

Wudhus News

February / March 2021

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Food Hampers

Support for Royal Derby Hospital & West Hallam Food Bank

Further to the request for items to be included in food hampers for Royal Derby Hospital, Keith and Terrina Girling would like to thank local residents for all their contributions. The hampers were collected by Louise Hill, Charity Co-ordinator and Choir Chair for Royal Derby and Burton Hospitals.

Four hampers were distributed within the hospital to the Covid ICU, Respiratory Wards and Cardiac Catheter Suite. Items that could not be used for the hospital were put into a hamper, which went to the West Hallam Food Bank, who were most grateful for the donation.



Louise Hill & Terrina Girling



West Hallam Food Bank, commenced on 22nd May 2020, after one of the congregation had a very bright, clear and vivid dream about Church being a large part of the community. Since opening their doors they have supplied 850+ food parcels to people who are struggling in West



Hallam, Mapperley, Stanley and Stanley Common. This might be due to losing their job, business going down, being put on furlough or isolating etc. On a weekly basis they deliver 25 parcels for free, to folk who are housebound or shielding and they also have regular folk who come along to collect and have a brief chat before going on their way.


**CHRISTMAS
HAMPER APPEAL**

The Food Bank is open to people within Horsley Woodhouse to access, so please do get in touch. We are open on a Friday from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm for us to deliver out and for folk to come and collect.

The food bank is run by folk within the church with people from the locale who give their time to help stock the shelves, pack the bags and deliver or give out food parcels. **The Food Bank is open each Wednesday from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, to take deliveries**, including from supermarkets; Morrison's at Ilkeston have supplied and continue to supply many items free of charge on a weekly basis. We also find that people, just like the good folk of Horsley Woodhouse, provide donations from the goodness of their hearts.

We literally turn up on a morning sometimes and there will be a few tins of soup in a bag on the door step or there may be someone reverse their car up to our doors with literally a car full of food. They don't want any recognition or publicity but give because others are in need. We had a young mum get in touch a couple of months ago, who, with a group of friends have organised Christmas presents for children of clients of the food bank. They have bought, wrapped and supplied these gifts totally free of charge and again don't wish for any recognition or publicity for this incredibly kind act.

As a church they also run a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre and support many of those folk who are working their way out of debt. To date they have helped 11 people become debt free through the centre.



If someone would like to make a donation there is a list provided on our website of items that we require on a regular basis at the following link:

https://www.westhallammethodistchurch.co.uk/?page_id=1039.

People can also get in touch via the phone 07729 665 754 or email foodbank@westhallammethodistchurch.co.uk.

For further information and news you can go to www.westhallammethodistchurch.co.uk.

NHS Biscuit Appeal

A BIG “Thank You” to all the very kind villagers who continue to donate cakes and biscuits (some homemade) for our hard-working NHS workers. They have been much appreciated by so many at the Royal Derby Hospital as is shown by the comments in the cards received at Christmas.

Their hard work and commitment continue as we enter the latest lockdown period and, as the numbers affected grow, their workload increases to unprecedented levels.

Please leave any donations at 72 Main Street, HW. Just leave them at the back gate if we’re not at home.

Once again, a BIG “THANK YOU”

Dear Hilary

On behalf of ward 305 I would like to thank you & all the villagers that have contributed to the lovely biscuits & cakes received.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

They have been so appreciated & welcomed by the staff.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas & fingers crossed for a better 2021

Kind Regards
Suzanne
x x

To Hilary & Family, (the doggie)

Thank-you for all the cakes & biscuits for the front line staff, we have really appreciated it. ❤️

Season's Greetings NHS 🌈☁️

and warm wishes for a Happy New Year

Let's hope 2021 is better than 2020

Love
Kev, Karen & Zena
❤️x ❤️x ❤️x 🐾

Hilary & Bryan Pope

And thanks not only go to the good people of Horsley Woodhouse but also to Hilary and Brian Pope who deserve a mention for their efforts. Gordon McNeil wished for their contribution to be recognised too:

‘Over the last six months Hilary and Brian have been gathering biscuit donations for the NHS staff from Woodhouse residents and passing them to me to give to my daughter, who nurses at the Royal Derby. She takes the donations on her shifts to distribute to the nursing staff on her wards and they are always well received and soon eaten up during their breaks.’

