



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

March 2026

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Weekly events:

Saturdays:

Boot Camp 8:30am-9:30am on the Village Green

Sundays:

Outpost Church 10:30am-11:45pm 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 11:00am at the S&G Community Centre

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 and Squirrels 5:45pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre

Group Fitness Strength Training 6:15pm and 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall

Tuesdays:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am, 10:15am-11:15am and 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Coffee Morning 10:00am-12:00pm in All Saints Church

Midday Prayer 11:30am at All Saints Church

Puzzle Club 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Jean Mealham Lodge

Cubs 6:00pm-7:15pm in the S&G Community Centre

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

Scouts/Explorers 7:30pm-9:00pm in the S&G Community Centre

Wednesdays:

Pilates 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall

Museum Volunteers - maintenance and gardening 9:30am-12:00pm at the Museum

Social Pop-In 2:00pm-4:00pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Centre

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

Brownies and Guides 5:45pm-7:15pm in the S&G Community Centre

Flo's Flyer Fish & Chips in the Village Car Park

Table Tennis 7:00pm-9:00pm at The Jean Mealham Centre

Thursdays:

Art Society 10:00am-1:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Group Fitness Interval Training 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

Fridays:

Zumba with Hannah 9:30am in the Memorial Hall

Righteous Oaks Forest Schools 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm under 5s Stay & Play

Adult Tennis coaching 5:30pm at the Tennis Club

Previous editions of the Newsletter can be found on The HUB Web site www.woodchurchhub.uk

Other Events:

Sun 1st **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 2nd **CARM** - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall

WLHS "Rubens with Jokes" - 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Thu 5th **Social Prescribers Surgery** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
Singing Sippers - 7:30pm in All Saints Church

Fri 6th **Anna Chaplaincy for older people** - 10:30am-12:30pm at the S&G Community Centre

Sat 7th **Righteous Oaks Forest Shools Under 10s** - 10:00am-12:00pm at the Rare Breeds Centre

Sun 8th **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 9th **RSPB talk** - 10:00am at the Singleton Environment Centre

Tue 10th **WI "Chocolate"** - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall

Wed 11th **Woodchurch Museum Action Day** - at the Museum
Borough Councillor Surgery - 11:00am to 12:00pm in The HUB

Thu 12th **Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm to 3:00pm in The HUB

Sun 15th **Mothers Day on the farm** at the Rare Breeds Centre

Morning Worship - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Thu 19th **Annual Parish Meeting** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annex

Fri 20th **Anna Chaplaincy for older people** - 10:30am-12:30pm at the S&G Community Centre

Sat 21st **Paw Patrol Meet and Greet** - at the Rare Breeds

WYT - All weekend at All Saints Church

WinBloom Give and Take event at All Saints Church

African Drumming Workshop - 4:00pm at the Jean Mealham Centre

Sun 22nd **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Wed 25th **Sip and Paint** - 1:00pm-4:00pm at Wayfarer Wines

Thu 26th **Neighbourhood Watch Surgery** - 1:00pm to 3:00pm in The HUB

Parish Council Meeting - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annex

Sat 28th **Woodchurch Litter Pick** - 8:00am-12:00pm at The HUB

The Full Community Calendar can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/communitycalendar



Peacock Butterfly



Bumble Bee

Woodchurch Flora and Fauna

Winter garden support for wildlife.
Flying between Dec 27 and Feb 17

Photos courtesy of Natalie Cooper



WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • UPDATE •

Parish Council Website: www.woodchurch-pc.gov.uk

The next Parish Council Meeting is on March 26th 2026 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Parish Manager 07793 807863 clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk

Resignation and Vacancy

Regrettably, Councillor Chris Carter has stepped down from the Parish Council in February. The Parish Council would like to thank Chris for his knowledge and contribution.

Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to become a Parish Councillor.

Housing and Development Committee

The first meeting of the Housing and Development Committee was held 7:30 on Wednesday 11th February, all items were deferred to the full Parish Council meeting on the 26th February 2026. Councillor Roger Knight has been appointed to the Committee. These meetings will be open to the public to attend, and is as was intended within the Village Plan.

