

THE WUDHUS NEWS

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TREKKING THE HIMALAYAN ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT

Since the age of 21, I have been a keen mountain or fell walker and in October I was fortunate enough to be able to tackle one of the most famous treks in the world, The Himalayan Annapurna Circuit, which covers a distance of ca. 200 miles and rises to 17,400 feet. Since tackling a shorter four day Annapurna trek six years ago, I have been hoping to complete the circuit and as I will be 70 next year, I feared that time might be running out for me.

My brother-in-law, John Holmes, who lives in Duffield, organised the trek in memory of his daughter, Philippa, who completed the circuit in 2008 but sadly died a year later of an undiagnosed heart condition, aged just 24.



Annapurna II (26,046ft) from Upper Pisang (08/10/14)

Five of us travelled to Nepal for the event, including Paul Deasy, another brother-in-law of John's and John's best man, Stuart Rees

and his partner, Pauline Smith. We were accompanied on the trek by a Nepali guide, Tulasi Ram Paudel, who has accompanied many other members of our family on Himalayan treks, and two porters, Dipak and Diwas.

The plan was for the trek to take 20 days and everything was progressing relatively smoothly for the first five days when we managed to walk about 40 miles from Chamje to Manang and climbed from 4,700 feet to about 11,600 feet. However, Stuart and Pauline had to be helicoptered from Manang to hospital in the capital, Kathmandu, because of a serious stomach infection Pauline had picked up in India before arriving in Nepal. So we were down to three Brits and three Nepalis for the rest of the trek.



Path to Tilicho Basecamp (13,615ft), before it was swept away by an avalanche (12/10/14)

Trekking The Himalayan Annapurna Circuit Continued..

Three days later we reached the highpoint (figuratively and literally) of the trek when we arrived at Tilicho Lake after climbing to 16,400 feet.



From L to R: Diwas, John, Paul, Howard & Tulasi at Tilicho Lake (16,140ft) (13/10/14)

Fortunately, Tulasi is a very experienced guide and he recommended that we return to a lodge at 12,800 feet because snow was expected the next day and it meant that we were back below a hazardous section of the path. Sure enough the snow came – about four feet of it in 12 hours where we stayed and almost twice as much higher up.



Trekking from Siri Kharka (12,800ft) the day after the snowfall (15/10/14)

The hazardous path was swept away by an avalanche and landslide and most of you will have heard that 40 or more people died high up in the Annapurna region. Although we did climb again, in the snow, to 13,300 feet, this meant that we couldn't continue over Thorung La Pass because bodies were still being recovered and the path was closed. We therefore came back down more or less the way we ascended. We did however trek about 200 miles even if we didn't manage to complete the circuit.

John was a teacher and union representative before he retired and we completed our holiday by visiting a village and two schools near Tansen. The welcome we received from the whole village was truly amazing and although it was a very poor community which receives funding from the UK, it was inspiring to see how much effort they put into helping themselves.

I am pleased to say that we are all safely home now and Pauline is slowly recovering although it will be some time yet before she is completely better. We have some amazing memories and photographs of trekking in the highest mountain range in the world and in spite of the sad loss of life while we were there, I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone with a sense of adventure. However, my advice would be to employ an experienced Nepali guide and unless you are young and fit a porter or two to lighten your load because the high altitude certainly takes it out of you. Nepal is also one of the poorest countries in the world and the employment of such people is also an important part of the Nepali economy.

Trekking The Himalayan Annapurna Circuit Continued..

If you are thinking of giving it a go, I would be pleased to offer advice on everything from what to wear to other items of equipment and what you might expect to find on the trek, including accommodation and food. You can contact me by e-mail: hbeedle@aol.com

Finally, John, Paul and I were raising money for various charities in memory of Philippa. I was collecting for Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation and Community Action Nepal and at the time of writing this article I have raised a total of £1,694 (£2,117 including Gift Aid).

