



WOODCHURCH PARISH NEWS

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March 2021

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

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 (every other Thursday)

Other Events:

Sun 7th 9:30am - 10:30am **Morning Worship** - (via Zoom)

Mon 8th **Woodchurch Primary School Fully Open**

Sun 14th 9:30am - 10:30am **Morning Worship** - (via Zoom)

Sat 20th **Woodchurch in Bloom** - Seed and plant Drop and Swap outside the Church side gate

Sun 21st **UK National Census Day**
9:30am - 10:30am **Morning Worship** - (via Zoom)

Thu 25th 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Woodchurch Parish Council meeting** (via Zoom)

Have you had your Covid vaccination at a government vaccination Centre?

The HUB has received several queries from residents who have received their vaccinations though one of the Government vaccination centres as to whether they should inform Woodchurch Surgery. There is no need to do this if you are in Cohort 5 though the surgery would appreciate an email to let them know if you are in Cohort 6. ACCG.woodchurchsurgery@nhs.net

The HUB will remain open "virtually" during March.

If you are in need of support during the lockdown, or need access to facilities offered by The HUB (e.g. printing, photocopying or laminating) then please phone 01233 861381 or email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

census 2021

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

The next census takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021.

Every household should complete the census on Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after. The census should take about 10 minutes for the household questions and 10 minutes per person. Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare. The census can be completed online at:

census.gov.uk/

To complete the census online you will need an access code which you should receive by post. If you need to request a new access code you can do this online at:

census.gov.uk/en/request/access-code/enter-address/

If you would prefer not to complete your census online you can request a paper copy at:

census.gov.uk/en/request/paper-questionnaire/enter-address/

For help with completing your census, the nearest support centre to Woodchurch is:

**St Mildred's Church, Church Road, Tenterden,
TN30 6AT - telephone 01233 626185**

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE



It's been an extremely busy month for the Parish Council with a lot of things to share with you

Accessibility within the village

The Parish Council has previously had some issues raised with public footpaths and pavements being blocked and not passable. We made some requests of residents to ensure that hedges were kept trimmed back to ensure the public can pass and we would like to thank all those involved for an overwhelmingly positive response to these requests- thank you for the work which has gone into ensuring that these issues have been resolved.

Woodchurch Village Growth

With members of the public in attendance, the PC discussed this month two new potential housing development schemes proposed for the village. The first at Stonebridge, within the southern field adjacent to the Appledore Road, where 33 dwellings are suggested and the second in the field at the end of Kirkwood Avenue, for 7 bungalows. These are significant developments for the village and your opinion is very important. To this end a short consultation survey will soon be distributed and made available via the Hub.

Please be aware, that we feel there are likely to be other planning applications discussed as developers continue to look for new plots of land to build on, so we are very keen to hear from as many Parishioners as possible with regards to what you want from any new developments and what your concerns are. The more we can understand what the village feels is needed and what is not welcome, the better equipped we are as a council to represent your views and ensure your voices are heard when developments are proposed. Please complete this survey even if you feel the current proposals are not going to have an impact on you.

The 2021 Census

This is being held on 21st March, and the Parish Councillors are happy to help anyone in the village who may need support completing it for any reason. Please get in touch and we will do what we can to ensure that everyone can complete it.

Looking after our village

The Parish Council are aware of some problems with littering on the green and particularly around the Pavilion. Please be assured that we are working on addressing this issue. We wish to thank the two fast food outlets who visit the Green car park weekly for their enthusiastic cooperation with this- they will be ensuring the bins are being used for any takeaway rubbish and will be clearly reminding customers not to leave any litter following their visits.

bins provided and also to ensure that all COVID safety measures are followed:

- You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a support bubble with (if you are legally permitted to form one).
- You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason.
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Finally, we discussed at the last council meeting that the current restrictions is taking its toll on everyone within the community. The NHS has launched further resources for anyone who may need more support with their mental health.

