



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

June 2023

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

Boot Camp 9:00am-10:00am on the Village Green
Woodchurch Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

Sundays:

Outpost Church 10:00am-12:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road
Woodchurch Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

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
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

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 5:30pm-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 8:00pm-9:30pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

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www.woodchurchhub.UK



Thursdays:

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
BodyBlast 6:30pm-7:20pm on the Village Green
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:

Fri 2nd **Ashford Astronomical Society** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall
Sun 4th **Music at The Bonny** - "Concrete Igloos" at 8:00pm
Morning Worship - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Family Service - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
Mon 5th **CARM** 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Memorial Hall
WLHS - "Suffragettes of Kent". 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
Sun 11th **BHP Holy Communion** - 8:00am at All Saints Church
Music at The Bonny - "Moss Casa" at 4:00pm
Tues 13th **Bonny Cravat Quiz Night** - 7:00pm
WI "Flower Arranging In a Jar" 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall
Wed 14th **Borough Councillors Surgery** - 11:00am-12:00pm at Woodchurch HUB
Woodchurch Carnival AGM and 2022 film - 7:00pm in the Annexe
Fri 16th **Music at The Bonny** - "3 Shades of Grey" at 8:30pm
Sat 17th **WMH Coffee Morning** - 10:00am-12:00pm in the Memorial Hall
Thu 22nd **May Shaves - Road Closed until 29th June.**
Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Fri 23rd **Six Bells Beer Festival** - All weekend at The Six Bells
Sat 24th and Sun 25th **Wealden Literary Festival 2023** At Boldshaves
WYT Church cleanup at All Saints Church
Sun 25th **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Mon 26th **Bethersden Road - Road Closed until 30th June.**
Wed 28th **Woodchurch Players AGM** - 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Fri 30th **Ashford Astronomical Society** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall
Music at The Bonny - "Heroes" at 9:00pm

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





WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • *UPDATE* •

Local Elections

Following the local elections on the 4th May the following nine councillors were elected to support you on your Parish Council:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>#Votes</u>
Wade Nash	367
Julian West	351
Lucy Quinn	347
Catherine Sales	343
Gina McKay	315
Richard George	296
Rob Woods	295
Richard Job	289
Neil McKay	266

The Parish council would like to thank all residents who were able to vote in these local elections.

Parish Clerk stepping down

It is with sadness that, following the announcement of the election results, the Parish Clerk (Aniko Szocs) informed us that she was tendering her resignation from the Council. The Council are now advertising to find her replacement. More information regarding the position can be found in the [Parish Council Notices](#) area on The HUB Web site.

Grass mowed on the Village Green

Finally, after weeks of the village green being too soft for heavy vehicles to be driven across the grass, the contractors were able to make the first cut of the year. Due to the length of the grass tufts they brought in special equipment that was able to both mow the grass and then also mulch the cuttings. As with many things around the village the length of the grass prompted a wide range of comments from residents. These ranged from some commenting that it was "the worst that they remember seeing the Village Green" to others praising the council for its "no-mow-May" strategy.



King Charles III Coronation

As part of the King's Coronation celebrations on Saturday 6th May, Woodchurch marked the occasion with much celebration at the village pubs and also by the lighting of the beacon on the Village Green. There was a big cheer as Lucy Quinn lit the touch paper which set the beacon ablaze. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the celebrations around the village.



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 22nd June
7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public so please come along - as we value your questions and suggestions.

We are here to support the village and so it is important that you let us know the things that are important to you

Upcoming roadworks in and around Woodchurch

Information from KCC and one.network

Roadworks - Lower Road

1st - 5th June 2023

Closure in force: Some carriageway incursion

Description: Southern Water utility works

Roadworks - Tally Ho Road, Shadoxhurst

6th - 8th June 2023

Closure in force: Traffic Management

Description: KCC patching works

Road Closed - May Shaves

22nd - 29th June 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: KCC carry out RETREAD surfacing works to the carriageway

Road Closed - Bethersden Road

26th - 30th June 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: South East Water utility works



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

www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Woodchurch HUB - "Services to Woodchurch" Awards 2023

The first of the Woodchurch HUB annual "Services to Woodchurch" awards were presented by Jenny Webb, the Mayor of Ashford, at the Jean Mealham Centre on the 10th May. The purpose of these awards is to give recognition to individuals who go "above and beyond" in support of the village, but whose work remains largely unrecognised. If you would like to nominate someone for next years awards please contact The HUB, giving their name, details of what they have done and why you think they are deserving of the award.

