Centre at 12.45 pm (to be ready to leave at 1.05 pm) and then take your place in the main ring for judging with our guest host Charles Hanson.

If you are a **local crafter or small business** and you want to have a stall in our craft tent please contact Jan via [wudhuscrafttent@gmail.com](mailto:wudhuscrafttent@gmail.com). Tables are £15.00 each and are provided under cover. Also any **local charities or community organisations** who wish to have a stall, please get in touch with Chris via [secretary.hwca@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary.hwca@hotmail.com).

It's going to be a great one this year!!!

Hope to see you all there and don't forget to keep up to date with what else will be going on via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HorsleyWoodhouseCarnival>.



### Photo Competition - HWCC

Horsley Woodhouse Carnival 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Open to all

**Two categories:**

**The Seasons**

**Horsley Woodhouse**



Juniors (up to aged 15 years)

Seniors aged 16+

Prizes £5.00 for juniors

**Photos to the refreshment tent by 2.30**

(Please put your name, telephone number and category on the back)

Winners will be announced during the afternoon

Collect your photos after 4.30 pm

**No need to mount or use photographic paper**



# LIVE STRONGER FOR LONGER



## Have fun, socialise and maintain your independence

Join a local activity session to improve your strength, balance and coordination.

### Horsley Woodhouse Chair Based Exercise

Church Hall  
Main Street  
Horsley Woodhouse, DE7 6AT

10.00am - 11.30am    £4.00

**Every Thursday**

**Instructor - Di Cliff**

**07919 116585 or**

**Jo Briggs - 07837 277252**

Charity number: 1068660



Working in partnership with Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust



[www.ageuk.org.uk/derbyandderbyshire/snfclasses](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/derbyandderbyshire/snfclasses)

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## Part 2 The villages contribution to the WW2 war effort

*A tribute to Simon Harrison*

1943 dawned with the scrap and salvage operation running reasonably smoothly, the occasional blip being sorted out by Ron Harrison or Mr Wigley. As the year progressed the input of engines began to increase largely due to the number of 4-engined bombers entering service with the Royal Air Force. The village became a temporary storage area for more and more Merlin engines, the American built Packard engines were coming into service and these came in cases, which once emptied, were readily adapted by the resourceful community into hen sheds, pig sties and a variety of sheds.

garage) was moved onto the Clan Foundry site at Belper were the Meteor tank engine was 'off the drawing board' stage. The initial batch of 25 were being put together by sub-contractors, the second batch were built on site. These engines went into the British Armies new Cromwell tank which was to figure in the campaign through France and Belgium and up to the Rhine in the months to come.



Crash damaged Merlin engine – originally fitted in a Lancaster Bomber, Recovered from Valley Farm, Heage in the 1980's this engine was probably "dumped" whilst clearing up at Bowmer & Kirkland's yard at the end of engine stripping operations

By now the workforce had acquired various equipment to assist them in the operation, transport was always at a premium and even George Marshall's wheel barrow was pressed into service, a short wheel base Bedford was hired from Bowmer and Kirklands c/w driver and he stayed till the end of the war running between sites moving parts. The flow of parts from no.2 site (now Kelf's



Merlin engine packing case, used cases were sought after for garage and chicken shed construction (this one is thought to be a Packard Merlin case)

The No.2 site expanded to include an R.R. inspection area plus all the gear which came with it, eight inspectors and crack testing, chalk testing, pressure and hardness testing capability, the operation was becoming more sophisticated. By



Surviving Merlin engine components

now engines were stacked two and three high in Booth's orchard so space was taken at Belper Railway Goods Yard and also at Blounts, some were even located in the area around No.2 site where local miners helped in the dismantling.

Time moved on and Ron still had to get on his bike from time to time to round up parts Clan Foundry were needing for engine build.

In 1944 the Army vacated the anti-aircraft and searchlight battery on Horsley Lane which was acquired by the Ministry and this alleviated the storage problem. May 1945 and with victory in Europe the parts demand ceased, the operation in Horsley Woodhouse reverted to scrapping crashed, time expired and redundant engines. This was to run for several more years on the site and embraced other types of engines along with the war winning Merlin.



Known by the "locals" as The Spitfire it subsequently became "Watsons" and is today in 2018 a small industrial site.

Gradually the village sites closed, Booth's orchard emptied, No.2 site became Ron Harrison's garage and the clang and clatter in the village died down. A small Derbyshire village had done its bit for the "war effort" and can stand tall in that respect. Thousands of small engine bits still exist in the sub-soil around the village, a reminder of what took place in those momentous years.

Most of the research for the two articles was done by Simon Harrison and I told him I would complete it by bringing it to a wider audience.

**Job done.  
Don Barham**



Merlin engine rocker covers – much used in the village as chicken feed and water troughs

Merlin engine parts, photographed in the ground some 50 years or more on

**Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council**  
**in conjunction with**  
**Horsley Woodhouse Community Association and**  
**Kevan and Lesley Gascoyne,**  
**invite you to join**

## **THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL STREET SCENE COMPETITION 2018**

Another chance to create the popular "View from the Pavement" scene which will be judged during the week before the Carnival.

The front view of all types of properties will be included, those with front gardens and also those with paths and hard standings, so all can join in.

**No special theme, just bright and in the Carnival Spirit.**

**There will be prizes for the most appealing of the following:-**



**Front Garden  
Hanging Baskets  
Window Boxes  
Planters**



Kevan and Lesley are kindly sponsoring prizes for:-

**Scarecrow People and Bunting**

**There will also be a prize for an overall Champion Property which incorporates as many of the above categories as possible (not necessarily with a front garden!)**

***Automatic entry for all***