



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

March 2022

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

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

Mondays:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall

Tai Chi and Qigong 9:45am - 11:45pm at the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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

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

BodyTone 6:15pm-7:00pm at the Memorial Hall

BodyFlex 7:15pm-8:00pm at the Memorial Hall

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

Tuesdays:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am, 10:15am-11:15am and 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Little Leaves Forest School 10:00am - 12:00pm under 5's Play Group based in Woodchurch

Community Warden 1:00pm-3:00pm in the HUB

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

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

Wednesdays:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall

Museum Volunteers 9:30am-12:00pm at the Museum

Pop-In 2:00pm-4:00pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre

Rainbows 4:15pm-5:30pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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

Thursdays:

Art Society 10:00am-1:00pm at the Memorial Hall

BodyFlex 6:15pm-7:00pm at the Memorial Hall

BodyTone 7:15pm-8:00pm at the Memorial Hall Annexe

Badminton 7:00pm-11:00pm at the Memorial Hall

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

Previous editions of the Newsletter can be found on The HUB Web site
www.woodchurchhub.UK



Other Events:

Wed 2nd **Quiz Night** at the Six Bells

Eucharist 7:00pm at All Saints Church

Sat 5th **Boldshaves Gardens opens**

Beachwood Pizza Van 5:30pm in the car park

Sun 6th **Give and Take** - WinBloom 10:00am to 1:00pm on the Village Green

Morning Worship 11:00am at All Saints Church

Classic Car meet 12:00pm at the Bonny Cravat

Mon 7th **CARM** 10:30am in the Memorial Hall

WLHS "History of Sissinghurst Gardens" 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Tue 8th **Quiz Night** at the Bonny Cravat

WI - 95th Birthday Celebrations 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall

Wed 9th **Borough Councillors Surgery** 11:00am to 12:00pm at The HUB

Sat 12th **Heart of Kent Ladies Show Choir** 6:30pm at All Saints Church

Sun 13th **Newspaper collection** by The Scouts

Holy Communion 11:00 at All Saints Church

Tue 15th **PCSO Drop in session** 1:00pm to 2:00pm at The HUB

Sat 19th **Beachwood Pizza Van** 5:30pm in the car park

Sun 20th **Morning Worship** 11:00am at All Saints Church

Thu 24th **Woodchurch Parish Council Meeting**

7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Fri 25th **Ashford Astronomical Society** - The Grand Tour of the Solar System 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Sat 26th **Thriving Together Gardening** 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Bonny Cravat

Music from The Theatre 2:00pm and 6pm at the Pop-In

Sun 27th **Mother's Day**

Holy Communion 11:00am at All Saints Church

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Do you offer Bed and Breakfast accommodation in Woodchurch?

At The HUB we are regularly asked by visitors for a list of short term Bed and Breakfast accommodation within Woodchurch. If you offer short term Bed and Breakfast please contact The HUB so that we can prepare a suggestion sheet to be given to village visitors on request.

All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

I know that many of you in Woodchurch have been hit by lengthy power cuts after the recent storms. I hope and pray that by the time you are reading this, things will have returned to normal. It seems that as the Covid crisis has reduced the world is facing a time of turbulence in Ukraine - I am hoping and praying that somehow a peaceful resolution will be found, although that seems unlikely at the moment.



I know that some of you will be facing financial difficulties, as the cost of living increases, with the cost of food, petrol and heating all rising. Please feel that you can contact me in confidence if you are feeling anxious at this time. I am able to keep your details confidential, and I will find ways to help without disclosing your identity. Please do not suffer in silence, especially if you feel that you are having to make "heating or eating" decisions. Help is available.

We are now hoping to have our new heating and lighting system running in church by the end of the month, if EDF make a promised visit to connect us up. Apologies to those who were affected by the trenching work in the churchyard. I know that the muddy surface has made it more difficult to visit some graves. The ground will level off again over the next few weeks, and the surface should be back to normal by Summer.

