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	Play Group based in Woodchurch					
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Sat 2 nd	WYT - All weekend at All Saints Church					
Sun 3 rd	Morning Worship - 11:00am at All Saints Church					
Mon 4 th	Dementia Relatives Meet-up - 10:00am-12:00 in the					
	Coffee Shop					
Wed 6 th	BCP Holy Communion - 12:00am at All Saints Church					
Thu 7 th	Social Prescribers - 1:00 to 4:00pm in The HUB					
the	S&G Community					
Tue 12 th	WI - 97th Birthday meeting - 7:15pm in the					
	Memorial Hall					
Wed 13 th	"Remember when we were young" - 11:30-1:30 in the					
	Annexe					
Thu 14 th	Citizens Advice - 1:00 to 4:00pm in The HUB					
Sat 16 th	TBTRL Memorial Roll of Honour board - 10:00-1:15 on					
	the Village Green					
	Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra - 7:15pm at Al Saints					
	Church					
Sun 17 th	Morning Worship - 11:00am at All Saints Church					
	BCP Evensong - 4:00pm at All Saints Church					
Wed 20 th	Quiz Night at the Six Bells - 7:00pm at The Six Bells					
Fri 22 nd	Bonny vs Bells fishing competition - all weekend at					
	Shirkoak Fishery					
c	Boldshaves Garden - opens for the 2024 season					
Sat 23 rd	Recycle and Repair Shop - 10:00-4:00 at the Annexe					
	Raffle & BBQ - 3:00pm at Shirkoak Fishery					
Mars 25th	Museum Volunteer Update - 2:00-3:00 at the Museum					
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Thu 28 th	Annexe					
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Fri 29 th	Annexe Good Friday Liturgy - 12:00am at All Saints Church					
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	Good Friday Walk - Outpost Church - 2:00pm from the S&G Community					
Sat 30 th	Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00-4:00 pm at All Saints Church					
Sun 31 st	Outpost Church Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Service -					
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WOODCHURCH PARISH Council • Update •

Another Great Example of Woodchurch Working Together. The story started last year when a couple were exasperated after having to clean their pushchair wheels yet again from dog poo after walking around the Village with a toddler. They approached 'Woodchurch in Bloom' to see if there was anything that could be done and after a few months, with the support of Woodchurch Parish Council to fund the posters,

the children at Woodchurch Church of England Primary School got involved by coming up with designs. In the end, it was decided to use three different designs, and we would like to say a big well done to all the children that were involved. We are pleased to announce



that these posters have now been put up around the Village.



If any resident would like a copy of any of the posters to stick on their wheelie bins, then please contact The HUB.

PLEASE respect others & wildlife and do the right thing by ensuring all dog poo is placed in any of the numerous bins around the Village.

New Litter Bins.

The Parish Council will be rolling out new larger litterbins around the village, to replace the older cast iron ones, which are proving too small to cope with the volume of litter placed in them. These new litter bins are hooded, and therefore will not be prone to filling with rainwater, and should



help to reduce any bad odours in the summer.

Potholes.

Kent County Council has received additional funding from Central Government to deliver another Pothole Blitz Program (PHP). This is due to commence in March 2024, and a list of roads for assessment has been drawn up, however that does not guarantee that



those on the list will be repaired. There are two roads on the list in and around Woodchurch: Plurenden Road and Woodchurch Road (High Halden).

Please remember to report potholes on the following: https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites. Public/SelectSearchMethod.aspx Or by phone on 03000 418181

The Recycle and Repair shop

A reminder of The Recycle and Repair shop planned to be held on Saturday 23rd March at The Memorial Hall Annexe.

This will run from 10am until 4pm. This has been organised by Ashford Borough Council, where residents can take their old electrical items for repair or recycling. I will post further details once I have them on social media and the notice boards .



There are Vacancies For Two Councillors

There are currently two vacancies open to become parish councillors. No prior experience is required, and this is a great opportunity to be a member of a dynamic council about to embark on some new and interesting projects.



Please contact the Clerk on clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk, or one of the current Councillors whose details are available on the website (www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/)

Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March

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

ROAD CLOSED - Brook Street

4th - 6th March 2024 Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED

Description: South East Water

ROAD CLOSED - Criol Lane

18th March - 1st April 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED Description: Road patching and preservation works

ROAD CLOSED - Woodchurch Road, Tenterden 18th March - 1st April 2024 Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED Description: Road patching and preservation works

ROAD CLOSED - Redbrook Street 18th March - 1st April 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED Description: Road patching and preservation works

ROAD CLOSED - Plurenden Road 25th March 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED Description: **UK Power Networks**

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

The Surgery has been busy as ever and we will wave a sad but enthusiastic farewell to or receptionist, Kim Field, who is retiring at the end of the month. We received a good response to adverts and welcome Georgia, who will join us midway through this month. We wish Kim and her husband a very happy retirement at Lydd-on-Sea and with it we lose one of our star bakers.

