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A couple of requests from our Policing Team: Parking across the driveways of properties on Station Road and The Broadway has become an issue lately, so please can we ask that these driveways are kept clear at all times. You might only be popping to the shops and only be there for a couple of minutes, but this is becoming quite an inconvenience to the residents. Our village is lucky to have so much free parking so please be considerate.

CYCLING ON THE PAVEMENTS is illegal unless it is a designated cycle route, so if there is no signage to denote this, then it is not a cycle route! Just a reminder that Station Road and The Broadway are not designated cycle routes so please make sure that you dismount on these sections and keep the footpaths safe.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS: COUNCILLORS

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Joanna Nelstrop	354107	David Hill	353070
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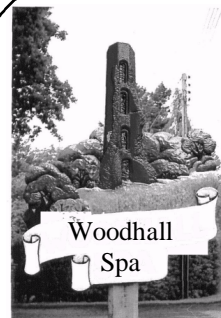
The Parish Office opening times are:

Tuesday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday	9.30am – 11.30am

NEW COUNCILLOR. We are pleased to introduce our newest councillor Roger Webb. Roger settled in the village in November 2010, ready to enjoy an early retirement. A highly varied working life has seen him living in no less than 20 areas of the country. Roger soon found out just how much there was to do here in Woodhall Spa and became a volunteer with the Friends of Jubilee Park and the Friends of the Cottage Museum. He is now looking forward to helping shape the future of the community whilst maintaining its' heritage.

You will see that we still have two vacancies following the May local council elections. Anyone interested in filling these vacancies please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

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WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE... We are delighted to announce that Woodhall Spa is this year's winner of the Best Kept Village Competition. This is a great achievement which was only made possible through the hard work of many unsung volunteers. The Parish Council may have entered the village for the competition, but it is the effort of those residents who care for our community that enabled us to win, so we would like to say a BIG BIG thank you to our litter pickers, tub planters, the village handyman and basically anybody who played a part in helping our village gain this prestigious title. The village has been given a tree and plaque for winning the competition and the tree will be planted in Royal Square. We shall also be able to put up 'Best kept Village' signs at the road entrances to the village. The Parish Council is planning a village ceremony to thank everyone involved and to celebrate our achievement. Look out for details in the next newsletter.

OUR JUBILEE PARK

Our first season looking after Jubilee Park is nearly over. It has been challenging, but we believe our Management Committee and the staff at the park have done an excellent job!! Well done, too, to the Friends of Jubilee Park for helping co-ordinate volunteers and for raising much needed funds for the park. We've learnt a lot from our first season and would also like to thank everyone who used the swimming pool or visited the park. We can report that the figures for pool and caravan usage were up on last year, in spite of mixed weather, which is very encouraging. Please maintain your support. We especially appreciate all the feedback we have been given and hope to implement some of the suggestions for improvement. These include, for example, the possible use of renewable energy sources and finding more ways to reduce our overheads.

Plans for the 2012 season are already being made and many of you will have noticed that work on the new pool and paddling pool has started and is on schedule. The re-vamped pool will open again for the 2012 season in early May. This work is part of the ELDC handover and will be paid for by ELDC.

DON'T MISS OUT....Fireworks Extravaganza, Saturday 5th November, Jubilee/Petwood Caravan Park. Family Fun will include the bonfire, a firework display, food and a bar. Tickets: adults £4, children £2 and Family Ticket £10 (2 adults & 2 children) 6pm start, firework display 7pm.



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE. Please join us on Sunday 13th November at 9.30am at St Peter's Church for the annual Remembrance Day service, followed by the usual parade down to the ceremonies at the War Memorial and the Dambusters Memorial. There will be a fly past from an aircraft of 617 Squadron at precisely 11:00 am followed by the two minute silence. All community groups are welcome to participate in the parade; please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish your group to be involved. For those involved in the parade, there will be a rehearsal at St Peter's Church on Friday 11th November at 6pm – please send a representative, especially if your group will be bringing a standard into the Church. We look forward to seeing you all in the Church or at the memorials.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Woodhall Spa's Christmas Trees and Royal Square lights will be going up **on Sunday 20th November**. We rely on a band of volunteers to get this job done. Please get in the early Christmas Spirit and give us a little of your time! Even if you can only spare an hour on the mornings of **Sunday 20th November and/or Sunday 8th January** (when the lights come down) we would very much appreciate your help. On 20th Nov, we will be starting at 8.30 and 10am. On Jan 8th, we will start at 10am. if you can help, please contact Jo Nelstrop on either 01526 354107 or Joanna@thenelstrops.com or just turn up.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE. The Annual Christmas Fayre organised by the Rotary Club, including the Parish Council's inter-denominational Carol Service, will take place on Friday 9th December. This year we are starting with a procession leaving outside Just Deserts at 6.30pm for Royal Square, where the carol service will begin at 6.45pm (earlier than in previous years). **As the parade passes you, please join in with your family and we will all arrive at Royal Square together.** As always there will be stalls along The Broadway and Station Road and a host of other attractions for all the family including Santa Claus This has become one of the most popular events in the Woodhall Spa calendar; we look forward to seeing you there!

