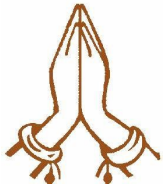


WOODNESBOROUGH VILLAGE NEWS

DECEMBER 2022 -
JANUARY 2023





Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone in this December-January issue of Woodnesborough Village News! We hope you are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. In the season of Advent, we prepare for the festival of Christmas. Every year we try not to get too caught up in the commercialisation of Christmas, we have good intentions not to eat, drink and spend too much, which all too often get forgotten. January brings the opportunity to make New Year Resolutions - giving up alcohol, starting a new fitness regime, going on a diet etc., which need a good deal of willpower to keep up.

We hope you all enjoy reading the magazine and find it useful to know what's going on in our village. If you would like to write something for the Village

News or advertise your business, please email us - all contributions are most welcome. Please send all material by the 15th of the month before the next magazine comes out to:

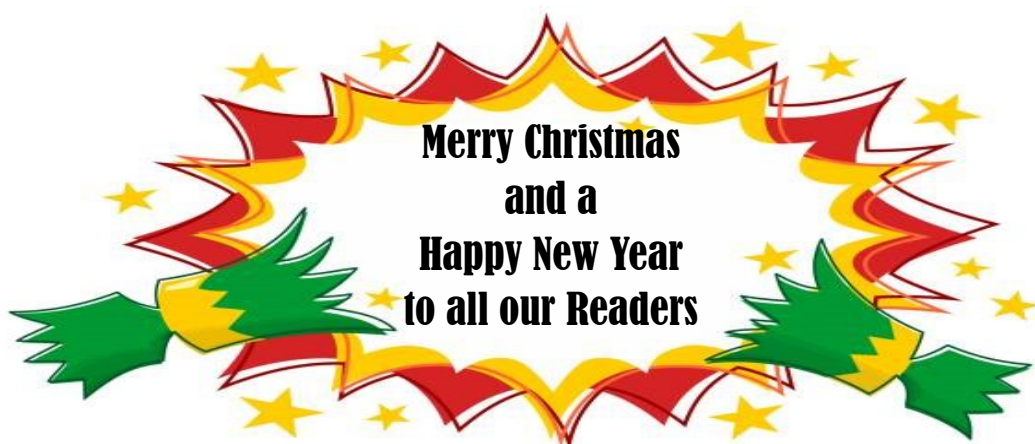
woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com



The Christmas card, with a beautiful photo of the church on a snowy day by a local photographer, is being delivered with this month's magazine. It includes details of the Christmas services in Woodnesborough Church. Please join us at one or more of these services. The Christmas Carol Singalong is always a popular event when everyone gets together to sing carols. This year it will be held in the church accompanied by the Salvation Army Brass Band. This free community event is at 6.30pm on Friday 9th December in Woodnesborough Church and there will be mulled wine and mince pies to get us into the Christmas spirit. (See poster on page 8)

Don't forget the Woodnesborough Christmas Event at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. (See poster on the back cover)

On behalf of the magazine team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year!





Woodnesborough Village Hall

Monday

09:00 - 12:00 am Little Kickers Group
2:00 - 4:00 pm Worth Art Class
3:30 - 7:00 pm KAT Study Club



Tuesday

08.30 - 09:30 am Tai Chi (Adults only)
10:00 - 11:30 am Coffee Pot
10:30 - 12:00 am The Phoenix Singers
3:45 - 6:00 pm Heather's Dance Club - Atrium
4:15 - 6:30 pm Heather's Dance Club - Main Hall
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
09:30 - 10:15 am Toddler Dance Group
6:30 - 7:30 pm Tai Chi (Adults only)
7.30 - 8.30 pm Friday Fit Club (online 2nd week of the month)
7:15 - 9:15 pm Women's Institute (2nd Wednesday of the month)

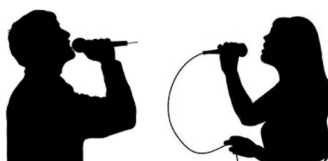


Thursday

09:30 - 11:30 am St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby & Toddler Group
7:00 - 8:30 pm Yoga Class
7:15 - 9:15 pm Gardeners' Club (3rd Thursday of the month)

Friday

09:30 - 11:00 am Yoga
3:45 - 5:45 pm KAT Club
6:30 - 7:30 pm Karate Class (Adults)





Notes from St Mary's



As we begin the season of Advent, we start our journey together towards the wonder that is Christmas. December is one of my favourite months of the year, we get the crisp chill in the air, the possibility of snow and the distant sound of Carol singing makes the season truly special.

Each year we see the latest adverts from M&S and John Lewis depicting what they believe Christmas is about and even though they are full of advertising the message beneath is often a very touching one, a message of love, family, and peace. This year the John Lewis advert is about a couple preparing to welcome a new child into their family, a beautiful message that surpasses the glamorous and shows a father trying to learn how to use a skateboard so that he will have something in common with his new daughter.

As the season moves on it can be easy to fall into the trap of rushing from one place to another, buying gifts and seeing friends. It is too easy for us to become so wrapped up in the list of events that we forget to stop and be in the moment. Christmas is about the greatest gift that we can share, and that is simply being with our families and spending time together creating memories. Every year as we gather for Midnight Mass, I am often confronted with the message at the end of Christina Rossetti's carol "In the bleak mid-winter" and everything seems to fade away and it becomes truly special. That final verse is;



***"What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart."***



For the greatest gift, we can offer anyone is that of love freely given. We gather for that late service to celebrate the birth of the one who loved us so much that he came down from heaven in the form of a helpless babe to help us find our way back out of the darkness and into the light.

