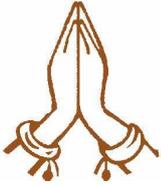




***WOODNESBOROUGH  
VILLAGE NEWS***

***AUGUST -  
SEPTEMBER 2021***



## ***Welcome***

**A warm welcome to all our readers in this August-September edition of Woodnesborough Village News.**

Village Hall events have started up and the Hall is open for more activities, subject to government regulations. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July the Hall was able to open for a wider range of clubs, classes activities and events. Please see the notice on page 3 for more information.

The Games Evening at Woodnesborough Village Hall that was due to take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm has been postponed to **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. A selection of games will be provided but you can bring your own games too. A chance to try different games and catch up for a chat with people after lockdown. Cheese and biscuits and nibbles will be provided, please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle, a table-top quiz and background music. Entrance is FREE - see the poster on the back page for details of how to book your place.

Finally, we are really sorry to say goodbye to Rev. David Ridley who has been Rector of our Eastry and Woodnesborough Benefice since 2013. We will miss him very much but wish him every success and happiness for the future as he takes up his new ministry in Sittingbourne. It is with great sadness that we publish his final farewell Rector's Letter in the magazine on page 5. There is also a letter from the Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin on page 8 about the vision for the Church going forward.

Please send in anything you think may be of interest or useful for the magazine as we welcome any contributions - articles, events, poems, memories, quizzes, recipes, photos, etc - to:

**[woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com)**

**by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the next issue of the magazine (e.g. 15<sup>th</sup> September is the deadline for the October magazine, which will be the next issue).**

The magazine continues to be published on the Eastry and Woodnesborough Benefice website:

**<https://www.ewbchurches.org.uk/woodnesboroughvillagenews.htm>**

and will soon be appearing on the new Woodnesborough Parish Council website: **<https://woodnesborough-pc.org.uk/>**

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# Woodnesborough Village Hall

## Monday

09:00 - 12:00 am Little Kickers Group  
2:00 - 4:00 pm Worth Art Class  
3:30 - 5:00 pm KAT Study Club  
4.30 - 5.30 pm Heather's Dance Club

## Tuesday

08.30 - 09:30 am Right Moon Tai Chi  
10:00 - 11:30 am Coffee Pot  
3:45 - 7:00 pm Heather's Dance Club  
4:15 - 6:15 pm Heather's Dance Club  
7:00 - 8:30 pm Yoga  
7:30 - 9:00 pm Parish Council ( 4th Tuesday of the month)

## Wednesday

09:30 - 12:30 am Sandwich Art Group  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Tai Chi and Karate Class (Adults)  
7:15 - 9:15 pm Women's Institute ( 2nd Wednesday of the month)

## Thursday

09:30 - 11:30 am St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby & Toddler Group  
7:15 - 8:30 pm Yoga Class ( from 2nd September)  
7:15 - 9:15 pm Gardeners' Club ( 3rd Thursday of the month)

## Friday

09:30 - 11:00 am Yoga  
3:30 - 6:00 pm KAT Club  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Karate Class (Adults)  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Friday Fit Club

## Saturday

08:30 - 10:30 am Powerhoop with Stacey





## Woodnesborough Village Hall Update

Since the Village Hall reopened, we are very pleased that all our regular hirers have returned to the hall or are planning to during the next couple of months. Please see the Village Hall Schedule on page 3.

We have also had an amazing response from new hirers wishing to book the Village Hall to hold their groups/sessions.

Please see the following groups that have joined us since we have re-opened.

Heather's Dance Group

Powerhoop with Stacey

Friday Fitness Class

Lorraine Layton will be holding a Thursday evening Yoga session from September as well as her Friday morning and Tuesday evening sessions.

Tai Chi Class with Gill Walshe is starting with us in September.

We have also been very pleased that the Blood Bank Service is also using the Village Hall.

As well as our hirers we have been very busy with bookings for children's birthday parties, weddings and christening parties.

If anyone is interested in hiring the hall, please message us on the Woodnesborough Village Hall Facebook page or email us at:

[woodnesboroughvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:woodnesboroughvillagehall@gmail.com)

and we will get back in touch with you.



## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 25th September Games Evening at Woodnesborough Village Hall- FREE. 7-10pm. Please see poster on page 36**

**Saturday 6th November Barn Dance at Woodnesborough Village Hall. 7-10pm. Tickets £10, includes a hot meal. Dancing to Abbey Capers. More info in the next magazine.**





## ***Notes from St Mary's***

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."* A.A. Milne (*Winnie-the-Pooh*)

This is my last 'Rector's Letter' before leaving the parishes of Eastry, Northbourne, Staple, Tilmanstone and Woodnesborough. I guess I am not alone in finding saying goodbye difficult, and struggling to find the appropriate and consequential words to mark the occasion.