The first award went to **Darran Bugden** who, after joining the Royal Mail in May 1987 at the age of 16, has faithfully served Woodchurch Village as our postman for the past 36 years. 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 regardless of the weather. Darran has many interesting tales, and the village will remember him for 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. He retired from Royal Mail in April this year, in order to pursue his other passion for gardening in a new role at Pashley Manor Gardens.



The second award went jointly to **Elaine and Patrick Byrne** who have together been instrumental in raising thousands of pounds for charities and organisations within Woodchurch village. They are well known for their work with The Big Thin Red Line (formed when the Royal British Legion was disbanded in Woodchurch) and also Patrick's passion for wearing kilts while Elaine is usually hidden inside one of her many mascot costumes. From beginning their fundraising in 2017 by arranging a sponsored Christmas Dinner, they went on to organise larger events, including Easter Egg hunts, the "Picnic On The Green" and a "Ballroom Blitz", which raised over £1,000. In subsequent years they have organised many events around the village, many of which each raised over £1,500. This money has been used to help support village organisations, including All Saints Church, Woodchurch School and supporting meals for the elderly. In 2022, Elaine and Patrick were the driving force behind the revival of Woodchurch Carnival, which raised over £8,000 in support of many Woodchurch organisations and also £7,000 towards the organisation of the next Carnival in 2024.



Jean Mealham Centre official opening

The Jean Mealham Centre was officially opened on the 24th May at 2:30pm by Jenny Webb, the Mayor of Ashford, and Aline Hicks, one of our two Borough Councillors. When Richard Carley and his sister, Jean Mealham, first opened the centre in 2013 it was known as the "Woodchurch Pop-In Centre" and consisted only of a large marquee located on the edge of a field. Its main purpose at that time was to provide a meeting place for lonely residents in Woodchurch to meet and socialise - which consisted primarily of residents aged 60+. In 2016, on the advice of Ashford Borough Council, work began on the construction of the permanent building that is there today. The building work was completed in 2019 however due to the Covid restrictions in place at that time it was unable to open, before Jean died unexpectedly in March 2019. Following her untimely death it was then renamed the "Jean Mealham Centre".

After 10 years, the original marquee remains in daily use and now is the home of the Jean Mealham Centre Boot Fair.

Richard is the first to admit that without the volunteers and tradespeople who have given their time and skills over the years, the Jean Mealham Centre would not have been possible. Whenever you visit the centre today you will be greeted by Richard and also the dedicated band of smiling volunteers who keep the centre running.

One of the people who, with Richard, originally recognised the need for the "Pop-In" was John Pellet. He and his wife Margaret were also two of the earliest volunteers who used to make and serve tea and cakes to the regular Pop-In visitors. As part of the opening ceremony a tree was planted in memory of John and Margaret as well as a tree in memory of Jean Mealham.



Whilst continuing to provide support for the lonely in the village, the centre is now a vibrant village community centre which hosts several classes (including Karate, Table Tennis, Yoga and general fitness), provides the base for several clubs and societies (including Knit and Natter and Puzzles) and hosts several concerts and shows throughout the year.



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- bespoke fitted furniture
- patios
- fencing and landscaping and much more



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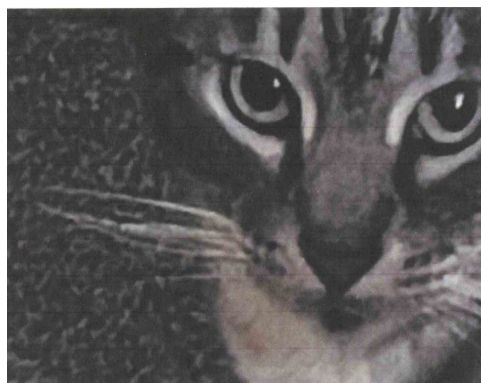


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STILL MISSING GREY TABBY CAT

If you have any knowledge of his whereabouts please contact Roy on 01233 860213



Jo Ferneaux Bodyblast

During the summer the Bodyblast sessions will be taking place on the Village Green.

