

Wudhus News

April / May 2021

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Tree Planting

In early December 2020, members of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council planted 30 trees on the scrubland at the top of the Horeston Recreation Ground. The whips planted were Cherry, Birch and Mountain Ash and protectors will hopefully keep the wildlife at bay until they establish themselves.



(Left) trees in March 2021. (Right) Councillors planting the trees in December 2020



Community Pride

Horsley Woodhouse is a very nice place to live and there are many who wish to keep it that way, so that we can all enjoy the village. Unfortunately, there are a small number of individuals who may not see their activities can be anti-social and affect others. So, what are the types of things that cause others upset and help reduce the quality and pride in our village:



- Leaving rubbish bins out on the pavement for several days after they are emptied blocking pavements
- Parking too far over on the pavements so footpath users struggle to get through (especially with buggies and mobility scooters)
- Throwing litter on the ground
- Parking on grass verges which turns them into mud traps
- Not picking up dog foul on footpaths and recreation grounds

If you are a little frustrated with some of these anti-social activities then why not support your community and take a step to helping others. You might say, “well it won’t make a difference, so why bother”, because it will.

What can you do to help?

- Contact Amber Valley Borough Council to report left out rubbish bins and dog fouling on the following numbers:
 - ◆ Refuse Services – T: 01773 841 326 or E: refuse@ambervalley.gov.uk
 - ◆ Dog Fouling – T: 01773 841335 or E: envadmin@ambervalley.gov.uk or Web form: <https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/environment/dog-control/dog-fouling/>
- Pick up litter and pop it in a bin if it is outside your home or when you are out for a walk
- Join in the community clean and litter pick (*see overleaf*)
- Sweep the pavement and clear the weeds outside you house once or twice a year (if you are capable). *We don't suggest putting weed killer down as this may harm animals.*



You may be thinking that is what we pay our taxes for so why should I be picking litter up and pulling weeds out. It's simple, local councils have a limited amount of money and resources, and unfortunately these are very stretched. Services like street cleaning and grass verge maintenance are not priority services anymore, so if we all did a little to help, we could make a big difference.

What's going on already to help the village?

It not all so downbeat though, as we already have people in the village who are active and do their bit to help:

- Thank you to the volunteers who plant and keep the flower beds and tubs looking lovely throughout the year.
- Those who join in the village street scene competition, tending their gardens and baskets and dressing their house fronts in July



with bunting and scarecrows. Also, at Christmas with decorations and displays.

- Villagers who already pick litter up, and the occasional dog foul from dogs that are not their own!
- The Parish Council who keep both recreation grounds looking tidy with hedge cutting and regular maintenance on the play equipment.
- Residents' groups who put on activities to enhance community pride and spirit.

Community Clean-up

Horsley Woodhouse Community Association and (HWCA) Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council (HWPC) are organising a community litter pick, with the support of a grant from Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Fund.



If you are concerned about the amount of litter that you can see around the village, then why not join us for a village clean up weekend on 5th & 6th June. This community litter pick will coincide with the National Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign on 28th May to 13th June.

What do you need to do?

Contact Tania on editorwudhusnews@gmail.com to express an interest.

If you don't want to wait until the community litter pick in June, and you wish to undertake litter picking as part of your regular permitted outdoor activities then we can supply the equipment to do so during April.

We will be providing the following equipment:



- gloves
- litter pickers
- high vis vests
- bin bags and holders



Equipment will be dropped off at people's homes and the bags of litter can be taken home and placed in your own green bin or left at the designated sites - Horeston and Sitwell Recreation Grounds, where Amber Valley BC will be asked to take away.

You are encouraged to comply with all Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of activity:

- Individuals (households) who wish to help pick up litter can as part of their walk and permitted 'daily outside exercise'
- Take all measures to keep 2 metres apart from any others you may come into contact with
- No individuals (households) will be encouraged to link up with others whilst restrictions are in place
- Keep to footpaths and designated public rights of way only to ensure safety at all times

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council - February and March via Zoom

February

- The Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting will take place in April 2021.
- The flag at the Church will be lowered in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore.

March

- The Neighbourhood Watch Committee is now closed and would like to return funds to Parish Council for safe keeping. Members agreed that £500 should be kept in case the Neighbourhood Watch Group would like to start up again in the village and remainder be given to the local community groups.
- Concerns of traffic in village – Members agreed that once the vaccination centre has closed in the village, the Council will arrange for the verge on Fairfield Road to be reinstated. Cllr Till will forward the email sent to Derbyshire County Council to the Clerk regarding road safety. The Council will ask for temporary warning signage on the corner by the Church, as there is increased traffic and parking issues due to the vaccination centre at the Church Hall.

Planning: February

AVA/2021/0043 - 4 Meadow Close. Single storey extension to the rear and side of the property within the boundary.

No objections

AVA/2021/0017 - Central England Co-operative, 131 Main Street. Advertisement consent for 1 set of face illuminated letters on rails and secondary text.

No objections

AVA/2021/0023 - 59 Church Lane. Proposed two storey extension to front/side elevation.

No objections

March

AVA/2021/0086 - 21 Fairfield Road. Single storey rear extension.

No objections

AVA/2021/0176 - Land at 25-29 St Johns Road, Smalley. Replacement of a detached bungalow with 2 detached houses.

The designs for the 2 detached houses are 3 storeys and not in keeping with the mainly bungalow properties in the area.

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

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 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 K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404 or
Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Recreation Matters: February

- The new swings have been installed on the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- The Insurance Company for the Parish Council advised that the Councils' policy does not cover the actions of drone operators, the individual who is operating the drone is responsible for any incidents their actions and/or the drone causes. Members agreed that permission will not be granted to anyone seeking permission to fly drones on the Recreation Grounds.

