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## What's on in Woodchurch in November

### Weekly events:

#### Mondays:

**Knit and Natter** 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In  
**Body Tone** 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

#### Tuesdays:

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

#### 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  
**Body Tone** 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

#### Thursdays:

**Pizza Van** 4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park  
**Body Tone** 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

#### Saturdays:

**Boot Camp** 9:00pm - 10:00am on the Village Green  
**Bonny Cockle** 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Bonny Cravat

### Other Events:

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	<b>Eucharist - Patronal Feast</b> at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm - 4:45pm	<b>Football</b> Woodchurch Reserves v Biddenden on the Village Green
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am - 11:15pm	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> at Woodchurch War Memorial
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>Football</b> Woodchurch v Lenham Wanderers on the Village Green
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:15pm - 4:15pm	<b>Football</b> Woodchurch v Tenterden Town on the Village Green
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm - 9:00pm	<b>Woodchurch Parish Council meeting</b> (via Zoom)
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm - 4:45pm	<b>Football</b> Woodchurch Reserves v Rolvenden on the Village Green

## Woodchurch Parish Council to canvas residents on proposal to build 50 houses on Front Road

Woodchurch Parish Council is asking villagers to comment on proposals to build fifty houses on land off Front Road, opposite Kirkwood Avenue. Part of this land is already identified for development in the 2030 Ashford Plan. The new proposal seeks to extend beyond this onto adjacent agricultural land.

The proposal, by Cheshire-based Gladman Land, has been made following plans by another developer to build ten houses on the part of the site already designated for development. Links to more details about the current proposal can be found at [www.woodchurchhub.uk/front-road-proposed-development/](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk/front-road-proposed-development/)

Until Gladman has formally submitted plans it is not possible to meaningfully consider the proposal, but the Parish Council is asking Woodchurch residents for their views. They can comment on what types of housing the village needs, the number of houses they consider appropriate for the site and also their reasons for supporting or objecting to the proposal. The results of the Parish Council survey will inform all future discussions with Ashford Borough Council, should the planning application go forward.

Gladman itself has already sent out a mail shot to some villagers and has set up a web portal requesting specific input on its proposals, so has a narrower remit. We would instead urge village residents to complete the Parish Council feedback form as this will better help understand the wider views from within the village. The Parish Council also wants to ensure that residents who don't have Internet access can also make their views known and so a printed copy of the feedback form has been included with this newsletter. It is important that the views of the whole village are considered. Whether in favour, undecided, or against this type of development, this is an opportunity for residents to make their voices heard.

Those wishing to take part online should go to [www.woodchurchhub.uk/front-road-proposed-development/](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk/front-road-proposed-development/) or email [enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk). If completing the printed feedback form please return them to the HUB. The closing date for feedback is the end of **Monday 16th November**.

**The HUB will remain open "virtually" during the November lockdown.** The HUB building will be physically closed from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November until early December (or as advised by the government). If you are in need of support during the lockdown, or need access to facilities offered by The HUB, then please phone 01233 861381 or email [enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk).

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

## News from Woodchurch Surgery

The NHS have announced the following changes

- **Ending of the Minor Injuries Service at Woodchurch Surgery**
- **Ending of the Rural weekend service (held at Tenterden and Hamstreet Surgeries)**
- **Establishment of the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at the William Harvey Hospital**

Following a change in national policy, the minor injury service and the rural weekend service (held at Tenterden and Hamstreet surgeries) have been stopped by the CCG as of 31st October 2020.

A new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) will start on 1st November at William Harvey Hospital and has been set up to deal with minor illnesses and minor injuries which would normally have been dealt with at this surgery. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including bank holidays.

The UTC is located at the William Harvey Hospital and it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

From 1st November appointments for the following minor illnesses and minor injuries will be dealt with at the UTC and appointments should be booked by calling 111

### **The service will deal with:**

Strains and sprains  
Skin infections and rashes  
Eye problems  
Coughs and colds  
Feverish illness in children  
Abdominal pain  
Vomiting and diarrhoea  
Emergency contraception  
Suspected broken limbs  
Minor head injuries  
Cuts and grazes  
Bites and stings  
Minor scalds and burns  
Ear and throat infections

Any complaints, queries or concerns about this change in service provision should be directed to Kent & Medway CCG:

[kmccg.ek.urgentandemergencyteam@nhs.net](mailto:kmccg.ek.urgentandemergencyteam@nhs.net)

For any other health issues which are not included in the above list, please continue to contact the surgery in the normal way either by calling reception or by submitting an eConsult via the practice

website: [www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk](http://www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk).