Perhaps the quote from Winnie-the-Pooh summarises it all very well – saying goodbye is hard when you are letting go of something which has been very special.

Being a Parish Priest is an immense privilege in offering the opportunity to share a period of one's life on a journey in partnership with a community of people. They are not people you have necessarily chosen – that a sense they are a gift from God; but we must try to work out together how to travel well in a way that is life-enriching and life-enhancing. There are inevitably highs and lows, joys and sorrows; but what is of enduring importance is how we journey through those different experiences in a way that enables mutual growth. I have been here for a total of eight years now: it is a length of time in which it is possible to make something of a difference, but not so long, I hope, that things become stale – so probably the right time to move on.

It is now a new start for me as I take up my post in Sittingbourne at the beginning of August, but I am so immensely grateful for the nurture, support and love I have received in these villages, which will continue to resource me on my new adventure. At the same time, our parish churches face a time of change, but change always offers new opportunities to grow and flourish. I shall finish with another quote:

*"Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've lost, and what you've taken for granted."* – Ritu Ghatourey

I am deeply thankful for the many ways in which I have been enriched during my time here, and for all that so many have given, and I trust I have not taken too much for granted.

May God bless you in all that you do.



***David Ridley***



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## Churchyard Maintenance

The Parochial Church Council try hard to keep both the churchyards looking neat and tidy and an asset to the village. We are grateful also for the financial support of the Parish Council and Messrs Dilnot Smith, Funeral Directors, in this matter.

Unfortunately, we have received reports of unauthorised dumping of garden waste within the boundary of the churchyard. We would ask those responsible to please cease this practice immediately to help us to keep it clean and tidy. Such action is a form of fly-tipping and if it persists, we may have to take further action. Also, could we please ask those who are tending graves and placing flowers etc to either take their packaging/dead blooms away with them or use the dedicated bins at the far end of the churchyard.

We thank you all for your help and consideration.

**Woodnesborough PCC**



## Message From Bishop Rose

During the last 18 months, we have experienced so many changes not only nationally in our country, but also in the life of our Church and in our communities. Here in Canterbury Diocese, we too have been exploring how best to serve our communities in a changing world. A particular area that we continue to address is how best to serve all our communities with fewer and fewer resources. Going forward however, we do have a vision for a church that is flourishing and sustainable. This vision will only become a reality if all God's people begin to work together to build up the body of Christ in the places where we live and worship. This vision will become a reality when we pray for God to raise up local leaders lay and ordained to serve amongst us. Here in the benefice of Eastry and Woodnesborough, we too are experiencing this change first-hand. There has been change with more people working alongside David and Sandra to serve the people of these communities.

Over the next few weeks and months, we will be going up a gear with Sandra moving to her first incumbency, and David moving to a fresh challenge. Their leaving will lead to us beginning an interregnum and during this vacancy we will have to look at different ways of doing services at least for a time. Losing our full-time clergy within the same time frame is not ideal. However, we face this change with God's grace and the hope that we will be guided by the Spirit as we discern together what God has in store for us. I am thankful that here in Eastry and Woodnesborough, we have an able group of churchwardens and other ministers. Having met you, I am impressed by your vision and confidence in serving the benefice. The Churchwardens now have the task of working with me and the Archdeacon to recruit a new parish priest to lead in ministry going forward. That new priest will be someone who can work collegially, enabling the gifts of everyone to be used in ministry and making the benefice vision a reality.

Over the next few weeks, the churchwardens and others will be putting together a benefice profile which will put that vision into words, explore what the deanery plan means for the benefice, and describe what these communities need from a new parish priest, not only for each of our churches but for the wider community as well. There will be a special joint meeting of the church councils to adopt the profile and to elect representatives to the recruitment process. All of this will happen in time for the post to be advertised over the summer and interviews to take place in the early autumn. If all goes to plan, a new parish priest could be in place early in 2022.

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I know that the process of clergy moving amidst so much change is difficult - but I also know that God is with us. God is a God of change, able to support us, work with us, and help us be his people. I believe that God will work through this time of change to refresh and renew us and our service that our Church may flourish and make a difference to all of those around us.