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Meetings of Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council - December and January via Zoom

December

- Speedwatch - Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Parish Council will share the cost of purchasing equipment for the Speedwatch Group.
- The Christmas light competition will be judged on Monday 21st December 2020.
- The Audit for 2020 has now been complete, the completion of audit notices are on the website and notice boards.
- Broomfield are unable to carry out the proposed work on the junction of Four Lane Ends due to Covid-19 restrictions at the present time.

January - Mr A James was co-opted on to Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council.

Recreation Matters

Horeston Recreation Ground

December:

- Thirty saplings from the Woodland Trust have been delivered and will be planted on the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- A new dog waste bin has been purchased and will be installed on the Horeston Recreation Ground.

January:

- The trees from the Woodland Trust have been planted on the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- A new dog bin has been installed on the Horeston Recreation Ground.
- A set of swings for the younger children will be installed on the Horeston Recreation Ground in next few weeks

Sitwell Recreation Ground - January:

It was noted that the Council is still waiting for a date from Play & Leisure regarding the maintenance of the roundabout and zip wire.

Date of next meetings:

The next two meetings will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday 2nd February** and **Tuesday 2nd March 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

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

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

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

Services

We are still not opening for Services while the current restrictions are in place. We are continuing with our *Sermon Delivery Service* each Sunday and keeping in touch with all our members in one way or another. We are grateful to Revd Helen Penfold for sharing her 'Script' each Sunday for the last three months for us to use. Our Minister, Revd John Malnutt, will have finished his 'shared parental leave' at the end of January, and we welcome him 'back'.

Minister: Revd Robert Foster Tel: 01773 827450
Church Contact: Mrs Phyllis Shaw - Tel: 01332 880 083

In Memory

Nona Mary Travers

12th October 1918 to 27th December 2020



Nona was born to Isobel and Frederick Starbuck on Home Farm Medbourne overlooking Leicestershire's Welland Valley. She was the elder of two sisters and was brought up with Dulcie on the mixed family farm helping her parents tend to the hens, sheep, cattle and heavy horses, and to the growing of their cereal, root and fodder crops. Nona attended the village primary school

before moving onto Market Harborough Grammar School, which necessitated a 14-mile round trip, five of them on foot. She belonged to St Giles Church in Medbourne and also went to the occasional services at Nevill Holt Church where her father was churchwarden.

After leaving school Nona was successful in obtaining a place at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London where she trained as a children's nurse. During the early war years she was relocated to Haywards Heath in Sussex where on one memorable night she and her fellow nurses were strafed by a German fighter plane whilst cycling back to their hostel. They all lived to tell the tale but the wearing of uniforms in public was forbidden from that day.

In 1942 Nona married Bernard Shaw, a company secretary and accomplished rugby player, with whom she had two boys, Anthony and Andrew. Initially they lived in Leicester but then moved back to Medbourne where Bernard took up farming in partnership with his father-in-law. When the farm was sold in the late 1950s the family moved to Oadby, a suburb of Leicester, and over the succeeding ten years Nona worked at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and also as a school nurse, or 'Nit Nurse' as they were often known! Sadly Bernard died in 1965 but with both boys now having left home Nona began a new life, marrying Alan Travers, a computer service engineer, and moving to his home town of Wokingham in Berkshire.

Nona thoroughly enjoyed her life in Berkshire spending happy times with her new family and as ever soon making many new friends. She took up golf for the first time and continued playing at a good club level for another 30 years. She kept miniature smooth-haired dachshunds, walking them in Windsor Great Park and continued nursing, this time helping older people in the community. Nona was also involved in voluntary work with both Macmillan Cancer Support and Arthritis Care receiving an award for her work with the latter charity. Annual holidays in the Greek Islands also became an important feature of life with Kalymnos, Halki and especially Symi being favoured spots.

Happy times ended when Alan became ill and in 1996 they moved to Horsley Woodhouse to be nearer to Andrew and to other family members living in Leicestershire. Sadly, Alan's death soon followed but Nona, supported by family, neighbours and new friends, especially at St John's Church Smalley, embarked on the final period of her life. She continued her voluntary work, this time at the Cathedral Shop, became involved in church and charitable activities including the Mothers Union, read widely, knitted lengthily and travelled afar with both family and friends, Saga cruises being her favoured ventures. Now with four grandsons and eventually eleven great grandchildren, family was hugely important in her life. Independent and determined to the last, Nona continued driving until her 100th birthday and had her last holiday abroad, flying to Southern Spain, just a year before her death at the Heanor Park Care Home on 27th December having just enjoyed her 103rd Christmas.

