

# Wudhus News

December 2020 / January 2021

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

## Remembrance Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Sitwell Recreation Ground



Terry Whittaker  
Standard Bearer



Wreaths were laid by Cllr Karen Seals Chair, HW Parish Council  
and Don Barham Hon Sec, HW & Smalley Royal British Legion



## Halloween – HW Primary School

Horsley Woodhouse Primary School children may not have been able to go 'trick or treating' this year, but they still had a great time carving our pumpkins for Halloween.

### Class 1 & 2



### Class 3 & 4



Photos courtesy of Stephen Lingley

# The Church Hall

As this goes to print, we are in the grip of the second Lockdown of 2020.

**All plans and activities are again on hold until we know not when!**

The Relevéon Dance Academy and Qigong both had to cease their activities in the Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> November. We now await the developments of the pandemic and then the further health and safety requirements of both the Government and the Church of England before we can move forward again with the resumption of suitable activities. **The safety and wellbeing of our users is of paramount importance.**

If you are interested in hiring the Hall as and when the restrictions allow, please give me a call for any information you may require on 07803 158 235 and I will be pleased to help.

In the meantime, keep safe and the Church Hall Team and myself wish everyone a peaceful and healthy Christmas season, and a 2021 where the present worldwide stresses will hopefully begin to recede and we can have the hope of better times ahead.

With my very Best Wishes

Sheila

Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall Hiring Secretary



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

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



## Smalley School Remembrance Service

Prior to July 1958 the Richardson's Endowed School was known locally as "The Boys School". Boys went there from both Smalley and Horsley Woodhouse from the age of seven until 15 (school leaving age) unless they passed the entrance examination for Heanor Grammar School when they were eleven.

The War Memorial in the school playground commemorates those former pupils who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the two World Wars.

It is often wrongly assumed that the names on the War Memorial are those of Smalley people. The Smalley Boys School Reunion, often referred to as the "Old Boys" wish to make it clear that this is not the case. The names are those of former pupils who came from both Smalley and Horsley Woodhouse and the memorial was paid for by public subscription organised by the pupils and teachers of the school in 1920, and extended after the Second World War. It was repaired and the names made clear by the Reunion some years ago.

The Committee of the Smalley Boys School Reunion felt it appropriate that, in these 'lockdown' days an effort should be made to involve both villages in the laying of the wreath which is undertaken annually. This ceremony took place on Armistice Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November, at the school.

We therefore invited Don Barham, Secretary/Treasurer of the Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Branch of the Royal British Legion to lay the wreath this year on behalf of our members. Don is a member of our Reunion and a former pupil of the school. The family has strong Smalley connections living when he was a boy in the cottages opposite the Village Hall which in those days was the Girls School.

We were delighted when Don accepted our invitation, although he had to find another volunteer to take over a duty he had already committed himself to. Thank you, Don.

The Armistice Day service, such as it was, was conducted in the top playground of the school involving just the Year 6 pupils. There were some readings and prayers which were done by Year 6 and it was a shame that due to the heavy traffic on the road we could not hear all the service, not being allowed into the school yard due to coronavirus restrictions. Teacher Emma Reckless's husband played all the vital pieces on the trumpet and Headteacher Kate Mason's husband played the drums. Sadly, again due to coronavirus restrictions, no singing was allowed.

Under the circumstances the service was the best that could be provided and the Reunion would like to add their thanks to those who took part to make it an occasion with dignity and respect.

STAN WILTON



## Support for Royal Derby Hospital

Local Horsley Woodhouse residents Keith and Terrina Girling are supporting our local NHS through these difficult times by putting together food hampers for the Royal Derby Hospital. Their first hampers were delivered at the end of November but if you would like to support them with future hampers then **please drop off any contributions at 88 Main Street.**



Their next deliveries to the hospital are due on **5<sup>th</sup>** and **20<sup>th</sup>** **December**, but there are a few things you need to know; as the hampers will have to quarantine for 3 days please ensure items have a long shelf life, don't include any perishables and hot food and, sorry, no alcohol either.

## Community Notice

Sometime, many months ago, a chap came to see me to say he had been on the Sitwell Recreation Ground, near the Scout Hut, with his young lad flying a little drone. The lad apparently pressed the wrong button and the drone flew over the hedge and landed. The man came round to my house to find it but we found nothing. **Guess what!** This afternoon (6<sup>th</sup> Nov) I found the drone in the top of my cherry tree, undamaged, and have retrieved it. I have no knowledge of the man's name so cannot contact him. If you are that chap, then please contact me at the following address so that I can return your drone.