**Rose Hudson-Wilkin  
Bishop of Dover**



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## **Ride and Stride for Churches**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride will be taking place. This is a national event where people get sponsored to cycle or walk to as many churches as possible in a day. Participants plan their own routes with the assistance of a printed list of churches and chapels open. There are usually some 700 of these places of worship open, scattered right across this big county, and wherever you go you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

You need a special sponsor form. Please ask sponsors to tick for Gift Aid if they are taxpayers; this increases their donations by 25% with no cost to them. Ask your relations, friends and colleagues to sponsor you – so much per church or chapel visited between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm on the day.

50% of all sponsorship money raised can go to the church or chapel of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches, who distribute it by grant aid to help the most needy churches in the county. Please contact Alison on 07460 839319 if you are interested in taking part. More information, sponsorship forms and a list of churches can be found on the website:

**[www.kentrideandstride.co.uk](http://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk)**

**or at the back of Woodnesborough Church.**

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## Poem of the Month



### I Love to See the Summer



I love to see the summer beaming forth  
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north  
I love to see the wild flowers come again  
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain  
And water lilies whiten on the floods  
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood  
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes

And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes  
I like the willow leaning half way o'er  
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore  
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings  
To summer winds and insects happy wings  
That sport about the meadow the bright day  
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play



**John Clare (1793-1864)**



## Painting for Pleasure

We are a small art group who enjoy drawing and painting, using whatever medium is your preference. We meet on a Monday afternoon at Woodnesborough Village

Hall from 1.45pm until 4.00pm and have a tea break halfway through.

We will be recommencing sessions on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and would love to welcome some new members. Just come along or, if you would like further information, telephone **Diane** on **01304 617264**.





## Birding With Big Nick



My inspiration this month came when I was stopped in the High Street by a Tilmanstone man who asked if I were the “Nick Smith who wrote the bird column” – I had to admit I was!

I had previously commented, either in this column or elsewhere, that although the Nuthatch is relatively common and widespread bird in the UK, I’d never seen one locally – the nearest being in Blean Woods near Canterbury. That was until last summer when I saw a pair in woods near Adisham – they’re getting closer!

The Tilmanstone man, referring to my comments regarding the lack of Nuthatches, said that a pair had been seen in woods near him, by a reliable birdwatcher, and he thought, - correctly - that I would be interested to know. I checked back through my reports but could see no mention of Nuthatches and am now left wondering how he knew about my lack of sightings if I’d not written it in the Village News?

Anyway, it is good to know that they have been seen locally and it is worth keeping a lookout for them. An attractive bird, they are about the size of a Great Tit with a slate grey back and pinky front and a very pronounced black eye stripe.



These were photographed near Boughton

They’re often ‘upside down’ (as seen in the photo), working their way down a tree trunk, looking for insects and grubs in the bark. Where they do occur more commonly, they are frequent visitors to bird feeders.

Another bird occupying a similar niche is the Treecreeper, smaller and less brightly coloured than the Nuthatch, they also search for insects in tree bark - but their habit is to **always go up the tree**. They will fly down to the base and then work their way up the tree looking for food.

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Occurring locally wherever there are established trees – I have seen them in the recreation ground in Church Street in Eastry on a few occasions- they are rather mouse like when scurrying up the tree.



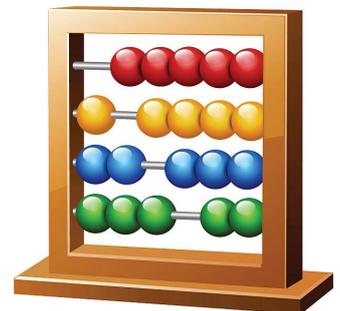
Finally, I have to report that ‘our ‘Goldfinches mentioned in the previous Village News were unsuccessful in their nesting attempt. Several days passed without us seeing them so I looked into the nest quickly – to find a solitary egg shell. Something had obviously eaten the eggs and the birds had abandoned the nest and gone elsewhere; they will almost certainly have made another attempt which, hopefully, will have been more successful.

**Nick**



## **Village Hall Committee New Treasurer Needed**

Our Treasurer, Jonathan, and his family are on the move to pastures new. This means that as soon as possible, we need to have a new treasurer in place.



Virtually all banking is by internet and takes just a few hours a month. If you feel that you would like to help us in this way, then please talk to any member of our Committee. Thank you.

