



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

June 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** 9:45am and 10:45am 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** 3:30pm 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
- Junior Tennis coaching** 3:30pm at the Tennis Club
- Pizza Van** 5:00pm-8:00pm in the Village Car Park
- Cubs** 5:30pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre
- Karate** 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Jean Mealham Studio

Wednesdays:

- Pilates** 9:00am-10:00am in the Memorial Hall
- Museum Volunteers** - maintenance and gardening 9:30am-12:00pm at the Museum
- Yoga** 10:00am-11:15am in the Jean Mealham Studio
- Social Pop-In** 2:00pm-4:00pm Tea and coffee and boot fair marquee at the Jean Mealham Centre
- Blend Youth Cafe** 3:00pm-5:00pm in All Saints Church Term only
- 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:

- Sun 2nd **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
- Mon 3rd **Dementia Relatives Meet-up** 10:00 in the Coffee Shop
- WLHS** - Alex Ferris "Smarden - The village of Fear" 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall
- Thu 6th **Social Prescribers** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
- D-Day laying of memorial wreath** - 8:50pm at the War Memorial
- Lighting of The Beacon** - 9:15pm on the Village Green
- Sat 8th **Woodchurch Carnival 2024** - From midday on the Village Green
- Sun 9th **Benefice Holy Communion** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
- Tue 11th **WI - Guatemala, a talk by Jane Scotchner** - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall
- Wed 12th **"Remember when we were young"** - 11:30-1:30 in the Annexe
- Thu 13th **Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB
- Sat 15th **Concert "Porchswing Blues"** - 7:15pm at All Saints Church
- Sun 16th **Morning Worship** - 11:00am at All Saints Church
- Evensong** - 6:00pm at All Saints Church
- Sat 22nd **WYT** - All weekend at All Saints Church
- Sun 23rd **Boot Fair** - all day at the Bonny Cravat
- BCP Holy Communion** - 8:00am at All Saints Church
- Local Singers Showcase** - 2:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre
- Wed 26th **"Remember when we were young"** - 11:30-1:30 in the Annexe
- Thu 27th **Parish Council Meeting** - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe
- Sun 30th **ABBA Chique concert** - 7:30pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

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

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Ashford Borough Plan. You are now invited to have your say in Ashford Borough Plan for the next four years. This plan sets out how to make Ashford a place where people, businesses and nature can thrive collectively. The three priorities driving the plan are:

Planet - Working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and creating places for nature will be at the heart of everything we do.

People - Listening and serving the Ashford community is our philosophy; we will make best use of available resources to build an equitable and fair society.

Place - We are planning for the future of our community and to make Ashford a place people are pleased to call home and love to visit.

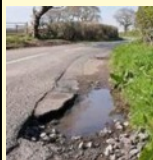
To have your say visit:

<https://haveyoursay.ashford.gov.uk/2024-borough-plan>



Hedge Trimming. As a reminder homeowners are responsible for maintaining vegetation that is on their property but overhangs footpaths and highways. In the interests of safety please ensure that passersby have safe passage past. Contrary to popular belief, hedges maybe trimmed during the nesting season, provided there aren't any birds nesting in the hedge concerned. If in doubt you can have them inspected by an accredited wildlife officer prior to cutting. Any hedges that are impeding the use of footpaths should be reported to KCC on **03000 419191** or by visiting <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>.

Parish Council Audit. The Parish Council had the internal audit on 26th April. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return has now been submitted to the external auditor. The public right to inspect the council's finance will be between 3rd June 2024 and 12th July 2024 inclusive. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to inspect the accounts.



Potholes. Potholes continue to blight the area, and I urge you to please report them to KCC on the details below. The more reports the better the impact. Please feel free to copy me in at clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk so as we may

have a record of them. Potholes should be reported to KCC on **03000 418181** or by visiting <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>.



There are Vacancies for Four Councillors.