Barry Jeffery

Crich View, Church Lane, HW

Tel: 01332 883 632 or Mob: 07778 395 208

## Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

### Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

All the walks on the programme up to and including the 2<sup>nd</sup> December have been cancelled due to the lockdown. If things return to normal the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December walks will go ahead

- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - meet at Village Inn, Marehay at 9.45 am
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - meet at Little Eaton car park at 9.45 am



### Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion



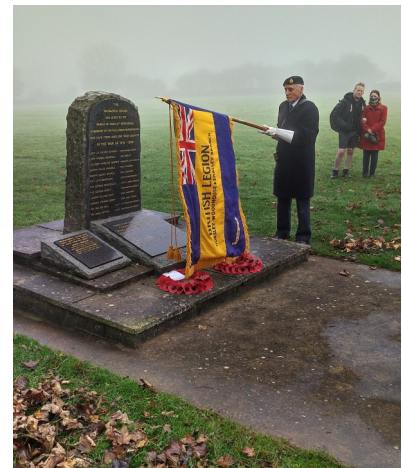
Once more the Remembrance period passes, this time in circumstances never visualised when we put away our parade gear and poppies in 2019. However, the names were still read, the homage and Kohima spoken and they were remembered in countless homes throughout the U.K.

The 100 years since the “Unknown Warrior” was brought to Westminster Abbey was marked and superbly shown by the B.B.C. All in all, in the circumstances, this is one “Remembrance” that will be long remembered.



Don Barham  
Honourable  
Secretary

Horsley  
Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British Legion



### Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

Another “news” and nothing to report, however this time we have a glimmer of light in the news of a breakthrough in the preliminary stages of a vaccine which hopefully will be the forerunner of more to come.

One piece of good news is that our Chair has reached a milestone birthday and we all congratulate her and wish her all the very best for the future.

To all members keep warm and safe, a very early wish for a peaceful Christmas and the New Year hopefully will bring better days.

Don Barham Hon. Sec.

## Councillor Kevin BATTERY – Keeping you Updated

Following the request for a 'going concern' report by the independent auditor, Amber Valley Borough Council has been issued with a 'qualified statement' relating to 'Value for Money' for the first time in its history. This is in respect of its 2019-20 financial accounts, which are prior to the coronavirus pandemic. The Council is currently spending £2.8m a year more than its annual income and is rapidly running out of reserves. It has recently published a Budget Deficit Plan which shows it will take until 2022/23 before it hopes to reduce its overspending by £900k to £1.9m each year. The Auditor is not satisfied with this and has requested the Council provide a second Budget Deficit Plan to address its continued overspend by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

In addition to crime increasing by 25% in Amber Valley, knife crime also increased in Derbyshire by 17%. Therefore, as Chair of Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service, I certainly welcome the wrapping of a Fire Engine promoting the anti-knife crime message. Fire engines can make an excellent billboard as they serve communities and play an important role in raising awareness of the dangers and issues associated with knife crime.

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) are working with Amber Valley Community Voluntary Services to help the Council's Community Response Unit during the coronavirus pandemic. This scheme assists vulnerable residents, who are shielding or self-isolating, with food shopping and delivery, phone calls to help prevent loneliness or collection/delivery of prescriptions. **If you have a few hours to spare and would like to offer help, please contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512 076 or email [kirstybarker@avcvs.org](mailto:kirstybarker@avcvs.org).**

**Applications for Primary and Junior school places for September 2021 are now being accepted.** Applying online is the easiest method. Choosing the right school is a big and important decision, so please do not miss the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 deadline**; as you are less likely to get a place at your preferred school, may have to travel further or your child may not get into the same school as their friends.

Derbyshire's local economy has reduced by about £2bn due to the impact of Covid-19. Footfall in our town centres has dramatically fallen and we are seeing £1 in every £3 spent in retail is being spent online. DCC is therefore launching a new way for Derbyshire Communities to browse, book and buy online, as

part of a scheme to support towns and villages across Derbyshire.

**ShopAppy.com** is a website which allows shops, cafes, restaurants and other local businesses and community organisations to display their goods and services for online purchasing. Shops and services will be displayed in a single town page, which means you can shop different shops in one transaction. £64,000 has been set aside to pay for free unlimited use of the website for 12 months. Apparently, Hope Valley has become the first community to go live on the ShopAppy.com website.

