



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

July 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 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 at the Memorial Hall
- BodyFlex** 7:15pm-8:00pm at 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** :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 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** 6:00pm-7:15pm in the S&G Community Centre

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Thursdays:

- Art Society** 10:00am-1:00pm at the Memorial Hall
- In The Mix** 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
- Margaret Morris Movement** 2:15pm-3:15pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road
- BodyBlast** 6:00pm-7:00pm on the Memorial Hall
- Badminton** 7:00pm-11:00pm at the Memorial Hall
- Karate** 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
- Explorers** 7:30pm-9:30pm in the S&G Community Centre

Fridays:

- 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 2nd **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
- Thu 4th **General Election Polling Day** - 7:00am to 10:00pm at the Annexe
- Community Policing Surgery** - 11am-12pm at Tenterden Library
- Social Prescribers** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
- Sun 7th **Morning Worship with Baptism** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
- Tue 9th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
- WI - Open meeting - The Forensic Response to The Asian Tsunami" by David Tadd** - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall
- Thu 11th **Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
- Fri 12th **Music at The Bonny - "Wasted"** - 7:00pm
- Sun 14th **Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
- Mon 15th **Woodchurch Carnival AGM** - 7:00pm in The Annexe
- Tue 16th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
- Sat 20th **Memorial Hall Coffee Morning** - 10:00 to 12:00pm in the Memorial Hall
- Sun 21st **Woodchurch Running Festival** - All day
- Mon 22nd **Dementia Coffee Morning** - 10:00am in The Old Post Office Coffee Shop
- Tue 23rd **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church
- Thu 25th **Parish Council Meeting** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
- Sat 27th **WYT** - All weekend at All Saints Church
- Bonny Cravat Music Festival** - 1:00pm to 11:30pm

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

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Affordable Home in Bridge Close. English Rural have informed the Parish Council that an affordable shared ownership property has become available in Bridge Close. 75% Ownership for £225,000. Monthly Charge of £69.58. They are seeking local applicants or those with close connection to Woodchurch. Please contact English Rural on 020 7820

7930 option 2 or email allocations@englishrural.org.uk to arrange a viewing and to apply. Alternatively, you can visit their website www.englishrural.org.uk. The Application Deadline is 24th July 2024.

CALA Homes Planning Appeal Under Section 78 of The Town & Planning Act 1990.

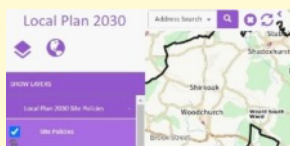
An appeal has been submitted regarding the erection of 40 dwellings on land between 82-120 Front Road (As referenced under AP-90667 below in planning applications). The appeal will be determined by a hearing and the deadline for submission of documents has been set as the 11th July 2024.



You can view appeals documents at www.ashford.gov.uk using the planning application search links and inputting the appeal reference AP-90667.

Ashford Borough Council Local Plan.

Ashford Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the borough and is inviting local communities to get involved in the process. The council is holding a series in person events throughout the summer to provide communities with the opportunity to find out more about how the new Ashford Local Plan will be prepared.



Details of the events and all of the supporting material will also be published on their website at: <https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/lp-explained-events>.

The nearest event for Woodchurch will be held in Hamstreet at Victory Hall, Ruckinge Road B2067, Ashford, TN26 2NJ on Wednesday 24 July From 2pm - 8pm.



Village Green. Just so you know, all enquiries regarding The Village Green (including the play area) should be directed to The Village Green Charity on

enquiries@villagegreencharity.co.uk. Please note that although The Parish Council does not own the green, it will continue to support the charity where possible, to ensure the continued management of the green and the assets on it.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

The public right to inspect the council's finance remains open until the 12th July 2024. Please contact the Clerk on 07793 807863 or at clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk if you would like to inspect the accounts.



Ashford Eat Well, Spend Less Roadshow.

This will be held at the One You Shop in Park Mall on Wednesday 10th July, 9.30am - 3pm. The One You Shop will be open 9.30am - 4.30pm. This roadshow is focussed on food, healthy eating and health as it has been arranged in Ashford Town's Food and Drink Festival month.



Planning Applications. The Parish Council looks into each planning application in some detail, considering the benefits versus the disadvantages to the community, before concluding with a decision. However, the Parish Council is only a consultee in the planning process, which is hoped will help shape Ashford Borough Council Planning Department's final decision.

