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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

February 2020

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What's on in Woodchurch in February

Weekly events:

Mondays:

- Knit and Natter** 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In
- Line Dancing** 2:20pm - 4:40pm at the Pop-In
- Slimming World** 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the School Hall
- Shortmat Bowls** 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Tuesdays:

- Puzzle Club** 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In

Wednesdays:

- Pop-In Centre for the Over 50s**
1:30pm - 4:00pm at the Pop-In
- Bell Ringing** 7:00pm - 8:00pm at the Church
- Morris Men practice**
7:30pm - 9:00pm at the School

Thursdays:

- Margaret Morris Music and Movement**
2:15pm - 3:45pm in the Community Centre
- Art Society** 10:00am - 12:00am in the Memorial Hall
- Badminton** 8:00pm - 10:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Fridays:

- Coffee at All Saints Church**
9:00am-11:00am at the Church

Other Events:

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| Mon 3 rd 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Local History Society - AGM and a short talk in the Memorial Hall |
| Fri 7 th 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Darby and Joan in the Memorial Hall |
| Sat 8 th 10:00am - 12:00am | Memorial Hall coffee morning in the Memorial Hall |
| Tue 11 th 7:15pm - 8:45pm | Woodchurch WI in the Memorial Hall |
| Fri 14 th 7:00pm - 10:00pm | Film Society "Green Book" in the Memorial Hall |
| Tue 18 th 10:00am-3:00pm | Art Society Workshop in the Memorial Hall |
| 10:00am - 12:30pm | The Mix at the School |
| Fri 21 st 2:00pm-4:00pm | Darby and Joan in the Memorial Hall |
| 7:00pm - 10:00pm | BinQuo Music Bingo Night at the Community Centre |
| Thu 27 th 7:00pm - 9:00pm | Parish Council Meeting in the Memorial Hall Annexe |
| Fri 28 th 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Ashford Astronomical Society "The colours of Astronomy" in the Memorial Hall |
| Sat 29 th 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Jumble Sale on behalf of Cancer Research at the Community Centre |

New Village Post Box

The old post box outside the old village Post Office has now been decommissioned and a new one located near Townland Stores - outside 78 Front Road.

The slot in the old box has now been blocked to prevent the accidental posting of letters.



Woodchurch Windmill Update

Ashford Borough Council (the owners of Woodchurch Windmill) have been seeking advice from local Millwrights so that the full extent of the required repairs can be assessed. Initial reports indicate that the total cost of the repairs may approach £200,000, which could delay the completion of the work until 2035. The Parish Council have agreed to work with The Friends of Woodchurch Windmill to discuss options with ABC to see if this work can be brought forward and whether additional independent fundraising could help speed up the restoration.

Church Floodlights

Following the very successful online appeal in December to reinstate the floodlights around All Saints Church, the lights were switched on for the first time in over 10 years on Christmas Eve.



Whilst the illumination ceremony was taking place, Paul Taylor (aka Johnny Quo) was holding a fundraising BingQuo inside the Bonny Cravat to raise money to help with the ongoing running costs for the lights.

Any items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Hub
Tel: 01233 861381 Email: enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

Your School Needs You!

Do you have a couple of hours a week you can spare? Would you like to be part of a successful team of volunteers who are already helping to excite children about reading as well as developing their skill? If so then becoming a volunteer reader might be for you! Here are some of the things they have said about their experiences:

- * I love coming into school and I always feel so welcome. The school has a real "family feel" about it.
- * Hearing the children read is my "me time", it gives me a complete break from anything else I have to think about.
- * The children are so delightful, it's great fun!
- * It's one way that I can give something back to my community.

If you would like to join our team of valued volunteers then please contact Mrs Jen Dawes, Acting Head of school, on 01233 860232 or email headteacher@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk.

Music Bingo - BinQuo

Johnny Quo will be hosting one of his popular Music Bingo nights on Friday 21st February at the Community Centre, Lower Road to raise money for the Picnic On The Green in June. This is a familiar Bingo game where all of the numbers are given as popular music clues. Ears down is at 7pm. Big prizes and a licensed bar. Tickets are on sale now from The HUB priced £5 and this includes your first drink and the first game free.



The Pavilion on the Green

A very big thank you to Ian and Celia Davy who have been looking after the sports pavilion for many years on behalf of the village and all of the teams who use the Village Green. They have decided that the time has come to pass over its care to the Parish Council to ensure that it remains a resource for the village for many years to come. It is the intention of the Parish Council to form a management "committee" to look after both the Pavilion and the Green, comprising of Parish Council members, representatives from the sports teams and also other residents within the village. Once the hand-over is complete they will be looking for volunteers. If you would like to help please contact The HUB for more information.

Woodchurch Community Volunteers

If you're busy during the week but want to do SOMETHING for the village at the weekends, why not spend a few minutes or hours out on a litter pick. Take the family, take friends, exercise the dog.



To help our village cleaners to keep the outskirts of our village free from litter, why not borrow some litter grabbers, high viz jackets and blue bags from the Hub. Open 10-4 each weekday and 10-12 every second Saturday in the month. Or contact The HUB to arrange for someone to be there to give them to you.

