

Village – diary of events

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade and Tourism, is investigating the value of including a 'diary of events' insert with the quarterly Parish Council newsletter. The prime aim is to make sure that those living in the village are aware of the numerous events and activities that take place. The exact format of the insert is to be decided but if it is to succeed we need your input. Please send details of your event, April to July 2012, to woodhallchamber@gmail.com

Just some of the forthcoming events are listed below:

Saturday 31 December	New Years Eve Dinner & Dance	The Dower House Hotel
Thursday 19th January	Fascinating Rhythm in Concert	The Coronation Hall
Friday 10 th February	Copdrop Charity Ball	The Petwood Hotel
Friday 3 rd March	Sense and Sensibility	The Petwood Hotel
Saturday 17 th March	Helicopter Charity Ball	The Petwood Hotel
Sunday 18 th March	Mothering Sunday	Various venues within the village
Saturday 24 th March	ACT for SMA Charity Dance	The Petwood Hotel
Saturday 14 th April	Titanic Evening	The Petwood Hotel
Thursday 26 th April	Woodhall Spa Inner Wheel Charity Fashion Show	The Petwood Hotel
Regular Events		
1 st Thursday (every month)	'Ladies Night'	Janili Jo's

YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM:

PC Chris Redfearn retired on Monday 12th December having served 32 years with Lincolnshire police and was a beat manager in Woodhall Spa for approximately three years. Chris' replacement has not yet been appointed but we hope to be able to provide the details of the new beat manager in our next newsletter.

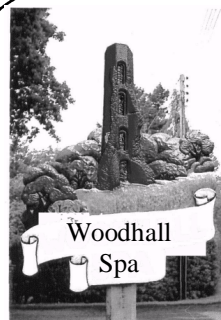
We would like to wish Chris a long and happy retirement.

Woodhall Spa Police Station— 01526 352799

Police Community Support officer – Nicola Stuchfield 07939312926

Nicola.stuchfield@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Or call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency



WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish all residents of Woodhall Spa a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for supporting the Parish Council this year and we look forward to your continued support next year.

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given, when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes.

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Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE... The ceremony to celebrate winning the Best Kept Village Competition 2011 has been organised for Saturday 28th January at 11am in Royal Square. We would love to see as many people as possible there especially if you are one of the people who worked hard behind the scenes picking up litter or planting tubs of flowers, because we would like to Thank you in person. The 'Chocolate' tree which we were awarded with for winning the competition was planted in Royal Square during 'National Tree Planting week' at the end of November (unfortunately it doesn't grow chocolate!!!), but we still have the Best Kept Village 2011 plaque to site and we are awaiting the Best Kept Village signs to be located at the entrances to the village.

VILLAGE SNOW & ICE PLAN. The plan has been written and accepted by the Parish Council, it is available either through the community website or the Parish Clerk; all we need is snow so that the plan can be tested and amended if required.

Will you be clearing snow from your stretch of pavement?

We hope so because the plan is based on community participation. The Parish Council has insufficient resources to clear snow from and to grit all the pavements in the village, but with your help we can make the pavements of Woodhall safer this winter. The Snow & Ice Plan will be activated only after significant snowfall when no immediate thaw is forecast. Snow is easiest to move before it is compacted and we hope many of the community will clear their stretch of pavement and help those less able. The Parish Council will then follow up using a small tractor to clear remaining snow and to spread grit along 10km of pavements – the gritting route is published in the plan.

The following tips on snow clearing published at www.lincs.gov.uk may help.

- Start early - it is much easier to clear fresh snow compared to compacted ice
- Don't use hot water - this will melt the snow but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury
- Be a good neighbour - some people may be unable to clear snow and ice from their property
- If shovelling snow, think where you are going to put it so it doesn't create another obstruction
- Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on
- Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help stop ice forming
- Pay particular care and attention to steps and gradients
- Use the sun to your advantage - removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath
- If there's no salt available, sand or ash are good alternatives.

We still need your help with filling Snow Warden posts – the appeal in the last newsletter attracted only 3 responses. If you can help your community in adverse winter weather, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Grit Bins. Many of you may have noticed that LCC grit bins have been relocated within the village. PC funded & stocked grit bins have been ordered for Maple Ave, Roeze Close and the pavement adjacent to the Broadway Surgeries. Please use the grit for public pavements and not personal use.

Comments on the plan are most welcome and we will seek to improve wherever possible but resources will always be the major limitation.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS... Thank you so much to all those volunteers who gave up their Sunday morning to put up the Christmas trees and lights. We managed a record beating 'under two hours' so thank you! If you are able to assist with dismantling trees on Sunday 8th January starting at 8.30am please contact either Jo (07795 396979) or Daphne (07784 088163)

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES... You will see that we still have two vacancies following the May local council elections. If you are interested in what goes on in our village then please consider becoming a councillor. You don't need to stand for election just send a short letter to the Parish Clerk explaining why you would like to become a councillor along with a few details about yourself and you could be co-opted onto the Council at our next meeting. If you think you might be interested please contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY... Just a reminder that from 10.30am until 11.30am on the first Saturday of each month two Parish Councillors will be available for you to speak with in the library. The next session will be Saturday 7th January.

TWINNING... The date for the 2012 Twinning visit to our French twin Roëze sur Sarthe has been set as 11th—15th April. The Twinning Association are always looking for new families and individuals to match with families in France – all ages welcome, you don't have to speak French and experienced Twinners will be there to help you all the way. For more information contact Andrew Hayden on 353142.

WOODHALL SPA COTTAGE MUSEUM AWARDED MAJOR GRANT

Volunteers and friends of the Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum were recently delighted to learn that they had been awarded a grant of £677,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable them to refurbish the museum buildings, update the displays and fund an exciting three year programme of heritage related activities for the community.

This is a great achievement for both the museum and the village and arises directly from the respect and high standing of the museum within the East Midlands heritage community. Work will start on demolishing and rebuilding the out-buildings next year. The refurbishment of the Museum itself, a Boulton and Paul prefabricated building dating from the 1880's, will take place over the winter of 2012/13 in time for the Easter opening in 2013.

The heritage award represents 83% of the total projected cost of £813,936 so Museum volunteers will now be redoubling their efforts over the coming months to raise the balance. The Cottage Museum Directors would like to thank all those people and organisations who have already contributed financially.

YOUTH CLUB... Lincolnshire County Council has announced that the Youth Club in Woodhall Spa will close in March unless the community takes action and puts a plan together, so if you have any thoughts please let a member of the Parish Council know. We shall be consulting in the future so look out for details of a public meeting in the New Year.

Community Website: www.woodhallspa.org