



WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

The village community working together

March 2025

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WOODCHURCH Community Calendar



Weekly events:

Saturdays:

Boot Camp 9:00am-10:00am on the Village Green

Sundays:

Museum Open 10:00am to 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

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 3:30pm in the Jean Mealham Lodge

Line Dancing 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Jean Mealham Centre

Junior Tennis coaching Red-3:30pm, Orange 4:30pm, Green/Hand Ball 5:30pm, Hard Ball 6:30pm at the Tennis Club

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

BodyTone 6:15pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

BodyFlex 7:15pm-8:00pm in the Memorial Hall

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

Little Leaves Forest Schools 10:00am-12:00pm under 5s Play Group based in Woodchurch

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

Cubs 5:30pm-7:00pm in the S&G Community Centre

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

Salsa Dance 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Jean Mealham 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

Fish and Chips 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Village Car Park

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

Thursdays:

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

Margaret Morris Movement 2:15pm-3:45pm in the S&G Community Centre, Lower Road

BodyBlast 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Memorial Hall

Badminton 7:00pm-11:00pm in the Memorial Hall

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

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

Fridays:

Zumba with Hannah 9:30am in the Memorial Hall

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 **CARM** - 10:30am in the Memorial Hall

WLHS "How the Brighton Bombers were brought to justice" - 7:30 in the Memorial Hall

Tue 4th **HUB CLOSED** for electrical maintenance

Evening Prayer - 4:00pm at All Saints Church

Wed 5th **Eucharist with Ashing** - 7:00pm at All Saints Church

Thu 6th **Social Prescribers** - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in The HUB

Fri 7th **Talk about Wills, Power of Attorney and Probate** from Squiggle Consult in the Memorial Hall

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

Tue 11th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church

WI - The Living Landscape - 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall

Wed 12th **Museum Action Day** - From 9:00am at Woodchurch Museum

Thu 13th **Citizens Advice** - 1:00pm to 3:00pm in The HUB

Sat 15th **Museum Open** - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Sun 16th **Family Service with Baptism** - 11:00am at All Saints Church

Evensong - 4:00pm at All Saints Church

Tue 18th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church

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

Mon 24th **Hug in a Mug** - 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Coffee Shop

Tue 25th **Evening Prayer** - 4:00pm at All Saints Church

Thu 27th **Peter New - Neighbourhood Watch** - 1:00pm to 2:00pm in The HUB

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

Sat 29th **Woodchurch Litter Pick** - 8:00am to 12:00pm from The HUB



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

HUB CLOSED

TUESDAY 4th MARCH

The HUB will need to close for the day on Tuesday 4th March to allow for essential electrical work to be carried out in The HUB building.

All Saints Church



Dear Friends,



I know that many people will be celebrating as we move from Winter to Spring this month. For many people I speak to, this winter seems to have been a time of sadness and gloom. We can feel weighed down by all sorts of things. Recently on TV they were talking about record breaking numbers of days when we have had cloud cover with grey skies and no sight of the sun - sometimes for 10 days or more. This can also be a difficult time financially as we recover from perhaps overspending at Christmas, or just trying to cope with the cost of heating and groceries. This also feels a difficult time when we are mourning the loss of loved ones; currently we are supporting a number of families who have recently been bereaved, perhaps you are remembering a loved one who has died. Whatever the reason, if you are feeling sad, please reach out to those around you - friends, family, neighbours, or one of our parish team who are always happy to come and chat or talk on the phone.

The wonderful thing about our seasons is that Spring is coming; the daffodils are flowering and we can see everything coming alive in our gardens and in the countryside around us; soon we will be able to enjoy the Spring lambs too! This is a wonderful reminder of God's presence in the world and in our lives.

On 4th March it will be Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally the day when Christians use up food items before a time of prayer and fasting in lent, which lasts until Easter Sunday (40 days not counting Sundays). I wonder if you still have a tradition of cooking pancakes?

The following day is Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. We have services on that day to reflect on the time ahead of us, to consider not only if we might give something up during Lent, but what we might do more of... perhaps an extra time of prayer each day, an act of kindness, or helping someone in need. At our Ash Wednesday services (the main one this year is 7pm on 5th March in All Saints Church) we are marked with a cross in ash on our forehead to remind us of our mortality and to repent or say sorry for the things we have done wrong. The ashes are made from burning the palm crosses used in church on Palm Sunday last year. We are reminded that "you are dust and to dust you shall return".

Do join us at one of our services, our lent group or coffee mornings during the season of Lent - you will find a warm welcome in all of our village church.

Every Blessing
Reverend Sue - [01233 820266](tel:01233820266). revsuerose@outlook.com

Margaret Morris Movement

Gentle exercise for the over 50's will restart on Thursday 6th February at 14:15 at the Scouts Community Centre.

Woodchurch Village Shed

Update on Woodchurch Village Shed. We are now very close to been operational as a functioning Shed. Today we had phase 3 of the electrics installed, 16amp plugs. Since the last newsletter we have had purpose built benches made and we are busy renovating the Community Hall Social Shed.



