



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

April 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

Monday:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall
Tai Chi and Qigong 9:45am and 10:45am at the S&G Community Centre

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
Junior Tennis Coaching 3:30pm-7:30pm on the Tennis Courts
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

Tuesday:

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 5:30pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Wednesday:

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 8:00pm-9:30pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

Thursday:

Art Society 10:00am-1:00pm at the Memorial Hall
Margaret Morris Movement 2:15pm-3:15pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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Thursdays (cont):

BodyBlast 6:30pm-7:20pm 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

Fridays:

Soup Fridays 12:00am-2:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
Adult Tennis Coaching 5:30pm-6:30pm on the Tennis Courts

Other Events:

Sat 1st **Spring Village Clean Up** - From 8am at The HUB
Sun 2nd **Music at The Bonny - Crooked Style** - 7:00pm
Mon 3rd to Friday 14th ROAD CLOSED Shadoxhurst Road from Coldblow to Hengherst Farm
Mon 3rd **CARM** 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Memorial Hall
WLHS - Wartime Agents and Spies. 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
Tue 4th **Bonny Cravat Quiz Night** - 7:00pm
Wed 5th **Six Bells Quiz Night** - 7:00pm
Tenebrae Service 7:00pm at All Saints Church
Thu 6th **Last Supper Eucharist and Foot Washing** 7:00pm at All Saints Church
Fri 7th **WOODCHURCH Museum 2023 Opening** 10:00am
Good Friday Walk - Outpost Church 2:20pm from the S&G Community Centre
Storytime and Crafts for families - 4:00pm-5:00pm at All Saints Church
Music at The Bonny - Groove 101 - 7:00pm
Sat 8th **Easter Egg Hunt** - 2:00-3:00 at All Saints Church
Vigil Service - 8:00pm-9:00pm at All Saints Church
Sun 9th **Easter Service and Easter Egg Hunt** - Outpost Church 10:30am-11:45am at the S&G Community Centre
Mon 10th **Six Bells Park Easter Celebration** - 2:00pm at Six Bells Park
Tue 11th to Wed 12th ROAD CLOSED Top of Front Road
Tue 11th **WI "What Women Wore"** 7:15pm at the Memorial Hall
Wed 12th **Borough Councillors Surgery** - 11:00am-12:00pm at Woodchurch HUB
Sat 15th and Sunday 16th **WYT Churchyard tidy up weekend** at All Saints Church
Sun 16th **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Mon 17th to Fri 21st ROAD CLOSED May Shaves
Tue 18th **A Musical Afternoon Tea Party** - 2:30pm-5:00pm at the Jean Mealham Centre
Fri 21st **Music at The Bonny - HEROES** - 7:00pm
Sat 22nd **shford Youth Orchestra Concert** - 7:00pm at All Saints Church
St Georges Day event and Music from Zips Duo - 7:00pm at The Six Bells
Thu 27th to Tue 2nd May ROAD CLOSED Top of Front Road
Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Fri 28th **Ashford Astronomical Society** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall



WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • UPDATE •

Woodchurch Windmill

At an EGM called on the 27th March the Parish Council voted to form a working group to enable them to talk directly with Ashford Borough Council regarding the future of the Mill. It was good to see a number of local residents at the meeting and the Parish Council welcomed their views and support. The working group will be established to also include village residents who are not serving members of the Parish Council. More information will be available at the April meeting.

Local Elections - 4th May

Do not forget that the local elections for your Borough Council and Parish Council on this day. If you are considering becoming a Parish Councillor then do not forget to complete the nomination form and have it returned in person to the Ashford Civic Centre, Tannery Lane before 4pm on Tuesday the 4th April 2023. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the [HUB web site](#), the [Electoral Commission Web site](#) or printed copies are available at The HUB.

If you are putting yourself forward as a Parish Council candidate, and there are sufficient nominees to require an election, if you have produced any promotional literature the HUB will deliver them for you free of charge along with the May Newsletter. The HUB will also be preparing a candidate profile sheet for inclusion in the May Newsletter. Please contact The HUB if you would like to have your details included.

DO NOT FORGET - From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions
- From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.



www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id

The most common forms of acceptable photo ID are:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass

For a full list of acceptable photo ID please visit the Web site above, or contact The HUB.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply before the 25th April either online (see link above) or by post. Printed application forms are also available at the Hub or can be downloaded from [The HUB Web site](#).