Our new after school youth group for 11-14 year olds will start on 19th April. You will find the details on a flyer in your newsletter, or please email our Youth leader Jessie Banach on blend.woodchurch@gmail.com for further information.

We have an exciting concert in church this month - do join us to listen and watch the Heart of Kent Show Choir on 12th March - tickets are available from the Hub. We will be raising money for our church building fund, and proceeds from the bar and raffle will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Blessings to you all, Reverend Sue

[Ticket printing at The HUB](#)

If your club or society is organising an event that requires tickets to be printed, these can be produced at The HUB. Tickets are printed on A4 sheets for ease of handling, can be serially numbered and are individually micro-perforated. For more information please contact The HUB.



The HUB can also be a central village location for the booking and/or selling tickets for your club/society events.

The Parochial Church Council at All Saints Church in Woodchurch are delighted that Mr and Mrs Massey of the Boldshaves Estate has kindly offered to donate the proceeds taken over the Easter weekend (16-17th April from 2-6pm) for entry to the beautiful gardens.



The entry fee is £5 per head, and free for children under 14 years of age.

BOLDHAVES
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BOLDHAVES

Boldshaves Gardens will re-open for the 2022 season on Saturday 5 March. This year the gardens (and tea house) will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 2-6pm. Entrance costs £5 per person, and is free for children under 14 years old. Garden tours for groups of 8 or more people are also welcome by prior appointment.

Nightingale walks through the woodland will be hosted every evening from 25 April to 5 May. There is no need to pre-book, and we will simply move off at 6pm



each evening with whoever is waiting in front of the main house at that time. Cost £5 person.

The Wealden Literary Festival will take place at Boldshaves over the weekend of 25/26 June. Details of this year's Festival programme and ticketing arrangements will be on the Festival website from shortly after the Easter weekend: www.wealdenliteraryfestival.co.uk.

[The Jean Mealham Centre](#) [Lower Road Woodchurch](#)

Music from the
*** Theatre ***

with

Chris & Jo Powell

Saturday March 26th 2022

2pm & 6pm

tel: 07798 566849

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

The perfect storm arrived on Friday 18th showing just how vulnerable we all are. I have experienced a number of power cuts after bad weather in Woodchurch but this has been one of the worst. Usually a few hours of disruption causes a bit of "thinking outside the box", however this occasion really floored us. Our old telephone system was outdated and unsupported so was replaced in the Autumn to a fancy "digital" system which all went surprisingly smoothly. We failed to appreciate that in the past, in the event of a power cut, we could always get an old analogue phone out of the cupboard to use. The new system doesn't allow us to go back-in-time so the phones were hopeless. Never mind, we can always use mobile phones - unless the Masts are all down too...

Guiltily, I was abroad during the storms enjoying lunch when videos and photos of the carnage at home were being sent through. It was clear how much it has affected everyone and I could not get through to anyone in Woodchurch to offer any support. I knew that the nurses would be fretting about the fridges and the whole team would be trying to do what they could. With pen and paper the consultations continued by torchlight. We will look as a team to see what we can learn to improve accessibility during such events but meanwhile I am proud that the team tried to explore every avenue to do what they could in such adversity.

Covid is officially due to finish on Thursday 24th... or is it? Of course not! However, while we wait for some guidance from above we will continue to wear face masks and try to separate our patients from all arriving together and sitting together in small waiting areas. We have already had some robust discussion around protecting patients, each other and ourselves and will publish any updates on the parish newsletter and social media as we realise a sensible approach.

Last month we focused on Men's health and this month I would like to highlight a new service for the fairer sex. We have a Women's continence physiotherapist who can help with urinary incontinence. With my greatest sympathy women are at particular risk of trouble with leaking urine, which is contributed to by bad design (not my fault), childbirth and menopause. It is dreadfully unfair but to make amends this service has been set up and has been really well received. There are spaces that can be booked directly into so please phone up and get booked in.

We are also working towards better arrangement for our waiting area with better acoustics and now we are a bit closer towards being a bit "more normal" we can finally plan and execute. I'm very aware that the walls are pretty blank and, while I think I have recruited one local artist to help a little, I am very interested to see if anyone will extend their artistic values to make a mark on the white walls we have.

