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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

September 2020

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What's on in Woodchurch in September

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:

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

Thursdays:

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

Bonny Bike Night 5:00pm - 9:00pm at the Bonny Cravat

Saturdays:

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

Other Events:

Sat 5th From 9:00am

Keep Woodchurch Clean and Tidy -
Litter Pick from the Village Car Park

Sat 5th 2:45pm - 4:45pm

Football Woodchurch v Kennington
Athletic on the Village Green

Sat 12th 2:45pm - 4:45pm

Football Woodchurch Reserves v
Bromley Green on the Village Green

Thu 17th morning

Art Society "Coffee Morning" On the
Village Green

Sat 19th 2:45pm - 4:45pm

Football Woodchurch Reserves v
Lenham Wanderers Reserves on the
Village Green

Thu 27th 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Woodchurch Parish Council meeting
in the Scout and Community Centre
(venue tbc.)

Fri 25th 10:30pm - 12:30pm

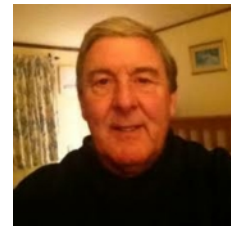
Macmillan Coffee Morning at the
Pinney, Shirkoak Park

KCF Hardship Fund

Kent Community Foundation (KCF) is administering a new hardship fund on behalf of Kent County Council, for families who are struggling financially at this current time. KCF is able to provide cash hardship grants to families direct, at the value of up to £500. This is aimed to help with either buying food or essential items for the home, or just to help pay the bills over the next few months (this excludes council tax/rent arrears). It's a simple process - just an email to paul@kentcf.org.uk. Referrals must come from a professional like a social worker, charity, GP or teacher/Family Liaison Officer. KCF aim to get money to families within two weeks. For further information on KCF and funding, visit <https://kentcf.org.uk/funding/KCCgrants>

Dr Busk Retiring

After more than 3 decades serving the Woodchurch population as their GP, building the practice up from a very basic room in a garden to the purpose-built and recently renovated building it is now, Martin has decided it is time for him to retire and this will be effective from 1st September. Whilst we at Woodchurch Surgery will miss his valuable expertise, we are confident the surgery will continue to thrive and move forward under Dr Hickey's stewardship.



Woodchurch Guiding and Scouting

Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Explorers

We are all hoping to commence face to face indoor meetings very soon within guidelines set out by our own movements. This will be a new challenge for us all. All the leaders are looking forward to welcoming you back, and are also excited about meeting new children and young people wishing to join any of the units for the first time. So if you are aged 5 to 16 why not join us...

For more information contact

Tracy - tracyramsden.09@btinternet.com (Guiding)

Julian - julian.west@tiscali.co.uk (Scouting)

Woodchurch Yard Together (WYT)

Thanks to a recent generous donation, contractors have helped to get the front of the Churchyard looking great again.



Plans are now afoot to get the back of the Churchyard tidy again during the autumn and we hope to resume our popular WYT volunteer weekends either later this year or start of 2021.

If you would like to find out more about how to get involved or would like to donate to our WoodchurchYard funds to help maintain the Churchyard, please contact Philippa Jones:

Philippa.nick@btinternet.com or 07774608281

Any items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Hub

Tel: 01233 861381 Email: enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

Woodchurch Art Society

Sadly, our weekly meetings have been suspended for the time being. We are hoping to start up again in the New Year when we will be able to begin the preparations for our famous Exhibition which is always held, apart from this odd year, at the end of May. Fingers crossed! Meanwhile, we are keeping in touch with coffee mornings on the green.



Bonny Bike Night - by Steve Parish - the founder of the Thursday Bonny bike night at the Bonny Cravat pub.

The night was created to help the pub survive post relaxation of lockdown restrictions as once pubs were able to open all brewery assistance ended. This created a big financial issue for landlords Wayne and Melanie. I for one didn't want the last remaining pub in the village to fail.

As a regular and a biker I offered to create the bike night thinking it would get 30 or so bikes to help the weekly takings at what is an outdoor event. It has done rather better than that week on week so for the last three weeks we have been running a charity collection in aid of village causes. The first one raised €110 for the church, the second raised €60 for the windmill and then E 103 for the Woodchurch scouts and guides.

We intend to continue with the collections at the remaining bike nights until the weather causes them to end. I'm in contact with The HUB over other village causes that may benefit in the future so please contact us to make any suggestions.

stevemparrish@hotmail.co.uk or enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk



Homewood School

Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre is celebrating strong 2020 A level and GCSE results including its first Oxbridge place in over a decade. Homewood School is happy to consider late applications to join its Sixth Form. For further information please email: ks5@homewood.kent.sch.uk

Macmillan Coffee morning

Clive and Shirley will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning as usual on Friday 25th Sept. between 10.30am and 12.30pm at The Spinney, Shirkoak Park, Woodchurch. This has been made possible by The Pop-In supplying all the equipment to enable them to run the event.