Woodchurch Oil Syndicate

For more information on how the Woodchurch Oil Syndicate could help reduce your heating oil costs, contact Richard on 07786 066117 or email woodchurchoilsyndicate@outlook.com

The Pop-In centre has now been officially named the "Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre"

From January 2020 the Pop-In Centre on Lower Road will be known as Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre (Woodchurch), in memory of Richard Carley's sister who sadly died at the end of last year. The centre is a cozy place for the Woodchurch over-50's to socialise every Wednesday between 1:30-4:00 pm. It also hosts several clubs, societies and activities within the village, including a monthly Boot Fair, weekly Line Dancing, our local Karate Dojo and periodic organ recitals. For more information contact Richard Carley on 07798 566849 or Clive Looker on 01233 860139.

For more information about **Line Dancing** contact Clive or Shirley Looker 01233 860139 clivemlooker@live.co.uk
For information on **Karate** contact Mark on 07733 065927

Woodchurch Wagon - Trips to Rye Market

During February and March The HUB will be organising trips to Rye Market. On Thursdays at the market you can get your fruit and veg, bakery, fresh flowers, olives, cards and gifts, garden goods, household items. There are also lots of different clothing stalls for all ages, material and books, hats, socks and underwear, bedding, luggage, shoes, knitting wool, pet food, tools and they also have an old fashioned auctioneer butcher.

The trips will be on Thursdays February 20th and March 19th. They will depart from Woodchurch (Memorial Hall car park) at 9:30am and will return from Rye at approximately 1:00pm. This will give plenty of time to walk around the market and also into Rye town centre. For those with mobility difficulties who cannot climb the steep hill into the town, the bus will be available for transport. The price for the trip will be £4.50 and places will be on a first come first served basis. To book your place or for more information please contact The HUB.

If you can help set up and run one or more trips in the future, please contact The HUB for more information. We still have time to show that the Bus is being used by the village, however if we cannot, then we will lose it.

Badminton

Have you been meaning to dust off your badminton racquet? The Green Badminton Club is a social non-league club, playing in Woodchurch on Thursday evenings throughout the year, and looking for new members. Call John Lillycrop on 07761 131416

Woodchurch HUB Web Site

www.woodchurchhub.uk

Did you know that on the Web site... ?

- You can view the full community calendar and also request to have your own events added.
- Search a full list of village Clubs and Societies, with their contact details. If your society is not yet there please contact The HUB to have it added or its details updated.
- Book your trip on the Woodchurch Wagon.
- See Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes. Also the contact information for your local Parish Councillors.



Beautiful home grown cottage garden cut flowers, eco friendly, no air miles!
Seasonal from April to October.
Weddings, farewell flowers, birthday bouquets and much more
Please call or e-mail
lindacrew1@btinternet.com

Shortmat Bowls

The short mat bowls club meets in the Village Hall Annex every Monday evening from 7-9 pm. We have two mats which can accommodate up to 16 players at a time. Both experienced and new bowlers are welcome - there are spare sets of woods for anyone wanting to try their hand at the game. All we ask is that players should wear flat-soled trainers or slippers in order to protect the mats. Contact Peter Buckley (07851 661294) or peterbuckleyassociates@gmail.com for further details



Woodchurch Village Life Museum 150+ club draw

January 2019

1 st	£50	628	Richard Carley
2 nd	£30	708	Vicky Redmond
3 rd	£20	247	Pam Laverno
4 th	£15	768	Sally Short
5 th	£10	483	Trevor Chapman

WoodchurchYardTogether ("WYT")

Our 1st volunteer gardening weekend in 2020:

15th & 16th
February

PLEASE COME ALONG
AND JOIN US - JOBS
FOR ALL!



Keeping in Touch:

Email: Philippa.nick@btinternet.com

Phone: 07774 608281

Or follow us on Facebook



Search: 'WoodchurchYard Together'

Jasmine Travel Club - Holiday and Short Breaks for 2020

5 Day Holiday in North Devon - June 22nd - 26th. £402.50 plus £60 single room supt.

To include visits to the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Rosemoor, Dartington Crystal, Clovelly, Exmoor and many more places of interest.

Cut off date is March 24th

3 Day Break - September 18th - 20th. £209 per adult plus £44 single room supt.

To include a visit to the newest RHS garden, Bridgewater (near Manchester) and Arley Hall and Gardens.

3 Day Break - December 14th - 16th. £254 per adult plus £40 single room supt.

To include The Fantastic Thursford Christmas Show

For more information contact Jasmine on 01233 624241

Coming up in March

Woodchurch Local History Society - March 2nd
"Goldenhurst Farm - The history of an ancient farmhouse"

Woodchurch Film Society - March 13th
"Red Joan"

Memorial Hall Coffee Fundraiser - March 14th

Art Society Workshop - March 17th

Memorial Hall "All Day" Breakfast" - March 21st

Ashford Astronomical Society "The Crowd in the Cosmos" - March 27th

Woodchurch Wagon trip to Rye Market - March 19th

A full details of events that are taking place in Woodchurch can be found on the online Community Calendar

www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar

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Your Community Needs You...

Woodchurch Yard Together

Woodchurch needs YOU

Please join our growing group of

Woodchurch Community Volunteers

Everyone is welcome to join our Woodchurch Community Projects

We need volunteers to offer all kinds of help including:

Joining our action days	Mowing
Offering Advice, experience and encouragement.	Pruning
Tidying up	Planting
Litter collecting	Growing
	Grave cleaning

Bring secateurs, trowels, brooms and, whilst chatting to find out more, pull up some weeds, trim those overgrown shrubs or give those headstones a brush.

The opportunity to meet other **Woodchurch Community Volunteers**

To find out more, pop along to The HUB on Monday afternoons at 1 pm, to the Pop-In on Thursdays 9:30-12:00, or every third weekend of the month at the Church.

Or contact:

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