There are currently four vacancies open to become parish councillors. No prior experience is required, and this is a great opportunity to be a member of a dynamic council about to embark on some new and interesting projects. Please contact the Clerk on clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk, or one of the current

Councillors whose details are available on the website (www.woodchurchhub.uk/parish-council/)

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
PA/2023/1776	Scout and Guide HQ, Lower Rd.	Support	Approve with conditions
PA/2023/2051	Land S/E of Bridge Close.	Object	No Decision
PA/2024/0467	Oaks Farm, Hornbrook Lane	Support	Approve with conditions
PA/2024/0521	22 Kirkwood Ave	Support	Approve with conditions
PA/2024/0716	8 Front Rd	Support	No decision
PA/2024/0575	2 Mill View	Support	No decision
PA/2024/0585	Clappers Mead, Bethersden Rd	Support	Withdrawn
PA/2024/0558	Clappers Mead, Bethersden Rd.	Support	Withdrawn
PA/2024/0709	Boldshaves Oast House, Frogs Hole Lane	Support	No decision
PA/2024/0573	1 Stonebridge Cottages, Front Rd	Support	Approve with conditions
NOT/2024/0833	Annexe, Cruttenden Farm, Brook Street.	TBC	No decision
OTH/2024/0828	37 The Green	TBC	No decision

Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 27th June 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe**

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public so please come along - as we value your questions and suggestions. We are here to support the village and so it is important that you let us know the things that are important to you.

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 - Redbrook Street

5th June 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED

Description: Roadworks

ROAD CLOSED - Bethersden Road - Near Brissenden Green

4th June 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED

Description: Roadworks

ROAD CLOSED - Front Road

8th June 2024 - 12:00-13:00

Closure in force: Road Closed

Description: Woodchurch Carnival

ROAD CLOSED - Bethersden Road - Woodchurch

26th - 28th June 2024

Closure in force: ROAD CLOSED

Description: South East Water

The American Deep South comes to Woodchurch

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A Southern Style break - Without Leaving Your Village

Do you wish that your summer holiday was just that little bit sooner? Can't wait to relax and sit back with a drink while taking in some great live music? Wait no longer! Yes, if you can't get to the deep American south, we can bring it to you - right here in Woodchurch.



All Saints Church



Dear Friends,

I am writing this on a wet gloomy day in May - I hope by the time you are reading it we have a bright warm day in June!



I am delighted to announce that our three parishes have now become the united Parish of Denswood, taking the "Dens" from High Haden and Bethersden, and the Wood from Woodchurch. Our combined parish has a population of around 6,000 people, with three parish churches of All Saints, St Mary's and St Margaret's, three schools, two residential/nursing homes, a mental health care facility, GP surgery, 6 pubs (I think!), shops, businesses and of course lots of residential properties. If you live in our parish you are a parishioner (whether you come to church or not), and have a right to be married in any of our churches - whatever your faith. The Church of England parish system seeks to be inclusive and welcomes everyone, and I try to be as available as possible to anyone or everyone who might need a chat or more practical help - do get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

The services and events offered by our three churches will not change, with most Sundays having a service in each village, but with some special days when we all come together in one church to celebrate and worship. All our churches belong to the Inclusive church network, which means we aim to be welcoming to everyone especially those who may have felt marginalised or rejected in the past by churches.

By uniting parishes we hope to pool our gifts and resources. Like many organisations we have found it harder to find volunteers to be on church committees. All of our churches are historic Grade 1 listed building with shopping lists of maintenance and improvement works, and we know the importance of staying connected with our local village communities to help us keep going. Our new committee Denswood PCC will be made up of people from each of our three church committees. We are looking forward to seeing how we can grow our church communities in the future.

God Bless.
Reverend Sue

Join us on Saturday 15th June in All Saints Church where the Porch Swing Blues band will entertain you in Southern style. An evening of blues, soul and ragtime brought right into the heart of your village. Enjoy BB King inspired canapes while you let the music relax you and take you to another culture and another time. Not only will you have a brilliant evening but you will also be helping us to fundraise for our church so that we can provide local support services for the people of Woodchurch. We can't promise you the sun but we can promise you Southern hospitality so come on y'all, look out for the posters in the village or this newsletter for information regarding tickets.

WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

Whooping cough has made a resurgence with at least ten times the normal reported number of cases in the first quarter of 2024. Whooping cough is also called "pertussis" which comes from the Latin - "per" meaning through and "tussis" meaning cough - makes sense really. We've dubbed it down more recently to also being called the 100-day cough.