March

- Cllr Till submitted the play inspection reports for both recreation grounds, it was noted that in the better weather and when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted the Councillors will lift the goal posts to inspect the lower part to ensure these have not deteriorated in the ground.
- Members agreed that there should be no drones being flown from both the Recreation Grounds in Horsley Woodhouse.

Date of next meetings:

The next two meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday 6th April** and **Tuesday 4th May 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.

Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British



The Branch remains in lockdown unable to arrange any meetings or to discuss future action to be taken to either continue as an independent branch or close down. Should closure occur, all memberships will continue if the member so desires, probably being transferred to a neighbouring branch.

Meanwhile we have been able to assist one of our many friends in Holland (the Dutch and the Belgians) remember the sacrifice the British and Americans made to liberate them from the German occupation. The request came from a supporter of the Airborne Museum at Overloon via Smalley School.

It was funnelled down to myself by the office manager and was a request for a photograph of Roy Abbott a Smalley lad who lost his life on the ill-fated 'Operation Market Garden'; the British and American airborne drop to secure the bridges at Nijmegen and Arnhem in 1944. This is well documented by several books and the film, A Bridge Too Far.



(far left) Roy Abbott at his brothers wedding

and with an engine on fire Jimmy ordered everyone to get out. On leaving his seat he found the three army dispatchers lying on the floor obviously wounded. Both Jimmy and his co-pilot returned to their seats and managed to put the stricken aircraft down in a wooded area near Overloon. The two RAF men exited the burning D.C.3 through the roof hatch and ran into the trees. The fighter came in and machined gunned the wreck then left the area.

Dutch civilians found the two and hid them until the Guards armoured column reached the

Roy was a dispatcher on board a Dakota flown by FLT. LT. Jimmy Edwards (later to become well known for his TV appearances and his 'Handle Bar' moustache. Having made their drop of supplies and ammo to the surrounded British Paras at the Arnhem Bridge, they were jumped by a German fighter on the way back. The unarmed Dakota had no chance against the cannons and machine guns of the Focke Wulf

vicinity and they were back in British hands. FLT. LT. Jimmy Edwards was awarded the D.F.C. for his brave actions, and his co-pilot a D.F.M. Sadly, the three soldiers all died in the crash.

Thanks to Brian Abbott we were able to supply the school with Roy's photo and also one of his Mother at his grave side in Holland shortly after the war ended. The Dutch family who tended the three R.A.S.C. men's graves came over to Smalley and stayed with the Abbotts.

We Will Remember Them.

Don Barham, Honourable Secretary

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

We remain in limbo with regard to club activities, but the outlook begins to look more positive and if the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions proceed as planned, it is possible we may be able to hold a committee meeting around June time.

Item 1 on the agenda will be how we proceed in the future and obviously the appointment of officers to run the Club.

Don Barham Hon. Sec.

Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group



All Horsley Woodhouse walks are still cancelled until at least after 17th May. The first scheduled walk would be one on Wednesday 19th May, but that will depend on the review by the Government on 12th April.

HW Parish Council Website

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

www.horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

Wudhus News - online Past and Present

You can access all copies of the Wudhus News in colour from 2013 to the latest edition. Just click on the News and Events/Wudhus News Page section of website.



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

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

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

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

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

**Publishing Deadlines: Publishing Deadlines:
20th May – Jun/Jul 2021 and 20th Jul – Aug/Sep**

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

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

Services

We are still not opening for Sunday Services while the current restrictions are in place. We are continuing with our *Sermon Delivery Service* each Sunday which our Minister, Revd John Malnutt, is writing each week for which we are very grateful, as are all those who receive them, by email or printed out. The request for them is increasing as time goes on. We are keeping in touch with our members in various ways.

THE COFFEE MORNING for *Christian Aid*, usually held in May, will not take place this year, under the circumstances. Anyone wishing to make a donation to *Christian Aid* – which would normally be spent at the Coffee Morning, or as a thank you for our free vaccinations - can get in touch with Barbara Moore by the 15th May to arrange it.

Minister: Revd John Malnutt - Tel: 01773 713 711

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

Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Despite no longer owning or having any responsibility for Greenwich Park at Ripley, Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) has agreed to pay £5,000 towards a Feasibility Study for the owners, Ripley Town Council. I have objected to this and requested that this decision is scrutinised.

AVBC now publishes daily, on the home page of the Council's website, the streets it has missed for waste and recycling collection. Recent published figures state the cost of delivering the service this financial year has increased by another £500,000, making next year's cost £4.1 million. It cost £2.6m in 2019.

According to the Local Plan timetable, the sites to be included in the Plan should have been determined in March and sent out for public consultation in April. No sign yet. I welcome the recent Government changes, in which Amber Valley no longer has to take any of the 2,375 houses on behalf of Derby City. The City are now legally responsible for their own housing need, albeit the Council still has a duty to cooperate. Based on the fact that Amber Valley only has to find sites to deliver 7,125 homes and

apparently has a 5-year housing supply, I have requested that Cinderhill and other sites locally, should be taken out of the Local Plan. I also requested that all Greenbelt sites be removed from the Council's 'call for sites' list.

The Electoral Commission has determined that the number of elected members at AVBC should be reduced from 45 to 42. Consultation will be undertaken in respect of the shape of Wards, which I expect to follow existing parish boundaries. **If you wish to have your say on where you think the Ward boundaries should be, visit www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk the Consultation closes on 3rd May.**

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) has agreed to spend £120m on the county's roads over the next three years. The investment will be aimed at resurfacing roads and pavements, improvements to drains and 46 road safety schemes. The work will be undertaken by DCC staff, specialist contractors and will involve recruitment of an additional team of workers.