March marks Ovarian Cancer awareness month. 7,500 new cases are diagnosed each year affecting women with ovaries. It can occur in any age but is far more common after the menopause. There is no screening program for it in the UK so needs to be looked for specifically. The ovaries are tucked away deep in the pelvis so can grow without



giving much warning. Symptoms can be vague and include bloating, swelling of your belly or pressure feelings in the pelvis pushing on your bladder.

Earlier stages of Ovarian Cancer have a much better response to treatment so it is important to actively report changes. Usually an ultrasound scan and blood test will hopefully reassure or lead to further tests.

We have just had the first murmurings of Spring Covid boosters. The only real detail I can share is that the target cohorts are: Over 75 year olds; people living in care homes for older people; people that are seriously immunocomprimised.

We don't yet know where or how it will be delivered and we don't expect any supplies until April at the earliest. As soon as we get any more conclusive detail we will share it.

I'm very pleased to share news that one of our previous trainees, Mukundh Puthoor, has passed his final exam so will soon be practising as a GP in Kent. I'm sure he will have a wonderful career here and wish him well.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy March on behalf of the Surgery, Jack Hickey.

Scuppets & Scutchell 4 - back in stock

Scuppets & Scutchell 4 is the latest issue of the award-winning local history journal for Woodchurch researched, written and produced by members of the Woodchurch Ancestry Group. Our fourth issue has 88 fullcolour pages packed with interesting and



well-researched articles about the village. Scuppets & Scutchell is for anyone interested in the history of Woodchurch or keen to discover more about the village's fascinating past.

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All Saints Church

Dear Friends, we are now in the Christian season of Lent. It only seems five minutes since we were celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour at Christmas, and shortly we will walk with him through his trials and to his death. Whilst we are people of the Resurrection,



which we will celebrate with much joy on Easter Day, to fully appreciate that experience we follow Jesus into the depths of Holy Week. To enable us to plan our Lenten journey with Jesus I have included here details of all the 'special' services planned, starting with Ash Wednesday, our Holy Week schedule, and Easter Services. I also include details of our Easter Drama too. I hope you find this helpful. With love and prayers for our Holy Lent together.

Revd Sue.

Thursday 21st March

6.30pm St Margaret's Bethersden: The Easter Trials - a judge questions eye witnesses about what happened to Jesus. (A one hour drama directed by Annie Calder-Marshall, followed by refreshments in aid of the Bethersden Bells Restoration Fund)

Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday

10.40am Palm Gospel on the Green (behind the George Pub) with donkeys, then procession to St Margaret's (especially for families) 11am Passion Sunday benefice communion service at St Margaret's (a more solemn service when we read the full gospel story of Jesus' crucifixion)

Monday 25th March

7pm Night Prayer (Compline - a short contemplative service) at All Saints, Woodchurch

Tuesday 26th March

7pm Stations of the Cross (We remember Jesus' final journey with pictures and prayer) at St Mary's, High Halden

Wednesday 27th March

7pm Tenebrae Service (We gradually extinguish candles until we are in darkness during a service of readings remembering Jesus' final days) at St Margaret's Bethersden

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

7pm Last Supper Eucharist (To commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples) at St Mary's High Halden

Good Friday, Friday 29th March

12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy (To commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus) at All Saints, Woodchurch

Easter Day, Sunday 31st March

6.am Dawn Service (A short service at day break when we light the Easter candle and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus followed by a light breakfast) at St Margaret's Bethersden 11am Benefice Easter Communion Service (Our main Easter service when we light the Easter candle, renew our baptism promises and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus) at St Mary's High Halden

A Joyful Easter to all in Woodchurch From Reverend Sue and Reverend Mike

What is Lent?

Lent is a time of preparation - lasting 40 days - for the events of Holy Week & Easter. Easter was traditionally the time when baptisms were celebrated, and the time when those who had become separated from the communion of the Church because of their serious sins were restored to the Church's fellowship. This means that Lent has a solemn character. It is the season of the year where the disciplines of penitence, self-examination, self-denial & study are practised. Almsgiving (charity donation) has also traditionally been associated with Lent.

