



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

October 2024

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

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

Sundays:

- Museum Open** 10:00am to 4:00pm
Outpost Church 10:00am-12:00pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road
Karate 10:00am-12:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

Mondays:

- Pilates** 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall
Tai Chi and Qigong 10:00am and 10:55am at the S&G Community Centre
Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the Jean Mealham Lodge
Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
Junior Tennis coaching Red-3:30pm, Orange 4:30pm, Green/Hand Ball 5:30pm, Hard Ball 6:30pm at the Tennis Club
Beavers 6:00pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre
BodyTone 6:15pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall
BodyFlex 7:15pm-8:00pm in the Memorial Hall
Scouts 7:30pm-9:00pm in the S&G Community Centre

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 Jean Mealham 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
Puzzle Club 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Jean Mealham Lodge
Pizza Van 5:00pm-8:00pm in the Village Car Park
Cubs 5:30pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre
Karate 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Jean Mealham Studio

Wednesdays:

- Pilates** 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall
Museum Volunteers - maintenance and gardening 9:30am-12:00pm at the Museum
Yoga 10:00am-11:15am in the Jean Mealham Studio
Social Pop-In 2:00pm-4:00pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Centre
Blend Youth Cafe 3:00pm-5:00pm in All Saints Church Term time only
Junior Tennis coaching Red/Orange-4:00pm, Green/Hard Ball-5:00pm the Tennis Club
Rainbows 5:00pm-6:00pm in the S&G Community Centre
Fish and Chips 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Village Car Park
Brownies and Guides 5:45pm-7:15pm in the S&G Community Centre

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Thursdays:

- Art Society** 10:00am-1:00pm in the Memorial Hall
In The Mix 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
Margaret Morris Movement 2:15pm-3:45pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road
BodyBlast 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall
Badminton 7:00pm-11:00pm in 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:

- Little Leaves Forest School** 10:00am - 12:00pm under 5's Play Group based in Woodchurch
Squirrels 5:30pm-6:30pm in the S&G Community Centre
Adult Tennis coaching 5:30pm at the Tennis Club

Other Events:

- Tue 1st **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
Thu 3rd **Social Prescribers** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
Fri 4th **Zumba with Hannah** - 9:30am in the Memorial Hall
Sat 5th **Scouts Race Night** - 7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre
Sun 6th **Morning Worship with Baptism** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Mon 7th **Music at The Bonny - Thomas Abrahams** - 6:00pm
CARM Cup Cake Decorating - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall
When We Were Young - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Mon 7th **WLHS - Archaeology and History at Smallhythe** - 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
Tue 8th **WI - Changing Rooms** - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall
Thu 10th **Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
Fri 11th **Songs from the shows** - 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
Sat 12th **Cockney Knees Up** - 7:00pm at The Six Bells
Sun 13th **Songs from the shows** - 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
Holy Communion - 8:00am at All Saints Church
Molly and Hazel Butcher Memorial Evensong - 6:00pm at All Saints Church
Tue 15th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
Wed 16th **Dementia Coffee Morning** - 10:00am at The Coffee Shop
Fri 18th **Zumba with Hannah** - 9:30am in the Memorial Hall
Sat 19th **Woodchurch Yard Together** - All weekend at All Saints Church
Sun 20th **Morning Worship with Baptism** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
Mon 21st **When We Were Young** - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Tue 22nd **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
Thu 24th **Parish Council Meeting** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
Fri 25th **Music at The Bonny - The Clerk Collective** - 7:00pm
Mon 28th **Six Bells Psychic Night**
Tue 29th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
Thu 31st **Bonny Cravat Pumpkin Hunt** - 1:00pm
Six Bells Ghost Story Evening



Is the War Memorial in need of a clean?

A clean of the War Memorial is planned in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the Clerk on clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk



Safety in The Community

Peter New, a Kent Police Volunteer and your area Neighbourhood Watch representative, made an excellent presentation at the Parish Council Meeting on the 26th September. In summary any crime or attempted crime no matter how small should be reported to the police. If you wish to contact him for advice his details are: peternew1@aol.com or on 07768 437422.

