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Editor’s note

While the nights are drawing in and weather has started to turn, there is still much to celebrate and keep the parish warm with activity.

This month’s issue celebrates the success of the scouts’ third annual Woodhouse Eaves Scarecrow Festival (p.17) which saw the highest number of entries and the most money raised yet – making it certain to remain an event for the parish calendar for years to come.

As well as events of the here and now, there are two announcements that promise much for the future. The heritage and tree wardens have announced a new orchard project which will hopefully mean for many villagers that next autumn will be more of a season of ‘mellow fruitfulness’ than of ‘mists’ (p.32), while Ruralweb campaigners have positive news about the prospects of superfast broadband coming to the parish (p.26).

This time of the year usually sees beekeeper Kyle Veitch put his protective suit to one side but he has taken the opportunity to share a cautionary tale about the risks of caring for his bees (p.22).

Parish council news

Village hall upgrades

Please bear with us while repairs are made to the leaking flat roof. This should take only a few days. We apologize in advance for any disruption to regular users of the hall during its interior re-decoration, followed by floor stripping and sanding. These jobs are long overdue and can’t wait until next summer. We hope to receive a grant from Leicestershire County Council towards meeting the roof cost.

We will use some savings to fund a replacement boiler in the caretaker’s residence after an annual inspection found the pollution from the external flue was well above recommended limits.

Other repairs

The council gave a small grant of £200 to Woodhouse Eaves Cricket Club towards the cost of repairs to the garages alongside the pavilion.

Councillor Alan Gardiner helped to source materials for a young man who helped with some work to the children’s play area. The young man washed down all of the play equipment and applied wood preservative to the surrounding fencing – a great effort for which the council is very grateful. We hope that we can continue with the scheme until all of the fencing is treated (see ‘Reparation and preparing for a fresh start’ on p.31).
The scout group has asked to stay in the old hut for a bit longer. The council agreed to this as long as the scouts arrange another professional survey, do the work required, and certify this with the council by the end of October.

**Development near the parish**

Planning applications and consultations for two green fields on our borders have been received. An application for land south of Nanpantan Road is for 170 new homes, while The National Forest is consulting about another piece of land in Nanpantan where it wants to plant trees.

At the other side of the parish, Leicestershire County Council wants to make the path along the side of Beaumanor Hall an official footpath – the parish council asked for this in 2007.

**Congratulations and thanks**

Councillors have offered their warm thanks to teams of volunteers who run community events such as the Woodhouse Eaves Horticultural and Craft Show, the scout’s scarecrow festival and their rummage, toy and book sales, among others. Where events contribute to local good causes, the council is able to support them by waiving all charges for room bookings.
In Woodhouse, Janet Slater’s Macmillan coffee morning in the community hall raised more than £600. In Woodhouse Eaves, Jill Hyde’s summer Saturday afternoon tea and cakes raised £700 for the St Paul’s Church repair fund. These are fantastic efforts from all concerned.

**Remembrance Sunday – 10th November**

As usual, some roads will close in both villages. In Woodhouse Eaves, there will be interruptions to traffic in Main Street, Church Hill and Brand Hill so that young people can march to and from St Paul’s Church for the service and so that people can safely attend the War Memorial outside afterwards.

In Woodhouse, School Lane will close so that residents and military visitors can attend the wreath-laying ceremony outside St Mary-in-the-Elms Church. Volunteer marshals will try to minimize delays but hope that drivers will be patient for this one special day of the year.

**Why we have two meetings**

When you see parish councillors staggering out of meetings late on Monday nights you might wonder why it takes so long. The reason why is that they have to attend two meetings – one for the parish council alone, and one for the King George’s Field Charity because the council is its sole corporate trustee. This separation is a legal requirement and it means we have two agendas, two meetings, two bank accounts, two sets of accounts and two sets of minutes.

If you want to speak about a concern that ‘belongs’ to the second meeting, which usually starts an hour or so after the first one, the council kindly interrupts the first meeting and moves to the relevant section of the second one so that you don’t have to spend your whole evening waiting for your turn. If you wish to speak it does help a lot if you let us know in advance of the meeting.

**Next meeting:** See ‘What’s on’. If you would like the council to consider something, please let the clerk know by the previous Monday.

Ann Irving, Clerk to the Council

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Volunteer needed to fly the flag

Our flag-flying volunteer has left the area so we need a replacement. They need to like heights and be fairly nimble to reach the pole, which is at the top of the War Memorial in Church Hill, Woodhouse Eaves, but the lucky person will see the best view in the village. We fly a flag there about six times a year - the St George's flag three times and the Union flag three times.