More tips on how look after your mental health, can be found at www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/ This includes a quiz which will personalise tips on coping with stress, sleeping better and boosting your mood.

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

Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ

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Tel: 01233 733848
Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com



All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

Hopefully, the winter is behind us now, and Spring brings light, new growth, and hope for the year ahead. The vaccination programme is going well, and I expect we are all starting to make plans as restrictions start to be lifted.

We are now in the season of Lent, which is a time of preparation for Easter. It lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays), and starts on Ash Wednesday, which was on 17th February this year. The 40 days are based on the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry.

Traditionally Christians use this time of preparation as a time when they can become closer to God, and they do this in a number of ways. This is a time of self-examination. We reflect about the things that get in the way of our relationship with God, and try to work out how we can make more time, perhaps with a new routine of reading something from the Bible or a daily reflection, and/or by making extra time for prayer. This is a time to repent - a time for saying sorry. A time for asking forgiveness from God, and also from those we may have hurt. A time for thinking how we might change our ways to be able to live out the life Jesus wants us to live. It is also a time to think about our charitable giving. Can we afford to give more? Do we have time to actively help those in need? Is there an act of kindness we could do every day - even something small like telephoning someone who might be alone.

Christians often also use this time to practice self-denial. People sometimes ask "What are you giving up for Lent?" I think this year, we have already given up so much. Perhaps this is a year to focus on the other aspects of Lent.

In the middle of Lent we have Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day, celebrated this year on 14th March. In days gone by when workers had little time off, this was a day or half-day set aside to visit your "Mother church" where you grew up. This was a day when domestic servants - mainly daughters - could visit their mother and family. A day to give thanks for our Mothers, including those who are no longer with us. We are hoping to re-open our church for Sunday services from Mother's day; it will be lovely if you can join us for our service at 11am.

Blessings and Prayers

Reverend Sue Rose
01233 820266 - revsuerose@outlook.com
The Rectory, Bull Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3HA

Important information regarding the future of Woodchurch Windmill

As Ashford Borough Council (ABC) are now able to resume several projects that were put on hold due to the Covid pandemic, we were finally able to meet with them (virtually) regarding the future of Woodchurch Windmill. As ABC are the owners of our Mill, following the recent damage that it sustained, they obtained an estimate for its repair just before the start of the pandemic that was in the region of £200,000.



Each year ABC review all of their assets and decide which they are going to keep, which they should review and which they should dispose of. This year our mill has been placed in the "under-review" category. Our meeting with them was very positive and they stressed that no decision had yet been taken regarding the Mill's future. As part of the review ABC are obtaining alternative estimates for the repairs and they have requested that we consult with Woodchurch residents regarding their views about the Mill's future. We have been asked to provide this feedback to them by the end of March.

Should ABC decide that they can no longer justify retaining ownership of the Mill there could be several options they could consider, including passing over full responsibility for the village to maintain, or even to sell it privately.

It is therefore important that we, as a village, can convey to ABC why the Mill is so important to the Woodchurch community, and why they should continue to own and maintain it into the future. Please help us by sharing your thoughts regarding the importance of the Mill to us as a community. You can do this in writing and posting at The HUB, by emailing enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or online through the "Contact Us" page of the HUB Web site.



Museum 150+ February Lottery Draw

Support your local museum- you could win a £50/£30/£20 prize every month. An annual ticket costs £12 in September. Now selling for £7 for 7 months. For more information please contact Joyce Nash via The HUB - enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or 01233 861381

1st prize	£50	Sarah Dowling	309
2nd prize	£30	Joan Whetton	209
3rd prize	£20	Susie Gottelier	77

Group Fitness with Jo Furneaux

BootCamp on Woodchurch Village Green which will start back on Saturday 3rd April, 9-10am. Social distancing will be in place, zero contact and no sharing of equipment.