[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 meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on

Thursday 27th April

7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

EXPECT MAJOR DISRUPTION AS A RESULT OF ROADWORKS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE THROUGHOUT APRIL AND THE BEGINNING OF MAY

DETAILS BELOW

Upcoming roadworks in and around Woodchurch Information from KCC and one.network

Road Closed - Shadoxhurst Road Between Coldblow Lane and Hengherst Farm

3rd - 14th April 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: KCC Strengthening of carriageway

Road Closed - top of Front Road

11th - 12th April 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: KCC pre-patching works for surfacing

Road Closed - May Shaves

17th April - 21st April 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: KCC carry out RETREAD surfacing works to the carriageway

Road Closed - top of Front Road

27th April - 2nd May 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: KCC Micro Surfacing Programme



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

www.kent.gov.uk/highways

I was very concerned to receive the crime report today which showed two incidents in the area.

FRONT ROAD and LOWER ROAD WOODCHURCH.

Burglaries have been very low in East Kent and reading this report we all need to accept that criminals are active in the area and we must all raise our awareness and vigilance especially ensuring we are secure as possible at all times even if we are popping out for a few moments.



If there are any further witnesses, information, CCTV, Camera Doorbell footage or even by total chance DASHCAM footage especially if the vehicle camera films when the vehicle is parked and locked then please contact the police and quote the crime numbers shown.

Thank you for your assistance

Peter

**Peter New (peternew1@aol.com)
91725 Kent Police Volunteer & Community
Neighbourhood Watch**

Crime Reference	Ward	Location	Offence	Date from	Date to	Property stolen	Misc.
46/49413/23	Furley	Simone Weil Avenue area of Ashford	Theft from motor vehicle	14/03/23 0001 hours	14/03/23 1851 hours	Miscellaneous food groceries and <u>two wheel nuts</u> stolen	
46/49928/23	Singleton East	Honey Field area of Ashford	Attempt Burglary	14/03/23 2302 hours	14/03/23 2325 hours	Rear door damaged, no entry gained	Attempt
46/50431/23	Weald South	Front Road area of Woodchurch	Burglary	17/03/23 1900 hours	18/03/23 1130 hours	Entry gained, nothing stolen	
46/50712/23	Weald South	Lower Road area of Woodchurch	Burglary	19/03/23 1100 hours	19/03/23 1530 hours	Entry gained, untidy search, 2 watches, jewellery and a TV cable stolen	

Woodchurch does not currently have an active registered Neighbourhood Watch scheme and we will be working with Peter to try to reestablish one in the village. As with all community schemes, Neighbourhood Watch is dependent on local volunteers to set up and manage. If you are willing to lead the Community Neighbourhood Watch group for Woodchurch then please contact The HUB. More information regarding what is involved can be found at www.ourwatch.org.uk



CALLING EVERYONE

CAN YOU ACT, SING, DANCE OR DO ALL THREE?

DATE -TBA

COME ALONG TO ONE OF THE AUDITION EVENINGS FOR OUR SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION - ALL AGES WELCOME

Do you have a favourite musical song you would love to perform or would just like to join into a fun sketch or song & dance routine?

Come with your own audition piece or join in with one of the group numbers.



WE ARE PLANNING A FUN FAMILY EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH SHORT SKETCHES AND THE BEST OF EVERYONE'S FAVORITE MUSICALS.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday September 2023 and tickets will include a jacket potato and the chance to sing along.



It will be **WICKED** see there.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JUST HELPING BACK STAGE, PROPS, FRONT OF HOUSE OR WITH THE REFRESHMENTS PLEASE LET US KNOW

Ann and Lynn

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)

Darran Bugden - Our village postman retires after 36 years of service to Woodchurch

Darran joined Royal Mail in May 1987 at the age of 16 to replace a part-time postman who unfortunately passed away. He had been working for about 4 weeks when he received a letter from Royal Mail saying that unfortunately he hadn't got the job!! An admin error, soon corrected.

A great deal of his career was spent on a bicycle, loaded so high, he could only just see over the top (yellow pages & phone books). Most days his round consisted of a 33-mile journey coming back to the Post Office to reload and set off again, regardless of the weather.

He became the full-time postman on the retirement of Michael Garman in the early 90's when he had a wife and young family to provide for.