The parish’s second flagpole is outside the village hall in Main Street where we fly the Union flag on 13 occasions and the St George's flag once. This is being tended by our caretaker for now.

Anyone who wants to volunteer should contact the parish clerk on (01509) 890 050 or at clerk@woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

Ann Irving

Dog foul crackdown

Three roads in the parish are among the areas being targeted by Charnwood Borough Council in a crackdown on dog fouling. Brook Road in Woodhouse Eaves, and Beaumanor Drive and School Lane in Woodhouse are among nine ‘hotspot’ areas in the borough to be the focus of this year’s Don’t Muck Around campaign.

The borough council has said it will patrol the areas, post awareness leaflets and prosecute irresponsible dog owners who are caught not cleaning up after their pooch as part of the three-month crackdown.

It is a move welcomed by the parish litter warden Pam Crankshaw. When she first became a warden nearly three years ago she found plastic bags full of dog waste ‘lying about everywhere, thrown onto grass verges, under bushes and hanging from branches’ particularly along the footpath from the play area to School Lane and the footpath from Meadow Road to Brand Lane near to the school which was ‘not a pleasant task’ to clear up.

There is now a team of six from the parish who collect litter weekly and they still find plastic bags full of dog waste, despite the fact that there are specific dog waste bins and ordinary bins readily available to use. Pam added:

Of course, the vast majority of dog owners dispose of waste responsibly – it is just a few who cannot be bothered. It is worth remembering that plastic bags of dog waste do not biodegrade. Unless someone picks them up, they just remain where they have been thrown for a very long time.
For more information about the borough council’s Don’t Muck Around campaign visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/dontmuckaround2013, view its tongue-in-cheek ‘public information’ film on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnutZNRnYwk or support the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dontmuck

To report any environmental crime offences call the council on (01509) 634 564 or email cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk

Editor

Flood risks
With winter looming and the potential for heavy rain, residents in the parish are being urged not to be complacent and to do their bit to minimize the risk of flooding in the area.

In previous years there has been localized flooding in School Lane in Woodhouse, and Main Street and Meadow Road in Woodhouse Eaves as well as in nearby Swithland. The parish is also close enough to various rivers and streams, particularly heading towards Quorn, for drivers to be affected if there is a very wet winter.

Woodhouse Parish Council’s clerk Ann Irving said residents can help prevent problems by not clearing leaves into the road and by reporting any full gutters they see at the side of the roads to Leicestershire County Council. Whatever goes into the gutters ends up in rivers, so litter and leaves can end up washing down and blocking up the filters at the river outlets and cause issues.

Leicestershire County Council is also developing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, which will set out how the risk of flooding across the county should be dealt with, and residents are being asked to fill in a survey by 24th November to share their experiences about where flooding takes place. For more information visit www.leics.gov.uk/floodstrategy.htm and for flooding advice visit www.leics.gov.uk/flooding

Editor

Neighbourhood watch report

In September there were two thefts from garden sheds in Woodhouse Eaves. The first saw thieves steal an electrical hedge trimmer and a cycle from Maplewell Road on 2nd September while a petrol lawn mower, an extension cable and ladders were stolen in a second theft in Beacon Road on 8th September.
Thieves also tried to steal a caravan from outside a house in Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves between 22nd and 25th September, while copper was stolen from unoccupied houses in Mill Road, Woodhouse Eaves and the gatehouse at Maplewell Hall between 19th and 20th September.

What can we do to aid detection and prevention levels? We can make a difference by keeping vigilant, watching out for suspicious things happening in our villages and passing on sightings to the police, with as much detailed information as possible, on 101. Additionally, keep your home and outbuildings locked and mark your valuables.

Mervyn Greenhalgh

**Lead theft from windmill**

The historic windmill in Woodhouse Eaves suffered damage after thieves broke in and ripped lead flashing from its roof. The theft happened on or around 20th September, with thieves breaking the lock and damaging the wood panelling to reach the lead.

Leicestershire County Council carried out repairs to the 19th century building which were completed on 4th October.

Mick Moffatt, senior ranger at Beacon Hill Country Park, said the windmill viewing platform would still be opened on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays up until 17th November despite the incident.

The police are investigating the theft and anyone with information should call them on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

**Busy autumn for the scouts**

Now that the summer holidays are well and truly over, the scouts are back into the fundraising swing and have held the following events recently.
On 21st September, our biannual jumble sale in the village hall raised more than £1,100 for the scout group and the toy and book sales in the scout hut on 21st and 29th September raised another £480 for the explorer group. The explorer group is organised and funded independently of the scout group, although they are of course closely related and share many resources. The next jumble sale will be held on 22nd March 2014.