Across Derbyshire, there has been 59,000 residents and non-

residents, who have undertaken Covid-19 community testing, in which 587 people who showed no symptoms, tested positive. Regular testing does help in reducing the spread of the virus. In respect of Amber Valley, 10,071 took the test with 119 people being found positive. As of 7th March, in Derby & Derbyshire, 376,951 people have been vaccinated with the first dose, which places us third highest in the Midlands and is a tremendous achievement by all those involved in its delivery.

I am pleased to support Horsley Woodhouse Community Association community clean up events in line with the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign, with a £300 grant from my Community Leadership Fund. Litter and fly-tipping cost councils millions of pounds nationally, so it is brilliant to see residents taking pride in their community and working together to help to keep everywhere clean and tidy.

If there is an issue I can help you with, please contact me on 01332 781 092 or kevin.buttery@derbyshire.gov.uk

The Church Hall and its important role in our Village - Community, Past, Present and Future

(With extracts from a history by the Rev. Peter Lyme, 1961, notes by Miss Ethel Stanton and reminiscences from Geoff Nash)

The Past.....from which we learn.

1869. The New School was built; this is the present Church Hall. It was until it's refurbishment in 2000 also known as The Sunday School (and still is on occasions by some of our older residents). A second classroom was built in 1876. (Interestingly the ground was formerly occupied by the Parish Stocks, what a shame these were destroyed!). By 1871 Evensong was taking place each Sunday in the New School, a rare occurrence in those days in Anglican places of worship. In 1876 the village was constituted as a separate Ecclesiastical Parish and in 1879 the Smalley Curate was inducted as the first Vicar of Horsley Woodhouse.



In 1881 the foundation stone of St Susanna's was laid and the Church as we now know it was consecrated in 1882. The Church Hall building then was used solely as the School and the Sunday School.

In 1885 after an extremely severe winter there was an epidemic of Whooping Cough and 21 deaths occurred, mainly children. In 1897 it was the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. From 1899 to 1902 the Boer War took place and 30 men from the village volunteered as recruits; Drill commenced in the Church Hall building. In 1913 the present School was built and the Hall building was then essentially used as the Sunday School.

1914 to 1918, the First World War, our village lost 13 men.

From February 1918 until April 1920 the Spanish Flu Pandemic infected 500,000,000 people worldwide with 50,000,000 deaths. It struck in four waves. The control was limited to non-pharmaceutical methods, such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, disinfectants and limitations for public gatherings. (All eerily similar to COVID-19 pre the vaccination programme!) The following years saw hard times of high unemployment and huge global financial decline.

1939 to 1945, the Second World War, our village lost 6 men.

During the War Years the Church Hall was used as a food store. There were a couple of stones missing in the gable end of the wall facing what is now the Fairfield Road junction and there was no pavement. The

local little lads used to stick their arms through and help themselves to handfuls of peanuts, what a treat that must have been in those lean wartime years. They also used to amuse themselves by sliding down the sloping stones down each side of the Bell Tower steps, the deep grooves which can still be seen today were made by the hob nails on their boots. The other version of this tale is that the children sharpened their slate pencils....maybe the grooves are too deep and long for that explanation. The children used to go to Church on a Sunday and then walk down to the Hall for Sunday School.

In the years leading up to the Millennium the Church Hall entered into a peaceful and more predictable phase as the country slowly recovered from the trauma of a World War. The Sunday School continued with its quaint oak benches whose metal hinged back rests metamorphosed to face either way without moving the whole heavy seat. Ingenious but merciless on the nether regions! There were large fireplaces, a motley selection of chairs, tall, painted pine book cupboards and knotty old oak floorboards. The building held tightly onto its history. Plays, Pantos and Concerts were performed in what is now the Sitwell Room. The stage was at the opposite end of the room, which was also much smaller. A tiered auditorium was constructed from pallets so that all could have a good view and a light and sound tower was constructed and perched precariously at the rear to add more drama to the proceedings. Any wrappers and crisp bags from treats munched during the performances fell through the pallets and were found shredded by the resident mice when the run of the show was over and the auditorium duly dismantled! There were three or four seasonal fund raisers run by the Church ladies with stalls of cakes, home sewn goods and crafts, hoop-la, etc., all accompanied with much tea drinking and chatter. These truly were the old fashioned days of which fond memories were made, but as time passed it became increasingly apparent that the Hall was getting very tired and work worn. The building had served the Village's various needs well, since 1869, changes were necessary.

Meetings and discussions were conducted and the Hall was awarded a Lottery Grant in 1999. Work commenced and the new lease of life was no longer a pipe dream, the refurbishment was taking shape. The transformation was completed for an opening ceremony on the evening of Friday 6th October 2000.

The Hall re-opened its doors to reveal a brand new, superbly appointed venue which hosted stage productions with a bespoke control tower for sound and lighting, concerts took place, the seasonal fund raisers continued, quizzes were introduced as were beautiful teas and Sequence and Line Dancing lessons. The Church Hall had been re-invented!



The Present.....live for today.

20 years on and we move to more recent times and the Hall has continued to serve our Community handsomely. The events and hirings have moved with the times and encompass activities for all ages and interests right across our diverse local population. The theatre groups have become more established and there are three who now regularly grace the stage. The Line Dancing which started in 2000 is as well attended as ever and is now accompanied with classes which teach Ballet, Modern, Tap,

The Church Hall and its important role cont...