If you feel able to donate to any or all of these, please go online using the following link to my justgiving 'teampage' which has a link to the three charities:

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/howardbeedleannapurna>

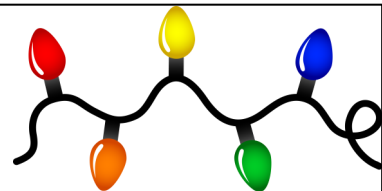
Howard Beedle



An avalanche blocking the path near Humde (10,760ft)
(19/10/14)

Woodhouse Illuminated Event

24 houses within the village will decorate a window in a 'real life' advent calendar.



Each night a new window will light, building up to 24 by Christmas Eve. Additional 'pop up' windows will also be lit!

Please support us by purchasing a map of the window displays from the Flower Shop, the Old Oak or Horsley Woodhouse Primary School. Maps cost £1.00 each and include entry into a prize draw to win a Luxury Christmas Hamper. All proceeds to St Susanna's Church Funds.

Events Diary:

Monday 1st December at 6.00 pm - Switch on Day 1, 103a Main Street - followed by festivities at the Old Oak Pub with various stalls.

Wednesday 10th December at 7.15 pm - Festive Carol Concert in the Church Hall - featuring Marlpool URC Theatre Co. and seasonal refreshments. Admission £4 and tickets available from the Flower Shop.

Christmas Eve

Final window unveiled at the Crib Service at 3.00 pm in St Susanna's Church.

Request for Community Support – Allotments Calladine Lane

I am interested in acquiring/renting an allotment in the village located to the rear of Main Street, just off Calladine Lane (near the cemetery), to the left behind the houses. After several conversations I understand that the allotments are in private ownership. If you are one of these landowners and would be interested please do get in touch via the details below.

Thank-you in anticipation,
Joe Giordano,
79 Fairfield Road, HW
joe.giordano@sky.com or 01332 881 418

Request for Community Support – Panto Preparations

Stargazers Drama Group are busy making costumes for their production of "Snow White" in the Church Hall in February and would like to invite donations of materials. If you can offer any plain sheets, curtains (especially if they are glittery), ribbon, elastic or velcro please ring Christine on 01332 880 434. Stargazers can arrange for collection.

The show opens on Thursday 12th February 2015 and tickets will be on sale after Christmas.

Thank you,
Ray Rippingale, Chair, Stargazers Drama Group

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: Feb/Mar 2015 – 20th Jan 2015 and Apr/May 2015 – 20th Mar 2015. Unfortunately any information received after the deadline will not be included but may go forward to the next edition.

Many thanks
Tania Pells

Horsley Woodhouse Walking Group



December 2014

Wed 3rd Dec (9.45 am – midday) - Great Northern Greenway 2.5 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am.

Wed 10th Dec (9.45 am – midday) - Darley Abbey Approximately 3 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am. *This is a buggy friendly walk.*

Wed 17th Dec (10.00 am – midday) - Lumb Farm & Ripley Greenway 2.25 miles, followed by Christmas Lunch at the Village Inn. Bookings required for the Lunch see Owen, Tel. 01332 780 682. Meet at Denby Pottery car park at 10.00 am.

Wed 24th and 31st Dec – no walk on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

If the weather conditions are bad the routes may be changed. The walk will only be cancelled if there is any ice.

January 2015

Wed 7th Jan (9.45 am – 11.15 am) - Gypsy Brook Round 2.5 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am. *This is a buggy friendly walk.*

Wed 14th Jan (9.45 am – 11.30 am) - Coxbench Round approximately 2.5 miles, meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am.

Wed 21st Jan (10.00 am – midday) - Shipley Country Park approximately 2 miles, meet at the Shipley Park Visitors Centre at 10.00 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am.*

Wed 28th Jan (9.45 am – 11.45 am) - High Wood Walk 3 miles, meet at Kilburn car park at 10.00 am. *Those needing transport to meet at the HW Working Men's Club at 9.45 am.*

For more information, contact Tor or Debbie on 01283 563 348 or Simon Harrison (walk leader) on 01332 780 450. Full details available at: www.arthurmedicalcentre.co.uk/info.aspx?p=12



Horsley Woodhouse Pre-School - Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December - 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Santa will be there
along with lots of stalls,
fun games and
a fabulous raffle.
Come along and have some fun



The Royal British Legion – Home and Away

Most people are familiar with the Royal British Legion in the UK through the annual “Poppy Appeal” if not its wider activities. The Legion is, however, by no means confined to these shores, it has a truly World-wide presence and it is always good to know of its exploits abroad.