Application	Location	Parish Council	Ashford Planning
NOT/2024/0833	Annexe, Cruttenden Farm, Brook Street.	Support	Refused
PA/2023/2051	Land S/E of Bridge Close.	Object	No Decision
PA/2024/0709	Boldshaves Oast House, Frogs Hole Lane	Support	Approve with conditions
PA/2024/0716	8 Front Rd	Support	No Decision
PA/2024/0575	2 Mill View	Support	Approve with conditions
OTH/2024/0828	37 The Green	Comment Submitted	No Decision
AP-90667	82-120 Front Road. Appeal re 21/01284/AS	TBC	TBC
NOT/2024/1002	Great Engeham Farm, Bethersden Road	TBC	TBC
PA/2024/0948	Cruttenden Farm, Brook Street	TBC	TBC
PA/2024/0956	Forkeeps, Shadoxhurst Road	TBC	TBC

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

Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 25th July 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe**

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.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/

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

ROAD CLOSED - Bethersden Road - Shirkoak to A28
1st - 9th July 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED
Description: SGN Gas network maintenance

ROAD CLOSED - Bethersden Road
8th July 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED
Description: KCC Roadworks

ROADS CLOSED - Lower Road, Boldshaves Lane
21st July 2024 - 9:00-12:00

Closure in force: Road Closed
Description: Woodchurch Festival of Running

ROAD CLOSED - Shadoxhurst Road
22nd July 2024 - 8:00am-6:00pm

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED
Description: UK Power Networks

ROAD CLOSED - Bethersden Road - Shirkoak to A28
22nd July - 28th August 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED
Description: SGN Gas main replacement

With summer upon us, the local league season has come to an end.

Our first team finished third in the Premier league behind an all conquering Smeeth side and Skippers (who are being promoted to the County league next season). Meanwhile our reserve team came a creditable fifth in the First division. Both teams entered the county cup competitions this year for the first time which gave us the opportunity to encounter teams that we wouldn't normally meet. The firsts getting through 2 rounds whilst unfortunately the reserves fell at the first hurdle.

For the first time, we entered a Sunday team into the league, who competed in the Ashford and District Sunday league, where they came a creditable sixth in their league. Very good for a new team.

Our walking football division have had a mixed season, culminating in a trip to Blackpool to play in a tournament, where they remained unbeaten in the competition.

With July coming, we will be restarting our training on The Green on the 3rd at 6.30pm in the build up to the friendly games which commence in August. We are always on the look out for fresh talent, so if anyone feels like they want to come and join us then they would be more than welcome. It has been confirmed by the league that the league season will recommence on the 7th September.



HELP NEEDED AT THE HUB



The HUB is looking for one or two volunteers to help to support the community in The HUB on Monday mornings from 10am till 1pm. This could be every Monday, or to share with other volunteers on alternate Mondays.

This is a good opportunity for you to help provide positive support to the community in a safe and sociable environment. No previous experience is necessary as full training and support will be given. The role isn't technical but a basic confidence using the Internet and email would be an advantage. The HUB team of volunteers is always available to assist and you will get to know a lot of new people from within the village - and beyond.

For more information please contact The HUB
enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk - 01233 861381

Memorial Hall Coffee Morning

The next Memorial Hall Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 20th July - 10am till midday in the Memorial Hall.



This coming season we are having a few changes to the management structure. Josh Sargeant has been the first team manager for the past 8 years, but feels that he still has something to offer as a player so has decided to step down from this role. Adam Rasmussen is going to be taking over, moving from his current role as reserves manager. We are delighted to welcome back into the playing side, Chris Sargeant, who will be taking Adams place as reserves manager for the coming season.

Expect tough tackling and 'old school' football. Also we have decided that the first team home fixtures will be played at Homewood School on their 3g pitch. The reason for this is that because the green retains water so badly, many of our games were either postponed or moved to the Ridge in Ashford. Also, as a club, we are wanting to improve and hopefully test ourselves at a higher level and unfortunately if we did get promoted we would be unable to play at the Green due to it not meeting League standards at the moment. Our reserves will continue to play there when weather permits and our Sundays will move onto the pitch on their home fixtures when it is available.

Currently, our walking football 'gents' train on a Tuesday evening in Hamstreet and would always welcome more players to join them.

We have an over 50s and an over 60s team and it is as much a social get together as it is serious football.