With best wishes on behalf of the Surgery - Jack Hickey, GP.

Three New Village Defibrillators

Thanks to the generosity of village residents, Woodchurch Surgery, Six Bells Park, Woodchurch Parish Council and David Robey (KCC) we have now raised sufficient funds to purchase **THREE** new high power, fully automatic defibrillators for Woodchurch - over £4,000 raised. These are currently on order and will make a total of four defibrillators that are accessible 24 hours a day within the village.

They will be located in the following locations:

1 - **Outside The HUB.** This will replace the defibrillator that was recently vandalised.

2 - **Outside the Six Bells Inn** - at the entrance of Six Bells Park.

3 - **Outside Woodchurch Surgery.**

4 - **At the entrance to Shirkoak Park.**

This defibrillator is already in place.

To ensure that every house in the village centre is within 500 metres of a defibrillator we will still need to buy a fifth unit (£1,300). This would be located at the entrance to The Scout and Guide Community Hall and Pop-In. If you would like to help towards the additional defibrillator please contact The HUB or go to the HUB Web site www.woodchurchhub.uk and click "Donate"



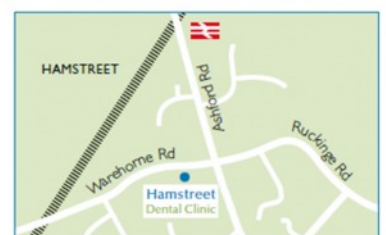
Surgery Opening Hours

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

Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ

Find us on facebook



Tel: 01233 733848
Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com



WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • **UPDATE** •

The Parish council was delighted to start our February meeting with the Co-Option of Lucy Quinn to join the Parish Council. We would like to welcome her to the team and are thrilled this means we now have a full complement of Councillors!

We also had an update from the Carnival Committee at our meeting and we are excited at the progress that is being made - they are working very hard to ensure the Jubilee weekend will be one to remember! Thanks to all involved in this huge project, and please do get in touch if you can volunteer your time or skills:- www.woodchurchcarnival.uk or email enquiries@woodchurchcarnival.uk

We have also been busy ensuring the play area is as safe as possible by replacing the broken gate latch with a new one which should be hard for little ones to open without an adult's help. We are also going to be installing a mechanism to ensure the gate shuts automatically, but until this is in place, please ensure you close the gate when entering and leaving the play area.

We are also having new signs printed for this area (as well as others) and these will remind users that this play area should have no smoking, no dogs (except, of course, assistance dogs) and also no playing football within the gated play area. Please also ensure if your children are using the green unsupervised that they are reminded not to play football against the fences or the pavillion - we have had our work cut out for us recently keeping up with fixing the broken fence slats - this is costly and when they are broken they are a serious injury risk to children in the play area.

At our February meeting we also confirmed some important dates for the diary- the Annual Parish Meeting is on the 22nd April and the Annual Parish Council Meeting is on 24th May. Both are in the Memorial Hall and we welcome the community to attend.

Finally, Councillors have been working on a project to look at how we can better protect the community assets from vandalism and Anti-Social behaviour. To this end, we are hoping to fund CCTV that will cover the Green, Car Park and the Hub. We hope that this will act as a deterrent to the minority who feel it is acceptable to damage things which are not theirs, and also ensure that those who live in the community feel safer when making the most of our wonderful public spaces.

As ever, please do get in touch with us about anything in our update or any other topic you wish to bring to our attention.

The Section 106 Process

When any new development is considered in Woodchurch, your Parish Council has the opportunity to request a S106 agreement between the applicant seeking planning permission and the Local Planning Authority (Ref www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations). The agreement provides for a legal framework to secure both financial and non-financial contributions from a development. Projects usually focus on additional infrastructure to support new housing growth (e.g., sports buildings, recreational sites, spaces, improvements to services, etc). Once a sum has been requested (based on evidence) it can then only be spent on that specific project. To this end, your Parish Council is currently developing a register of potential S106 projects and would like to invite Woodchurch residents to suggest suitable projects. please visit www.woodchurchhub.uk and complete the Section 106 suggestion form, or contact Councillor Molloy directly at ciaranwoodchurchpc@gmail.com.

