



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

Boot Camp 9:00am-10:00am on the Village Green

Mondays:

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the Pop In Lodge, Lower Road

Beavers 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Community Centre, Lower Road

Scouts 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the Community Centre, Lower Road

Tuesdays:

Community Warden 1:00pm - 3:00pm at The HUB

Puzzle Club 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Pop In Lodge, Lower Road

Cubs 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Community Centre, Lower Road

Wednesdays:

Pop-In 2:15pm - 4:30pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre

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

Thursdays:

Explorers 7:30pm - 9:30pm in the Community Centre, Lower Road

Pizza Van 4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park (every other Thursday)

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Other Events:

Fri 2nd **Woodchurch Morrismen** 7:30pm at The 6 Bells

Sun 4th **Boldshaves garden open** - all proceeds to National Garden Scheme.

Morning Worship 11am at All Saints Church

Fri 9th **Scrabble Club** 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Pop-In Lodge, Lower Road

Woodchurch Morrismen 7:30pm at The Bell, Ivychurch

Sun 11th **Holy Communion** 11am at All Saints Church Reverend Mike

Fri 16th **Woodchurch Morrismen** 7:30pm at The Bonny Cravat

Sun 18th **Morning Worship** 11am at All Saints Church

Thu 22nd **Woodchurch Parish Council Meeting** 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Memorial Hall Annexe - Public participation via Zoom

Sun 25th **Holy Communion** 11am at All Saints Church Reverend Canon Sheila McLachlan

Sat 31st **Woodchurch Reserves v Ticehurst** 2:00pm on the Village Green

Woodchurch Community Calendar

We need your help to keep Community Calendar up to date. Please send your event details, and any updates or corrections, to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council currently have two vacancies. If you are dynamic, have a passion about the village and would like to help shape the future of the Woodchurch community. You must be over 18 years of age, an elector and live in the parish of Woodchurch or within 3 miles from it. Please leave your application in a sealed envelope at The HUB or apply online here

www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/parish-council-vacancy/. **You CAN make a difference.**

The Old Post Office Coffee Shop

Exciting news!

We will be opening our doors to you in August, in the meantime do check out our Facebook and Instagram pages that we will be launching on the 1st of July. Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to welcoming you very soon.



WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

It's a Land of Confusion...

I started the week wearing a jumper on the summer solstice trying to convince Lisa that a holiday in Margate would be fun. By the end of the week our holiday that was booked nearly 3 years ago is now in a "green country" and the weekend of promised rain has resulted in the most glorious sunrise.

"Why aren't you open yet?" is still asked by patients when we consult with them in the surgery and "When will you get back to normal?". The answer is that I just don't know but we are "open". On the one hand we have a population that has engaged really well with the vaccination program and seems to be very aware of the risk of Covid. On the other hand there is Covid that has no knowledge of Woodchurch or our wonderful population.

Cases are marginally on the rise locally and the "delta" or "Indian" variant is the prevalent one in the UK and may be more wise to the vaccination. People that have been "2-jabbed" are getting the disease and even those most familiar with social distancing occasionally/unintentionally breach the code increasing our risk (perhaps we will have a new Health Secretary by the time the newsletter is published...).

So how 45,000 people are going to watch football at Wembley and 140,000 are expected at Silverstone just baffles me. I'm nervous enough about the prospect of almost having to go on a holiday where the greatest risk will be sitting on an aircraft - the rest of it can be entirely risk managed. The amazing vaccination uptake has led to this new phase in everyone's response to the disease and I noted parallels when I watched Channel 4's "It's a Sin". The initial fear of an unknown illness, the brave reach-out from people to care for people that just needed care and then the risk assessment of individual situations evolved. It is just a shame that we don't have such effective treatment for Covid that we now have for HIV, although it was too long coming for so many people.

There has been a huge rise in the common "winter" infections in children recently which is a reminder of how few children we have seen in the last 18 months. As the children are a group that have not been vaccinated they are probably the most likely cohort of people to carry Covid and pass it on hence we really don't want the waiting areas to be full of

feverish, spluttering children. In view of this we will be asking these innocent children and their families to wait outside until being called in. We talked about this in our weekly clinical meeting and all of us as parents thought it was a much better idea anyway as our own children have all let us down in a waiting room before.

