



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

July 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

Karate 10:00am-12:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

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

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

Karate 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

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

Karate 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

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 **Proms weekend** - 2:00pm and 7:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

Sun 2nd **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Proms weekend - 2:00pm and 7:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

Mon 3rd **CARM** 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Wed 5th **Quiz Night at The Six Bells**

Thu 6th **Social Prescribers surgery** - 1:00pm-4:00pm in The HUB
Sat 8th **Film Night** - "Empire of Light" - 6:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Sun 9th **Woodchurch 10, 5 and 1 Mile Running Event** around the village

BCP Holy Communion - 8:00am at All Saints Church

Tues 11th **WI Arts and Crafts Movement** - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall

Wed 12th **Borough Councillors Surgery** - 11:00am-12:00pm at Woodchurch HUB

Thu 13th **Ashford Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm-4:00pm in The HUB

Sun 16th **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Evensong - 6:00pm at All Saints Church

Sat 22nd **WYT Church tidy up weekend** at All Saints Church

Music at The Six Bells - Black Lake Road - 7:00pm

Sun 23rd **WYT Church tidy up weekend** at All Saints Church

Thu 27th **Ashford Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm-4:00pm in The HUB

Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Fri 28th **Ashford Astronomical Society** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Sat 29th **Woodchurch Village Flower and Produce Show** in the Memorial Hall

Sun 29th **Group Service** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

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





2A Bus Service

We are aware that from 13th August Stagecoach is removing the Sunday service for the 2A bus which serves Woodchurch. It is unclear whether this will also include bank holidays which run on the Sunday timetable. Unfortunately, these services are provided directly by Stagecoach and not by KCC, but we are in communication with KCC to see if there is anything that can be done and will be liaising with Shadoxhurst and Kingsnorth parishes who are also affected by the cut.

We are also aware that other local villages have had their whole service removed and that in response to this there is a public meeting being held in Bethersden on 7th July which a representative of the Parish Council will attend to report back any information that may be relevant to us here in Woodchurch.

By removing the services they have, Stagecoach are making it clear they are looking at them on a commercial basis and will end services that do not have enough income, regardless of how that might affect and isolate residents. The best way to ensure this does not happen is to continue to use the bus services as much as possible.

Roads

We are continuing to work closely with KCC on a variety of matters concerning the roads around the village. One thing we know is always of concern is speeding and we are pleased

we know is always of concern is speeding and we are pleased to share the below speed reports from KCC for key areas in the parish. They make for interesting reading and indicate that the average speeds (in blue) are generally below the speed limit, which is really good news. Of course, there will always be exceptions to the rule and we are continuing to explore options with KCC but on the whole the news is positive.

We have also had confirmation from KCC that they are going to install an additional school warning sign on Bethersden Road, up the hill towards the Windmill giving drivers advance warning of the school and hopefully reducing speeds further round the bend at the Susan's Hill junction.

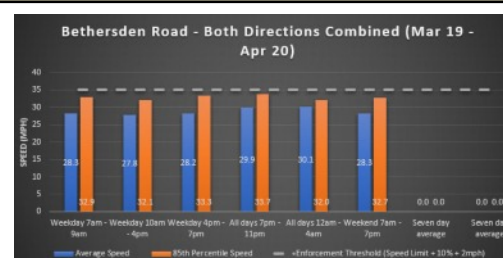
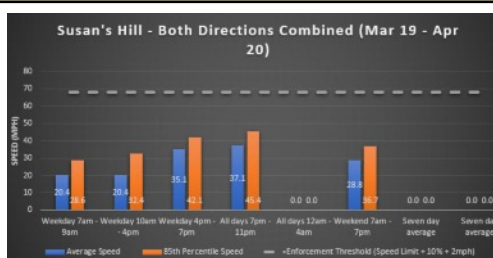


Overgrown Hedges

We have had some concerns from residents about hedges overhanging footpaths making it difficult for pedestrians to pass, something that is of particular concern to those with prams, wheelchairs or mobility scooters. If you have a hedge bordering a footpath, please ensure it is maintained to allow the full width of the footpath to be used.