On 6th October our scarecrow festival raised £2,300, not just for the scout group but to assist other local good causes. Thanks to all who supported us (see p.17 for the Woodhouse Eaves Scarecrow Festival full report).

Graham Cameron

From small seeds do great things grow

Green-fingered tree lovers are being invited to collect and plant acorns this autumn as part of The National Forest’s Grow A Tree From Seed scheme. People can fill out a ‘Seedling Pledge’ so that when their saplings are strong enough, after a couple of years’ tender love and care, they will receive an invitation to a planting event in The National Forest where they can eventually grow to be magnificent oak trees.

For more details and a leaflet about the best ways to nurture oak saplings from acorns visit www.nationalforest.org/involved/seed.php

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Cricket club report

A disappointing season has now come to an end with the Woodhouse Eaves 1st XI just keeping out of the relegation places in the Leicestershire Senior League’s Premier Division while the 2nd XI finished sixth in Division 4.

Next season sees the start of the pyramid – a system whereby all the clubs in the county come under one structure. The members are very interested to see where we are placed in the new arrangement but, in any event, it will provide plenty of interest by way of new teams to play and new grounds to visit.

The award winners at the club’s recent presentation evening were:

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The annual prize draw results held the same evening were:

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The club’s annual general meeting will take place on 18th November at The Griffin, Swithland and winter nets training starts in early January at the National Academy in Loughborough University.

Anyone interested in joining the club in any capacity, particularly those able to offer administrative support, should contact Don Bennett on (01509) 890 828 or John Gillingham on (01509) 890 193.

Don Bennett
Charnwood Roots heading to the parish

Are you fascinated with the local history of Woodhouse or Woodhouse Eaves? Would you like to uncover old documents or walk the parish to find evidence of previous settlements? Would you like to gather some of the fascinating memories held by some of our older residents?

The Charnwood Roots Project is looking for people to take part in an ambitious local history research programme. It is part of a national project to update the Victorian County History (VCH) ‘an encyclopaedic record of England’s places and people from earliest times to the present day’.

The Heritage Lottery Fund will fund the project for four years exploring 35 towns and villages including the parish. The results will provide people with a deeper understanding of the historical value of their villages – perhaps to back up arguments to reject applications for development that could damage the area.

Anyone can join as a volunteer and will be trained to take part in the research. Activities include field walks to identify details of landscapes, archaeological digs, gathering oral history and studying archives. If you wish you can commit to regular participation or concentrate on a specific project or just join in occasionally. Basic expenses will be met.
If you are interested in getting involved then there will be a meeting at Beaumanor Hall on Sunday, 17th November at 1.30pm. This will include a presentation by Dr Julie Attard, one of the lead researchers from the University of Leicester.

To register your interest in the meeting contact Kate Moore on (01509) 891 005 or at heritage.warden@woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

To contact the project directly, email charnwoodroots@le.ac.uk or call Dr Julie Attard on 0116 252 5946.

Kate Moore, heritage warden

Stoneywell plans given the go-ahead

Proposals to open Stoneywell Cottage in Ulverscroft to the public next year have been given the green light by Charnwood Borough Council.

The National Trust’s (NT) plans to open the Grade II listed cottage in Lea Lane, convert its stables into a visitor centre and small tearoom and give public access to Stoneywell Wood (a Site of Special Scientific Interest) were approved by councillors in September. It is hoped it will open to its first visitors in July 2014.

Stoneywell Cottage is a fieldstone cottage built by architect Ernest Gimson in 1899. He was a founder of the Arts and Crafts Movement, which began in 1880 amid concerns that mechanization was destroying traditional skills and crafts. The cottage is a surviving testament to this movement.
As well as the visitor centre, the NT will build a car park around 475 metres away from the cottage on land in Whitcrofts Lane and restrict visitor numbers to 163 per day so places have to be pre-booked. These visitors would then be ferried to the cottage by minibus from the car park.

Editor

Art group exhibition

Woodhouse Eaves Art Group is holding its annual exhibition on 23rd and 24th November from 10.30am to 4.30pm in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall. The large group of talented amateur artists has been going for more than 30 years and their exhibitions are part of the local calendar. There will be reasonably priced watercolours, oils, acrylics, mixed media works and drawings to enjoy in a friendly atmosphere and many of the artists will be on hand for a chat. There will also be home-made cakes and refreshments.

Woodhouse Eaves Art Group meets every Friday (except for school holidays) to paint and draw at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall. Some members are very experienced artists and others are learners.