So, as a surgery that enjoys seeing our patients we remain in a state of limbo. Natural evolution is taking place and we are seeing more face-to-face appointments as time goes along and both we and the community are deciding which risks to take. We just can't afford to throw the doors open yet and have to take the positives from the telephone calls which can be more efficient for us all and are likely to be a consultation tool we adopt more than we did previously. Our work at the Surgery has changed so much in 18 months feeling like a different world with the same people in it and having to assess our actions differently each day - represented this week by woolly jumpers on the solstice and Mankinis at the weekend!

With that thought... Best wishes from us all at the Surgery,

Jack Hickey - GP

[Scrabble Club](#)

Scrabble will restart on Friday July 9th in the Pop In at 2pm, thereafter it will be held the first Friday of the month. Penny@flyskipper.com for more information.



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Woodchurch CE Primary School

We have arrived at Term 6, our final term of the academic year! Which, as always, is jam packed with lots of exciting things for us all and the school community, including making preparations for transitioning into the next school year.



Most recently, the children have taken part in a Health and Fitness week. To kick start the week, they took part in dance workshops. This saw the classes take a trip around the world learning different dance styles from varying Olympic countries, such as Greece, USA, Japan and Brazil. They then had a cricket skills day, run by High Halden cricket club, where they took part in fun cricket based games and hopefully fell in love with a new sport. Not stopping there, we also held a school wide Race for Life. The children (and staff) ran a massive 50km between them, all in the effort to raise money for Cancer Research. We are still totting up the totals, but it looks like we are set to exceed £1000 raised for this charity. If you would like to support the children and donate, you can do so by visiting our dedicated Just Giving page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/woodchurch-cep-school>.

To finish the week, we had school Sports Day. The children took part in a number of sporting challenges in an attempt to rack up points for their House Teams. It was unfortunate that we couldn't have families spectate as usual, but the children did a great job in cheering each other on in their socially distanced class bubbles.

We are really pleased to say that worship in church has been able to resume. Each class has taken it in turn to visit All Saints church for a worship service led by Reverend Sue, and for our Hedgehog (Reception) class, this was a special milestone for them. We are also relieved to be able to have Year 6 Leavers' service in church, as is tradition.

With school life being so different for the children over the past academic year, it brings such pleasure to be able to offer normal activities again. This includes each class having a school trip. The children will be visiting a variety of places, including Port Lympne, Hersmonceaux and Bedgebury. It's always a day that creates wonderful memories and brings joy to them.



Our children have been learning new extra curricular skills too. The school was filled with the wonderful smells of Asia, as they learnt how to prepare and cook a delicious teriyaki dish. Not only did this teach them about nutrition but also encouraged independence and confidence in their abilities ahead of health and fitness week.

Last month, a select few children from Year 5 and 6 were chosen to take part in an Ashford wide sports tournament, The Kent Challenger Games. This competition was based not only on ability, but also the capacity for the children to work together as a team. We are so proud to say that Last month, a select few children from Year 5 and 6 were chosen to take part in an Ashford wide sports tournament, The Kent Challenger Games. This competition was based not only on ability, but also the capacity for the children to work together as a team. We are so proud to say that Woodchurch School finished victorious as the overall winners. We may be small, but we are mighty!!

This month, we have the annual Book Fair coming to the school, where the children have the opportunity to browse and purchase some new books for home. We also have First Aid workshops planned, teaching all years basic First Aid, and how it is important to look after ourselves.

July also brings opportunities! We have our full, new Reception class joining us in September, and it has been lovely to invite them into school to meet their very first school teacher, and to familiarise themselves with school life. The rest of the school also have the chance to spend the day in their new classrooms, with their new teaching staff and hopefully calm any anxieties about moving up the school. Unfortunately, our beloved Year 6 class were supposed to visit their secondary schools this month, but the delay in lifting restrictions nationally meant this will not be happening quite yet. We do hope that they get the opportunity to dip their toes into secondary school life before they make the leap in September. In the meantime, we are providing as much support and information in school to help prepare them, by way of virtual talks, transition discussions and liaising with secondary schools to provide as much information as is necessary.