It was therefore pleasing when, during a recent holiday to Portugal’s Algarve region, my wife Sue spotted an advertisement in the Algarve News publication for the following event:

“To Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First World War The Royal British Legion Garden Party”

This was to be held on Saturday 4th October 2014 at the Palace of Estoi hotel, some half an hour’s drive from where we were staying at Tavira. Basically “a must”, quick email to the organiser - two tickets duly booked!

Situated close to Faro, capital of the Algarve, the Palace of Estoi is a notable building, famous for its neo-Baroque and Rococo features including fine decorated plaster ceilings and azulejos (blue and white) ceramic tiles and beautiful French style gardens incorporating two tea houses. Dating back to the late 19th century, the palace is considered to be the finest example of this architectural style in the Faro district and is one of a chain of exclusive hotels in Portugal (known as Pousadas), housed in historic buildings of cultural significance. Designed by the architect Domingos da Silva Meira, the property belonged, originally, to local aristocrat Viscount Jose Francisco da Silva who spent 20 years



building the palace in its distinctive style. The palace remained in the da Silva family after the viscount’s death but, by the early 1980’s it had fallen into disrepair. Faro Municipal Council assumed responsibility for the site in 1987 and extensive renovation works were undertaken. In 2009 the refurbished buildings were converted into a hotel, noted as one of the most luxurious in Portugal (best behaviour then!!).

Estoi Palace – RBL Garden Party in Full Swing

Very well attended, events certainly matched the venue. The programme began with the Tavira Pop Choir performing songs “old and new” with the theme of “Linking Comrades in Arms”. This was followed by a series of readings by members and friends of the RBL including quotations and works of the “War Poets”, the British Consul, Clive Jewell, delivering the first of these. Events continued with the Angels Theatre Group performing songs from the Palace balcony dressed in period costume, very well received.

Afternoon tea was then served including delicious canapés and confectionery. During the interval I met the RBL’s Standard Bearer for the Algarve, my namesake Michael, very smart in full regalia, an interesting character who told me he had recently toured Europe on a motorbike visiting memorials, sites and cemeteries relating to both World Wars.



Michael – RBL Algarve Standard Bearer

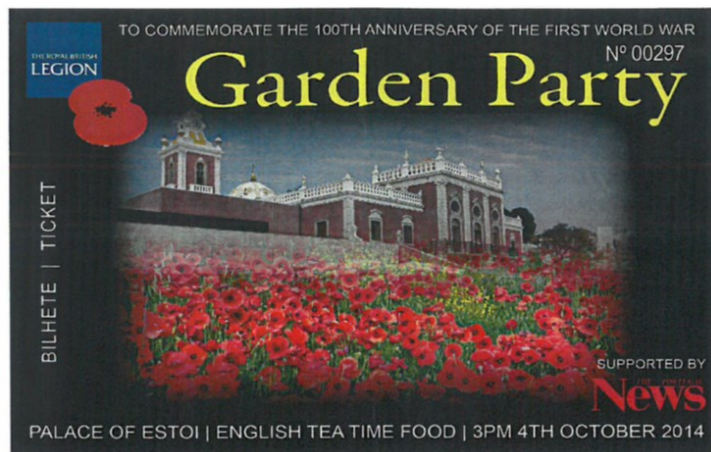
The band of the Salvation Army of Sao Bras played a selection of marches whilst tea “went down”; afterwards the Theatre Group led a “sing along” of WW1 favourites before all present joined in to sing a “goose bump raising” Jerusalem. Proceedings were brought to a close by the raising of the Legion Standard, sounding of the Last Post and two minutes silence.

On the face of it a commemoration of the anniversary of World War 1 held in Portugal may seem somewhat incongruous; it is however, a fact, albeit lesser known, that Portugal sent almost 60,000 soldiers to fight the allied cause on the WW1 Western Front of France and Belgium. In the silence and warm sunshine following the Last Post you couldn't help but think of these men many of whom never returned to see their pleasant sun-blessed country again.