Mary Byrne

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Scarecrow festival success

From James Bond’s 007 to Len Goodman’s ‘Seven!’ from Strictly Come Dancing, the sources of inspiration were as varied and imaginative as ever at this year’s Woodhouse Eaves Scarecrow Festival and Craft Fair.

With 65 scarecrow entries it was a record year for the scout’s third annual event held on 6th October. Straw and sack-cloth were put to creative use with scenes including a celebration of the 95th anniversary of Woodhouse Eaves Women’s Institute, depictions of Methodist founder John Wesley, and St Paul on the road to Damascus as well as Mickey Mouse, Father Christmas, The Beatles and Peter Rabbit. On the trail around the village you could also spy an owl, a spider, scouts camping, a fireman rescuing a cat on a ladder and, the scene which came first overall, scarecrow mechanics busy mending a car.

The difficult job of picking the winners for the hotly contested scarecrow competition fell to parish councillors Les Pole and Janie Martin and beaver leader Annie Leake. The results were as follows:

First: Handley family Scarecrow garage
Second: Cara, Katie, Will and Matt Horse and jockey
Third: Jane Cameron Old lady in phone box
Runner up: Women’s Institute
Runner up: John Bindley Crow’s campsite
Special rosette: Nick Cunningham Fireman up a ladder
Public Winner: Pattison Family Strictly Come Dancing

Rachel Mason, who organized the festival, said ‘it was a really successful event’ and the ‘village was heaving’ with people. As well as the scarecrow trail, the event also featured a craft fair including sock monsters, baby bibs, custom-made jewellery, original watercolours and specially baked treats for dogs, and a popular tasty gourmet barbecue which was held at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall.

The event raised £2,360 which Mrs Mason said would be shared with other community groups for the benefit of the village as well as the scouts.

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Scouting – Aloha!

After a very busy time last year, Woodhouse Eaves Scout Group (WESG) and the Xtreme Explorer Scout Unit (XESU) got together to start the new scouting year in September with their first-ever ‘Group Camp’, with all sections represented.

It might have been a windy September but more than 80 beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers all converged on Oaks In Charnwood for a weekend of tropical fun with a ‘Hawaii camp’ theme.

There were all kinds of activities from bouldering to mountain boarding and from surfing to shooting. Sumo suits were donned and the Saturday night ended with a big campfire. On Sunday the fun continued with a huge inflatable obstacle course which was a great hit with everyone and included the much-awaited leaders’ race.

Leaders and many outside helpers from all sections helped make it a camp to remember – and it even stayed mostly dry for us all. Thanks very much and well done to everyone involved.

On the explorer front, the numbers continue to grow. XESU is now at its limits with more than 30 scouts, most of whom are taking their Duke of Edinburgh awards with us as well as their scouting ones. This year we had our first gold expedition practices and we have just had two successful local bronze expeditions, with the eight scouts enjoying fine weather and camping at The Brand. Parents went to an evening to hear more about it and constructed a few tents and stoves while they were there.

As always, any help in all sections is very welcome.

Mike Walters

Wrestling in sumo suits.
Beekeeping stories: a sting in the tail

While the beekeeping year is over until the spring, Woodhouse Eaves resident beekeeper Kyle Veitch now shares how he had a lucky escape while tending to his bees. Ed.

We pick up this particular tale about four years into my beekeeping career at the back-end of April 2010. I had offered to mentor a group of beginners from the Leicestershire and Rutland Beekeepers’ Association and I’d also started beekeeping without gloves – I decided it made me much gentler with the bees and, having been stung numerous times before, it did not bother me that much.

So without gloves, I took my mentees to my bees and we enjoyed a good hour looking at the hive and answering questions. My only real mistake was keeping the hives open just a bit too long and it was this single action which led to a significant series of events.

What happened next

The bees were annoyed, resulting in me being stung twice, once in each hand at about 7.30pm. Within two to three minutes, I knew I was reacting differently to the venom than on previous occasions and, remembering first-aid briefings from years earlier, the first and only condition I considered was anaphylaxis. I wrapped up the session at lightning speed and literally staggered home. I don't believe my mentees were any the wiser (although they may have thought I was a bit rude) but at the time I did not want them to worry or be put off. However, with hindsight this was my first mistake.

