

NEWSLETTER



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What's on in Woodchurch in August

Weekly events:

Mondays:

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In

Tuesdays:

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

Body Tone 6:30pm - 8:00pm on the Village Green

Saturdays:

Boot Camp 8:30pm - 10:00am on the Village Green

Other Events:

- Sat 8th 2:00pm - 3:45pm **Football** Woodchurch v Kennington Athletic on the Village Green
- Sat 15th 2:00pm - 3:45pm **Football** Woodchurch v Folkestone on the Village Green
- Thu 20th morning **Art Society "Coffee Morning"** On the Village Green
- Sat 22nd 2:00pm - 3:45pm **Football** Woodchurch Reserves v Little Sharstead on the Village Green
- Thu 27th 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Woodchurch Parish Council meeting** venue tba
- Sat 29th 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Outside Concert - Popular Pops** at the Pop-In Centre
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Outside Concert - Woodchurch Proms** at the Pop-In Centre
- Sun 30th 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Outside Concert - Music from the shows** at the Pop-In Centre
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Outside Concert - Last Night Prom** at the Pop-In Centre

An announcement from All Saints Church

"We are pleased to announce that The Reverend Sue Rose, currently assistant curate in the parish of Boston, Lincoln, has been appointed to the post of Rector of Bethersden with High Halden & Woodchurch. This appointment is subject to a DBS clearance. The licensing occasion will be held on 7th October and will comply with government guidelines for social distancing restrictions at the time.



Bishop Rose
Archdeacon Darren Miller"

[Sue Rose - LinkedIn](#)

[Parish of Boston Web Site](#)

A sense of normality returning

As the lockdown restrictions are gradually being eased, it is good to see the vibrancy of Woodchurch village returning. As the memories of lockdown fade (hopefully for the last time) we are already starting to see the many shining lights for the future. It is good to see the groups of family and friends meeting sensibly on the village green, the children laughing in the play area, our village pub reopened and new businesses in the village preparing to open. Football has started once again on the green and several of the Clubs and Societies having already resumed their meetings. The community are also coming together at the Museum, Pop-In and around the village, and the length of "Hope", our village pebble caterpillar, is continuing to grow by the day.

The HUB is now open during the week, though to begin with, mornings only. This is also the first time we have been able to produce the monthly Newsletter since March. As more things resume within the village we will keep you up to date here and also on the HUB Web site www.woodchurchhub.uk.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped support the village throughout the lockdown, especially the pandemic support team and those involved with producing the weekly update. Please remember that the support line has not gone away - there is help available through the main HUB number (01233 861381) and email (support@woodchurchhub.uk).

Woodchurch Parish Council - vacancies

Woodchurch Parish Council are currently seeking two new Councillors to join the team. If you live in Woodchurch and would like to do more to help support your community then this could be the perfect opportunity. The Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month and you would be expected to undertake occasional duties, as required, throughout the month.

If you are a dynamic individual and would like more information about how you could help the village continue to prosper, please contact the Clerk to the Council (clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk or 01233 733994) or visit the [Parish Council area on The HUB Web Site](#).

If you would like to hear from other Parish Councillors what is involved, they will be happy to chat informally. You can find their contact details on the HUB Web site.

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

Woodchurch in Bloom

Woodchurch in Bloom - we are delighted that "HOPE", our village caterpillar, is now over 440 pebbles long! It is wonderful to see so much village interest and involvement and the pebbles already represent a special collection of summer 2020 memories.



The deadline for adding further painted pebbles is 31st August so please keep painting and adding so that we can achieve our target of reaching the school gates!

On 31st August, all the pebbles will be collected and evolve into a permanent butterfly later in the autumn. Please keep reading these newsletters or follow Woodchurch in bloom social media for updates on progress and location of the butterfly.

Please feel free to repaint any pebbles that may have weathered over the past few weeks to ensure they are looking their best before we gather them all up on 31st August. If you need us to varnish your pebbles to protect them from the weather or if you would like any pebbles to paint, please email us at Woodchurchinbloom@hotmail.com

Planning Update - Front Road

Ashford Borough Council has sent out notices to say the application for Planning Application 17/01913/AS for the Land 82-120 Front Road has been 'Disposed of undetermined' as the applicant has not progressed the legal agreement. This means that the current application will be removed from the Planning Register however the site remains on the Ashford Local Development Plan.

Outdoor Concerts at the Jean Mealham Centre

Following a series of very popular concerts last year, the Pop-In centre will be holding a series of outdoor concerts at the end of August. To enable correct social distancing entry to the concerts is strictly by ticket only. These can be obtained through the **Pop-in** (07798 566849) or from **The HUB**.