Waiting Restrictions Proposed Amendments at The School

In response to East Kent Highways proposal to alter the waiting restrictions around the school, the Parish Council does not object, but will be writing to KCC to understand on what basis the proposals have been made. In addition we would like to know how the proposed arrangement would be enforced.



New Councillors

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome the following new members to the Council:

- Roger Knight
- Wendy Hookey
- Peter Ruddick

Allotments

The Parish Council is investigating feasibility of allotments subject to the availability of land. If anyone has any interest, or any land owner wishing to provide space for allotments, could you contact the Clerk at clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk



Recent Planning Applications We Have Considered

Application	Location	Parish Council	Ashford Planning
AP-90667	CALA Homes	Object strongly due to potential flooding	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/1192	Orange Farmhouse, Brook Street	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/1429	3, Brattle, Woodchurch	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/1651	Oak Lodge, Susans Hill	No Comment	Waiting Decision

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 24th October 2024, in the Memorial Hall Annexe.

Potholes

It is best to report any directly to KCC Highways by phone on 03000 418181 or online at www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes



Water leaks

If you see a water leak in the road these should be reported to South East Water by phone at 03330 000365 or online at www.southeastwater.co.uk/help/emergencies/report-a-leak



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 The HUB, Front Road, Woodchurch, Kent, TN26 2PA

Through the contact form on the Parish Council Web site: www.woodchurch-pc.gov.uk/contact-us/

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

ROAD CLOSED - Front Road, Woodchurch
7th October 09:00 - 16:00

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED

Description: UK Power Networks

DEMENTIA
COFFEE
MORNING

Come & join others
who have family members
with dementia



THE DEMENTIA EXPERIENCE CIC
TRAINING & COMMUNITY

Wednesday 9th October
10am - 1130am
Old Post Office Coffee Shop
Woodchurch
TN26 3PA

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

The Autumn is upon us and we can all enjoy conkers and piles of leaves to play in. It should all be good for the soul and when we have finished playing we can then celebrate the various health campaigns for October. "Stoptober" has been running a long time and aims to help people contemplate stopping smoking. Support and medication to help with stopping smoking can be accessed through One-You-Kent which is easily found online and has other services to promote healthy living.



Sober-October prepares us for Dry-January and while there is some discussion around moderating alcohol consumption with One-You-Kent, the only specialist service for support is through the Forward Trust which is based in Elwick Road, Ashford. They take self-referrals by telephone or online and can help with those that feel are drinking excessively or have lost control of drinking. There is now no real "safe limit" but the Department of Health advise that over 14 units a week is potentially harmful. This equates to about a bottle and a half of wine or about 5 pints of ordinary beer.

www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/one-you-kent/

Breast Cancer awareness month is also celebrated and we can only encourage women to attend for screening. The rates are still relatively low at about 70% and is available for all women between 50 and 71 year old. If you realise you have missed out on screening or are not sure where you are with it please call **01227 783000**.



I have met a number of people who have benefited from the Health Coaching that has been going on throughout the year and am impressed by the effect it has had on mental and physical health. There are more sessions being organised so please ask to join up. For those men that could not realistically walk, jog or run there is a specifically men's sit-down class starting almost immediately at Tenterden, and there are still some spaces available.

There are no team changes at to report at Woodchurch Surgery. We have 3 weekends of Covid and Flu jabs that have been well booked already and we look forward to the energy of the sessions.

With best wishes on behalf of the Surgery,
Jack Hickey, GP

www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk 01233 860236

[Songs From The Shows!!](#)

For **two nights only - 11th & 12th October**. - At Woodchurch Memorial Hall. Here, you will be transported to a memorable and unmissable evening where we will be celebrating the

very best of Musical Theatre. The performances will bring to life the songs from many of the all time greats..... so - don't miss out get your tickets now! - and lose yourself in wonderful night of sparking show-tunes!!

Tickets available from **Ticketsource** and **The HUB**

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



Book now!!

Woodchurch Village Green

Charity number 1205468

The Woodchurch Village Green Charity is the legal owner of the Village Green and car park and works closely with Woodchurch Parish Council to ensure that the Green is maintained for the enjoyment of all Woodchurch residents and visitors. As a registered charity, all fixtures located on The Green are assets of the charity, and these include the Pavilion, children's play and adult exercise area and the village pump.