Christmas Decoration Competition

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council judged the 'Most Festive' property on 21st December 2020, it was a difficult task but the winner was Lesley Gascoyne at 3 Main Street, with a traditional Nativity display this year.

Clockwise from top left – Runners Up:
10 Stainsby Avenue, 206 Main Street,
61 Fairfield Road & 48 Main Street



Winner - 3 Main Street



Local Clubs, Community Groups & Societies

Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley Royal British

The Branch position remains unchanged, like the rest of the country we are in lockdown, and cannot hold Branch meetings. Apart from checking out the building for routine inspection of the water supply in this very cold winter weather there is nothing to report.



One issue will have to be decided when normal life resumes and that is who will succeed the current Secretary and Treasurer, as I am now at the point when advancing years mean I must stand down. **We have a possible Treasurer but the post of Secretary needs to be filled.**

Apart from the usual secretarial duties whoever takes it on will be responsible for the premises including the following tasks:

- setting the heat programme in winter when other organisations hire the room
- locking up after functions
- keeping an eye on the state of the building (particularly in winter)
- contacting a builder or plumber should the need arise (last winter we had roof damage in February, early one Sunday morning that needed immediate attention)

Other duties also include:

- working with Treasurer to pay electricity bills, water bills, repair bills etc.
- collecting garage rents plus parking donations.
- arranging annual electrical checks which are now mandatory.
- obviously not a post to be taken on lightly, add keeping the minute book of meetings and fire hazard checks there is a lot to do.

If the post cannot be filled then obviously the future of the Branch will be in doubt, so hopefully someone will come forward and save this from happening.

Don Barham
Honourable Secretary

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

Nothing to report unfortunately. The Club is stood down until the pandemic subsides.

We have lost two members recently, Betty Crossley from Kilburn and Dennis Cruise, well known in the village, see more details elsewhere in the "News".

Maybe the vaccination programme and Spring will lift the gloom, tomorrow will be a better day.
Don Barham Hon. Sec.

Stargazers Drama Group

Stargazers Drama Group: we're on hold but we are not going away!

As you may have guessed, the Stargazers Pantomime in February 2021 has been cancelled. So we are now fixing our sights on the auditions in autumn for our next show in February 2022. We are determined to make this a spectacular comeback with a specially written new script. The dates of the auditions will be advertised in Wudhus News in the late summer, but if you want to talk about your possible involvement as an actor, singer, dancer, juggler, comedian or technician just pick up the **phone to Ray on 01332 882 200**. We welcome members of all ages, and you don't have to have any experience.

And lastly, thank you to the 500 people who came to our 'Cinderella' in the Church Hall in February 2020; we can't wait to entertain you again.

Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group

Unfortunately, all Horsley Woodhouse walks have been cancelled until further notice.



HW Ladies Group

Once again Ladies Group has been postponed for the foreseeable future, due to Covid-19. Keep safe, keep in touch and if you feel like a chat please give me a ring.
Pat Dickinson

United Benefice of the Denby Group of Churches

St Susanna's Parish Church

Services

Unfortunately, the services planned for January and February have needed to be cancelled as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The situation is under constant review and we shall be resuming services once it is considered safe to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

Publishing Deadlines: 20th Mar - Apr/May 2021 and 20th May - Jun/Jul 2021

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

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 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

Councillor Kevin Buttery – Keeping you Updated

Despite receiving a ‘qualified statement’ relating to ‘Value for Money’ from the independent auditor, Amber Valley Borough Council has agreed to sell land worth £149,000 to Ripley Town Council for £1. I have ‘called-in’ this decision as I certainly consider that it needs more scrutiny and the claimed saving figures just don’t add up!

I am pleased that Heanor has qualified to receive £8.5 million from the Government’s investment of £830million into the Future High Street Fund. I have been extremely supportive of this application which started over two years ago and with this announcement, can see the High Street changing for the better. This Government funding will breathe life back into Heanor town centre and could not have come at a more welcome time. We all need to work together in an effort to aid economic recovery after a very difficult and challenging year. This is definitely the sort of investment we need for the High Street and is a fantastic opportunity to provide real jobs and potential for growth, that will benefit all Heanor

residents.