The Lenten disciplines happened over forty days to remind Christians of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence, and from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. It is for that reason that the first day of Lent - Ash Wednesday (this year on 14th February) - is so called. Liturgical dress is at its simplest during Lent. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria in excelsis is not said or sung. The joyful word alleluia is not used. However, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (known variously as Laetare or Refreshment Sunday) was provided as a day of relief from the rigours of fasting - it is the day on which in more recent times the Church has kept Mothering Sunday.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gives to the Fifth Sunday of Lent its name - Passion Sunday. From this day, images in some churches are veiled: a further stripping back of ornamentation in preparation for the desolation of Good Friday. The events of Maundy Thursday are dramatic. During Communion we commemorate how Christ on the first Maundy Thursday instituted the Holy Communion at his Last Supper. We also commemorate how He washed the feet of The Twelve as an example of his servanthood, and how our Lord then went in obedience to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and to await his betrayal. On Good Friday we watch and witness Christ's death, then we wait...

Save our Church

We have just received a quote for around £7,000 to repair the East wall of the church. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are struggling financially at the moment - we have a youth fund and a fund for Here to Help, but no reserves to carry out a major repair like this. Can you help please? Any donations however small will be gratefully received and help us to keep our church open. You can give regularly or make a one-off donation here



https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-yourparish/woodchurch-all-saints-ashford/, by contacting me on 01233 820266 or our treasurer Jeff Kirby, or by leaving a cheque (made payable to Woodchurch PCC) or cash in the safe to the left of the door as you enter church.

Reverend Sue





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OUTPOST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR ...

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

We will be meeting on Good Friday (March 29th) 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

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Dementia Relatives Meet-up

Dementia Relatives Meet-up at the Post Office Coffee Shop. Relatives of those with Dementia meet first Monday of the month: 10am-11am. All welcome.

First one will be on Monday 4th March for people to be able to swap notes and gain support from others in the same boat.

Contact Clara Hebblethwaite 07811 394 806



"Pizza Cucina" is coming to Woodchurch on Tuesday evenings

Jan will be selling wood fired Pizza from his van in the village car park every Tuesday from 5pm to 8pm - starting the 27th February. Pizzas can be booked in advance either by email at jankokoruda3@gmail.com or by phone on 07857 189330 - up until 3pm on the day.

Jan says... "Don't worry about waste!!!...all rubbish from the van is my responsibility - that means, if you will be eating pizza somewhere around the van, bring the pizza boxes back to the van please. See you on Tuesday"



Holiday club.

One holiday club session will be held in the school hall on Monday 8th April from 10am to 12:30pm. Children to bring their own water bottles and lunch.



Registration forms will be available from the school office a week before the Easter break.

Meals on Wheels

As the number of Woodchurch residents using the Meals on Wheels service has been declining, at the end of February the last resident moved into sheltered accommodation and so the service in Woodchurch has now paused. Should anyone wishing to make use of the meals service in the future please contact The HUB. The HUB would like to thank all of the delivery volunteers who have given up their time to support local residents in need.





Clare Ford Memorial Trophy Bonny vs Bells

Charity fishing competition! All proceeds go towards MND charity and the Woodchurch **Carnival!** Location - Shirkoak Fishery, **Bethersden Road.** Woodchurch, TN26 3PZ



Friday 22nd March - Sunday 24th March **MEGA RAFFLE & BBQ** Saturday 23rd - 3pm onwards All are welcome (cash only)

Prizes include - A view of Woodchurch from the sky in a WWII plane (courtesy of Rob Davis), Steam engine experience, A two course dinner for 4 guests at the Bonny Cravat, Shepherd Neame brewery tour, A deer stalking experience, A meal for four a Six Bells and family tickets to the Weald of Kent Steam Rally.... Plus many more!!

Raffle tickets available from the Bonny and Bells! Swim sponsors - The Ferry Inn, ClipClop, Shirkoak Farm B&B, Team Frames, Woodchurch Vineyard, Canterbury Window services. MND Charity no. 294354

1ST Woodchurch Scouts

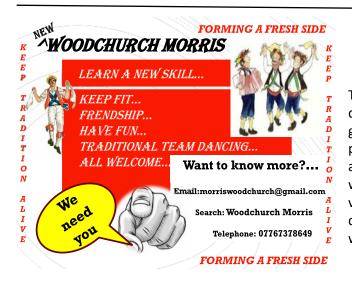
Woodchurch Scouts recently undertook an adventure in a small village called Luksefjel in Telemark, Norway. During the

e prepared .

visit the Scouts survived temperatures as low as -14 C, at the end rising to a tropical 1 degrees C !!