**Ken Flower, Chair 01304 614142**

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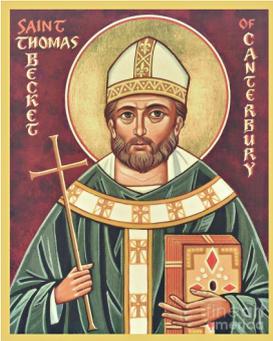
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# Becket Walk from Sandwich to Canterbury Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Becket's Final Journey

This walk to mark the 850th anniversary of Thomas Becket's final journey from Sandwich to Canterbury in 1170, before he was assassinated a month later, was postponed from 2020 because of the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic. This event has now been rescheduled to **11th September 2021**, assuming government restrictions allow, and is being organised by Robert Hudson and Ash Heritage Group.

Becket returned from exile in France and landed in Sandwich on 1st December 1170. He then rode the 12 miles to Canterbury through the parishes of Sandwich, Woodnesborough, Ash, Staple, Wingham, Ickham, Littlebourne and finally St Martin & St Paul (Canterbury).

The planned event is to walk his route as closely as possible but using 21st century public footpaths. The traverse of each parish will be led by members of that parish and a crozier will travel the whole distance by being transferred between walkers at each parish boundary, like a relay baton.

The total walking time from Sandwich is expected to be 7 hours aiming to arrive at Canterbury Cathedral in time for Evensong. It is anticipated, however, that most participants will not walk the whole way but will opt to accompany the crozier along the route of their parish only. The crozier has been specifically made for this event by Ash resident Richard Palmer. The crook is carved from sustainable African hardwood and has a cross gilded in gold leaf. The pine staff is decorated with bands of cow horn.

The Woodnesborough 'leg' of the walk will be a distance of about 3 miles mainly on footpaths. **The start time will be approx. 07.40am and it will take about 1 hour or just over, with a 10-minute stop at the church on the way.**

If you would like to take part in this section or maybe walk further on the route, please contact **Alison Hilton on 07460 839319**. The more the merrier!





## Love in a Box

It is our intention to run the Love in a Box campaign this year even with the unusually difficult times we are all having to deal with due to the Covid 19 outbreak.

We have never failed in 28 years to send the children the gifts and we will do our very best for them this year.

If you wish to take part, please contact Val Smith on 01304 812372

So what is Love in a Box?

### **Love in a Box - Mustard Seed Relief Missions**

Woodnesborough Church is supporting the **Love in a Box** project.

Mustard Seed Charity has been operating since 1992 and sends out much needed aid to disadvantaged children and young persons in Eastern Europe.

The charity runs the Love in a Box campaign every Christmas. This project allows schools, businesses, churches and other organisations and individuals to fill shoe boxes with gifts for the children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present. About 30,000 boxes are sent every year.

Each shoe box is picked up, checked, sealed and sent to the children via lorry. The lorries are met by the distribution teams where the precious gifts are given out to the children who are eagerly awaiting them. Then the fun begins as the children open the gifts.

The children always thank the distribution team and ask to say a big 'thank you' to all the kind English people who show they care. The charity receives many messages from our friends in Moldova thanking us for all the hard work that goes into the Love in a Box campaign.

We would like people to find a shoe box with a lid that can be lifted off, preferably a medium-sized (ladies) shoe box so that the boxes are all about the same size. Then fill it with some of the suggested items listed below and state if it is for a boy or a girl and which age category. Or if you prefer, just collect some of the items listed and contact Val Smith on 01304 812372. The charity starts collecting the filled boxes from October. The charity's website is

<http://www.msrm.org.uk>

Thank you for your support.

**Val Smith**

# THINGS YOU COULD PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

## BOYS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD

TOY CARS  
BALL  
JIGSAW (*not small pieces*)  
PICTURE BOOK  
CHOCOLATE or  
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CRAYONS or PENCILS  
DRAWING PAPER  
SOFT TOY  
SOAP  
FLANNEL

TOOTHBRUSH  
and TOOTHPASTE  
HAIRBRUSH or COMB  
HAT and GLOVES  
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TOYS**