Indoor fitness classes; BodyFlex, BodyTone and BodyBlast will return from w/c 17th May at Woodchurch & Warehorne venues (TBC). Full timetable & Covid compliance information will be released nearer the time.

For details on any classes or to book a free taster for BootCamp call Jo on: 07961 978068 or email: jo@jofurneauxfitness.co.uk

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Weald U3a (covering Tenterden and surrounding villages) offers leisure activities and learning opportunities whilst meeting up with like-minded people enjoying themselves in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

There has never been a better time to belong to a great social club in the Woodchurch area.

Weald u3a is reducing it's annual membership from April 2021 to just £5.

With the hope that we will be able to meet up face to face in the coming months, all our interest groups are eager to get back to socialising together. Throughout the present restrictions some groups have been continued meeting virtually through Zoom (including Wine Appreciation, History Group and Spanish). We have also enjoyed our monthly meetings with guest speakers on Zoom and also included another guest speaker talk midway through the month.

Our speaker at the **Weald u3a** Zoom monthly meeting at 3pm on **Friday 9th April 2021** is Chris O'Donoghue (a former Rye Potter) who was awarded three medals for his gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show. He now designs and builds gardens across the south-east as well as writing crime novels, set in the 1950s.

So, if you are semi or fully retired and you would like to meet new people and enjoy a shared interest, please give our chairman Colin Barnes a call on 07456 076946 for more information or look us up on www.u3asites.org.uk/weald

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School life has certainly been very different over the past year. The school community has had to navigate new protocols, changes in school and the uncertainty of when normal life will resume. We started the academic year hopeful that we would be starting fresh, albeit in our class bubbles and extra handwashing and social distancing from each other - always a sad thing for children to do! We did our best to make it feel Christmassy for the children, with virtual visits from the elf, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner with Christmas crackers. 2021 then had a disappointing start, whereby we could only open for the key worker children-which was another sad blow to our spirits. During all this time of adversity, our children and staff have been fantastic! Although we aren't altogether, the children have been having Google Meets with their class, virtual online events like Mental Health Awareness week, Screen Free Day and celebration of Book Week. The children also took part in conducting Random Acts of Kindness. A thoughtful village initiative from Woodchurch In Bloom.

The home learning the children have produced has made their teachers immensely proud. The resilience from our school community has been astounding, we are very thankful to our families for the collective effort from their homes. It has not been an easy time.

We have now been given the amazing news that we will be fully opening on the 8th March. We are so looking forward to seeing the children, and sure the children are looking forward to seeing their friends, and most probably would like to have their teaching done by their actual teachers now!

With the exciting prospect of having everyone in school again, the classrooms are being spruced up and we have a playground tidy party arranged for Saturday 6th March 10am - 3pm, please join us if you can.

Now that we have a promising road map towards normality, we can hopefully start to plan some exciting events for the children and the community. Please follow us on our Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates (@WoodchurchCEP). If you would like to contact us, you can email us at office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk or call 01233 860232.

Mrs J Dawes - Acting Head of School

THE BIG THIN Red line



"It is forty shillings on the drum"

We are glad that we are now getting people coming forward to join the group, we have developed our welcome packs and each member receives a coin this shows that they are a valued member and that you have a share of the group's growth. The British two-shilling coin, also known as the florin, was issued from 1849 until 1967. It was worth one tenth of a pound, or twenty-four old pence. It should not be confused with the medieval gold florin, which was nominally worth six shillings. The coin holds symbolic meaning and was chosen as it was in circulation during Queen Elizabeth the II reign. The coin also will play its part in the group and if you wish to know more step up to the drum take the shilling and join our group.

We are delighted and thank the parish council for support for the Picnic on the Green in June.

Final note did anyone see a unicorn, amazing work done by Woodchurch in Bloom. We are happy to support great ventures and we look forward to working alongside other groups in the near future. Please don't hesitate if you wish to join in and get involved either actively or just as a member to support our events. You can find us on Facebook or contact me personally on patrick7171@hotmail.co.uk or **07584 075008**.