There is no set price for the tickets however the concerts are to help raise funds for the running of the Pop-In and so people are asked to donate whatever they can afford. Tables and chairs will be provided but please bring your own food and drink.

Saturday 29th August

2 pm - **Popular Pops** - Abba, Queen etc.

7 pm - **Woodchurch Proms**

Sunday 30th August

2 pm - **Music from the shows**

7 pm - **Last Night Proms**

Woodchurch Community Volunteers

A big thank you for all of the volunteers who came forward and volunteered their services during the lockdown. The HUB is looking to develop this group of community volunteers into a pool that can be called upon by village clubs/societies/residents when needed. Being part of the Community Volunteers group would not commit you to anything, however it would indicate that you would be willing to provide assistance if asked. You would be sent

Woodchurch Museum is now open

Following the months of lockdown, Woodchurch Museum is now once again open to the public. The museum is open from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays and at other times by request (01233 860240). Entry is free and it is a great place to bring visiting family and friends. Social distancing measures are in place and there is space around the Museum to enjoy a picnic. Cold drinks are available for sale and there are quizzes to keep the children occupied.

Until the end of September will be the last chance to see the "Woodchurch Women at War" temporary exhibition.



Memorial Hall - Part time vacancies

Two part time vacancies have become available at the Memorial Hall. These are both paid positions.

- Hall Bookings Manager
- Hall Cleaner (10 hours per week)

For more information about either position please email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

Memorial Hall Opening

It is hoped that the Memorial Hall and Annexe will be able to reopen in September. Once the opening date has been confirmed regular hall users will be notified and further updates will be included in the next Newsletter.

The Old Post Office Coffee Shop

Over the summer work has continued to convert the old Post Office into the new village coffee shop. They are hoping that it will open later this year.

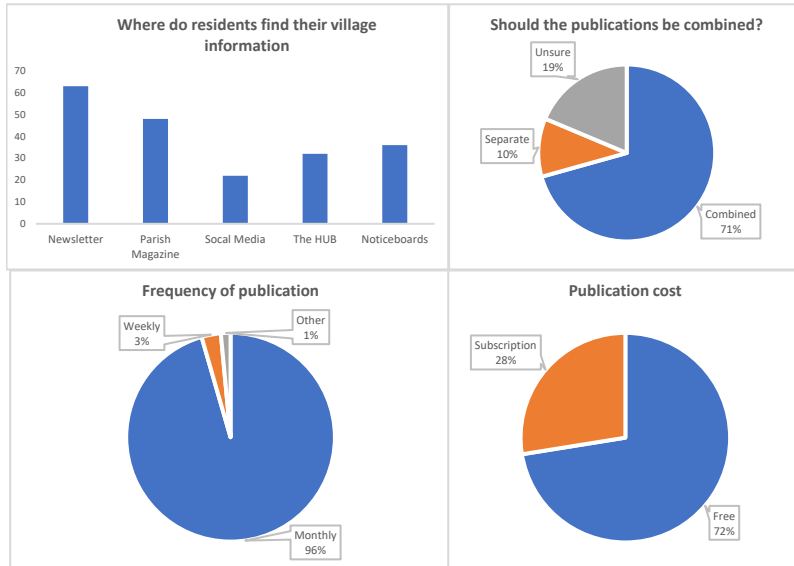
"We would like to thank everyone who has gotten involved with the suggestions, we really appreciate the great ideas you have all had. We will keep you all updated with the progress. Many thanks from us all at The Old Post Office Coffee Shop."



periodic emails giving volunteer opportunities that are coming up and you can choose whether any are things with which you can help. To register please go to the HUB Website and click on "[Become a Community Volunteer](#)"

The possible future for the monthly Newsletter

For the last seven years Woodchurch has had two separate publications that have been produced monthly. The Woodchurch Parish Magazine has been published by the church for over 100 years and has been sold on a monthly subscription basis. The HUB Newsletter has had a wider readership and has been delivered free to all households in the village over the past seven years. A significant proportion of the publications content was similar. Producing the two publications separately resulted in a duplication of costs and resources. In order to provide the village with a more integrated source of information, the Church and The HUB have recently been discussing the possibility of merging the two publications. Before any decisions could be taken the village was consulted (through the recent survey) and the results can be seen below.