They will return to the Annexe on the 28th September.



Need Urgent Medical help?

The following useful links and resources are available in Kent

To find help on the service best for you	Kent & Medway 'Stop Think Choose'	Click below: Stop Think Choose	
To find out current waiting times at Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC's) & Minor Injury Clinics (MIC's)	Download the 'WaitLess' app	App icon image: 	
To find out which Pharmacies are open at any one time	Download the 'WaitLess' app	App icon image: 	Or click here: Find a pharmacy - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
To find out how to access the Minor eyecare Service in Kent (MECS) 	MECS is a free NHS service which provides patients experiencing certain eye conditions with appropriate treatment closer to home	Click below: PATIENT INFORMATION - East Kent - Primary Eyecare (Kent & Medway) Ltd (pekm.co.uk)	
To find out more about Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC's) and Minor Injury Clinics	UTC's nearest to us: - William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. TN24 0LZ Open 24/7 - Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. CT19 5BN Open daily 8am to 8pm Minor injuries clinics near us: - Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital. ME10 4DT Open Daily 8am to 8pm - Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital. TN8 5DA. Open Daily 8.30am to 18.30pm	Click below: NHS England » Urgent treatment centres	

Defibrillators in Woodchurch:

Defibrillators in Woodchurch that are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Defibrillators in Woodchurch ONLY available at certain times
Outside The HUB At the entrance of Six Bells Park Outside Woodchurch Surgery At the entrance to Shirkoak Park	Woodchurch House Woodchurch School The Jean Mealham Pop-In Centre

This document has been produced for residents of Woodchurch in mind and therefore specific to local services appropriate to our Village location

Disclaimer – this information is solely for use as a supporting document and is not an exhaustive list of resources. It in no way replaces medical or NHS communications. It has been put together by Woodchurch PPG with approval from Woodchurch Surgery.

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

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

Surgery Opening Hours

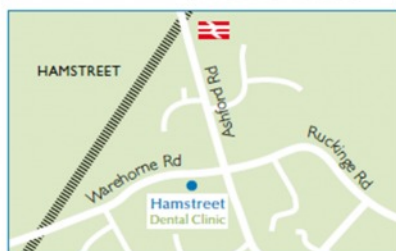
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ

Find us on facebook



Tel: 01233 733848
Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com

'Connecting Woodchurch'

Events July to September:

Woodchurch Community Calendar

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26 Jun - 25 Sep 2023

July 2023

Sat 1 Jul	14:00 - 16:00	Proms Weekend @ ☐ (Jean Mealham Centre)
	19:00 - 21:00	Proms Weekend @ ☐ (Jean Mealham Centre)
Sun 2 Jul	14:00 - 16:00	Proms Weekend @ ☐ (Jean Mealham Centre)
	19:00 - 21:00	Proms Weekend @ ☐ (Jean Mealham Centre)
Sun 9 Jul	All day	Woodchurch 10, 5 and 1 mile Running Event @ ☐ (Village Green)
Tue 11 Jul	19:15 - 21:15	WI - Open to everyone: The Arts and Crafts Movement and its Gardens-Stephen Harmer @ ☐ (Memorial Hall)
Sun 23 Jul	All day	Wings and Things Airshow - Time TBC @ ☐
Sat 29 Jul	12:00 - 18:00	Woodchurch Village Flower & Produce Show - (exact time tbc) (Annex, Memorial Hall, Village Green)

August 2023

Fri 4 Aug	All day	Time TBC Steam Engine Road Run @ ☐
Sat 5 Aug	All day	Time TBC Weald of Kent Steam Rally @ ☐ ☐
Sun 6 Aug	All day	Time TBC Weald of Kent Steam Rally @ ☐ ☐
Sat 19 Aug	15:00 - 21:00	All Saints fun afternoon and BBQ @ ☐ (All Saints Church Woodchurch)

September 2023

Sat 9 Sep	10:00 - 12:00	WMH Coffee Morning @ ☐ (Memorial Hall)
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Next 'Connecting Woodchurch' meeting:

Wednesday 21st June

6.30pm in All Saints Church, Woodchurch

Woodchurch Players

People assume, that if you are joining the Woodchurch Players you have to get up on that scary stage and perform! If you do, that's great, but we also need people to help with front of house, backstage, costumes, prop hunting, painting props and stage sets.