Covid-19 remains a dominant factor in our way of life, with a myriad of advice available on Council, Government and NHS websites, should you need it.

Infection rates remain high in Amber Valley, so we do need to follow guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible. Testing and vaccinations are being administered locally.

Derbyshire County Council has received £6.5million to support proactive and containment measures. The £2.2m Covid Winter Grant Scheme targeting vulnerable families with children, covers the period up to the 31st March 2021.

Amber Valley Borough Council is continuing to administer the various Government Grants to businesses impacted by the pandemic. If you have already applied for funding as a result of the Tier 3 restrictions, for the period 2nd December to 31st December 2020 and have been successful, you should receive payment shortly.

Those eligible for the latest Tier 4 lockdown restriction payments need to apply separately, so please do not use the Tier 3 Forms to do so. My advice is to keep a check

on the Council’s website for the latest guidelines and criteria. If in any doubt, just apply, as I would not want anyone to miss out.

The website

www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org also provides information and guidance relating to personal financial circumstances such as furlough and job loss, benefit advice, mental health and well-being etc.

The A38 Junction improvement scheme, promoted by Highways England, that will see a flyover built at the Little Eaton roundabout, has finally been approved by the Secretary of State. I anticipate this could start in Spring of this year and take two years to complete, so expect some traffic disruption during the construction stage. However, once completed it should reduce peak hour congestion as well as improve journey times and the flow of traffic through Amber Valley. This will help improve bus service reliability, as they often get snarled up in the traffic jams.

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

In Memory of John Bosworth

22nd February 1926 to 27th December 2020

It's with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of John Bosworth of Smalley, who died peacefully on the 27th December at the age of 94.

John and his family regularly bring his steam engine to take part in Horsley Woodhouse Carnival, and some may remember his Butchers shop in Smalley.

John was born in 1926 and was raised at White House Farm in West Hallam village. He went on to run the family's butchers shop at the farm until 1960 when he and his wife Olive moved to Smalley to take on the Butchers Shop on Main Road, nearly opposite the Bell Inn. John was a butcher/Master Butcher all his life until retirement in 1991, except for a short two-year break when he served with the RAF in India & Burma during final years of World War Two.

He always held a fascination with machinery probably after seeing the traction engine and threshing gang coming to the family's farm at West Hallam. As a result of this interest, he acquired many pieces of vintage machinery, including a Threshing drum, a Field Marshall tractor, Marshall steam roller "Goolie" as well as his pride and joy, Foster traction engine 'Sprig'. All were thoroughly restored with help of family and friends and rallied extensively locally and further afield.



It is through John's interest in steam that his son, grandchildren, brother, nephew, and many friends have all been able to follow in this hobby.

He held various roles within clubs and societies including the Round Table, Belper Butchers Association, National Traction Engine Club and Steam Apprentice Club. He always encouraged youngsters and was keen to get them involved in activities of the clubs particularly during his time as Chairman of the Steam Apprentice Club.

John also admired the work of the RNLI and the bravery of the lifeboat men and was for a time a president of the landlocked Long Eaton fund raising branch of the RNLI. He also supported them by raising funds over the years through a RNLI donation box attached to the front of his Foster traction engine.

The last nine months were difficult as he suffered from ill health, but he was able to stay with his son David and daughter-in-law Catherine during the lockdowns, allowing him to be together with Olive, his wife of 70 years, who was able to sit by his side throughout.

John's final journey was behind his Traction Engine on Thursday 21st January.

The Bosworth Family



In Memory of Dennis Cruise

26th May 1931 to 28th December 2020

Originally from London, as a child Dennis and his brother were sent to a farm in Frome, Somerset as war evacuees. They were well looked after and their parents were lucky, in that they could visit the boys, as many couldn't. Dennis's father was an engineer and during WW2 was moved to the Rolls Royce site at Derby, to support the war effort. Dennis and his family relocated to Little Eaton. It wasn't until he met his wife Janet that he set up home in the late 1950's in Carr Fields, Horsley Woodhouse; where he remained until his sad departure.