You can keep up to date with school life through our social media. If you would like to contact us, you can do so via email office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk or phone on 01233 860 232.

Mrs J Dawes
Acting Head of School

Gardener Required at the Rare Breeds Centre for the Discovery Garden

3 days a week from July - Oct 2021 - Self-Employed Basis

Must have gardening and plant knowledge

For more information please contact Davy on 07516 241775



✝ All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

As I am writing, we are experiencing some cool wet weather again, after finally enjoying some wonderful Summer weather last month. It has been fantastic to see all of the leaves on the trees



and the flowers and plants growing around us, after our alternate times of wet weather, and then sunshine. We are just back from a week away with our daughter and grandson, down in Romney Sands. We decided not to go far, as we are enjoying exploring Kent. It was so lovely to spend time together after so long apart - we enjoyed swimming most days (I didn't brave the sea, but Clare and Ilyass did), and we visited the Zoo at Port Lympne and Walmer Castle. I wonder if you are also feeling so appreciative of all the things we were missing during lockdown? It was good to visit Dungeness, and to see the steam railway going through our caravan site - we rode on it last year and had great fun travelling from Hythe to Dungeness and back. This time we managed to rescue someone who missed the train in Dungeness whilst getting lunch for his family - Mike managed to "overtake" the train and reunite them at Dymchurch - quite an adventure!

At this time there is still uncertainty about when the remaining restrictions will be lifted; Reverend Mike and I are working closely with all who are planning to be married in our churches this year, and also with our baptism families. We are blessed to have had such a successful vaccination programme, so I am hoping and praying that we really are nearing the end of restrictions. We are looking forward to some family weddings - and hoping and praying they are able to go ahead. Over the next couple of months we are off to Hull, Hexham and Boston (Lincolnshire not Massachusetts!), so lots of travelling ahead.

I do hope you are all able to enjoy a summer when you are able appreciate the things we have missed during this past year.

Every Blessing, Reverend Sue

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.

Surgery Opening Hours

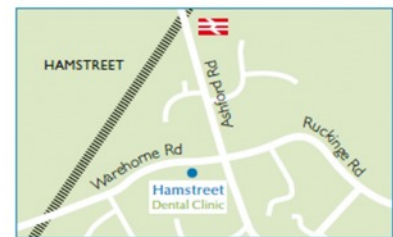
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WOODCHURCH PLAYERS

KENT DRAMA ASSOCIATION AWARDS CEREMONY -

Apologies - this event was held on Saturday 22nd May (not in the Memorial Hall as I reported last month) but in the Jean Mealham Centre on Lower Road. A huge thank-you (again) to Richard Carley for allowing the Players to record there when the Memorial Hall was 'out of bounds'. Thanks also to our technical team Tim, Eliot and Dominic for their hard work in designing, setting up and editing the Awards Presentation.



Woodchurch Players Committee continue with monthly meetings on 'Zoom'. Background planning is going ahead for our next pantomime 'The Adventures of Robin Hood'. We have a director, in place (Emma Priest), a Musical Director (Ross Stevens) and Stage Manager (Nicola Davy). Meetings are being scheduled so that all the background planning and script reading can go ahead. Unfortunately because of restrictions about numbers in the Memorial Hall, we have to await Government announcement on July 19th, until we are able to arrange auditions or rehearsal dates.