## Remembrance Sunday - November 8<sup>th</sup>

Even with the current restrictions in place the Big Thin Red Line have been finalising the arrangements for this years memorial. The formal gathering has had to be restricted to only 30 people this year, so if you would like to attend please contact Pat Byrne on 07584 075008 to reserve your place. Rev Sue Rose will be overseeing the remembrance service, which will begin at 10:45am at the Woodchurch war memorial in All Saints Church grounds.

## News From The Parish Council

### Julian West retires after 30 years of service

After 30 years of being a leading member of the Parish Council Julian has decided to stand down as Chair and retire from the Council. Julian first became a member of the Parish Council when he was in his 20s. He recalls that meetings then were very formal - often lasted in excess of three hours!! He has outlasted three Chairs and two Clerks to the Council. He says that his proudest duty was always laying the wreath at the memorial on behalf of the village on Remembrance Day. The Parish Council are very sorry to see Julian go and will be organising a celebration for him when the current restrictions are suitably eased.

### New Councillors

The Parish Council would like to welcome Lucie Bramley and Richard Job onto the team. They may be new councillors however they have both already hit the ground running.

### Parish Council Vacancies

With Julian retiring we now have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are dynamic, have a passion about the village and would like to help shape the future of the Woodchurch community please apply here [www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/parish-council-vacancy/](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/parish-council-vacancy/). Be assured that the meetings no longer last for three hours, are much less formal, and you will be joining a very supportive team. **You CAN make a difference.**

### Play Area Refurbishment

The Parish Council are currently working with [MadPlayFrames](http://www.madplayframes.co.uk) to undertake a £12K refurbishment of the children's play area. This has been made possible by a generous grant of £5K from Mike Angel through Kent County Council. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the second week in November - however this is weather dependent.



### Museum 150+ November Lottery Draw

This year has been a challenge contacting subscribers and collecting subscriptions and some loyal contributors may have been missed. If you are still interested or want to join as a newcomer- now £10 for 10 months to win monthly prizes of £50/£30/£20- then please contact the Hub.

**£50 - 123 (Ann Clarke), £30 - 761 (Reg Short), 435 - (Ian Davy)**



### Big Thin Red Line

#### **VE Day presentation book**

Now that the Museum has closed for 2020, the Big Thin Red Line VE Day photo book can continue to be viewed at The HUB.



### Where can I get my Poppies this year

This year it has not been possible to sell poppies door-to-door however poppies are available at Townland Stores. Special hand knitted poppies (made by Claire Wells) are also available from The HUB.

## Advertising in the Parish Newsletter

If you would like to advertise your business or rental property in future editions of the Newsletter please go to [www.woodchurchhub.uk/the-hub/newsletters/parish-newsletter-advertising/](http://www.woodchurchhub.uk/the-hub/newsletters/parish-newsletter-advertising/) or contact [enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk) for more information.

Advertising starts for as little as £10 per month (£6 per month for short term property rentals)



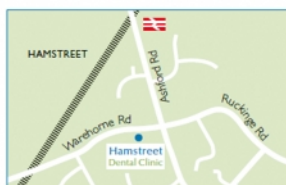
### Surgery Opening Hours

Monday 8.30am to 5.00pm Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm  
Tuesday 9.00am to 6.00pm Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm  
Wednesday 9.00am to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday closed

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## November Update:

Firstly, we would like to announce that Woodchurch Gardening Society has been incorporated into Woodchurch in Bloom. Due to all the restrictions this year, sadly it has meant that Woodchurch Gardening Society (WGS) is no longer able to stand alone as a group. The WGS claims to be the oldest society in the village, founded in 1887. It originated as the Woodchurch Amateurs and the Cottage Gardening Society which existed under the patronage of the Schreiber family, owners of the estate that covered much of the village. As a result of the above, Woodchurch in Bloom are delighted to incorporate WGS into our group and warmly welcome all new members!

## HOPE - our permanent village pebble butterfly

Latest update - we are now excited to confirm that the frame for HOPE is being built during early November. All the pebbles will then be fixed in place, ready for everyone to enjoy seeing our beautiful village butterfly by the entrance to the Memorial Hall, hopefully by December. Watch this space.....!



