



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

August 2026

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Weekly events:

Saturdays:

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

Woodchurch Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

Sundays:

Woodchurch Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

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

Evening Prayer 4:30pm at All Saints Church

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

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

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:

Sat 1st All month **Farmyard Summer Fun** at the Rare Breeds Centre

and Sun 2nd **Woodchurch Steam Fair**

Righteous Oaks Forest School Under 10s - 10:00am to 12:00 pm

Sun 2nd **Morning Prayer** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 3rd **CARM** - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall

Hi Kent Hearing Loss Clinic 10:30am to 11:30am in the Memorial Hall

PPG Meeting 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Thu 6th **Righteous Oaks Forest School** - 10:00am to 12:00 pm

Social Prescribers Surgery - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB

Sat 8th and Sunday 9th **WYT Weekend** at All Saints Church

and Sunday 9th **Battle of Britain Air Show**

Sun 9th **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Mon 10th until Sun 23rd **Pukka Putters** at the Rare Breeds Centre

Wed 12th **Borough Councillor Surgery** - 11:00am to 12:00pm in The HUB

Thu 13th **Penny Sharing Yoga** - 10:00 at the Jean Mealham Centre

Citizens Advice - 1:00pm to 4:00pm at The HUB

Sat 15th **Afternoon Tea and Art and Jewellery** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm at 1 Westend, Susans Hill

Tue 18th **Quiz Night at the Six Bells** - 7:30pm

Thu 20th **Righteous Oaks Forest School Under 10s** - 10:00am to 12:00 pm

Sat 22nd **The Old Post Office Garden Party** - 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Old Post Office Coffee Shop

Sun 23rd **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

An Evening with ABBA tribute - 7:30pm at the Jean Mealham Centre

Thu 27th **Hug in a Mug** - 10:00am in the Old Post Office Coffee Shop

Neighbourhood Watch - 1:00pm to 3:00pm in The HUB

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

Fri 28th **Blackpook Style Tea Dance** - 2:00pm to 4:30pm at the Jean Mealham Centre

Sat 29th and Sun 30th **WYT Gardening Weekend** at All Saints Church

Summer Music Concerts - 2:30pm and 7:00pm at the Jean

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FROM PETER NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Dear Readers

I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely weather and what a pity we could not have had some of it for the Woodchurch Carnival. I hope everyone is looking after themselves and keeping well hydrated with regular drinks especially water.

That leads me nicely into my first reminder. Please ensure if you are elderly, vulnerable or disabled in any way please ensure you are registered to have support from the water company with bottled water delivered to you in the emergency of water supplies failing.

If you are uncertain please go to the Southern Water Web site or ring them on **03303 030368** and they will talk you through what to do. **PLEASE REGISTER**

At this time of year and due to recent incidents in the Ashford District I must remind residents about being alert and vigilant to **ROGUE TRADERS**. The summer sees a rise in these types of crimes, cleaning gutters or your roof, gardening, patio cleaning and repairs etc.

NEVER EVER AGREE TO UNSOLICITED WORK ON YOUR DOORSTEP NO MATTER HOW CHEAP AND ATTRACTIVE THE PRICE. Do not open your door or if you have decline firmly and close the door. Call the police on 999 and give as much detail as you can about the persons and any vehicles. Remember you may be strong and resist, further down the village a more vulnerable person becomes a victim of crime.

As the school holidays start, we must be ready and alert to any crimes that sadly occur. Anti Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage, Catapults, Off road bikes are a few crime trends that surface. Nipping it in the bud from the off is essential so reporting is vital, please do not suffer in silence.

The village has acted together before, and we must be ready to do so again.

I have spoken to several residents about the parking problems in and around Kirkwood Avenue and I fully understand the frustrations, I hope by the time this article has been read that the matter has eased considerably. I made the police aware.

I continue to deal with national issues as well and I recently had to write to several MPs about the disgraceful actions in Hampshire when feral thugs raped 2 young girls and the court saw fit not to jail the youths after they were found guilty.

