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Please be considerate when contacting councillors, they are happy to be contacted but please not too late at night or very early on a Sunday morning!

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

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY... Just a reminder that you can raise any issues face to face, with a councillor at our monthly Parish council surgery at the library-first Saturday of each month 10.30-11.30 the next two are 7th March and 4th April. Any issues you raise are logged and reported to Council, we will also keep you informed of what we have done about them.

COTTAGE MUSEUM. Your Museum needs you! A number of fantastic volunteers help to keep your Cottage Museum running and the Friends group supports them. Please join us today, fill in the application form and help us preserve this slice of village life for future generations.

The Parish Council has a new website. It is still a work in progress and there is still a lot of information to go on the site. Our website is purely for Parish Council information and will not replace the community website.

www.woodhallspaparishcouncil.org



NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 2015

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! HELP MAKE THE DECISIONS AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL!

Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor, well if not why not? Local Council elections will take place on 7th May and this is a chance for you to help make a difference to the place that you live.

Getting involved in the local community and helping with local issues is a very worthwhile way of making a contribution to the area in which we live and work. Do you have young children or teenagers and are interested in things that affect their lives? Are you concerned about our environment? How do you feel about planning issues? What about public transport? Local housing? Are you interested in local government finances, and where all our money goes? What can we do about anti-social behaviour? Do we need more local amenities?

The Parish Council is the tier of local government most closely linked to the area where everyone lives, so rather than sitting back and moaning about local issues, why not stand for election to the Parish Council and try and make a difference. You are eligible to stand for election if you are:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union who is 18 years or older

And if you are.....

- registered as a local government elector for Woodhall Spa; or
- Have for the whole 12-month period up to the date of the election, occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
- Have had your principal or only place of work during that last 12-month period in the parish; or
- Have during the whole of the last 12-month period resided in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) of it

You cannot be a candidate if you:

- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- Have been disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which relates to donations and other offences) or under the Audit Commission Act 1998

There will be 12 vacancies in May so why not stand for election and try and make a difference. So if you have decided that you could be a councillor then contact the Parish Clerk for further information, or even better for a nomination pack!



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2015 PRECEPT. The Precept forms the majority of the income that the Council receives to fulfil its duties and obligations to the community. We have calculated that to maintain the level of services needed and expected, an increase of £1,060 is needed this year; which is a 2% increase to the precept amount, but only a 1.35% increase to the amount residents will be paying because the number of properties in the village has increased. This works out at approximately a 50pence increase per property for the year, to the amount paid from your council tax which goes to the Parish Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – We are looking to hold a series of public consultation events in St Peter's Hall on Wednesday 18th March from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and on Saturday 21st and 28th March from 10:00am to 12:00pm and from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. We will have the proposed draft policies on poster boards for you to read and comment on. On hand will be members of the Working Group to answer any questions you may have and to help point out specific questions we would appreciate responses to. The Plan must be based on empirical evidence collected from community consultations, so if no-one likes a specific policy or certain words within a policy those aspects cannot go forward. We aim to analyse the responses and redraft where necessary and prepare for the formal 6 week community consultation on the whole Plan to be held as soon as the elections are over. Please be assured that Neighbourhood Plans DO matter and DO have legal standing despite what you may have read in the press recently. This will be YOUR Plan and your support in the consultations to come is vital. You will also be able to view and comment on the policies on the web site www.woodhallspaneighbourhoodplan.co.uk in the near future.

NDP Photo Competition

The NDP is full of policies but needs photos to illustrate key points about the village. All ages are invited to take photos which capture either the spirit or style of Woodhall Spa and submit for possible inclusion in the plan; as an incentive there will be a £25 voucher for the winner of each of the following age groups:

- Junior – up to and including school year group 8
- Senior – Year group 9 to Upper 6
- Adult



Entries to be submitted by 17 April 2015 – up to 5 entries per person via e-mail to woodhallspandp2015@outlook.com Entries should be titled age group-name-image name/number e.g. J-Burton-Pinewoods Image Format – High Res JPG/JPEG

Entries will be judged on 21 April – any entry used in the NDP will be acknowledged.

A Big Thanks.. Thank you to those people who helped put up and take down the Christmas Trees this years with special thanks to Mr and Mrs Nelstrop for co-ordinating the project and Steve Parker for sorting the electrics in Royal Square so that the lights would work for the Christmas Carol service.

KIRKBY LANE CEMETERY – The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help us tidy up the first section in the Kirkby Lane cemetery. Following on from the successful trial on the front set of plots we did one chilly Saturday last October, the Council has funded the completion of the works. That entails clearing out the weeds and waste from within the borders of the plots and putting down a layer of green Leicester gravel to suppress any future weeds. We are looking for volunteers to help out in whatever capacity you feel able to. Our plan is to start work in the Spring – a few hours each Saturday – and complete the works by the Summer. If you can help, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman using the contact details on the back.

YOUTH UNION @ THE HUB – Request for help

Woodhall Spa's revitalised Youth Club is run by community volunteers and meets on a Monday night at the Coronation Hall (7.00-9.00 pm) with a whole range of games and other activities on offer. Young members enjoy the chance to meet up with their friends, often from different schools, in a setting that is both informal and supervised.

New members are always welcome (Year 5 and upwards) and there are opportunities for older members (15-19) to play a leadership role. For the Club to survive, however, there is a desperate need for additional adult volunteers to come forward and share in the oversight of the weekly programme. If you have a little time to spare and feel that young people in Woodhall Spa deserve support, please contact Club Secretary Michelle Stanhope by e-mail mstanhope1986@aol.com or telephone the club chairman, Tim Peacock, on 352713.

CORONATION HALL

The Trustees of Coronation Hall are pleased to confirm that they have secured grant funding to resurface the court at Coronation Hall with a modern macadam sports surface. Work will commence in March and will entail closing the court for 4 weeks.

Go for lunch and make new friends at THE LUNCH CLUB held in The Community Centre, Alexandra Road on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 11:45am and 1.15pm. Enjoy two courses with coffee/tea for £3.50. For further information contact Dawn Martin on 351766.

Delivery of newsletters – We would like to say a massive thank you to all the people who volunteer to deliver the newsletters or have done in the past. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and also offers a significant cost saving to the parish. We are always looking for more volunteers to help make the rounds a bit smaller so if you think you could help us deliver some newsletters in the future then please contact the Parish Clerk. There are four issues of the newsletter a year and we will deliver them to you so we only ask that you can post them through the letter boxes of the homes in the roads you are allocated within a couple of weeks of receiving them.

If any community groups would like to include an item in the next newsletter please contact the Parish Clerk. The next newsletter is due out on 19th May, so articles will be required by 5th May.