



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

February 2023

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

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

Sundays:

Outpost Church 10:00am-12:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Mondays:

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

Tai Chi and Qigong 9:45am and 10:45am at the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Baby Yoga 1:00pm-2:15pm in the Memorial Hall

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

Line Dancing 2:30pm - 4:30pm in the Pop-In Centre

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

Yoga 10:00am-11:15am in the Pop In Studio

Coffee Morning 10:00am-12:00pm in All Saints Church

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

Winter Warmers 10:00am-4:00pm at All Saints Church

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

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

Blend Youth Cafe 3:00pm-5:00pm in All Saints Church

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

Yoga 10:00am-11:15am in the Pop In Studio

Over 60s Pop-In 2:00pm-4:00pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Pop-In

Rainbows 5:00pm-6:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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

Brownies and Guides 6:00pm-7:15pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Morris Dancing Practice 5:00pm-6:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Thursdays:

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

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



Thursdays (cont):

Margaret Morris Movement 2:15pm-3:15pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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

Fridays:

Soup Fridays 12:00am-2:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

Other Events:

Wed 1st **Six Bells Quiz Night** 7:00pm at The Six Bells Inn

Fri 3rd **Ashford Astronomical Society** - The James Webb Telescope 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Sun 5th **Morning Worship** 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 6th **CARM** 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Memorial Hall

WLHS AGM - The Origins of Woodchurch. 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Fri 10th **Woodchurch HUB AGM** 4:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Sat 11th **Music at The Bonny Cravat** - Sea Monkeys. 7:00pm at The Bonny Cravat

Glamtabulous 70s Event TBTRL 7:30 in the Memorial Hall

Sun 12th **Newspaper Collection** Woodchurch Scouts

Morning Worship 11:00am at All Saints Church

Tue 14th **WI AGM** 7:15pm at the Memorial Hall

Fri 17th **Music at The Six Bells** - Northwood Acoustic Duo. 7:00pm at The Six Bells

Sun 19th **Morning Worship** 11:00am at All Saints Church

Tue 22nd **Road Closed** - Front Road outside Post Office

Thu 23rd **Parish Council Meeting** 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Fri 24th **Ashford Astronomical Society** 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Sat 25th **Fishermans Friend 2** - Woodchurch Film Club 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Sun 26th **Holy Communion** 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 27th **PPG Meeting** 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

The Full Community Calendar can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar





WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • **UPDATE** •

If you would like to know more and be more involved, please come along to the parish council meetings which are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Please head over to the parish councils' website to view and save the meeting dates for 2023 - or contact the Clerk.

In May this year there will be local elections in which you will be able to elect representatives onto your Parish Council. Do you have an interest in your community and feel that you would like to make a difference. The Parish Council always needs people with fresh ideas and experiences to keep it relevant to today's society.

If you would like more information about what it means to be a councillor please enrol onto one of the free online seminars below. The workshops will cover:

- The role of the Councillor
- Benefits for the locality and community
- Benefits for the individual Councillor
- Questions and Answers

Next month we will explain how you can register as a candidate for the elections in May.

We hope to be able to welcome many of you in 2023.

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 861381

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

By post to: Woodchurch Parish Clerk, c/o Woodchurch HUB, Front Road, Woodchurch, Kent, TN26 2PA

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

Parish Council meeting dates 2023

Parish Councils meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Woodchurch Memorial Hall Annexe.

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| ➤ 26 th January | ➤ 27 th July |
| ➤ 23 rd February | ➤ 24 th August |
| ➤ 23 rd March | ➤ 28 th September |
| ➤ 27 th April | ➤ 26 th October |
| ➤ 18 th May | ➤ 23 rd November |
| ➤ 25 th May | ➤ 14 th December |
| ➤ 22 nd June | |

Upcoming roadworks in and around Woodchurch

Information from KCC and one.network

Roadworks - The Green - Outside the Six Bells Pub

1st - 2nd February 2023

Closure in force: Traffic control (two-way signals)

Description: KCC Repairs to highway

Roadworks - Brook Street, near entrance to Bridge Close

3rd - 7th February 2023

Closure in force: Some carriageway incursion

Description: KCC road patching

Road Closed - Front Road, Near Townland Stores

21st - 22nd February 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: South East Water

Roadworks - Lower Road, Woodchurch

23rd February 2023

Closure in force: Traffic control (two-way signals)

Description: KCC Drain cleaning



How to report highway problems including potholes, streetlights and broken signs

www.kent.gov.uk/highways

WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL VOICE IS HEARD?