I hear some of you matter "what's that got to do with Woodchurch" I reply everything. If that becomes the norm or it becomes accepted, then nowhere would women and girls be safe.

ANY SLIGHTEST SIGN OF FIRE CALL 999 FOR THE FIRE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY.

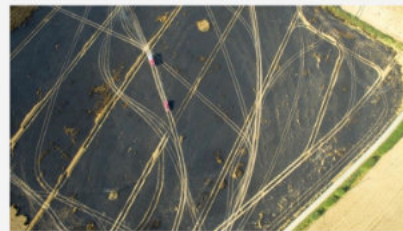
General wildfire safety tips

Regardless of the risk level, follow these essential wildfire safety guidelines:

- If you see a fire, call 999 immediately. Provide as much detail as possible including the terrain, size, and location. What3Words is a useful app that can pinpoint your exact location, making it easier for firefighters to find.
- Report any suspicious fire activity immediately to authorities or call Crimestoppers anonymously at 0800 555 111.
- If caught in a wildfire, move downhill – fires spread faster uphill – keep upwind as the wind speed and direction will influence fire spread, potentially driving the fire towards you – and seek a clear, open area.



How you can prevent wildfires



Preventing wildfires is everyone's responsibility. Follow these simple steps to reduce the risk:

- Dispose of cigarettes properly — never throw them out of car windows, as they can ignite dry grass.
- Avoid barbecues in parks, public spaces, and other open areas.
- Take your litter home, especially glass bottles, which can magnify sunlight and start fires.

At the time of writing this newsletter the fire service has started to look at plans that may close a number of fire stations in Kent. 2 are close to Woodchurch and would provide support to Ashford engines in the event of an incident. Wye and Chilham.

Considerable work is underway to resist these closures, and I will be reporting to council late July. There will be, if approved by the Kent Fire Committee, a 12 week public consultation starting early August. I will keep the community updated.

TO JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EITHER EMAIL ME ON peternew1@aol.com or ring me 07768 437422. And you are in!!

Stay safe and secure, alert and vigilant

Thank you

Peter

Peter New - Community Neighbourhood Watch.
peternew1@aol.com and 07768437422

Surgery Opening Hours

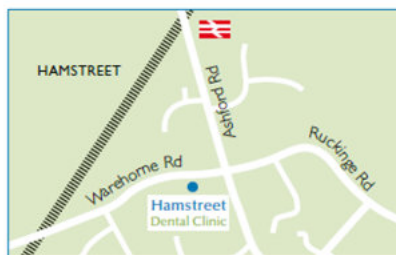
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Welcomes You

Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ



Find us on facebook

Tel: 01233 733848

Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA

This August we're baking to change the future.
So everyone with breast cancer will live and live well.

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

1pm-4pm

At

**1 Westend, Susans Hill,
Woodchurch,
TN26 3RF**

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breastcancernow.org/afternoontea



In aid of



WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

We are now well into the Summer and hopefully it has been a time for people to get together as a family and have a bit of time off. As people head off for holidays and the community bugs are low, we tend to have less foot-fall at the Surgery.

This will give us time to welcome another GP trainee to the team - Dr Iyunade Ajibola. She had completed her first year with a pit-stop for maternity leave and joins us part-time. Dr Parisa Tarunnum will continue to be with us for the next 12 months which is brilliant for the Surgery. I'm sure by then she will have completed her exams and be qualified as a GP.

It seems that the rest of the NHS has decided that August should be marked as a "quiet period" and aren't really even celebrating any major health days. I was a bit amused that one of the only ones is "Never Give Up Day" on 18th August. I tend to find my motivation needs a boost sometime in Jan/Feb rather than the middle of August, however I guess we sometimes need a boost when we least expect it.



This Autumn we will be doing Flu and Covid vaccines in October and at the moment plan one weekend clinic and then the rest will be done in normal Surgery hours. When we know when the vaccine is arriving, we can arrange the clinics and get the word out.

I hope we can collectively enjoy the Summer and remember the factor 50 and protect from UV Aging and UV Burning.