The Beginnings

The Village Green Trust was established in an indenture on the 24th August 1859. The trust was established to manage ***"a piece of land of irregular shape, situated in the Parish of Woodchurch, containing in the whole by estimation six acres, or thereabouts, and known as the Village Green"***.

The Village Green Trust was later registered with the Charities Commission as the "Village Green" charity on the 16th July 1925 and the land (which includes the Village Green, car park and the grass strip along the North East edge of the road called "The Green") was registered with the Register of Town and Village Greens on the 12th March 1968 – Registration # VG.55



Village Green Post Card 1900

It became an incorporated charity on 27th October 2023, at which point its name was updated to the "Woodchurch Village Green" charity with the registered objects ***"To oversee the upkeep and management of Woodchurch Village Green to further or benefit the residents of the parish of Woodchurch"***

Income

The only direct income that the charity currently receives is from the clubs and societies that make regular use of the Green, the Pavilion and its other facilities. It is also reliant on receiving donations.



Cows on The Green 1951

The charity is fortunate to receive generous grants from the Woodchurch Parish Council that help with its day-to-day upkeep (grass mowing, utility costs, repairs etc), without which, these services would not be possible.

Enhancing The Green

The charity would also like to thank both the Parish Council and Ashford Borough Council for the grants that have enabled the installation of power to the bottom of The Green - near the entrance to the car park. This will enable greater use of the Green for future community activities, including the village Christmas tree lights*, Fairs and Carnivals and also local club and society outdoor exhibitions and plant sales. During the summer



months The Green and the Pavilion have been increasingly used for outdoor family events and children's parties.

Moving forward

There is a lot still to do to on The Green with urgent repairs and maintenance required to the Pavilion, safety inspections and updates to the children's play area and adult exercise Area. The Pavilion needs attention to make it usable for mixed gender sports, more accessible for those with mobility challenges, the flooring needs replacing and the kitchen needs updating. Areas of The Green also need additional drainage to keep them accessible through the winter months and to enable winter sports (e.g. football) to be played throughout the season.

Whilst we are already working with a local company to identify options for moving forward with the Pavilion building, all of the works will require significant funding to be raised in order for this and future work to be carried out.



Snow on the Village Green 1945 (original pavilion in the background)

How could you help?

If you are able to volunteer to help us maintain the Village Green for future generations we would like to hear from you. There are a lot of immediate repairs that are needed inside the Pavilion and including an update to the kitchen, replacement window, repairs to the showers and new floor covering throughout. In addition to volunteers we also need to raise funding so that these repairs can be undertaken.

If you have the time and skills that could help, we would like to hear from you. Are you about to replace your kitchen and the old one is still in good condition? Would you like to sponsor the replacement window, the new flooring or the shower?

If you are an individual or a company and are in a position to give a single, or a regular donation, to help support The Village Green please contact us. Please also consider whether you could include a legacy for The Village Green Charity in your will.

We are also looking at potential futures for the Pavilion and how it can be best used by the community. If you have any ideas or suggestions then we would like to hear from you. If you would like to be considered for one of our charity trustee positions then we would also like to hear from you.

You can contact the Village Green Charity by email at enquiries@villagegreencharity.uk or through The HUB.

*The charity would like to thank Nick at G&R Motors who, for the past several years, has kindly provided power for the Village Green events from his workshop.



All Saints Church



Dear Friends

Summer is now drawing to a close, and in church we are preparing for our Harvest Service, which will have already taken place by the time you read this. This year we are all in High Halden, as we move around our villages each year. Next year we are already planning something new and exciting for Harvest in Woodchurch - under canvas on the Green!



We have been celebrating Creation Season in church this past month. A time to reflect on the wonderful created world around us and to give thanks all of the beauty, especially around our village of Woodchurch. This season also challenges us to consider how we can play a part in protecting the world from further damage, so that generations to come can continue to enjoy what we have. In our Bible readings this week we have Psalm 65 "You cause rain to fall on the plowed fields..the pastures are full of sheep. The valleys are covered with grain..." and Isaiah 55: 9-11 "Rain and snow fall from the sky. They don't return without watering the ground. They cause the plants to sprout and grow...." In this era of technology, and war and division, it is good to reflect on the things we might take for granted around us. These words were written thousands of years ago, and yet they are still relevant and reflect the cycle of life, and of farming and growth.