It's Election Year! Have you considered becoming a Local Councillor?

Join one of our online info sessions

KALC is running two identical online events that last for one hour each and will give potential candidates an idea of the rewarding nature of the role of Councillor in a Parish or Town Council.

- 21 February 2023
- 21 March 2023

Both at 7pm and totally free!

Head over to our website: Training & Events - KALC (kentalc.gov.uk)

More contact info:

Kent Association of Local Councils,
Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover
CT16 3PJ
01304 820173
www.kentalc.gov.uk
kalc@kentalc.gov.uk

Woodchurch Windmill - Why is our Mill still broken?

Despite the efforts over the past 4 years of The Society of Friends of Woodchurch Windmill (SFWW), The HUB (and, more recently Woodchurch Parish Council), Woodchurch Windmill remains in a state of disrepair and is a sad sight at the top of Woodchurch village. Throughout this period a lot of questions have been raised by local residents through Social Media and many enquiries have been received by The HUB. Hopefully this will help to clarify some of the questions that are being asked and also further raise the profile of the current plight of the Mill. You could also help by raising any concerns with the contacts shown at the end of this article.

Woodchurch Windmill

Woodchurch Windmill is/was a fine example of a smock mill that was built about 1820 and was in full working order until 1926. The Mill was at one time the only windmill in Kent to be listed as an "Ancient Monument" and since its extensive restoration in the 1980s it remains a "place of Historical Interest". The mill is a Grade II* listed building (*Historic England list entry number 1121143*). Grade II* buildings are "particularly important buildings of more than special interest". Only 5.8% of listed buildings in the UK are Grade II*. Being listed means that special "listed building consent" must be obtained before extensive works are undertaken to ensure that all repairs are done in a way that does not damage or destroy their historical significance.

Who owns Woodchurch Windmill?

The mill, and the immediate ground upon which it stands, are owned by Ashford Borough Council (ABC) (*Land Registry title K896684*). The extent of the land in the title extends only around the base of the mill building and also a small area of grass to the south and east of the mill. The majority of the land around the mill is privately owned.

What are the responsibilities of the owner (ABC)?

In addition to their general responsibilities as the owner of a listed building, Woodchurch Windmill has covenants included in its title that require the owner to undertake specific actions. These include a requirement to *"for ever hereafter to maintain the exterior and the structure of the said Windmill in good repair and not to make any alteration or addition to the structure thereof without the written approval of the Council."*

Responsibilities of others.

Although the mill is owned by ABC and they remain responsible for the overall structure and exterior of the mill, when ABC took over its ownership they entered into a contract with the SFWW (*charity number 277978*) for the charity to maintain the inner workings of the mill and to manage its day-to-day operation.

How much are the repairs expected to cost?

As a listed building, the repairs to the Mill need to be undertaken/overseen by an experienced mill professional. To date, two quotations have been received from recognised Millwrights. One initiated by ABC and the other initiated by the SFWW. The estimated costs for the repairs were between £250,000-£350,000 - although both of these quotes were to have the Mill restored to its condition at the time it was originally built.

What has happened so far?

The current issues regarding the repairs to the Mill have been ongoing since the SFWW first reported to ABC the appearance of fruiting bodies (fungi) on the wooden sweeps in 2018. Unfortunately, no action was taken at that time and in January 2019 one of the Mill sails fell off. The subsequent inspection identified extensive rot in the remaining sweeps and so ABC removed the remaining sails. Later in 2019 ABC erected scaffolding around the

Mill and painted the Mill body, although no work was carried out at the time to repair the sails. Unfortunately, at that time, extensive rot was also identified in the fantail resulting in its subsequent removal.

Since January 2019 the SFWW has been in regular contact with ABC to try to progress the repairs, however their correspondence was rarely responded to. On the few times a response was received, ABC responded that for differing reasons (due to changes in staff, Covid, and other pressures within ABC) any decisions regarding Woodchurch Mill would need to be delayed.