I got home on my own and was relatively rational for a few minutes – getting out of my bee kit, putting my shoes on, gathering my mobile and home phones and a towel to mop up the sweat before collapsing in the hall with the front door open. By this stage I was struggling to move and think as the allergic reaction was really kicking in but, stupidly, I did not call for an ambulance. Instead I called NHS Direct, who after a very short time, immediately wanted to dispatch an ambulance. I really should have called 999 directly but I realize now how hard it is to call an ambulance for yourself in this situation. It was clear to me while talking to the NHS operator that I was incapable of recalling the simplest things such as postcodes and phone numbers – it wasn't panic, just the allergic
reaction. I felt like I had consumed 20 pints of beer and while I could think fairly rationally, I could not walk very well and was struggling to remember things.

**NHS Direct to the rescue**

NHS Direct were fantastic. The guy on the phone fully understood the doom I faced if he could not identify where I lived but I was so all over the place I had no clue of my house number or postcode. He asked me where I was – I could only answer that I had ‘collapsed in the hall’ – then he asked if the post had been delivered today to which I was able to say ‘yes’. After this, he calmly asked me to read the address out from the envelope, which was simple yet brilliant logic.

With the assurance that an ambulance was on its way, I decided I might lose consciousness and I should try to enlist the help of my neighbours. I crawled next door, banged on the door and Trevor, my neighbour, guided me to his living room floor. The fast-response paramedic was with me in less than 10 minutes. I was hooked up to a heart monitor, given an anti-histamine injection and constantly asked if I had chest pain and swelling in the throat. I only really suffered swollen lips and my entire body was bright red resembling a lobster and was drenched in sweat.

The ambulance turned up about 10 minutes after the paramedic car, but they chose to monitor me for a further 30 minutes before moving me. I was given a further injection of hydrocortisone in the ambulance and arrived at hospital feeling a bit better.

**In casualty**

I had been in casualty for about 15 minutes, transfixed by the heart monitor I was hooked up to as my pulse was really high, when I suddenly felt dreadful once again. Within 60 seconds I watched my pulse drop from 100-and-something to 40 and I don't really remember a great deal after that. The alarms went off on the heart monitor, I was surrounded by doctors and the last voice I heard said ‘get him to resus’.

My only recollection was that it was very like a hospital drama on the television with the heart monitor alarms going off as I was laid flat and a mask put over my face. My heart never stopped; I was given adrenalin in both arms and filled full of intravenous fluid so quickly that my core temperature dropped enough to make me shiver and I was given hot blankets. I then remember feeling better and wondering why my head was near the floor! The bed had been tipped back to help with circulation and what seemed like 10 minutes in resus to me was more like two hours – although a good part of that was recovery and observation time. By
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midnight I felt well enough to drink tea and was put in the High Dependency Unit (HDU) for the night and discharged the following day.

So what had happened? I had become hypersensitive to bee venom, those two stings being the last straw, and my body had suffered a severe allergic reaction – known as anaphylaxis.

**Learning points**
I cannot stress enough that if you suffer a reaction to any sting which is anything more than the norm, seek emergency help without delay. I have also learned it is very difficult to decide when you need to call an ambulance for yourself although I have called plenty in my time for other people. I now carry an EpiPen, which contains adrenalin to be injected in case of an emergency, in my bee-suit pocket together with a card with my phone number and address on.

As for beekeeping – I guess by now you’ve realized I have a bit of a passion for it. After the incident I went back to wearing gloves and ordered a new suit and gloves. It took a lot of determination to return to my bees; I had to take my partner as my confidence was so shot. Even now, three years on, I take any bee sting very seriously and I stop what I am doing – a strategy that has served me well.

Finally, while there is negative press about the state of the NHS I can only speak as I find. From the moment I made my call to NHS Direct, the level of care I received was second to none. From the guy at NHS Direct who helped me tell him where I lived to the paramedics who came out to me, and from the doctors in casualty to the nurse who found me a sandwich in the middle of the night when I was feeling a bit better – the care was first class every step of the way.

Kyle Veitch
Broadband optimism - for most

The contract recently signed between Leicestershire County Council (LCC) and BT Openreach (BT's wholesale division) looks like benefiting most of us who want a better broadband service in Woodhouse Parish. The improved service should be available at some time between September 2014 and summer 2015. Details are not finalized but the following is an edited extract from the outline map published on LCC’s website:

To see the official version of the map visit www.leics.gov.uk/broadband/ which, however, lacks the geographic details that we have overlaid in this extract. LCC (which expects to publish more details next spring) has not approved this interpretation.

Achievable broadband speeds will decrease with distance from a BT cabinet. While 24 megabits per second (Mbps) is the ‘official’ bottom limit of superfast broadband those outside the dotted line should still be able to obtain a significant improvement in their speeds.