Annual Parish Assembly (Annual Parish Meeting)

Reminder to save the date, Thursday 19th March 2026. The Residents Annual Parish Assembly.

There will be guest speakers and an opportunity to talk to Councillors on all matters relating to the parish.

Ashford Borough Councils Draft Local Plan

Ashford Borough Council has recently launched its draft Local Plan 2042, which can be viewed on their website (haveyourasy.ashford.gov.uk/draft-lp42-consultation), or by clicking the link on the Woodchurch Parish Council Website.

Please note: The 73 new homes earmarked to be built in the Woodchurch Parish through to 2042, includes homes that ABC has already committed to, for example the 40 currently under construction on Front Road.

Planning Applications Considered This Month

Application	Location	Parish Council	Ashford Planning
PA/2025/2361 & PA/2025/2390	Church Elms Farm, Redbrook Street	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2026/0194	Balcony House, Brooke Street	Support	Waiting Decision
NOT/2026/0255	King Farm, Redbrook Street	Waiting Decision	Waiting Decision
PA/2026/0247	35 Lower Road	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2026/0256	King Farm, Redbrook Street	Waiting Decision	Waiting Decision
PA/2026/0233 & PA/2026/0234	Bonny Cravat, Bethersden Road	Support	Waiting Decision
Planning Appeal AP-90811 to PA/2025/1192	Land Adjacent Waverlea, Susans Hill	Objected in July 2025	Objected

2025-2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY YEAR TO DATE				
Bank Balance				
Current Account Balance	£	1,913.40		
Deposit Account Balance	£	61,328.18		
Total A		£ 63,241.63		A
Total Receipts				
Precept	£	44,650.00		
Other Receipts	£	7,087.53		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 51,737.53		
Payments				
				% of Budget
Clerical Services (Staffing)	£	17,342.15		82.19%
Training	£	150.00		23.00%
Clerical (Finance & Legal)	£	843.41		87.80%
Clerical (Subscriptions)	£	4,841.71		101.08%
Assets/Amenities	£	2,756.65		54.05%
Village Green Maintenance Agreement	£	3,324.50		69.02%
Grants & Donations	£	2,190.88		85.92%
Earmarked Reserve Payments	£	1,615.70		9.21%
Outstanding 2024-2025 Payments	£	5,499.50		
VAT Paid on Above	£	3,161.70		
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 41,806.66		
Earmarked B	Budget	Used	Remaining	% of Budget
	£ 17,550.00	£ 1,615.70	£ 15,934.30	9.21%
Running Cost Reserves Available C (A-B)			£ 47,507.55	C
Parish Council Finances to March 31st 2026				
Precept Due D	£	44,650.00	£ 44,650.00	£ -
Running Cost Payments Remaining E	£	40,360.00	£ 31,529.76	£ 8,830.24
General Reserve C+D-E				£ 38,477.09
Less Minimum Emergency Reserve	£	19,480.00	£ -	£ 19,480.00
Unallocated Reserves				£ 18,997.09
VAT to Recover				£ 3,161.70

Woodchurch Local History Society March 2026

Our society meets on the first Monday of the month in the village Memorial Hall at 7:30pm to hear an invited speaker talk on a topic, usually of local interest. On Monday March 2nd we are pleased to say that Andrew Ashton will be with us to deliver his illustrated talk entitled 'Rubens with Jokes'. This talk centres on Beryl Cook, the West country artist who depicts the men and women of Plymouth enjoying themselves in the town's pubs and clubs. Beryl is famous, of course, in depicting her characters in a 'rounded' fashion.



This talk promises to be very amusing and coincides with the 100th anniversary of Beryl's birth. It also coincides with a major exhibition of her artwork in Plymouth.

If you would like to become a member of our society the annual subscription is £12. Alternatively, if you would like to come to this talk purely as a visitor then just turn up on the night - there's no need to book but please pay £3 at the door.