We are now looking to equip and organise both the the social and workshop areas and are looking for some kitchen units to enhance the social area. Also any donations that will help us develop as a Village asset.

We are there on a Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits.

For more information please contact me at neilmckay0730@gmail.com.



Happy Tuesday
at
ALL SAINTS CHURCH
WOODCHURCH
10am to 12pm

Join us in our wonderful, warm and friendly Church

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Every Tuesday
EVERYONE WELCOME
Coffee, tea, cake and great company
Bookstall and Children's play area

A great place to meet new friends or catch up with old ones

We look forward to seeing you soon

FREE WILL CONTRIBUTION

Make A Difference

Volunteer



FROM PETER NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



My name is Peter New I am a Police Volunteer with Kent Police and work in Community Neighbourhood Watch across the whole Ashford District. My Force number is 91725.

PLEASE JOIN WOODCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Email me on peternew1@aol.com or ring **07768 437422**.



I will be dealing with the types of crimes that I feel Woodchurch could be vulnerable to in this issue.

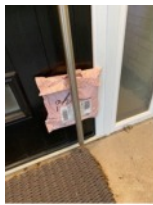
RISK AREAS & CRIME TRENDS TO BE ALERT TO.

- 1 - **THEFTS FROM VEHICLES**, please nothing on show in parked cars
- 2 - **THEFTS OF TOOLS FROM VANS**, try to park as secure and safe as possible.
- 3 - **SHEDS, BARNs, GARAGES, STABLES** and any form of EXTERNAL STORAGE
- 4 - **ROGUE TRADERS & BOGUS CALLERS.**

This is a very worrying concern. Please do not agree to any unsolicited work on your doorstep no matter how cheap and attractive the price.

These criminals will seek out our disabled, vulnerable and elderly, especially they will target that group if they live alone. Internet shopping parcels stolen from doorsteps. It may be that a rural community does not face the same risk from a "chancer and opportunist passer-by however the danger now in rural areas is the vans are now followed by criminals so even the most remote rural property could suffer a theft.

Parcel thefts rise from doorsteps as gangs follow courier vans



Contacting Kent Police



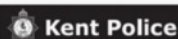
Report a non-urgent crime or incident online at www.kent.police/report or click the **Live Chat** button



In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**



For non-urgent issues, if you are unable to get online, call **101**



www.kent.police.uk

I have commenced work to help support rural crime issues and have tried to support the "horse community" with safety for riders and horses.

MY HORSE CAMPAIGNS



What is Pass Wide and Slow?

Pass Wide And Slow is a Facebook group set up to encourage and educate drivers how to pass horses safely on the road.

PASS WIDE & SLOW AWARENESS RIDE/DRIVES



In the wild a horse is a 'prey' animal, that is they are DINNER and have therefore developed a fright/flight response to anything that scares or startles them (known as spooking).

A horse's natural response to something that spooks them is to run, kick out or spin and look.

No matter how well they are trained, occasionally nature takes over. If it makes you jump, it will make a horse jump - that bird suddenly erupting from a tree could be a tiger!

A horse can spook sideways at up to 50mph. A horse can beat many road legal vehicles at 0-30mph.

A horse's back legs can kick out a surprisingly long way.

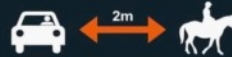
SO...

Give 2 metres width where possible.

When passing (from front or behind) slow to 10mph. If you are approaching a horse head on at 30mph and that horse spooks, that is an impact speed of 80mph!

Cyclists - please call out if approaching from behind, a voice is less scary (especially if riding into the wind, when even the horse may not hear you).

A carriage should be classed as a LONG vehicle. Please look at the rider. If they are asking you to stop or slow, they are doing it for a reason (they are NOT waving!).



MYTH BUSTERS

Drivers may say:

Horses shouldn't be on the road - why not?

Should ride in the fields - Fields are privately owned, and to get to any that allow us to ride in, or bridleways, WE HAVE TO USE THE ROADS.

You don't pay road tax - neither do you! Road tax was abolished in 1937. Vehicle emission tax also doesn't apply to bicycles, classic cars, vintage cars, and electric cars.

Are you insured? - There are probably more horses insured on the road than cars!

Only toffee-nosed, rich, entitled people own and/or ride horses riders come from all walks of life - nurses, lorry drivers, police officers, shop workers - to name but a few.

THESE ARE ALL OPINIONS! - which have been often expressed to horse riders!

PLEASE REMEMBER,
The riders are all someone's mum, dad, son, daughter, brother or sister. The horse is a member of their family. Don't leave a ghost behind.

Please report ALL crimes

I need every crime, attempted crime and failed crime reported. That way I can issue crime prevention advice and understand the crime trends. See methods above BUT DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 999 especially if crimes are in progress or about to happen.

I met our Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott in mid-February. Matthew is a great supporter of Neighbourhood Watch and to me personally. We had a very productive meeting which covered many subjects but especially Rural Communities and Rural crimes.