Eventually the SFWW and The HUB were invited to participate in a Teams meeting with ABC on the 29th of February 2022. During that meeting ABC explained that, following the pandemic, they were reviewing all of their assets and we were informed that ABC were likely to divest themselves of the Mill - probably through sale by public auction. During the meeting, ABC were reminded of its legal responsibilities regarding the upkeep of the Mill, however ABC said that a report was being prepared for consideration by their Regeneration Committee - who would take the final decision. The SFWW also asked ABC why the quotations received for the repairs to the Mill were to restore it back to its original condition - and not back to the condition it was in when it was initially listed in the 1980s. The reason for this was unclear.

The SFWW were later informed that, although the committee had met no decision had been reached but that it was the intention of the committee to visit the Mill in person several weeks later, unfortunately only to be cancelled by ABC two days before it was due to take place. ABC then informed us that, instead of a visit in person, the committee were hoping to review the Mill by obtaining drone footage. It is currently not known if this has since been carried out.

The current situation is that for the past 4 years the Mill has been, and continues to be, a stalled ABC construction site that has not been possible to open to visitors.

At the request of the SFWW, Woodchurch Parish Council recently contacted ABC to try to get an update. The latest response that was received from ABC on the 26th January was as follows:

"As previously mentioned the property portfolio is currently being examined in further depth by officers (who have commissioned condition surveys which are in train) along with Members in light of the current financial climate from where decisions will be made to priorities for the portfolio. This will then dictate programming and further engagement with the Friends by the Council, but it may be the intervening elections will delay discussions and decisions by a few months."

If you feel strongly about the current state of our Mill and would like to express your concern, please consider emailing (or writing) to the people below (copying in The HUB):

- **Victoria Couper-Samways** (Property Building Services & Facilities Manager, ABC - Victoria.Couper-Samways@ashford.gov.uk)
- **Cllr David Ledger** - our ABC Borough Councillor - david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk
- **Cllr George Sparks** - our ABC Borough Councillor - george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk
- **Cllr David Robey** - our KCC Councillor - David.Robey@kent.gov.uk
- **Damian Green** - our Member of Parliament - damian.green.mp@parliament.uk

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

We have survived the most depressing time of the year. Traditionally December is the month for giving and celebrating so January is the time to pay for it all. We have continued the celebrations into January by welcoming Karen Card to the team. She has been helping out occasionally for the last 6 years but now is officially a regular part of our nursing team and brings a wealth of experience as a Health Care Assistant.

Lots of people have also done a "dry January" avoiding alcohol for a month. "Research" has shown that reducing alcohol intake can reduce blood pressure and cholesterol, improve quality of sleep, skin quality and improve mental health. Long-term excess will result in damage to your liver and pancreas and can be quite toxic to your heart. Alcohol can chemically contribute to enlargement of your heart (hypertrophic cardiomegaly) and can cause electrical conduction changes leading an increased risk of irregular beats such as "ectopics" and "atrial fibrillation". There are lots of empty calories too so weight gain is common only to be balanced by a lighter wallet.

Government health advice is that 14 units a week remains a safe limit to avoid health risks for both men and women. The calculation is to multiply the Alcohol By Volume % by the amount of liquid in litres - so 1L of 4% beer is 4 units for example. A rule of thumb is that a bottle of wine is 9 units and a pint of normal 4% beer is a little over 2 units, a 330ml bottle of beer generally around 1.3 units.

If you have any concerns about safe limits or potential damage already done then please come and talk to us. If necessary, we can do blood tests and scans to look into any organ damage and look at ways to help reduce consumption.

February highlights heart health which I am a fan of, having had a heart attack in 2018. There are now injectable therapies for high cholesterol and alternatives to statins to help reduce cholesterol. A lot of high cholesterol are familial so if you have never had your cholesterol checked it is worth doing once, especially if you have a family history of heart disease or strokes.

Following a good diet and exercising regularly is helpful too. I try and follow the 80:20 concept that you should be good at least 80% of the time!



At the risk of being repetitive we have flu jabs left for anyone over 50 or with a health condition. Please contact us. We are also shouting out to any women between 25 and 65 who haven't had a smear in the last 3 years to contact us to book in. If you're not sure please just ask.

Many thanks for all your support and best wishes for February on behalf of the Surgery,

Jack Hickey - GP



Woodchurch Patients Participation Group (PPG)

I'm delighted to be using our PPG logo for the first time – a very big Thank you to Anastasia for designing this for us.