The Scouts learnt many new skills in Luksefjel, including downhill and cross country skiing. Whilst there they teamed up with the local Norwegian Scouts and have taken the first steps in forming some new and important friendships.

For more information contact Julian West on 07887 748692



Another month has gone for this fabulous Freehouse and Spring is just around the corner (hopefully the wellies

and brollies can be safely

stored away). The fire has

been roaring and the

The Six Bells Inn



customers have been enjoying the real ales and great company.

Our Quiz night was a great success and the next one is already filling up for Wednesday 20th March (please book early to avoid disappointment)

The Kitchen is due to reopen soon with an exciting new menu currently being planned which should go hand in hand with the traditional country pub theme which the Bells prides itself on.

There are a number of important events in the Village in March with such a sad occasion with the 80th Anniversary of a tragic air crash in the Parish in 1944 with the sad loss of 7 crew, Saturday 16 March being commemorated, all details can be seen in the Woodchurch Hub.

Mother's Day is Sunday 10 March and we do wish all Mothers a very relaxing day.

This is only a short passage this month as there are many things bubbling away here at the Bells which will be announced in the very near future !!

Take care, stay warm and if all else fails come to the Pub.

With love as always, All of us "At The Bells"

PLEASE JOIN GILLIAN AND FRIENDS FOR A COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF **YOUNG CARERS**



SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL 10.00 - 12.00 - £3 ENTRANCE

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Woodchurch Morris

The Woodchurch Morris are avidly recruiting to keep the Morris dancing tradition within Woodchurch and the surrounding villages growing. If you want a great workout with friends, learn a new skill, play music (not essential) and generally love enjoying yourself within a team, do not hesitate to contact us (see poster). You will be most welcome. We usually practice on Wednesday evenings (7:30pm) at various venues within Woodchurch and Tenterden, followed by a well deserved refreshment! We are also planning taster sessions soon, so watch this space, facebook and our web site.

Fancy your face as a feature?



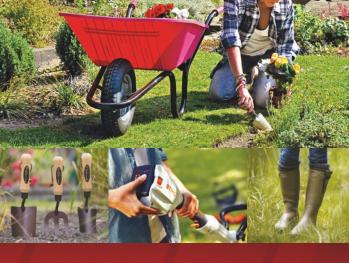
Dear Woodchurch residents, as some of you may have heard, a new mural is going to be arriving to the Jean Mealham Community centre. As part of making the design authentic to Woodchurch I am looking to incorporate a photo montage of a handful of residents faces onto the mural. Although the number needed is yet to be fully decided, it will, in part, be dependent on the number of willing residents and

nominees. I am aware of the strength of community in Woodchurch and so having 'hidden heroes' (or indeed unhidden hero's) feature I hope will make the mural a bit more personal to Woodchurch. Likewise, it is about representing the people who you feel have a particularly strong impact on the community and deserve to be

recognised. Residents are encouraged to nominate their friends, family, neighbours, posties, and even themselves. Ideally nomination entries would include a portrait photo of the persons face and would be accompanied by a brief sentence about the person and why they should feature. However, all entries welcome. I will try my best to ensure all photographs will appear in some shape or form on the mural, if for any reason entries exceed capacity photographs will be chosen randomly, by names out of a hat.

Please feel free to get in touch and ask any queries or questions you might have. To enquire or submit a nomination/photograph please email: pollyae4@icloud.com







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Jean Mealham Centre - FareShare in Woodchurch

FareShare is the UK's longest running food redistribution charity. They were born out of the belief that no good food should go to waste, especially when people are going hungry. This belief is as central to their work now as it was



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25 years ago. FareShare is not a foodbank but it works with local communities and charities to ensure that surplus food is redistributed and turned into meals. Richard Carley and the Jean Mealham Centre have been working with FareShare for several years and through them has been regularly collecting surplus food from both Tesco and Waitrose to help ensure that it does not go to waste. By the end of February 2024 Richard completed his 1,000th surplus food collection through the Jean Mealham Centre and has provided the equivalent of 120,000 meals free of charge. Many of these have been directly through the regular Pop-In afternoon sessions and also through the combating loneliness events that the centre provides each Christmas.





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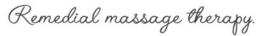
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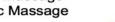
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For those who attended the Carnival in 2022, hopefully the memories of a fantastic day are still with you. We want the **Carnival 8th June 2024**, to be even more of a success and fun for everyone, with bigger memories and stories for the village. The day promises to be great, and we have set aside a massive £8k, so far, to make this



happen. Our main theme is in line with the celebration of D Day 80th anniversary celebrations.