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/

Parish Council meeting dates, agendas and minutes can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/

Ashford's Hidden Treasures WOODCHURCH

Ashford's Hidden Treasures, produced by Funder Films CIC and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is a series of short videos to celebrate some of the amazing objects found in museums and archives in the borough of Ashford.



www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/history-and-heritage/ashford-s-hidden-treasures/

Episode 16 features pictures of the Kindertransport children in 1939. Charles Boxer, Curator at Woodchurch Village Life Museum, tells the story of Great Engham Farm acting as a transit camp for Jewish Refugee Children pre-Second World War

Episode 21 features Jared Hill's map of Woodchurch from 1729. The map is part of the collection at Woodchurch Village Life Museum. Jon Chaplin and Josie Mackie of Woodchurch Ancestry Group talk about the history and uniqueness of the map.



Woodchurch HUB now has over
1,000 Facebook followers



[The Six Bells Inn](#)

A big "Hello" from all of us at the Six Bells, if anyone can let us know what has happened to February that would be great, one blink and its gone!

Quiz night at the beginning of the month, went almost nearly to plan, one day the microphone will work but it does add to the atmosphere and the heckling from the customers is always entertaining.



Valentines Day on a Monday is not the most inspiring day but there are still some old romantics out there with the senders of some flowers, cards and chocolates still not revealed themselves.

Then Storm Eunice arrived on Friday 18th with the loss of the electric, we do hope everyone is back on line now and hopefully the damage sustained is manageable. We lost power at approximately 12.15 lunchtime and with the wonderful support of the locals we remained open until 9pm, the pub being lit by candles and the open fires and some wonderful torches of all shapes and sizes.

What a wonderful, memorable afternoon and evening that was, the atmosphere in the bar was amazing and the sound of the voices, laughing and reminiscing about the previous power cuts was something that will stay with us forever. There was some singing, lots of jokes and a huge amount of laughter, the recycling bottle bin was overflowing and the traditional pumps with the real ales came into their own, with no electric being required, thankfully the next beer delivery wasn't too far away.

Now, we look forward to March and the spring flowers and you never know, maybe some snow. We have our quiz night Wednesday 2 March and then Steve Valentine (the 50's and 60's Man) entertaining us with his wide selection of songs, including Tom Jones and Buddy Holly, for a fun evening Saturday 12 March. With the Spring arriving, the Village is beginning to "Spring into Life" with the activities becoming more regular and the fabulous events including The Carnival, gathering momentum.

Woodchurch is such an amazing Village and the overwhelming commitment and enthusiasm of the Woodchurchonians, the Spring and Summer promises to be something to go down in the history books especially with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

We are really looking forward to such a special time and if all goes to plan. the completion of our Orangery, we are so full of optimism for the coming months.

Thank you Woodchurch for being the most special, wonderful, one in a million Village that you are.

That's all from us for now folks.

Emily and all at the Six Bells.



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enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

All Saints Church, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch



MUSEUM 150+ Lottery Draw



Support your local museum- you could win a £50/£30/£20 prize every month. A ticket now costs £8 for 8 months. For more information please contact Joyce via The HUB - enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or 01233 861381

February 2022 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Chris Shaw	1012
2nd prize	£30	Charlie and Jan Nicholls	677
3rd prize	£20	Ruth Le Vicount	225

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Gillians Souper Lunch

Gillian would like to thank everyone who came to support the Souper Lunch hosted by members of Woodchurch WI who worked extremely hard making soups, waitressing and keeping the kitchen going.

My thanks also go to local enterprises who generously gave to the raffle: The Bonny Cravat; The Six Bells Inn; The Coffee Shop and Carley Butchers. The WI also took on the cost of the hall.