If you are interested in any of the above please come along to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th June at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. You can meet some of us and find out more about the players. This would also be a good time to let us know if there are any plays or pantomimes in particular that you would like us to consider putting on.

If you so not wish to be too involved but would like to support us by being a member this would help us financially to enable us to continue performing wonderful plays and pantomimes.

We are planning an Autumn Variety Extravaganza on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September at 7pm in the memorial hall. Tickets will cost £15 to include a meal. There will be a bar in the Annex. We will let you know when the tickets go on sale so keep your eyes open for the newsletters and posters. We would love you to come along and have a fun evening.

The Players would like to thank our wonderful villagers for your continued support.



Appledore Local History Society

Saturday, 3rd June 2023
Appledore Village Hall
Doors Open 19:00Hrs
Talk Commences 19:15Hrs

Andy Saunders
Author, Researcher and
Military Aviation Historian Presents
'Missing, No Known Grave'
Back by Popular Demand,
Andy Saunders Returns to Appledore
with Another Fascinating Collection of
Military Aviation Stories from
Appledore and Beyond

Everyone is Welcome
Tickets £5.00 Per Person
(Refreshments Available
to Purchase on the Night)

Bookings In Advance - Please Contact:

E: Brian on thrkng@aol.com or
T: on 01233 758319 or

E: Tracy on tracilynmorgan@hotmail.co.uk



All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Coronation of King Charles III as much as I did, followed by our church service, and lots of different local celebrations, and our Big Help Out event in church over the Bank Holiday weekend. I was really pleased to welcome visitors into All Saints where so many village clubs and societies were able to talk to everyone about membership and volunteering. Thanks to everyone who helped make all of these events so successful.



We have lots planned for our church over the Summer months. Please look out for our first Sunday afternoon family service at 4pm on 4th June in the church - a very informal time for families with craft, story-time, songs, cake and bubbles! We are now offering early morning (8am on second Sunday of each month) and evening services (6pm on third Sunday of each month) in Woodchurch in traditional language (Book of Common Prayer) - we are also looking forward to meeting everyone at the Flower and Produce Show on 29th July.

I am delighted that we have seen more people attending services over the last few months - you can be assured of a warm welcome, if you are new to church, or have not been for a while. Our congregations are a wonderful mix of people who range from Church of England born and bred, to those who are or have been Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Brethren, and agnostic... everyone is welcome - please pop in to find out more - Reverend Mike and I look forward to meeting you.

Thanks to those who support the church in other ways - our fundraisers, gardeners, flower arrangers, cleaners and fundraisers, and those who regularly donate to keep the church going. I would love to find a couple of people interested in the environment and sustainability to help us work through our "eco church" project - do get in touch if you are interested.

God Bless

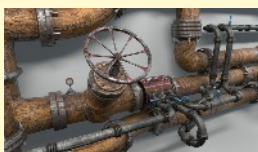
Reverend Sue

01233 820266. revsuerose@outlook.com

All Saints Church Temporary Closure

6th to 16th June 2023

The Church will be closed between the 6th and 16th June while the old heating system is being removed.



The FOODBANK will remain available in the Church Porch

**Community Coffee mornings will recommence
on Tuesday 20th June**

Sorry for any inconvenience

*We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back
into church when the work is complete.*

Summer days are here again!

