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What's on in Woodchurch in October

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

Wednesdays:

Pop-In Over 60s 2:00pm - 4:00pm At the Pop-In Centre

Fish and Chips 4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park

Thursdays:

Pizza Van 4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park

Saturdays:

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

Bonny Cockle 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Bonny Cravat

Other Events:

Wed 7 th	From 7:00pm	Revd Suzanne Rose - Installation at All Saints Church
Sat 3 rd	2:45pm - 4:45pm	Football Woodchurch v The Fountain on the Village Green
Sat 10 th	2:45pm - 4:45pm	Football Woodchurch v Rolvenden on the Village Green
Sat 17 th	2:15pm - 4:15pm	Football Woodchurch v Lenham Wanderers on the Village Green
Sat 24 th	2:45pm - 4:45pm	Football Woodchurch Reserves v Sellindge Sports on the Village Green
Sat 31 st	2:45pm - 4:45pm	Football Woodchurch Reserves v Biddenden on the Village Green
Thu 27 th	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Woodchurch Parish Council meeting (via Zoom)

Woodchurch welcomes Reverend Suzanne Rose and her husband, Revd Michael Rose



The new vicar for Woodchurch, Revd Suzanne Rose, has now taken up residence in the Rectory in Bethersden and will be installed in a ceremony at All Saints Church on the 7th October at 7pm. Due to the current government meeting restrictions all available places in the church are filled, however you can join by Zoom using meeting ID: 893 9758 3101. Sue is very much looking forward to meeting everybody and beginning her ministry with us.

2020 Poppy Appeal

Because of the Covid 19 situation, there will be no household doorstep collection this year. I am currently allowed to put poppies into the shops, pubs and other static collection points as long as the vendors are happy to have them.

I am getting more details weekly so I hope to be able to update you on the situation in the November newsletter. Just because poppies may not be available with so much ease this year, it will not stop us all from remembering the fallen.

Chris Dudman, Poppy appeal organiser

Pop-In - Meeting place for the over 60s

We are pleased to announce that, despite Covid-19, with the help and Guidance of Ashford Borough Council, the Woodchurch Pop-In - for the over 60s - is now back in business.

We will be open every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm as from 23rd Sept. Any queries, contact Clive or Shirley at 01233 860139

Six Bells Update

It has been confirmed that the Six Bells pub sale has now completed and building work is under way that will enable it to open again as a free-house pub and restaurant. The precise opening date has yet to be confirmed as it is dependant on several factors outside of their control. However the new owner has informed us that he hopes it will open in time for Christmas this year.



A PLEA TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Over the past month we have received several complaints about the amount of dog mess on and around the village green. Most dog walkers are very meticulous about clearing up, however a minority are not. If you exercise your dog in the village, please can you ensure that you clean up after it and place the bagged mess in the bins provided.

Any Items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Hub

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Flu Jab Crisis!?

For the majority of the patients of Woodchurch there is no crisis and we will have immunised 1000 patients over 65 year olds and 500 under 65 year olds by the end of November which sees a 10% increase on last year. There are a few who usually attend annually where there is uncertainty as supply of further stock is currently unobtainable from any of the manufacturers.

Flu is a virus that generally circulates in the winter months and is nasty. Proper flu makes you ache all over and gives you a bad chest, bad head, bad guts and usually puts you to bed for a few days. The biggest issue is usually secondary chest infections that can be very dangerous especially to people "at risk" with breathing disorders (Asthma/COPD/Obesity), heart conditions and people whose immune system is low.

There is a national mandate to target those people that are at risk under 65 years old and to immunise everyone over 65 years old (based on age at 31st March). Due to recognition that children often can spread viruses to more vulnerable people the last few years has seen a nasal flu immunisation given to children age 2-11. The government announced last month that all over 50 year olds would be entitled to a flu jab from November even if no "at risk" illness.

Over 65s vaccine has 3 strains of flu virus with a special chemical to help speed up the immunity.

Under 65s vaccine has 4 strains of flu virus.

Children have a nasal flu which has 4 strains and is given to 2 and 3 year olds/under 18s at risk at the surgery and at school for year groups R-7.

The situation:

Every year we have to put a finger in the air and decide how many people will attend the following autumn for flu jabs and commit to an order. Last November we decided to increase this by 10%.

When we ordered these vaccines Covid 19 had never been heard of. It was also before the government announced that over 50s would all be entitled and before the Daily Mail said it was a good idea to have the flu jab. We have just about enough stock to immunise those already booked into clinic appointments but no more.

The solution:

Well, we're not quite sure yet. We have been trying to get more for the last two months since the phones went RED HOT when clinics were announced and all avenues have run dry.

It turns out that the reason have not been able to order any more is that apparently the Department for Health has requisitioned (bought) all the vaccines left from the manufacturers. I doubt Matt Hancock wants all of them for himself so expect some sort of announcement to come that they have miraculously got more vaccines and are going to protect us all. When this happens we expect to have a trickling of vaccines to be able to invite the "at risk" groups first then the healthy over 50s.

I never knew that being at risk was so popular! I will wait in line for my flu jab.