Acrobatic and Musical Theatre. There is Yoga and Qigong, Falls Prevention sessions, various craft groups, the ever-popular quizzes and a fortnightly Café, the list is long and ever changing.

Never has the phrase Carpe Diem been more ironic.....New Year 2020 is upon us with a Hall diary bursting with bookings including the historic VE Day plans. Suddenly the rumours of the novel Coronavirus become unsettling. Jokes are told

about its name and the stories of it sweeping across China are being met with a measure of scepticism until the first reported cases hit our shores on 31st January. The Hall battles on with hopes being increasingly dashed until the first dreaded lockdown on the 23rd March. The doors are closed!



The entire country is plunged into a life of uncertainty, fear and in some sections denial. Our emotions are thrown into a state of flux. We vacillate between fear, disbelief, condemnation, dissension and sometimes resentment and we are horrified by what some see as a restriction of their rights. We enter a phase of panic buying and hoarding, seeing toilet rolls, pasta and the like becoming as rare as hen's teeth! Aggression and greed become a common sight in Supermarkets. Our usual priorities and lifestyles are overturned.

In March 2021 we are in the grip of yet another lockdown and still we hear reports of crowds breaking Covid restrictions, while others continue to stoically obey the rules. We are a divided nation, living in a period of contrasting opinions, attitudes and emotions. Many vent their spleen as "keyboard warriors" on social media, others suffer the rigours of depression and anxiety as they despair about the situation and the uncertain future and some adopt a gung ho spirit, albeit tempered with a generous measure of disillusionment. We have compassion for those who have hit hard times and urgently need to find food banks, something which many of them find hard to accept. We hear of the desperation of the loneliness and isolation, borne to a great extent by older people. A network is established for regular phone calls and meals are delivered where needed. We are grateful for the cheaper rates for telephone calls and the use of social media to make much needed contact with people who we discover often haven't spoken to anyone in days. Businesses and jobs are lost, hardship hits a huge section of society in many ways. We as a nation are unprepared. We regularly hear the words key workers and front-line workers and we begin to appreciate that theirs is not just a job, but a dedicated vocation. We start to see graphic reports of their daily activities which are regularly well beyond the call of duty. We feel immense gratitude.

We learn of the grief and heartache experienced by the families and friends of those lost to the Virus and we are saddened. The media is packed with reports of overstretched emergency services and Intensive Care Units filled to capacity with those fighting for their lives. We send up prayers and clap acknowledgment for the staff from our door steps. It's a desperate way for communities to give thanks. Social distancing, PPE, bubbles, sanitizer, furlough and banana bread become the buzz words as Brexit pales into the background and we sing Happy Birthday as we wash our hands! Closing and re-opening schools promotes heated debate as our children become pawns on an educational and political chessboard. Lessons and Meetings Zoom

around the Web. “When we get back to normal” is a phrase much spoken, but as time passes, we wonder what “normal” will actually be.

Regular statistics of areas, cases and deaths are reported and we are lulled into false hope as the contagion rate reduces, only to find that a few days later the figures have increased, again our hopes are dashed.

We have more time on our hands as the “leisure industry” grinds to a halt. Restaurants, pubs, theatres, indoor exercise and sports facilities, matches and many more venues are closed. All but the essential retail outlets are put on hold. Time is now no longer at a premium, it suddenly lays heavily on some and they are at a loss for entertainment. Boredom and dissatisfaction set in. For others the extra time is a bonus and a blessing. There is time to take notice and appreciate their homes and see their surroundings through fresh eyes and perhaps to learn. Flowers, birds and their song, animals the weather and changing seasons and the beauty which is around us find a soothing and healing place in our hearts. The air is clearer as exhaust fumes are reduced. For some this is a time of reflection and new and simpler values, with time on our hands to pursue long neglected interests and talents. Garden’s benefit and cupboards are tidied.

We hear increasingly of the development of vaccines and positive reports of testing successes and the plans to introduce a massive vaccination programme to achieve the now familiar “herd immunity” Our Hall starts to re-awaken in its role in the Community, a rare but vital one. It is chosen as a Vaccination Centre! It is transformed into a “Covid Safe” sanctuary of hope as the Pharmacy in the Village searches for local volunteers to provide support for the running of the programme which will span from the end of January for a six-month period. The clinical staff and volunteers are plunged into hard and long shifts as our local Community and people from further afield descend upon the Village to fulfil their appointments.....This is yet another historic event in the life of our Hall. We are thankful.

The Future.....let hope be our motivation

We contrast hope with humility. Recent events and memories of difficult, levelling and tragic times have left their mark on all of us. Let us look forward to a time when we are accepting of the changes which will have been thrust upon our Village and the World with a fresh Community Spirit which has been strengthened through extreme adversity. Maybe this is an opportune time to reflect again on the Hall’s early history. Instead of reading just stark printed dates and facts, we are now armed with the fresh experience of the contrasting and overwhelming emotions



experienced by all of us in this last year. We are suddenly equipped with the ability to empathise with our predecessors. We have experienced at first-hand the horror of a World-Wide disaster. We have learnt and now let us reflect and spare a thought for those who have gone before us. Our history repeats and comes to life..... **the Past from which we learn.**

Sheila Cullen, March 2021

Arthur Medical Centre

Arthur Medical Centre is committed to the success of the Covid-19 vaccination programme and is working with local partner practices to deliver an effective, centralised service via Babington Hospital. The programme has been highly successful thus far and we have recently received a very positive letter from the Health Secretary, Rt. Hon. Matt Hancock (received via Pauline Latham MP) recognising that the provision via our Babington Hub is one of the best in England in terms of efficiency and performance.