## GIRLS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD

TOY DOLLY

*Everything else as above*

## GIRLS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD

TOY DOLLY  
SKIPPING ROPE  
JEWELLERY  
BALL  
PLAYING CARDS  
SWEETS

BOOK  
FELT TIP PENS  
PENCILS  
PENCIL CASE  
PAPER  
SOFT TOY

HAT and SCARF  
GLOVES  
FLANNEL  
TOOTHBRUSH  
and TOOTHPASTE  
SOAP

## BOYS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD

TOY CAR  
YOYO

*Everything else as above*

## BOYS 12 – 15 YEARS OLD

MARBLES  
TRAVEL GAMES:  
(*Draughts, Ludo, etc.*)  
JUGGLING BALLS  
BASEBALL CAP  
PLAYING CARDS

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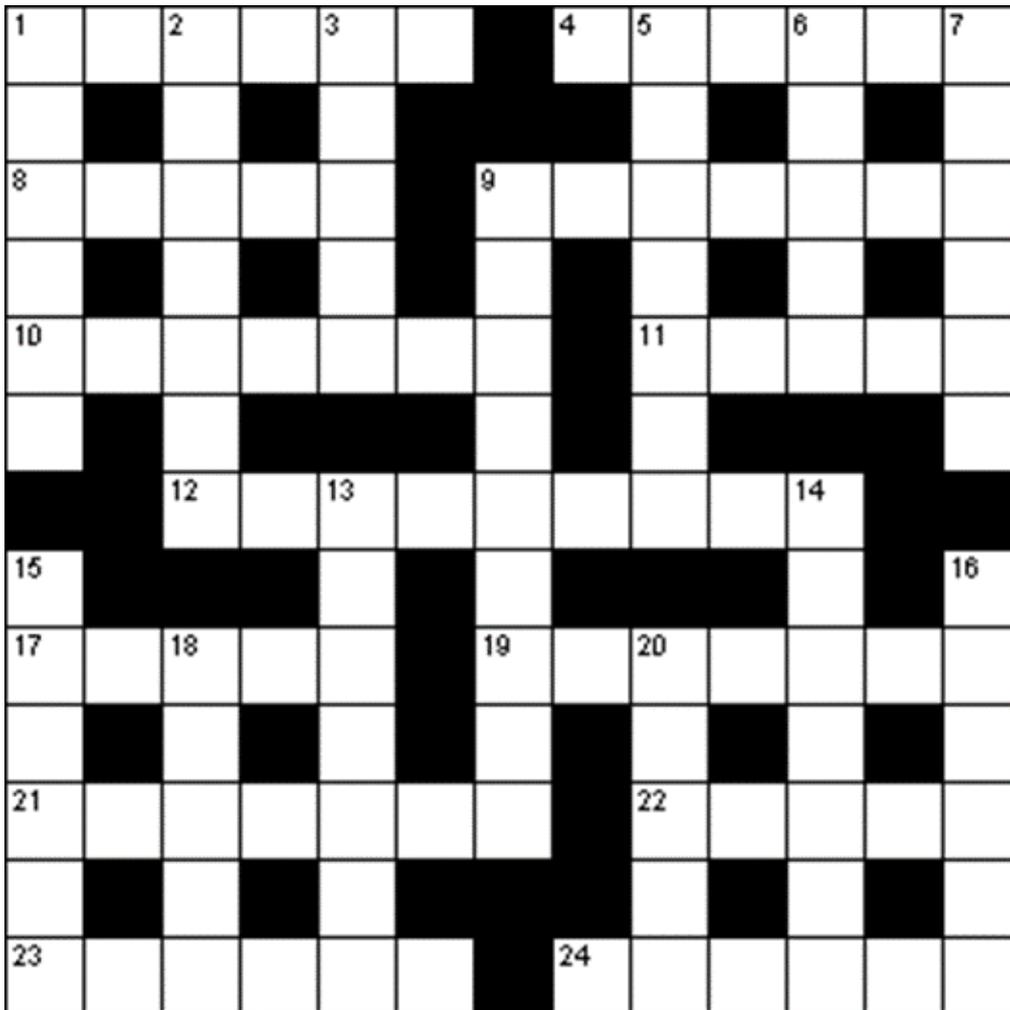
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# Crossword



## Across

1. Catlike (6)
4. Consume (6)
8. Strained (5)
9. Toxic element (7)
10. Correspondence (7)
11. Copious, abundant (5)
12. Catastrophe (9)
17. Glowing coal (5)
19. Refrain from voting (7)
21. Thai (7)
22. Troublesome little insect (5)
23. Tyrant (6)
24. Spanish capital (6)

## Down

1. Useless (6)
2. Madman (7)
3. Female relative (5)
5. Rapture, bliss (7)
6. Confess (5)
7. Wealthier (6)
9. Colleague (9)
13. Submarine weapon (7)
14. Wander, wind (7)
15. Came to an end (6)
16. In fact, truly (6)
18. Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
20. Brazilian dance (5)