So as I finish the last Newsletter of 2022, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the coming New Year.

Rev. Andrew



What's On? Upcoming Community Events in the Village Hall

Saturday, 3th December - Christmas Event - We will be holding our annual Christmas event from 2:00 pm - 4:00pm. There will be a festive raffle, tombola, bottle stall, traditional games, a chance to visit Santa, refreshments and lots more.

Monday, 9th January and 6th February - Bingo evening - Doors open at 6:45pm and Bingo will start at 7:00pm - tea, coffee, biscuits are included.

Friday, 20th January and 17th February - Quiz night - come along and join a team. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. £3.00 per person.

Thank you to everyone for coming to our events and supporting us and we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Congratulations

To Rev Andrew and Grace who were married at Canterbury Cathedral on the 27th October.

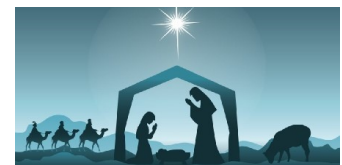
We wish them all the very best for their future together.



Notice of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals at Woodnesborough Church

October - November

Funerals - Ann Butler - Olive Roberts





**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
WOODNESBOROUGH**

**You are very welcome
to join our Come and
Praise Service on
Sunday 4th December
at 10am**

We will interview our special
guest ~ **SAINT NICHOLAS** ~
so be ready with all
your questions





Christmas Services at Woodnesborough Church



There are a variety of services leading up to Christmas and you are warmly welcome to join us.

Sunday 4 December **8.00 am** **Holy Communion Service**
10.00 am **Come & Praise Service - an**
interview with St Nicholas

Friday 9 December **6.30 pm** **Christmas Carol Singalong-St**
Mary's Church, Woodnesborough

An opportunity to sing well known carols, accompanied by live music - Mulled wine and snacks provided.

Sunday 11 December **10.00 am** **Holy Communion & Christmas**
Tree Memorial Service

Dedicated to our loved ones who have died. A chance to light a candle and write a message on a star in their memory to hang on the Christmas tree.

Sunday 18 December **6.00 pm** **Carols by Candlelight Service**

An evening of traditional readings and well-known carols - Followed by mulled wine.

Saturday 24 December **4.00 pm** **Christmas Eve Christingle and**
Crib Service

An informal interactive service when the children are given a Christingle and help to tell the nativity story - Followed by cakes and sweets.

Saturday 24 December **11.00 pm** **Midnight Mass at St Mary's**
Church, Eastry

Sunday 25 December **10.00 am** **Christmas morning family service**
with Holy Communion





Christmas Sing-along

Friday 9 December 2022

at 6:00 for 6.30pm

in St Mary's Church,

Woodnesborough

Accompanied by

The Deal Salvation Army Band

*If you enjoy singing carols
join us for this informal evening.*

Free entry and refreshments

– just come along!



Coffee, Cake and Chat



Every Saturday - 10am - 12 midday
in St Mary's Church, Woodnesborough
a chance to meet new friends and have a friendly chat
in a relaxed community environment

'Coffee, Cake and Chat' takes place from 10am to 12 midday every Saturday morning in the lovely new social area in our village church.

Everyone is welcome to come and relax, chat, meet new people over a mug of coffee or tea; an informal time for all. Coffee and cake is free. (though there is a tin for donations if you think the cake deserves it!)

You will also find a book in church where you may write a prayer request for yourself, a family member or friend, or a situation.

All our helpers are DBS checked and have Safeguarding training to level 2. I have safeguarding to level 3.



Coffee Pot - Christmas Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th December 10.00am-11.30am

Woodnesborough Village Hall in the Atrium

Cakes and Christmas Crafts - Please join us for pre-Christmas fun and fayre!
In support of **Catching Lives**, a charity for the homeless.

Further information for Coffee, Cake and Chat and Coffee Pot is available from **Hilary Baldwin**. See back of the magazine for telephone number.



Woodnesborough Football Club



"We would like to wish everyone a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"





**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
WOODNESBOROUGH**

**Come and join us at our
Carols by Candlelight
Service on Sunday 18th
December at 6pm**

**Service followed by
refreshments**





Woodnesborough Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 27th September in the Village Hall, but I was unfortunately unable to make it due to having Covid. My thanks go to Alastair who stood in for me. The meeting was attended by seven members of the public who wished to comment on two issues that had come before the council for discussion.

After the minutes had been read and signed and any actions dealt with, the council discussed and they noted 5 planning decisions. Planning correspondence was noted and the council were pleased to note that the two houses due to be built between 15 and 17 Foxborough Close are going ahead at last. Other correspondence was noted by the council, including various issues with Highways complaints and also that someone continues to place their household rubbish in the bin by the church and bus shelter. These have all been reported to the appropriate authority.

The Village Hall car park has been relined and members were pleased with the work carried out, various other matters regarding the hall were discussed and after finance had been agreed, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

The next meeting of the council took place on 25th October with 1 member of the public present. After the minutes were read and signed, actions from the last meeting were noted, we discussed 3 planning applications and noted 2 decisions, we noted planning correspondence and also reports from our County and District Councillors. Various items relating to the Village Hall were discussed and finance agreed. The meeting closed at 9pm.

The council does not meet in November so the next meeting will be 6th December.