New members and visitors are always very welcome.

Thank you.

Geoff 01233 860393.

FISH & CHIPS back in Woodchurch

Flo's Flyer (from the Flying Horse Bilsington) will be selling Fish & Chips in the village car park every Wednesday evening beginning 4th March. More details will be posted on Social Media and in next month's Newsletter.



WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

March is our last month in the NHS calendar, so is pretty busy for us tidying up the edges and getting ready for the new contract changes that are basically imposed on us in April. We have spent 5 years working on getting our PCN (Primary Care Network) functioning really well. Notable impact is from our adults' and childrens' Social Prescribing teams that are funded through the PCN contract. This is being replaced in April by NHTs (Neighbourhood Teams).



We don't really know yet what a Neighbourhood Team is, and are sure to be told in good time by the NHS. We have been assured that all our teams that are employed under the PCN contract will continue to be employed under the NHT contract so this hard work should not be affected. We expect to be working more collaboratively with the wider Ashford area under NHTs but really know nothing more than that.



There have been some changes to childhood vaccines, bringing a meningitis vaccine forward and also incorporating a chickenpox vaccine into the MMR vaccine. The vaccination

program has been a total game-changer and severe diseases such as Polio have been eradicated in the UK. Unfortunately, because of reduced uptake, Measles is no longer considered eradicated in the UK. It is a life-threatening disease and to think that we have the tools to avoid it causing illness in our vulnerable children makes me reach out to those that have avoided the MMR vaccine and ask you to talk to our nurses in more detail.

We have no changes in the team this month. Everyone is working hard and some may have noticed a bump emerging in our HCA, Laura Hilder. She is progressing nicely in her pregnancy and we are all with her on the journey.

The dispensary are still working tirelessly and we ask that you try to avoid calling for progress reports. The turnaround of 3 working days from request to collection is nearly 100% and for those with mobile numbers registered you will receive a text.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and we appreciate the kind comments on Friends and Family, and also the individual gestures. They keep our brilliant team going and working hard to try to keep your health journey on track.

Best wishes, on behalf of the Surgery - Jack Hickey, GP

Margaret Morris Movement

Unfortunately, due to illness, the Margaret Morris Movement class will no longer take place. If anything changes, I will advise you.

Many thanks for your support, Alannah

Surgery Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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WOODCHURCH GREAT GARAGE/YARD SALE

Saturday 25th APRIL 10am-2pm

Organised by Woodchurch HUB



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

Sell all those 'treasures' you've been sorting

All welcome - sellers and buyers.

Tour the village streets on this day.

No cost to anyone- the profits are yours!

The Bargains marquee will also be open at

The Jean Mealham Centre.

Book a table here at no cost.

Refreshments also available.

To be included on the map please email

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or visit The HUB



Dear Friends

We have some exciting news to share this month. Reverend Maria and Graham are proud new grandparents of baby Ted, and Reverend Mike and I are celebrating the birth of granddaughter baby Mabel – they were born less than a week apart; we have so much to be thankful for.



Our season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday on 18th February this year, right through March, with Easter Day falling on 5th April. This is traditionally a time of prayer and fasting for Christians. A time when we try to grow closer to God; not that God moves away, but sometimes we allow so many distractions in our lives which create a barrier to our relationship with God. I wonder how you might be marking this season in your own life. Whilst it can be good for our spiritual discipline (and our health) to give something up (cake, chocolate, alcohol, coffee perhaps...), I wonder if there are things we could do more of?

I wonder if you can find 10-15 minutes each day for prayer and reflection? There are lots of good books around with some scripture and prayers to read each day, or you might like to try something online <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/watch-and-pray-lent-reflections>

This might be a good time to think about how we spend our lives, and whether we might re-prioritise to allow a bit of a slower and more reflective pace. Perhaps this might be a time to volunteer to help those in need in our communities; we have lots of charities and organisations around us who need help. If you are less active then please remember that your prayers are really helpful to those in need.