We have another film being commissioned working with the TV College at Maidstone, and the use of a Drone this year to make it even better. A unique puppet theatre group will be in the parade and on the green to entertain - something that you would normally only see at the big county fairs.

This carnival is not our event, it's a community event and we still need you to make it work. Several areas are already in place with the fair and bands. Your participation is still a big part to make the day a success:

- <u>The parade</u>. We have some special guests to be announced. They will lead off the parade and open it. We really need more floats and people to take part. Fancy it or need more information? Then call Pat on 07584 075008. There are trophies waiting for your name to be put on them!
- <u>Stalls</u> are growing in numbers. We need more and these are for retail or craft and other unique items, but some local organisations and groups will be mixed into this for you to visit. Last year's feedback from stall holders was that they had the best sale of all time! Want a stall? Speak with Millie on 07703 640215
- We have some <u>key sponsors</u> who have assisted us in getting money and also in supporting us. However, we would like more. Hannah has been working hard to get these so that businesses and organisations can market themselves. On this huge event approximately 3000 people attended in 2022 and we reached visitors from as far as London. One of our aims is to support local businesses and I am sure local business gained a lot of revenue from 2022. Want to know more? Speak with Hannah on 07835 271669
- Our <u>arena</u> sponsored by Tenterden Garden Centre, gives an opportunity to put a display on for your organisation/group. We have several great displays already but if you want to be part of this then it's not too late. We are not forgetting our



) have some fun and start planting – entry forms availab

four-legged friends. Our dog show will be back on this year, "BARK"! Want to be involved in the judging? Call Gina on 07594 436997.

•An event like this is huge task and we have again tried to spend money on you by subsidising attractions rather than paying for staff. If you can assist and help on the day, even for an hour then let us know. We have a list of areas needing to be manned, from assisting by putting posters up; bar staff; and many more. If you are able to volunteer to help with the carnival please contact Lucy Quinn on 07885 911601.

You will soon see the new web site and other communications, but as we said this is your carnival so talk to those above or other committee members, to find out more, volunteer or give ideas. Roger Green, funfair manager; Dave McCausland, Social media manager; Lucy Quinn, secretary; Jeff Kirby, Finance manager; Phil Gardiner, raffle; Neil McKay, food outlet manager; Alan Baker, Funding manager; Wade Nash, Hub manager; Andy Combs, software manager. We also are pleased to be working with Samantha Griffin of Ashford Radio.

Save the date

8th June 2024

Tell your friends and family. Come and enjoy one of the biggest carnivals in Kent!

WOODCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thank you to our February Speaker, Elizabeth Langley, of Lemon Tea Reflexology in Singleton, and a full member of the Association of Reflexologists, for so ably relaxing and preparing Woodchurch WI members for the formalities and complexities of our Annual General Meeting. Elizabeth was accompanied by her Mum, also a Woodchurch resident, and a very willing recipient of what seemed to be an extremely relaxing foot massage. However, before commencing her demonstration, Elizabeth told us a little bit about Reflexology. She explained that whilst Reflexology can play a key role in the active pursuit

of wellness and well being, it should not, under any circumstances, be used as an alternative to seeing your GP. Instead, Reflexology should be very much regarded as a complementary and holistic therapy. It is based on the theory that different points on the feet, hands, face or ears each correspond to different areas of the body. Reflexologists work these "reflex" points



by applying gentle, but firm, pressure and various massage techniques during the (usual) hour long treatment, thus reducing stress and creating a sense of whole body relaxation and wellbeing. Certainly Elizabeth's Mum seemed more than satisfied with her slightly shortened treatment and heartily recommended one for relieving stress and improving sleep patterns. In fact, we, the audience, were mesmerised by the all too brief demonstration and so we too were relaxed and ready for what came after when the past year was reviewed and the financial statement was approved. All agreed that the Committee had worked hard in 2023 to provide a stimulating and varied programme and appreciation for this was accorded to Sandra, our previous Programme Secretary, who moved to East Sussex in the autumn. Lynn was unanimously re-elected as President and the Committee was delighted to welcome new member. Nicole.

The competition for an item beginning with "N" was won by Lynn with her knitted Noddy, 2nd was Barbara with her knitted Nutcracker doll and Gillian and Nicole tied for 3rd place.