Note that the intention seems to be to upgrade the service to Swithland as a second stage. Some premises off Brand Hill will probably experience the same delay as they are served from the same cabinet. Some fringe areas served by our exchange seem to be excluded altogether, but LCC is committed to ensuring a minimum of 2Mbps (yes, just two) everywhere eventually. With expected improvements in technology, it is hoped much will actually be achieved.

What will happen?

At present we receive broadband via our telephone lines (copper or in some cases aluminium wires). These run from the exchange near The Old Bulls
Head in Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, either directly to us or to us via a street cabinet. The improved service will have a much faster optical fibre feed to the cabinets but still use the existing metal wires from there. This Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC) scheme is much cheaper to install than the ideal of Fibre To The Premises (FTTP).

A new cabinet will be installed near the exchange and intercept ‘exchange only’ lines. Existing cabinets are near the allotments in Woodhouse Eaves, near St Mary-in-the-Elms Church in Woodhouse and near The Brand (which serves Swithland, Roecliffe Road and Warren Hill).

**Will I be automatically upgraded?**

No. We will have to sign up through any Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the new service. Pricing should be the same as many other places already with FTTC, but don't expect the ‘bargain basement’ prices available in some urban areas.

**What about my service now?**

Evidence indicates that the poor state of some BT wiring is a factor in poor service delivery to some premises now, although there are other factors. The Ruralweb group – www.ruralweb.org.uk – made some suggestions in June’s *Roundabout* (pp. 29-30) about what to do if you are not getting a reasonable service at the moment.

We have since developed the Ruralweb speed-test box, a small device that is plugged in to mains power and by ethernet cable to a modem/router (aka home hub). It runs a small download test every six minutes for a week or more as required and uploads the results for analysis. The graph below shows a bad case of the ‘after-school effect’ – a good service until school ends, then useless for the evening. The household concerned suffers even though it has no younger element doing their homework or surfing the web.

![Graph of speed test results](image)

See www.ruralweb.org.uk/speedtester/ for more information.

Richard Bowers for the Ruralweb group
A celebration of Roundabout

Following the surprise nomination of Roundabout for the 2013 Annual Parish Award, this final part of our history of the magazine celebrates the many people, places and events that we have featured since 2006. Ed.

When Roundabout production became independent in April 2006, among its published aims were ‘promoting interest in local events’ and ‘acknowledging the achievements of the wide and interesting range of people living in the villages’. To fulfil these promises the production team became more proactive, with Tony Lenney (our roving reporter) and the editors seeking out interesting people to profile and events to report. This process was helped by the arrival of Peter Crankshaw in 2010 to replace Alison Littler as a co-editor. Peter had a good network of contacts in Woodhouse Eaves and his professional journalism background gave him a ‘nose’ for a good story.

Aims achieved

In seven-and-a-half years, we have profiled around 65 parish residents, former residents or parish ‘associates’ covering unusual or fascinating jobs, hobbies or events in their lives, as well as their achievements. We have talked to four nonagenarians (the eldest aged 96) while our youngest interviewee was a British under-12 girls’ tennis champion. Our most unusual profile was that of Freya, a German shepherd/border-collie-cross who had learned to become her owner’s carer.

Through the experiences of those featured we have enjoyed a cricket tour to the West Indies, driven the western coast of the USA on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, spent seven days running the Saharan Marathon des Sables and five months in China. We have undertaken coastal conservation in Mauritius and community conservation in rural Kenya, trekked the Inca Trail in Peru, kayaked in Canada with army cadets, made guitars in Malawi, taken medicines to Africa, gone birding in Bulgaria, started a new life in Italy, and sailed the seven seas in the merchant navy, as well as suffering an earthquake in Japan.
Readers have contributed their memories of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves from more than half a century ago ranging from being a butcher’s boy to childhood games played, and from maypole dancing to tales of the doctors’ surgeries, with home thoughts from as far afield as Canada and the USA. Second World War experiences have also been shared, including tales of a bomber pilot shot down over Germany, capping live mines in home waters, surviving a prisoner-of-war camp and hearing bombs fall in Woodhouse Eaves. Over the past 12 months we have even enjoyed the perceptions of our parish through the eyes of an American resident.

From people to places and series
As well as people, we have profiled buildings and institutions, looking at the histories of Pestilence Cottage in Woodhouse, St Paul’s School, Bird Hill House (now demolished), the Woodhouse Eaves windmill (and its millers), Maplewell and Maplewell Hall, and Beaumanor Hall. And we mustn’t forget the haunted Brand and Wheatsheaf Inn.