It is characterised by very intensive and uncontrollable coughing fits which typically causes the person to make a high-pitched "whooping" sound when trying to take a deep breath in after coughing. The coughing can be so severe that people feel that they are choking, may vomit or faint during a spell. These symptoms are caused as the bacteria makes the upper airways swell so that they are narrowed and can go into spasm. For most people this is very unpleasant but recoverable, the most at risk of severe illness and death are babies and infants who already have small airways. Breathing techniques can help reduce some of the unpleasantness in adults and reduce the risk of fainting.



In the UK the vaccination programme starts vaccinating babies at 3 months and since 2012 pregnant women have been offered vaccines from 25 to 32 weeks to protect babies during the first 3 months. Unfortunately, the uptake is poor at only about 60% so leaving approximately 40% of babies at risk in their early months.

Symptoms start with a normal cough/cold which is usually mild until the severe cough starts at 2-3 weeks. It is very contagious and spread through the cough droplets in the air. The guidance is: Suspect pertussis in patients with a cough illness lasting 14 days or more without an apparent cause plus one of the following: (a) paroxysms of coughing (ie uncontrollable coughing fits); (b) inspiratory 'whoop'; (c) post-tussive vomiting.



If it is suspected, then a swab is taken from the back of the nose and antibiotics are started. The antibiotics help reduce the severity in the early stages and are generally not considered effective if taken after 3 weeks of the start of the illness. In all cases after treatment the cough will still continue in some form for 2 to 3 months. It is important to isolate for 48 hours after the start of treatment to avoid spreading it.

Any positive cases are reported to the Department of Health as they are a "notifiable disease" so that cases can be monitored. There were spikes back in 2012 and 2016 so it has always been with us. We have asked the lab for swabs so we can test for it. If you think you or your child may have it please stay outside the building until called in to avoid spreading it within the waiting area.

Our most notable Surgery news is that Lauren James, our trainee GP, has passed all her exams with flying colours and is expected to complete her training at the end of July. It really is a pleasure to see doctors come to Woodchurch and be so welcomed by everyone, making it a great learning environment. I have no doubt that she will have a very successful career ahead of her.

While the Summer has continued to be very busy in the Surgery, we look forward to the long evenings for the next few weeks. Best wishes on behalf of the Surgery

Jack Hickey GP.

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

In memory of GLYNIS DOUGALL

Glynis Dougall sadly passed away on 10th May 2024.

Glynis lived and worked in the local area for over 40 years, teaching in several village schools and being Headteacher at St.Michael's in Tenterden from 1993 to 2009.

An enthusiastic resident of Woodchurch for 22 years, she won several prizes at last year's Flower and Produce Show.

Glynis' funeral is scheduled for Monday 10th June at 12:30 at Charing Crematorium.

Rosalind Carvell
(Glynis' Sister)


Surgery Opening Hours

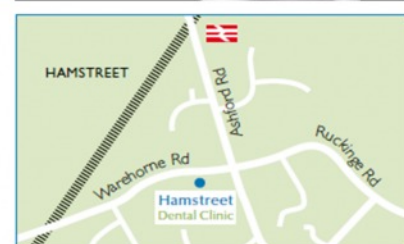
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Boldshaves Garden

The garden here at Boldshaves is open on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 2-6pm. Teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light refreshments are available in the Cliff Tea House whenever the garden is open.

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WOODCHURCH REMEMBERS

WOODCHURCH REMEMBERS D-DAY 6TH JUNE 1944



The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy landings that began the campaign that liberated Western Europe from Nazi occupation. To mark the event a national beacon lighting will take place at 9-15 PM and Woodchurch will be part of that. Programme as follows.

- 8.50 PM: Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial in the Churchyard and by the Commemorative Oak near the Memorial Hall.
- 9.15: Lighting of the Village Beacon and ringing of All Saints Church Bells. At this point a tribute to those connected to Woodchurch who took part in the invasion and subsequent campaign will be read out.

Capt FA Keller, Lt Wetherell, Capt Brock, 2Lt Harris, Lt Heitman, Capt Van Deventner, Lt O'Hara, Capt Adams and Lt Gibbons. All from The USAAF Thunderbolt Sqn based at Woodchurch.

Private Amos Fairbrother, presumed Killed In Action at Arnhem, serving with the First Airborne Division. Pte Fairbrother is remembered on the Woodchurch War Memorial.