Our 97th Birthday Meeting falls in March, so we will be celebrating and there might be cake and the entertainment will be provided by Rainbow Pete, so do join us if you can. The competition is an item beginning with "S" and a quick reminder that your subscription should be paid at this meeting please.

Save the date: Sunday 21st July 2024 For the Woodchurch Running Festival.



Nice Work

Woodchurch Running Festival

🛗 Next Race: 21/07/2024

IV Woodchurch Green, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3PE



This year the event will host excited and keen runners from all over the county and beyond. We are looking to create a busy and fun race hub on the green with refreshments, treats and entertainment.

The running events will include a juniors race on the green plus the two options of a 5 or 10 mile run.

ALLEN DAVY 25TH March 1932 - 11th February 2024

Allen was born in Wainfleet St Mary on the coast of Lincolnshire on the 25th of March 1932 one of six children to Charles

and Alice. Family legend has it that they did not have a name for him until they were walking up the church path for the Christening and thinking that a name may be required picked Allen after a well known Newcastle United footballer at the time Jack Allen who scored the winning FA cup final goals against Arsenal in 1932. Then in 1950 the whole family relocated to Spring Place farm in Front Road where Allen threw himself into his work on the farm and village life, where he joined the football team, was part of the bonfire society as a proud bonfire boy and enjoyed the village dances.



It was during the bonfire events when the boys all met up to create the parade torches that

Allen first met and got to know his mother-in-law to be, Hilda Fairbrother "Fairy" While the future bride and her brother were always sent to bed early on these evenings leaving the kitchen free for riotous laughter, boiling tar and dipping the sacking. It was in 1961 his life changed when he started courting Barbara and in June 1965 they were married here in All Saints surrounded by their family and friends. Only to be surprised on leaving the church by the Bonfire Boys with the village coach "Brough" in its new white whitewash paint job to carry them to their reception at the Memorial Hall starting a new tradition for village weddings.

A few years later sees the arrival of their daughter Nicola, as in those days the fathers were not allowed to be present at the birth, a very nervous Allen spent the evening demolishing the garden shed refusing to stop until darkness made it impossible to carry on. Her arrival near to midnight in the long days of June saw for a long evening's toil.

Allen has always been a hard worker and on leaving the family farm with his brother Ron joined the Cragg farm in Newchurch on the Marsh working of the land growing strawberries. Even with the long hours when he was not working, as a young man, he would spend his evenings cutting kindling with his brother Ron and deliver the bags around village on a Saturday. Later on he received a career change opportunity and moved to his much loved job in the village, lorry driving the ammunitions lorry for Nobel ICI, delivering explosives to local coal mines and quarries, firework factories and the Tower of London.



Every other spare moment he could be found in his garden tending to his prize veg. This normally placid, rather shy, mild mannered gent was nowhere to be found when it came to the Woodchurch Gardening Societies annual flower and vegetable shows, when the competitive Allen enlisted the whole family for the harvest & choosing of the winning specimens, not to mention the hours of cleaning potatoes, binding onions, polishing OR NOT the apples and trade secret wrapping the runner beans in damp tea towels to make them straighter. But it was always worth it to see his pride when the winners' cup came home, and we got to eat the veg. The garden was known to many as Mr McGregor's Garden and yet Peter Rabbit has never been spotted, maybe he wouldn't dare wander into Allen's plot.

Apart from his garden Allen's happy place was his shed full to the rafters with everything you could possibly need, as he never threw anything away that could be useful. Always tinkering with an engine, creating something from wood or just fixing things, you could set your watch by him reappearing at 1pm for his lunch break, in his favourite overalls smelling of engine oil.

In 2010 Allen finally become a proud grandfather to Charlotte and as history started to repeat itself, he spent many hours with her in the garden showing her how to peel the dinner vegetables, fix yet another tyre puncture and taught her to ride her bike to surprise her Mum.

Recent years Allen had struggled with his mobility, a result of an ankle injury received on Barbara's 21st birthday playing his beloved football on the village green. He still managed to grow runner beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers which many villagers remember receiving and enjoying. He looked forward to his daily walks, weather permitting, around the village in his buggy with a visit to the fish and chip van on a Wednesday a highlight for him.

Details of the funeral on 6th of March and the donation page can be found on www.muchloved.com. All funeral donations will be split between Dementia UK and the Woodchurch Village life museum

I would like to say a big thank you for all the kind and thoughtful people who have sent so many cards and messages to myself and to my family at the sad passing of Allen. We have spent all our married life as residents of the village and have always known what a special community Woodchurch is. Thank you one and all it has meant so much to us.