In these challenging times, it is important residents get the chance to say what changes they would like to see and what your priorities are in respect of Council expenditure and service provision. **DCC has therefore launched its 'Your Council Your Voice' survey, which runs until 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020.** The survey is online, or call Derbyshire on 01629 533 190, if you require a paper copy. We want to know where we are getting it right and where we need to improve, whilst still providing value for money. **People taking part have the chance to win a £100 shopping voucher in a prize draw.**

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

# Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

## Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council - September, October & November via Zoom

### September

- Derbyshire County Council to be asked why the lampposts on Main Street have been partially removed and will the bottom half of the lampposts be taken away.
- Speed Watch carried out the first post lockdown 'watch' on Monday and recorded two cars with excessive speed heading towards the school from Smalley.
- Vacancy for Parish Councillors to be put on the notice boards and website.
- A new litter bin has been ordered for the Millennium Wall area.
- The Christmas tree lights have been organised for this year and the Christmas pavement competition will be held again this year (**see the back page for details**).
- Due to the pandemic there will **not be** a Christmas lights turn on event this year.



### October

- The Speed Watch Group will be carrying out a speed check on vehicles in the new few weeks.
- There are three vacancies for Parish Councillor, posters will be put on the website and notice boards with details of who to contact if anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council.
- The new litter bin by the Millennium Wall has been installed.
- The damaged wooden bus shelter opposite the Millennium Wall is to be reported to Derbyshire County Council.

### November

- Due to the Police Headquarters having an outbreak of Coronavirus and the lockdown; the speed checks have been put on hold.
- Councillors agreed that they would purchase a speed gun with Smalley Parish Council.
- Posters have been put on the notice boards and website to advertise the vacancies on the Parish Council.
- Cllr McGuinness reported that she had spoken to a representative from Derbyshire Building Control Partnership (DBCP) regarding the state of the wall at Hollis Farm, DBCP are trying to establish who owns the wall.

### Recreation Matters

- A new dog bin is to be purchased for the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- A tree survey is to be carried out on the Horeston and Sitwell Recreation Grounds.
- The Chairman will place the poppy wreath at the war memorial on the Sitwell Recreation Ground on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### Planning – September:

**AVA/2020/0762** – 101a Main Street. Rear two storey extension to provide a rear living space and creation of third bedroom at first floor level. No objections

**AVA/2020/0771** – Mill Farm, 18 Wood Lane

Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of a replacement dwelling including amendments to the existing access.

**Comments:** The design of the dwelling is out of keeping with the rural area.



**AVA/2020/0701** – Land at 25-29 St Johns Road, Smalley. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of seven dwellings with new access drive.

**Comments:**

- There are large established trees in this area which should not be removed
- The development is too large for the road infrastructure
- Consideration to be given to the extra burden the additional properties will place on amenities in the village i.e. schools and doctors

**Planning – November:**

**AVA/2020/0987** – 101 Main Street. Proposed rear loft conversion.

**Comments:** Concerns were raised by Councillors that several bungalows in the village were being converted into houses, therefore, there will be a lack of suitable housing for elderly residents.

**Date of next meetings:**

The next two meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00 pm.** If you wish to raise any issues, please get in touch with your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

The Safer Neighbour-hood Team provides up to date information on twitter @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

## Parish Council Contact Details:

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

Don't forget to keep up to date with all things Horsley Woodhouse via the Parish Council's village website [www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Arthur Medical Centre

As we will all be well aware, the winter has brought a new wave of Covid-19 related impact on our community. Whilst there is anticipation of vaccines which will hopefully allow us to eventually return to some sort of normality, infection rates continue to be high and it is important that we all remain vigilant and follow the official guidance to protect ourselves and each other.

Arthur Medical Centre strongly supports the formative plans for mass vaccination and is working together with local partner GP practices to provide this service to patients. It is likely that this will be delivered through a shared, single local site as directed by the Government, however other details are still in the planning stage. We will share further details on the location and processes when definitive information is available and begin to contact patients to invite them for vaccination, as soon as we are able to do so.