On display near the Commemorative Oak will be the D- Day Remembrance Plane. This has been built by The Woodchurch Village Shed, funded by Woodchurch Carnival and assisted by Woodchurch in Bloom, the Scouts and ourselves. The model is in commemoration of the airmen who served at Woodchurch and died over Europe during the Normandy Campaign.

Watch out for us at the carnival on Saturday 8th, all ex-service personnel are invited to march behind our standard on the parade that opens the event.

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

Woodchurch Local History Society



The Woodchurch Local History Society meets on the first Monday of the month to hear talks about topics of local historical interest. Our next talk is on Monday June 3rd when we are due to hear Alex Ferris of the Smarden LHS give us an illustrated presentation entitled 'Smarden- The Village of Fear'. Alex's presentation starts with the news that a number of dairy cows were dying in the fields of Smarden in June 1963. The problem worsened with the deaths of sheep, dogs and a goat. The cause of the problem was quickly identified but the affair dragged on for about a year. The affair led to national headlines and eventually resulted in improved environmental protection measures.



If you want to hear how Smarden coped with this issue and how new environmental policies were introduced then please come along.

Visitors are always very welcome and pay £3 at the door. There is no need to pre-book - just turn up on the night. We hope to see you there.

New members are also welcome and pay £12 annually as subscription.

After our June meeting we 'break up' for the summer and return in September and have monthly talks until December. After September new members pay a £6 half-yearly subscription.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Geoff [01233 860393](tel:01233860393).

Woodchurch Village Shed



Woodchurch Village Shed has been very busy over the last few months. We have been very involved in helping make a commemorative plane for the Carnival along with an event signpost too.

We have also changed the supplier of the shed, this one is from a local supplier which we are glad to support. Because we have changed the design of the shed slightly, not the footprint, we have had to submit amendments to our planning application. We are waiting for the answer as we write.

The lead in time for the new shed is much quicker than the previous one so once we hear from ABC Planning we will be able to get things moving quickly.

Once the Carnival is over we have a number of projects to do. If you want to come along, we meet on a Thursday at the Community Centre on Lower Road. You need to be over 18 and it costs, initially just £3 a session. This includes a hot drink and biscuits.

Summer Fundraisers

Philippa Jones is taking on some tough physical challenges this Summer.

On 1st June, she is doing her 'Dotty Walk' to raise awareness of Lewy body Dementia, walking the famous Seven Sisters. This is a charity (The Lewy Body Society) that is close to her heart, having lost her Dad to this cruel disease 10 years ago.



She and other friends from Woodchurch will be starting in Seaford and, with a fair wind, will finish 14 miles later in Eastbourne. They trialed the distance recently and confirmed that it was "tough but truly fantastic!"

They have a fundraising link, please find below.

Philippa and Lucy Quinn are also taking on the challenge of a marathon this year - the Macmillan Mighty Hike along the Thames Path in July. Every penny counts and we wish all those thinking of doing or already signed up to do a physical challenge to go for it!

The Woodchurch Running Festival is also coming up in the Summer - on 21st July- . This is open to all, including a kids' race, to walk, to run or to race.

Woodchurch Running Festival

www.nice-work.org.uk/e/woodchurch-running-festival-9433

Philippa's 'Dotty' Walk - Lewy Body Dementia

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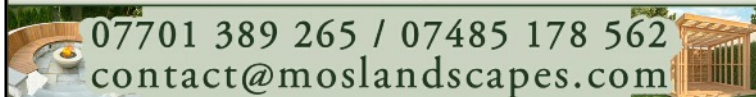
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Traditionally, May is our Resolutions Meeting when each WI is obliged to discuss and vote for the selected resolution to go forward to the Annual Meeting, which this year will be held on 5th June at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The resolution concerns Dental Health Matters and reads:- "There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS Contracts, in order to ensure that everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live". A lively discussion ensued when it was pointed out that more training was required not only for dentists, but also dental nurses, hygienists and dental therapists. The importance of good dental hygiene, eating a healthy diet and not smoking for all potential patients was also stressed. Following this discussion, it was unanimously agreed to vote in favour of the resolution and discretion was also given to our delegate to decide how to vote after debate at the Annual Meeting, should there be any amendments to the existing resolution.