We are working to provide vaccinations to patients in order of priority, in strict accordance with Government guidance. Please be assured that we will contact patients when we are able to offer a first vaccination by telephone or SMS message.

We are also now inviting patients for their second Covid jabs, in the same priority group order as the first wave of vaccinations when we began in January 2021. Again, we will contact you by telephone or SMS message as soon as we are able to invite you for your second Covid jab.

We are only able to help you with enquiries regarding vaccination bookings for our Babington Hospital hub. If you have a query regarding a vaccination that is not organised via our Babington hub, **we will not be able to assist you with this and you should contact NHS by calling 119.**

This Practice is open, as it has been throughout the pandemic, however a restricted service is currently provided to allow us to support the mass vaccination of our community. We continue to offer telephone assessments for all requests to see a GP or Advanced Clinical Practitioner and you will be offered a face-to-face appointment at the surgery, if the clinician feels you need one.

What you can do to help?

Please help us by being considerate with your requests, and your expectations, when communicating with our reception and clinical staff. Please consider how urgent or significant your query or request is before contacting the surgery. We want to reassure you that patient care is our absolute priority. You should still contact us if you have an urgent or pressing need and we will still do our best to help you when you need our services. However, many non-urgent matters or queries may be able to wait until this critical period is over, or may be best referred to another solution such as a centrally managed service or a community pharmacy.



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HW Carnival 2021

It is with regret that the Horsley Woodhouse Community Association (HWCA) announces that the 2021 HW Carnival will not be going ahead again this year. Whilst it is looking more positive that outside events can go ahead from 21st June, the chances of the guidelines and restrictions changing again are high; thus, the committee have decided to look at options for other events that carry less risk and cost commitments.

Once the Government give clearer guidelines for outdoor open events then we will hopefully be able to put on a reduced event on Saturday 17th July, alongside other community activities. The Committee are looking at suggestions for virtual and community events over the next couple of months and will be confirming activities via our Facebook site. If you have any ideas for events/activities please do get in touch via Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HorsleyWoodhouseCarnival> or email secretary.hwca@hotmail.com.

We will hopefully be kicking the series of events off with a community litter pick to coincide with the National Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign on 28th May to 13th June.

Working in partnership with HW Parish Council and following a grant from Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Fund, we will be supporting a village clean up weekend on 5th & 6th June.

Tania Pells - HWCA Chair

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David Smith - Vice Chair
davidtaiji@hotmail.co.uk



A big thank you

The Wudhus News would like to say a big thank you to all the people in the village who have delivered the Wudhus News; either past or present. We have seen a number of new volunteers come forward over the last year to help with routes where people could no longer deliver. It would not be possible to deliver our village newsletter to every household, every two months without the 40 people that volunteer.

It's not a lifetime commitment to volunteer but many people have delivered the Wudhus News for years but even if you have only done it a for short period – thank you all. This year in particular has seen a high turnover due to people isolating or shielding and it has been really heart-warming to see villagers come forward in these difficult times, to support others.

Our village has a strong community spirit and your support it is very much appreciated.



In Memory

Dennis Nutt

10th May 1929 to 18th January 2021

In loving memory of Dennis Nutt who passed away on 18th January. Dennis was very well known in the village as he spent most of his adult life here. He was born in Sheffield on 10th May 1929 and was a twin with his brother Roy. He was a family man and he and his wife Doris had two children Beverley and Andrew. He will be well known for his charity work as Dennis and his grandson would decorate the front of his house with Christmas lights and all the proceeds would go to the Air Ambulance. People would joke it could be seen from space.

Dennis also helped at the Primary School and the local Cub group. He was on the Parish Council, part of the British Legion, the Over 60's and a member of Woodhouse Club and made many friends. Dennis was on the Carnival committee and would decorate a float for a few years and most of the children down Carr Fields would dress up to ride on the lorry and also help to decorate the lorry. He would help set the arena up, then on carnival day he would organise the bands then march through the village in front of the procession - he was very proud as he marched down Main Street. Dennis leaves five grandchildren and four great grandchildren and he will be missed by many people.



St Susanna's Parish Church

Church Services April to July 2021

Church Services are planned to resume from 4th April, Easter Day, in the expectation of a gradual removal of Covid-19 constraints.

There will be just two services each month, at the outset, as we work our way back to normality.

Dates and details of Services are as follows:

Date	Time	Service
4 th April	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
25 th April	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
9 th May	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
23 rd May	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
13 th June	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
27 th June	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
11 th July	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
25 th July	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Current Regulations affecting the conduct of Services

Certain regulations seem set to continue for the moment but hopefully these will be gradually lifted over this period as the pandemic recedes:

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

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

Please contact Andrew Shaw on 01332 88 3124 or 07790 012 606

or email andrew.shaw70@btinternet.com

Amber Pharmacy - Vaccination Programme

Having obtained ownership of Amber Pharmacy in April 2020, it has been an exciting and rewarding experience. The Pharmacy had been purchased at the peak of the COVID outbreak which has influenced all the decision making from ensuring we offered an extended delivery service to those who were housebound/isolating; to opening during lunch to ensure that patients could access their medication and essential items without having to make unnecessary repeat trips out of their bubbles. It was important to us that we remained open and available for our patients to support the local needs throughout this pandemic. The patient support and appreciation has furthered our commitment to serving the community to the best of our ability through the vaccination programme.