The total raised for Woodchurch Surgery and Woodchurch School was an astounding £540.00

Woodchurch WI meets every second Tuesday of the month (except August) at 7.15 in the Memorial Hall. Why not give us a try - we have very good speakers, refreshments and of course, plenty of chat and friendship.

Meals Delivery Service now available in Woodchurch

The "meals-on-wheels" style Meal Delivery service has now been running successfully in Woodchurch since the beginning of February.

This is a daily delivery of a 2-course hot meal from 12:15 pm., Monday to Friday (not currently at weekends),

You do not need to subscribe to every day.

This service is being organised in Woodchurch by The HUB, in conjunction with Tenterden Social Hub. Your meal will be delivered piping hot by Woodchurch's own volunteers.

There are still spaces for customers and also a need for reserve drivers.

For more information please contact The HUB at enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or phone **01233 861381** or contact Tenterden Social Hub on 01580 762882.

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Mother's Day Sunday 27th March

What better way to show your Mum that you love her than by giving her beautiful, scented spring flowers in a rustic jam jar or with a bouquet.

Orders now being taken.
Call or text 07969 449235



Woodchurch Local History Society



Our next society meeting is in the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on Monday March 7th. Our guest speaker for the evening is Stephen Harmer who will be giving a talk entitled 'History of Sissinghurst Castle Garden'.

As well as being the chief gardener of Tonbridge School Stephen also lectures on garden design at Hadlow College (picture) and at the Royal Horticultural Gardens at Wisley. Stephen has made garden design his special area of study and



interest and this will be reflected on his talk about Sissinghurst Castle Garden - he will discuss Sissinghurst's garden design from Saxon times to the present. He will also show us how the Arts and Crafts movement affected garden design even at Sissinghurst.

Stephen is the author of a book entitled 'La Chaire - the History of Jersey's Lost Garden' and has published articles in the Garden Design Journal between 2012 and 2015.

Finally, Stephen is a keen cyclist and has often visited Woodchurch during his travels.

Visitors are very welcome to come along to this meeting paying £3 at the door. New members of our society are also very welcome - our annual membership fee is £10 and this will cover about 7-8 talks. We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you.
Geoff 01233 860393.

We love the magical setting of Woodchurch so much we want to extend a discount of 10% off your meal at our Patio Takeaway (Grass fed burgers, veggie and vegan) when you visit the Rare Breeds Centre and live in a Woodchurch postcode.



Book online in advance to attend.
www.rarebreeds.org.uk

You can use the discount as many times as you like but proof of postcode required when placing order.

Offer open until 1 September 2022.

February was a busy month for Woodchurch WI as "Gillian's Soup-er Saturday" was held on Saturday 5th February. This meant that many of our members (and one honorary gentleman member - thank you, Wade, for the delicious Spicy Parsnip soup) were fully engaged making almost industrial quantities of various flavours of soup in the lead up to the day! Gillian was nominally "the leader" of the venture, and all credit must go to her for her brilliant organisational skills before and after the event, but essentially, it was a grand team effort and everyone played their part; from those meeting and greeting on the door, to those working in the kitchen and those waitressing front of house, and then everyone weighed in for a marathon clear up operation afterwards! So it was a day of hard work, but it was truly good to see so many folk, post pandemic, enjoying the occasion and the company. It was also strangely exhilarating, knowing that we were working to show our appreciation and gratitude to all the staff in our wonderful Doctors' Surgery, who have seen us through such a difficult time with the successful implementation of the vaccine programme and ongoing healthcare, and also to all the staff working tirelessly in Woodchurch Primary School to continue the education of our young children and somehow attempt to keep them on an even keel throughout all the scariness! Indeed, both causes could really could not be more deserving!

We had yet another amazing speaker at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, 8th February. Tony Harris's informative, and in parts, humorous, talk entitled "Flying for Fun" was neatly divided up into 4 parts - History, Aviation Safety & Fears and Phobias, Tony's own

Flying Story and finally, Helicopters. Each part contained so many interesting facts that, with a little expansion, Tony could easily deliver four separate talks on each of the topics. All the information was given simply, succinctly and in a way that was very understandable and inclusive. At one point we even had a brief physics lesson in the form of an easy to understand diagram showing how aeroplanes fly, together with a simple visual demonstration from Tony to reinforce this newly acquired knowledge. Now we all know what keeps such a huge unwieldy metal object airborne!