Janet and Dennis were married for 50 years and had three children Nigel, Lee and Rachel. As the only remaining child Dennis leaves behind Rachel and her husband, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Dennis finished his working life as a maintenance engineer at Denby Pottery before his retirement.

Dennis enjoyed life to the full and was an active member of the Over 60's Group committee, where he also enjoyed the trips and activities over the years. He supported the Carnival committee for many years; only stepping down in his early 80's but he still continued to help on the day. He was always wanting to support the Carnival any way he could and donated a trophy for 'Best Float' in memory of his late wife Janet.



Arthur Medical Centre

Arthur Medical Centre is committed to the successful delivery of the Covid-19 vaccination programme. This work is vital to the country's efforts to counter the pandemic and save lives. The Government and the NHS have given priority status to this work and GP surgeries have been asked to suspend non-essential services, to enable them to support this national effort.

The Government has also announced that the UK Covid alert level has been raised to level 5. This means that NHS services are subject to significant, potentially overwhelming demand and that all non-essential work should be stopped to allow General Practice to cope with the demand of the vaccination programme. Subsequently, queries regarding routine, non-essential services may be referred to a centrally managed service, or you may be asked to wait until normal services are resumed.

This Practice is open; however, a restricted service is currently provided to allow us to focus on priority work and to allow us to support the mass vaccination of our community. Please find below details of updates or changes to services:

GP Telephone appointments and contact attempts

We have a policy for telephone appointments, where GPs will make a maximum of two attempts to contact patients for scheduled telephone appointments. If the GP is not able to reach you within two attempts, your appointment will be cancelled and you will need to book another appointment.

Contraception

- All routine contraception will now be referred to Your Sexual Health Matters (Derbyshire & Derby Sexual Health Services)
- Requests for emergency contraception will be referred to the pharmacy
- Patients who have an acute or urgent problem relating to contraception, such as bleeding, can still be seen by a GP

Ring Pessaries

- All ring pessary services will be stopped
- Patients who have an acute problem with a ring pessary, such as pain or bleeding, can still speak to a clinician

Minor Surgery/Joint Injections

All minor surgery and joint injection services are stopped



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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

Ear Syringing

All ear syringing is currently stopped however you can access this at local pharmacies

Joint and muscle problems /Physio

- Most patient queries or appointments will be signposted or referred to a Physio dept directly by Reception – Physio can be contacted 01335 230 079
- Some patients who are in need of assessment will be referred to First Contact Physio.

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.

Have you seen any Fairies in HW recently?



For those of you who are managing to get out for a walk around the village, you may have come across some mystical friends in the fields around Horsley Woodhouse. No sightings have been confirmed but plenty of local visitors have been to see the new residents in Horsley Woodhouse.



Rocks have been donated for you to take away and paint, so please enjoy.

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers

Wow 30 1st Sitwell Cubs and Beavers plus their family members, along with 1st Loscoe Beavers watched the NHS panto (Nottingham) via DVD. Oh yes, they did!

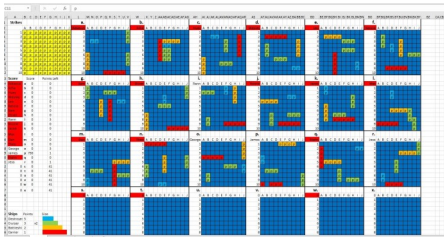


Many thanks to the Cubs and Beavers who made or supplied a Christmas card. They were taken to Smalley Hall Residential Home and they said please pass on our thanks to the young people.

Again, many thanks for your support.

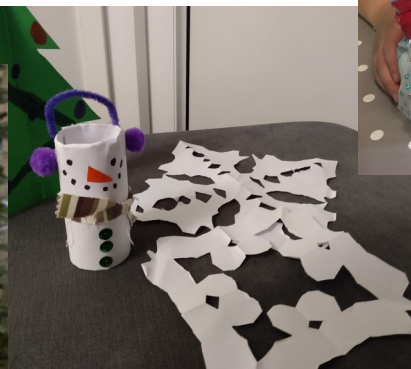


Beavers from 1st Loscoe and 1st Sitwell made reindeer gingerbread this week via Zoom, great fun was had by all. Just a shame we couldn't sample any.



We asked the Cubs what do they wanted to do over the next few weeks via Zoom, first place came battleship - so battleships it was.

Beavers and Cubs did some online crafts just before Xmas. Can you tell what they made?