Richard

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

The sun has finally made an appearance at the end of June and is sure to stay (?). As previously mentioned please remember that UVA and UVB both need protection from and put on Factor 50 regularly. Some skin cancers are slow growing over years of historic exposure and some are rapidly growing so please report new mole changes and any non-healing skin nodules/ulcers. Moles are part of the skin so can itch and even bleed but if it doesn't revert back to normal within a week of moisturising and covering up then come and show us.



We try not to mention the "C" word if we can help it now. We're pretty happy with Christmas being less than 6 months away but Covid is coming back... Rates are a bit higher in the community at the moment and with that we have news of our latest immunisation program. We are due to start a new contract to immunise from September but are unlikely to get any vaccines until October.

The cohorts are likely to be the same as last year - over 65s and those that are entitled to the flu jab for health reasons (although we don't know for sure). The current program for Spring vaccines finished at the end of June ensuring that there are at least 3 months before the new vaccines come and therefore safe to vaccinate everyone again. Please don't bother trying to get a vaccine now as they won't be available until we start in October.

We will be doing some "Big Weekends" to get the community engaged in the vaccines which were a great success last year but news of these are likely to be communicated in September when we have more concrete detail.

In the meantime, we had some exposure on BBC News celebrating the success of our PCN project doing a couch to 5k. A really experienced health coach, Steve Grantham, has done courses in Charing and Tenterden for patients in our locality. The idea has been to get people running but some walk and the real focus is on helping people get out and help with physical and mental health. The feedback is amazing and people have stayed in touch and supported each other. The next course starts on 8th July and still has a few places. Please contact the surgery and get involved.



We have some mixed emotions about saying goodbye to our trainee, Dr Lauren James. She has done brilliantly and passed her exams very convincingly and made great connections but will qualified in August so moving on. We are trying to help her with jobs locally which would really endorse the value of training within East Kent and I can only hope that we will see her occasionally if we need help. We wish her the best for the future.

Our other trainee, Dr Sutapa Shampa, is going back to the hospital and while we have only been temporary custodians we wish her well in August. We will regain our previous trainee Dr Parissa Tarrunum and will likely be asked to have another - to be decided...

We have been blessed to have experienced the flamboyant Rachel Cursley as a Health Care Assistant for the last six months. She has been a great asset but chosen to find work helping to assess children's educational needs and while we wish her well, we will miss her greatly. Fortunately we have had some strong candidates to join us in this position and hope to appoint soon.

For the rest, we expect some quiet times with England involved in the Euros, a Cricket T20, Wimbledon, Olympics and some good weather absorbing peoples' lives. There must be some stats involving the stress/benefits of being a sports' supporter but I suspect it is too complicated to make sense of - please just enjoy the moments.

With best wishes on behalf of the surgery
Jack Hickey GP.

<https://www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk/> 01233 860236

Surgery Opening Hours

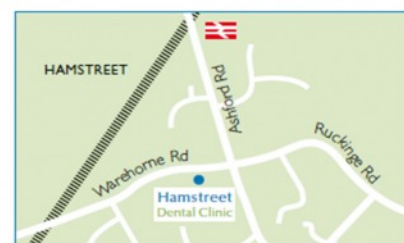
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



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Make A Difference



It was a chilly, June evening (apparently on account of all the cold air currently being drawn down across the UK from Greenland, with a wind that was so cold that poor Taylor Swift, performing in Edinburgh last weekend, was obliged to request gloves and a cardigan to add to her rather scanty costume), and yet all was convivial and warm at our WI meeting. The weather did not act as a deterrent and the President was delighted to be able to greet so many members and, also, to welcome four new ladies, who had come on account of Nicole's recent recruitment drive at the highly successful Woodchurch Carnival!

Jane Scotchmer was our Speaker for the evening with her illustrated talk entitled "Guatemala - A Land of Terrible Beauty"! She hoped that, as the words "terrible" and "beauty" are not words one would normally associate together, we would, hopefully, by the end, come to understand why this title (an oxymoron) had been chosen. Guatemala, a country in Central America, is bordered to the north and west by Mexico, to the north east by Belize to the east by Honduras, and to the south east by El Salvador and it also borders the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Honduras. It is a land of volcanos, earthquakes, rainforests and ancient Mayan sites; a land with a large illegal immigration problem and an active narcotics trade.