Despite the heavy workload at the Pharmacy, the opportunity had arisen to deliver one of the most fundamental health campaigns to make a difference against the COVID outbreak. The vaccination programme was close to my heart, having lost some close friends within the pharmacy profession to the Covid virus, it was a chance to actively tackle COVID and drive the vaccination programme via a pharmacy-led proposition.

There was a real excitement at Amber Pharmacy to initiate the vaccination programme. With the Pharmacy at the heart of this locally led service, we took the opportunity to deliver the service at the historic Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall to serve the community.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard, the enormous support from the volunteers is indicative of their passion in making a difference during this pandemic. I have been immensely proud that we have persevered through the snow and parking challenges (for which we appreciate the support of the local residents), collectively delivering over twelve thousand vaccinations. The vaccination programme is essential in allowing us to achieve a sense of normality and preventing the further loss of lives, as we have seen over the last year through the devastating impacts of COVID-19. Appreciation of our effort was received through a letter from Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health, to the local MP thanking all local efforts for making this locality one of the most successful vaccination services within the whole England. This is a great moment for the team and for the whole community.

We know many people want to get their vaccinations as quickly as possible and everyone is working hard to make that happen. Please help us to run an efficient process and connect via the National Booking System to obtain an appointment or calling 119 (then select option 1, then option 2).

Amber Pharmacy would like to say thank you to everyone involved, it is important we continue our efforts in beating COVID and strengthening our community approach to adversity.

Baldev Raj Bange (*preferred to be called Bal*)

Pharmacist and Owner



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Department
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08 March 2021

Dear Pauline,

I am writing to update you on the fantastic efforts of your local Covid vaccination teams. I am delighted to inform you that Belper PCN is one of the best performing Covid vaccination teams in the country, achieving high rates of vaccine uptake across all cohorts.

Britain is leading the global fightback against the virus, being the first country in the world to approve a clinically-trialled vaccine and now deploying the vaccine on the ground faster than almost any other country in the world. And this is down to the tireless efforts of all those involved – especially those on the ground in our communities, from nurses, to GPs, to pharmacies, to volunteers, and so many more.

It's incredible to see this community spirit, as people pull together to lead us collectively out of the pandemic. I hope you will join me in thanking and congratulating all those involved in your area for the part they are playing in this national effort.

Yours ever,



MATT HANCOCK

Amber Pharmacy

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

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 8.30 - 18.30 (closed 1-2 for lunch)

Saturday 8.30 - 12.30

(Closed bank holidays* and Sundays)

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

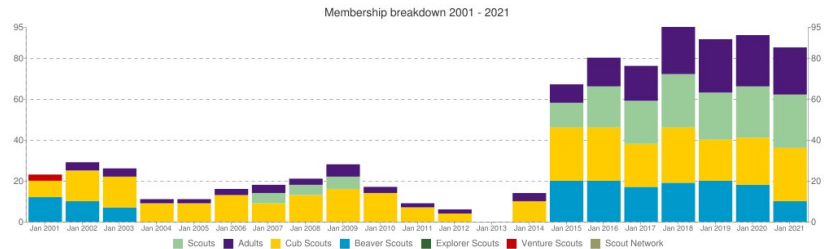
Important announcement due to Coronavirus

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

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers

Well, the censuses for this year are now done, to say it hasn't been a great year we haven't done too bad. The graph shows that with Leaders we have 85 members at 1st Sitwell. If you add the Explorers then we have around 100 members using the Hut every week - or should be!



Many thanks to the Leaders, the support group and parents for

doing the role for free – doing Scouting online isn't something we would ever believe we would be doing, but I have to say a big thank you; the Leaders have done their best and a great job too. I for one thank them for that. One thing I haven't missed though, is tidying up after cooking – that has been great online. Again, many thanks for the support.



Beavers took part in World Book Day in March and each Beaver shared a story from their favourite book. Picture (left) shows one Beaver dressed as their favourite character in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Of course, that was Aslan the lion. Great to see so many Beavers talking about their books.

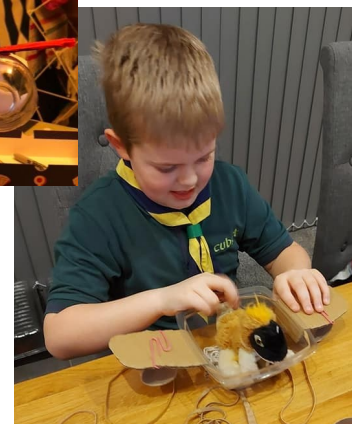


In March the Cubs were working towards their

Environmental Conservation Badge. Thanks to Jacala for running this badge. We were looking at recycling and rubbish, and making a DIY bird feeder. Delighted we didn't have to clean up the peanut butter or bird seed, but the Cubs did well with over 20 joining in – a new record for us.



Cubs also did Junk Modelling Challenge in March as part of their Environmental Conservation Badge. With only recyclable or reusable items they had to make a model to take their teddy down a zip wire.

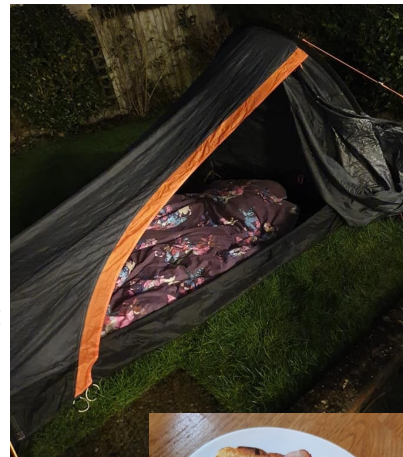


Beavers and Cubs made pancakes in February. That's a thumbs up from me.