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Woodchurch Surgery Update

I've woken up buzzing this morning and can't sleep after all the excitement yesterday despite the minor celebration that last night was Friday night. I've been asking the team this week for any snippets to tell the wider community and after picking up 50 vaccines from Charing on Friday was feeling positive but wary that slow steady progress is being made. Nurse Sarah Trigg had organised a motivational sunflower growing competition to keep the team going. Mine is now planted and Libby has called it "Terry".

I got back to an amazing sight in the car park where there was a sign pinned to the fence from Woodchurch Primary School - "Thank you from Woodchurch Village". The detail is brilliant and the colours are so bright and vibrant. The individual letters are wrapped in vinyl so should be weather proof and will stay in place for a long time to come so please come and see it (I might apply for a protection order from the council!).

Philippa from the PPG (Patient Participation Group) had asked if she could have a chat for 5 minutes at lunchtime, so I boiled the kettle and went outside not knowing what to expect.

After a photo shoot by our new sign made by the School, Philippa gave a lovely speech and presented a large poster made up by Claire Town with lovely, supportive, motivational comments from the community. We had just been discussing how to brighten up our very clinical interior and this piece is just perfect and will be a permanent boost to the team. We already have some lovely art work donated and will continue to add to it.

Philippa presented an enormous car boot full of donations from the village and even a collection for the end of lockdown celebrations. So generous and so very appreciated - as said yesterday we have all chosen to do our jobs but to work for and with a community that gives so much makes it so worthwhile. Thank you to everyone.

After the climax of the event we had a debrief in the surgery and everyone was so proud and were sharing the event with other members of the team that weren't there. Poignantly Keely Harris (our Social Prescribing lead) was present in the background. She is slowing returning back to work having lost her husband, John, to Covid in January. I think seeing what the wider surgery team means to the community was a great inspiration to her coming back.

A regular Friday afternoon put the day's events to the

back of my mind and when I got home I proudly showed my wife, Lisa, a video that someone had taken of the day's events. It was amazing to see it back and be able to share a really special moment which helped it all sink in a bit more. We will be able to show all the team that weren't there too so thank you to the secret camera person (Lesley Bird).

It was also a nice welcome for our new GP Trainee, Dr Seema Chakravati, who drives from Canary Wharf every day to our little oasis. She has taken over from Dr Lutuf Mian who passed his exams and is starting work at Ivy Court Surgery on Monday. It is great news that we have some local retention of our trainee doctors as we invest a lot of time and (public) money in training them and then often they go elsewhere. Three of our recent trainees have stayed on locally and after yesterday Seema is pretty keen to stay too. For the trainees to work in an area like this provides a real contrast from towns and hospitals and is certainly different to where I trained in Birkenhead 15 years ago. We are also hosting Medical Students from the University of Kent which has opened this year for the first time and some of you may have met Declan and Lily who are enjoying their first year.

As dawn breaks today it looks like another beautiful day and this change in weather, "the vaccine" and the buoyancy of yesterday makes it feel to me as if we are a lot closer to getting back to normal and enjoying life safely and freely.

Proudly, on behalf of a fully motivated team at Woodchurch Surgery - a big Thank You!

Jack Hickey - GP

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Woodchurch 5 & 10 K Run 2021

'Our Woodchurch 5 & 10 Mile running event has been scheduled by our race organisers, Nice Work, for **Sunday 24th October 2021**. If all



Covid restrictions are lifted at that time, we're hoping this year will see the event with all the high hopes we took from the great success of the first two years: from a timed children's 1 mile race on the Green to a full race village hub with food, refreshments, post race massage tent, fitness stall, and whatever else from any organisations/businesses that would like to be involved.

The event has raised essential funds for our Primary School and we hope this year will see fantastic support again from our community for the benefit of the school; making it a happy and buzzy memory for us all. Any ideas, thoughts and considerations, please do email Ben Hebblethwaite bjehebblethwaite@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday Wood Fired Pizza

Frankie has let us know that the pizza van will only be visiting Woodchurch every second week until further notice. Their next visit to the village will be on the 4th of March.