Then in the "Helicopters" section, with the aid of another straightforward diagram, Tony taught us the bare rudiments of how to fly a helicopter and, so in no time at all, we were all "virtually", but proficiently flying our own machine. Thank you, Tony, for such an excellent, enlightening evening!

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 8th March at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall when we hope that as many members as possible will be able to join us, as we will be celebrating our 95th Birthday, so wear your best party frocks and be prepared for an evening of fun and party games. Cheese & Biscuits, wine & soft drinks and birthday cake will be served.

Finally, it is with great sadness that the death of Brenda Painter, long standing Woodchurch WI member and friend, is announced. Brenda was a very special lady and she will be hugely missed by us all



Quiz

Saturday 9th April

At 7:30 at The Memorial Hall

Tables up to 6 people

£5 per person

Bring your own refreshments, but tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale during the interval.

To book your table, ring Josie on 860363

Or

josie.mackie@btinternet.com

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A lot has been going on and we now have an official team looking at bringing the Carnival together. **TOP NEWS** - we are extending the celebrations with the main Carnival still on the 4th June 2022.

The Steering group remains focused, listening to our community and we are pleased to say that we have now secured sufficient funding to bring you a great weekend of celebrations. We would like to thank:

- Woodchurch Windmill Trust
- County Councillor David Robey
- The Big Thin Red Line
- Borough Councillor David Ledger
- Borough Councillor George Sparkes
- The National Lottery

The money has enabled us to grow the celebrations and ensure that it will be affordable for everyone attending. It will also allow us to secure many assets that the village will be able to use in the future.

There are many more we need to thank for their support, including Bill Giles, Hobbs Parker, Alex Fairs and Phil and Deni Roberts. Many apologies if anyone has not yet been mentioned.

Our website www.woodchurchcarnival.uk is constantly being updated and it is also the place to volunteer for the day and to also register your:

- Floats
- Stalls
- Arena displays

Follow us on social media. As well as Facebook we are now on Tik-Tok so following the carnival cannot be easier.

Stalls and Arena.

A lot of stalls have already registered. Details of stall costs can be found on the website www.woodchurchcarnival.uk. We also have a number of groups and businesses booked to perform in the main arena. If you would like to put on a display then please contact us as we want more.

Dates for the Diary:

7th May Carnival and volunteer meeting and update at Woodchurch Memorial Hall.

2nd June Beacon lighting ceremony and Garden competition judging.

The national plan is to light beacons across the country. The village aims to have a beacon on the Green with refreshments and music. Woodchurch in bloom are running a garden competition (watch out for details). Judging will take place on this day and trophies will be presented on the 4th June

3rd June TBC. We are looking to hold an event aimed at the more junior residents of the village. Updates will be posted.

4th June Main Event Carnival. The main event is going to be a wow for the village. As well as the Parade, stalls and arena, we have acquired - 3 top bands for the afternoon entertainment; some fun fair attractions; and a laser light show to finish off the evening.

5th June street and garden parties. The national plan for the 5th June is street parties and we would like to recreate the success of VE day last year by asking the village to hold front garden parties and street parties. If you need to close roads its free and please ask as we can assist with the application. Contact enquiries@woodchurchcarnival.uk. We would like to create, a village photo book of the day and this we will be held in the museum for prosperity.