Beavers have been busy making flap jacks and they didn't last long.



Chilly Challenge is back for its 11th year and this time it's a bit different. All you need to do to achieve the badge is camp out for one night only in January (but you can camp out for longer if you want!). Both the Scout section and Explorer unit will be taking part – would you like to camp out in Jan?



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

Thought of the Day

When we look at each other, different sizes, different shapes, different races, different voices depending where in the country or in the world we've come from, but believe it or not, 'we are all cast from the same mould'. Many beliefs, cultures and religions have their own views and opinions about the human race living on this place and about what we are actually doing here? I for one am very glad they do – to be honest, making discussion and talk much more interesting. In my opinion its not who's right or who's wrong in any of these matters – is there, isn't there, where? why? what? how can that be? What is the most important thing here is, 'Asking the question'. Even the answer isn't really slightly important, by asking the question out loud if we chose, or dare we are making a huge statement!

We in this day and age, regardless of what is going on around the world or near at hand, are 'free' to travel near or far. No matter who or where we are, putting Covid-19 aside, with Freedom comes Pride, after all this business we might need extra strength to abide.

Thanks to my friends and neighbours old and new

Together we will all pull through
Rob Ranger

**This is a time to
pull together and
support each other**

[crisis.org.uk](https://www.crisis.org.uk)

Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall

As this goes to print, we are in the grip of the third Lockdown and **all plans and activities are again on hold until we know not when!**

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
Horsley Woodhouse Church Hall Hiring Secretary

Keeping the villages connected... Kilburn News

Kilburn Shoebox Appeal

In December our team delivered over 50 shoeboxes to elderly and vulnerable members of the community. These were very kindly packed and donated by the community and distributed by our team. Some of the shoeboxes made their way to Hope for Belper (food bank) to help out a small number of people in the wider community who potentially would not receive any other presents at Christmas.

Further to this, our team managed to organise a Santa & Sleigh to travel around Kilburn, Denby & Horsley Woodhouse on the 23rd December and we would like to send our sincere thanks to all those who stood in their windows, on doorsteps and on front gardens cheering us along and getting involved in the festive spirit. We hope Santa and his elves will be back for 2021.



Kilburn Parish Council - Improving Community Developments

Fairview Close – Play Area

Following a review of play areas across the whole area of Kilburn, a decision had been made that the equipment which was provided by Amber Valley Council within the Fairview Play Area was deemed unsafe. The equipment has now been removed. The Parish Council have written to Amber Valley to request to take ownership of the land and change it into a community garden. If successful the Parish Council would request local residents to get in touch with the Parish Clerk to set up a working party to create a design and also requirements which the Parish Council can then look to support and fund the development.



The Community Garden would be available to all residents and will be a great addition to the village. Should there ever be any other play areas which fall into this category we would look to try and replicate across the village for a community feel.