The village is in bloom and as the barometer is on the rise we see more people strolling around our lovely village, taking in the gorgeous blooms and garden displays. Walking can become hot and with all the emphasis on sunscreen and keeping cool in the coming months how about taking a break from your stroll and become familiar with the history of our lovely church? Churches are lovely, cool places to be in the summer heat but have you also thought about the fantastic history that lies within? Built with love and dedication they contain mouldings and nuances that make them all unique. Look at the dedications on the walls and on the floor - they are the names of long past noble people of the parish. Perhaps your ancestral family name is captured there.

Churches are not just places of worship they are historical records of people and times past. We want our church to not only reflect previous centuries but also take us into the future with some modern features. We promise that we will cherish the old, if you help us to raise funds for the new.

Next time you are in the village take a break from the weather and come in and take a look around - you might just find something that interests you.

... and just because we are thinking of sunny days at the moment, don't forget to pencil in your diary the 5th November 2023. Experience the sound of the smokey blue mountains through our very own Porchswing Blues Concert that will be taking us down into the sounds of the deep south, with an evening to warm your hearts and fill your soul.

WoodchurchYardTogether ("WYT")

*Our next volunteer gardening weekend in the
Churchyard is:*

24th & 25th

June



Keeping in Touch:

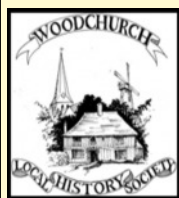
Email:

woodchurchYardTogether@btinternet.com

Or follow us on Facebook



Search: 'WoodchurchYard Together'



On Monday 5th June, at 7:30pm we will be welcoming Jennifer Godfrey to our society meeting in the Memorial Hall, Woodchurch to hear her talk about the 'Suffragettes of Kent'. Jennifer has made a detailed study of the suffragette movement in Kent

and has used this to publish a book in 2019. Her researches have uncovered a number of moving stories of hope, courage and determination amongst the women of Kent in their pursuit of the vote.

Jennifer will draw upon the recently discovered story of Ethel Violet Baldock who was a working class maid working in Tunbridge Wells. She was only 20 years old when she joined the movement and eventually went on to become imprisoned in Holloway at the same time as Emmeline Pankhurst. Jennifer will also tell us of how the fruit farmers of Kent helped the ladies in their campaign.



There are many beautiful photographs associated with the Kentish suffragette movement so I would expect many to be displayed.

Our society generally meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the village Memorial Hall. Membership costs £12 annually and visitors pay £3 at the door. New members are very welcome as are visitors - there is no need to book, just turn up on the night. Hope to see you there on June 5th...

Thank you, Geoff 01233 860393.

Bonny Cravat

SUMMER IS COMING!!!

So, with that in mind, we have a June jam packed with amazing live music.

Kicking things off on Friday 2nd June, we have Concrete Igloos from 8pm. Moving on to some funky tunes from Moss Casa on Sunday 11th June from 4pm. We then have the lovely 3 Shades of Grey from 8:30pm on Friday 16th June and to finish off with a bang we have the amazing Heroes back on Friday 30th June from 9pm! We absolutely cannot wait!

Somewhere in the middle of all that music we have our very popular quiz night! This will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 13th June, booking is essential!

We have an amazing new cocktail menu available ready for the summer months. If there are any cocktails you would like to see added to our menu we would be happy to hear your ideas! Our Summer menu will also be available very soon, including lots of fresh salads and light bites perfect for those summer days.

We would like to offer our customers the opportunity to book in for cocktail master classes during the summer months, so if this is something that is of interest to you, please let us know!

See you all soon for some drinks in the sunshine.

The Bonny Family



Woodchurch Memorial Hall Film Society

Saturday 8th July

"AN ACHINGLY LOVELY FILM - THE BEST SAM MENDES HAS YET MADE"



Woodchurch Memorial Hall

Please arrive at 6.30pm for film starting at 7pm

£18 per person which includes a Summer supper

Tickets available from the HUB between 8th June and 4th July

Bar available all evening - cash & card accepted

An evening with ...

ABBA Chique

Sunday 6th August 7.30 pm

The hottest tribute to ABBA



Tickets £20
available at
Woodchurch HUB,
Carley Butchers
or call
07798 566849

Tea, coffee &
food will be
available to
purchase.
You are welcome to
supply own alcohol

Dress to impress!