This Harvest time, let's give thanks for our surroundings and this beautiful village. Let's also give thanks for our farming community, who work so hard all year around to bring us "our daily bread" (and milk and meat...). Please also join me in thinking about whether there is more that we can do to make sure that our children, and their children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy this created world.



The Church of England has a programme called Eco Church. If anyone would like to support us in making sure our churches become more environmentally efficient then let me know - I would love to find people who are interested in helping us to get better at this!

God Bless

Reverend Sue - 01233 820266. revsuerose@outlook.com

Zumba with Hannah

Classes are on Friday mornings at 9.30-10.30am, at the Memorial Hall and run in term time only.

For more information contact Hannah on zumbawithhannah@yahoo.com



All Saints Woodchurch

**Craft Stall
Live Music
Refreshments
Raffle**

**CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL**

Come & see the Church looking spectacular filled with amazing Christmas Trees!

6th December 5pm-7pm
7th December & 8th December 10am to 5pm

All trees decorated by our village groups!
Vote for your favourites!

Visit Santa

Children's activities & Bell Tower open!

Is that Christmas hiding just around the corner?

We really do hope you have had a lovely summer, despite the weather being a little mixed. If you have a moment, do take time to stroll around our beautiful churchyard and enjoy a moment of real peace. Our wonderful volunteers work so hard to maintain it, and it really is a real asset to the village; a place of calm in an ever chaotic world.

However, as wonderful as summer is, autumn is here and, ever looking forward, we are now planning for Christmas. Our Christmas Tree Festival takes place on 6-8th December and we are well on track for it being bigger and better than ever. We are always thrilled at how many people come, not only from our village, as we aim to marry the wonder and spectacle alongside the real message of Christmas. If you are a business and would like to sponsor a tree, or if you would like to help us in any way, please get in contact. Many hands make light work and we would love to meet you and involve as many people as possible.



Citizens Advice Bureau At Woodchurch HUB

Ashford Citizens Advice now holds regular, confidential consultation clinics at Woodchurch HUB on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1pm to 4pm.

These are walk-in sessions so you do not need to book.
For more information please contact The HUB.

Bonny Cravat

Winter is here but we're not letting it get us down. Halloween is just around the corner and dare we say the C word just yet...but soon enough it will be time for the man in the big red suit to visit!



October is going to be a great month and to kick things off we have some amazing live music from Thomas Abrahams on Sunday 6th from 6pm. He really is amazing and we're lucky to get him here, so do pop in and have a listen if you're around.

Halloween is one of our favourite 'holidays' so we have decided to do a pumpkin hunt and halloween film on Thursday 31st at 1pm. If you would like to book your children in for this please give us a call. There will be a pumpkin hunt, pumpkin carving and a spooky film (kid friendly of course). There will be prizes for best costume and some sweet treats for all who attend so pop the date in your diary and book in before spaces are filled up!

On the 25th October we have more live music from The Clark Collective. Its always a fabulous night when they are here!

Unfortunately we are going to have to quickly mention Christmas.... But its just to let you all know that we have made the decision not to open the pub on Christmas Day this year as we would very much like to spend it with our family. We will, however, be opening for food and drink on Boxing Day, because who wants to have to cook again on Boxing Day!?! So keep your eyes peeled for our Boxing Day menu!

This month we celebrate two years of being Land Lord and Land Lady here at The Bonny! Thank you to everyone who has supported us from day one and to everyone who continues to spread the word about the one and only Bonny Cravat! Its been one hell of a ride so far and we can't wait to see what the next year brings!

Love as always,

The Bonny family.

Immaculate two bedroomed park home on Six Bells Park, Woodchurch.

For more information please contact
Philberts of Tenterden - 01580 234675.



The Six Bells Inn

We're back !! We have not been in the magazine for a few months as we really didn't have much to say but its time to let you know what is happening in the Bells for October.



We have a Cockney Knees Up on Saturday the 12th with a Traditional Pie and Mash Evening with a good old sing song with Eugene Portman and his Piano.