Please find below the dates for our 4 PPG meetings for 2023.

All Woodchurch Surgery Patients welcome!

At each meeting we will be joined by representatives from Woodchurch Surgery and a 'Speaker' from a local group/organisation.

Meeting dates (Memorial Hall Annexe starting 6pm):

Monday 27th February

Monday 22nd May

Monday 21st August

Monday 20th November

If you would like to receive PPG Surgery updates and details of speakers for the meetings, please contact Philippa at philippa@woodchurch.btinternet.com

Margaret Morris Movement

The Margaret Morris Movement - Gentle exercise for the over 50's will resume classes on Thursdays from February 2nd 2023 at The Scout Community Hall from 2.15 pm to 3.45 pm.

If anyone would be interested in joining us, please could they contact me, Alannah, on [01233 770607](tel:01233770607), so that I can explain the details of the class and price and safety precautions to keep everyone safe.

Surgery Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Hamstreet
Dental Clinic

Welcomes You

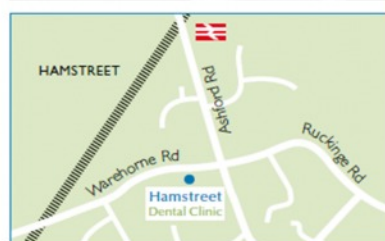


Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ



Find us on facebook



Tel: 01233 733848

Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com

All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

In the month of February we are already thinking about our next season in church. On Tuesday 21st February it will be Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally the day when the contents of the store cupboard were used to make pancakes before the period of fasting in Lent, which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday - 22nd February. Lent is a good time to reconnect spiritually, or perhaps to take a look and see what Christianity is about. Please get in touch if you are interested, or just turn up for any of our services advertised - be assured of a warm welcome in All Saints.



As the days get longer and lighter, and we see new growth around us, we can look forward with hope to all that is ahead. However, I know that many people are facing financial difficulties during the current crisis, and we still have a way to go before the days start to get warmer. Please get in touch if you need help, and know that if you make contact you will be treated confidentially, and I will work with you to find ways to help. Please do not suffer in silence at this time.

Thanks also to those who have continued to help to support our Here to Help scheme. Our foodbank has been well used, and regularly topped up using kind donations of food and by shopping using the cash donations we have received. We have delivered food parcels to those who cannot collect from the church, and we know that for some people "heating or eating" has become a reality.

Our new warm space Tuesday afternoons from 12 noon have proved popular - do come along to keep warm, to meet friends, and enjoy soup and a roll and other treats - this will continue until the end of February, thanks to our funding from Ashford Borough Council. Dogs are welcome in church - please use the space as you wish - for a good chat; to read; to work or play using our internet, to play board games or do knitting or craft work. We are happy to offer transport if you are unable to get to the church. Thanks to those who volunteered to support this scheme.

One of our plans for 2023 is to look at an initiative called Eco-church <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk> where we can work towards awards for putting in place initiatives to improve our impact on the environment? I am keen to find people interested in volunteering to help with this project - please get in touch if you are interested - you do not need to be religious, but interested in buildings and the environment.

Reverend Sue. 01233 820266. revsuerose@outlook.com

All Saints Woodchurch

Winter Warmers



Every Tuesday from 10th
January 10am-4pm

No charge - enjoy our
warm space

Hot drinks, cake, bread
and soup

Meet up for a chat
Find a quiet corner to
read
Use our internet
Board Games
Puzzles and Games



ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Helping save and preserve our Church

ASHFORD YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA IN

CONCERT

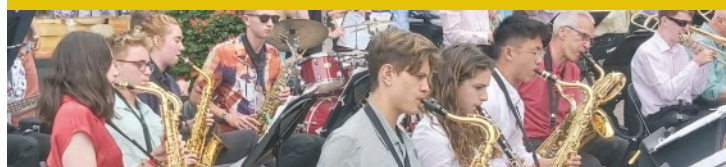
at **ALL SAINTS
CHURCH**
WOODCHURCH

*A lively mix
of Traditional, Swing,
Contemporary and
Modern Jazz*

Saturday, 22nd April 2023

Doors open 7pm Concert starts at 7.30pm

LICENSED BAR and Raffle



Tickets £10 (includes light refreshment) **Online from:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-woodchurch>

or if you prefer - visit **WOODCHURCH HUB** 01233 861381

(Open Monday-Friday 10.00am-1.00pm Saturday 10.00am-12 midday)

[Weekly calendar events sent directly to your email](#)

Did you know that you can have the village calendar events sent directly to your email each week. If you would like to automatically receive the most up-to-date village events please email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or contact The HUB.