Don't forget that you can come along to our meetings as we are here to ensure our parishioners are our priority and if you have any issues you wish to raise, please contact our Clerk, Jo, on the email address in the magazine.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Brenda Baker





**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
WOODNESBOROUGH**

**Come and join us at our
Christingle and Crib Service
on Saturday 24th December
at 4pm**

Followed by cakes and sweets



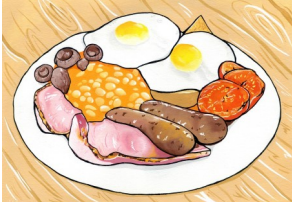


Parish Breakfast 5th November

At the Parish Breakfast on Saturday 5th November **Dennis Vickers** told the story of the Summerfield Dornier, a fascinating account of how he became reunited with a German pilot whose plane crashed near his farm in 1940.

A collection was made and £200 was raised for the Royal British Legion charity.

Dennis' story (reported by Alison Hilton) can be found on page 24



Parish Breakfast in Village Hall: next dates and speakers

Saturday 3rd December Revd Andrew Brown: My Journey.

Confirmed dates for 2023 are **7th January, 4th February, 4th March**. Further details to follow.

Breakfast (full English) is served at 9am and we finish by 10am.

Please contact **Ken Flower 01304614142 or 07763 936828** and flowerken1@hotmail.com

Booking is essential as food is bought to order.



Ken Flower





The Cross, Lower Street, Eastry, Kent, CT13 0HX

Tel : 01304 611188

thefivebellseastry@yahoo.co.uk

www.thefivebellseastry.com



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Traditional Old English Village Pub with B&B and a lot to offer



Join us for **Carols
Around The
Christmas Tree.**
Mon 12th Dec
with brass band.
From 6pm

Join us for **BURNS
NIGHT 25th Jan**

**'Eastry CAN' Quiz
and All you can
eat Curry night.
Sat 14th Jan**



**Mary and Bryony's Birthdays! Sat 17th
Dec, Live Music from 8pm**

**Karaoke - Fri 23rd Dec 8:30pm
Karaoke - Fri 27th Jan 8pm**

**Clairvoyant Eve 6:30 for 7pm, Thurs 1st Dec, Thurs 12th Jan
Quiz Traditional boxing day Quiz, Mon 26th 11am and 7pm**

**Open Mic Nights, Fortnightly
on Sundays from 5pm**

Keep up to date with our events,



The Five Bells Eastry



@fivebellseastry



fivebellseastry



EV FASTCHARGE

Do you have an electric vehicle or are you thinking about the benefits of changing to hybrid or fully electric? Drivers are taking advantage of rising energy prices with EV tariffs and solar panel energy to charge their car at home. This is considered to be the cleanest and most cost effective way to put miles into the battery.

What are the benefits of a dedicated home charging unit?

- * Charge the vehicle 3x faster than using a traditional 13A plug
- * Installed on a dedicated circuit to prevent overloading or unnecessary trips
- * Schedule charging times to take advantage of cheaper tariffs
- * Intergrate into a solar panel system to benefit from free charging
- * App enabled to track usage and expenses

*EVfastcharge are a local specialist company, based near Sandwich,
offering impartial advice on charging electric vehicles.*

Contact us for a free, no obligation quotation.

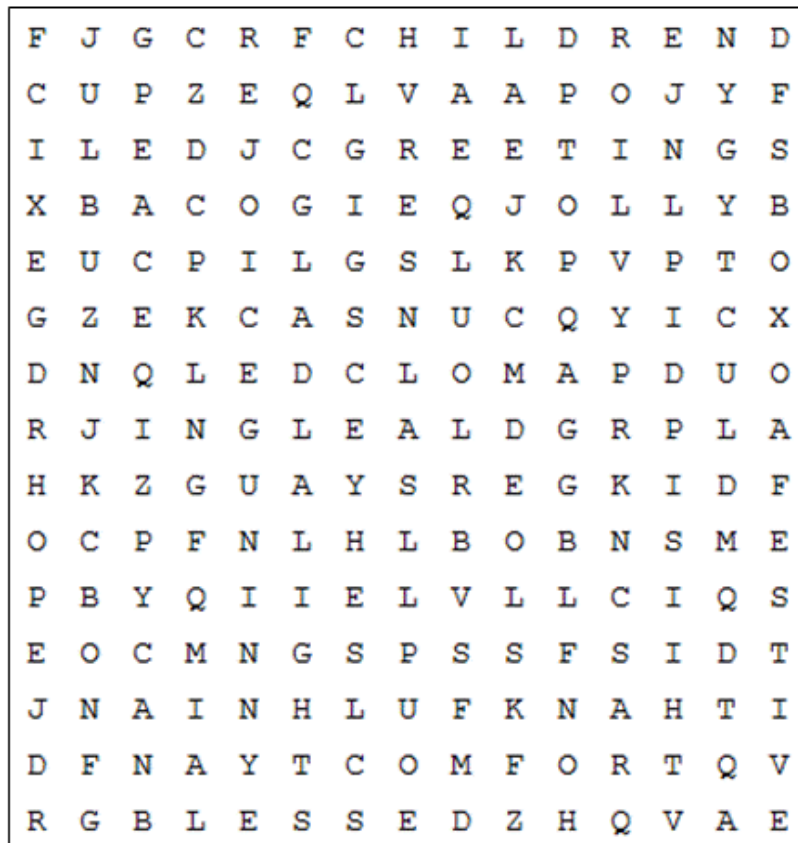
Installing charging units for electric vehicles



www.evfastcharge.co.uk | Tel: 01304 271908 | Mobile: 07340 525353 | email: info@evfastcharge.co.uk



Merry Little Christmas



ANGEL
BELLS
BLESSED
CAROLS
CHILDREN
COMFORT
DING DONG
FAMILY

FESTIVE
GLAD
GREETINGS
HOPE
JINGLE
JOLLY
JOYFUL
LIGHTS

MIRACLE
MUSIC
PEACE
REJOICE
SHINING
SINGING
THANKFUL



© puzzles-to-print.com

Solution on page 35

River Chimney Sweep

Insurance approved certificate issued with every sweep

Other services include:

Stove installation - Chimney liners
Bird cowls - Chimney repointing
Stove servicing & repairs

Call Marcus Wright

Tel: 01304 761081

Mob: 07971 699220

www.riverchimneysweep.co.uk

Registered OFTEC Stove Installer



Eastry Fish Bar

1 The Cross, Eastry, CT13 0FZ

Opening Times:



Thurs	4:00 - 8:30pm
Fri	4:00 - 9:00pm
Sat 11:30 - 1:30	4:00 - 8:30pm

**CLOSED ALL OTHER DAYS
at present**

eastryfishbar@btconnect.com

01304 614373

We accept credit and debit cards

Anypa's

dog grooming

-  One to One Service
-  Full Groom or Bath Only
-  Clipping to Breed Standard or Pet Trim
-  Handstripping
-  Full Health Check with every Groom
-  Nail Cutting
-  Fully Insured
-  City & Guilds Qualified
-  Based in Eastry
-  Please Phone, Email or Text for a FREE Consultation/Appointment

Dawn Fenton
Mob: 07930278107
Email: dawn.fenton@sky.com

City & Guilds
Qualified



Poem of the Month



In this lighthearted poem local Woodnesborough farmer Tim Ovenden recounts a tale of optimism and dashed hopes at the East Kent Ploughing Match last September.

Ploughing Match Blues (If Only)

The East Kent Ploughing Match is happening tomorrow,
It could bring joy or it could bring sorrow.
The tractor is prepared, the plough is gleaming bright,
Driven to the site the day before, to rest there for the night.
The next day bright and early, we set off in good cheer,
Full of hope, anticipation and goals that were so clear.
With tractor battery reconnected and the petrol then turned on,
With optimism the key was turned, what could possibly go wrong?
The engine turned, revs getting higher and higher,
But like a match to wet paper, she stubbornly refused to fire.
Then the panic sets in, ploughing starts in a while.
I fiddled around and continued to smile.
The public passed by – “Having problems, Tim?”
All these comments were met with a grin.
Jim and Dennis, they both took a look.
Being experts, they don't need a book.
A blocked carburettor jet was diagnosed,
But with no tool to fix it, a great problem was posed.
I wandered down to the Ovenden stand,
“Has anyone got a tool to undo this to hand?”
“I might have the thing”. Simon said, “in my truck.
I always use this when I get really stuck.”
A twist of the gadget and out the jet came,
Such a small device to take all the blame.
A quick blow through, now clean as a pin.
The carburettor reconnected, with the jet put back in.
A turn of the key and away she fired,
Only five hours late and I was feeling rather tired!
IF (ONLY) she had started when asked right on time,
And all had gone improbably well, that trophy could have been mine.
The day slips by and it's time to go,
She now starts easily; first time you know.
Thought, as I slip her into gear,
“Don't be too disappointed, there's always next year.”

Tim Ovenden



OVENDEN FARMS

GROWERS AND WHOLESALERS OF
QUALITY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES



Richard Ovenden

Tel/Fax: 01304 812419

Email: r.ovenden847@btinternet.com



VEGETABLE GROWER

Tim Ovenden

Tel/Fax: 01304 611756 • Mobile: 07759 706668



Nick Ovenden Plant Hire Ltd



Plant Hire and Groundwork Contractors

Excavations ~ Foundations ~ Driveway ~ Footings
Site Clearance ~ Drainage ~ Concreting ~ Paving

01304 360725 • 07860 561168

Red Tiles, Northbourne Road, East Studdal, Dover, Kent CT15 5DE



ST MARTIN'S EMMAUS **Archcliffe Fort, Dover**



Needs your donations of good quality furniture & household goods.

Support a fantastic charity providing homes and work in a
community setting for 21 previously homeless men & women.

For free collection call us on

01304 204550



Sandwich Honfleur Twinning Association



As you're probably aware, Sandwich is twinned with Honfleur on the coast of Normandy. If you're someone with a love of France and aspects of French life, and you'd like to share ideas, we'd warmly welcome you at one of our many social events throughout the year. Our Association was started in 1959 by the Mayors of Sandwich and Honfleur, since when the strengthening of the link has continued to see 'Furthering Friendship, Fun and Cultural Ties'.

You can find out all you want to know about SHTA on the website sandwichhonfleurtwinning.org.uk.

The new Committee has devised a programme of events and activities which runs from now until July 2023. Here is what we have arranged so far:

The highlight for many is the biennial SHTA Group Visit to Honfleur next year which will take place from Friday 23rd - Monday 26th June 2023. If you'd like to book your place on this trip, please do get in touch with me, whether you're a current member or you'd be interested in becoming one. If you haven't yet been to Honfleur, I'd definitely encourage you to join the group and visit one of the most beautiful towns in France.

An integral part of our events list is the monthly French film shown at our local Empire Cinema. Again, you'll find dates and details of the films we've chosen on our website. Films are screened on the middle Wednesday of each month, doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start; the cost, preferably in advance, is £7.50 and a bar is available for soft and alcoholic drinks. If you'd like to book your place for a film, please contact Jan Cooper on jannicooper@icloud.com

Other activities to look out for are the Vin Chaud stall on the night of the Christmas Lights Switch-on 3rd December; Cheese & Wine Quiz on 15th April; a Picnic on the Quay on 22nd May; SHTA stall at Le Week-end in June; and Bangers & Boules at the Anchor pub in Wingham on 27th July 2023. The Christmas Dinner & Party is held every year in one of the local hostelries in Sandwich.