The Great Woodchurch Spring Village Garage Sale

A repeat of last years successful village up-cycling, for sale and "give-aways" will be held on **Saturday 17th April** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is no charge if you wish to be included on the map. Please let us know at The HUB or by email to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk with your name and address by Sunday 11th April.



Woodchurch Community Calendar

As we move into a brighter new year, we are anticipating that village events will begin to return to a normality. As restrictions ease and your club/society becomes more active, please let us know so that you can be included in the Community Calendar.

The Community Calendar directly feeds into the Newsletter calendar and so it is important that you help us to keep it up to date. Please send event details, and updates, to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

The full Community Calendar can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar - where you can also add your own event suggestions.

Bin collection days for Woodchurch have recently been added to the community calendar.

WOODCHURCH ART SOCIETY

Although, like most leisure groups we are unable to meet at the moment, we are still going strong! keeping in touch with each other by all the means at our disposal.

However, it looks like Boris might let us meet up again soon!! We are hoping to be able to arrange some coffee mornings on the Green so we can catch up with everyone, and possibly, do some painting! Not obligatory!! Socialising is probably more important at the moment.

So, WAS Members (and any potential Members) watch this space! Your committee will be in touch with you shortly.

2021 Spring Village Clean Up

To help our industrious village litter pickers and the growing number of individuals who regularly clear the ditches and hedgerows in and around the Woodchurch, please come and join us on Saturday 10th April to join in with our Spring Village Clean Up.



Bags, high viz jackets and litter pickers will be available - but if you have your own then please bring them along. See you outside The HUB from 8am.



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What is happening in March and April

Drop and Swap - Saturday March 20

Our first event will be "self-service" outside the side gates of the church. Villagers are invited to drop off (in boxes provided) any spare plants, maybe after splitting perennials or spare seedlings. These can be for swapping or donating to Woodchurch in Bloom for village planting. There will also be a box for "seed swapping" and another inviting villagers to "grow and nurture" some specific seeds for planting round the village for the summer.

This will be repeated on Saturday 10th April to coincide with the Saturday Spring Safari. We also encourage houses involved in the Spring Safari to put swaps outside their houses.

HOPE - building our permanent pebble butterfly at the Memorial Hall is now planned early in April subject to restrictions, availability and weather.

Spring Safari - over the weekend of 10th/11th April.

There will be a trail around village planters and other village areas showing off the best Spring has to offer. We would also like to include front gardens on the trail map so if you'd like yours to be on the map, please let us know by 1st April.

Woodchurch Front Garden Competition 2021

Woodchurch in Bloom will be running the 2021 Front Garden Competition with wildlife in mind. Extra points will be awarded for making your front garden more wildlife friendly. So, make your garden more welcoming to the amazing wildlife we have and not just somewhere to park the car or a place for the rubbish bins. It doesn't need to cost a lot, nor take much more effort but it will mean so much for our wildlife and environment. [Entry forms will be available in the next newsletter.](#)

Getting in Touch:

Linda Baker - THRIVE lead: 07795 383945

Philippa Jones - Chair: 07774 608281

WoodchurchinBloom@hotmail.com

As we stay safe in lockdown for the next few weeks, it provides us with plenty of time to reflect. CARM's art project - Creative Reflections: Remembering Lockdown is the perfect way to capture those reflections and this moment in time. Perhaps you have taken a photo of the beautiful frost whilst on a daily walk or you have been writing limericks to amuse your friends and family on a zoom call. Have you spent time doodling to calm your mind or perhaps you knit to keep your hands busy. Whatever your creative passion, however you choose to unwind, capture this moment in time and share it with others. You never know you might just inspire someone else to pick up a paint brush, try a new craft or simply take more photos.