Whilst the general rule is that hedges should not be cut within the period 1st March to the 1st September, to support our wildlife, if they are causing a risk to health and safety, they can be cut back regardless of date.

Please see the attached letter we have received from KCC about this.



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 July

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



June 2023

Dear Resident

Every year throughout the spring and summer KCC Highways & Transportation receive numerous complaints regarding trees, hedges and other vegetation, which overhang the highway from private property. This matter can pose a number of problems for people trying to use the footways, especially if they are trying to pass with buggies, wheelchairs and scooters. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that any trees and hedges that are bordering the Highway are maintained and cut back to your boundary which would greatly benefit all Highway users. This will help us all keep the highway safe and prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation.

So that you are aware of our requirements, please refer to the text below.

If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:

The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians. As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres/7 feet for any vegetation.

If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then please be aware that:

If you have vegetation that overhangs into the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres/16 feet to accommodate buses and HGVs that may use the road. If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres/1.5 feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage.

Also, we would ask that you pay special attention to your trees, hedges and vegetation if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside the bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

Thank you for the time taken to read this article and we wish you a pleasant summer.

Yours faithfully

Ashford Highways Operations Team
Kent County Council



Woodchurch Rainbows have had a busy term - Playing new games, making dens as part of our camp badge and talking about ourselves how we are all different.

We return in September and welcome girls ages 5 to 7 or from January if you are 4 and been at school for 1 term. We meet on Wednesdays from 5 pm till 6 pm at Scout and Guide Community Centre, Lower Rd.

Woodchurch Brownies and Guides continue to meet on Wednesdays from 6 pm till 7.15

This term we have been pitching tents, making camp fires and cooking smores. Lots of outdoor games and looking forward to our end of the term outing.

So if you are 7 and over why not come and join us in September and make new friends and try new activities and have fun.

Ring Tracy 01233 861236. Evenings for more information

To help keep the Newsletter free for the village please become one of our sponsors or give a donation if you can.

www.woodchurchhub.uk

or contact The HUB for more information

Upcoming roadworks in and around Woodchurch

Information from KCC and one.network

Road Closed - Bethersden Road near Great Engeham

28th June- 4th July 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: South East Water

Road Closed - Front Road

9th July 2023 from 9:20 - 12:00

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: Woodchurch 10 & 5 Mile Run

Road Closed - Kenardington Road

24th July 2023 from 9:30 - 15:30

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: Openreach utility works

Road Closed - Poundhurst Road, near Orlestone

24th - 26th July

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: South East Water utility works

Road Closed - Ebony Road

28th July 2023

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: UK Power Networks utility works



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

www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Notice of Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy follow a recent councillor resignation. If you would be interested in applying to join Woodchurch Parish Council please contact the clerk at clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk for more information.

Woodchurch Morris

After a month spent in parts quite local, July sees us wandering to foreign climes, as far as exotic Whitstable where we plan to be beside the seaside, beside the sea on the 15th. The remaining Friday evenings shall be spent in hostels about the county, see our Facebook page for further announcements.



Woodchurch Art Society

The Society would like to thank all of you who came to our annual Exhibition over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Once again, the weather was kind and over 350 of you passed through our doors including our ever faithful regulars. The Raffle raised £300 which we donated to Richard Carley for the Jean Mealham Pop-incentre. The vote for Favourite Picture was: [Can I eat it?](#) By Louisa Smith

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.
Angela Moore - Chairman

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

One of our Social Prescribers will be in The Hub on the first Thursday of each month from 1pm until 4pm. They will be available to discuss just about anything that is not medical but will help improve the quality of life with assistance around medical and social services. They will be happy to discuss any concerns directly with you or someone else on your behalf. They will also be available by telephone via The Hub so if you can't get down please call.