Jane, having recently completed an Open University Degree in French and Spanish (Spanish is the predominant language used in Guatemala, although the indigenous population still have their own languages) decided to join her daughter, Heather, on her travels and the pair met in Guatemala City, the capital and most populous urban area in Central America. However, they were both anxious to visit the "real" Guatemala and so moved on and during their three week holiday, were able to get off the beaten track, staying in hostels, visiting Coban, the Mayan ruins, Xela, the Pacaya Volcano, Lake Atitlan (formed in a massive volcanic crater and surrounded by coffee fields and little villages), Livingston, Flores and Antigua, a small city built on the Pacific Ring of Fire and so surrounded by three volcanos.

Not all the slides depicted glorious sunshine and on one occasion mother and daughter were caught in a torrential storm. The terrain was wild and rugged and even the sand on the beaches was made up of black volcanic dust, so it was easy to perceive why the title "A Land of Terrible Beauty" was so apt. Thank you, Jane, for allowing us an insight into this untamed land - so very different to Woodchurch!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9th July 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall and it will be our OPEN EVENING, and everyone is invited to attend. The Speaker will be Mr. David Tadd on "The Forensic Response to the Asian Tsunami" so do please join us if you feel that might be of interest to you. The competition will be anything beginning with the letter "W".



Dear Friends,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well - a great blessing that summer has finally arrived and we are enjoying some fine weather. I do realise that the gardeners among you may not be so pleased about that!



This has been a difficult couple of months for me. My Dad has been terminally ill for some time, and my sister, daughter and I took turns in being with him and my Mum during his final days. Sadly, he was unable to appreciate the family being present for his 90th birthday a week before he died. Thanks so much to those who have sent cards - I am very grateful for your thoughts and prayers.

On 29th June, Mike and I will be at Canterbury Cathedral for the annual service for those being ordained as Deacon by the Archbishop. We are excited this year that our new curate, Reverend Maria Stuttaford is among those being ordained. Maria will be joining this parish and will minister in our team for 3 years whilst she trains "on the job" to be a vicar in a parish setting or a chaplain in a hospital, hospice or other secular setting. Maria and her husband Graham have already moved into their new home in High Halden, and we will be having a special service to celebrate Revd Maria's new ministry with us at 11am on Sunday 30th June in St Margaret's Bethersden. Maria will be looking forward to meeting folks in Woodchurch at coffee mornings and services and to visiting the school, where she will be sharing ministry with me.

Thanks very much to those who have supported us recently with our fundraising initiatives at the tea tent at the carnival, and the Porch Swing Blues concert; also to those who have helped by donating towards our urgent repairs - work will be starting on the East wall during July.

Every Blessing, Reverend Sue
01233 820266. revsuerose@outlook.com

You are invited to an Open Meeting

A talk by David Tadd:
"The Response to The Asian
Tsunami".

David Tadd is former head of Forensic Investigation for The Metropolitan Police and will describe his work in the aftermath of the Tsunami of December 2004.



Everyone Welcome.

Woodchurch Memorial Hall Tuesday 9th July 7:15pm.
Organised by Woodchurch WI. Free admission

WOODCHURCH REMEMBERS

June has been quite a month for Woodchurch and we have played our small role in contributing. The lighting of the Village Beacon on 6th left me literally speechless at the turnout, thank you to everyone who came along to remember the sacrifice of the liberation of Europe. The Carnival too had a remembrance theme with the Shed's Remembrance Aeroplane and the poppy display, thanks to them, Woodchurch in Bloom and the Carnival committee.

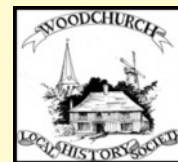


Looking ahead we are planning a guided Wartime Walk around the village, with points of historical interest pointed out and the stories of what happened. This will probably take place on an early evening in September and more details will be published in next month's bulletin.

Other plans include marking the bomber crash site and of course Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal in November. Don't forget military service is not required to join Woodchurch Remembers, everyone is welcome, call me on [07796 228212](tel:07796228212) or speak to any member.

Don Grant.

Woodchurch Local History Society



The Woodchurch Local History Society normally meets on the first Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm to hear a series of presentations by experienced speakers.

During the months of July and August we have a break from talks and have some summer events instead. On Wednesday July 24th society members (and their families) will, at 2:30pm, visit the Woodchurch Village Life Museum, Susan's Hill for a privately guided tour. This will be followed by tea/coffee with sandwiches and cake. This will cost members £7.50 a head. However, if there are any ex-members who wish to join us then please ring me at [01233 860393](tel:01233860393).