**Answers on page 35**



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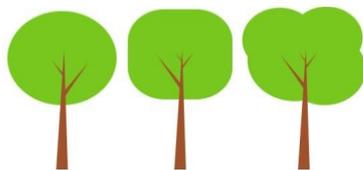
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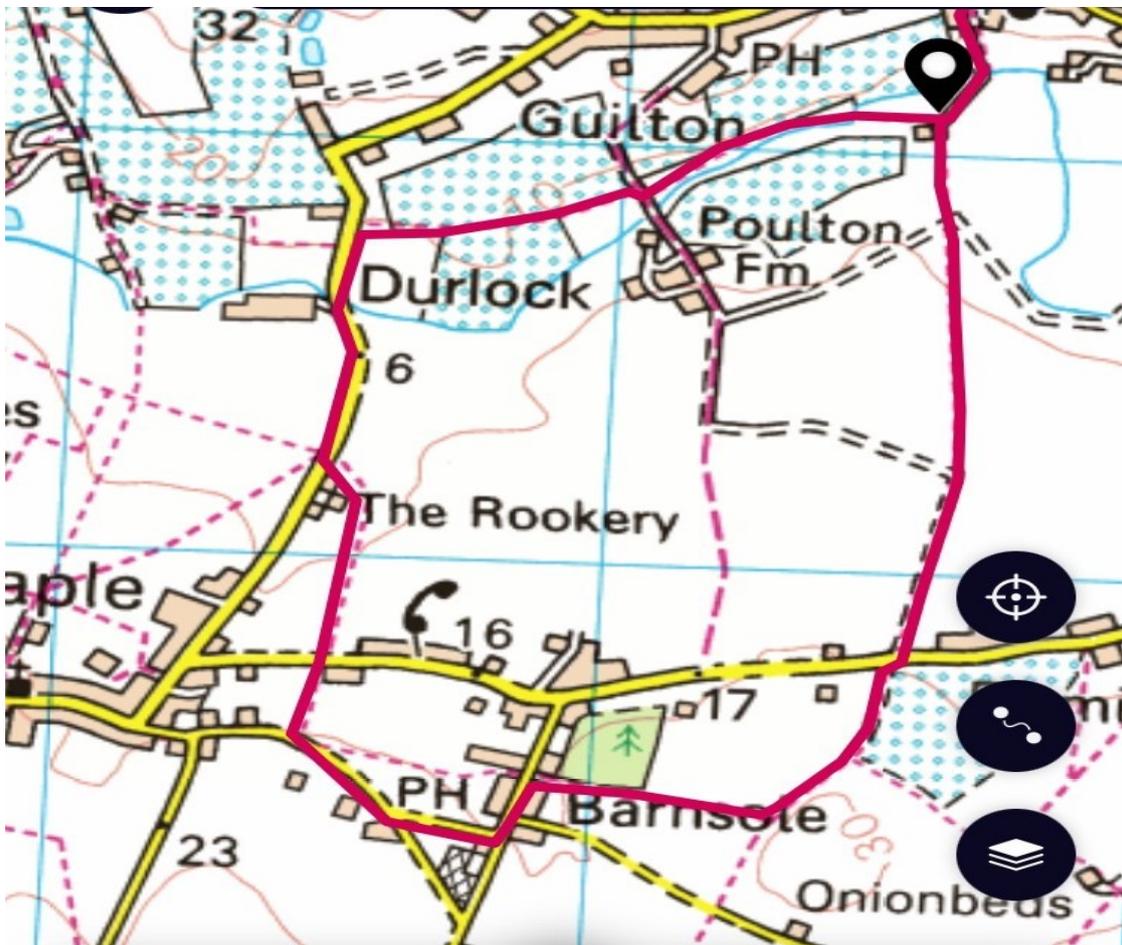


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From High Street go down Pudding Lane (opposite small Boots chemist) and follow FP, then turn right through gate into Foat's Meadow. Continue past the pond and through gate into lane. Cross over and take the small metal gate (a bit stiff!) next to a locked big metal gate (no FP sign here). Follow this path to Durlock Road. Turn left on road for about 5 mins then take FP on left along covered hedgerow then across fields south towards the road to Staple. Cross road and go straight ahead on FP to Mill Road, turn left, then by Garden of Remembrance go left on Mill Lane to the junction with Barnsole Road with Black Pig pub on left. Turn left on Barnsole Road then take FP on the right past the pigs! Go up a bank and turn left on FP. (The bank can be slippery after rain- if so, you can walk to the left around the corner of the bank and go left on the FP). Where this FP bears right, continue ahead on a FP across field and continue ahead with an orchard on your right, to meet road to Staple. Cross road and continue on FP by Flemings Farm northwards across fields to return to Ash.