They are involved in starting a "wobble class" for men to back up the already successful class for mixed groups that helps improve balance for those at risk of falling (or those worried about falling). This is a 12-week course that is currently free and has proven to help reduce falls, improve confidence and also has a social aspect for those that want to stay for a coffee afterwards.

We are planning for flu season so are preparing to jab all people over 65 and those under 65 with long term conditions. Last year the guidelines included those between 50 and 65 but this year that group is not part of the cohort. We are thinking about doing some drop-in clinics and some pre-booked clinics and hope that everyone gets behind the flu campaign. We still don't know the plans for Covid vaccines but as a PCN are expecting to sign up to provide vaccinations in the Autumn.

We have had quite a lot of requests for "diet injections". These cannot be got at the moment as there is a supply shortage in the UK. They are injections that were designed for diabetes and help to suppress your appetite and have now been approved by NICE as a treatment for obesity. They are not licenced to be given by GPs for weight loss so we would refer you to weight management services. You can refer yourself via "One You" that is a free service for lifestyle improvement around weight, exercise and smoking. Just search online for "One You Kent" and it will come up straight away.

At the end of July we say a sad farewell to Dr Mukundh Puthoor who has been with us for the last 2 years as a trainee. He will be moving on to the next stage of his training and we wish him every success and have really enjoyed his contribution. Dr Lauren James remains with us for the whole of next year and we expect a new first year trainee to be with us part-time in August. Thank you for your engagement with our trainees who learn so much from the community here.

The summer is definitely upon us and it seems that everyone has a spring in their step. We all wish you a healthy summer with lots of sun protection and please be careful with the random DIY projects and garden tools that come out once a year and lead to a visit to A&E!

Best wishes on behalf of the Surgery, Jack Hickey GP

Surgery Opening Hours

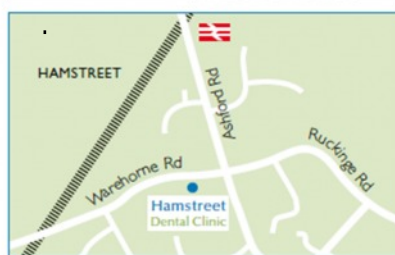
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Where to find us...

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Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
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Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com



With the return of the Village Flower & Produce Show now only a few weeks away, Woodchurch in Bloom are pleased to announce details of the awards that will be presented at 3pm on the Green (weather permitting) on 29th July 2023 as follows:

Award	Categories
Sweet Pea Challenge Cup	Highest score for categories 3,4 and 5 (sweet peas)
Roses Challenge Cup	Highest score for categories 6,7 and 8 (roses)
Ethel Robinson Cup	Highest score for categories 11-17 (floral art)
Percy Barton Cup	Highest score for categories 18-31 (vegetables & fruit)
Woodchurch Gardening Society Cup	Highest score for categories 32-37 (home produce)
Kirkwood Cup	Highest score for categories 38-43 (crafts)
Sidney Goudge Spring Cup	Highest score for categories 44 and 45 (art)
Dewhurst Cup	Highest score for categories 58-60 (photography)
Spink Challenge Cup	Highest score for all categories in the Flowers & pot plants, Floral Art and Vegetables & fruit Classes
Hartwell Laidler Bowl	Highest score for the Whole Show
Woodchurch in Bloom Shield 1	Highest score for 46-51 (children up to 8 years)
Woodchurch in Bloom Shield 2	Highest score for 52-57 (children 9-12 years)

Medals will also be awarded to the winner of each of the 60 categories! Please visit www.woodchurchinbloom.com or visit Woodchurch HUB for full details of the categories and entry forms

Displayed below are all the wonderful cups, bowls and shields that will be awarded. There is tremendous history of these that we will be sharing as part of the presentations.

The oldest cup being awarded is the Spink challenge Cup – this was presented to Woodchurch Gardening Society in 1949 by Mrs J Spink, of Rowan House Woodchurch, in memory of her husband LT. COL Jack Spink.



Traditional crafts & displays on the Green plus Tea & cake 'on the lawn' whilst the judging is taking place – a fun day out for all!