We cover the major annual village events – the open gardens, the horticultural and craft show and, more recently, the May Day Challenge and October scarecrow festival; last year we published a one-off colour-plate issue to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. We have also brought you series of general interest: recipes from the allotment, the ‘Garden matters’ slot, home-made wines, the geology of Charnwood, a farming calendar and, currently, healthy eating and lots about bees.

What we don’t cover
There are several questions about content that we are frequently asked.

Why doesn’t Roundabout include births, marriages and deaths? In a parish the size of Woodhouse we would be overwhelmed by submissions and when all are worthy, it would be invidious to deem some more worthy than others for inclusion.

Why doesn’t Roundabout have a ‘small ads’ section? Roundabout is published monthly and so most personal advertisements, e.g. sales and wanted, would be out of date before appearing in press.
Why don’t we publish readers’ letters? Readers’ letters run the risk of courting controversy in a way that could breach our principle of impartial coverage; however, we do occasionally include newsworthy letters from readers as ‘News in brief’.

Why do we charge parish interest groups and event organizers for advertising, even when money is being raised for charity? Roundabout is heavily dependent on advertising revenue for its survival. If we allowed free adverts for local events and charitable causes, we would still need a full complement of paid ones, running the risk of a large imbalance between news/articles and advertising.

What we include is far more important than what we don’t, and we hope that you will continue to share your memories and experiences with other readers through Roundabout’s pages to ensure that the magazine can look forward to a future as successful as its past.

Evelyn Brown
Reparation and preparing for a fresh start

The next time you pass or visit the play area by Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall, you may notice that the play equipment is looking particularly clean and the fence well-preserved and ready for the winter ahead. This is thanks to an innovative partnership between Woodhouse Parish Council and Leicestershire Youth Offending Service.

Over recent weeks, the council has provided work so that a young offender, supervised at all times on a one-to-one basis, can complete the Reparation Order served on them by the court for the benefit of the wider community. While these orders are not new, it is the first time in several years that the council has been involved in the project. As a result, the play equipment has been washed down in the play area and the fence around the recreation area has been painted.

Reparation Orders are given to convicted youngsters (aged between 10 and 17) by youth courts as part of their sentence and can include a certain number of hours of work in their community. The idea is that it gives the youngsters a chance to understand the consequences of their criminal actions and take responsibility for their behaviour.

Leon Coulson, a reparation worker from Leicestershire Youth Offending Service who supervised the work in Woodhouse Eaves, explained how the project can make a difference to those taking part and prevents re-offending.

From my experience, when they start their first work session a young person is very introverted, not very engaging, and anxious and some may not attend at all. However, once they get out there and do the work you can get a lot out of them. It gives them a bit of purpose as a lot of these young people have nothing to do as they are not in education or work. For them to experience work for the first time is valuable and we try to find work in their community so they can relate to it more and feel proud of it.

The project has completed work placements for various charities and community organizations over the years, with Leon describing it as ‘two-way thing’ where youngsters benefit from completing their court order and the groups get help with work that needs doing at no cost.

Woodhouse parish councillor Alan Gardiner, who was involved with the project on behalf of the council, said it was a ‘positive thing to do’ and ‘it is great that the village is doing its bit to help’. Impressed by the work done and the supervision provided, he added that ‘we will certainly use them again’.

Dawn Kirby

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Fruit for free

Do you enjoy fruit as part of your ‘five a day’? When did you last taste a really scrumptious apple, plum or pear? Have you ever tried a medlar, bullace or mulberry? Would you like to be involved in an exciting new project in our villages?

The National Forest and Leicestershire County Council have chosen a small area of land at Broombriggs for the creation of a new community orchard. They would like the village communities to be involved as much as possible in its creation and future care. The orchard will be on the field next to the car park at Broombriggs, where the picnic tables are now. The tables will remain somewhere in the area and there will be paths created through the orchard.

Orchards were once widespread in the UK but are now a disappearing habitat in England. It is estimated that we have lost 63 per cent of our orchard land since the 1950s. However, they are an important part of the landscape – for not only food, but also supporting plants and animals. Orchards contain a mosaic of habitats and are important for pollinating insects and wildlife in general.

The Broombriggs plan is to plant a variety of edible fruiting plants which are appropriate to this area, with fruits and nuts available in all seasons. The orchard will present opportunities for all kinds of groups in the villages to get involved including gardeners, playgroups, school and other young people’s groups, even artists and cooks. It will provide a focus for many community events such as a Village Apple Day, National Tree Week, cookery competitions, fruit juice, wine and cider-making and much more.