Woodchurch Surgery Pictures - pictures for the corridors!

Woodchurch Surgery are keen to display your paintings, drawings & photos in their recently decorated corridors for all to enjoy when visiting the Surgery.

If you are an artist or photographer with a connection to Woodchurch (ALL ages & abilities welcome and encouraged to take part!) please - hand artwork to the Surgery or email photos to Photos_Woodchurch_Surgery@outlook.com

Flu Vaccinations at the Surgery

Woodchurch Surgery will be starting the flu immunisation campaign in September. Our first vaccine delivery is for patients over 65 so we will have appointments available for this group first and are now taking bookings. In October, we will have a further delivery of vaccine for over 65s as well as a delivery for those under 65 but with a chronic condition. Invitations by text and letter will be sent to this latter group during September for appointments in October. The final cohort of patients will be the newly identified over 50 age group which you will probably have seen notified in the media. Current guidance from Public Health England to us, is they should be immunised after the other two groups from November/December and so they will be the last to be invited.

Woodchurch In Bloom



Village Gardening - We are maintaining village garden areas every Monday afternoon and developing new beds at the Pop-In on Thursday mornings. We are also maintaining the gardens at the Museum on a Wednesday morning. It will soon be time to plant more bulbs (daffs & croci) so all donations will be much appreciated.

Thrive/Wellbeing - HOPE — our village pebble caterpillar... Soon to be a permanent butterfly. A front gardens "spring safari" is currently being planned - more details to follow.

Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or the 'Nextdoor' app for ongoing updates and celebrating successes. If you would like to get involved in any of the above or find out more, please contact us at: WoodchurchinBloom@hotmail.com

Upcoming works on the M20 for the Moveable Barrier Solution project - (part of Operation BROCK)

The Department for Transport announced in February 2020 that a new Moveable Barrier System will be deployed on the M20 when required as part of a contraflow to permit the motorway and junctions to remain open during Channel ports disruption. The system will allow port-bound lorries to be held on the motorway while all other traffic continues to have access to the motorway in both directions. Unlike the previous solution we implemented in 2019, this new Moveable Barrier System allows the M20 to be returned to normal conditions at 70mph when not required within several hours instead of weeks.

Our works consists of the installation of temporary barriers, pavement repairs, gully and manhole ironworks repairs, road markings and studs works, and the installation of the new Moveable Barriers at the back of the M20 London bound hard-shoulder. Where full closures of the M20 are required, these will be overnight during the hours of 9pm to 6am. The motorway will remain open during the day, operating with narrow lanes at 50mph past the 7.5 mile stretch where temporary barriers are installed and works are in progress. There are no full closures during Saturday nights. We have also planned our works to avoid overnight closures during the October half term from the Friday 23rd to 2nd November.

Gardening Society

Everything is on hold until January next year and we will review the situation then. Consequently there are no meetings planned and the AGM is postponed until we can meet again. All members who paid their subscriptions for 2020 will have them carried over for 2021 or if requested a refund can be arranged. In the meantime keep well and enjoy your gardens.

Concerts at the Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre

Over the bank holiday weekend the residents of Woodchurch were treated to a series of open air concerts at the Pop-In. There were 4 concerts over two days (all fully approved by Ashford Borough Council) which covered Popular Pops, Music from the Shows and The Proms. There were an average of 50 to 60 people at each performance and over £1,000 was raised to help fund the Pop-In centre. It is hoped that this could become a regular event.



Baton Twirling

Sephora Spirit Baton Twirlers are a small team based in Tenterden and Woodchurch Kent. We welcome all children, boys and girls, of any age. We train for over 10 hours a week and enjoy learning the combined skills of baton twirling, acro and dance. Sephora Spirit enjoy competing at competitions and championships throughout the UK and have been very successful as new athletes to the sport. Please can you help these young children towards their chosen sport by using EasyFundraising. For More information contact Amy Brockmam on amybrockman03@msn.com or 07525 063466.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum 150+ club draw - September 2020

1 st £50 - 976 - P. Buckley	2 nd £30 - 209 - J. Whetton	3 rd £20 - 675 - J. Blowers	4 th £15 - 436 - I. Davy	5 th £10 - 68 - M. Bugden
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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. Contact jnash@nashweb.net

Advertising in the Newsletter

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 - KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN and TIDY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th LITTER PICK

Meet in the Memorial Car Park at 9 a.m.

Bring your own gloves.

Carry hand sanitiser if you have access to some. Don't pick up sharps objects.

Litter should be tied up in a strong waste sack (provided).

We do have some spare high-viz jackets, gloves and pickers if you haven't got your own.

Full guidance for volunteers will be provided on the day.

Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups or displaying symptoms (or in contact with those with symptoms) or have been directly advised to self-isolate should not litterpick.