Lent is also a time when we try to think about our giving; as Christians we try to support charities who work to support those in need. You may have a favourite charity who will be grateful for an additional donation if you can afford it at this time; or you might like to consider Porchlight <https://www.porchlight.org.uk> who work with the homeless; the Social Justice Network <https://thesocialjusticenetwork.org> or the Kent Refugee Action Network <https://kran.org.uk> – these charities all make a difference to people who are the most vulnerable in Kent.

I hope that the season of Lent is a time when you are able to consider how to draw closer to God – do join us at one of our church services or prayer times (11.30am Tuesday in Woodchurch), or please contact one of the clergy team if you want to chat to us: Sue & Mike - 01323 820266; Maria – 07716 815275.

Every Blessing

Sue

PARISH OF
DENSWOOD

Easter



EGG HUNT

2pm to
5pm



Easter Egg Hunt & Refreshments!

Letting go in the Gazebo

A quiet space to reflect with nature

Saturday 4th April

All Saints Woodchurch

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



WOODCHURCH HUB

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



SATURDAY

28TH MARCH

FROM 8AM TO 12PM

- MEET AT THE HUB -

BAGS AND LITTER PICKERS PROVIDED

ALL WELCOME!

Woodchurch WI enjoyed a talk by Kristina Boulden in February. Kristina runs Romney Marsh Wools and spoke eloquently about the advantages of using British wool. Romney Sheep have been in the family for at least six generations, possibly more. They currently farm about 1,000 ewes lambing outdoors in the traditional season of March and April. But their farm is a mixed farm, growing crops: wheat, oats, barley, peas, beans, linseed and more, as well as beef cattle and the sheep.



So Kristina took us from Michaelmas (September 29th), the traditional 'change-over' period, to August, telling us about the jobs on the farm as the year follows its course. It was a fascinating account of a very busy farm.

For those who wish to know more the Romney Marsh Wools website is: <https://romneymarshwools.co.uk/>

Our meeting was also our Annual Meeting, when we vote for a new committee. After eight years as President, Lynn Hall decided that it was time for her to step down as president. Gillan Holloway was elected as our new president. We are very grateful to Lynn for all her hard work over the years and wish Gillian much success.

New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 10th when we will be celebrating Woodchurch WI's 99th birthday and listening to a talk about 'Chocolate' by Jane Napper.

Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WoodchurchWomen'sInstituteEastKent

Village Welcome Pack

Welcome Pack for New Residents – Get Involved

Woodchurch Parish Council is putting together a Welcome Pack to give to people who have recently moved into the village.

The pack will introduce new residents to local clubs, societies, businesses and organisations, and help them quickly feel part of the Woodchurch community.

If you would like to include a leaflet, flyer or brief information about your group, service or business, please contact the Parish Council before the 12th March to find out more.



Quiz

Saturday 25th April

At 7:30 at The Memorial Hall
Tables up to 6 people
£5 per person
Bring your own refreshments,

To book your table
Contact Josie at
josie.mackie@btinternet.com

Organised by Woodchurch WI

Woodchurch Village Shed



Our Village Shed is fully up and running for 2026. Plans are in place for a fun and creative year.

Just a reminder there are still a number of Parish Council

donated bird/ bat boxes available, first come first served. Contact us at woodchurchvillageshed@gmail.com

As mentioned before, our Thursday session is fully subscribed but we have space on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to come along and have a look. We are at the Scouts and Guides Centre on Lower Road, next to Jean Mealham centre.

Please note that we have a fund raising event "A night with Elvis" tribute" on 23rd May 2026 at Jean Mealham centre at 7pm(please bring your own drinks and nibbles.)

This is to raise funds for 4 local causes, Woodchurch Carnival, Woodchurch Remembers, Anna Chaplaincy Group and Woodchurch Village Shed. Tickets available at the Hub priced at £15. Your attendance will be very much appreciated.

Best wishes,
Neil

woodchurchvillageshed@gmail.com
[07717 861319](tel:07717861319)

FROM PETER NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Dear Readers

At last the rain has eased and we start to see evenings drawing out and the occasional spring blue sky.