We welcome the news from the Government which has been shared through the media, **extending the eligibility for flu vaccination to patients aged 50-64yrs**; however, GP's are learning this information at the same time as you. Again, we are awaiting further details from the NHS on the supply of vaccinations and guidance on how these will be offered and scheduled. With this in mind, **please DO NOT call or visit the surgery regarding flu vaccinations if you are aged between 50-64** with no pre-existing health conditions that make you eligible for a flu vaccination already, as this will increase pressure on our services at a critical time. Please be reassured that patient care is our priority and **we will be in touch with you as soon as we are able to take bookings for the 50-64 flu vaccinations.**

Your Practice is currently experiencing a very high level of demand and the services we provide are under increased pressure. NHS staff are often more likely to be exposed to Covid-19 infection than most people and there is additional impact due to sickness absence amongst members of our clinical and administrative teams. It is also likely that we will have to suspend many non-essential services to allow us to safeguard patients from unnecessary face-to-face contact and to support the anticipated mass vaccination programmes. Please help us by being considerate with your requests - and your expectations - when communicating with our reception and clinical staff.

Given the current rates of Covid-19 infection in our communities, it is vital that GP practices try to limit patient attendance in person, to avoid the risk of potential exposure or infection. In line with current guidance, we continue to offer initial telephone or video consultations with GPs or clinical staff. Many medical queries or problems can be resolved by telephone or video call and wherever possible, we will try our best to resolve your concerns in this way. However, if the clinician feels you should be seen in-person, you will be booked for a face-to-face consultation. Alternatively, for less urgent queries such as administrative issues, routine vaccination questions, medicine enquiries or regarding a stable or non-urgent medical problem, you can access our e-consultation service from our website's home page [www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk). Our Practice team will receive your query through the system and resolve these for you.

**We would like to thank you all for your support, your patience and for bearing with us during this very challenging period. We will continue to deliver the best levels of patient care as best we can.**



Main Street, Horsley Woodhouse, Derby, DE7 6AX.  
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[www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk)

Dr A J McKenzie Dr L J Wilton Dr ML Tidmarsh Dr K J Woodier  
Dr J Clark Dr R Furness

# Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

**Minister:** Revd Robert Foster Tel: 01773 827450

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

## SERVICES

We are still not opening for Services while the current restrictions are in place. However, even though we did not have our usual Harvest Celebrations, we decided we would still give our congregation members the opportunity to buy goods for the Padley Centre in Derby. This we did and are very grateful to the ones who gave so generously.

We are still continuing with our *Sermon Delivery Service* each Sunday and are keeping in touch with all our members in one way or another. A change, however, is that our Minister, Revd John Malnutt, is having time off for 'shared parental leave'. During this time Revd Helen Penfold has offered to share her 'Script' each Sunday for us to use.

One of our members, Gloria Smith, died on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Three of us were invited by the family to attend the Service, led by our Minister, at Markeaton Crematorium (only 30 allowed by Law). Another seven of our members went to stand outside as the hearse and the family arrived. Gloria was a very willing helper in every way and will be greatly missed as a member and as a friend.

## Amber Valley Pharmacy

Amber Pharmacy is an NHS community pharmacy located at Main Street and provide services including, an electronic prescription service, over-the-counter medication & advice, a period delay service, confidential medicine use reviews and advice & support on giving up smoking. They also operate a number of seasonal services including flu jabs.

### Opening times:

**Monday to Friday 8.30 - 18.30**

**Saturday 8.30 - 12.30**

**(Closed bank holidays\* and Sundays)**

*\* please check the website [www.amberpharmacy.co.uk](http://www.amberpharmacy.co.uk) 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

### Christmas Service

A Christmas Service has been planned and whilst we very much hope it will go ahead this will be totally dependent upon Government Covid-19 regulations in force at the time.

**Date: Christmas Eve, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Time: 4.30 pm**

A service **designed for all ages**, hopefully along the lines of our traditional Crib Service but necessarily amended to comply with Covid-19 restrictions.

*As in past years children dressed as Nativity characters will be very welcome but going up with figures to dress the Crib will probably not be possible this year.*

#### Booking a place at the Service

Unfortunately, numbers attending will probably need to be restricted in order to comply with social distancing rules. Therefore, places will need to be booked beforehand.

**To book a place or places please contact Andrew Shaw preferably by email as follows [andrew.shaw70@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.shaw70@btinternet.com). Alternatively, please ring 01332 883 124 where a message may be left should there be no reply.**

If current regulations continue to apply adults will need to wear a face covering and all members of the congregation should socially distance and use the hand sanitizers upon entering the Church.

#### January Services

Two services are planned for January on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.

Both are scheduled to be said Morning Prayer and will start at 10.30 am.