We travelled back to Tavira reflecting on the day. As we arrived we were treated to the “finale” of a stunning deep orange Algarve sunset, the very colour of the Flanders poppy; the day was complete.

Thanks and respect to Portugal, our oldest ally and more power to “The Legion” in Horsley Woodhouse and lands beyond.

Mick Barham



Horsley Woodhouse Primary School

Two parents are supporting a new idea helping people in need in Belper and in the surrounding area called ‘The Cornerstone’. This is a registered charity supported by Belper Community Church. The Cornerstone is a Wednesday café providing free hot drinks, shelter and a chance to chat. They will be providing the drinks but would welcome any extra donations of tea, coffee, sugar or biscuits for this worthy cause. Donations can be sent into school at any time.

Many thanks.

Local clubs, community groups and societies

Clubbercise – BRINGING A NIGHT OUT TO YOUR WORKOUT! (New Group)

Meet every Wednesday at 9.30 am at the Church Hall (Term time only) – entry £4.00. Easy-to-follow dance routines to club anthems from the 90's to now. Our fun fit classes are taught in a darkened room with disco lights and glowsticks!! Clubbercise offers both high and low impact options making it perfect for people who are just starting out on a fitness regime, or for those who are already a fitness freak! Please contact Cara Middleton on caramiddleton@clubbercise.co.uk or by phone on 07891 086 434 clubbercise.com/derbyshire-cara (and click the facebook page link)

Stargazers Drama Group (New Group)

Meet every Monday from 3rd November to February 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm in the Kilburn Welfare Social Club, off Chapel Street. For further details please contact Ray Rippingale on 01332 882 200 or email randmrippingale@outlook.com.

Jog Derbyshire

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

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

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

Please contact Ian Britton, CSL, 1st Sitwell Cub Pack on:

Mob: 07847 207 756

E-mail: cubs@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Web: www.1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

Orchard Group

We meet every fortnight at The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please contact Peggy Parry for more details on 01332 883 240.

British Legion

The A.G.M. took place on Mon 13th Oct. The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read, accepted and confirmed by the members present. The Chairman then gave his report for the past year this was accepted with thanks. The audited accounts were presented to the meeting these were scrutinised and accepted by the members present.

The election of officers and committee for 2014 - 2015 then took place. Michael Barham then stood down as Chairperson and was replaced by Malcolm Martindale. Malcolm is a member of the T.A. and last year undertook a six months deployment in Afghanistan. As a medic he saw some of the injuries our troops sustained and why the Legion work to support these casualties on their return to "Civvy Street". Doug Brown took over from Malcolm as Vice Chair and Don Barham carries on as Secretary and Treasurer.

Currently we have 33 Members. On Sun 9th Nov the branch attended the Horsley Woodhouse Church service followed by the wreath laying and ceremony at the village memorial to servicemen killed in the two major wars and on active service since 1945.

Our next meeting will be on Mon 1st Dec at 7.30 pm.
Don Barham, Hon. Secretary

Whist Drive

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

Ladies Group

The last meeting was held on the 6th November 2014 with guest speaker Lilly Lamb, who demonstrated her amazing skills on icing cakes for Christmas. All members really enjoyed the evening. The next meeting will be our Christmas Party, on the 4th December at 7.00 pm in the British Legion.

There is no meeting in January 2015. The meeting in February 2015 is on the 5th and will commence between 7.00 - 7.15 pm in the British Legion. The guest speakers will be Louise Eaton and Alan Bannister talking about the 'History of Pubs and the Police Force in Horsley Woodhouse'.

All new members are welcome.
Merry Christmas and a Happy 2015 to all members.
Terrina Girling, Committee Member

Horsley Woodhouse Over 60's Club

The club continues to meet on alternate Tuesdays at 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm in the Royal British Legion Hall and everyone is welcome. On Thu 11th Dec members are going to Eckington Civic Centre for their Christmas lunch and this will be followed by our last meeting of the year on Tue 23rd Dec when a Christmas Party will be held in the Legion Hall for members; Festive Fare and a sing-a-long with Chris and Dave Hand's group providing the music. We look forward to 2015 when the committee will meet to plan various outings for the club. A Happy Christmas to Members and the priceless gift of Good Health.