The SHTA annual subscription remains for another year at £12.50; you'll be able to find an application form for membership on the website.

Why not come along to one of our monthly cinema nights and have a taster of belonging to our Association?

Sandra Jones





Birding With Big Nick



Back in the early 1980s I went to Stodmarsh with some friends to see a bird which was rare in the UK at the time, it, or rather they, were Glossy Ibis. Three birds would fly into the reed beds most evenings to roost. At the time it was quite a coup to see one in the UK. Glossy Ibis are quite big, heron-like birds with a large curved bill and when the light is right, they have richly coloured feathers of greens, purples and bronze. In Europe, they usually live in the Mediterranean region but have a large global distribution.

At that time it was thought that they might be the next species to colonise the UK from southern Europe, as it turned out, they weren't; several other species, notably the Little Egret and even Great White Egret have done that. However, sightings have increased over the intervening years to the point that they are now seen every year in numerous locations around the country, and more to the point, in Kent.

This year alone, 11 birds were seen flying over Sandwich Bay in January; several appeared at Dungeness in the summer, two of which remained for several weeks. They have also been seen at Stodmarsh, Worth Marshes, Oare and Elmley. It's not possible to say whether these sightings are of the same birds but it is quite likely, but it does show that they are being seen much more frequently.



In August I went to Dungeness to see the two remaining Glossy Ibis, one of which was feeding very close to the hide giving great views.

However my best photos came from an unexpected location. I heard that one had been seen in a small pond near some of the new housing on the edge of Sholden. I used Google satellite images to locate the pond and went there with little expectation of success, but I was soon proved wrong. Feeding happily on water snails and any other aquatic life it could find was a splendid Glossy Ibis.

It was incredibly confiding and barely took any notice of people passing by – or even my wife and I sitting on the bank of the pond photographing it.

So maybe the predictions of it colonising the UK may soon be fulfilled, watch this space!

Nick



Woodnesborough Baby and Toddler Group



St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby and Toddler Group has been successful in its application for funding from the Co-op for this year's local community funding. This lasts a year and people from the local community who shop at the Co-op can choose the group as their nominated charity. To do this you need to be a Co-Op member, have a Co-Op card and select St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby and Toddler as their chosen charity. Then when you buy any Co-Op product a donation is made to our cause.

Thank you in advance to anyone who chooses our group. I'll keep you up to date, over the year, with how we're doing.

Linda Flower

thistle & SPROUT

YOUR LOCAL, AWARD WINNING, BESPOKE
FLORAL DESIGNER

- **Events, weddings and funerals**
- **Personal orders - bouquets, hand ties or other arrangements**
- **Floral demonstrations**
- **Private classes and workshops**

Call **+44 7867 851779** for a free consultation!

 **@thistleandsproutflowers**



East Kent Mole Catcher

No Mole – No Fee

Your local mole catcher, based in Ash, covering all local towns and villages.

Offering mole control for your lawns, gardens & paddocks.
Public liability insurance.



Call / Text – Keith

East Kent Mole Catcher – 07876 686543

Email – molecatcherkeith@hotmail.com

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

25 years experience

- PC / Tablet / Laptop
- Setup, Repairs.
- Internet issues
- Virus removal
- System tidy-up
- Video tapes to DVD



07910 975248 / 01304 832419

SEWING & ALTERATIONS

07948 188941

30 years experience

- Shortening & Taking in
- Zip replacement
- Lining replacement
- Curtain Alterations
- Evening & Bridal wear



e-mail: ruralsewing@gmail.com

- www.ruralrepairs.com -

Your local, reliable

ELECTRICIANS

- Free quotations
- Alterations to existing electrics
- Fault finding, testing and inspections
- Garage / shed / garden electrics
- Hot tub electrical supplies
- Wired smoke alarms
- Electric car charging points
- All domestic electrical work - *no job*



PAH

P.A.Hollingworth & Co
Electrical Contractors



Tel: 01304 611967 Email: electricians@pahollingworth.co.uk



Woodnesborough W I



We met on **12th October** in the Village Hall and in the absence of our President Liz, who was just out of hospital and our secretary Lucy, Pippa welcomed us to the meeting. We were a bit low in numbers as a lot of members had gone to a show.

The minutes were read and agreed and signed by Pippa. There were no matters arising. Pippa confirmed the financial statement and we noted the items of correspondence.



Our speaker was Sue Lambertson on 'Dressing a medieval woman'. She explained that it was widely believed that women in medieval days didn't wear knickers, but it is possible that something was worn at least sometimes. She took us through the layers of clothing, putting on the garments as she spoke. She explained that everything she was wearing had been dyed and sewn by her and some items had actually been woven by her.

Linen and wool featured heavily and she amazed us by lacing up a woollen dress that had appeared too small, showing just how strong and pliable natural fabrics were. She showed us that she was not allowed her hair on show and just how complicated it was to ensure it was done correctly. It was a fascinating, wide ranging and absorbing talk and you could tell she really loved her subject.

The competition letter 'L' was won by Rae Martin for her plaque that read LOVE'. After tea coffee and the raffle, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Our last meeting was on **9th November** in the Village Hall and our President Liz was able to be with us, having had a lift as she can't yet drive. We were all pleased to see her recovering from her surgery.

The minutes were read and signed and there were no matters arising. Pippa gave the financial statement and items of correspondence were noted. We were also asked to put forward suggestions for future speakers.

We didn't have a speaker as Pippa and Rae helped members learn to crochet and make a 'granny' square. There was much chat and laughter as well as the occasional groan (mostly from me) and help and advice were freely and generously given.