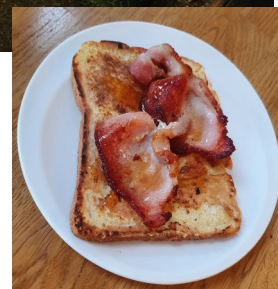


1st Sitwell Scouts and Ignis Explorers had their Chilly Challenge

in January 2021. This time it's was a bit different, because of the current guidelines we had to camp in our own gardens. We had a few Zoom meetings during the night and in the morning to check on the Scouts & Explorers, who had lots of fun. The chances of snow were



steadily increasing during the week but luckily it was only a small amount on the ground. It became one Scouts first Camp. They did really well, one Scout was rewarded with an eggy bread with bacon and maple syrup breakfast! Shame I couldn't eat it.



Many thanks to the Leader for running the event and of course to the Explorer's, Scouts and a parent who joined in too – should join our leadership team I think, the forms ready for you! Again, thanks to all who took part and your Chilly Challenge Badge is on order.



Cubs and Beavers undertook their Disability Awareness Activity Badge this month, and learnt, 'What is a disability?' What different types of disability there are, what can help people with disabilities and about braille. Photo shows Cubs making a sandwich with one arm.



If things continue to go to plan regarding the restrictions, we will be back to face-to-face meetings after Easter.

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



Keeping the villages connected.... Kilburn News

Speeding



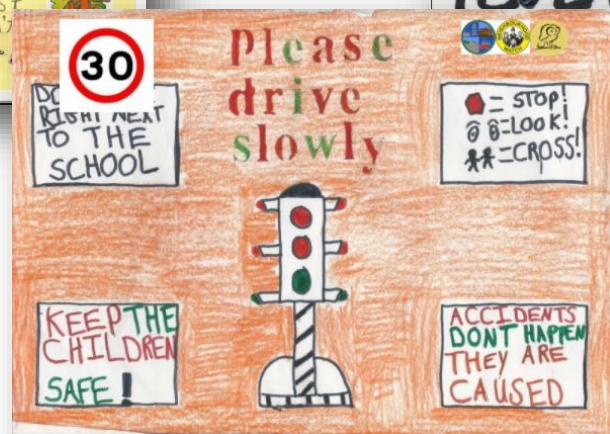
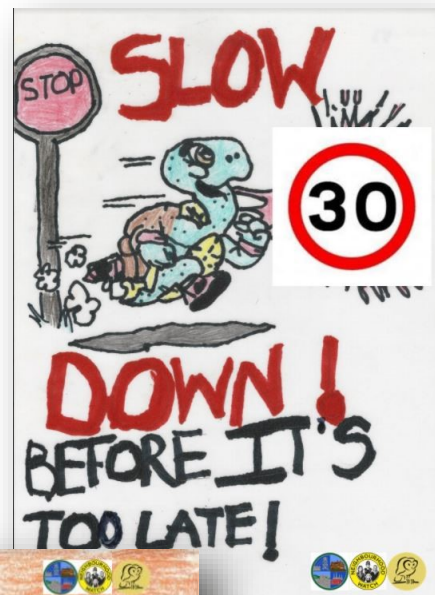
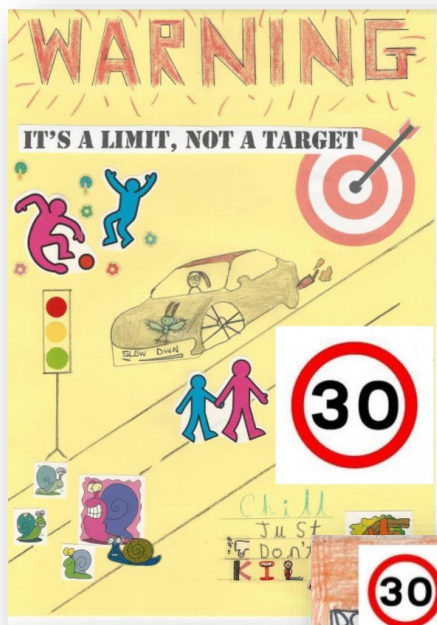
KILBURN PARISH COUNCIL

You will now all have seen the speed signs which have been positioned strategically across Kilburn village on all of the major roads.

The signs were created by winners from a competition ran within Kilburn Junior School and a winner from each class was selected. The Parish Council then funded the purchasing of 70 of the signs to be used for display.

We are hoping with the signs now in place, they create a reminder for all people travelling through the village that 30 mph is the speed limit.

We are aware that this will not stop all speeding and will be canvassing law enforcement and providing our support to the Neighbourhood Watch Speed Awareness Team to hopefully assist us in slowing people down through the village.



Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall

We are still in the grip of the third Lockdown and **all plans and activities remain on hold until at the earliest 17th May.**

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.

Hire of the Hall is subject to conditions and availability. The safety and wellbeing of our users is of paramount importance

Sheila, HW Church Hall Hiring Secretary

Food Hampers - Update to last issue

The generous monies and gifts donated between November and Christmas enabled eight large hampers to be collected by the Derby Royal Hospital, and went to the Covid ICU, one to Respiratory and one to Catheter wards. As you are all aware staff dealing with Covid have been working in exceedingly difficult circumstances and the feedback from the wards was much appreciated, especially touching was when we were told that when the Covid ICU saw their hampers several of them were in tears.

