

# WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Coordinated through Woodchurch HUB

**\*\* This week's village updates as at 4 MAY 2020 \*\***

**Including VE Day Celebrations**

## **Pandemic Central Support in Woodchurch – Woodchurch Working Together...**

- **We are here to co-ordinate help for anyone in the village – please call us 01233 801 789.**
- Calls or emails to the Village Central Support Hotline will be picked up by our village Hotline Helpdesk Team who will then coordinate with one of our volunteers to support and complete the task.

## **Woodchurch CEP School** - follow this link to make you **smile** [https://youtu.be/ilcoJs\\_020c](https://youtu.be/ilcoJs_020c)

We are grateful to our lovely village school for the video they have made to stay in touch with their pupils and the community while they are closed. The school has remained open for the children of key workers and other pupils as defined by recent DfE guidance. I'm sure you will agree the video achieves its aim of keeping us **smiling**. It's also a great opportunity for us to thank the school for their continued support of their pupils and the community at this challenging time

## **Post Office & bank accounts and cash** (*information sourced from Which?*)

The Post Office has launched a cash delivery service to help vulnerable customers, with the help of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

- The DWP is contacting the 27,000 most vulnerable Post Office Card Account customers identified using its own data combined with the NHS list of individuals advised to 'shield' due to health conditions. Those who require a delivery are then sent cash they need — up to £2,500 — using Royal Mail Special Delivery to arrive by 9pm the following day.

Customers of the Post Office and some financial banks can also obtain cash using the following two methods. To use either scheme, you need to contact your financial bank to see if it has signed up, then you can arrange to withdraw cash quickly from your normal accounts through any local Post Office branch, with the help of a friend, family member, carer or local support worker.

- Payout Now, a service which sends a voucher by text, email or post to a customer who can share it with a trusted person to withdraw cash at any Post Office branch.
- Fast Pace, a scheme that allows a customer to arrange for a trusted person (such as a carer or family member) to collect a pre-authorized cheque and cash it in at a Post Office branch.

Further information in the link

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2020/04/how-banks-are-helping-vulnerable-customers-during-the-coronavirus-crisis>

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**Volunteers** – thank you to all our village volunteers – together we are making a difference.

### Sharing a few smiles

- ☺ Thank you for food donations from Ashford Borough Council for the Jean Mealham Pop-in Centre. Big thank you to Emma Everest for facilitating this! And thanks too to the other village businesses and residents who are also helping to make the Pop-in lunches possible.
- ☺ Thanks to Bill Joss, Peter Wood & John Brymer, the Church bells now chime fully on the hour!!!
- ☺ Loving that everyone is out and about enjoying exercise and having a smile and chat in the road (at a safe distance!).



### Key links from previous updates

Shopping <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/pandemic-shopping/>

Walks <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/woodchurch-community/walks-around-woodchurch/>




Finance <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/if-you-cant-pay-your-bills-because-of-coronavirus/>

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis#tab-4>



### How Woodchurch & our village groups are adapting at this time...

This week's update is all about the plans afoot from The Big Thin Red Line for **Friday 8 May, VE Day Stay At Home VE Day Celebrations** and presentation of two Woodchurch Community Awards. Further details are available on the Woodchurch Hub Website

[www.woodchurchhub.uk/ve-day](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk/ve-day) including various links to support the VE Day Celebrations, and through Facebook groups: The Big Thin Red Line  Woodchurch Hub  Woodchurch Kent Community 

Click for our Woodchurch countdown to VE Day <https://youtu.be/rBNXFM1ro3c>



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**STAY AT HOME  
CELEBRATIONS**



In May 1945 Germany surrendered to the Allies, after six long years of fighting, the war in Europe came to an end. Millions of people up and down the country greeted the news with bonfires, bunting, parades and parties, there was singing and dancing.

With current situations we would like to invite you all to make the most of the day and celebrate the national event by holding your own celebrations at home.

Please don fancy dress & decorate your houses at the front and join us in a social distancing party.

We encourage people to be involved with some key times from 1400hrs onwards:

1455hrs Last post – Reveille, 1 Min Silence

1500hrs National toast,

1700hrs Competition, Drive round – photo shoot

1855hrs “A Cry for peace” Award for community star Facebook Live show

1900hrs Woodchurch Big Swing Dance: 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Miller - In the mood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sing Sing Sing - Benny Goodman. – Church bell rings – post your photos to Facebook etc.

2100hrs Queens Speech – Woodchurch Big Sing we will meet again – Stars over Woodchurch  
3 Maroon rockets

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Following the Queen's speech at 9:00 pm join Woodchurch and the Nation singing "We'll Meet Again". **Let's make some noise!**

**"We'll Meet Again" as sung by Dame Vera Lynn**

We'll meet again,  
Don't know where,  
Don't know when  
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day

Keep smiling through,  
Just like you always do  
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say "Hello"  
To the folks that I know?  
Tell them I won't be long  
They'll be happy to know  
That as you saw me go  
I was singing this song

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## PANDEMIC CENTRAL SUPPORT

**01233 801 789** (please ensure to use dialing code)

[Support@woodchurchhub.uk](mailto:Support@woodchurchhub.uk)

[www.woodchurchhub.uk](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk)

If you **need help** please call our team of village volunteers who are happy to help.

The idea is to match volunteers with people in need but this is not designed to replace any family & neighbour help, social care or NHS services that you may require.

If you **can help** please fill in the online form on [www.woodchurchhub.uk](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk) or call 01233 861381. It is **brilliant** that a growing group of people are volunteering. We all need to be watchful and be ready to help our friends and neighbours at this challenging time.

**Take every precaution** to ensure that you are spreading only kindness. Wash hands regularly. Avoid unnecessary travel. Avoid physical contact (at least 2 metres distance). Supplies will be delivered to doorsteps, not inside homes.

**Beware of scammers.** Do not trust anyone you don't know who knocks on your door offering help. If in doubt contact the Central Support Hotline for advice 01233 801 789.

**Stay at home if you have a fever or new persistent cough, and follow the latest government guidelines on [www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19](http://www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19) or ring 111.**

### **DO NOT ATTEND THE GP SURGERY**

#### **Recap on previous updates:**

**Pandemic Central Support** - Support at this time is being coordinated nationally and this link illustrates how we are working together <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/woodchurch-community/pandemic-home/>

**Woodchurch Surgery is not closed, rather their doors are locked.** The surgery has now gone live with **eConsult** which is accessed via a link on their website [www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk](http://www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk). Alternatively, patients can **call the Surgery on 01233 860 236**. If patients have difficulty collecting their prescriptions the Surgery can arrange delivery.

**Shopping** - For those that do have to go out for essential items or have an online shop please remember to look out for your neighbours (particularly those self-isolating and without internet access) and see if you can add extra items for them.

**Church** – Details of live streamed Sunday services and midweek noon and evening prayer are posted on the Church Benefice Website [www.bhhw.org.uk](http://www.bhhw.org.uk). There is a prayer box at the front gate and a group of Christians will pray privately for those who are lonely, afraid or sick. Contact: Ann Tiplady (Church Warden) 01233 861 363. There is a YouTube channel and Facebook page for 'Bethersden High Halden Woodchurch Benefice'

**Foodbank** - If you have any food donations please drop them off (safely and only whilst on your daily walk) to these collection points: 132A Front Road (by gate) or 62 Lower Road (by front door) or 17 The Green (by front door)

If you **are in need** of foodbank donations please call the Central Support Helpline 01233 801789 or Ann Tiplady (Church Warden) 01233 861363.

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