Saturday 28th is our first Psychic night with Grant Colyer, the places are going quickly so please book to avoid disappointment.

Thursday 31st October, Halloween, we are hosting a Ghost Story Evening, where you can come and share any of your spooky experiences.

We're not just a typical Pub, we're a "Woodchurch Pub" (well if its good enough for Marks and Spencer's, its good enough for us !!) where you are always welcome. We have a lovely old wonky pub and wonky most things (including some of the staff) but you'll always be welcome and any suggestions are always well received.

With lots of love

All of us at The Bells xxx

WOODCHURCH FILM SOCIETY PRESENT



SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2024

WOODCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL 6PM FOR 6.30 START

TICKETS £20

INCLUDES FISH AND CHIP SUPPER (Licensed Bar/Raffle)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: www.ticketsource.co.uk

Or WOODCHURCH HUB—01233 861381

It's been a busy start to the season for our teams. The first league fixtures saw the firsts travel to Lenham where they won 7-2, whilst the reserves travelled to Staplehurst where they got an impressive 1-0 victory against a strong side.



Week 2 saw the first team play the reserves and the firsts were fortunate to gain a 2-1 win. Week 3 saw the first team beat Staplehurst 4-0, Matt Sargeant getting all 4 goals whilst the reserves game was called off.

The Sunday team have also started very well winning 3 out of their 4 games.

Walking football has restarted this week with both the over 50s and over 60s unfortunately losing both games.

August lottery winners are 1st prize Tim Wilson £100, 2nd prize Lucy Sargeant £35, 3rd prize Pat Wood £10 4th prize Frazer Jessop £5 and 5th prize Neil Luker £5

September draw winners are 1st prize Cheryl Chapman £100 2nd prize Ryan Ford £35, 3rd prize Pat Wood £10 4th prize Callum Shaw £5 and 5th prize Kelsey Harrison £5



The garden at Boldshaves will be open as usual on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2-6pm and will close for the season from Monday 17th October. This looks like being a particularly spectacular Autumn for colour, so we look forward to welcoming many of you here over the next few weeks.

The garden will re-open for the 2025 season on Sunday 30th March. Next year we will have a different pattern of opening, and will only be open on the last Sundays of each month from 2-6pm. Those of you who would like to organise group tours for clubs and societies with which you are associated should get in touch to book dates/times as usual.

During the Autumn and Winter months we will be looking to sign up volunteers who would like to devote a few hours a week to helping in the garden. Previous experience welcome but not needed, just enthusiasm! If you would like to be a volunteer, please get in touch with us (details on our website) and we will be happy to discuss suitable arrangements with you:

please contact us on 01233 860283.

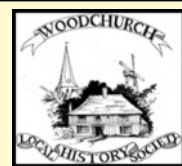
www.boldshaves.co.uk

Items For Future Newsletters

If there is something that you would like to have included in future editions then please send them to:

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

Woodchurch Local History Society



The Woodchurch Local History society generally meets on the first Monday of the month in the village Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. We have a varied programme of talks by experienced speakers covering local history. We choose interesting subjects usually dating from the 19th and 20th centuries but our October meeting takes us further back in time.

On Monday October 7th (7:30 pm) we welcome Nathalie Cohen to give us an illustrated presentation entitled 'Archaeology and 2000 Years of History at Smallhythe'. For three years Nathalie was the National Trust Project Leader at Smallhythe excavating land near the house which was once the property of Ellen Terry. The team expected to unearth relics from the Tudor age when the area was known to specialise in the building of naval warships. Instead, the team discovered many more artefacts from the Roman era. These included pottery pieces and many roof tiles and other building materials bearing the Classic Britannia insignia. This tells historians that Smallhythe was the home for a unit of the 'British Fleet', which was a subdivision of the Roman Navy charged with patrolling the English Channel.



You are very welcome indeed to come along to the talk as a visitor, paying £3 at the door. There is no need to book - just turn up to the Memorial Hall on the night.

Alternatively, if you are considering becoming a member we can offer a half yearly subscription rate of £6 which lasts until February next year.

Next month, on Monday November 4th, we are scheduled to hear Keith Swallow tell us about 'Nanny Goat Island'. This is essentially the story of the Dungeness peninsula in the 19th and early 20th century when the isolated fishing communities there depended upon milk supplies (coming from a resident population of goats).