The Jean Mealham Centre,
Woodchurch TN26 3SQ

WOODCHURCH 2024 CARNIVAL

14th June Woodchurch Annexe 7pm

Be part of the success of
Woodchurch Carnival 2024

Come along and have your say
and become part of the team

What will Carnival 2024 look like?

What can we do different?

Be the first to see the huge success
of Carnival 2022 captured on film!

Patrick7171@myyahoo.com

Memorial Hall - Coffee morning

Raising funds for maintenance of the
Memorial Hall

Saturday 17th June 10am-12 noon in
the Memorial Hall

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. If you have lost something around the Village please let The HUB know as it may have been handed in.



ARE THESE YOUR KEYS?

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to Boldshaves in June. The gardens are on the cusp of entering their summer prime and it is a delight to hear the nightingales in the surrounding woodland once more. Wealden 2023 is only just around the corner...

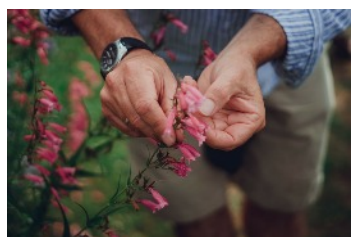
In addition to inspirational talks with the likes of [Michael Morpurgo](#), [Will Gompertz](#), [Keggie Carew](#), [Charles Foster](#) and [Madeleine Bunting](#), there will be a host of immersive expert-led events at this year's Festival exploring some of the ways we as individuals might better nurture the environment. Here is our pick of these events.

[Nature-friendly gardening](#). Join Marian Boswall, the widely acclaimed landscape architect and author of *Sustainable Garden*, on a tour of the Festival grounds discussing how to create and maintain a sustainable outdoor space that is as environmentally friendly as it is beautiful. Or drop in for a practical demonstration of the method of [no-dig gardening](#).



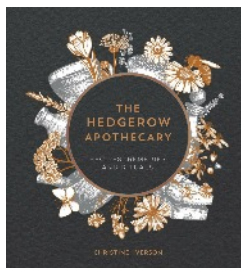
[Guided nature tour](#). The celebrated author and naturalist, Mark Cocker, will be sharing his unparalleled knowledge of UK flora and fauna in a fascinating guided walk around the garden and woodland at Boldshaves.

[Foraging](#). Join Stuart Ovenden, aka [the Flowerpot Forager](#), to find out which edible plants can be easily grown at home, or discover how [Michael White](#), the founder of Rural Courses, has been able to commit to eating food foraged entirely from the wild larder around us for 90 days in the "wild biome" project.



[The Hedgerow Apothecary](#).

Take a walk in the footsteps of our ancestors with Christine Iverson and discover fascinating folklore, recipes and remedies sourced from our native plants.



[Regenerative Farming](#).

Join Ed Kyrke-Smith for a demonstration of how to farm and grow fruit and veg successfully and sustainably on a small scale.



See you there!

<https://wealdenliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

May is the month in which nationally WIs discusses a current campaign. This year all WIs will be calling upon the Government to bring a new angle to previous mandates by looking at the issue of water pollution and river quality by taking action to improve and support designated bathing water campaigns on stretches of rivers in local areas. Members discussed the topic and voted unanimously in favor with only one abstention.

This being the week of the Coronation and Eurovision, the Hall was decked with Royal bunting and Union Jacks. Members had come in various red, white and blue out fits. Brenda, a very skilful and talented knitter had created rosettes for the committee and helpers to wear, plus a beautiful King Charles doll resplendent in coronation regalia. Members enjoyed a very professionally presented "party piece" by Gillian alias Ron E. Corbett and "his" highly amusing tale of 'A Man and a Hare'. Having definitely put us in a party mood we then celebrated the move into the third Carolean age with wine, cupcakes and nibbles. Our brains were given a good workout with a Eurovision Song contest quiz followed by a right royal testing of our knowledge of Kings and Queens.