## Woodchurch Winter Wonderland Walk

We are delighted to let you know of a winter initiative we are organising that we hope will help to spread some 'Woodchurch in Bloom' cheer across what we know will be a few tricky winter months. By the end of November, we will have a map trail ready that will highlight a walk/drive route around the village and taking in all our Village planters & planted areas. We are currently increasing the number of planters around the village and delighted that over 30 villagers have now volunteered to 'adopt' a planter to make them as colourful and creative through the winter months.



We will share the trail map as soon as it is ready online and via other communication channels as well as hopefully in the December newsletter too. In the meantime, keep a look out for new planters appearing and also for replanting of all planters taking place!

## Proposed development by Gladman on land off Front Road

**We would instead urge village residents to complete the feedback form below as this will better help the Parish Council to understand the wider views from within the village. This will also enable them to respond quickly and appropriately once any planning applications have been submitted.**

**When completed, please fold and seal and return to Woodchurch HUB by November 16th**

**When completing your feedback you may want to consider the following:**

\* The proposed development would only partially be on land that has been identified for village development. A much greater proportion of the proposed development area would be on land currently designated as agricultural.

\* The village school currently takes the majority of its students from outside of the village but they are still low on pupil numbers. They have confirmed that they do require more children to enrol at the school in the future.

\* The additional housing will result in an increase in the number of cars driving through the village. Road access to/from the proposed development could be an issue with the increased number of cars, though the safety of any access would have had to be approved by Kent Highways during the consideration of any initial planning application.

\* Any development within the village could benefit existing shops, pubs and other local businesses.

\* The Surgery has recently been extended to include two additional consulting rooms to expand their capacity. This is in preparation for potentially supporting future additional patients from Chilmington Green.

\* The building work would result in significant construction traffic passing through the village until the development has been completed. This could result in disruption in an already busy part of the village.

\* Southern Water have confirmed that they would be responsible for ensuring that there was sufficient capacity to deal with any additional ground and waste water resulting from this, or any future, development.

\* Most developers are likely to want to build as many luxury 5-6 bedroom houses as they can. The village residents need to let any potential future developer know the types of housing that the village feels it needs.

\* Such a large number of houses could result in the village beginning to feel more "urbanised".

We require you to enter your name and Postcode. This is simply to minimise the submission of multiple feedback forms by individuals. All personally identifiable information will be removed before the data is used.

Your name: \* Your Postcode: \*

Please select only one option below.

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	No Preference	Need more Information	Somewhat Object	Strongly Object
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reason for selecting this option:

If a development were to proceed on this site, what is the maximum number of houses that should be permitted (10-50)

Please tick all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Association (shared ownership) housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Low level flats or apartments
<input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy housing (1 bedroom)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small family housing (up to 2-3 bedrooms)
<input type="checkbox"/> Larger family housing (4 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/> Luxury 5-6 bedroom housing

## Woodchurch Museum



After a shortened season Woodchurch Village Life Museum is now closed until next April. The Museum would like to give a big thank you to everyone in the village for their support since they were able to re-open at the end of July. This has resulted in the museum having their highest August and September visitor numbers ever. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked hard - in the garden, on general maintenance and cleaning, in preparing new exhibits and being available at the weekends and other pre-arranged times as 'meeters and greeters.' In 2021 the Museum will be celebrating their 20 years of opening and they look forward to seeing you again when they open next Easter.

### Woodchurch Food Bank

The Woodchurch Food Bank is available at the Church for all who need it - especially during the November lockdown. Also all donations of non-perishable foods are very welcome. For more information please contact Ann Tiplady on 07754 949111

The second year in the running and the Woodchurch 10 & 5 mile race was a great success particularly with so few available events for race hungry runners to seek out. We had 127 ten mile finishers and 137 in the five mile. A total of 264 runners spread across the waves set off by Nice Work, our race event organisers, saw an increase of 85 runners over last year's event. A great success with Woodchurch Wine bottle prizes yet to be announced by Nice Work as well as the total sum raised for our local Primary School. But we're anticipating a sum in the region of £500.

Thank you everyone for tolerating the inconvenience of the road closure that morning and thank you to Bob who lent us his field for car parking. Much looking forward to an even greater success next year with full race village experience if we're lucky enough to have the pandemic behind us. Ben Hebblethwaite on behalf of Godsmark Architecture Ltd

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### 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](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk). The full Community Calendar can be found at [www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar/](http://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

### The Woodchurch 10 & 5 mile race