My work has continued albeit with the interruption of a hip replacement in mid-February.



That for one moment did not slow down progress and in fact 45 minutes before surgery I was enrolling people into NHW and indeed writing crime prevention campaigns. I am on the slow road back and have kept the council, who are so kind and supportive, updated on my progress.

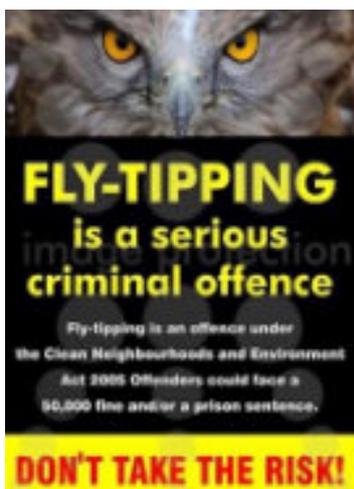
The council meeting in February and my monthly surgery in the Woodchurch Hub came too early after the operation but now back at my desk I am writing campaigns and strategies to keep the area safe.

Two items to write about in this issue.

Firstly, the Ashford Council Refuse Tip has been required to close until April for essential repairs. We all need to be alert to Fly Tipping that may strike in our rural areas. It is always a crime trend of concern to rural areas, but this may see a rise in that trend with the tip's temporary closure.

Please always report all incidents immediately and if you see it in progress that is an immediate 999 call.

Please remember, if you pay someone to take away rubbish and they dump it, it could be traced back to you and you could get a heavy fine.



The second issue is

Reporting of any catapult incidents is a 999 call then and there, do not hesitate and following my meeting with the Kent Police Rural Task Force they have asked that on all calls please mention the following

“OPERATION LAKESHOT”

Operation Lakeshot is an ongoing crackdown by Kent Police initiated in response to a surge in antisocial behaviour and criminal damage involving the use of **catapults (slingshots)**. The operation focuses on tackling the illegal use of these weapons to harm wildlife, damage property (including vehicles and buildings), and threaten members of the public. [Kent Police](#)

Key Aspects of Operation Lakeshot:

- **Targeted Enforcement:** Officers are conducting increased patrols in hotspot locations, such as parks, alleyways, and areas with high wildlife populations (e.g., lakes).
- **Seizures and Arrests:** Police have been actively searching suspects and seizing catapults, along with ammunition like ball bearings. In September 2025, a 21-year-old man was arrested in Sevenoaks, and 22 handmade catapults were seized.
- **High Incidence Areas:** Ashford has been identified as a major area for catapult-related crimes, with repeated reports of animals and property being targeted. Other incidents have been reported in Maidstone, Tonbridge, Malling, Canterbury, and Greenhithe.
- **Wildlife Protection:** The campaign is in response to numerous reports of swans, geese, ducks, and other wildlife being shot, with reports indicating a rise in cruel acts, including killing animals.
- **Public Advice:** [Kent Police](#) have warned that while owning a catapult is not illegal, using it to cause damage or harm is a criminal offense. Residents are urged to report incidents, particularly in progress, via 999. [Kent Police](#)

Contextual Factors:

- **Rise in Incidents:** Reports of catapult incidents have risen significantly, with some reports suggesting an average of 14 contacts per day as of summer 2025.
- **Legislation Efforts:** There are ongoing calls to restrict the sale of catapults to under-18s and to classify them as weapons due to their increased use in crime.
- **Community Impact:** The behavior has been described by police and residents as “feral,” with reports of youths targeting bystanders and causing fear in communities. [BBC](#)

The Rural Team are collating all catapult offences and sadly Kent and indeed this part of East Kent are the catapult hotspots.