Val Smith

The month of June has flown by and we have now, sadly, passed the longest day. Consequently, those shorter autumnal and winter days are approaching inexorably and it's all the more reason to enjoy the balmy, summer days whilst we can! To this end, the Committee had a garden meeting, following the new Government directives issued on 21st June. We discussed, amongst other things, the re-instatement of our regular monthly meetings and planned to arrange as many Garden Parties as possible during the next month or two, so that we can, at least, meet socially, whilst still conforming to the existing Government Covid regulations. It is now obvious that we will not be able to meet on Tuesday, 13th July at 7,15 pm in the Memorial Hall when the Speaker for the evening would have been Peter Allen with his talk entitled "Mr. Garrick's Fireside; a History of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane" but, as in previous months, this will now be moved to a future, more convenient date. Hopefully, by the 19th July when the Government is due to re-consider the easing of restrictions, the Delta variant of the virus will be in abeyance and more people will have been vaccinated, thus affording everyone more freedom, and so our catered lunch on Tuesday, 10th August at the Pop Inn will go ahead. In the meantime, anyone interested in attending one of the proposed Garden Parties should please ring any member of the Committee to make the necessary arrangements.



On one of the more sunnier days in June, one Committee member had a very interesting excursion and managed to learn more about the WI as well. She and her husband happened to be passing through Balcombe, a small village in West Sussex situated within a mile or so of the busy A23 between Crawley and Brighton and on the main commuter line from Brighton to London's Victoria Station, when they spotted that lunches were being served at the Balcombe Club attached to the Victory Village Hall. Although not members of the Club, they were able to persuade the manager to serve them lunch (all home made - a delicious veggie lasagne for her and beef burger and chips for her hubby). After lunch they were able to admire the beautiful murals adorning all four walls of the adjoining village hall, built in 1923 as a memorial to all the Balcombe men who had fought and to those who had died in the 1914-1918 war. This building had been funded by public subscription and by the generosity of one Lady Gertrude Denman (1884-1954), who had lived at nearby Balcombe Place. It was she who commissioned Neville Lytton to paint all the frescoes above the Balcombe oak panelling around the hall. In fact, an auburn haired Lady Denman appears under a Sussex oak tree, discussing the plans for the Victory Hall on the North (Peace) Wall. There is also a self portrait of Neville Lytton playing a flute on the same wall. Members will be aware of Denman College (sold recently), which was used to inspire and educate ladies with numerous courses on a wide variety of subjects, but it might come as a surprise to learn that Lady Denman, the first elected Chairman of the National Women's Institutes, had never actually resided in the college building near Abingdon in Oxfordshire. Instead, Gertrude met and married in 1903 a Lord Thomas Denman and her father, Sir Weetman Pearson

gifted the Balcombe estate to his daughter on the occasion of the birth of her first child in 1905.

The house was to become the family home for the rest of



Getrude's life, although the family also spent some time in Australia, where Lord Denman was briefly appointed Governor-General.



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Plastic Recycling Guidelines in Kent

PLEDGE2RECYCLE PLASTICS - CUTTING THE CONFUSION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Why do I need to put the tops back on the bottles before recycling?**

The tops go with the bottles to the reprocessor where they are cut up into flakes and the bottle and tops (which are different plastics) are separated before they are turned into pellets. The pellets made from the bottle themselves are then sent to either make new bottles. The pellets made from the tops are sent to go into garden furniture or items for construction such as piping or traffic cones.

- **How clean does my recycling need to be?**

At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) all the mixed dry recycling is sorted by type (paper, cardboard, steel cans, aluminium cans, and plastics). This process involves a lot of complex machinery which gets covered in the residue and dirt that householders place in their recycling bins. This residue can cause machinery to breakdown. Many UK MRF's also have a section where material is hand sorted, so not a pleasant job if the material is covered in food remains. Remember also that the cleaner the recycling is the greater the quality and higher value the material will be to the recycler. It also keeps your bin clean if you empty, rinse and dry before recycling.

- **Can I recycle my bleach bottles?**

Yes, make sure they are empty and put the top back on.

- **What do I do with the film lid on food, fruit, and vegetable punnets?**

Remove the film lid and the absorbent layer and put these into general waste as these are not recyclable at the moment. Make sure the tray or punnet is empty, clean, and dry and recycle.

- **Where can I recycle my carrier bags, and bread bags?**

Many UK Supermarkets are now taking carrier bags and bread bags etc. in their front of store collections. Please look for the OPRL label on your soft plastics and wrappings and check out our links on www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent for further information.