Don Barham, Hon Secretary

Kyleburn Historical Society

Meetings are held at the Kilburn Baptist Chapel School Room, Highfield Road (unless stated otherwise) and commence at 7.30 pm. Members £1.00 and guests £2.00, pay on the door - all welcome. Please contact Keith Staley (Chairman) for further details on keith292@btinternet.com.

The next two talks will be held on:

- **Thu 15th January 2015** - Annual General Meeting, followed by The Great Fire of London by Paul Newsham
- **Thu 19th February 2015** - History of Darley Abbey by Peter Nelson

If you have a group or local club and you want to be included in this section please contact Tania Pells (Editor) on editorwudhusnews@gmail.com.

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council

Report from October and November Parish Council meetings

(Oct) The footpath from Stainsby Avenue towards the Church on the field side of the road is very uneven and overgrown with weeds. Clerk to contact Amber Valley to ask if this area has been subject to weed killer and to sweep the leaves off the pavement. Cllr K Buttery to contact Derbyshire County Council to ask for this area to be cut back.

(Nov) Cllr Buttery reported that the Church Lane footways have been inspected and was advised that there are no actionable defects on the footway at present; however the footways have been put forward to be considered for remedial works. The leaves have been swept on the Church Lane pavement.

October:

It was reported a number of cars have been parked on the pavement causing an obstruction to pedestrians on Main Street and Church Lane, Clerk to report to the police.

Cllr Buttery reported that the boundary wall at Hollies Farm Drive is in a dangerous condition which is in danger of collapsing in parts and has been reported to Amber Valley. The wall has been inspected by a building control officer who advises that at this time the wall does not need immediate action, however the Borough Council will monitor the situation. Cllr Buttery to continue to pursue the condition of the boundary wall at Hollies Farm Drive.

Clerk to obtain a quotation for providing various ground based planters for the village.

November:

Members to look at various locations in the village for re-siting the Parish Notice Boards and all will need planning and agreement by land owners.

Members agreed to ask Derbyshire County Council to look at the feasibility of changing the speed limit by the school to 20mph.

Recreation Matters (Oct):

- Members agreed that the 1st Sitwell Scout Group can use the Sitwell Recreation Ground for a Bonfire event.
- Members agreed that bulbs (up to the value of £30.00) should be purchased to be planted in the hedge bottom on the Sitwell and Horeston Recreation Ground.

Recreation Ground signage (Oct) - The final design for the sign at the Sitwell Recreation Ground was approved by members, Clerk to order.

Planning:October:

AVA/2014/0810 – Total Reclaims Demolition – Lady Lea Works

Demolition of part of building

No objections

November:

AVA/2014/0897 – Unit 3 Lady Lea Industrial Estate

Change of use from heavy industrial unit to a gymnastics centre

No objections

AVA/2014/0865 – 121 Main Street – extension to existing vehicle crossing two ‘no dropped kerbs’

No objections

Police Matters - Clerk to request a police report from the Police if an Officer is not available to attend the Parish Council meetings.

WWI Committee (Oct) - Cllr S McGuinness reported an open meeting had been held and there is to be another open meeting in November.

Action on outstanding issues (Oct):

- Clerk reported that the overhanging hedge on Wood Lane belonging to the school has been cut back.
- Cllr E Lancashire was elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.
- Junction of Wood Lane and Main Street - Cllr Buttery reported that he had received a response from Derbyshire County Council regarding the request for improved signage on Wood Lane, this area has been inspected and consideration given to the road safety, as there have been no personal injury collisions in the area over the past three years, DCC do not feel that they would be able to look at any significant improvements at this time. Cllr Buttery to pursue.

Parish Council Contact Details:

- ◆ Cllr K Seals (Chairman) – 01332 881 983
 - ◆ Cllr E Lancashire (Vice Chairman) MBE – 01332 881 566
 - ◆ Cllr C Crowder – 01332 781 955
 - ◆ Cllr S McGuinness – 01332 880 240
 - ◆ Cllr I Ratcliffe – 01332 781 872
 - ◆ Cllr S Harrison – 01332 780 450
 - ◆ Cllr S Till – 01332 881 739
 - ◆ Cllr J Whitmore – 01332 880 203
- ◆ Mrs K Richardson (Parish Clerk) – 01332 883 404 Email: horsleywoodhouseparishcouncil@aol.com

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall, all members of the parish are welcome to attend to observe the meeting and raise any issues.