If you are interested in being part of an enthusiastic volunteer team please visit our website www.woodchurchcarnival.uk or email to enquiries@woodchurchcarnival.uk

A poster for the Woody Woodchurch mascot. At the top, the word 'Introducing' is written in a red, cursive font. Below it is a cartoon tree character with a smiling face, large eyes, and outstretched arms. The tree has a yellow band with a red 'W' around its trunk. It is surrounded by green leaves and yellow flowers. Two small birds are perched on the branches. To the right of the tree are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and a QR code. Below the tree is a yellow banner with the word 'Woody' in red script, and a green banner with the word 'WOODCHURCH' in white capital letters. To the left of the tree, it says 'Supported by' with a logo for the 'COMMUNITY FUND'. At the bottom, a green box contains the text: 'Our new village mascot has been especially created to lead and star in this year's'. Below this is the 'WOODCHURCH CARNIVAL' logo with a small house icon. A final green box at the bottom contains text about the mascot and provides the website and email address: www.woodchurchcarnival.uk and enquiries@woodchurchcarnival.uk.

Woodchurch in Bloom are ready to spring into life with the launch of
Thriving Together GARDENING

We will be developing 'pods' around the Village where villagers can garden and socialise together on a range of activities and be part of a common project – growing produce, cutting gardens, sensory gardens, crafting and creating mindfulness areas.

We are delighted to announce that we will be working in collaboration with Woodchurch Surgery, All Saints Church, Woodchurch CEP School, the Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre, The Old Post Office Coffee Shop, the Bonny Cravat Pub and Six Bells Pub ... and that's just for starters!

We invite you to an engagement event on
Saturday 26th March 10.30 – 12.30 at the Bonny Cravat to find out more – coffee and cake will be provided!

In the meantime, please scan this QR code to find further information:



Village Lost Property at The HUB

If you find any lost property around the village please bring it to The HUB. We will hold it there waiting to be claimed for four months. For any valuable/important items that we have handed in, we will place notices online, in the Newsletter and on social media. If you have lost something around the Village please let The HUB know as it may have been handed in.



Woodchurch Karate

A new you for 2022. - Come and train with us at Woodchurch Karate.

3 sessions per week at the superb new dojo in The Jean Mealham Centre, Lower Road, Woodchurch.

We are led by Sensei Mark Carley. Mark is an internationally experienced 4th Dan(level) black belt within Gima-Ha(UK) Karate-do with over 35 years of knowledge as well as being a long time qualified karate instructor.

Woodchurch Karate is a small club that is always open to new members with or without martial arts experience. We meet 3 times per week at the times listed below, upstairs at The Jean Mealham Centre.

Tuesday 7-9pm
Thursday 7-9pm
Sunday 10-12noon

Contact: Steve Nicholson-Root
07484 130781

GIVE and TAKE

Sunday 6th March 10.00am – 1.00pm

On the Village Green – look out for WIB Gazebo

Spring is here and we are sorting our gardens out! Do you have plants or seeds to SPARE and SHARE? Bring them along - See what you can find.

FREE Jubilee wildflower seeds!

Make a date for our 'Planting Out' Day - Saturday 21st May

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Front Garden Competition

The theme for this year's competition is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Have fun by planting your front garden with red, white and blue flowers and decorate with bunting, flags or home-made decorations celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

To coincide with Woodchurch Jubilee celebrations the closing date is 31st May and judging will take place on 2nd June.

Entry details and forms will be available from April online via www.woodchurchinbloom.com or via the HUB



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DEVELOP A BUSINESS/CLUB DIRECTORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE HUB

Borough Councillors Surgery at THE HUB

If you have something to discuss with David Ledger or George Sparks, our Councillors from Ashford Borough Council, they are available at The HUB on the second Wednesday of each month from 11 am to midday. No appointment required.

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Bonny Cravat

Here at the Bonny Cravat Pub we had a very exciting month in February. We hosted not one, but two quizzes, ran a St Valentine competition and teamed up with Woodchurch in Bloom to create a wonderful Mindfulness garden.



We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for supporting our quizzes this month and 'congratulations' to both of our winning teams who took home the big cash prize at last! Great fun was had by all!

Our next Quiz will be Tuesday 8th March. cash pot, dining vouchers or a round of drinks to be won!

We have now drawn a winner for the beautiful 'Ted' the Highland Calf print from Laurens Cows and cannot wait to send him off to his new home!