Finally, visitors to both or either of these talks are very welcome as are new members.

We look forward to seeing you.

Geoff [01233 860393](tel:01233860393).



Rainbows and Brownies



We have returned and enjoying the start of a busy few weeks

Autumn Halloween and Christmas are some of the activities and games we will be enjoying.

If you are aged 4 to 7 or 7 to 10 then why not come and join us on a Wednesday.

- Rainbows 5 pm till 6 pm
- Brownies. 5.45 pm till 7 pm

For more info call Tracy [01233 861236](tel:01233861236). Evenings

Woodchurch Village Shed

The Woodchurch Village Shed is starting to pick up pace, we had Dave come along for the third week and yesterday two more people, Owen and Kevin. All pitched in with installing the inside cladding. With the normal help from Mick, Katy and Gordon we achieved much more in the morning than we normally would have done.



Our objective is to have the Shed ready for some work benches installed by the middle of next month.

Our finances have taken a big hit of late so if there is anyone who feels serious enough to make a donation to help us kit out the Shed it would be very much appreciated. If you can please contact me at neilmckay0730@gmail.com.

Hopefully more good news to follow shortly.

WOODCHURCH REMEMBERS



I had the honour and privilege to escort Mrs Barbara Davy to Arnhem to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem where her father Amos Fairbrother was missing in action on 19th Sep 1944 while serving with the South Staffordshire Regt. of the 1st Airborne Division. In a series of moving ceremonies Amos was remembered culminating at the main ceremony at the CWGC Cemetery Oosterbeek which was attended by HRH The Princess Royal. Barbara and her daughter and granddaughter laid a wreath on behalf of the family, Woodchurch Remembers and Woodchurch Football Club. They also laid flowers on the graves of Unknown members of Staffordshire Regt one of whom may be Amos. All the graves are also attended by the Arnhem Flower Children. The Dutch never forget the sacrifice of these men for their freedom.

Warning Order Remembrance Sunday 10th Nov.

There will be no door to door Poppy Collection this year but Woodchurch Remembers has arranged for 4 Collection Boxes to be located in The 2 Pubs, The Coffee Shop and the Hub in the week preceding. We cannot provide wreaths for the village war memorial but any groups can order these online now from the Poppy Shop. www.poppysshop.org.uk/

Finally we are looking for a volunteer Musician from a local band or school orchestra who plays Trumpet or Cornet to play the Last Post and Reveille at the War Memorial on 10th November.

Peter Emery

For membership enquiries please call Don on [07796 228212](tel:07796228212).



Woodchurch Pop-up Christmas Choir

Enjoy singing and having fun? Would you like to be part of our carol singers for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Event and our Church Christmas Tree Festival?

If you are interested in joining this fun group, please email Woodchurchinbloom@hotmail.com



Everyone (all ages) welcome - only requirement - enthusiasm!



Bingo Night with Paul Taylor

A massive thank you to all who came to the Bingo night at the Bells, you all made it such a memorable night.

I am very pleased to announce £303 was raised for the Football Club to help with much needed repairs to the Pavilion (£225 Bingo, £66 Raffle & £12 Dabber pens).

It was great being back in the Six Bells.

Margaret Morris Movement gentle exercise for the over 50's will restart on Thursday 3rd October at 14:15 at the Scouts Community Centre.

In September members of Woodchurch WI were introduced to the history of "Grandma's Workbox" and the items she would have stored within it. Our speaker, Jean Surrey, had on display containers from chatelaines to exotic ivory inlaid wooden boxes along with their contents such as pins, needles, reels of thread and tape measures.

Originally, needles were so expensive that perhaps only one could be afforded. Hence they were kept in special containers to protect them from damage and rust.

However, with the Industrial Revolution

needles became cheaper and could be purchased in paper packets. By 1835 the flannel "needle book" was popular and at a similar time the needle "threader" was invented. A small piece of emery was kept to rub along the needle to remove any rust.

Until the development of wooden cotton reels, cotton threads came in skeins, which were then wound on to thread holders. With the invention of the mercerisation process cotton thread

became stronger and more resistant to mildew. Before then the cotton was pulled through wax to improve the tensile quality. Wooden cotton reels replaced the refillable reels. The wooden reel was so cheap that it became disposable.