Additionally, we have arranged a visit to Brogdale Farm, near Faversham on the afternoon of Wednesday August 21st. This event will have the attraction of a guided tour of the farm's extensive fruit orchards with the help of a tractor drawn carriage. After the hour long tour we will then have a cream tea at the farm's restaurant. The cost is £15.50 per person. If any ex-member who fancies joining us then please contact me. This event should also appeal to members and ex-members who have children and/or grandchildren. A 'fun ride'.

Our talks recommence on Monday September 3rd when Ken Brooks will tell us about 'The Strange Story of 'America Ground' at Hastings'. Hope to see you then.

Looking forward to seeing you.
Geoff [01233 860393](tel:01233860393).

WOODCHURCH GREAT GARAGE/YARD SALE

Saturday 10th August 2024 10am-3pm

Organised by Woodchurch HUB



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

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

All welcome - sellers and buyers.

Tour the village streets on this day.

No cost to anyone- the profits are yours!

Enjoy the day by also visiting the Craft Fair that is being held at The Jean Mealham Centre.

To be included on the map please email

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or visit The HUB

Woodchurch Village Shed



Just to keep you all in the loop. Last Thursday we started to clean up the site for the Shed. We have booked a provisional start date for the base, 7th August, Shed to be installed the 8th. By the time this Newsletter comes out we will have cleared the area where existing Shed is being moved to.

We are very grateful to both Councillors, Mr Robey and Mr Ledger for their continued support and grants. Thanks also to Patrick Byrne for the post Carnival donation too. All donations will go a long way to establishing Woodchurch Village Shed. We aim to help with mental wellbeing, helping people with social isolation and as time goes by, teaching and learning new skills.

We are open at the moment on Thursdays from 10am to 1pm ish. Come along and get the feel for what we are trying to do. £3 a session, tea, coffee and biscuits.

We are at Scouts and Guides Memorial Hall on Lower Road.

Tai Chi

Come join us at Tai Chi For Beginners class starts Monday September 9th 10:45 Woodchurch Community Centre.
Contact Emma [07587 167756](tel:07587167756) taichiforyou@hotmail.co.uk

Margaret Morris Movement

Gentle Exercise for the over 50's. Woodchurch Scout Community Hall 1415 to 1545 Thursdays



WOODCHURCH FESTIVAL OF RUNNING SUNDAY 21ST JULY

CHIP TIMED,
BESPOKE MEDAL



10 MILE, 5 MILE & FUN RUN



Previously known as the Woodchurch 10 & 5 Mile, this race uses the quiet undulating country lanes surrounding the picturesque village of Woodchurch, in Kent.

The event is open to runners of all abilities, from novices to experienced athletes and is perfect for those looking to clock some longer miles over the Summer months. And, whilst you're running you are also helping to raise valuable funds for our donation towards the Primary School.

Prices: £7 - £26

SCAN TO BOOK



This year our running event is destined to make the Olympics in France look like an after party to the real deal that is, The Woodchurch Festival of Running. Bigger, better and dreaming of resonating with all those that enjoyed our amazing village Carnival.

Food stalls galore, hubbub race hub vibes on the green. Our gratitude goes to our devoted loyal sponsor, Woodchurch Wine; the scouts for their hot food offers and assistance with handing out medals; plus of course all the volunteers including Masterful Morris Men and Woodchurch Bloomers.

From the toddlers lap to the kids 1 mile run round the green, or those taking on the main events of the 5 or 10 mile route, this run fest is all about taking part and raising funds for our village school, and our scouts.

Step counts and sponsored treks seem to be popular this year and so with that we encourage everyone who likes a good walk, to join our event and take on the single or double lap course and enjoy a quality dash round the block and soak up the atmosphere.

As always we're grateful for your patience with the usual road closure (8:30-11:30am)

See you there on Sunday 21st July.

Please contact Ben if you are willing and able to volunteer for marshalling duties (the best fun)

Ben Hebblethwaite M: [07967 817 327](tel:07967817327)

PROMS & MUSIC FEST

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST
7:00 PM**

Tickets £10 available from Woodchurch HUB and Richard 07798 566849

Music and a fun variety show with Matthew Bason from the group Edison Lighthouse

**SATURDAY 17 AUGUST
2:00 & 7:00 PM**

Donations on the door

Music for all, ABBA, Queen, Shows and the Proms with Chris & Jo Powell and guest singers

Refreshments available and you are welcome to bring own alcohol

THE JEAN MEALHAM CENTRE,
LOWER ROAD, WOODCHURCH TN26 3SQ



Woodchurch Rainbows and Brownies say thank you to the carnival committee for awarding us the best child costume

Woodchurch Art Society

Would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Art Exhibition over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Approximately 350 of you joined us including many regulars but also many many new faces.