St Susanna's Parish Church

December 2014

Sun 7th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

Sun 14th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion

Sun 21st at 6.30 pm – Carol Service

Wed 24th at 3.00 pm – Crib Service (Christmas Eve)

Thu 25th at 10.00 am – Holy Communion (Christmas Day)

Sun 28th at 10.00 am – Group Service 'Carol Praise' at St James, Codnor

January 2015

Sun 4th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

Sun 11th at 6.30 pm – Holy Communion

Sun 18th at 6.30 pm – Evening Prayer

Sun 25th at 10.30 am – Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

Quiz night in the Church Hall on Fri 12th Dec at 7.15 pm. £8 per table of 4. ALL WELCOME!

Festive Carol evening with mince pies on Wed 10th Dec in the Church Hall at 7.00 pm. Tickets £4.00 each and are available from the Flower Shop.

Sat 20th Dec – Open Church 10.00 am - midday. Come and join us for a coffee, tea, biscuits and conversation once a month on Saturdays. All are welcome.

Events and activities at the Church Hall - weekly programme:

- ◆ Monday - 19.00 to 20.00 Line Dancing (contact Megan on 0115 9326 217)
- ◆ Wednesday - 9.30 am Clubbercise - easy to follow dance routines to club anthems. Fun-fit classes taught in a darkened room with disco lights and glow sticks (contact Cara Middleton caramiddleton@clubbercise.co.uk or 07891 086434)
- ◆ Thursday - Boogie Babies (dance class for toddlers) 10.00 to 11.00 (contact Lucy on 07870 198 046)
- ◆ Sunday - 9.30 am Mini Tennis Programme Ages 5 to 14 - group coaching, fitness and match-play. Smalley Tennis Club members and non-members welcome (contact Simon Klugman on 07791 696 401)
- ◆ The Over 55's Keep Fit class which has been run on a Wednesday 13.30 to 14.30 may resume if sufficient people are interested.

Anyone interested in booking the Hall for a party, other celebrations or for regular meetings of their club/society may contact Andrew Shaw (Churchwarden, St Susanna's Church) on 01332 883 124 or 07790 012 606.

Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church

SERVICES

Minister:

Revd Judi Smart - Tel: 01332 781 296

December 2014

Sun 7th at 6.15 pm - Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart.

Sun 14th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Service led by Mr Andrew Whysall

Sun 21st

at 10.30 am - Christingle & Gift Service led by Mrs Maggie Davidson. Come and bring the family.
(Monetary gifts for the Air Ambulance)

at 6.15 pm - Carol Service led by members of our congregation. You will be most welcome.

Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm - Holy Communion at Ripley Methodist Church led by Revd Judi Smart.

Christmas Day at 9.30 am - Service at Kilburn Methodist Church

Sun 28th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Philip Taylor

January 2015

Sun 4th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Helen Penfold

Sun 11th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Revd Keith Bamford

Sun 18th

at 10.30 am - Service led by Miss Jean Parton

at 6.15 pm - Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Revd Judi Smart.

Sun 25th at 6.15 pm - Service led by Mr Keith Bryan

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

Date for your diary:

Carols & Buffet – Thursday 11th December at 7.00 pm. Raffle. Free Admission – suggested £2 per person donation for our Church funds. All are welcome to join with us.

Horsley Woodhouse Community Association

Good news for all lovers of Horsley Woodhouse Carnival. At a recent meeting Howard Beedle agreed to take over as Secretary from Vanessa Feeney, so all being well, the Carnival goes on as planned in July 2015.

Further changes to the committee at the AGM held on Thu 11th September included Karen Seals stepping down as Chair and Alison Napier appointed as the Chairperson. Derek Durose was replaced by Kelly Vallance as Vice Chair and Clare Hague continues her role as Treasurer.

There will still be plenty of opportunities for the village to be involved during the Carnival and a list of volunteer roles will be published closer to the event.