Based upon the results of the survey, The HUB and the Church are currently exploring options for combining the two magazines and having it distributed to all village households free of charge. There are still many things that need to be finalised before this could happen, though it currently has a working title of "The Woodchurch Parish Newsletter". We are keen to involve Sue Rose (the new All Saints Rector) in the project and ensuring that we can rely on sufficient advertising revenue and/or donations to cover the production costs. If you are a local business and would like to advertise in the future, for more information please email Phil at enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

When responding to the survey, a number of residents also volunteered their services for the new magazine production team - either collecting news from around the village or helping to edit/produce the publication each month. If you would also like to help then please email the HUB or click on the "Become a Community Volunteer" link on the front page of the HUB Web site.

We will keep you updated as things develop.

Boldshaves Gardens now open

The gardens at Boldshaves are now open daily (7 days a week, including Bank Holidays) from 2-6pm. Entrance £5, and free for children under 14. Tours of groups of 10 or more can be arranged outside these times. 01233 860283 - enquiries@boldshaves.co.uk



The Cliff Tea House at Boldshaves is open daily from 2-6pm, serving teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you.



Woodchurch Village Life Museum 150+ club draw - August 2020

1 st	£50	645	Doreen Heubner
2 nd	£30	160	Arthur Stroud
3 rd	£20	905	Jeff Hill
4 th	£15	171	Peter Straton
5 th	£10	13	Sue Buckle

A new museum draw will be starting in October. If you would like to be included in the 2020/21 draw the cost remains at £12 for the year and there are cash prizes to be won.

Woodchurch Foodbank

The Foodbank has continued to support residents in the village during lockdown - providing over 40 large food bags and many individual items. Now that All Saints has been able to reopen its doors the Foodbank has been moved back into the church.

A big thank you to all who have donated non-perishable food items during the lockdown. Future donations can still be delivered to the food drop off points around the village, however we would encourage you to deliver them directly to the church.

If you find yourself in need of the Foodbank please contact Ann Tiplady, the Church Warden, for assistance.

Rare Breeds Centre open



(Summer - Every day 10am - 4.30pm. You must book a slot 24 hours in advance.). Please note that we no longer sell tickets at the gate.

Join the Great British September Clean

As part of the national Great British September Clean we are organising a litter pick in Woodchurch on Saturday 5th September. This will involve collecting litter along some of the roads and lanes around the village. We are not only looking for volunteers to help pick the litter from the roadsides but also others to transport the filled bags and to assist with road safety. High viz jackets, litter pickers and bags will be provided - you just need to bring your enthusiasm and your own refreshments. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to help organise the event please contact Joyce - community@woodchurchhub.uk or contact The HUB.



Woodchurch Oil Syndicate

For more information contact Richard on 07786 066117

News from the Clubs and Societies

Group Fitness with Jo Furneaux

We are back to running 3 classes each week BUT with a few changes of course:

- ALL classes are now on Woodchurch Green with social distancing
- Saturday Boot camp, there are 2 sessions: 8.30am & 9.15am (I'm running two classes since I've put a limit on numbers so we can keep distance)
- Tuesday and Thursdays BodyTone, again 2 sessions running each day: 6.30pm & 7.15pm.

In all cases social distancing guidelines are adhered to - min of 2 metres between people, no sharing of equipment etc. The schedule will run like this until the point that we are able to return to using the school hall for Tues and Thurs evening classes. I suspect this will be October at the earliest. I will keep everyone updated.

Jo Furneaux

Art Society

All meetings of the Woodchurch Art Society have been cancelled for the rest of 2020. We have been keeping in touch with a newsletter and by all the other means!

Our next meeting is planned for 7th January 2021. (Subject to whatever the future holds).

Meanwhile, we are planning "coffee mornings" on the Village Green on the following dates: August 20th and September 17th. Members will bring their own chairs, coffee, painting equipment and we will be sure to correctly "socially distance"

Pauline Feakes

RDA

It is great to see that some groups/clubs are managing to get back to some sort of normality. Unfortunately for us, RDA National as our governing body, sees it unlikely that carriage driving groups will be able to start up again in the near future.

All our clients need a lot of support and we are unable to socially distance as is required, so for the time being there will be no change for us.

We keep our [Facebook page \(www.facebook.com/WDGRDA/\)](https://www.facebook.com/WDGRDA/) updated daily with pictures of past events to keep morale high. Hopefully we will be able to resume soon.

Susi

Woodchurch Windmill

Unfortunately the mill is still not safe for visitors since the ground floor is cluttered with all the remnants of the mill that may one day be restored. We are hoping that Ashford Borough Council can give us any indication of their plans for the mill in the near future.

If there is any change I will certainly let you know.

Mel Bailey

Book Club

The Book Club are not meeting at the moment. We have no plans, as yet, to do so.