After tea and coffee, we had the raffle. The Letter 'M' was won by myself for my Marbles.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Brenda Baker



The Summerfield Dornier – a story of reconciliation.



Dennis was only a boy, young and energetic, at the start of World War 2. He and other children would run about the fields around his parents' farm waving to the planes as they soared in the skies overhead. One day, the 16th Aug 1940 in the late afternoon, he was with his brother outside when they saw a huge plane getting lower and lower heading for their house. His mother grabbed him, they laid down, thinking it was going to hit their house, but it didn't, nor did it hit the house next door, it suddenly swerved and crash landed in the field opposite.

They saw two parachutes coming down, one landed in the chicken run of a house nearby, where the family there went and looked after him. The second one was the pilot Heinz Mollenbroek, whose parachute had landed in a plum tree by Summerfield Farm.

Ron and Curly, two farm workers went down with a shot gun and managed to get him down off the tree. They took him to the farmhouse where Dennis' step-grandmother, who had been a nurse in the First World War, tended to him. One of his arms was hanging very loose and he had a very serious chest injury, his step-grandmother stemmed the bleeding and made the pilot as comfortable as she could. She gave him a glass of his grandfather's whisky, (which his grandfather might not have been pleased about!)

The army took him away, and Dennis' family didn't hear any more about where he had been taken. That was the last they heard of him, until the summer of 1990 when the vicar of Woodnesborough received a letter from the BBC saying they wanted to make a film about a German plane that had gone down over Woodnesborough, and it was about the Summerfield plane.

The BBC contacted Dennis via the vicar and said they wanted to make a film called *the Blitz*. The came to look around and later brought a cherry picker, lots of cameras and equipment that they stored in the barn overnight.

Dennis agreed to meet Heinz at Dover when he came over on the boat train to Dover Harbour station. The BBC filmed the next day, Dennis's wife and daughter-in-law provided refreshments for everyone. They were taken to lunch at the Black Pig pub and the camera crew filmed interviews with Ron and Curly and with Heinz, which took all day. When they spoke to Heinz everyone found out a lot more about what had happened that day.

Heinz had been flying a Dornier and at that time most of the targets were airfields, as they were trying to wipe out the Spitfires and Hurricanes. Heinz was heading towards London, probably towards Hornchurch airfield, but it was

very foggy, so he decided to return with his bombs as he couldn't drop them, but he was intercepted at Whitstable by a Hurricane and the plane was damaged, so he shed his cargo of two bombs - but he never made it back. The two other members of the crew were not so lucky - their parachutes didn't open and they were buried in Ash churchyard.

After he left, Heinz had been taken to a hospital in Chartham for ten days, then to the Herbert Hospital in Woolwich, where he was treated for his wounds and stayed several weeks. He was interned in several camps over the next few years in England. He was a very good artist and drew several pictures in pen and ink of the camps he was put in, which Dennis has copies of.

The Swedish were neutral during the war and were working on taking badly injured German prisoners to be exchanged for badly injured British prisoners. In 1943 Heinz was taken to Glasgow then to Sweden where he was exchanged.

After he had been on his first visit back to Staple, Heinz returned three times. He was in agriculture in Germany and he had a small farm, so he and Dennis had something in common.

The Germans buried at Ash were later taken to Cannock Chase where there is a huge German cemetery. Heinz went there to pay his respects on one of his visits.

One sad thing for Dennis was that his step-grandmother, who was 97, only died a few weeks before the programme was made, so she never knew what happened. Heinz was very sad not to meet her to thank her for her kindness. Everyone got ready to watch the programme when it was due to be broadcast, but it never happened, as something that was probably more important was shown in its place! The other odd thing was that the film was called *the Blitz*, but the Blitz only started on 7th Sept 1940, three weeks after the Dornier came down, and took place mainly in 1941.



The Dornier plane had been taken away by the RAF and it was not that badly damaged, but bits and pieces were lying strewn about everywhere. Dennis' father, who had been a special constable during the war, kept a piece of the plane and had it put on a plaque. Dennis presented it to Heinz when he visited. The families of Dennis and Heinz stayed in touch for a long time. Some of Heinz's family came back

several times, in fact, only a week ago, Heinz's two daughters came to stay on the farm. A real story of reconciliation and friendship.



Local Businesses

MARK BALDOCK

Internal & External painting & decorating

Established 1983

01304 360477

m: 07866 252080

email: mark.baldock09@btinternet.com

J DILNOT-SMITH & SON

Society of Allied & Independent Funeral Directors

01304 812300

CLOCKMAKER – T PETTMAN

07860 498963 / 01843 825050

MARK JONES TREE SURGERY

Thornton House, Thornton Lane, Eastry CT13 0EU

01304 614652

m: 07956 994601

email: mark@markjonestreesurgery.co.uk

A full range of arboricultural operations undertaken

SWIFT FARM CRAFTS

HOME MAINTENANCE

07710-460199

info@swiftfarm.co.uk

**HOME MAINTENANCE
CARPENTRY JOINERY
LOCKSMITH**

- ◆ Carpenter with 30 years experience
 - ◆ Local business
- ◆ All types of carpentry & home maintenance
 - ◆ Bespoke makes
 - ◆ High quality work at competitive prices

Contact us to discuss all your needs



Tony Wells Professional Mole Catcher

**Cost-effective
traditional mole control**

- No Mole - No Fee
- Free Survey
- Fully Insured

Tel: 01304 611090

Mobile: 07518 949587

Email: tonymolecatcher@gmail.com



Member of the Association of
Professional Mole Catchers



Domestic & Commercial Cleaning Services

- Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly Cleans
- Professional, Fully Insured, Uniformed Staff, Trained to a High Standard
- All Cleaning Materials and Equipment Provided