- **Should I stop using plastic packaging?**

Plastic packaging provides many benefits to products and compared to alternative materials it uses less energy to produce, reduces transport costs and CO2 emissions because it is lightweight, and significantly reduces the amount of fresh food waste by protecting it in a hygienic environment and extending its shelf life.

Did you know?

- * Bananas in a flexible bag extend their shelf life by 3 days
- * Plastic bags reduce waste of potatoes by two thirds
- * Cucumbers extend their life when wrapped in film by 14 days
- * Advanced plastic packaging extends the life of steak up to 10 days

- **Why do some brands still use plastic for food products - surely, we can use other materials such as glass?**

Because it is lightweight, plastic packaging can save energy in the transport of packed goods. Less fuel is used, there are lower emissions and there are cost savings for distributors, retailers and consumers. For example, a yogurt pot made from glass weighs about 85 grams, while one made from plastic weighs 5.5 grams. In a lorry filled with a product packed in glass jars, 36% of the load would be accounted for the packaging. If packed in plastic pots, the packaging would amount to just 3%. To transport the same amount of yogurt, three trucks are needed for glass jars but only two for plastic pots.

- **What can plastic packaging be recycled into?**

Plastic packaging can be recycled into a wide variety of products including clothing, t-shirts; toys, chairs and tables; headphones; kitchen utensils; paint pots; car parts; cuddly toys; filling for duvets and sleeping bags; pens and pencils; building materials such as fencing, flooring, piping, etc; garden furniture; buckets and - of course - more plastic packaging! Drinks bottles can be made back into drinks bottles, milk bottles can also be made back into more milk bottles.



● **Why don't all Councils collect the same types of plastic?**

Local authorities use different facilities and waste management providers to collect recycling materials from households and recycling points. Some of these can only accept specific plastic types and therefore residents are given different messages about what they can and cannot recycle in different areas.

Local authorities also have contracts with waste management providers and changing or terminating these can be a long and costly process. However, the plastic industry would like to see all councils collecting the same types of plastic and will continue to promote this as best practice and the UK government is discussing the possibilities of consistent collections across the UK.

If you live in Kent and one of the 13 Kent Councils you are able to recycle the same plastics packaging wherever you live in Kent.

● **Why does the Council keep asking us to recycle when I think I recycle everything I can?**

Although most of us do recycle what we can when we can unfortunately the data tells us that nationally we only recycle 59% of all the bottles we could recycle and 34% of the pots, tubs and trays. This maybe because we are not sure if they are recyclable, or because they are dirty and we don't want to rinse/empty them, or because we take them out of the home for eating and drinking on the go and dispose of them in general waste wherever we happen to be, office, school, travelling etc. If we can it is always best to take our empties home to recycle and make sure that we are not forgetting to recycle stuff from the kitchen or the bathroom, or forgetting about the ketchup and mayonnaise bottles. It all adds up.

[Plastics Recycling Guidelines](#)

Are you confused about what plastics you can recycle?

Kent Councils have teamed up with national recycling charity Pledge2Recycle Plastics (Part of RECOUP) to help reduce that confusion. The charity, that works to educate and advise citizens about plastics recycling, has created a dedicated website for Kent to provide information about plastics recycling and help answer your recycling related questions.

www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent

[KENT RECYCLES - DO YOU?](#)



[YES PLEASE](#)

Remember, you can recycle ALL bottles whether from the bathroom and kitchen as well as plastic packaging in the form of a pot, tub or tray.

All bottles should be empty when placed for recycling with the tops back on.

Pots, tubs and trays should have the absorbent layer and film lid removed as these need to go into general waste.

It is important that ALL PLASTIC PLACED FOR RECYCLING is CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE and NOT in any carrier or black bags.

[NO THANKS](#)

* Please DO NOT put toothpaste tubes, pill packs, nappies, textiles, batteries, and food into recycling.