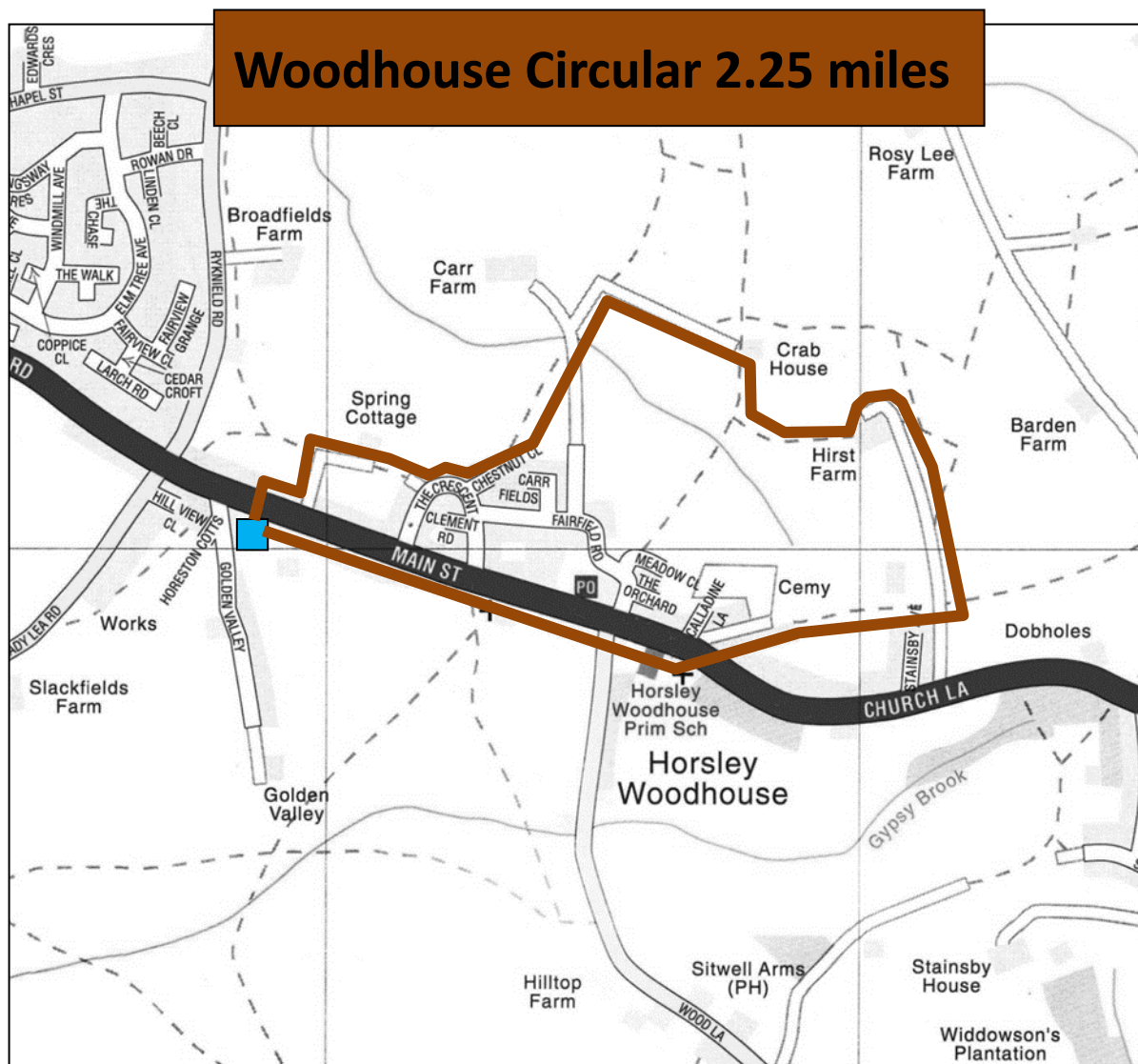
Kilburn Nature Reserve

The Parish Council have been working tirelessly over the last year to seek approval for funding to reinvigorate the Nature Reserve. Many parishioners currently use the Nature Reserve and Memorial Garden, but we would like to see that improved with better access for disabled people, removing some of the trees to allow more light, and also to let existing trees flourish which are being stifled by the number. Improving fencing and adding additional support around the brook to enable pond dipping, school classes and people to fully enjoy the area.

The Parish Council have set up a working group for the Nature Reserve and if any parishioners have any ideas or would like to contribute, please get in contact with the Parish Clerk to advise. We hope you can see from the above, we are working to improve the community areas and increase engagement of our neighbours after what has been such a tragic year with COVID-19.

Horsley Woodhouse Walks

Two local walks have been provided for Horsley Woodhouse residents to try. They are 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.**