Plans for future developments include the creation of further fruit-producing corridors linking Beacon Hill Country Park, Windmill Hill and Woodhouse Eaves to the orchard. The community orchard is part of the tree planting scheme due to start shortly on areas of land at Broombriggs.
If you’d like to join an enthusiastic team to establish, manage and maintain the orchard, email heritage.warden@woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk and look out for posters about the orchard planting later this year.

Kate Moore, Cathy Schou and Maggie Morland, heritage/tree wardens

Garden matters

1. Look after your rose bushes now they have finished flowering. Collect any leaves that are disfigured by blackspot and burn or destroy them – do not put them on the compost heap. Prune back any untidy shoots to withstand winter.

2. It’s time to look after the birds in your garden if you stopped feeding them in summer. Start again, keep feeding through the winter and remember to put clean water out for them.

3. If dahlias have been killed by frost, lift and dry and store in a frost-proof shed or garage. If you do not lift them, cover the tops with more compost to protect them from the winter weather.

4. If you need new fruit trees or bushes, now is the time to buy and set them before winter starts as the soil is still warm enough from the summer. Make sure the holes you dig are well-watered and add compost or fertilizer.

5. Look after the vegetable plot. Turn the soil by forking or digging and add compost or manure to improve the soil’s quality. Try to get the job done before Christmas.

6. Leaves are beginning to fall. Collect from your lawn by raking and put them into plastic bags or on the compost heap for use in years to come. See ‘What’s on’ for details of the Woodhouses Garden Club’s next meeting.

Neil Roberts

St Paul’s Christmas Bazaar

Family Fun, stalls and Refreshments

Saturday 30 November, 1.30pm
Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall

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Scarecrow controversy

While our scarecrow festival was the talk for miles around for all the right reasons, the competition in Little Bourton in Oxfordshire caused a storm of controversy.

After receiving an emergency call saying a man was trapped in a ditch outside the local pub, police rushed to the sleepy village and were not impressed to discover no-one in distress, just a scarecrow in a molehill. – Metro.co.uk, 10th October 2013, picture: Newsteam/SWNS.

An ‘eternal forever guarantee’

Have £70,000 spare? Why not splash out on the world’s first-ever platinum stilettos from the House of Borgezie? Called Cleopatra, the platinum heel and sole can be replaced in minutes so the shoe comes with an ‘eternal forever guarantee’. If you prefer, they can also be made in 18ct white or yellow gold for a mere £60,000! – fashion.telegraph.co.uk, 8th October 2013.

Living man ‘legally dead’

An American who disappeared leaving behind his wife, children and debts in 1986 and was then declared legally dead in 1994 has failed to have his death ruling overturned – even though he appeared in court in the rudest of health.

Donald Miller re-emerged from disappearance in 2005 to apply for a driving licence. However, an Ohio judge found that death rulings cannot be overturned after three years; so bizarrely, state law prevented him from declaring Mr Miller legally alive despite the living proof before his eyes. – bbc.co.uk, 11th October 2013.

Medal for canine half-marathon gatecrasher

Chocolate Labrador Boogie caused a sensation when he gatecrashed a half-marathon in Indiana, USA, finishing it in a respectable two hours and 15 minutes.

He had escaped from his owner the night before and they were reunited after the race.

As well as receiving a medal for finishing the race Boogie’s owner has revealed that since it was the fourth time he’s escaped, the pooch now has an appointment with the vet to be micro-chipped and neutered. – metro.co.uk, 9th October 2013.
Contributions to Roundabout

We publish items of interest to the communities of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves, such as news of local events, groups and businesses in accordance with the editorial policy (see inside front cover). We can write up people’s stories for those who prefer to talk, rather than write. We do not publish notices of births, deaths or marriages. Most articles are under 800 words and we think they should be!

Format: electronic copy in ‘Word’, using ‘Arial’ font, is most useful, although we accept hand-written items that are legible.

Pictures are welcome; digital if you have them, otherwise prints.

What’s on: brief notification of events in the ‘What’s on’ schedule is free. Send event details to Roundabout at the addresses below. Note that we normally include only ‘in parish’ events, may abbreviate the details and are not obliged to include all items submitted.

Adverts: requests for further publicity, even for charities, incur a charge per issue of £8.50 for a quarter page or £17.00 for a half page. Full-page advertisements are not normally accepted. Contact the advertising managers, Amanda and Andrew Garland, on (01509) 890 839 or via the methods listed below.

Copy deadline: please see the bottom of page 3.

Send any material for Roundabout by:

Email: roundabout@woodhouse-eaves.co.uk

Hand or post: Roundabout, Woodhouse Eaves Post Office, 45 Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RG.
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