He has many interesting tales, as you would expect during his long service, some of which can't be repeated but the village will remember him as a constant, reliable figure in their lives



providing a good service, a smile and the occasional hug when needed. He has had many older customers who he would help with small day to day tasks, like reading letters for those with sight problems, dropping off prescriptions at the surgery as he was going by, fetching stamps and just generally keeping an eye on their welfare. And, of course, full knowledge of the dogs in the village, good and bad. 'I've found this dog! Who does it belong to?'

He has really enjoyed his long career with Royal Mail, but since the closure of the Post Office which meant the closure of the sorting office behind it, the move into Ashford has thrown new challenges his way. He has gained new friends/colleagues with the move but, with the current changes that Royal Mail intend to make, he feels that he has had the best from Royal Mail and that it is time to move on.

His has had a long and happy career which has been exemplary, and he can look back at that time with pride and affection. He will, of course, miss his customers and their pets (maybe not the bitey ones!)

Darran - A big thank you from the village. Retired from the post office maybe... but we are sure that you will remain a familiar, friendly face around the village.



The Six Bells Inn

March has Marched off and April is here (hopefully with not too many April Showers) especially as we have a full month of activities ahead.



Be careful too, its April Fools Day on a Saturday so anything could happen!! We have our Quiz Night on Wednesday 5th April which always proves to be a popular evening and then its Easter Weekend. Good Friday we have the Trio Troubadour here in the evening and then we have some other surprises in store for the remainder of the Easter Holiday.

St Georges Day 22 April and we are celebrating with music including Zips Duo who will be performing in the evening

And finally.... The lawn is all laid and growing nicely so we can't wait to invite you out into the garden sometime soon and with the busy month of May and the Coronation Weekend nearly upon us, we plan on making full use of the outside area and we are absolutely, positively sure that the sun will be shining so we can all celebrate in style.

With love as always - Emily and Co. xx

Bonny Cravat

What an EXCITING month April is going to be at the Bonny! Lighter evenings, warmer days and lots more fun to be had!



Live music nights have proved to be very popular lately, with a great turn out and night had by all for the amazing Men Without Hens in March. Live music will be returning not once, not twice...but THREE TIMES in April!

We have Crooked Style from 3pm on Sunday 2nd April, followed by a bit of funk and soul from the wonderful Groove 101 on Friday 7th. AND if that isn't enough for you...we have HEROES live on Friday 21st, so put on your dancing shoes and get ready for an awesome April!

Quiz night will be on Tuesday 4th April and it's a roll over! This month the winning team could walk away with over £100.00!!! Don't miss out, book your team in soon as there is limited space!

Once again, thank you to everyone for your continued support. We have had such lovely feedback and some really great times with you all already.... long may it continue!

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

At close of play on Monday, I gathered with Drs Smith and Arinaitwe and we shared a cheer at the sun streaming through the windows. Collectively we enjoyed the moment that felt as if the winter is now behind us. I drove home into a lovely sunset for the first time this year.

Sunlight helps increase levels of serotonin (your happy hormone) and just 30 minutes exposure is said to increase your serotonin to good levels and also increase your vitamin D to protect your bones from osteoporosis. I definitely felt the hit on Monday evening!

Sunlight is thought to be protective from some cancers, is thought to help people sleep better by restoring the "circadian rhythm" and also helps with skin conditions, such as psoriasis. Excessive exposure has strong links with skin cancer so it is best to avoid the peak UV times between 10am and 4pm.

With this burst of warmth we will get the pollens rising. The seasonal hayfever sufferers should start their anti-histamines and nasal steroid sprays. Cetirizine is probably the best long-acting anti-histamine and is readily available over the counter. Nasal sprays should be steroid based and used regularly. The "decongestant" sprays such as Sudafed and Otrivine are brilliant for short term relief, but if used for more than a week cause increased swelling inside your nose and will lead to long term issues.

April is the start of a new year for the NHS so for the last few weeks we have been very busy trying to tidy up our registers and ensure that we meet nationally set targets. This year has seen the first time that some of these targets must be jointly met among the PCN (Primary Care Network - Hamstreet, Charing, Ivy Court and us). We have been working together for some time now but this formal mandate has led to more collaborative working and really sets the tone for the future of GP world.