Once again there was good support for the competition table for "Something blue", first, second and third were a very pretty china container, a hand knitted baby's matinee jacket and a delicate glass vase. Congratulations to Margaret, Josie and Pat. The new bring and take table proved successful with a variety of items which might not have any use for current owners but were proven to be hidden treasures for someone else.



Next month we look forward to a demonstration of flower arranging by Linda Crew (Woodchurch Cottage Flowers). Linda will show us how seasonal, locally grown English flowers can look stunning - even in a jam jar. So why not come to our June 13th meeting bring some homegrown flowers and a jam jar. You will be taking home your own sensational flower arrangement.

Lunch Club, Craft Group and Whist Group will meet as usual.

A warm welcome awaits you, so look forward to meeting you on June 13th, 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall.

[Document Shredding](#)

The HUB has recently been donated a heavy-duty document shredder which can be used by village residents. If you have documents that you need shredding, it is available for use at The HUB. Many thanks to Colin Davis for his very generous donation.

The Great Woodchurch Summer Garage/Yard Sale

Following many requests at The HUB and on Social Media from village residents we will be repeating the successful village summer Garage/Yard sale - the opportunity for your clearance sale, up-cycling, and "give-aways". This year it will be held on **Saturday 19th August from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**



There is no charge if you wish to be included on the map. Please let us know at The HUB or by email to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk with your name and address by Sunday 13th August.

This year the Garage/Yard sale will be part of a number of activities for all the family being held around the village. Whilst you are collecting your bargains around the village, you will also be able to visit the **Craft Fair** that is being held at the Jean Mealham Centre and follow on to the **All Saints Church Fun Afternoon and BBQ.**

Put the date in your diary.

Mobile Library Service - Woodchurch

Fancy a Good Read? Then why not use the Mobile Library? This very useful service is part of the K.C.C. Library and visits several villages along the Saxon Shore line every two weeks. The planned visits for Woodchurch are on alternate Wednesdays, as follows -

11.20 Plum Tree Gardens
11.55 - 12.35 Woodchurch Village Car Park
13.30 - 14.05 Shirkoak Park

The library is a very colourful converted large van and carries an excellent selection of books for adults, teenagers and tinies. But the most important feature of being a member is that you can have total access to the whole Kent library on line. Know the title or author? Just enter it in and if it is a stock item (and I have found it usually is) it will show up and you can order it on line and when available for you to collect from the Mobile you will be informed by email. And the whole process is FREE.

Give the Mobile a try, you have nothing to lose but your boredom with television! The schedule for June is Wednesday 5th and 28th and after that Wednesday 12th and 26th July. Shown in Red on the tables below.

A full list of visits is available from the Mobile Library van or can be downloaded from the [KCC Web site](#).

June 2023						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

July 2023						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

August 2023						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



Woodchurch Morrismen



After a busy May, June sees us dancing Poulton Wood's Open Day on Saturday 3rd at around 2.00pm, a wonderful place that does much great work. Equally wonderful is the beer at the KESR Beerfest at Tenterden, we shall be there at around 2.00pm on Saturday 17th, always happy to support local causes. On the evening of Friday 23rd, normal business resumes at a pub venue TBA.



All shall be listed and no doubt photographed on our Facebook page; [@woodchurch.morrismen](https://www.facebook.com/woodchurch.morrismen)

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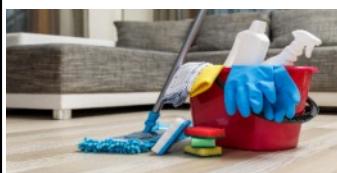


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"What's On In Woodchurch"

Extract from the Parish Magazine - April 1982

We may be 40 years on but we are still trying to solve the same old challenges...

What's On In Woodchurch

A message from the Chairman of Woodchurch Parish Council:

"Organizations are advised of the existence of a diary in the Post Office in which forthcoming events can be entered to avoid a clash of dates"

George Brann, Chairman of W.P.C

This diary should fulfil a long-standing need in the village. Woodchurch has a lively, active population; there are many social events. We would urge all the societies and clubs to have their proposed events recorded in this diary. It will help greatly in finding out the best dates and in securing the use of the Memorial Hall and the Annexe.

What goes around often comes back around.

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

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