Alison Napier, Chairperson

Keep up to date year round on the Carnival Facebook page!

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers - 1st Sitwell Scout Group

New Explorer unit

1st Sitwell Scout Group is a feeder group to a new Explorer unit in our area, its name is Supernova.

This is a newly formed Explorer Unit meeting in Heanor on Friday nights (8.00 pm - 9.30 pm) at St Lawrence Church. If you know of anyone who has a child aged 14-18 or you are within this age group and are interested in becoming an Explorer Scout, want to know more about Explorers why not drop in or ask a scouter for details.

The logo for the Explorer unit, featuring the word "EXPLORER" in white capital letters on a black, rounded rectangular background.

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE - LIVE IT.



Beaver Sleepover

Our Beaver section had a sleepover at the hut last month. The kids played on Xboxes, Wii and table tennis to name a few before cooking marshmallows over an open fire. The Beavers finished the night doing an egg game to see if they can build something to protect an egg from a fall, before going to bed to sleep.

Many thanks to the leaders for putting on the sleepover and what fun the kids had too.

Community Walk

Our community walk was held in October and what a turn out. The group walked through Horsley Woodhouse and Smalley stopping at a number of parks and local sites on the way. We hope to run this event next year and finish with a small open fire cooking a simple meal for everyone. It rained just before the event and after but not during – we can't ask for more. We are not 100% sure of the final amount raised yet but we have made a few hundred pounds, thanks to all who sponsored and of course the



people who did the walk.



Police Visit

Our Beavers had a visit by the local Police who cover the area this month. The Police and the kids spoke about what the officers wear and carry on them plus their duties during a normal day. The Beavers also tried on the officer's hats and coats.

Remembrance Sunday

1st Sitwell Scout group along with other groups from Horsley Woodhouse pay their respects on Remembrance Day. The Beavers joined the Cubs and Scouts who were in the Church service on a short parade to Sitwell Recreation Ground. After a short service, tea and coffee was offered in the Scout Hut.



Cross Country

We came third in the District Cross Country event this year. This is out of seven packs that can take part from the district 1st Sitwell is part off. Well done to all the kids who took part, you did a great job.



Scout Troop - places available

As people are aware our Beaver and Cub sections have a joining list. However I would like to inform you that our Scout troop still has a few spaces. The Scout troop meet on Mondays 7.00 - 8:30pm during term time. The troop has many activities happening over the winter with a camp in December and in January too, going shooting to name a few. Why not join the adventure of scouting?

We are also looking for adult helpers

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet each week during the evening for fun filled activities. Although we are on the lookout for helpers at meetings on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Monday nights, we are really keen at the moment to invite those of you that can help with the odd event for example a cooking competition. Better still we really need two or three people that want to come along and help with our support group.

Occasional helping in this way helps you to get to know the team and the children. It also gives people new to scouting a great chance to see what it's about. Come along, feel valued, enjoy good company and do something really worthwhile!!!

Come and join us every week:

Thursday (Beavers) 5¾-8 years, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Wednesday (Cubs) 8 -10-½ years 6:30 - 8:00pm

Or Monday (Scouts) 10 ½-14 years 7:00 - 8:30pm

Full Training will be given

CRB forms will need to be filled in - which are available from the Scout Group



If this is something that you are interested in please email Ian at info@1stsitwellscoutgroup.co.uk

1st Sitwell Scout Group - Bonfire Night delight!!

We had a great number come to watch the bonfire and firework event held by 1st Sitwell Scout Group at the Sitwell Recreation Ground on 7th Nov. This was the first time we had run this event since opening up the Cub section last September. Many thanks to all who came, also thanks to the Flower Shop in the village and the Primary School for selling the tickets beforehand.



Even with the weather being so bad during the day the fire did light and what a sight it was. Many thanks to the support group for running the kitchen and next time we will have more food to sell. We will be having more fireworks next year too.

The profits made by

this event will go on the Scout HQ. We hope it will pay for a better hot water system in the Scout Hut, not only in the kitchen but in the toilets too. Any spare money will go towards a new ramp into the front of the hut.

A date for next year is not yet confirmed but I hope you will attend again and thanks for your support.



Bonfire images courtesy of Glynn Wilton

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