The Six Bells Inn

February is the most wonderful month of the year (apart from the other 11) but before we start with what we have in store for February we will just fill you in on the events of January.

Our quiz night again was a roaring success with a full house and the next one is just round the corner on 1st February with only a few spaces left, so please be quick.

We had the fires roaring to keep the icy cold away and hopefully that may be the end of it but who knows!

The beer has been flowing extremely well and the bar and restaurant area have been well used by our wonderful local customers and lots of new faces have been appearing which is always a delight to see, the Sunday Roasts are proving to be in great demand (we would definitely recommend booking)

We celebrated Burns Night with a traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties which was accompanied by our own unique Mini Scottish Bagpipes performance from Jimmy McDougall - please note whoever removed his batteries please can they return them before next year !!

Love is in the air (or may be floating on the horizon) with Valentine's Day approaching and we are all in support of the idea of a romantic evening for two but we thought we would make an evening for everyone to enjoy with a few nibbles on the bar (please excuse the choice of words) and some special drinks, to include the odd cocktail or two (shaken and not stirred) by our very own Cocktail Aficionado, the one and only Jacky B complete with an optional little quiz thrown in.

Then on Friday 17th February, we have returning to us, Northwood Acoustic Duo who put a spin on the classics from across the decades. The last time they were with us it was an amazing evening and sounded like the whole bar joined in, we are all really looking forward to having a great, "can't help but sing your heart out" night.

With love always
Emily and All at "The Bells"



Bonny Cravat

With January all done and dusted we are off to a flying start for 2023 and looking forward to soon having lighter evenings and some warmer days!

February is looking exciting here at the Bonny, with the return of our quiz night on Tuesday 7th at 7pm. Bonny's big fat quiz was so much fun and we can't wait to have some more fun this month!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we have a delicious menu on offer for you and your special someone! Make sure to book your table, you won't want to miss out!

We also have live music from the amazing Sea Monkeys here performing in our restaurant on Friday 11th from 8pm. Plenty of space for a boogy, so pop on your dancing shoes and be sure not to miss them!

Keep your eyes peeled on our social media for more live music events!

Thank you to everyone who has been in and supported us during a very wet and cold January!

We look forward to seeing you all again this month!

Leigha



COUNCIL HOUSE EXCHANGE WANTED

We are looking to swap with somebody who would like to downsize a 3-4 bedroom council house. Ideally in Tenterden, St Michaels, Rolvenden, High Halden, Wittersham, Appledore, Woodchurch or Biddenden.

We have a spacious ground floor 2 double bedroomed flat in Tenterden. It has a wet room which is ideal for somebody wanting to downsize and has your own front door (no entry system) lovely neighbours and nice quiet area but just behind the high street.

The bedrooms are big double bedrooms too, the front room is huge and also we have 2 storage cupboards plus airing cupboard. There is also a big storage cupboard/ larder in kitchen too. Has well maintained communal gardens too. Pets are allowed.

We have sadly outgrown and now need a bigger home for our family. Can help with moving & fees etc.

Please contact Jade on [07955 380579](tel:07955380579) for more information.

Woodchurch HUB AGM

Woodchurch HUB will be holding their AGM on Friday 10th February from 4pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe. All are welcome to attend.

More information can be found on the HUB Web site.

GROUP FITNESS in Woodchurch

Looking to prioritise your
fitness this year?

Our classes are motivational,
fun and aimed at all abilities.
From beginners to fitness fanatics
- everyone is welcome!

Claim your free taster:
jofurneauxfitness/book-a-class
or call Jo: 07961 978068



GILLIAN'S
"SOUPER" LUNCH
HOSTED BY WOODCHURCH WI



CHOICE OF HOMEMADE SOUPS
DESSERT, COFFEE & TEA - £8.00

SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2023
MEMORIAL HALL 12.15 - 14.30
TWO SITTINGS; 12.30 & 13.00

IN AID OF WOODCHURCH SCOUTS GROUP
AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH

BUY YOUR TICKETS FROM THE HUB
FROM 11 JANUARY 2023

Scout Group Paper Collection

Woodchurch Scout group collect paper in the village on the second Sunday of every month. Please have your paper outside your property, visible from the road, by 9am. The proceeds from this help to run the mini bus which allows the scout group to get about for activities.