Best wishes on behalf of the Surgery team -

Jack Hickey, GP



The gardens here at Boldshaves will be open as usual on the last Sunday of the month, 30 August, from 2-6 pm. The tea house will also be open, serving teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light refreshments. We will have plants for sale for those of you that want to take home a memento of your visit.

We are now looking to take on volunteers for the 2027 season. If you are interested in increasing your gardening knowledge or have recently down-sized and want to keep your gardening going, do please get in touch. Expertise and experience, while welcome, is not essential; all that is required is enthusiasm and a ready smile!

www.boldshaves.co.uk

T: 01233 860283



WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL • **UPDATE** •

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

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

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thu August 27th 2026 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe.

Traffic Collisions & Near Misses

KCC have informed us they are only able to record and track any incidents that result in injuries. This means our hands are tied when we request improvements to junctions or additional signage and/or speed reductions as they have no data to support our requests. Could all residents please report any collisions and near misses within the parish to the Parish Manager. This can be done via the details above or via the Hub. Details needed are only basic: where, date & time, number and type of vehicles involved (including any pedestrians) and a very brief description of what happened.

CALA Homes Development, Front Road

We have received a number of reports about the developers parking on the road, the surface water drainage and working out of hours. This has been reported to Ashford Borough Council and they have set up a planning enforcement enquiry to investigate.

Playground repairs

Please be aware that due to damage found from wear & tear on the toddler swing seats one has been removed by us for safety. The seats will both be replaced shortly. There will also be additional repairs to the surface where it has broken up.

Reminders:

Register for South East Water's Priority Register if you need additional support due to your age, a health condition or disability.

Residents of Cherry Orchard or Brattle to let the Parish Manager know your thoughts on the part time lighting by 31st August.

Report potholes & other road/pavement issues to KCC - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

Report fly-tipping to ABC - <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/environmental-concerns/report-a-street-issue/fly-tipping/>

Upcoming road closures to be aware of

Where	When	Reason
Front Road	12 th – 13 th August	South East Water works
Shadoxhurst Road	20 th – 22 nd August	KCC resurfacing works

Recent Planning Applications Decided by Ashford Borough Council

Location	Brief Details	PC Comment	ABC Decision
Wayfarer Wines	Change of use of agricultural building for wine tours & extended opening house	Support	Approved
Berridge Farm, Brook Street	New residential build	Object	Approved

Upcoming public footpath closure to be aware of

Where	When	Reason
Between Plurenden Road, Bethersden Road, Shadoxhurst Road & Redbrook Street AT212, 213, 216 & 223	09:00 Friday 7 th August to 22:00 Sunday 9 th August	Temporary closure during the holding of the Aero Legends Battle of Britain Airshow



All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided that the time has come to retire; I am sorry that I won't be returning to the parish after my sabbatical, which runs from the beginning of August until the end of October.



I had been planning to retire next year, but after a time of prayer and reflection, I feel that this is the right time to step down as Rector and Area Dean.

Although the church enables us as clergy to work beyond the national age of retirement if we wish, I have been working in the secular world and then serving the church for over 50 years. This feels like the time for a slightly less busy life, when I can spend more time with family; - we will be moving closer to our daughter Clare and grandson Ilyass, and my Mum, and much closer to son Matt, his wife Carly and baby Mabel.

Mike and I have been so blessed to serve the church communities in Bethersden, High Halden and Woodchurch, and we can't begin to list all the people, places and experiences that we will miss. Thanks so much to so many people who have welcomed us on arrival almost 6 years ago, and supported us along the way – we are grateful that God led us here to Denswood parish and must now listen and follow as God calls us on to new things.

If you missed the chance to say goodbye, then do send a message on revsuerose@outlook.com

It will be lovely to hear from you. I will keep everyone in Woodchurch, Bethersden and High Halden in my thoughts and prayers; please pray for Mike and I on this new journey together.

