

**Neighbourhood Policing Team's new initiatives.** The local team would like to set up more of the following initiatives in our area, but they need your help.

### **No Cold Calling Zones**

No Cold Calling Zones provide an opportunity for householders to collectively say "no" to the practice of cold calling. The zones are areas in which cold callers are discouraged from calling. They are designed to assist in areas that are considered to be vulnerable. Vulnerability can be measured in many ways but it may be an area of elderly persons, an area where there has been a high level of recorded crime, such as burglary or distraction burglary, or even an isolated area of a small number of properties.

No Cold Calling Zones should discourage rogue traders who, for example, tell householders work needs doing and then charge exorbitant prices, sell poor quality items at high prices or pressure sell. The zones will also discourage those who use door step selling as the opening for distraction burglaries or to make plans for future burglaries. The knock-on effect is one of reducing crime, including the fear of crime within the designated area.

#### **NO COLD CALLING ZONES**

**Reduce the fear and threat felt by some of the more vulnerable residents in Lincolnshire when the doorbell rings and the caller is unknown.**

**Create a feeling of togetherness. Making it easier to say NO to unwanted callers.**

**Encourages more contact with each other and creates a more observant attitude**

**Can you act as a coordinator in your area where you are at risk from or have previously been targeted by bogus callers or rogue traders?**

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Do you know what is happening in your area?

Do you know what security measures are available for your property?

Do you know what to do if you see someone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood?

Do you want to know how to make your home and neighbourhood safer?

Have you considered neighbourhood watch?

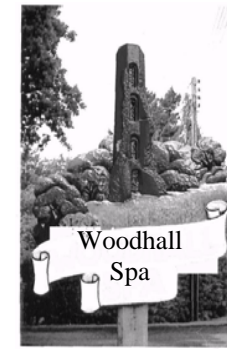
**On the approach to NHW week we are canvassing for more coordinators and more NHW members as numbers have reduced dramatically over the years and where there is a successful NHW in place, with a contributing coordinator, figures show crime levels are much lower. Not to mention you could get a discount on house insurance.**

### **First contact**

First contact is a service that offers access to a wide range of services and information to people aged 60 and above to help them keep safe and secure in their own home through a single point of contact.

By filling out one checklist we can address issues such as fire and community safety, personal care, housing, heating, benefits and even transportation.

This checklist helps you access services you may not be aware were available to you. If you would like to see if First Contact can help you benefit from a wide range of services or if you have any interest or any questions in joining any of the schemes please do not hesitate to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.



## **WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER Issue 2 2009**

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### **PARISH CLERK**

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The Parish Office opening times are: Tuesday 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am

**If you care- BE THERE.** The Annual Parish Meeting is being held this year at the refurbished Coronation Hall on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. It's **very important** that you attend if you are at all interested in the future of Woodhall Spa as this is such a critical year for our community and we need your invaluable support. There will be brief, illustrated, presentations on Jubilee Park, the Library status, the Cemex lorry situation and other unfolding events. Local organisations will be invited to give a short report or appeal for help and members and there's a section for you to ask the Council any questions on local issues and how we are dealing with them. ALL ages and ALL residents welcome, even if you've only just moved here – please come early to be sure of a seat.

To save time this year, we will not be reading out the minutes of the last APM, but there will be copies available for everyone who attends and they can also be read beforehand in the library or on the website [www.woodhallspa.org/council\\_minutes](http://www.woodhallspa.org/council_minutes)

**Council Meetings.** Parish Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm (except July). There is a 15 minute public forum before the meeting begins when members of the public may ask questions and make short statements to the Council. The agenda is displayed on the village notice board and on the website 3 clear days prior to the meeting.

**Jubilee Park- New Season and New Start** Discussions and meetings are still taking place to not only finally secure the promised funding from ELDC but to make sure it's spent in the best way for securing the long term future of the pool. In the meantime it's business as usual in the park, though the short term future of the café is still to be finalised. For the full story and latest developments, go to the Annual Parish Meeting, we hope it will be sorted out by then!