* Textiles should go to specific banks either at community/retail/or Household Waste Centers

* Carrier bags, bread bags and empty frozen veg packets can go to your local supermarket front of store collection please check at www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

[Did you know](#)

Sainsbury's superstores now take ALL flexible packaging in front of store collections including items such as crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and salad bags. Find out more www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/our-stories/2021/flexible-plastics.

[Find out more](#)

The team at Pledge2Recycle Plastics are happy to take your queries you will find them @pledge2recycle on social media or get in touch via the contact form on the website.

Woodchurch Ancestry Group Woodchurch Local And Family History

Silage making is now well underway across Kent with black plastic-wrapped bales appearing in fields everywhere, but here's a reminder of an altogether more relaxed time of hay cutting in Woodchurch with a team of horses and a hay mower.

For more information about the Woodchurch Local and Family History Group go to www.woodchurchancestry.org.uk or contact Gary Samson on gsamson@woodchurchancestry.org.uk



This popped up on the 'Ashford Remembering The Way It Once Was' Facebook group recently. It's from the Kentish Express dated 6 February 1953. Are you there onstage?

WOODCHURCH Morrismen

Our plans are still a bit of a moveable feast but we have pinned some July dates down;

- * Friday 2nd July 7.30pm. The Six Bells
- * Friday 9th July 7.30pm. The Bell Ivychurch
- * Friday 16th July 7.30pm The Bonny Cravat

Bill (Interim Squire)

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. 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.

July:

Front Garden Competition - last chance to enter - closing date for entries is 12th July! *** Entry is Free ***

Woodchurch Front Garden Competition is open to all residents in Woodchurch Village whose FRONT gardens can be viewed from the road or footpath.

This year extra marks will be awarded for front gardens that have been gardened with wildlife in mind, i.e. putting up a bird box or planting for pollinators.

Awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze will be given in the following categories:

- * **Small Front Garden**
- * **Large Front Garden**
- * **Hanging Baskets and Containers**

To enter, please download a copy of the entry form from The Woodchurch HUB Web site or collect one from Woodchurch HUB.

The closing date is 12th July 2021 and judging, by an independent adjudicator, will take place after this date. Winners will be notified by a member of the Woodchurch in Bloom team.

August:

Sunflower competition - How are your sunflowers doing?

So good to see so many sunflowers all around the Village!



Quick reminder, we'll be voting over the August Bank Holiday weekend on:

- * **The largest sunflower face**
- * **The funniest sunflower face**
- * **The tallest sunflower**

Good Luck! and Happy Gardening!

Getting in Touch:

Linda Baker - THRIVE lead: 07795 383945

Philippa Jones - Chair: 07774 608281

WoodchurchinBloom@hotmail.com

Darby & Joan Club to close

Celia and Joyce found it hard to make the decision to close the Darby & Joan Club. We have made donations to other charities in the village with the funds we had. We have left enough to all go out together for a closing down party. Many thanks for your past support - Joyce

Woodchurch in Bloom would like to give a Big

Thank you to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust for hosting our 'Bumblebee Garden Party' on Saturday - it was a great success and certainly both educational and motivational for how we can all do our bit to create even more of a 'buzz' around the Village!

Those attending said it was really interesting to hear about the work already being done to encourage bees in the Wild Flower Meadow, a Small holding off Front Road and the Churchyard), as well as understanding future opportunities.

Thank you too to everyone who came along and got involved'!



Church Magazine Subscriptions and Deliveries in Woodchurch

I am very grateful to those who have been helping us to administer magazine subscriptions and organise and deliver the parish magazine in Woodchurch. I am afraid that we have got ourselves in a muddle - mostly down to me giving some confusing information about how to subscribe when we re-launched the magazine. Do please bear with us - hopefully we will get things sorted out over the next couple of months.

If you have subscribed but have not been receiving a magazine, then please either email or phone Janet Buss (janet.waverlea37@gmail.com - 07833 521539) who will ensure that you are added to the list for delivery from next month. Please ensure that you include your name and address.

If you have been receiving a magazine but have not subscribed, then please pop into church where you will find envelopes where you can pop your subscription in and post into our safe. If you cannot get into church and would like to pay, then please contact Janet.