Please do come along to The Bonny Cravat from 10:30-12:30 on Saturday 26th March where Woodchurch in Bloom will be hosting a tea/coffee morning in our wonderful garden area and will be explaining more about our mindfulness area.

Don't forget to pop in for a celebratory drink on St Patrick's Day Thursday 17th March 2023



Bookings and enquiries on 01233 860345

Woodchurch Driving Group RDA Treasurer Wanted

The Woodchurch Driving Group RDA is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer.



After over six years in office our current Treasurer/Trustee is stepping down.

We are a small self-funding charity offering carriage driving to disabled adults. We operate twice weekly sessions from March to October on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Treasurer is not required to attend these sessions (but would be most welcome anytime they can attend). The committee/trustees meet at least 4 times a year and attendance would be required on these occasions plus at our annual AGM.

Qualities required are accounting or business experience, numerate, good interpersonal skills and ability to work as a team.

If you are interested in taking on this role or know of someone who would please contact the Group Secretary on j.boorman007@btinternet.com for a job description.

For further information about the Group please visit our website www.rdawoodchurch.co.uk

The HUB would like to thank all of our Newsletter Delivery Volunteers

We would especially like to thank Charlotte and Claire who have delivered in their respective areas for the past few years.

Doreen has taken over in Lower Rd but we still need a volunteer for Brattle, a monthly commitment of approximately an hour.

**THANK YOU to all who give up their
time for this service to our community.**



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Although we deliver the Newsletter to all houses within the main areas of Woodchurch Village, we are receiving requests to extend this coverage to include some of the outlying houses. We are therefore looking for one, or more, volunteer(s) who would be willing to deliver in these areas each month. There will be approximately 20 houses in total and, unless you want your dog to become exceptionally fit, the use of a car or push bike would probably be required. Delivery will take about 30 minutes per month - less if the round was split. If you can help please contact The HUB on [01233 861381](tel:01233861381) or email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum

The volunteers are busy getting the museum ready for the opening on Friday 15 April. Please join us on Wednesday mornings if you have half an hour to spare.



On Tuesday 22 February Year 2 children paid a visit to the museum as the culmination of their topic of Street Detectives. They were able to look at maps to see how the village has changed over time as well as viewing artefacts relating to life in the village throughout the ages. The audio accounts from some of the senior citizens were a great hit.

Items For Future Newsletters

The purpose of the Woodchurch Community Newsletter is to inform the residents of Woodchurch what is happening around our village. We are keen to share as much information 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

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| * forthcoming events | * club/society reports |
| * announcements | * interesting facts |
| * memorials | * photos |
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THE BIG THIN Red line

We haven't gone away, behind the scenes the majority of us are working on your Carnival 2022 but also working on other projects such as the group embarking on "Operation Greenhouse" in January. Several of the team turned up on a very wet Saturday morning to assist with getting a donated greenhouse dismantled (phase 1)

ready for reconstruction later this year (phase 2) at the Jean Mealham Centre. Groundworks and the reassembly will take place once the weather improves and the ground dries out.

Despite the water running through our clothes to our skin, morale was good and we enjoyed a well earned pint afterwards whilst drying out.



In February we held a masquerade party fund raising for Carnival 2022. In true James bond manner all went away "shaken not stirred" after a great night. The fun night raised a £1,000 for the Carnival. A great warm up session and if you thought that was good just wait till Carnival weekend!



As you can see, we are churning away in the background and we have been growing stronger each year. With 2022 we have had several new members join us.

We are very keen that, with The HUB, we join up more groups and events so everyone can prosper.

As ever we thank all groups and committees in the village for their efforts and also would encourage those interested to become part of

our group to contact us.

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all Chocolate Lovers

Saturday 16TH April at 3pm



Easter egg hunt around the Church Yard

Tea and cake will be served

All are welcome to come along and enjoy a social hour or so

In the event of rain the Easter Egg Hunt will moved the hunt into the church



WoodchurchYardTogether ("WYT")

Our next volunteer gardening weekend in the Churchyard is:

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