# NEWSLETTER





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### What's on in Woodchurch in September

Woodchurch Local History Society
'A Family History of Cheese Making'
Robin and Carla Betts (Winterdale Cheeses)
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Pop In Centre over 50s meet 2-4pm Lower Road every Weds

Woodchurch Community Warden
Kathy Carter is available in the Hub every Wednesday
afternoon from 2pm to 4pm

Memory Corner Cafe - Woodchurch House The first Monday of every month For more infirmation call Sarah, Jo or Amy on 01233 861600

Woodchurch Herb Group - Autumn Workshop Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2pm to 4pm Little World Herbs, Redbrook Street - 01233 860 633

Woodchurch W I Meeting - Dementia and Me' - Dianne Gallon Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7:15 pm to 9pm at the Memorial Hall

CARM - David from Lifeline talking about Telecare Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 12am at the Bonny Cravat

WoodChurch Yard Together gardening weekend All Saints Church - Sat 21 to Sun 22 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10:30-12:00 at the Pop-In Centre
Coffee and cake.

Parish Council meeting
Thursday 26th September 7pm in the Memoral Hall Annexe

Ashford Astronomical Society
"The Search for Life" by Steve Walker
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
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Woodchurch DOGFEST
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 12am to 3pm
at the Scout and Guide Community Centre

Rumble Scooter and Bike Rally - open event Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Bonny Cravat





The **Woodchurch Wagon** was launched at the beginning of August and is already being booked by groups within the village. If you are planning a trip for a small group (up to 16) then the Wagon is ideal transport. The Wagon is run totally not-for-profit and you can find out what your journey would cost by visiting the Hub Web site. Over the coming months we will be advertising community days out to places of interest. If there is a location you think would be of interest to visit please contact **The Hub** with your suggestions. The first community trip will be to Brighton on September 13<sup>th</sup> and trips to Faversham, Hythe/Dungeoness, and other places of interest in the south east are being planned.

# Ask not what your village can do for you, but rather what can you do for your village?

Yes, the numbers of volunteers has increased in 2019.

Yes, the village is looking tidier and more colourful.

**Yes**, villagers and visitors are noticing the changes, and showing appreciation.

But, as you will know, once you start a task there will always be more that you find to do, besides the ongoing maintenance. A good example is the Woodchurch Village Life Museum - for those who have still to discover this little gem, it is along Susan's Hill. When the 2018 judges from South and South East in Bloom (SSEIB) suggested that the windmill and the museum should be areas of foci for 2019 it set the wheels in motion for the Woodchurch in Bloom (WINBloom) team to take a good hard look at the Museum grounds.

The rear garden was beautiful, secluded but much overgrown, whilst the entrance gates were bare and uninviting. Both the rear garden and the frontage have now been transformed; the rear garden has been reduced to a more manageable size and the rest has been dug and rotovated ready for a lush lawn — ready for cream teas and picnics next year.

Since January 2019 a group of Winbloom members have spent their Thursday mornings working on the museum gardens and in May, in response to a request



to involve weekend volunteers, a successful action day was held. The aims are to encourage more visitors to the museum with a striking exterior to match the interest inside, to create a sustainable, more easily managed, water efficient garden and to provide a pleasant environment outside to sit and relax. These have all been met... almost.

There is still more to do - to lay the turf or sow seeds, to continue pruning and mowing, all those endless tasks that are so rewarding in their end results. The volunteers have a fun, sociable time, some with gardening knowledge, others who can rake, dig, paint, use a shredder, pressure wash... and most important of all, make tea.

If you can't make Thursdays, there is also a Monday Central Village team and every third weekend of the month the WoodchurchYard Together group who work to maintain the Churchyard. What a difference this has made over the last few months. For more information contact Joyce on 860297 or <a href="mailto:jnash@nashweb.net">jnash@nashweb.net</a> - or contact The Hub.





# **Woodchurch Film Society**

Invites you to join us for a Cornish Film Evening with freshly cooked Fish and Chip Supper.

Tea/coffee included.

Bar with Wine Beer and Soft Drinks available.



At Woodchurch Memorial Hall
on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm.
Doors open at 6.30 pm.

Admission by ticket only purchased in advance... last date Monday 7th October.

Price £ 14 for members and £ 15 for Non Members.

Tickets available from Woodchurch Hub on 01233 861381 or Christine on 01580 761473

#### **Woodchurch Gardening Society**

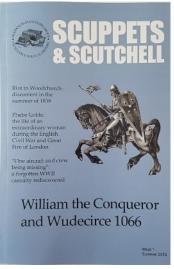
The Gardening Society, which is one of the oldest societies in Woodchurch, is seeking a new Chairman and additional members to join the committee which runs the Society. At the end of this season the present Chairman is reluctantly stepping down due to commitments elsewhere. This presents an opportunity for a new person(s) to look at the Society's role in the village and shape its plans for the future. The Society meets once a month except for 3 months in the winter and has a mix of talks and social events. Anyone interested should contact either Chris Stafford (861193) or Reg Short (861295) for further details.

**Julian West** has been awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to Woodchurch Village. Join us to celebrate at the Memorial Hall on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September. Tickets £5 to cover costs available from The Hub.

The re-launch of The Hub was over a month ago and many more villagers are already making use of its facilities throughout the week. We are open from 10am till 4pm Monday to Friday and also some Saturday mornings. Reservations for the Woodchurch Wagon can be made through The Hub and advice on its use is always available.

**The Hub** is now the primary ticket office for many village events and we also stock the latest bus timetables, the **Parish Magazine** and copies of the **Wealden Advertiser**.

Woodchurch souvenirs and local publications are now on sale and photocopying (up to A4) and laminating (Up to A3) are also available.



Scuppets & Scutchell is the launch issue of a brand new local history journal for Woodchurch, published by the Woodchurch Ancestory Group. The village is steeped in history and Scuppets & Scutchell will bring its rich past alive no matter if you have lived in Woodchurch all of your life or recently moved into the village. Scuppets & Scutchell is available from the Woodchurch Hub or the Woodchurch Museum—priced £9

The Woodchurch Ancestory Group are also in their final phases of completing their **Greater Woodchurch Project**, to transcribe baptisms, marriages and burials for all of the parishes neighbouring Woodchurch. Local and Family history, including local census records can be found on their Web site **www.woodchurchancestry.org.uk** 

#### At a loss as to what to do on a Wednesday afternoon?

As you know the rain and warm weather we have been having recently is great for making the grass grow. However, this is not so good when you are trying to keep the Churchyard grass under control. Every **other** Wednesday a group of volunteers get together to mow and strim at the churchyard. If you can spare a few hours why not come along and help? Mowers can be provided or you can bring your own. For more information contact Nick at **philippa.nick@btinternet.com** or come into The Hub.

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Responsible dog owner seeking use of a private **secure** field to exercise two rescue dogs. A few hours each week required, or ad hoc. Happy to pay for hire or make a charity donation. **sjlawson66@outlook.com**