If you have been receiving a magazine, and you would no longer like to receive one, or it has been delivered in error, please let Janet know, and we will take you off the list.

We also have an "e-mag" which includes lots of coloured photos and school pictures if you want to subscribe or swap your subscription, then just let us know.

Thanks very much to the volunteers at the Hub who have supported us with magazine deliveries.

Kind Regards, Reverend Sue.

WoodchurchYardTogether ("WYT")

Our next volunteer gardening weekend in the Churchyard is:

24th & 25th
July

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Six Bells Park

"Between June 12 and July 12, two residents, Gordon, aged 76 and Neil, aged 74 are aiming, between them to complete 150 laps of the village, cycling along The Green, down Lower Road and up Front Road. Each lap is 1.4 miles.



Why? You may ask yourself are two senior citizens undertaking this. Well the answer is twofold: firstly to get fit and secondly to raise funds for The Big Thin Red Line and Six Bells Residents' Association. If you would like to help, donations can be dropped off at The Hub. You could also cheer them on if you see them."



Museum 150+ June Lottery Draw

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

1st prize	£50	Mrs Busby	162
2nd prize	£30	Jonathan Hays	1058
3rd prize	£20	Gordon Costick	600

Painting with Woodchurch Cottage Flowers

Only a few weeks to go now before we hold our painting day workshop. It really is proving popular and there are still a few places left. So don't leave it too long to book a place. Saturday 10th July, 10am to 4pm



Whether you are a beginner or an experienced painter we are offering a day at our flower farm to paint en plein air at your leisure.

There are plenty of other subjects besides flowers to choose from, the orchard, a mature garden with a wildlife pond or one of the lovely views that surround us.

My husband Rowan will be here to guide and encourage you with your painting. Rowan is an award winning and nationally acclaimed artist and is a senior member of The Royal Society of British Artists.

Bring your own equipment and painting materials. Tea, coffee and delicious cake will be provided.

woodchurchcottageflowers.co.uk for details or call 07960449235

We can now scan, print, copy and laminate A3 pages and can print booklets at The HUB.

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Ashford Hedgehog Observation Group

We are in peak hoglet season so here's some advice to help mums and babies ?? If you see a hedgehog out in the day moving quickly gathering nest material or popping out for food/water these are signs of a new mum hog so please don't intervene. If a hedgehog is out in the day and is moving slowly and is lethargic / sunbathing then these are signs it needs help. If in doubt monitor it and try to get a video of its movements and send to a rescue for advice. If a hog seems unwell and is removed from an area to get checked by a rescuer ask them to check if it could be a lactating mum. They will then advise you to check nearby for hoglets. And remember to check, check and



check again before doing any gardening or clearance work! If a nest is disturbed the mum could abandon or even eat the hoglets due to extreme stress so a quick check could save many little prickly lives.

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Meet our Community Warden at The HUB

If you would like to discuss or report anything from around the village with our Community Warden (or just to have a chat), Cathy is in The HUB each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Cathy can also be reached on 07813 711940

THE BIG THIN *Red line*

Well despite COVID announcements we march on with plans for **Picnic on The Green** (take-4) on August 7th 2021.

COVID roadmap compliant and no further changes we have set and confirmed the line-up for the day. The team have pulled all stops for this one and with so much support from others we will thank all soon. The Parish Council have also supported and hope the day is a great uplifter for all in our great village. We will be gaining an alcohol licence for the event to run from 1200hrs - 2000hrs and full line up details to follow.

On the day Woodchurch Football club have reached out to provide a BBQ stand as they want to raise funds, we have a local ice cream van and we also have Gin Bar - Real Ale Bar at good prices. The event is free and any monies raised go back for your next event, so bring picnics - but if you can support stands we appreciate it. The Six Bells have also contacted our bands and one will be on after The Green closes so the party mood can continue.

In advance please, a reminder as ever - no naked flames and keep glass to be minimum as we all use green for sports and recreation. This is also in By-Laws.

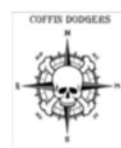
In the background our committee is very active and the group grows with more requests to join us, so we have to enjoy that and organise a member's night.