Barbara, Nicola and Charlotte

NEWS from WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM (WVLM) Susan's Hill TN26 3RE

The team of volunteers at WVLM are proud to announce that, following many months of dedicated work, they were awarded FULL ACCREDITATION status on 8th February 2024 by the Arts Council England. This prestigious award lets people know that our museum group is doing the right things to help the public engage with the village's collections and protect them for the future.

The Museum Accreditation scheme involves providing evidence to show that we meet national standards including how we're run, how we manage

our collections and how we engage with our users.

This year, March 29th (Good Friday) will be the first day that we open to the public, between the hours of 10:00 and 16:00 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Easter weekend and then every Saturday, Sunday and Bank holiday until the end of October. Other times can be arranged by contacting the museum.

There are some exciting new exhibitions for you to view this season with stories that all ages will find intriguing. Also don't forget, the museum is part of the Wheels of Time scheme where primary aged children can collect badges, maps and lanyards. (www.wheelsoftime.uk)

Looking forward to seeing you there.

For more information contact us at enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk or phone 01233 860586 or visit our Web site www.woodchurchheritagetrust.uk



Thank you for everyone who has continued to support the Museum by subscribing to our 150+ lottery draw for 2023/4.

Tickets are still available for the remainder of the draw. For more information please contact Joyce via The HUB enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or 01233 861381

February 2024 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Dorothy Bird	027
2nd prize	£30	Roy Sharp	554
3rd prize	£20	Ivan Pilcher	414



'Connecting Woodchurch'

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM

Open every Weekend and bank holiday 10am - 4pm

from Easter to the end of October.

Open at other times by prior arrangement

Join us on

Tuesday 19th March

to hear about upcoming Woodchurch events

6.30pm – 8pm in All Saints Church, Woodchurch

Delighted to confirm the following will be joining the meeting to talk about upcoming events:

Patrick Byrne to talk about Woodchurch Carnival on 8 June
 Peter Emery to talk about the 80th D Day anniversary links in Woodchurch
 Bill Giles to talk about the Steam Rally on 3 & 4 August

Reverend Sue to talk about Church concerts and other planned activities
 Woodchurch Players to talk about their Spring Play

- Woodchurch in Bloom to talk about this years activities including 'Front

Garden Competition

PLUS MANY MORE!

ALL WELCOME, whether to:

- Come along and find out about forthcoming events in our special Village

- Promote events/activities your club/group are organising

Contact Philippa at philippaatwoodchurch@btinternet.com for any questions

Our community calendar can be accessed here:

https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar/

or details are all available via Woodchurch HUB

Planning an event open to the public?

Please remember to add to our Community Calendar

https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar-event-request/







Woodchurch Local History Society

Our next society meeting will be in the Woodchurch village Memorial Hall at 7:30pm, Monday March 4th. Our speaker for the evening will be Isobel Phillips who



will be giving us an illustrated talk entitled 'Archaeology -

Bodies, Bones and Burials. Isobel is a young professional archaeologist working locally. In late 2022 she gave us a very popular lecture on an aspect of archaeology which made the Aylesbury Archer the basis of her presentation . . This time she



will give us an insight into how some modern scientific techniques for the analysis of bones (taken from a range of burial sites) have given us far more knowledge of the individual's life style.

Our society meets at 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at Woodchurch. Evenings consist of a talk lasting 50-60 minutes followed by tea, coffee and biscuits as refreshments. We have a variety of speakers booked for the year to fill our programme until December. Some of our speakers are local residents who will dwell upon local and Woodchurch history whilst the rest will talk about topics featuring aspects of Kentish and regional history.

Members pay a £12 annual subscription whilst visitors pay £3 at the door. If you fancy coming along to the March 4th talk as a visitor then you would be very welcome indeed. There is no need to book - just turn up at the night.

Similarly, if you think you might like to become a member then please come along and check us out. Your visitor fee will be refunded if you join ..

Thanks, Geoff 01233 860393.



Woodchurch Village Shed

Happy days, with the help of a friend of Mark Carley, we have finally achieved the final hurdle on our planning application. It is now going through the final stages of the application. Once planning finally goes through we can

get the shed ordered. Watch this space.

We have been busy helping get the Community Centre in good working order. With the inclement weather we have been working inside. Once the weather improves we can get started on outside jobs.

We have been very fortunate over the last weeks, a kind family has donated work units, someone else a work bench and the offer of many work tools.

I look forward to sharing more good news with you next month.