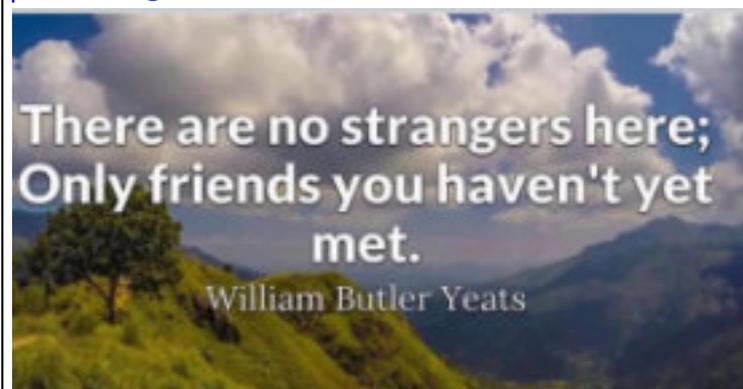
Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant.

Thank you all for your support, I really appreciate it

Peter

Peter New - Community Neighbourhood Watch.

peternew1@aol.com and [07768437422](tel:07768437422)



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WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM 150 Club Draw



Thank you to all the subscribers to the WVLM lottery draw. The winners in the February draw.

February 2026 Draw Results

1st Prize	£50	Sally Short	763
2nd Prize	£30	Ann Tiplady	921
3rd Prize	£20	Christine Waldron	54

There is still time for you to register. If you would like to enter the 2026 150+ club lottery draw the cost is £15 for 9 months. All money raised through the draw helps to keep our museum open.

For more information contact us at enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk or phone 01233 860586

or visit our Web site www.woodchurchheritagetrust.uk or talk to either Joyce or Gina at the Hub on most Fridays and/or Saturdays or at the museum on Wednesday mornings

To quote a visitor to Woodchurch Village Life Museum's Silver Jubilee Exhibition, last weekend in the Memorial Hall.

'It was enjoyable walking round looking at all the history of our amazing village, thank you to all involved whose hard work and dedication makes this happen.'

It was great to receive so many appreciative visitors who support this unique community asset.

The Museum opens its doors for the 2026 season on Friday 3rd April; so do come along to view our new exhibitions and older refreshed ones. We are not only open at the weekends and bank holidays but also on Wednesday mornings when you can see our volunteers 'in action.' To organise a visit for individuals or groups phone 01233 860586 or email enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk

We will definitely get back to you.

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 **GIVE and TAKE Event**

Saturday 21 MARCH from 10.00
Outside the Church

- 👉 Spring is here and we are sorting our gardens
- 👉 Have you plants or seeds to **SPARE** and **SHARE**?
- 👉 Bring them along and see what else you can find

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Growing our village beautiful together!



Squirrels

There has been a temporary change of evening for Squirrels. They are now meeting with the Beavers on a Monday at the moment.



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Woodchurch Memorial Hall

is hosting

A MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT SET IN WW2

on

Saturday 18th April

Doors Open 7pm for 7.30pm start

'Death By Radio'

Tickets £10

Available via www.ticketsource.co.uk or via

Woodchurch HUB

Bring your own food & drink

Book as a team of 6 or as individuals



*Optional
fancy dress*

Raffle— cash or card

Could You Help Shape the Future of Woodchurch Memorial Hall?

Woodchurch Memorial Hall has been at the heart of village life for generations — hosting clubs, celebrations, meetings, performances and countless community activities. It is a place many of us have used at different times in our lives, and one that continues to serve the whole village today.

Following the recent retirement of several long-standing committee members — some of whom also served as trustees — the Memorial Hall is now looking for new volunteers from the community to help with its continued running and management.

Becoming a committee member or trustee does not require specialist skills or a large time commitment. What matters most is a willingness to help, an interest in the village, and a desire to see this important community building thrive. Roles can include helping with decision-making, supporting bookings and activities, overseeing maintenance, or contributing ideas for the future. Support and guidance are always available, and responsibilities can be shared to suit individual availability.

CAN YOU HELP?

Like many village halls across the country, Woodchurch Memorial Hall is run entirely by volunteers. Without new people coming forward to replace those who have

stepped down, it becomes increasingly difficult to meet legal and practical responsibilities. Quite simply, without a committee and trustees, the hall cannot continue to operate.