Office: 01304 275086

Mobile: 07542 624402

www.apexclean.uk

apexcleanltd@gmail.com



YOGA

IMPROVE YOUR FLEXIBILITY
AND WELLBEING



Classes for mixed ability. (All Levels Welcome)

Woodnesborough Village Hall

Tuesdays - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

New Class Starting 2nd Sept (Atrium)

Thursday 7.15 - 8.30pm

Fridays - 9.30 - 11.00 am

£10 per class or £32 for 4 consecutive classes

First class is a Free Trial

Contact Lorraine on
01304 812652 or 07799 814280

Email: lorraine.m.irwin@btinternet.com



ASH PHYSIOTHERAPY & SPORTS INJURY CLINIC

Chartered Physiotherapists

Health Professions
Council Registered

The Old Coach House
58 The Street, Ash, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT3 2EW

Tel: 01304 813596

Email: ashphysio@uwclub.net



A Helping Hand at Home for Seniors by Seniors



There's a huge difference in the kind of home care you can receive from someone who really understands what your life is like.

At Seniors Helping Seniors care is provided by someone experienced who has a little living under his or her belt.

The same person visits and the service is flexible. No job is too big or too small. We support you to do what you want to do in and outside the home. Now providing personal care.

Contact us today to find out more 01843 606991

www.seniorshelpingseniors.co.uk



- Companionship • Personal Care • Light housekeeping • Meal preparation
- House maintenance • Transportation • Gardening • Mobility assistance • Overnight Stays (24-hour) • Respite care • all conditions including Dementia/Alzheimer's care*
- And much more!



Seniors Helping Seniors®



ashpropertycare

Property Maintenance Specialist

Local specialist covering all aspects of property maintenance and repair, from shelving to full bathroom installations and everything inbetween.

GREG HARRIS

01304 813572

07721 000222

**FREE ADVICE,
FREE QUOTES**



Woodnesborough Gardeners Club



On Thursday 15th December we will be holding our Christmas social evening at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring along your own drink and a plate of either savoury or sweet food for a sharing buffet. There will be entertainment. You can also renew your membership and get a copy of next year's programme card if you haven't already done so.

Looking ahead to the new year, our January meeting is on Thursday 19th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when our speaker is Peter Oostenbrink, who is the Head Gardener at Walmer Castle Gardens. New members and guests welcome.

We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Ken and Linda Butcher



Volunteers needed! Can you help?

The RDA helps people with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities. We want them to gain the maximum benefits from horse riding while having a lot of fun!

Cornilo RDA Group in Sutton-by-Dover would love some more volunteers to help the children on Tuesday mornings during school term times.

If you love horses and children and have an hour or two to spare please contact cornilorda.org.uk or Denise on 07833 517851 to find out more.

We will provide full training and you will only have to help with a role you are comfortable doing.



**HOSKINS
CONSTRUCTION LTD**

Est 1986

All aspects of building work including design and build, from start to finish with attention to detail, and the personal touch

Chippy Lodge, Beacon Lane
Woodnesborough, Nr Sandwich,
Kent, CT13 0PD

Tel: 01304 275146

Mobile: 07768 984507

Email:

hoskinsltd@outlook.com



A small family run business, offering bespoke
Housekeeping, Cleaning and
Gardening packages,
designed around your requirements

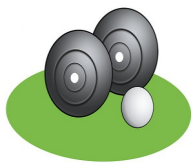


Please give us a call for a free quotation on

07453 943329

Or visit our website for more details
of what we can offer

purpledaisy.co.uk



**Ash Bowling Club, Moat Lane,
Ash, CT13 2DG**

We are a friendly club where you get a warm welcome either on your own or as a family. All ages welcome from 10 to 100+

We have excellent facilities for both lawn bowls in the summer and short mat bowls in the winter.

Membership fees are extremely low and games cost £2 in the summer and £1.50 in the winter. Where else can you get good company, gentle exercise an afternoons entertainment and a cup of tea and a biscuit for that price?

We offer both friendly roll ups, club competitions and also county games for those with a more competitive nature.

For more information contact Judy Martin on 01304 611328

Or visit – ashbowlsclub.org.uk or find us on facebook

AWR BUILDERS AND DECORATORS

Extensions • Alterations • Conversions • Planning Service
Painting & Decorating • Kitchen & Bathrooms • Drives
Window & Conservatories • All Building Maintenance

Freephone: 0800 587 6614

Mobile: 07776 182126

All preservation works
Beetle infestation • Dry rot • Tanking
Wall tie replacement

30 year warranty
Free estimates and quotations

GARDEN MACHINERY REPAIRS

TREVOR LAKER ENGINEERING

Unit 17 Birnham Mushrooms, Hammill Road,
Woodnesborough, Sandwich CT13 0PR

01304 813777

paul-laker@btconnect.com

DELIVERY & COLLECTION SERVICE



Contact us at -

**woodnesboroughnotes
andnews@gmail.com**

**We look forward to
seeing you here**



**Woodnesborough PCC would like to thank the advertising
businesses whose donations help to finance the
Woodnesborough Village News.
Please support our local businesses.**



About Us

Woodnesborough Village News strives to provide accurate and timely information about local events, contacts for local companies or simply where to buy some firewood! We are a non-profit making organisation whose underlying purpose is to help maintain a vibrant cohesive community spirit. As such it is vital that it truly reflects the voice of Woodnesborough and we welcome items from all village organisations and individuals.