Pins were often made by prisoners and with the advent of pins came the need for pincushions. As pins were very expensive, pincushions were often given as wedding or christening presents. A stiletto was kept to help divide threads or pricking out patterns. A retractable tape measure, often made in fun shapes, along with a thimble was a further essential.

Many expressions have come from the manufacture of needle work items, such as "pin money", "happy hour" and "knocking off time".

This was a very interesting insight into the history of needlecraft items.

The competition was well supported with items beginning with "W" including an autumn wreath, wings from a WW2 airman's uniform, photos of windmills and a miniature bottle of whisky (purely for medicinal use!). Lynn's entry of a decorated trainer will go through to next month's Group Competition.

On October 8th - 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall we look forward to Peter Batty - "Changing Rooms: Interiors through the Ages".

Do visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/WoodchurchWomensInstituteEastKent or check out our programme for 2024 on our website at woodchurchwi.weebly.com

We look forward to meeting you soon.



WI Christmas Market

Saturday 23rd November
The Memorial Hall
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Stay Safe & Enjoy Walks



- If your dog won't come back when called (with or without distractions present) they should not be off lead until fully trained. Use a lead or long-line to provide freedom while maintaining safety on walks.



- Everyone deserves to have their personal space respected. Never allow your dog to approach other people, livestock or dogs without consent. It doesn't matter if your dog is "friendly". Give others space.



- Use a lead when walking near roads to prevent your dog from straying into oncoming traffic. Even highly trained dogs can make errors.



- Always pick up after your dog. Dog faeces can be harmful to livestock, dogs and people. Let's keep our village clean.





Woodchurch Carnival 2024 - onwards and upwards for 2026!

It has been over 3 months since Woodchurch Carnival 2024, so we have had time to reflect on what an amazing day it was for the village... and to start planning the next one!

We have created a highlights video of the 2024 event which will be on our website www.woodchurchcarnival.uk and socials shortly, so you can reminisce about what a fantastic time you had. There is also a "photo upload" section on our website as we are keen to collect memories of the day. (Please remember to seek permission from anyone in the photos you send.)

Carnival 2024 Grant Funding

We are delighted to confirm that Carnival 2024 has been able to support several Woodchurch Groups and Clubs following the grant application process. Giving back to our community is a core part of our mission and this will absolutely continue into the future too.

We are still keen to get as much feedback as possible to help with planning the next Carnival - please send your thoughts via uk.trustpilot.com/review/woodchurchcarnival.uk.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks again to everyone who contributed to the success of Woodchurch Carnival 2024.

It really does take a village, and Woodchurch is clearly the best!



Our next Woodchurch CARNIVAL

will be on

6th June 2026

Yes, save the date, your Carnival 2026 Committee is excited to confirm our next Woodchurch Carnival will be on **6.6.26**

It might seem a long way away however we will be booking some of the entertainment in the near future.

We need as many people as possible to make it a success – please contact the committee on enquiries@woodchurchcarnival.uk to get involved in any way, big or small.

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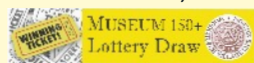
WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM

Since Woodchurch Village Life Museum (WVLM) opened in 2001, and also before then when the Museum Association was founded in the 1990s, many of you have supported the museum's continuing existence by subscribing to the monthly draw, by meeting and greeting our visitors, by helping with regular maintenance and conservation and by cataloguing our ever-growing collection.

You will find the winners for September's draw below. It's the last this season before we begin again in January 2025, with a £20 annual subscription for 12 monthly chances to win £50, £30 or £20. We hope you will continue to aid our fund raising as the yearly cost for insurance, alarms, services, etc. is in excess of £7 000. If you have subscribed in the past few years you will receive an email this month. Please reply as soon as possible so that the committee can make plans. Anyone new to the village who would like to hear more please use the contact details below.

Do come and visit too, tell friends and relatives, at least two displays change each year so you will see new items. We are open until the end of October at weekends and bank holidays from 10-4 and will open again from the first weekend in April.