This is not about sounding alarm bells — it is about opportunity. Fresh faces bring new ideas, energy and perspectives, helping ensure the hall remains a vibrant, welcoming space for everyone in Woodchurch, now and in the years ahead.

If you have ever enjoyed an event, meeting or activity at the Memorial Hall, this is a chance to give something back and help safeguard a vital part of village life. Even if you are just curious to find out more, the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

Please consider stepping forward — the future of Woodchurch Memorial Hall depends on it. If you would like more information please contact The HUB.

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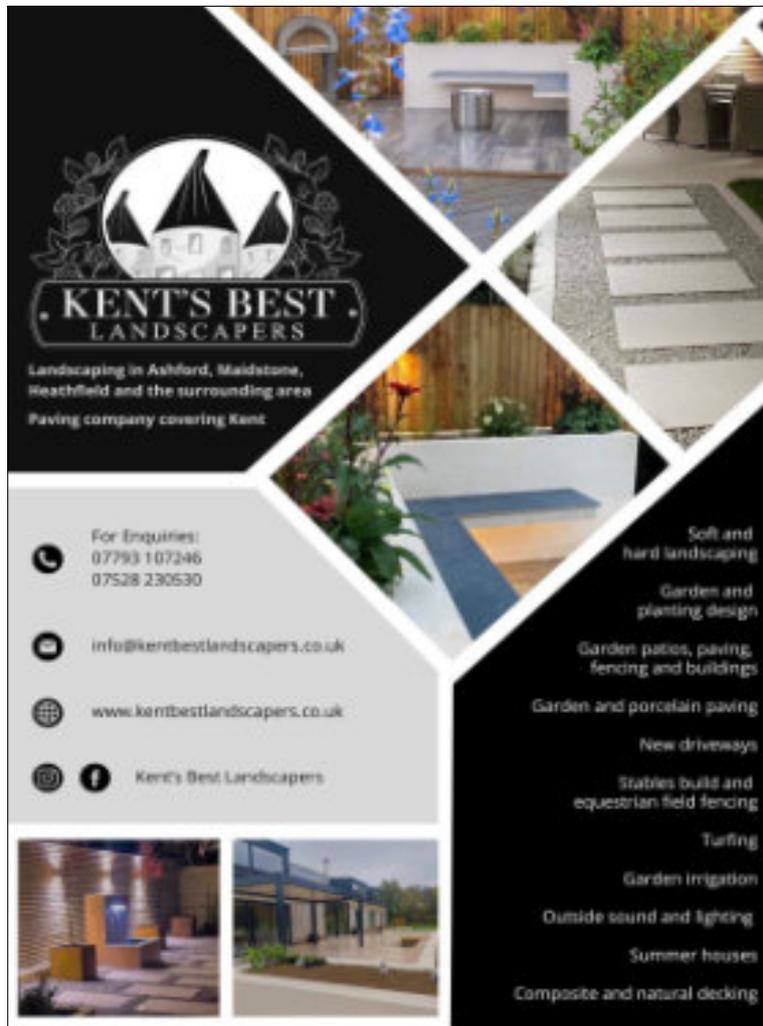
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First up, we are delighted to confirm our headline sponsors this year are Tenterden and Hamstreet Garden Centres. They made an enormous contribution to Carnival 2024 so we're thrilled they want to continue partnering with us this year!

We are still welcoming any Kent businesses who want to sponsor the carnival and we have several different different packages available to suit any budget, starting from just £25. Visit our website for more information.

It's also time for anyone considering joining the parade or performing in the arena to book a float or performance slot. We want this year to be a real spectacle, starting with the parade of floats through the village followed by a jam-packed schedule of performances in the main arena.

If you are part of a local club with performance skills (music, theatre, magic, gymnastics, dance, comedy etc) - please get in touch to book your slot via our website. Floats can also be booked via the website - it's time to get planning and building!

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