Don't forget to bring a PICNIC to enjoy on the Green too!

All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the lovely summer weather. Don't forget that the church offers a nice cool and peaceful place on hot days. It was great to restart our coffee mornings on Tuesday 10am-noon last week after a break for our building work. I love seeing so many people in the church for a chat, and an age range of nought to ninety - wonderful! Thanks to all who have donated funds - we have now removed our old heating system; the next job will be a nicely refurbished disabled toilet.



We are looking to provide more contemporary and family services alongside of our more traditional services. We have a family service on the Green in High Halden on 2nd July, and if you like something a bit more lively and also suitable for families, then join our new 5@10 service on 30th July at 10am in All Saints. We will also have a tent at the Produce Fair on 29th July, come along for some children's activities and story-time with me at 12 noon.

This week's news has included some tragic stories of loss of life, and continued worries about interest rates and rising inflation. We are doing our best to help anyone struggling at the moment - please get in touch if you are worried. If you have donated food to our foodbank, then thank you very much. If you can donate, then please pop items into the church porch. If you are in need, then just help yourself. If we don't have what you need then just let us know either with a form in the porch or heretohelp.woodchurch@gmail.com - we are providing supermarket vouchers and packed lunches for families during the summer holidays. All requests for help are treated confidentially.

My prayers and blessings to everyone this month.

God Bless

Reverend Sue

01233 820266. revsuerose@outlook.com

If you're out and about you're in with a shout!

Who hasn't been out and about our lovely village in this outstanding weather. Even if you are not a fan of the sun the village is looking so lovely with all the flowers in bloom. The green is looking inviting for a walk or watching sport and the church towers up majestically overlooking the village, right in the centre, just where it should be. All Saints also features in our village sign as a visible reminder of why we are called Woodchurch.

Unfortunately that very symbol of community and the heart of our village is in dire need of some attention. After centuries of providing ceremonies, comfort, support and blessings to the whole community through good times and bad, it is now asking for a little love in return. Love in the form of some refurbishment. Like all historic buildings there is the actual

BETHERSDEN, HIGH HALDEN, WOODCHURCH **5 @ 10** BIDDENDEN & SMARDEN

You're Invited!

REFRESHMENTS
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GROUP SERVICE
ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
WOODCHURCH
SUNDAY 30TH JULY 10AM
ALL WELCOME!
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES!



All Saints Fun Afternoon
Saturday August 19th
2pm - 5 pm

Drop in.... something for everyone

Delicious strawberry cream teas
Meet the Woodchurch Unicorn
Treasure Hunt
Outdoor games
Music
Homemade Crafts Stall

infrastructure but then there is also the amenities that we all now expect as standard. Please help us to both make those changes and look after the church on your behalf so that it is there for the whole village to enjoy, for many years to come. Please support our fundraising events throughout the year and we also have our craft stall at the Flower and Produce show on 29th July. Please drop by and say hello.

'Connecting Woodchurch'

Thanks to all our groups/clubs representatives who came to give an update on forthcoming events in our Village at our 'Connecting Woodchurch' meeting on 21st June.

At the meeting Bill Giles provided an update regarding details of the Steam Rally and Road Run, and also update about 'Wings & Things'

Steam Rally 2023

"This is year 10 of the Steam Rally and we are making a little bit of a special of it. I got asked over the last four or five years by exhibitors whether we could make it a three day show however all the extra work of just putting on a single extra day is actually quite a lot. So what we've agreed to do for the exhibitors is rather than have three days on site, we are going to have two days on site (Saturday and Sunday), but Friday we are going to make it a "road-run" day. The exhibitors will be starting off from the rally field and rather than displaying only on the field, we are going to be running a route through which will pass through the village, down to the bottom, turn left and past the Rare Breeds Center and into Ham Street. From there it will go through Ruckinge, past the old house of Thomas Aveling (who was a famous steamroller builder) and then on to Bilsington Priory where we are going to stop for lunch. And then from there in the afternoon, we will wend our way back through Shaddoxhurst and back to the rally field. So there will be quite a lot on the road. We are not setting specific time for people to leave, so it hopefully it will allow a sort of a gentle flow away from the rally field rather than blocking the roads up. Hopefully for some people it will be a nice opportunity to see some vehicles out on the road, rather than just on the rally field."