'Woodchurch Yard Together' INVITATION

TO JOIN US ON OUR FIRST 2023 'WYT'
CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

SAT 25TH & SUN 26TH FEBRUARY

- Come along and see the variety of tasks involved
Find out how you can help
For just an hour or all weekend
Your help is always welcome!



- See how the new flower bank is developing
a BIG Thank you to the Carnival Committee for our
grant to buy the Spring bulbs

- Enjoy a cup of tea & a chat!

WoodchurchYardTogether@btinternet.com



OUTPOST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR...

SUNDAY SERVICES

WHEN? Most Sunday's 10.30am - 11.45am (See schedule below)

WHERE? Outpost Church meets at the Woodchurch Scout & Guide Community Centre, Lower Road, Woodchurch, TN26 3SQ

WHY? Songs, prayer, thought provoking messages,
children's activities, nibbles, coffee & tea, a warm welcome!



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:

FEB 05 - 10.30am Sunday Service

FEB 12 - 10.30am Sunday Service

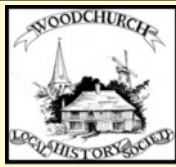
FEB 19 - 10.30am Sunday Service

FEB 26 - 10.30am Sunday Service followed by pancakes

outpostchurch@live.co.uk www.outpostchurch.co.uk

Woodchurch Local History Society

Programme 2023



- **February 6th** - Annual General Meeting and a short talk. Jon Chaplin and "The Origins of Woodchurch".
- **March 6th** - Melanie Gibson-Barton "Elizabeth Barton. Maid of Kent (and Aldington)".
- **April 3rd** - Don Grant "Ashford Police Investigate Wartime Agents and Spies".
- **May 1st** - Ken Brooks "Social History of Ecclesbourne Glen and Fairlight".
- **June 5th** - Jennifer Godfrey "Suffragettes of Kent"

Summer Visits - tba

- **September 4th** - Jon Chaplin 'Romney Marsh on the Front Line'.
- **October 20th** - Alexander Hunt "All Things Nutty".
- **November 6th** - Pete Allen "Not Coming Soon. The Greatest Films Never Made".
- **December 4th** - Members' Evening.

Woodchurch Film Society

The Woodchurch Film Society has now re-launched with its first film of 2023 showing on Saturday 25th February at 6:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Fisherman's Friends 2: One and All

Tickets are now on sale
at The HUB

Tickets cost £15 each and
include a fish and chip supper.

For more information contact
The HUB
or phone Colin on
07802 225595



"Connecting Woodchurch" News

We are developing a mobile cart for advertising village events to be placed at well known points or at events allowing more people to access information.

This will cost approximately £100 to cover the purchase of a second hand cart and its adaptation. Attendees at our last meeting agreed this was a good opportunity for groups to chip-in and fund. Please contact

patrick.byrne@mclarengroup.com

if your group/club would like to help with a small donation



An "Events" category has now been added to the Community Calendar to help highlight upcoming village events throughout the year. The list of events can now be found on the **home page of the HUB Web site** or visit The HUB



The Big Thin Red Line (TBTRL) are coordinating plans for The Coronation on 6th May. Anyone able to support, please contact Patrick via the email address above.

More information about the items discussed at our last meeting can be downloaded from the [HUB Web site](#)



To help Clubs and Societies connect, or if you would like more information about "Connecting Woodchurch", we have set up the email address below

Connecting@woodchurchhub.uk

Our next "Connecting Woodchurch" meeting:

Thursday 9th March, 6.30pm in All Saints Church

Supporting The HUB

The HUB is a not-for-profit organisation that exists to help support the residents of Woodchurch, the village clubs and societies and also village businesses. It is managed entirely by volunteers and is funded by Newsletter advertising and voluntary donations. If you would like to help support The HUB then please go to The HUB web site and click the the **"Donate"** button. www.woodchurchhub.uk

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As in 2022, our WI had a change of venue for the first meeting of 2023, for the Woodchurch Players were busy rehearsing for the annual pantomime in the Memorial Hall and so we were delighted to accept Richard Carley's kind offer to meet at the Jean Mealham Pop In Centre. At the Centre we welcomed 3 volunteer "Blood Runners", Trevor Sayer, a car driver volunteer and our Speaker for the evening, together with two motorbike riders. Trevor explained that all three of them work for a Charity called SERV Kent (Service by Emergency Response Volunteers).