**FP=Footpath**





## Woodnesborough Parish Council

The Parish Council have met twice in the atrium of the village hall since my last report. On 25<sup>th</sup> May, for the first time since March 2020 and again on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It was very good to see each other face to face and to be able to chat normally.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May, following the declarations of interest, the minutes of the last meeting were approved and actions from that meeting were updated. As we had been unable to meet in person prior to that date, although the minutes of each meeting had been approved, they all had to be signed, which I did whilst our Clerk Jo continued with the meeting. We noted the coronavirus updates sent to us and the actions from the last meeting were discussed.

We looked at 3 planning applications and also 3 planning decisions. We noted that there was no planning correspondence.

Both County Cllr Chandler and District Cllr Holloway had sent written reports prior to both meetings and Brenda Baker reported on the planning conference she had attended on Zoom.

Following the general reports and correspondence we discussed a complaint from an elderly parishioner that she had been waiting for some while for property repairs to be carried out. This would be chased up by our clerk and also District Councillor Holloway. We discussed various issues with highways including road closures and also we had been asked to confirm the name of the stretch of bypass between the end of Sandwich Road Ash and the Ash roundabout. After discussion we decided that it was known locally as the Ash bypass.

Now the hall is back in regular use we decided that we would continue to open and close the car park gate for security. After approving payments this meeting ended at 9pm.

Our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June was also held in the atrium of the hall and we received apologies from both Cllr Alistair Boniface and Cllr Holloway. We welcomed a member of the public on this occasion. The meeting was adjourned so that Mr Bailey could speak and he explained that he was concerned about the state of the road that runs from Marshborough Road, past Vine Farm and up to Parsonage Farm. As this is an adopted road we suggested that he contacted KCC Highways and ask them to assist. Cllr Charter said she would report it since she was also affected by the problem. Mr Bailey then went on to explain his concerns over local biodiversity and how he is tackling problems and invited the council to join him in his efforts for an

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audit on local wildlife. The council were keen to take part in this.

The meeting was reopened and we received declarations of interest and the minutes of the last meeting were received and signed. We have had confirmation from DDC that we can co-opt a new councillor to fill our vacancy and forms have been sent to anyone who showed an interest. There were 3 planning applications to discuss but no planning decisions had been received. Although not in our parish, we had commented on the application to build 3 homes on a traveller site in Ash, as it affected an appealed decision in Woodnesborough, and we were notified that the application had gone to appeal.

Cllr Sue Chandler gave her report and Cllr Charlesworth reported on a meeting he had attended on electric charging points and installation at village halls and public buildings.

We discussed various correspondence and had received emails regarding overgrown footpaths and overhanging trees.

A concerned new resident had also emailed us about traffic speed through the village. After discussing the issue, we felt that there was no appetite for traffic calming measures in the street due to the noise and pollution they cause. We also felt that the cars parked on The Street slowed the speed of vehicles. A letter will be sent to the resident explaining our position.

After discussing finance and payments due the meeting was closed.

You are able to attend any council meeting and you can contact our Clerk, Jo Jones for details. If you wish to raise any concerns you may have regarding the parish, please let our clerk know prior to the meeting.

**Brenda Baker**



## **Afternoon Walk with Friends and Tea**

Our walk in June was from Bishopsbourne with tea and cakes at the Tadpole Tearoom afterwards and was very enjoyable, although Bob was a bit outnumbered by all the ladies!

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From their time in the Scouts, to their selection for the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition, to the Second World War and beyond. It then goes on to chart the incredible legacy left to Scouting by these two fascinating individuals.

I have self-published it and am really hoping it will be of interest to both Scouting and Polar heritage enthusiasts.

**Alan S. Noake**



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## Woodnesborough Gardeners Club

At the time of going to press, we are hoping to hold our BBQ at the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> July, for a record number of members and guests.

The annual Flower & Produce Show will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 2.30pm. This year exhibits will only be allowed from members of the Club, but everyone is welcome to come along during the afternoon to view the entries. The classes are Vegetables, Flowers and Flower Arrangements, Cookery, Photographs, Handicrafts and Art. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. The prize giving takes place at 4pm.

Looking ahead to September, we plan to resume our usual Thursday evening meetings at the Village Hall, commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Our speaker is John Hughes and the subject "Behind the scenes at Kew". New members and guests welcome.