**Minding your Own Business.** Local businesses are obviously happy to leave it to the Parish Council to promote local economic activity as we are able to do so and have few issues of concern - only 6 replied to our questionnaire - a special thank you to them. As only one of these was able to give the time to be active in such a group, we will not be taking this any further. Please note, we have 210 businesses on the community website, some trading locally, some nationally or internationally and we know there are many more out there. This is increasingly visited and free. To have your business included, just contact the webmaster by e-mail: [webmaster@woodhallspa.org](mailto:webmaster@woodhallspa.org) – or speak to him directly at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Plant a tree- or more.** Woodhall Spa's character is defined by its trees and we need to keep it that way for future generations. The ambitious planting programme for the Tree Group is going full steam ahead in conjunction with the County and District councils.



We need YOUR suggestions for sites where more trees can go – maybe where a mature tree was cut down or you feel a tree would enhance the area- let the clerk or any councillor know. **Thanks** for your excellent response in reporting illegal tree felling and removal of timber. We need you to keep your eye open for another menace that has appeared, **Japanese Knotweed**. This is almost impossible to kill when it gets hold and damages both buildings and the natural environment.

Some has been spotted alongside Church Walk, behind Station Road, we want to know of any more. More information on all these issues from the Tree Group at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Say it with Flowers** We can look forward to more flowers displays, including hanging baskets and more, larger flower tubs, thanks to the work of the Britain in Bloom team and their sponsors. Find out more at the Annual Parish Meeting. A water bowser and lance will be bought to keep these displays fresh, but volunteers are needed for a watering rota. Put your name down at the APM or contact Graham Keegan on 353672 or e-mail [keegan@telinco.com](mailto:keegan@telinco.com)



**Farmers Market.** Our own regular farmer's market is scheduled to start on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 8.30am -1pm in the Mall Car Park in Woodhall Spa. This will be held on the second Friday of the month from now on and offers a range of local produce. Proceeds will go to local good causes. For more information see the section on our community website: [www.woodhallspa.org/market](http://www.woodhallspa.org/market)

**Heritage Action** If you see people with a clipboard looking at your property, don't panic, it's probably the Heritage group making an inventory of all the important features and buildings in the Spa, as requested in the Parish plan. This very active group has been busy on many fronts and will give an update at the annual parish meeting.

**Going it alone.** After ELDC shed responsibility for administering burials to us, we decided to take the maintenance of the Kirkby Lane cemetery from them too. We have awarded a two year maintenance contract, which will show considerable savings on previous costs, and have also arranged for rabbit proof fencing all round.

**Litter Alert!** Recently British Waterways staff and Sustrans Rangers (volunteers) conducted a litter pick on the Water Railway between Kirkstead Bridge and Stix-would. Amongst the rubbish collected were two car wheels, a racing bike, a fridge and a television. A trip to the tip is much easier! This isn't the only place affected. Please keep an eye open for fly tippers and report them on 01507 601111.



**Country Show.** Our popular Country Show is being held this year on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-5pm. An event with something for all the family, there are more attractions than ever this year, from the usual trade and craft stalls and livestock events to, dancing dogs, terrier racing and Japanese drummers. The twin theme is the Outbreak of World War 2 and lend/lease along with textiles, so you can expect to see some vintage tractors, spinning and even some Alpacas!

**Viva La France!** The twinning committee is looking for more host families for the next visit of our French twin village over the bank holiday at the end of May as there are many new families there eager to continue this successful partnership. You can be any age and you don't have to speak French, just be interested in welcoming a family from Roeze sur Sarthe. A full programme of events has been arranged for the visitors, but there will be some free time for you to spend together however you wish. If you have never been involved before, it's a wonderful way to get to know a different way of life and the hospitality they provide on the return trip (next year) is legendary. For more information contact Andrew Hayden on 353142 or e-mail [akhayden@btinternet.com](mailto:akhayden@btinternet.com)

**Centenarian wishes..** finally, our very best wishes to Les Chapman on reaching his century. Long term residents and readers of the excellent Museum publications will know that Les has been a much respected yet self-effacing part of our community all his life. A real gentleman in every sense, he wears his years well. It's characters like him that help to give us our unique identity.

**Your local policing team.**

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