April also celebrates Easter and with it comes vast amounts of chocolate. Chocolate has lots of flavanols that can lower blood pressure, protect your heart, liver and brain. It also makes people very happy but excessive consumption can lead to needing bigger clothes too... Our Nurse Practitioner, Chris Hamilton, also told me that if a diabetic is having a hypoglycaemic episode that Jelly Babies are much better than chocolate, as chocolate is much fatter so takes much longer to absorb - tip for the day to save a life!



Wishing you a very happy Easter and New NHS Year to you all on behalf of the Surgery

Best wishes, Jack Hickey, GP

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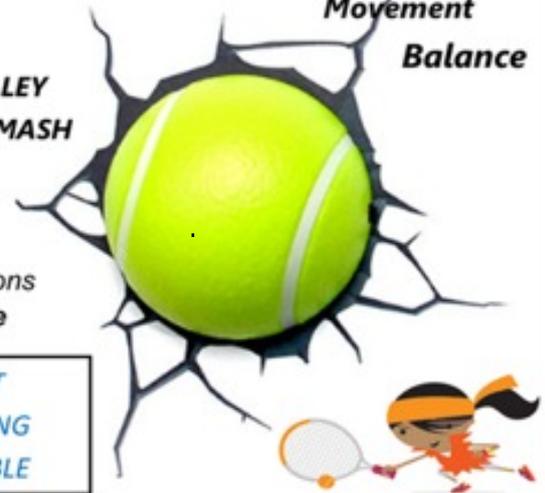
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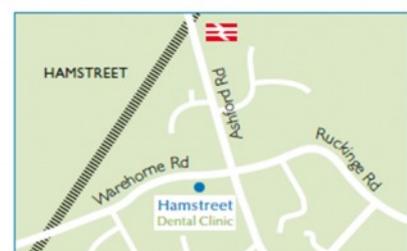
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Dear Friends,

I hope you are all keeping well, and enjoying some nice Spring weather as Easter approaches -there has not been much sunshine to enjoy, as I write this towards the end of March.



I can hardly believe that this is our third Easter in the Benefice! This year I have tried to offer a range of different ways to experience Holy Week, with services moving from one village to another each day, starting on Palm Sunday 2nd April in High Halden, when we will begin on the Village Green with Eeyore and Joey the donkeys. In the Palm Sunday service we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We are blessed to have had a group of talented people in High Halden who have made a new altar frontal and beautiful kneelers for the church, and I am looking forward to blessing them and seeing them all in situ for this service.

We have lots of services and events in Woodchurch for Holy Week and Easter. You can find all the details in this newsletter. For families we have story time and crafts in church at 4pm on Good Friday 7th April we have an easter egg hunt in All Saints churchyard at 2pm on Saturday 8th April (this was very popular last year).

We have several different reflective evening services during Holy Week, then we celebrate Easter - with a vigil service on Saturday evening 8th April at All Saints where we will light the Easter candle from a fire outside; this will be followed by a short candle-lit service in the church. On Easter Day we have a dawn service in High Halden, and then a Benefice communion service in Bethersden. This is the most important time of the year for us as Christians - we celebrate that Christ conquered death and is present in our lives today. Do pop in and try at least one service if you have not been to church for a while, or even if you have never been before - everyone is welcome, and it has been great to see some new faces at our recent services.

Next month we have something planned at each church for Coronation Weekend, - in Woodchurch we will be re-introducing an 8am BCP (Old traditional language prayer book) Communion service on 7th May. We are also supporting the "Big Help" day when we celebrate the work of all our volunteers, and encourage others to help - I am looking forward to welcoming other volunteer organisations and visitors to the church on the Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May.

Easter Blessings to everyone,
[01233 820266](tel:01233820266). revsuerose@outlook.com

2023 PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to continue to subscribe to the **Woodchurch, Bethersden and High Halden Parish Magazine** then please ensure that you have paid your subscription. Subscription reminders will be attached to the April edition - or contact The HUB for a subscription form.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Our services have been planned this year to give a full experience of Holy Week, as we walk beside Jesus in his final days, and then turn to celebration of His resurrection at Easter. The different services are explained here, so you know what to expect; they are spread across our villages, but intended that you can follow them from one church to another during the week.

Palm Sunday 2nd April

11am in High Halden

We begin on the village green with the Palm Gospel and procession when we remember Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem. We will be blessing a new altar frontal and kneelers made by local people. We will then listen to the full story of Jesus' final days during our service in church.

