

Rain, shine or even snow, there's always help at hand

**Wolvercote
Commoners'**
NEWSLETTER
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During the winter there are often calls to the Commoners and the Council about the safety and welfare of the horses on the Meadow. Flooding is a normal occurrence during the winter months and sometimes (if we're lucky!) even snow, so this is when the horses need extra attention. On a daily basis, either Julian Cooper, the Council's Park Ranger, or John Tohill, the Commoners' Horse Warden, will be keeping an eye to make sure all is well. One of the main aims during these times is to ensure the horses get enough food, which is especially important when there is snow and the ground is frozen. So, in order to prevent the horses going hungry, the horses' owners

are duly contacted to ensure that an adequate supply of hay is always provided.

During the long winter months some may think it might help to feed the odd carrot or apple to a horse if it looks hungry. However, they should never be fed as it could possibly harm them, and there's always a chance it could prove a little dangerous for the feeder. This becomes more important when there is less food

available. Horses are herd animals and, if they see one of their herd being fed, they will soon think it's their turn and will want to join in. Being surrounded by a group of hungry animals, focussing on a snack rather than worrying whether or not they injure the feckless feeder, can be daunting to say the least, and could end badly.



Photo: Julian Cooper



Photo: Eleanor Woods

What have you been doing during the Lockdown?

In previous Newsletters we have published a few of your poems. So, with some of the free time you may have, how about having a go at a 'lockdown' limerick?

Here are the rules: *It has 5 lines
Is humorous
Lines 1,2 and 5 rhyme
Lines 3 and 4 rhyme*

That's all there is to it, so email your answers to:
wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk

So here's a starter. *While locked in the house with his wife
Bill found disagreements were rife
When lockdown was lifted
His garden was sifted
But all that they found was the knife*

Please keep it clean(ish) as we will publish the winner in our March newsletter.

So what's the incentive?

There are 2 prizes kindly donated by **Go Dutch**, available at the White Hart Community Pub. Winner and runner-up receive an Amsterdam Yacht Platter (fish, calamari, prawns, chips & traditional Dutch sauces), each platter is enough for 2-3 people.

We will contact the winners with more details.

For those who may not have seen the recent notification from the Neighbourhood Forum



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Lower Wolvercote Surgery - decision delayed

We should report now that the West Area Planning Committee two days ago delayed making a decision, by seven votes to two, on the change of use application for the surgery space and workshops to flats until the next meeting. The Committee was seeking clarification of a number of issues. This provides a little time but there is no presumption that it means that an eventual decision will be to reject the planning application, perhaps quite the contrary. However, we will continue to do what we can and keep you in the picture.

Steering Committee of the
Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

For more information and how to help, contact the
Neighbourhood Forum www.wolvercotenf.org.uk

Work Mornings have been suspended until further notice



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