For more information contact Neil on 07717 861319 or neilmckay0730@gmail.com

Mother's Day at the Rare Breeds Centre

For Mother's Day, the Rare Breeds Centre is offering one free parent / carer per group. When purchasing



tickets online, enter the discount code 'MOTHERSDAY' at checkout. This special offer is only valid for bookings made for Sunday 10th March 2024, and for one adult per group.

Easter at the Rare Breeds Centre



Visitors can enjoy lots of fun, extra activities for no additional cost over the Easter holidays at the Rare Breeds Centre.

Friday 29th March - Monday 1st April

3 sessions - Meet and Greet the Easter Bunny and her friends, with the opportunity to take your own photo with them

- Location: Entrance to the Farm 10am 11am o
- Location: Discovery Garden 12pm 1pm о
- Location: Discovery Zone 2pm 3pm 0

During the day when the Easter Bunny and her friends are not doing the meet and greets, they will be wandering around the site entertaining visitors.

Other activities:

Friday 29th March - Sunday 14th April

- o Easter Word Trail Find all the eggs around the farm, make a word, and win a sweet treat! Pick up your trail from the gift shop.
- o Pig Washing 11:30am (Location: Pig Pens)
- Meet the Lambs 1pm 2pm (Location: Lambing Tunnel) о
- Pig Racing 3:15pm (Location: Pig Race Track) о
- o Pig Feeding 4pm (Location: Pig Pens)



BOLDSHAVES

Boldshaves Garden - The gardens at Boldshaves will re-open for the 2024 season on Friday 22 March, and will then be open until mid-October on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holiday afternoons from 2-6pm. The Cliff Tea House will be open whenever the garden is open, serving teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light refreshments.

The garden will also be open for the **National Garden Scheme** (NGS) on Thursday 11 April from 2-6pm; and for Gardening With Disabilities Trust's Spring Plant Fair on Wednesday 24 April from 10-3.

Fischer's Cottage at Boldshaves is available to rent on a selfcatering basis throughout the year. Please see the Boldshaves website for further details.

www.boldshaves.co.uk

WOODCHURCH DRIVING GROUP RDA **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



To be held at The Jean Mealham Pop In Centre on Friday 8th March 2024 at 2pm. Please let me know if you will be attending Jean Boorman Hon Group Secretary j.boorman007@btinternet.com



https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-woodc or if you prefer - visit WOODCHURCH HUB 01233 861381 (Open Monday-Friday 10.00am-1.00pm Saturday 10.00am-12 midda



Come and join the

Easter Egg Hunt All Saints Church Woodchurch 2pm Easter Saturday 30 March Easter Treats for all! Everyone Welcome











Or follow us on Facebook

Search: 'WoodchurchYard Together'

<u>New Roll of Honour Board and the</u> <u>planting of a memorial Oak</u>

At 11am on Sat Mar 16th, 2024, TBTL Woodchurch will be holding a ceremony on the village green to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the crash of an USAAF B24 Liberator



Bomber "the Shark Face" at Oakhurst Farm on Brook St in which 7 of the crew were killed. To mark this sad incident, we will be unveiling a new memorial Roll of Honour Board in the Memorial Hall to commemorate all the 31 military personal who died within the parish boundaries in WW2 and on operations from Woodchurch Airfield.

Principal Guests include Air Marshal Christopher M Nickols CB CBE DL, representing Lieutenancy of Kent, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ashford and Mr David Morgan, who is the UK representative of USAAF 44th Bomb Group Veterans. Mr David Morgan was a close friend of the late Mr Charles Landells one of the three survivors of the crash.

The invited guests who will witness the unveiling of the Roll of Honour Board in the Memorial Hall will also include any villagers who were alive in Woodchurch during WW2. If you are one of these villagers and have not yet received a personal invitation and would like to attend, please get in contact with the event organiser Peter Emery:

pemery@btinternet.com Tel: 07446 012784



The "Shark Face "taking off from its Base in Norfolk



Charlie Landells and 2 other survivors.

Timings:

- 10:00 am: Invited guests assemble in Memorial Hall to witness the Roll of Honour Board unveiling.
- 10:45 am: Villagers are invited to assemble on village green.
- 11:00 am: Tree Planting and dedication ceremony.
- 11:15 am: The Memorial Hall will be open for villagers to see the new Roll of Honour Board and a display of the story of those airmen we are commemorating. Tea and coffee will be available.

We are still seeking contributions from the local community to contribute towards the costs of the Tree and Roll of Honour Board, cash donations can be made at Woodchurch Hub or alternatively at this gofund.me link:

https://gofund.me/e16ab49d



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