4pm in High Halden

Storytime for families as we hear about Jesus' final journey with a craft activity followed by drinks and cake

Monday 3rd April 7pm High Halden

A compline service of night prayer - a short and peaceful service

Tuesday 4th April 7pm Bethersden

Stations of the cross - we remember Jesus' final journey with pictures and prayers around the church

Wednesday 5th April 7pm Woodchurch

Tenebrae service - quiet and reflective readings as candles are gradually extinguished

Thursday 6th April 7pm Woodchurch

Last Supper Eucharist with Foot Washing - we remember the night before Jesus died.

Good Friday 7th April

12 noon at Bethersden

Good Friday Liturgy - a solemn service to commemorate the day Jesus died for us.

4pm in Woodchurch

Storytime for families as we hear about Jesus' final journey with a craft activity followed by drinks and cake

Holy Saturday 8th April

2pm in Woodchurch and Bethersden

Easter Egg Hunts in the churchyards in Bethersden and Woodchurch

8pm in Woodchurch

Easter Vigil - prayers followed by the lighting of the Easter Candle

Easter Day Sunday 9th April

6am in High Halden - dawn service with lighting of the Easter Candle

11am in Bethersden - Benefice Eucharist celebration for Easter

2pm in High Halden - Easter Egg hunt for families

March started for Woodchurch WI on the first Saturday of the month when we hosted "Gillian's Souper Lunch" at the Memorial Hall.



At that time winter appeared to be very reluctant to relinquish its grasp on this part of Kent, with a brisk and extremely chilly north easterly wind blowing across the county. Of course this meant that a tasty, warming lunch of soup, rustic bread, dessert and tea or coffee was just the ticket and so, yet again, this event proved very popular - so much so that Gillian was able to donate £225 to each of this year's selected village groups - namely the Church and the Scouts. Thank you to everyone who put so much effort into making the event such a success, and a special thank you must go to Wade Nash for providing us with so many excellent varieties of home made soup!



Our actual meeting in mid March was a convivial affair as we celebrated our 96th birthday in style with a talk entitled "Woodchurch in the 1920s" delivered with panache by member Josie Mackie. Josie was born and bred in the village, as were her parents and grand parents before her. She explained that the first WI meeting was recorded as having taken place on 12th January 1927, but the birthday has always been celebrated in

March. The first founding President was a lady called Maude Marchant. Most of the first members were then what Maude referred to as "working class" and they came to be educated rather than entertained. It was a time of rural poverty, as Woodchurch, like so many other villages, was slowly beginning to recover from the First World War. The homes had no gas, electricity or telephone and an outside lavatory was the norm. The roads, being unmade, were very dusty in the summer and in the winter, it was mud and more mud! A school had existed in the village for over 75 years and there was a small private school held in Church Gates Cottage (where, until recently, the Misses Butcher lived). The Schrieber family, or by 1927, the daughter Evelyn Webb, owned the Hengherst Estate. There was a Doctor and a District Nurse, but as this was pre 1948, there was no NHS, so all visits and medication had to be paid for. Many of the men were farmers or agricultural workers, whilst others worked for Bournes the Builders. The village was blessed with more shops than today (there was even a department store called Belmont Stores on the site of Woodchurch Garage) and so many villagers were shop workers - butchers, bakers, confectioners and grocers, and most people would have done their general shopping locally. And, of course, the village had 3 pubs - the Six Bells and Bonny Cravat and the Stonebridge Inn. Following our brief visit to Woodchurch's past, we were able to enjoy various nibbles, chocolates, wine and a choice of delicious Lemon Sponge or Coffee & Walnut cake and we are now looking forward in anticipation to next year's celebrations! The competition (Something Yellow) was won by Barbara's wonderful Spring knitting display. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th April at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall when Sheila Farmer will be our speaker on "What Women Wore" and the competition will be "Something Green". Do join us if you can! Visitors will always receive a warm WI welcome!