***Again, places will need to be booked as above.***

#### HW Ladies Group

No Ladies Group again unfortunately due to the lockdown. Hopefully, things will be a lot brighter in 2021. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

## Keeping the villages connected.... Kilburn News

### Kilburn Neighbourhood Watch

The Kilburn & Denby Neighbourhood Watch will be celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday in February 2021 and over this time, the watch has gone from consisting of 22 houses to the entirety of two villages.



We love what we do and we love helping our community and for this reason we will be changing our name in 2021 to the "Kilburn & Denby Community Partnership" and registering as an independent charity so we can fundraise and focus on the things that matter to our wider community.

These will be things such as community patrols, the carnival, flood and snow warden schemes as well as continuing our support as a Neighbourhood Watch within this. This will also include emergency response to pandemics, speeding issues and canvassing for change to our road/parking issues. Our work will also provide all of the community groups, the two parish councils and all the statutory and voluntary services with a group to turn to for community-based issues that fall outside of their remit. We also aim to strengthen relations between the groups.

### Kilburn Remembrance Service

For as long as we can remember, the parishioners of Kilburn have mustered at Bown Close for 1:50 pm and left in a parade heading towards the war memorial for our annual act of Remembrance, two minutes silence and short church service led by the local vicar from St Clements Church, Horsley. The view is usually one of three hundred families, friends and onlookers, all of whom wish to pay their respect to those who sacrificed their tomorrow for our today.

However, this year there was an eery silence as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has meant that the band were unable to attend, and the number of attendees was restricted, as a second national lockdown meant that parishioners were unfortunately unable to attend. At 2.00 pm on Remembrance Sunday 11 members of the public, all chosen from our respected community groups, attended a small wreath laying service led by Cllr David Hall, Chairman of Kilburn Parish Council followed by a number of prayers and two minutes silence. This year we were also fortunate to have a serving RAF soldier, who also resides in Kilburn, come along and lower the flag and pay his respects to those who have been tragically lost in conflicts across the world.



It was also heart-warming and good to see residents both old and young outside on their doorsteps at 11.00 am observing two minutes' silence whilst following social distancing guidance.

# Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers



All four sections were back to face-to-face meetings from September until November (Lockdown 2) but what fun did we have during those couple of months.

We did many activities including walking from Drum Hill campsite back to the Scout Hut, walking around Shining Cliff Woods at Ambergate, fire lighting and 'what3words' around Shipley Country Park. The Cubs had a great day at Drum Hill, building fires and tomahawk throwing.

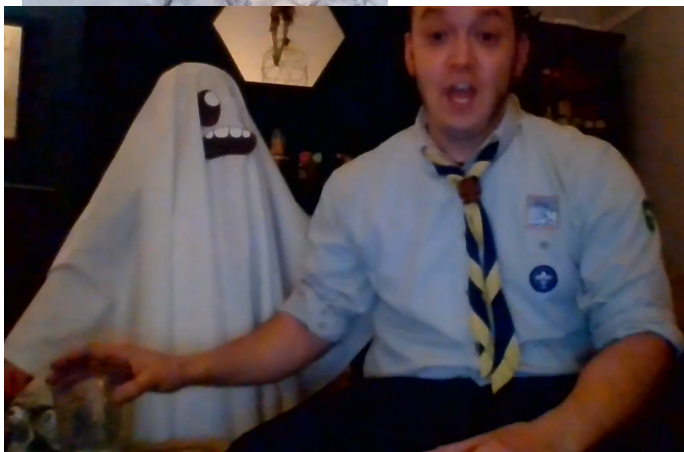


Many thanks to Rann for planning the event, the Cubs had great fun. Many thanks to the leaders for planning and making sure the risk assessments were ready for the all activities.



As we were unable to show our respect in the usual way on Remembrance Sunday many 1<sup>st</sup> Sitwell members wore their uniforms and held a 2-minute silence on the roadside with neighbours.

This year hasn't been a normal year even Halloween 'trick or treat' was not normal. So, 1st Sitwell and Ignis Explorers had a camp-over on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. We enjoyed pumpkin carving, cooking, a Halloween quiz and story time during the day and sleep (at home) during the night! Great fun was had by all.



Firstly, big thanks to all the leaders and helpers for their support during the year, we couldn't do it without you. Doing online activities isn't something we had planned but with their help we have carried on Scouting.



**So, from all at Ignis and 1<sup>st</sup> Sitwell we would like to say  
Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.**





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](mailto: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: 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - Feb/Mar 2021 and 20<sup>th</sup> Mar - Apr/May 2021.**

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