Wings & Things

"I am planning to revive wings and things. I was hoping to do it this year, but unfortunately we came unstuck slightly with car parking facilities. We hope very much that that is going to change going forward for next year. So I am looking to revive it, to some degree or another. It probably won't be quite so much the heavy "war bird" aircraft that Rob had back in the day but there certainly will be some. It will be very much aviation orientated and my personal hope is that if we can make it a success. Wings and Things used to provide proceeds for the Museum and Museum building back in the day and we might look at another project in the village that that Wings and Things can support locally. It is very much something for the village as much as for the general public to come and see."



Woodchurch Yard Together ("WYT")

Our next volunteer gardening weekend in the Churchyard is:

22nd & 23rd
July

At a glance - Events for July and August

For full details, visit the Community Calendar at the HUB

www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar

July 2023

Sat 1 Jul	14:00 - 16:00	Proms Weekend - Chris & Jo Powell (Jean Mealham Centre)
	19:00 - 21:00	Proms Weekend - Miss Peggy Rose Sings (Jean Mealham Centre)
Sun 2 Jul	14:00 - 16:00	Proms Weekend - Chris & Jo Powell (Jean Mealham Centre)
	19:00 - 21:00	Proms Weekend - The Ruby Sisterz (Jean Mealham Centre)
Sat 8 Jul	18:30 - 22:00	Film Night - 'Empire of Light' - Woodchurch Memorial Hall (Memorial Hall)
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)
Sat 29 Jul	12:00 - 18:00	Woodchurch Village Flower & Produce Show (Annex, Memorial Hall, Village green)

Aug 2023

Fri 4 Aug	All day	Steam Engine Road Run
Sat 5 Aug	All day	Weald of Kent Steam Rally
Sun 6 Aug	All day	Weald of Kent Steam Rally
	19:30 - 22:00	ABBA Chique - the hottest tribute to ABBA (Jean Mealham Centre)
Sat 19 Aug	All day	Craft Fair (Jean Mealham Centre)
	10:00 - 15:00	Village "Garage Sale"
	14:00 - 17:00	Summer family fun afternoon with refreshments (All Saints Church Woodchurch)

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.



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Plants, trees and gardening have been a common feature of this month for Woodchurch WI, as on 1st June a select number of members met to unveil a plaque for our adopted tree, a Field Maple, planted recently in the wild meadow adjoining the village Green as part of the late Queen's Canopy of Trees in honour of the Platinum Jubilee. The inscription reads "Planted by



Woodchurch WI to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, 2022". The WI Logo "Inspiring Women" is also inscribed upon the plaque. Following a brief ceremony to mark the occasion in situ, members (and grandchildren, for it was during half term) were pleased to adjourn to the Old Post Office Coffee Shop for a welcome, warming drink and a slice of their delectable cake; the weather still being a little bit chilly then!

Flowers were then very much a part of our meeting on 13th June when we were pleased to welcome 4 visitors - Dawn, Elaine, Linda and Theresa, (and, of course, all our other members) to a talk and demonstration of flower arranging in a jam jar given by Linda Crew of "Woodchurch Cottage Flowers". Lin came equipped with a vast array of foliage, flowers, grasses and even some weeds; indeed who knew that a stem of Rumex is actually a herb from the Buckwheat family which includes docks and sorrel? "And, yes," Lin explained, "it can still look very decorative and effective when skilfully incorporated into an arrangement with other much grander blooms". Linda always tries to make her work Eco friendly and, hopefully it reflects the surrounding countryside. Whilst deftly working on her demo arrangement, Linda maintained an invaluable stream of advice to help make our own



eventual efforts more appealing. She told us to always work in odd numbers of stems, that the stems should always be cut at an angle of 45 degrees to aid water uptake and also the position of these stems in relation to the other blooms. She also advised picking stems in the early morning or late evening to ensure longevity for the finished bouquets and to start with the outer green foliage and work inwards to the focal, but not too tall, flowers. In no time at all she had created a wonderfully abundant bouquet and then it was our turn to put our new found knowledge to the test. Everyone was soon industriously occupied and some of the resultant bouquets were truly magnificent! Thank you, Lin, for your excellent demonstration and for enthusiastically encouraging us all in our creative efforts!