Prior to all the above, we were pleased to welcome Mr. Toby Mynott, from nearby Redbrook Street, as our Speaker for the evening. Six years ago Toby started "Simple Kent Funerals," which offers a perhaps more relaxed, flexible, imaginative, economical and caring alternative to the packages offered by other larger funeral directors. Toby is a Celebrant as well as a Funeral Director and he likes to spend a great deal of time before the ceremony with each family in an effort to get to know them and, also their dead relative, in order to really determine their wishes and what ceremony would be appropriate for them. Thus, some families may decide that they want a very traditional church service and wake, whilst others may prefer a more unstructured, but a no less meaningful, ceremony. Toby is happy to advise and help either way, as he firmly believes that there is no right or wrong way to do things and that how a funeral, or a celebration of life, is arranged is all down to each particular family's choice. Toby came across as caring, empathetic and compassionate and very committed to his line of work, so thank you, Toby for your very interesting and informative talk.



Our next meeting is scheduled for 11th June at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall when our Speaker, Jane Scotchner, will talk to us on "Guatemala". The competition will be anything beginning with the letter "G".

S&G Community Centre AGM



There will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held for the Woodchurch Scouts and Guide Community Centre on Wednesday, July 3rd at 7.30pm at the WSGCC, Lower Road, Woodchurch. This will be followed by AGM of the 1st Woodchurch Scouts at 8:00pm.

All welcome.

Woodchurch Dog Safety

Stay Safe & Enjoy Walks



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



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



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



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



Woodchurch Yard Together ("WYT")

Our next volunteer gardening weekend in the Churchyard is:

22nd & 23rd

June



Keeping in Touch:

Email:

woodchurchYardTogether@btinternet.com

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Search: 'WoodchurchYard Together'

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM

Are proud to announce that we are now members of Kent Children's University.

Children who are members of the university can obtain a credit by visiting the museum and completing one of the quizzes on offer.

Although we are only open at the weekend and bank holidays from 10:00 hours until 16:00 hours home schooled children, and other families and groups, can take part outside these hours by contacting the museum on [01233 860586](tel:01233860586). We look forward to seeing many young people aiming to become graduates.



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

Tickets are still available for the remainder of the draw. For more information please contact Joyce via The HUB - enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or [01233 861381](tel:01233861381)

May 2024 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Tim Lee	1110
2nd prize	£30	Doreen Heubner	646
3rd prize	£20	June Baker	1030

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The sun is back! So, hop in the car and make your way to the Rare Breeds Centre while it lasts! With lots to do for all the family, from animals, adventure playparks and a spacious restaurant, why not visit today!

Meet the animals, daily from 10am - 4pm. Pop into the Animal Barn, home to our friendly farmyard animals, including cuddly rabbits, guinea pigs, the cheeky trio of goats, and our well-known highland cow, Huckleberry.

Jump aboard the accessible tractor-trailer ride and take a tour of the farm, up to the secret lake, passing the huge tyre snake and heading back down the hill. See how many of our grazing animals you can spot along the way!

Challenge yourself in our Mysterious Marsh, navigate bridges, swing on tyres, and test your balance while avoiding the marsh trolls! Or head over to Hill Fort to rule the castle, fly through the air on the zipline, or make your way through the tunnel maze.

Join us for Pig Racing! If you visit during school holidays or weekends, you can run with our specially trained 'racing' pigs or cheer them on from the sidelines.

Visit one of our food outlets for an instant caffeine boost, with a selection of barista coffees and alternative milks. Or treat yourself to a range of ice creams, because if the sun is out, its ice cream time! Or if you're feeling more peckish, head to the Granary Restaurant for a wide variety of freshly prepared food, with vegan and vegetarian options available.

The best bit, with every visit to The Rare Breeds Centre, you support our charity, Canterbury Oast Trust, which helps adults with learning disabilities achieve their aspirations for living, learning, and working.

Now open 7 days a week, check out our website for all the activities available during your visit at no extra cost. Don't forget to book in advance to guarantee entry. We look forward to welcoming you!

For more information:
Please call [01233 861493](tel:01233861493)
or visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk.

The Big Switch-Off 2025

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE BIG SWITCH-OFF?