We welcome entries from anyone across the community. You can share your art work with us by using our app - visit <https://carm.imobile.one> or by emailing rem@carmromneymarsh.org.uk. Alternatively, you can send them to CARM (see address below) telephone 01233 758122 for any enquiries, Don't forget to include your name and contact details. We look forward to seeing your lockdown creations.

Woodchurch Football Club

We are unlikely to be playing any games in March, but we are being lined up for a return to matches from 3rd April.

Photocopying and Laminating at The HUB

**We can now scan, print, copy and laminate
A3 pages and can print booklets.**

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	A3 b/w - 15p, A4 colour - 20p
Laminating (per sheet)	A4 - 15p, A3 - 25p

ARE YOUR EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR?

Have you put your event dates in the Community Calendar? Although we are still early in the year we are already seeing clubs and society event clashes. Email your event dates to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk to make sure they are included in the calendar.

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/ or contact enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk for more information.

The seemingly never ending January was followed by a neat, concise February of 28 days and suddenly it's March, with lots of harbingers of spring; lighter mornings and evenings (5 o'clock in the evening as I write and still a remnant of blue sky and a watery sun shining), and lots of hardy, hopeful pure white snowdrops, with primulas and daffodils just starting to show in the hedgerows and gardens. Everything appears to be moving in the right direction as the first 4 groups of the vaccination programme have now been completed (over 15 million jabs), and yet we still cannot predict with any degree of certainty when we, as a WI, will be able to resume our monthly meetings at 7.15 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall. This month the programme indicates that Janie Ramsay was to have been our Speaker for the evening with a talk entitled "The Auction of the Duchess of Windsor's Jewellery & Clothing", which would have no doubt been extremely interesting, especially as Wallis Simpson and the Duke of Windsor, the former King Edward VIII, whose abdication led to the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, were recently featured in Season 3 of "The Crown" with Derek Jacobi as the Duke of Windsor and Geraldine Chaplin as the Duchess. However, fear not, for Sandra, our Programme Secretary will be doing her utmost to re-schedule to a more convenient time to ensure that we need not miss out on this exciting topic!



February proved a popular month for birthdays amongst our members, but Margaret Oliver celebrated a "Special" one and the colourful picture below shows her receiving her birthday bouquet from the WI. The monthly raffle

was won by Chris Allan (picture right) and Brenda Painter, and the monthly Zoom Quiz was won by Lynn - congratulations to all these three ladies!



Rental Properties In Woodchurch

If you have a property/room to rent in or around the village, why not advertise it in our "Where to stay in Woodchurch" section. The price per advert is £4 per month (£44 per year). For more information contact The HUB

Items For Future Newsletters

The purpose of the Woodchurch Parish Newsletter is to inform the residents of Woodchurch what is going on in our village and we are keen to share as much of what is happening as we can.

If there is something that you would like to have included in future editions then please send them to:

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

- * forthcoming events
- * club/society reports
- * announcements
- * interesting facts
- * memorials
- * photos
- * adverts
- * etc. etc. etc.

Easter Egg Hunt at All Saints Church

There will be an Easter chick hunt in the church yard on **Saturday 3rd April**. We will hide wooden chicks around the churchyard and when the children find them they will come to the church porch and collect a chocolate egg. This is for the children who would normally attend the Mix craft morning and they will have priority, however others will be welcome. Please can parents let Ann Tiplady know if their children will be taking part so that we have enough eggs.

anntiplady@btinternet.com

Inspired by Woodchurch

The museum curators are currently creating a new temporary exhibition called "Inspired by Woodchurch" and are looking for items (objects, photos, paintings, memories etc) to be used in the new display. These do not have to be old but they should be things about Woodchurch that have been inspirational to you, or other residents of the village. If you have something that you think could be included, please contact Charles Boxer at charles.boxer@btinternet.com. All loaned items will be returned when the temporary exhibition ends.