The ask:

We're currently inviting and booking the final under 65 appointments - these will be on a first come first serve basis for "at risk" patients. When these are full we will change our answer phone message to state this. Please consider that everyone is working really hard to get more vaccines and the uptake far exceeds any prediction that anyone could have made a year ago. When we get news of additional stock we will spread the message far and wide and very loudly.

Jack Hickey

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Jean Mealham Centre (The Pop-In) Sponsors Woodchurch Reserves Football Team Kit



Is your child starting school in September 2021?
Come and visit Woodchurch CEP School!



Virtual Tour coming soon to
www.woodchurch.kent.sch.uk or
follow us on Facebook @WoodchurchCEP
Saturday morning tours by appointment only:
Saturday 17th October
Saturday 7th November
Saturday 5th December

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Woodchurch CEP School is a one form entry primary school located at the heart of our beautiful village community. We are home to approximately 155 children and are passionate about ensuring that all children and adults flourish in our care. We'd love the opportunity to show you around either virtually or in person following COVID-19 guidance.
If you would like to attend one of our open mornings please contact us via phone or email to make an appointment.

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WOODCHURCH IN BLOOM

We are a group of village volunteers that work together on a number of village activities. We firmly believe that gardening has a positive effect on our mental, physical and social well-being. Immersing ourselves in nature has never been more important so we hope our activities summarised below will involve and benefit as many villagers as possible

Workstream	Activities
THRIVE/ WELLBEING	All activities are linked to the NHS 5 steps to mental wellbeing: Connecting with others, physically active, learning new skills, giving to others and pay attention to the present (mindfulness) ➤ HOPE - our village pebble caterpillar..... Soon to be a permanent butterfly - Thank you for all the donations received ➤ Crafting groups within 'new normal' guidance ➤ 'Pop Up' social gardening sessions eg seed sowing/virtual gardening etc ➤ Front gardens 'Spring Safari' - more details to follow - start planning your Spring displays now! ➤ Woodchurch Winter Wonderland Walk - we're inviting villagers to adopt a planter to have ready to be part of a winter walk trail through the village which will be mapped and available for us all to enjoy from November. Please get in touch ASAP (details below) if you'd like to adopt a planter
VILLAGE GARDENING	➤ Maintenance of village garden areas - group sessions every Monday pm ➤ Developing new beds at Pop In including 'secret garden' ➤ Planting more bulbs (daffs & croc) around the village - any donations of bulbs much appreciated!
WILDFLOWERS	➤ Our village wildflower meadow on the Green extension has recently been strip-seeded with a wildflower mixture specially for clay soils and, in order to boost success, volunteers are growing wildflower seedlings to plant in the Spring of 2021. A sleeper bridge has been installed across the perimeter ditch between the Green and its extension.
MUSEUM & POP IN	➤ Ongoing maintenance of the gardens at the museum - group sessions on Wednesday mornings ➤ Various new garden areas being created to enhance the Pop In site - group sessions on Thursday mornings
VILLAGE BOARDS	➤ Bird board and wildlife board now complete and can be found on the Green ➤ Village Map board and Village Footpath board currently in progress
COMMUNICATION	➤ Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or the 'Nextdoor' app for ongoing updates and celebrating successes

'GROWING OURSELVES HEALTHY AND HAPPY'

If you would like to get involved in any of the above or find out more, please contact us at: WoodchurchinBloom@hotmail.com or contact Linda on 07795 383945 or Joyce on 01233 860297

Woodchurch Vineyard

Our volunteer picking day was a great success. Thank you to all our pickers! You were superstars. A little bit of rain didn't stop them!



Big Thin Red Line

VE Day presentation

The Big Thin Red Line VE Day photo book has now been produced and has been presented to the Museum ready for all to view. Due to the government restrictions during the year, the Museum is extending its opening for an additional month - until the end of October. We would love for you all to visit to see the fun had by the village on the VE Day anniversary. It will also give you chance to see the other fantastic Woodchurch Village Museum artefacts and memories.



Remembrance

The year has ticked on and we are close to remembrance day, the yearly event often is well attended and the village will be holding a service, although how under current restrictions it not fully known.

We are recruiting

The Big Thin Red line over the past 3 years have given many events to the village and we intend to carry on with this. Our weary team of 3 are looking for like minded people that would like to join us, the dynamics of the group will be changing more into a organisation to take the place of the former British Legion. We are focused on supporting village life, village groups and society, as well as supporting local businesses.

If you are interested please contact us via our Face Book page or by calling Pat Byrne on 07584 075 008, this is not solely for ex services, it is an open group for all.

Kind Regards, Pat

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If you would like to advertise your business or rental property in future editions of the Newsletter please contact enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk for more information.

Woodchurch Community Calendar

If you have a community event that you would like to have included in the Community Calendar please send details to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk. The full Community Calendar can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar/.

Photocopying and Laminating at The HUB

Photocopies (per side) A4 b/w - 10p, A4 colour - 15p

Laminating (per sheet) A4 - 15p, A3 - 25p

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LITTER PICK

A big thanks to everyone who helped with the village litter pick at the beginning of September.

Over 25 residents joined in and between them collected over 30 bags of rubbish. Whilst clearing the ditches, fly tipped chairs,

fridges and builders rubbish were also pulled out and reported to Ashford Borough Council for disposal.