Super Supper Evening. Woodhall Spa First Responders are holding their annual fund raising Supper Evening on Saturday November 12th in St. Peter's Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced at £7.50, are available from The Book Fayre on Tattershall Rd or Meryl on 354344. Please support your local LIVES group.

'Fascinating Rhythm' at the Coronation Hall. On Thursday, January 19th, the Coronation Hall is hosting 'Fascinating Rhythm in Concert' as part of the Lincolnshire Rural and Touring Arts scheme. If you like high quality and accessible jazz, this cabaret-style concert should prove the ideal way to put Christmas behind you. Tickets will be on sale at The Book Fayre from early November.

Register your support for improved broadband in Lincolnshire. For those with internet access, it is simply a case of visiting www.onlincolnshire.org and clicking 'register your interest'. If you want to register but do not have access to the internet, you can also register your interest in other ways: You can log onto www.onlincolnshire.org free of charge on a Public Network Computer at your local library, or just call the council's customer service centre on 01522 782066.

WINTER RESILIENCE.. Only last week we were enjoying a late spell of hot summer weather but as we go to print the thermometers have dropped, indeed snow has already fallen in the UK. No one will need reminding about the severity of last winter but it is easy to forget Woodhall Spa sees significant snowfall most winters. The Parish Council (PC) believes it is worth supplementing the snow & ice clearance conducted by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), particularly in respect of the pavements. Therefore the PC has set up a Working Group (WG), to develop a Snow & Ice Plan with the main aim of keeping the village footpaths negotiable by pedestrians. The Plan will focus on community participation, namely residents and businesses clearing their own stretch of pavement. For the plan to succeed we need the community to clear snow from pavements as soon as possible after it has fallen; if left it will become compacted and last years problems will re-occur. What we asking is increasingly common in the UK but has been common place in Germany for many years. We appreciate many of you will have heard stories about well meaning snow clearers being sued – this is not the case provided you operate with good intent. Legal reassurance can be read on the LCC website: 'The Law and Advice on Clearing Snow and Ice'.

The PC is working on a gritting plan with partners in the Chamber of Trade & Tourism. The aim is to grit the main pavements in the village once the snow has been cleared.

The PC, acting upon an initial report from the WG, has already asked LCC to re-site grit bins from the mini roundabout to Wentworth Way and Tor-o-Moor Road. Further, LCC have been asked to include Victoria Ave and King Edward Road in the LCC road pre-cautionary gritting plan.

We also need your help filling **Snow Warden** posts – the wardens will be supplied with snow clearing equipment and asked to cover small areas of responsibility, clearing snow where perhaps others are unable or absent. If you can help your community during adverse winter weather please contact the Parish Clerk.

CLEARING SNOW FROM PAVEMENTS IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

With your help, we can make Woodhall Spa pavements safer this winter.

WHAT IS FIRST CONTACT?...The Lincolnshire 'First Contact' scheme allows people aged 60 and over in the county to access a range of information and advice to help them stay safe and well in their home through one point of contact. Customers can fill in a simple checklist either attached to one of the First Contact leaflets, with a trained member of staff, or on the phone with a First Contact Central Coordinator based at the Lincolnshire County Council's Customer Service Centre. Once completed, the checklist will generate referrals to the appropriate partner agency. The relevant agency will then contact the customer within 28 days to offer information and advice on services which may be available. (Whilst the information supplied will be free, for some services there may be a charge.) First Contact has recently launched its website - www.firstcontact.org.uk. The website offers a range of information from crime prevention to benefits and money - it also includes an electronic version of the First Contact checklist.