The UK has been using a copper wire telephone network since 1876. This is known as the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). It has been the backbone of our home and business communication systems for years, but this traditional analogue network has reached the end of its usable lifespan.

In 2027, BT Openreach will be switching off the PSTN Network in order to implement more modern 'IP Based' technologies.

Typical services that will be lost include:

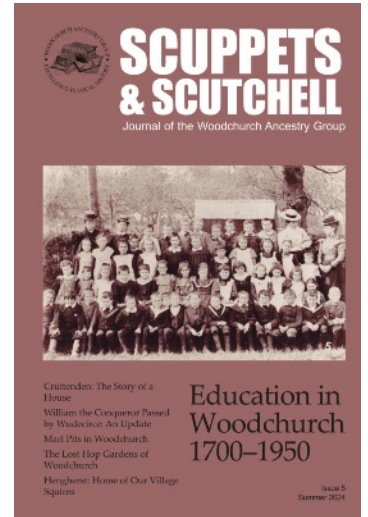
- Standard landline telephones and associated telephone numbers
- Fax Machines
- EPOS Machines
- Alarm Lines
- Door Entry Systems
- Broadband (where provided on a PSTN line)
- ISDN Services

For more information about how it will affect you, contact your telephone provider or go to <https://bigswitchoff.co.uk/>

Scuppets & Scutchell 5

Scuppets & Scutchell 5 is the latest issue of the award-winning local history journal for Woodchurch-researched, written and produced by members of the Woodchurch Ancestry Group. Our fifth issue has 92 full-colour pages packed, as always, with interesting and well-researched articles about the village, including:

- o Creeping Like Snails: Education in Woodchurch 1700-1950
- o Cruttenden: The Story of a House
- o William the Conqueror Passed by Wudecirce: An Update
- o Marl Pits in Woodchurch
- o The Lost Hop Gardens of Woodchurch
- o Hengherst: Home of Our Village Squires



Scuppets & Scutchell is for anyone interested in the history of Woodchurch and keen to discover more about the village's fascinating past. Copies are just £9.00 each plus postage and are available to buy online at bookshop.woodchurchancestry.org.uk (delivered in eco-friendly, plastic-free cardboard packaging). Scuppets & Scutchell 5 will also be available from the combined Woodchurch Ancestry Group and Woodchurch Village Life Museum stand at Carnival 2024 on 8 June and afterwards from the Woodchurch Hub and the Woodchurch Village Life Museum.

News from The Six Bells Park

One of the residents of Six Bells Park will be undertaking the MacMillan challenge - Race for Life at Folkestone this month.



We would all like to wish her good luck.



Citizens Advice Bureau At Woodchurch HUB

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

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

An evening with ... **ABBA Chique** Sunday 30th June 7.30 pm

The hottest tribute to ABBA



Tickets £20 available at Woodchurch HUB, Carley Butchers or call 07798 566849

Tea, coffee & food will be available to purchase. You are welcome to supply own alcohol

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Village Lost Property at The HUB

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

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

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Woodchurch Carnival



Carnival 8th June 2024

Carnival **Programmes** and **Raffle Tickets** are now on sale in the HUB, Coffee Shop, Townland Stores and the pubs.

Carnival **Ride Tickets** are now also on sale in The HUB

- Programmes - £1
- Raffle tickets - £1
- Ride tickets - £1 each or 14 for £10

Make A Difference



[VOLUNTEERS/RESERVES - we need you!](#)

We are very fortunate in Woodchurch that so many people can enjoy not only our beautiful surroundings but also all the activities, events, clubs and societies that are on offer in the village.

Many of the above need volunteers to enable them to be there in the first place. At the moment the following organisations really need your help:

- **The HUB** - weekly duties, which can be shared, or as a reserve;
- **The Newsletter** - for newsletter monthly counting and packaging; for newsletter delivery and help with the production of the village newsletter itself.
- **The Village Life Museum (WVLM)** - has a weekly working morning and weekend open days where volunteers facilitate the existence and continuation of a precious village resource.
- **The Jean Mealham Pop In Centre** - needs others to help maintain the garden areas.

CAN YOU HELP? A monthly half hour, a weekly three hour stint, any duration in between, it all helps.

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