We are still accepting members please contact us on facebook or call me 07584 075 008 or via email Patrick7171@hotmail.co.uk

Picnic on the Green is in its 4th year, timings over the next week, so watch the facebook page and any club that wants to take advantage of the day contact us.



Xanthia Skye



The Coffin Dodgers



Elvis T King



Brad Pittance & the Pirates



10th July - Ladies best hat Gents best Bow
Members only

Prom / Pop Concerts at the Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre

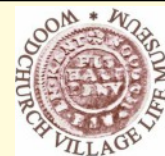
Following on from last years success, the Pop-In Centre is organising



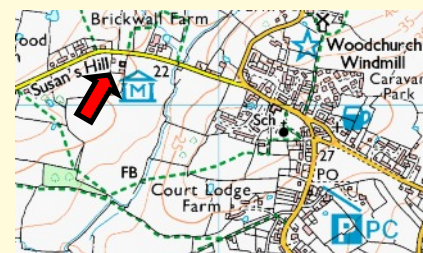
more prom/pop concerts again this summer. They will be held on Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th August. (August bank holiday weekend.) There will be two on each day, beginning at 2pm and 7pm. Due to covid restrictions, tickets must be booked in advance. The cost of which will be by a donation on the day.

Tel: Richard on 07798 566 849 for further details.

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM



Woodchurch Museum is now open from 10am to 4pm at weekends and Bank Holidays. Entry is free (though we always appreciate donations) and we are only a short walk from the village pubs, down Susans Hill.



This year we have a new exhibition called "Inspired by Woodchurch" which includes information and items from village residents and artists, both present and past, who have been inspired by our beautiful village. **Walkers are welcome.** If you are walking around the village and are looking for a place to stop, the Museum is a good place to take a break. Cold drinks and toilets are available as well as free high-speed broadband. We have outside seating on the Museum lawn where you can eat your picnic before continuing on. Well behaved dogs are welcome in the Museum grounds.

Village publications and souvenirs are available, including the popular booklet "A Stroll Around The Green" which provides a fascinating history of the village around the Green.



We hope to restart our talks programme in September this year in the Memorial Hall. We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm.. New members are always very welcome, paying £5 (to end of

year) as are visitors, paying £3 per visit. We are a friendly group of people and our programme of talks draws upon general topics from all over Kent.

Monday September 6th - a talk entitled 'Woodchurch, Pam and the Orpington Car'. Pam Moate's grandfather (Frank) and his business partner built the Orpington Car for production. Frank and his family later moved to Woodchurch to take up farming.

Monday October 4th - a talk 'acted' by Steve Hookins entitled 'Doing Your Bit'. Steve 'appears' as an ARP warden in an amusing presentation.

Monday November 1st - three 20 minute talks by members of the Woodchurch Ancestry Group. Josie, Jon and Gary present three separate aspects of old village history.

Monday December 6th (Members Evening) - the theme or topic for this evening has yet to be decided.

Summer event - a strawberry cream tea has been arranged for members during August at a local venue. This will be a welcome chance to have a get-together after this long period of lock-down.

For more information, ring Geoff on 01233 860393.

Bell Ringers Needed - All Saints Church

we are still looking for people to learn how to ring the Bells, if you are interested please come along on a Wednesday at 6.30 - Julian West - 07887748692

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

the Beavers now have 12 Beavers and are doing lots of craft work. the Cubs 24 at present and they are looking forward to have a 4 day came with the Scouts in July, Both sections could do with some more help, Scouts are running on 2 nights with nearly 40 this month they are Scuba Diving at Moat Park, Paint Balling at Sevenoaks, Microlighting at Paddock Wood and camping at Brentwood in Essex for a week.

The thing we are so short of is people will to serve on a committee, the committee help raise money and help over seeing with the Group Scout Leader the welfare of the group, we only have a meeting once every 4 to 6 weeks, so it you are looking for a bit more of a challenge please come forward

Thanks

Julian West, Group Scout Leader - 07887748692