Our next meeting scheduled for 11th July at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall is our Annual OPEN Meeting, which means that everyone is welcome to attend, including any men to



whom the topic might be of interest. Our Speaker for the evening is Stephen Harmer with a talk entitled "The Arts & Craft Movement and its Gardens". Do please join us - the more the merrier! There will be no competition at this meeting, but our congratulations are extended to Nicole, the winner of this month's Indigo competition with her impressive Indigo framed Sashiko Japanese embroidery display.

You are invited to the



Arts and Crafts Movement and its Gardens

A talk by Stephen Harmer,

Garden historian who writes and delivers a wide range of talks on garden history topics and author of a book published with Sea Flower Publishing and Hadlow College, entitled, La Chaire: The Story of Jerseys Lost Garden.

Everyone Welcome.

Woodchurch Memorial Hall Tuesday 11th July
7:15pm. Organised by Woodchurch WI.

Email josie.mackie@btinternet.com for more details.

At last [Woodchurch Men's Shed](#), now known as [Woodchurch Village Shed](#) has its first meetings in July. The dates are 13th & 18th July from 10am to 1pm at the Woodchurch Community Centre (AKA Woodchurch Scout & Guide Community Centre) on Lower Road. It is open to anyone over 18, male and



female. The first meetings will be more of a social affair with tea, coffee and soft drinks, there will be games who wish to partake, we will also discuss our plans, objectives and hopes for the future. Come along and chill out and if you want to take part in the development of the venture, please feel free to join in.

Please can you e mail me at neilmckay0730@gmail.com to let me know if you are coming, in our early days space is a little limited. Initially we can manage with 10 to 12 people. Please book early for a place.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has had some kind of input to this venture, the Woodchurch Community Centre hiring committee, Gordon Baker, who did a bulk of the original work in starting the set - up, the support of the British Thin Red Line, Dave McCausland for help in Facebook page, The HUB for our place on Hub website and support from a number of people in the village.

WOODCHURCH GREAT GARAGE/YARD SALE

Saturday 19th August 2023 10am-3pm

Organised by Woodchurch HUB



A wonderful opportunity to put out a table- or a few.

Sell all those 'treasures' you've been sorting in the past few months.

All welcome - sellers and buyers.

Tour the village streets on this day.

No cost to anyone- the profits are yours!

If you live in a no through road eg Kirkwood Ave, Rectory Close, Brattle—make sure that there is a sign at the entrance to your road.

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or **pop a note in The HUB letterbox**

Woodchurch Football

Training will start for the football club from 12th July on Wednesday and Saturdays. Everyone over 15 is welcome to join, so if anyone is looking for a club or just to get fit then please come along. Friendlies start in August and the season starts the 1st week of September.



June Lottery Results

- 1st Place - Pat Wood - £100
- 2nd Place - Richard Marks - £35
- 3rd Place - Tim Bourne - £10
- 4th Place - Phil Rice - £5
- 5th Place - Michael Solly - £5

Congratulations to our winners

Margaret Morris Movement

Gentle exercise for the over 50'

Thursdays 2.15 pm to 3.45. pm at the Scout Community Centre. Please contact **01233 770607** for more information.

The last class before the summer holiday will be on Thursday 27th July. The classes will restart on Thursday 5th October

Regards Alannah



Citizens Advice Bureau

AND

Social Prescribers

Coming to Woodchurch HUB



From July the Ashford Citizens Advice and the NHS Social Prescribers will be holding regular consultation clinics at Woodchurch HUB.