God Bless
Sue

Katie Lam MP: Vote in the Weald of Kent Awards 2026



One of the great privileges of representing the Weald is seeing, up close, just how many remarkable people and places there are in this corner of Kent – people working hard, often against a difficult backdrop, to do the things they love and to take care of their neighbours.

That's what the Weald of Kent Awards are all about. This year you sent in so many wonderful nominations that it was incredibly difficult to whittle them down to a shortlist, but we finally managed to pick just four in each category. Here, ready for your vote, are your finalists:

Farmer, Grower or Producer of the Year

Aragon Farm, Sissinghurst – some of the very finest cherries and cherry juice in Kent.

Wayfarer Wines, Woodchurch – championing Wealden wines from their prize Bacchus to a new Ortega.

Kingcott Dairy, Staplehurst – the Reynolds family's grass-fed herd produces gorgeous raw milk and cheese.

Lovejoy Farm, Wittersham – top-quality local meat sold through their own shop and across the Weald.

Independent Shop of the Year

Frank's Bakery, Headcorn – Lovingly revitalised by its new owners.

Loddington Farm Shop, Linton – a hub of local food and wine alongside a lovely café.

TN17 Food & Wine, Sissinghurst – exceptionally well-stocked shop and post office.

Webb's of Tenterden – cookware, gifts, children's shop and an incredible ironmongers.

Local Business of the Year

Cranbrook Vets – an independent vets known for offering wonderfully personal care.

Olive Tree Vets, Charing – they go above and beyond with home visits for less mobile owners.

Rockits Sensory, Tenterden – a safe and happy space for children and young adults.

The Hawkhurst Bread Shed, Marden – a thriving local business with a very loyal following.

Local Hero of the Year

Matthew Knoesen, Biddenden – Just 13 years old, Matthew is already a French Open wheelchair tennis champion.

Mildred's Trust – a food bank and anti food waste project for local families facing hardship.

Staplehurst Emergency Help Team – tireless volunteers, particularly in recent water outages.

Wealden Community First Responders – volunteers helping save lives across the Weald.

Pub, Café or Restaurant of the Year

The Queens Head, Sutton Valence – one of the finest beer gardens and views in Kent.

Willows End Tearooms, near Marden – homemade food in a warm and friendly setting.

The Bell & Jorrocks, Frittenden – much-loved pub at the heart of village life for the past 20 years.

The Flying Horse, Smarden – A family-run pub which has raised extraordinary sums for good causes.



Every one of them helps makes the Weald what it is. Voting is open now and closes at the end of August – so learn more about our finalists and have your say here:

<https://www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards>

Katie

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026 at 1:30pm
IN THE PAVILION ON THE GREEN

ALL WELCOME!



www.woodchurchcarnival.uk



Could you help secure the future of the Woodchurch Community News?

From its humble beginnings, the Woodchurch Community News has grown to become far more than just a newsletter. Today it is an important community asset that helps keep our village informed, connected and engaged.

Produced and distributed by a very small team of volunteers, and delivered free of charge throughout the parish, it connects residents with local organisations, charities, businesses and events. It promotes volunteering, supports the local economy, records the history of our village and helps build the strong sense of community that makes Woodchurch such a special place to live.



Without it, many organisations would lose one of their primary means of communicating with residents, and the village would become less informed, less connected and less engaged.

Over the past ten years the newsletter has:

- **Been delivered free of charge to over 1,000 households every month.**
- **Been compiled and edited by Wade, with proofreading, printing and distribution undertaken by a small team of dedicated volunteers.**
- **Supported dozens of local organisations every year through free publicity.**
- **Provided one central source of information that would otherwise be scattered across multiple websites, social media pages and noticeboards.**
- **Created a lasting record of village life for future generations.**

After ten years of producing the newsletter in its current format, Wade will be stepping down at the end of 2027. Woodchurch HUB is therefore looking for a new team of volunteers to take the newsletter forward and ensure it continues to serve the community for many years to come.