Woodnesborough Village News is produced and distributed by volunteers with financial support provided by a partnership of St Mary's Church, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. This combined with the additional funding provided by advertising, enables us to offer the magazine free to the community.

Editorial Team - - Alison Hilton, Martin Bedford

Design - Tony Hilton, Alison Hilton

Distribution Coordinator - Gary Philpott

Notes to Contributors

Please email material to:- woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com
Normally this should be no more than 500 words. **The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.** Please note that we reserve the right to select and edit articles submitted.

Notes to Advertisers

Now the magazine is being delivered to the whole village it is now a great opportunity to promote your business to over 600 properties at a very competitive rate.

Cost of adverts

Whole page £120 per annum

½ Page £80 per annum

¼ page £40 per annum

Please email the advert to:- woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com either as a jpeg or simply the wording plus any clip art then it can be included.

Fliers - The magazine offers a flier delivery service, the flier would simply be delivered with the magazine. For commercial organisations there is a charge of £30, but it is free to village organisations.

Payment Cheques should be made payable to Woodnesborough PCC and sent to the Treasurer:

Mr. Roger Bailey Woodside, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough,
Sandwich, CT13 0NZ



Church Directory

Rector	Rev Andrew Brown	273836 rev.andrewewb@gmail.com
Benefice Office: Weds 11.00am - 1.00pm Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm	Trisha Wells	611323 eastry.benefice@gmail.com
Reader	Hilary Baldwin	613346
Church Wardens	Martin Bedford	617636
	Alison Hilton	814413
PCC Secretary	Caroline Pearce	619190
PCC Treasurer	Roger Bailey	613036
Church Flowers	Linda Flower	614142
Baby & Toddler Group (term time) Thursday 9.30-11:30am	Linda Flower	614142
Children's Society	Martin & Gina Bedford	617636
Eastry & District Open Group	Alistair Carnegie	813120
Church Breakfast	Ken Flower	614142
Coffee Pot (Tues 10-11.30am)	Hilary Baldwin	613346

Church Services

1st Sunday of the month	08.00am	Communion Service
	10.00am	Come & Praise Family Service
2nd Sunday of the month	10.00am	Communion Service
3rd Sunday of the month	No service at Woodnesborough	
4th Sunday of the month	10.00am	Communion Service
5th Sunday of the Month	10.00am	Benefice Service - see website for venue www.ewbchurches.org.uk

The church is open every day from 9am-5pm for private prayer and reflection.

We are a very friendly church and everyone of all ages is welcome to our services.





Parish Directory



Woodnesborough Village Hall Committee:

Book via email:	woodnesboroughvillagehall@gmail.com	
Chair	Ken Flower	614142
Treasurer	Fraser Easton	
Clerk to the Parish Council	Joanna Jones Thornton House Thornton Lane Eastry CT13 0EU clerk@woodnesborough-pc.org.uk	746036
Chess Club	Harry Sharples	812985
Woodnesborough Gardeners Club	Linda Flower woodnesboroughgardeners@gmail.com	614142
Woodnesborough Football Club	Nicola Hunt	07734 695275
Women's Institute President	Elizabeth Spanton	825225
Women's Institute Secretary	Lucy Hawkes	01227 860247
Village Hall 100 Club	Suspended until further notice	
Kent Highways Fault Report		03000 418181

Disclaimer

The Editor reserves the right to cut, edit or refuse to publish any contributions and does not necessarily agree with opinions expressed in published articles. All advertisements in the magazine are inserted in good faith, but the magazine committee accepts no responsibility for any statement made by the advertisers; nor endorses the products or services offered.

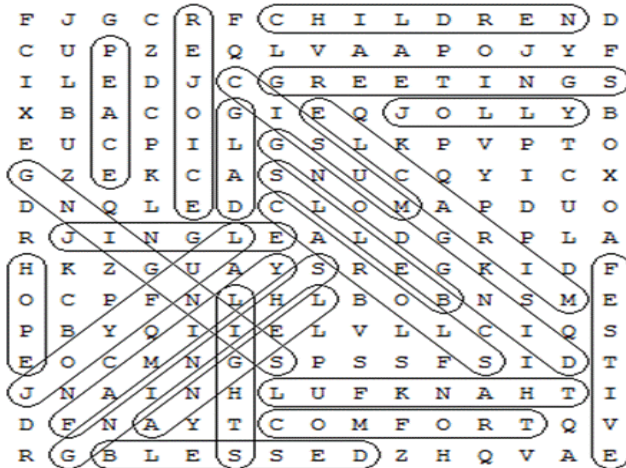
Please note that Woodnesborough Village News is uploaded on three Woodnesborough based websites.

- woodnesborough-pc.org.uk/
- [woodnesboroughvillagehall.chessck.co.uk/
woodnesboroughVillageNewsOnline](http://woodnesboroughvillagehall.chessck.co.uk/woodnesboroughVillageNewsOnline)
- www.ewbchurches.org.uk/woodnesboroughvillagenews.htm

Please bear this in mind when submitting your articles, content of which will be included in the magazine and online.

Word Search solution

Merry Little Christmas



© puzzler-to-print.com

Christmas Cracker Jokes

1. Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?

He was picking his nose.

2. What's a dog's favourite carol?

Bark, the herald angels sing.

3. Why are Christmas trees very bad at knitting?

Because they always drop their needles.

4. What is good King Wenceslas' favourite pizza?

One that's deep-pan, crisp and even.





Woodnesborough Christmas event

Saturday, 3rd December

Woodnesborough Village Hall

14:00-16:00

Visit Santa

Festive Raffle

Teddy Tombola

Bottle Stall

Refreshments and cakes