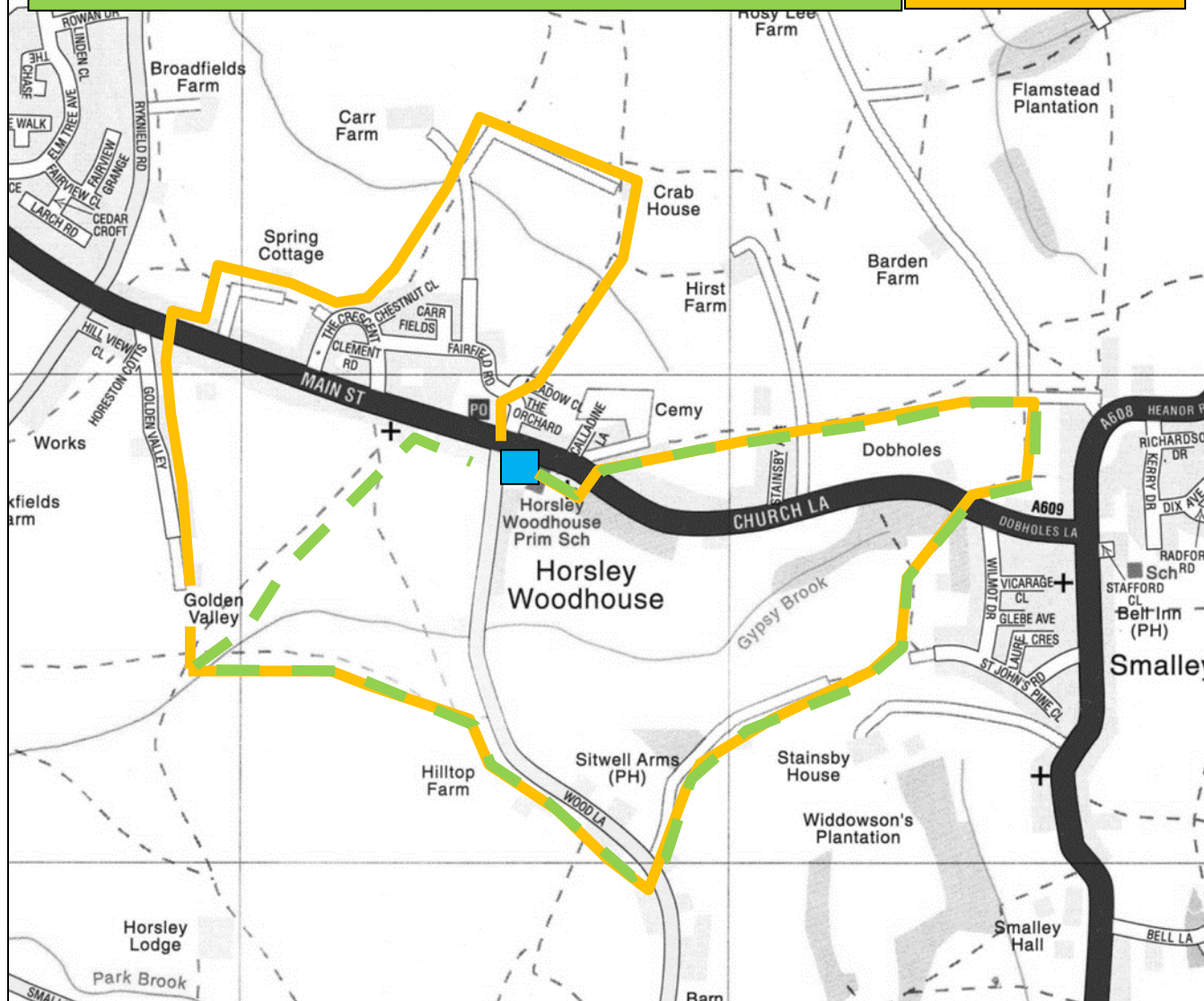
Walk down Main Street to St Susanna's Church. Turn left up the road to the playing fields. Continue along the footpaths to Stainsby Avenue and turn left down the road to Hirst Farm. Join the path at the back of the farm house and continue to the Crab House. Now follow the road towards Carr Farm and just before the farm join the footpath back to the village. On the crescent take the path behind Spring Cottage, and head slowly back.

Walk time approximately 1 hour 10 minutes

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Horsley Woodhouse Circular 2.5miles

or 3.5miles



Turn right on leaving the Church Hall car park. Cross the road at the church. Then take the lane to the recreation ground. Here join the footpath out to Stainsby Avenue. Cross the track and continue along to join the bridleway. Turn right, cross the recreation ground and the road, and taken the footpath out to the cricket ground. Here turn right and continue to Wood Lane.

Turn right again carry on along Wood Lane, and take the footpath on the left. Follow this through to the bottom of Golden Valley.

For the short walk take the footpath on the right up to the Main Road. Here turn right and head back to the Church Hall.

The longer walk continues up Golden Valley. At the top cross the road and turn right, and after a short distance take the track on the left. Follow this round to the crescent, turn left and join the footpath at the end of Chestnut Close. At Hurst Farm take the track on the right to the Crab House. From here follow the footpath on the right through to Meadow Close. Turn left at Fairfield Road and head back to the Church Hall.

Route includes 5 styles

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