GILLIAN'S SOUPER LUNCH

I would also like to thank the following for their contribution:-

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|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Post Office Coffee Shop | } | |
| Carley Butchers | } | Donation of |
| Six Bells Pub | } | Raffle Prizes |
| The Bonny Cravat | } | |
| Richard Carley | } | Supply of Vegetables |
| Wade Nash | } | Making of Soups |
| Woodchurch WI | } | Hall hire and heating |

I would also like to give my thanks and appreciation to my fellow WI members who not only worked very hard in the kitchen and serving but stood in on my behalf as I was not able to attend due to Covid. - Gillian

Music to my ears

Before Christmas I was in New York and my youngest daughter had asked me to bring her back a poster of the Broadway production of 'The Music Man' starring Hugh Jackman. If you know the story of this musical it is about a man who introduces music into a community in the form of a marching band. Secretly he has ulterior motives to sell the towns folk uniforms and musical instruments, and then skip off with the money. He meets lots of opposition to the whole idea (and some people see through him) but in the end he delivers and it brings the town together, all accompanied by some resounding songs - 'Seventy-six Trombones' anyone?

Luckily you don't have to battle your way to the theatre to hear the sound of brass bringing local people together. On 22nd April we are delighted to welcome the Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra to All Saints, Woodchurch at 7.30 (see posters around the village and in this newsletter for ticket information). Come along and why not bring a friend? Not only will you be enjoying a night out but you will also be raising funds for your village church, which is sorely in need of your help.

We can promise you a highly enjoyable evening, we can promise you the thrill of a live orchestra, we can promise you an evening to remember - however, we can't promise you Hugh Jackman! (I think his diary was full).

Karen -

OUTPOST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR...

EASTER SERVICE



WHEN? April 9th, 10.30am - 11.45am

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

WHY? Songs, prayer, thought provoking Easter message, children's craft, hot cross buns, coffee & tea, & Easter egg hunt!



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

OUTPOST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR...

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

We will be meeting on Good Friday (April 7th) at the Woodchurch Scout & Guide Community Centre* at 2.20pm to start the walk at 2.30pm. The walk should be about an hour long.



We will return to the hall for about 3.30pm for teas/coffees/drinks and hot cross buns. There will also be some craft activities for the children. If you want to miss the walk and just join us at 3.30pm then please feel free, we'd love to see you!

HOT CROSS BUNS / DRINKS / CRAFT

* The Woodchurch Scout & Guide Community Centre, Lower Road, Woodchurch, TN26 3SQ

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

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Come all to join us for a Medieval
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The Big Thin Red line will also be raffling off some great prizes to raise funds for the standard we are trying to purchase for Remembrance Day, please support, enjoy and let's make it a great day.

Looking forward to coronation day we hope we all team up with the pubs to join throughout the day and later that evening the PC are looking at a prestigious marking of the event with lighting the beacon on the green. Further information to be given as we form the plans, if you are holding any local street parties please let us know?

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WOODCHURCH CARNIVAL

We are so pleased that after the success of the 2022 Woodchurch Carnival, we can start looking at 2024 Carnival.

We are keen to have a meeting the week of 12th June location to be confirmed, if anyone would like to assist attend this meeting, we will be grateful. We are also very aware that we need the younger members of the village to be involved and would love to form a junior committee.

The provisional date for the 2024 Carnival is 22nd June 2024, let's make it bigger and better together. If you wish to share ideas or get more involved prior please contact Via Patrick7171@myyahoo.com

Woodchurch Together

Over the past few meetings of Woodchurch together an idea has been hatched to purchase a cart? This will be used to advertise events and clubs through leaflets, the cart will be used as a mobile communication tool. It will be available for clubs to put literature on to promote themselves or events and this will be displayed in various locations around the village and at other events for people to access the information.



We have sourced a cart and if all clubs and organisations gave £5.00, we can purchase it for use, several clubs have already pledged money so we have around £50.00 towards the target. If club, organisation, or anyone else, would like to donate please can you contact Patrick Byrne via email patrick7171@myyahoo.com



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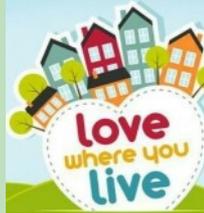


WEALDEN FESTIVAL

24-25 June 2023

2023 Spring Village Clean Up Saturday 1st April

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.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum

- Opens for the season at the weekends and on bank holidays from Friday 7th April, 10am to 4pm.
- Only a short walk from the Green, down Susan's Hill.
- Free admission, bring family and friends to this unique gallery of local artefacts.
- Children can enrol in the 'Wheels of Time' scheme and collect a badge.
- New exhibition with a 1/18th scale model of Woodchurch Windmill.
- Find out about the model's story and the many more amazing facts about the characters and places where you live.