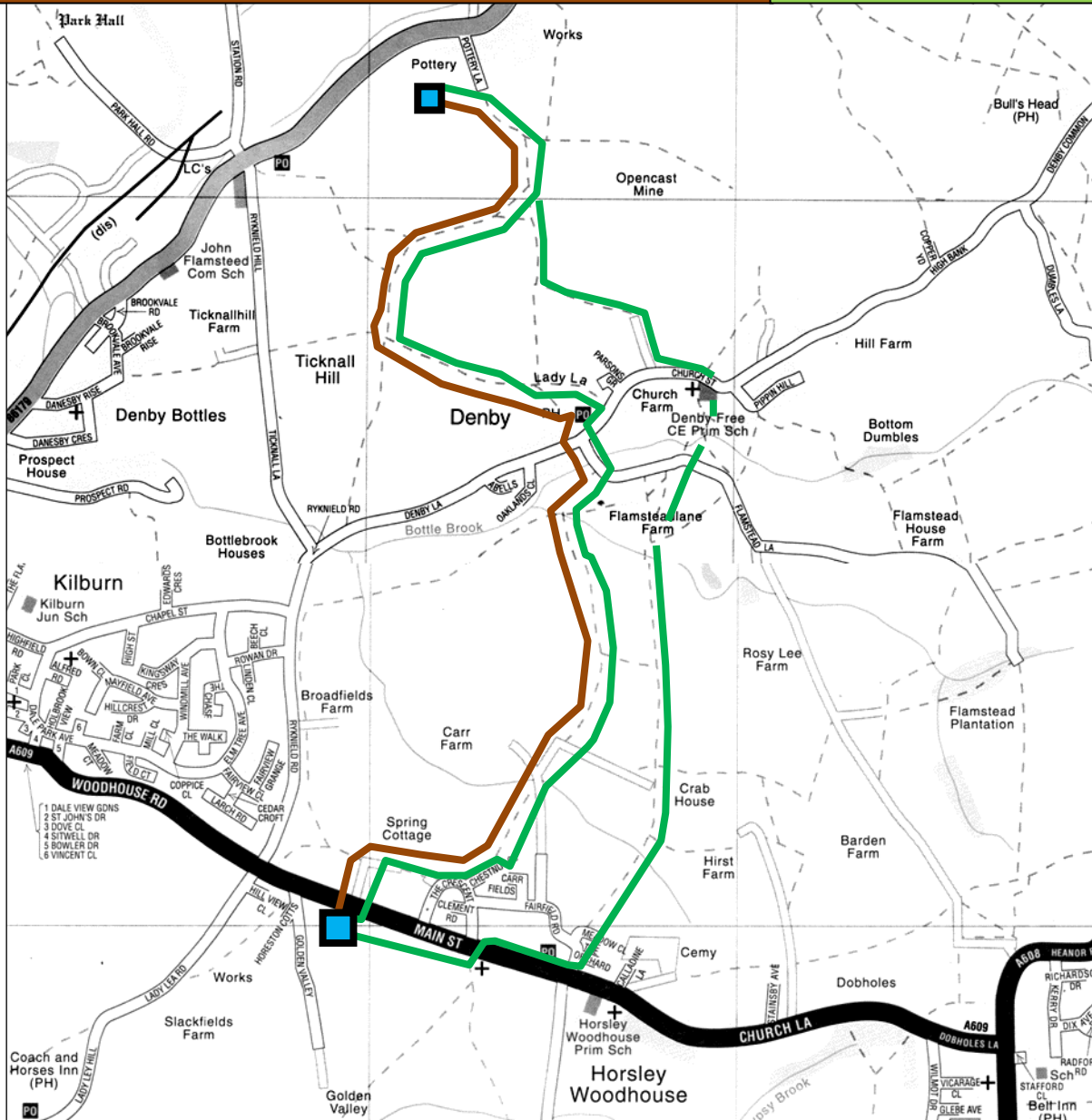


The fund commenced following the loss of Chris Barratt to Covid-19, a regular at the Old Oak Inn. Chris's family stated they could not praise highly enough the care he received from the ICU staff. We are all by now aware of family members or friends who have either sadly passed away or have suffered with this virus, so I am sure all of us would like to give a huge thanks to the staff at the Hospital.

The largest contributors to the fund, used to purchase the hampers, was from the Oak Beer Group who donated a small amount from each takeaway pint they had. A big thanks is made to the Beer Group members Colin, John, Phil, Paul, Simon, Jack, Dave & Sue. Not forgetting Richard the Brewer who provided the essential supplies, as well as lots of other people in the village who made generous donations.

Horsley Woodhouse & Denby 2.25

or 4.25 miles



Walk along Main Street and turn left down the Crescent and on to Chestnut Close. Then take the footpath to Carr Farm. Here take the path to Denby. Cross the foot bridge and come out on to Flamstead Lane. Turns left, and at Denby Lane take the path opposite to Lady Lane. Here turn left and after a short distance take the track on the right. Join the footpath at the end and continue on to the Pottery for refreshments.

The shorter route return on the bus and the longer route return on the same path to the top of the hill. Then take the footpath through the many small gates to Pottery Lane. Continue to Denby Lane and turn left and at the school take the footpath through to Flamstead Lane. Turn left and take the footpath on the right. Follow this through to Meadow Close, and continue along Fairfield Road to Main Street. Turn right and head back.

Route includes 2 styles

They above walk is only a guide and all routes are on public rights of way, accessible land or footpaths/highways. Please consider others and follow Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing guidelines. Please follow the countryside code and dress appropriately e.g. waterproof footwear and clothing. The fields around the village may contain animals and will be muddy at this time of year. **No responsibility can be taken for any access routes or public rights of way that may have changed or may not be accessible.**