***Ken and Linda Butcher***



## Woodnesborough WI

We finally met on 14<sup>th</sup> July in the Atrium of the hall in a somewhat slimmed down meeting, no refreshments and no raffle or competition but it was great to see everyone again. After receiving apologies our President, Liz, introduced our speaker, Dave Chisholm from Eastry.

Dave is a cartoonist and he talked about how he had got into drawing cartoons and spoke of how he had worked for several newspapers, including The Mail on Sunday, and how he had started the cartoon strip 'The Middletons' long before Kate Middleton came on the scene. He encouraged us to draw simple cartoons of a face and a pencil, showing that everyone can draw something. He explained that now he is involved in historical projects and has completed a mural for Canterbury Westgate Towers and showed us a small version. It was amazing and so detailed but fun and would encourage young people to look at it and learn. He also explained that he went into schools and showed pupils that both art and history can be fun.

It was an instructive and fun evening and Liz thanked Dave for coming and the meeting was closed.

**Brenda Baker**

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## **Donald Baldwin 19th March 1936-18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - a Daughter's Memories**

Donald was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He had a strong faith. He liked trains, trams and trolley busses, and he made exceedingly good jam!

Donald was born on 19 March 1936, in Thornton Heath, Surrey, the eldest of three boys. The family was evacuated to Capel in 1941, and then moved to Coulsdon in 1942, to what would become the family home for 40 years. In 1944, they were evacuated to Jarrow in Tyneside for three months, staying with good friends of Dad's mother.

Donald attended school in Coulsdon, where he once managed the inimitable feat of breaking his leg while standing still playing conkers.

After school, Donald studied Engineering at Bristol University from 1954-1957, followed by an apprenticeship in Manchester, and then a return to Bristol from 1961-1964. Some of his friends from his days in Bristol and Manchester remained friends all his life.

Donald's landlady at university was married to the editor of the Western Daily news, and therefore his photo was included in the paper for the graduation ceremony, and at the opening of the new Church Hall at Redland Parish Church, where he first became a Lay Reader. Many years later, I got married there myself.

Donald returned to Coulsdon in 1964, working first for the Coal Board, and then the British Patent office. He enjoyed walking, and it was on one holiday in 1969, run by the SAMS missionary society, he was asked if he could help a young lady called Hilary who was standing in for the usual walks organiser. Donald and Hilary made a good partnership organising those walks and kept in touch after the holiday. They married in 1970 and celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 2020.

Donald and Hilary moved to Watford after their marriage. I arrived a year later, followed by Richard in 1973. On 1 January 1975, Donald changed jobs to start at the European Patent Office, in Rijswijk in the Netherlands. Hilary and the children followed five months later, staying first with Donald's university friend and his family, before moving into a house in the Hague.

Dad's strong faith had clearly made a good impression on me. From the day we moved into that house in the Hague, I prayed for a sister, and in 1977 my prayers were answered when Miriam arrived to complete the family. Donald and Hilary attended the English church in the Hague, where Donald continued as a Lay Reader. In 1979 the church opened a daughter church at

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the British School in Voorschoten, initially held in the school music room which looked over the tennis courts to the train line beyond. Little wonder, with Dad's love of trains, that one service was interrupted by Miriam shouting "train daddy, train", as the trains went past the window.

Donald and Hilary eventually became regular attendees at the church in Voorschoten, making more lifelong friends, and they remained in Voorschoten until Dad retired in 2000 and they moved to Woodnesborough.

As well as church, Dad was an active member of the local model railway club in Voorschoten, and he continued this enthusiasm joining a local railway club in Kent, attending local exhibitions and acting as a translator when the club travelled to Europe to see other displays. He kept his languages up by joining the local German Club, and was a familiar face at Coffee Pot, and the Woodnesborough Church Coffee, Cake and Chat.

I have many more memories of Dad that I could share; long walks on Yorkshire holidays, with Dad's long legs striding far ahead of our little ones, teaching me to swim in the river at Grassington, trips to Northumberland where his mother came from, and annual trips to the OMF Easter Conference, the highlight of which was always a daytrip to the Crich tramway museum.

Although Dad had had underlying illnesses for some years, his final illness was brief. He was able to see all three of his children in his final days and was surrounded by peace and love.

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**Freda Baldwin**





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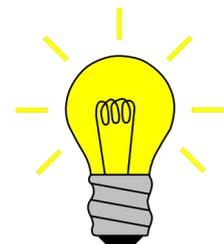
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