How to contact your Parish Council

In person: By talking to one of your councillors - details on the Parish Council Web site

By email: clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk

By phone: 01233 733994

Through The HUB: Place your correspondence in a sealed envelope marked "Parish Council" and deliver to The HUB

By post to: Woodchurch Parish Clerk

Keg Barn, Hornash Lane, Shadoxhurst, Kent, TN26 1HX

Through the contact form on the Parish Council Web site:
www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/

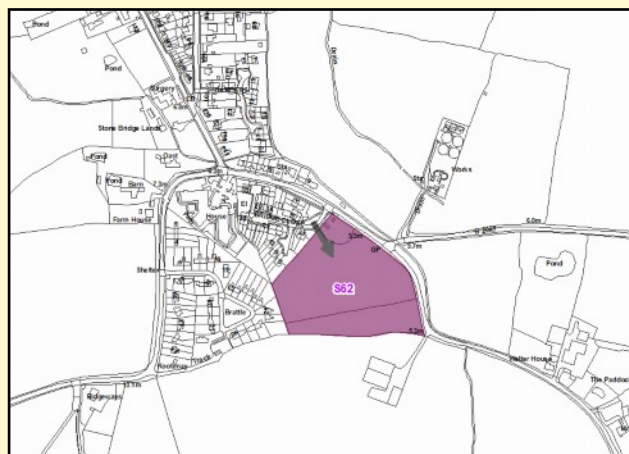
Pre-Planning information received by the Parish Council

The Parish Council and some local residents have recently been made aware of the following development proposals that may soon be submitted for formal planning application.

Land to the West of Bridge Close Area S62

Ashford Borough Council has recently been consulted by Millwood Designer Homes regarding pre-application planning advice for development on land to the West of Bridge Close. This area of Woodchurch has previously been designated for development under the Local Plan as Area S62. Although there have not yet been any formal planning applications submitted, the developers have provided a draft proposal for the village to consider and comment which includes the following elements:

- **33 dwellings in total**
- **13 affordable dwellings incorporated in the scheme will be a mixture of shared ownership and affordable rent properties**
- **A mixture of terraced, semi-detached and detached dwellings**
- **A small number of apartments in a single block**
- **All houses to be 2 storeys in height with a small apartment block 2.5 storeys in height**
- **A potential play trail in the wooded copse area close to Bridge Close**
- **A single vehicular access from Bridge Close**
- **Parking provision on the site will exceed the required standards**



As part of the planning application process, Millwood Designer Homes will soon begin their consultation with the village (through their agents DHA Planning) and they have requested the Parish Council to assist them with this consultation.

Land to the North of 14 and 15 Kirkwood Avenue

Ashford Borough Council has recently been consulted by C.S. Developments Ltd regarding pre-application planning advice for development on land to the North of 14 and 15 Kirkwood Avenue. This area is not included in the Local Plan but would fall under Windfall Development within the village. This developer is currently in the process of building the three detached properties on Lower Road.

Although there have not yet been any formal planning applications submitted, the developers have provided a draft proposal for the village to consider and comment.

- **7 detached bungalows, comprising of 3 x 3-bedroomed and 4 x 2-bedroomed**
- **The use natural slate on the roofs and handcrafted clay tiles on vertical elevations, with handcrafted face bricks, similar to the materials currently being using on the 3 dwellings on Lower Road**
- **A 10 meter strip of land to be retained at the rear of Plots 1, 2 and 3, which will be divided between the 3 plots, as an extension of amenity area for allotments.**
- **The opportunity for the Parish Council to have ownership of areas of land for Ecological Enhancement**
- **There would be no more future development on this land.**



It is expected that the consultation process will begin during March and it will be coordinated through The HUB. It will be as inclusive as possible for all residents (online, Social Media, email, printed paper etc.) and you will be able to contact The HUB if you need help in responding. In order to ensure that your opinions are included, please do not provide us with your feedback until the consultation process has begun.