Ann-Marie

Scouting and Guiding

All our face to face meetings are still suspended and we are waiting to be told when they can re start. Once I have more info I will let you know.

Tracy

Local History Society

Our talks programme for September to December 2020 remains the same. We, of course, are awaiting permission to restart society meetings in the Memorial Hall.

All talks from September to December are in the Memorial Hall and start at 7:30pm - new members are always welcome and visitors pay £3 at the door.

Monday September 7th - Steve Hookins '**Doing your Bit**'. Delivered in character, Steve enacts the roles of some Home Front unsung heroes.

Monday October 5th - **Woodchurch Ancestry Group** - Josie Mackie, Gary Samson and Jon Chaplin give a three part talk on some aspects of Woodchurch history.

Monday November 2nd - Delia Taylor '**The Role of ENSA during WW2**'. ENSA provided morale boosting entertainment for Britain's servicemen during the Second World War. This talk is particularly poignant since the recent passing of Vera Lynn.

Monday December 7th - Members Evening.

Geoff Turner

Gardening Society

At the moment there are no plans for a resumption of activities. It might be possible for independent visits to gardens, nurseries etc. How many, bearing in mind the age group of most of our members, is another matter? As soon as I have more news I will let you know.

Reg Short

Knit and Natter

Knit 'n natter has already recommenced and continues Mondays 2-3.30 pm at the pop in. It will remain outdoors only until September when it will return to the Lodge there

Puzzles

The he puzzles are up and running Tuesdays 2-4pm. Outdoors only until September when we shall return to the Lodge.

Scrabble

The scrabble group will hopefully restart later in the year. This is held alternate Fridays 2-4 pm in the Lodge, I will provide dates later.

Penny Coe

Margaret Morris Movement MMM

We are hoping to restart our classes mid to late October at the Scout Community Hall, subject to Government guidelines and the hall management. Margaret Morris Movement Gentle Exercise for the over 50's on Thursdays 14:15 to 15:45.

Alannah Small

Bonny Cravat - August events

Carvery every Sunday

Every Tuesday - Bonny Bike Night

Every Saturday and Sunday

Bonny Cackle - seafood

Bank holiday weekend

Friday 28 th	9pm-11pm - Live band - " Penthouse "
Saturday 29 th	9pm-11pm - Live band - " Brad Pittence and the Nylon Tigers "
Sunday 30 th	9pm-11pm - Live band - " Twang Daddies " (country)



All Saints Church News - August

Hello everybody from All Saints. Yes we are still here! It is sad that we still cannot open the church for services but hopefully this will change soon.

By now you will be aware that we have a new Rector coming to the Benefice in the autumn. The Reverend Suzanne Rose and her husband the Reverend Michael Rose will take up residence in the rectory in Bethersden. Sue is very much looking forward to meeting everybody and beginning her ministry with us.

For the time being zoom services are taking place on Sundays and during the week from the rectory at Biddenden. Our area Dean, Alex Bienfait is leading these services and they can be accessed on Meeting ID: 928 892 027 weekdays. Please check on the Biddenden and Smarden website for the Sunday log in.

The chapel will continue to be open for private prayer and meditation but the rest of the church, including the toilet and kitchen are still out of bounds. We have a wedding in church on the 29th August. The church will be thoroughly cleaned on the Friday before the wedding and locked after the wedding for 72 hours in line with the Church of England and Government regulations. This allows for the building to self-clean. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we are trying to accommodate those wishing to use our church for weddings and funerals in the best way we can.

I would like to thank those who have been trying to keep the churchyard reasonably tidy. This is a massive task and hopefully our churchyard group will soon be able to get back into action.

We would like some more folk on our Parochial Church Council. This is not an onerous task. We have, usually, bi monthly meetings. Our immediate request is for a Treasurer and PCC secretary. Our treasurer has done the job for fifteen years and would like to hand over. At present I am acting as secretary, but the work of a Church Warden is very busy and some help would be welcome. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances, we could not have our Annual Parochial Church meeting therefore we have all carried on as normal. However, the PCC does not work in isolation and any offers of help or comments are always gladly received. We are still here and doing our best to be a visible presence in our lovely village.

The prayer box is now in the porch having fallen off the front gates. The food bank is also in the church porch. If anybody would like a box made up and delivered please contact me on 01233 861363 and I will arrange it. Alternatively, you can just help yourself. Also if anybody would like a parish visit (social distanced) please let me know.

In the meantime the PCC send you good wishes and God's blessing.

Ann Tiplady - Church Warden