The role is far less demanding than many people might imagine:

- **Much of the monthly content is provided by local organisations themselves, usually with just a little encouragement.**
- **The cost of production is largely covered by local advertising.**
- **The newsletter is currently produced using Affinity Publisher, professional publishing software that is available free of charge.**
- **Printing facilities at Woodchurch HUB will continue to be available if required.**
- **Full help, advice and a handover will be provided to the new team.**

The newsletter does not have to remain exactly as it is today. Nothing is set in stone, and there is always room for fresh ideas and new approaches. The next team will have the opportunity to shape its future, introduce improvements and ensure it continues to meet the needs of our community.

If you would like to find out more, with no obligation whatsoever, please speak to Wade or Joyce at Woodchurch HUB. We would be delighted to have an informal chat with you.

WoodchurchYardTogether ("WYT")

Our next social gardening weekend in the Churchyard is:

8 & 9

August

WoodchurchYardTogether@btinternet.com

 WoodchurchYard Together

**Volunteers Make
a Difference**

Welcome to August at the Six Bells!



Summer is in full swing, and with a bit of luck it looks like August is going to bring us plenty of sunshine to enjoy it! Here at the Six Bells, we have a fantastic month lined up and can't wait to welcome everyone through the doors.

The month gets off to a flying start with the Woodchurch Steam Fair on 1st and 2nd August – always a brilliant weekend full of steam engines, vintage displays and family fun.

Then it's back to the village for another spectacular event as the Battle of Britain Air Show returns on 8th and 9th August. It's set to be an unforgettable weekend, so make sure you pop into the Six Bells before or after the festivities to relax and catch up with friends.

Our popular Quiz Night takes place on Tuesday 18th August at 7.30pm with the wonderful Lucy taking on quizmaster duties. This month's quiz will be raising money for Pancreatic Cancer, and we'd love to see as many teams as possible coming along to support such an important cause.

We're always looking for new ideas too. If you've ever fancied being a quizmaster, or if there's a local charity you'd like us to support at a future event, we'd love to hear from you. We've recently introduced a suggestion box on the bar, so please pop your ideas in – whether it's an event, fundraiser or something you'd simply like to see at the pub.

A little reminder that we're not serving food at the moment, but you're more than welcome to enjoy a takeaway with us. You can order from a number of establishments in Tenterden and Ashford and have it delivered straight to the pub. Don't forget our fantastic village food trucks too – delicious fish and chips every Wednesday and freshly made pizzas every Friday.

Whether you're joining us for a drink, a quiz, or simply a friendly chat, there's always a warm welcome waiting for you at the Six Bells.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy everything our fantastic village has to offer, and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

With our very best wishes, The Six Bells Team x

Author Melody Foreman's new book featuring the famous local war artist Eric Ravilious is out now.



Love As Strong As Death, Ravilious, The Pilot and the Missing Aircraft, is published by The Fighting High Books and is available now at all

good bookshops or for a signed copy contact Melody via her website - www.melodyforeman.co.uk

Woodchurch Village Shed

Could Woodchurch Village Shed Be for You?



Woodchurch Village Shed is looking for new members—and you certainly do not need to be an experienced craftsperson to join us!

The Shed is a friendly and welcoming place where people can meet, share interests, learn new skills and enjoy working on practical projects together. Whether you are interested in woodworking, repairing and restoring things, making something new or simply enjoying a cup of tea and good company, you will be made very welcome.

Our members have a wide range of skills and experience, and there is always someone willing to offer advice or lend a hand. Just as importantly, the Shed provides an opportunity to get out of the house, meet new people and become part of an enjoyable community group.

The Shed is open to everyone, including complete beginners. There is no pressure to take on a project—you are very welcome to come along simply for the conversation and companionship.

If you are curious, why not visit us, have a look around and meet some of our members? There is no obligation, and you may discover a new interest, learn a useful skill or make some new friends.

****Interested in finding out more?****

Please contact Neil or come along to The Scout and Guide Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday Mornings from 10am to 1pm ish.

A warm welcome—and a cup of tea—will be waiting for you!