We are proud to tell you we sold over 63 paintings of our 199 on display and "Homeward Bound" by David King was voted My Favourite Picture.

Once again thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in 2025

Village Green Pavilion

The Woodchurch Village Green Charity would like to thank Chris and Christine Burgess for the kind donation of wooden chairs for use in the Pavilion



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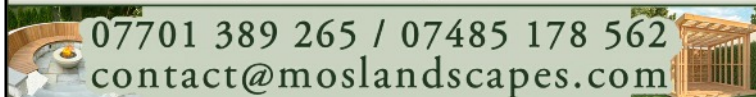


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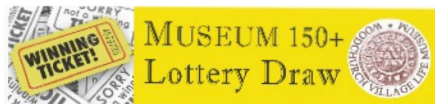
There are lots of interesting exhibits to see and read about and don't forget that the museum is now a learning destination for Kent Children's University. During the summer months it is an ideal opportunity for those involved with the university to gain credits. There is a grassed area with seating, a great place to eat a picnic.



See you there!

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

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

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July is a BIG month for us here at the Bonny. Not only do we have the talented 'Wasted' back on Friday 12th, we are holding our first ever MUSIC FESTIVAL on Saturday 27th July! This is going to be our biggest and best event yet and it's all to raise money for the charity SANDS (still birth and neonatal death charity). This is charity has a very special place in our hearts and we're going to make it the best day in order to raise a much money as possible!

It's going to be a fun filled day with live music from 1:00pm-11:30pm, inflatable obstacle courses, bbqs, hog roasts, tug of war and so much more! We have raffle tickets available at the bar to purchase now and there really are some amazing prizes to be won; signed merch from the Good Morning Britain team, vouchers for local businesses, signed footballs, signed boxing gloves, hampers and many more still coming in.... Saturday 27th July, save the date. The Bonny is be the place to be! We hope to see you all out to enjoy what promises to be an amazing day!

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Carnival Day

What a great day Carnival 2024 was - a huge success - and we ticked all our boxes on the vision for the day. We would like to thank everyone who attended and we hope you had a wonderful time. From the feedback we have received, the committee are very happy that it went well overall. There will always be areas that can be improved and the committee have already met to identify how things could be changed to make Carnival 2026 even better.

Woodchurch is a great place to live and the Carnival Committee, working closely with the Village Green Charity, Woodchurch HUB, Woodchurch Parish Council, Ashford Borough Council and our local MPs hopefully delivered an event with which the village can be proud.

Carnival funding

Organising a Carnival on this scale, whilst keeping it affordable for all, requires a lot of up-front funding which the Committee tries to carry over for each event. Outlays this year were more than previous, with all costs having generally increased over the past two years and including the professional Smoking Apples theatre group; the money raised this time was slightly less than in 2022. This year the Committee also let some participating local village organisations retain some of the monies they raised, in lieu of receiving a Carnival grant, to continue to support their own groups.

Community Grant Invitation

The Carnival 2024 Committee continue to wish to assist other groups and organisations within the village and are pleased to announce a grant fund of £1,500, from which local organisations are invited to submit a grant request for specific local projects.

To be considered for receiving some of this grant money village clubs, societies, charities and other organisations should contact Woodchurch Carnival Committee in writing, to express an interest.

Your application should contain:

- Name of organisation
- An outline of the project or reason you require the money. This should include:
 - o A description of the project or purchase.
 - o Who will benefit from the project or purchase.
 - o The overall cost of the project or purchase.
 - o How much you have already raised for this project or purchase.


Applications should be addressed to Woodchurch Carnival Committee C/O the Hub, no later than Wednesday 10th July 2024.

Carnival 2026

The Carnival committee are delighted to confirm that they have sufficient money to go forward with Carnival 2026, and we have already secured a main sponsor. We have several places open to join the committee and we will be holding an AGM at the Annex Hall on Monday 15th July 2024 at 7pm. This is an open meeting during which the applications for grants will be discussed and agreed. Refreshments will be available.

The committee acknowledge that without volunteers and groups, the day would not have been such a success. We therefore hope that some of you will have seen what a fantastic day was had by all and would like to be involved in Carnival 2026. The AGM will be your opportunity to give us your feedback and to discuss future Carnivals. At the meeting we will be forming a committee to kick start Carnival 2026. Why not be join the committee, be part of the future Carnival success and become part of history?

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