Also any and all ideas are welcome - to increase our visitor numbers, to become more visible, to celebrate our very existence.



September 2024 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Mary Ellis	1003
2nd prize	£30	Pam Leverno	247
3rd prize	£20	Sean Northfield	519

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Just a few of the comments left by visitors to the Museum:

'Really interesting' - Felix, Bus And Flour (The Netherlands)

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'Very interesting. Enjoyed the visit' - Paul and Wendy (Bethersden)

'Found some lovely photos of our great-granddad' Claire, Fin and Liv (Northumberland)



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Woodchurch Memorial Halls

Did you know Woodchurch Memorial Halls is a charity?

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Our current Memorial Hall was officially opened by Sir Edward Parry on 18th October 1958 and the Annexe was erected as a "temporary" meeting place but is still in use today!



The Memorial Hall was built by WH Bourne & Sons, builders in Woodchurch, in memory of those who lost their lives in WW1 & WW2.

We are now keen to look to the future and consider what Woodchurch Halls need to be so that it's fit for the future needs of our Village.

We will be continuing our fundraising for ongoing maintenance and future planning, however if you would be interested in leaving a legacy to support our future, our details are:

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* Anna Chaplaincy for older people



Dear Friends, Last Spring, All Saints set up a group called "When we were Young". This group was intended to help with memory loss. Something we all suffer from as we get older.

We would now like to extend this group to people who find themselves alone, isolated, bereaved or just in need of company now and again. An opportunity to share with like-minded people.

We will be meeting in the Memorial Hall annex in Woodchurch once a fortnight starting on Monday September 23rd from 10:30 to 12:30. Our aim is to provide an atmosphere of friendship and peace a chance to chat with one another over croissants and coffee.

It would be helpful if we had some ideas of numbers so that we buy enough croissants.

If you are interested in joining, please let Rev Sue on [01233 820266](tel:01233820266) or Ann on [07754949111](tel:07754949111).

Dates up until Christmas are as follows:- 7th October, 21st October, 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December and 16th December.

[Village Lost Property at The HUB](#)

If you find any lost property around the village please bring it to The HUB.

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

THE DEMENTIA EXPERIENCE Information Morning



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Clara Hebblethwaite, from local charity The Dementia Experience, is offering a FREE dementia information morning.

This session is open to anyone who would like to understand more about dementia.

Come and discover ways to support those with dementia, how to communicate using a 'person-centred' approach and learn about potential care funding available.

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[Join us for a Hair-Raising Halloween at The Rare Breeds Centre](#)



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Effel Fartwaffer is back with her magical tricks, mischievous potions, and a few surprises brewing for the spooky season! Mark your calendars from Saturday, 26th October to Sunday, 3rd November and immerse yourself in the Halloween spirit.

Enjoy a host of eerie activities, including Effel's Monstrous Makeover, Pirate Ghost Stories, Effel's Stinkorium, a fancy-dress competition, face painting, our Spooky Trail and make sure to enter your creations into our Scarecrow competition.

Plus, all your favourite attractions will still be open, including our accessible tractor-trailer rides, multiple play parks, and the Children's Barn. The farm will be open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

Feeling peckish? Stop by our Granary Restaurant from 10 am to 4 pm, offering a delicious selection of vegetarian, vegan, and seasonal treats. Be sure to try our pumpkin spiced lattes, perfectly paired with a slice of homemade cake for a taste of autumn!

Check out our website for all the activities on during your visit, available at no extra cost. And don't forget to book to guarantee entry. Get ready for a fang-tastic time! For more information please call [01233 861493](tel:01233861493) or visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Whilst the majority of dog owners in Woodchurch are responsible and do clean up after their dogs, at THE HUB we are getting an increasing number of reports of dog mess on the streets, on the Village Green, in the Wild Flower Meadow and also in the children's play area. If you own a dog please take extra care to ensure you clean up after it.

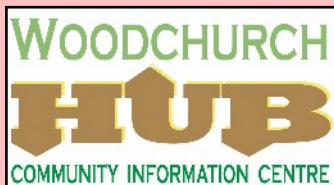
Picking up after your dog is important for a number of reasons, including:

Common courtesy

It's considered good manners to pick up after your dog, especially when you're on public property.

Environmental concerns

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