They are affectionately known as "Blood Runners" on account of the fact that they transport mainly essential blood products and samples to Accident & Emergency Hospitals throughout Kent every single night from 7 pm to 6 am, including weekends and Bank Holidays. Working on a rota basis, with up to 6 members of the team working on any one night, they can also transport urgent breast milk deliveries, home dialysis, renal samples and medication. They also help to support local hospices, including Ellenor and Demelza House, and yet another major task is to re-stock



the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance with blood, (particularly O negative blood, the universal blood group), from the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, thus allowing the emergency services to provide vital treatment actually at the scene of an incident. Trevor stressed that all SERV Kent services are provided completely free of charge, thanks to their

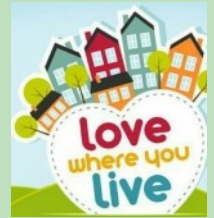
dedicated team of volunteers. Each one of them uses their own telephones and vehicles and they even pay for the fuel used. In fact the only thing that is provided by the Charity is the bright, yellow high viz. jackets. These are, of course, essential to ensure the safety of the volunteers, and, therefore, facilitate the prompt delivery of each and every medical product. Thank you Trevor, Steve and Ged for coming out on such a miserable, January evening to make us all aware of the excellent work done each and every night in our area by your wonderful secret army of volunteers!

The January competition, "Something Red" following the colours of the rainbow, was won by Barbara Turner with her nostalgic red Oxo tin and the Competition Cup for the period from September 2021 until December 2022 was Claire Town. Congratulations to both worthy winners!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14th February at 7.15 pm when we will be back in the Memorial Hall. It will be our Annual General Meeting and the competition will be "Something Orange". Do join us if you can!

2023 Spring Village Clean Up Saturday 1st April

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 1st April to participate in 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.

The Big Thin Red Line

We haven't gone away you know, but we are very thin on the ground so please contract to join.



We have been busy supporting others as part of our aims, the 70s event in support of Church is a sell-out. The team are looking at 3 main events this year that we are keen all can get involved with.

- St Georges Day 22nd April supported by Six Bells is evolving. Get your costumes ready to turn time back to medieval England, more details to follow.
- Kings Coronation 6th May in joint venture with the village pubs and also the lighting of the village Beacon. We are looking to the two pubs to be centre of attraction during the day along with all who may be doing street parties. Please let us know and come on board. More details to follow,
- Armistice day and last supper in November. We want to make this more of an event for remembrance. Our main aim is to raise money for our new standard to march with, we must raise around £1,000. Any donations are gratefully received.

We will also be starting to reinstate a get together once a month open to all, low key but somewhere old soldiers and others can just meet have a drink and chat. Then when numbers are up we can turn up the night to more fun events. This meet will be on the first Thursday of each month at a pub of choice.

If you want to assist and join in on anything above, please contact Pat at patrick.byrne@mclarengroup.com

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.



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January 2023 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	John Brymer	401
2nd prize	£30	Chris Busby	476
3rd prize	£20	Helen de Georgio	472

Woodchurch Village Life Museum

Woodchurch Village Life Museum will be opening its doors soon to visitors. However, we do need more people to be meeters and greeters. This is not an onerous task and would only need a commitment of one three hour stint each month, between Good Friday and the end of October. (Holidays and the like can be covered by other greeters.)

If interested please email the Hub leaving your details with a means of contacting you.



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Friday 24 March. Meanwhile, we are already taking bookings
for group visits in 2023.

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HELP NEEDED

Gina McKay has links with a primary school in South Africa where the children have very little, some have no shoes. She is knitting small teddy bears to send across to South Africa. She is looking for knitters who would be prepared to help. Each bear takes about 50 minutes to knit. It is in one piece and all you need to be able to do is use garter stitch (all knit), caste on and cast off.

If you can help, then please contact her via gina_mckay@hotmail.com