SEE YOU THERE

Woodchurch Morris Men

The Woodchurch Morris Men continue to practice on Wednesday evenings, 8 pm, at the Scout Hall followed by a refreshing ale afterwards at the Bells. New members are always welcome. The Morris Men's exciting summer programme will soon be published, so watch this space. In the interim, come along and have a great time with the Morris, who will soon be dancing out on:

- o Saturday 6th April: The Six Bells, St Georges Day (around 12:30 onwards);
- o Monday 1st May: The Green car park, Mayday morning at 8 am (yes, 8 am);
- o Saturday 6th May: The Kings Coronation celebration, The Six Bells (time tba);
- o Monday 8th May: The Kings Coronation celebration, The Kings Head, Shadoxhurst, 3-4 pm.



WOODCHURCH IN BLOOM WOODCHURCH GARDENING SOCIETY

Summer planting Saturday 13 May Please meet at 10am outside the Church

It's that time of year to plant up the village for the summer! Could you help us plant up around the Village? If so, please meet us from 10 am outside the Church where the plants will be assembled.

This Coronation year, the aim is to make our village even more colourful and vibrant, full of beautiful blooms.

We are also celebrating the revival of the Woodchurch Flower and Produce show, returning on Saturday 29th July.



On Saturday 13 May, it's also the Churchyard Volunteer Weekend ("WYT"), so come and see what is happening there too.



Jobs for everyone and of course refreshments inside the church!
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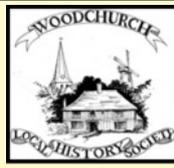
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The Woodchurch Local History Society generally meets on the first Monday of the month at the village Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. Members pay £12 annually and visitors are always welcome, paying £3 at the door. There is no need to book - just show up on the night. New members are always welcome.



Our next meeting is on Monday April 3rd, 7:30pm and our speaker is local resident Don Grant. He will be presenting his talk entitled 'Spies, Collaborators and Scandal in 1940. Don was able to rescue some police records dating from 1940 to 1941 in which our local village bobbies were reporting on investigations into potential acts of sabotage, spying and collaboration with Germany during WW2. For instance, was the presence of ever changing coloured washing on a clothes line at Newchurch a sign to passing German aircraft. Was the Swan Hotel at Charing a hotbed of scandal and spies? And what was the artist at Biddenden up to? These are just a few of the cases that Don can draw upon for his talk. Finally, our bobby also had a case or two to investigate in Woodchurch. This is a talk of very local interest.

Hoping to see you on April 3rd. For more information ring Geoff on 01233 860393.

Meals Delivery Service now available in Woodchurch

The "meals-on-wheels" style Meal Delivery service has been running successfully in Woodchurch since the beginning of February 2022 and now has many Woodchurch residents making regular use of the service.



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 the 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.



'Connecting Woodchurch'



The Big Help Out

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May

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Quote from the website [The Big Help Out](https://www.thebighelpout.org/)

In support of this campaign, we are organising an Open Day for all Woodchurch groups/clubs/societies to promote what we do, chat about how you can get involved and understand the benefits you'll enjoy

Monday 8th May in All Saints Church 10am – 1pm

➔ If you'd like to join us and promote your group/club/society on the 8th May, please get in contact via:

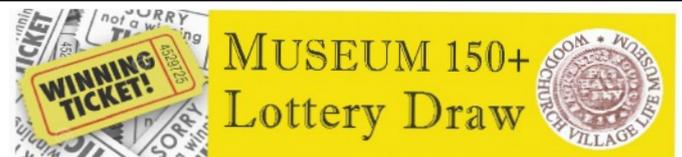
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Come along to our next 'Connecting Woodchurch' meeting 25th April 6.30pm in All Saints Church

Or leave a message in the HUB (for the attention of Philippa Jones)

➔ If you've already planned a volunteering activity for the Monday 8th May, please also let us know so that we can coordinate and help promote in the May newsletter

We have an incredible number of Village groups in Woodchurch so it would be fantastic to showcase as many as possible on 8th May!



Support your local museum- you could win a £50/£30/£20 prize every month.

Draw numbers for 2022/23 are still available

For more information please contact Joyce via The HUB - enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or 01233 861381

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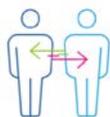
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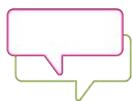
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