Social Prescribers - 1st Thursday of each month 1pm-4pm

Citizens Advice - 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 1pm-4pm

For more information about how to access either of these services please contact The HUB.

Proms Weekend

Saturday 1 July - 2.00 pm & 7.00 pm

*Chris & Jo Powell
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Sunday 2 July - 2.00 pm & 7.00 pm

*Chris & Jo Powell
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The Six Bells Inn

What an amazing end to June, our Beer Festival Weekend was fantastic. A huge thank you to all of our customers and the fabulous bands which kept us entertained throughout the weekend.



We made great use of our new lawn in the back garden and it was incredible to see both the front patio area and the garden area filled to capacity with people enjoying the festivities.

The Beers, Food and Music accompanied by fantastic Customers and brilliant sunshine made for a perfect weekend.

Now for July !!, a hard act to follow but as always at The Bells we will try to keep the summer theme going.

We have our quiz night Wednesday 5 July, please book a space now to avoid disappointment. We have Music by Black Lake Road Saturday 22 July and the new summer menu continues to be a huge success so July looks to be another fabulous month.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.
With love from us all "At the Bells" xxx

Scout and Guide Community Hall

OPEN AFTERNOON CELEBRATING 20 YRS

Woodchurch scout and guide community centre [charity number 1085525] invite you to join them on Saturday 2nd September from 2pm to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the halls opening. Along with the dog show, there will be photos on display refreshments and cutting of the cake.

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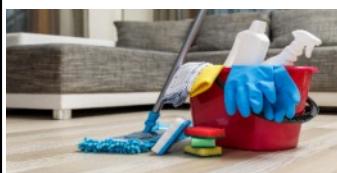


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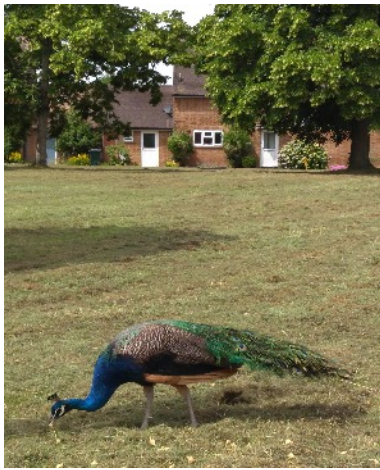
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June 2023 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Ciaran Molloy	271
2nd prize	£30	Sally and Barry Stephens	1381
3rd prize	£20	Richard Fair	521

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, [residents of Six Bells Park](#) had a street party with food (made by the Six Bells pub), drink, music, dancing and singing. A great time was had by all.

June saw the AGM of the association.

On August 10th there is an outing to Windsor, with a trip on the river Thames (ploughman's lunch provided). Let's hope the sun shines!. There are two spaces available. If you are interested, contact Neil at neilmckay0730@gmail.com on 07717 861319 for more information.

Woodchurch Memorial Hall Film Society

Saturday 8th July



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

The Brougham (pronounced "Broom")

This Brougham was built in Ashford around 1900, just in time to be made obsolete by the invention of motor vehicles. It was briefly used as Tanton's carriers at Woodchurch. What happened to it in the next 40 years is not known except that it ended up as a chicken coop.

In the 1950s, it was painted white and used by the Bonfire Boys in their celebrations on November 5th when the lighting of huge bonfires on the Green was preceded by a torchlight procession around Woodchurch. The white-painted Brougham was pulled by a volunteer team. Each year between 1952 and 1958, it carried invited TV and film celebrities who would light the bonfire and later grace a dance. The whole event raised funds for village charities. It was also used for weddings around that time.



In the 1980s, Geoff Loynes re-discovered the Brougham - neglected and forgotten in the windmill. He had it restored and repainted in its original colours. Geoff had a horse called 'Meg' and they carried more wedding couples to All Saints on their big day.



Woodchurch Museum

The Brougham coach is one of the many exhibits at Woodchurch Village Life Museum.

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