Best wishes

Neil

woodchurchvillageshed@gmail.com 07717 861319



Woodchurch Patients Participation Group (PPG)

Our next PPG meeting will be Monday 3 August, 6pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

Delighted to confirm that our presentation this time will be on equine assisted learning/trauma therapy by Emma Rourke.

All Woodchurch Surgery Patients welcome!

If you would like to receive PPG Surgery updates and details of speakers for the meetings, please contact Philippa at philippa@woodchurch.btinternet.com

Woodchurch Scout and Guide Community Centre

FUNDRAISER



We are raising funds to pay for the installation of an AED (defibrillator) at the Community Centre. When someone has a cardiac arrest, every second counts – let's give them the best possible chance.

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- see Wade at The Hub

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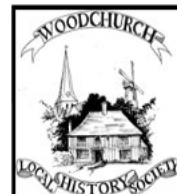
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with your requirements to see how we can assist, or call
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Woodchurch Local History Society August 2026

Our society generally meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the village Memorial Hall. After our summer break our next meeting is on Monday September 7th when we will hear Becky Haslam give us an illustrated talk entitled



'Archaeology and the Wartime History of Chilmington, Green, Ashford.'. Becky is the leader of the team carrying out an archaeological study of the Chilmington Green area before it



is entirely built over. Her team has shown that the area has been continuously inhabited by communities since the late Iron Age. Indeed, two warrior 'graves' have been discovered at Brisley Farm. Becky will use half of her talk to describe the daily life and military activities of RAF Ashford. This was a temporary airfield used by the American and Canadian air forces from early 1943 to late 1944..

You will be very welcome to come as a visitor (paying £3 at the door). There is no need to book - just turn up on the night. Also, new members are always welcome - our half yearly subscription is £6 which lasts until next February (AGM).

We look forward to seeing you.
Geoff 01233 860393.

A FREE FAMILY ADVENTURE AT WOODCHURCH MUSEUM



SATURDAY 1 - SUNDAY 9 AUGUST
Pick up a free activity sheet and follow the trail!

WEEKENDS 10AM - 4PM
WEEKDAYS 10AM - 12PM

Explore the museum, enjoy drawing and writing activities, and discover the different worlds of the Magic Faraway Tree.
Complete the adventure to receive a special sticker!



WOODCHURCH MUSEUM
Susan's Hill, Woodchurch, Kent
TN26 3RE

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM 150 Club Draw



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

July 2026 Draw Results

1st Prize	£50	Ann Nash	574
2nd Prize	£30	Lesley Boxer	989
3rd Prize	£20	Chrissie Northfield	501

There is still time for you to register. If you would like to enter the 2026 150+ club lottery draw the cost is £8 for 4 months. All money raised through the draw helps to keep our museum open. For more information contact us on 01233 860586 or at enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WOODCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Woodchurch WI welcomed James Dickinson to their July meeting with a talk on "Ancient Canterbury". There has been a settlement in Canterbury since the Bronze and Iron Ages. The Romans built a more substantial town and by the 6th century the Anglo Saxons under Augustine had begun building the Cathedral. Maynard and Cotton established Almshouses and Hospitality for those on Pilgrimage such as Chaucer's pilgrims. To ensure hospitality for the evening the travellers needed to arrive before sunset.

James also introduced the story of Thomas Beckett, and his death on 29th December 1170 by four assassins. Miracles and healings began to take place in Beckett's name and he was made a Saint in 1170. A candle now marks the site of his assassination.



There were many beautiful and treasured items entered in the competition, "Oldest piece of Jewellery". Locketts, bracelets and brooches belonging to member's grandmothers were on display and it was very difficult to choose a winner. Eventually Barbara's grandma's garnet brooch came third, Brenda's locket containing photos of her grandparents in their youth was second and Wendy's grandmother's delicate gold bracelet came first.

Our August outing will be a talk and lunch at Woodchurch Vineyard plus the opportunity to try their different wines.

The September 8th meeting "Tales From a Tangled Bank" by Clive Nuttman will begin at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall, we look forward to meeting you then.

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