Rural crimes
Anti Social behaviour
Fly Tipping
Animal Crime
Catapults



I will be in The HUB on Thursday 27th March from 1:00-2:00pm if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Thank you for all your support. JOIN THAT WOODCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PLEASE

Stay safe, secure, alert and vigilant
Peter - COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH)

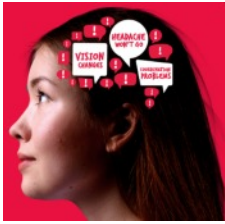
WOODCHURCH SURGERY UPDATE

I'm hoping that the daffodils have managed to grow up quickly and be ready for St David's Day as the weather seems to have stunted the signs of spring so far. We will then be ready for a very late Pancake Day which coincides with March being a National Nutrition Month. There really isn't anything particularly healthy in a pancake but making them is fun and becomes a good family event.



It is worth having a browse in the British Diabetic Association website where there are some really useful tips around healthy eating, about living to try and avoid diabetes and learning to live with it. Some estimates suggest 1 in 9 adults are living with pre-diabetes which means that your body's response to digesting and breaking down sugar is delayed or impaired. Without serious effort this will develop into Type 2 diabetes and you then run into the risks of complications. Fortunately, we have a brilliant diabetic team, however we would prefer that you don't have to meet them!

Brain Cancer is also thrust into the spotlight this month and of all the illnesses, I suspect we have all considered at some point if our headache or visual distortion might be a sign of a brain tumour. Less than 1% of us will be affected in our lifetime and the peak age group is distorted to people age 85-90 years old. This is partly because a high proportion are secondary cancers from a primary disease of another organ such as the lung or breast.



Unfortunately, most primary brain tumours present with quite sudden symptoms such as a new seizure, signs of a stroke, persistent vomiting or sudden change in mental behaviour. The symptoms that we consider "Red flags" include severe and frequent headaches, seizures, vision problems, difficulty speaking, cognitive and memory issues, numbness or weakness on one side of the body, sudden personality changes and coordination difficulties.

If these symptoms present, we would consider an acute admission for an MRI scan of the head or refer under the "2 week wait cancer pathway". These pathways are developed to investigate potential cancers but it is important to remember that most of the referrals we make will not result in a cancer diagnosis.

We have welcomed Abbey to the reception team and look forward to the arrival of Mandy to the dispensing team who will be learning the ropes at the hatch. We hope you will all give her the usual warm Woodchurch welcome while Kaz will be learning some more about the dispensing and work towards her dispensing qualifications.

Chris Hamilton, our Nurse Practitioner, will be retiring at the end of March and we will certainly miss her huge knowledge, charisma and the spirit that she has added to the team for

the last 21 years. She has justifiably been very proud of her stats for Woodchurch frequently being top-ranked in Kent for diabetes management and we will really miss her. She will hopefully enjoy all her hobbies even more now and you might see her at dance classes, wool festivals, rabbit events or a Fencing Salle. We hope you all join us in wishing her and her husband, Ian, well for the future - thank you for everything you have done.

With best wishes on behalf of the surgery

Dr Jack Hickey
GP, Woodchurch Surgery
www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk 01233 860236

Woodchurch Rainbows

We are busy planning for the Spring term, looking forward to lighter evenings and hopefully some sun.



We currently have vacancies so if you are aged 4 to 6 1/2 come and join us for games and more.

We meet on Wednesday evening from 5pm till 6pm at the Scout and Guide Community Centre.

Woodchurch Brownies

This term we are planning cooking and outdoors crafts, games and much more.



If you are aged 7 or over we would love you to come and join us from 5.45pm till 7pm on Wednesday at the Scout and Guide Community Centre.

Surgery Opening Hours

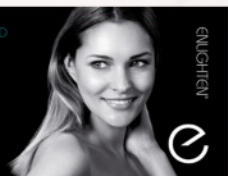
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Hamstreet
Dental Clinic

Welcomes You

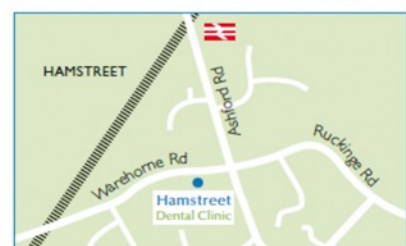
ENLIGHTEN ACCREDITED
PROFESSIONAL TEETH
WHITENING CENTRE



Where to find us...

Hamstreet Dental Clinic
Warehorne Road
Hamstreet
Kent TN26 2JJ

Find us on facebook



Tel: 01233 733848

Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.com



Parish Council Website: www.woodchurch-pc.gov.uk
 The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 27th March at 7pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe

2A Bus Service?



There has been some concern that Stagecoach would be discontinuing the 2A bus service. KCC has been contacted regarding this matter. The County Council relies on government grants to run many of its services, and this is one service that relies on this funding. KCC confirmed that funding was received and that the contract was renewed with Stagecoach for at least another year without any interruption.

REMEMBER - IF WE DO NOT USE IT WE WILL LOSE IT

Windmill Latest

The Parish Council and The Friends of Woodchurch Windmill reapplied to have the windmill added to the List of Assets of Community Value. We have been informed that this application has been validated and will be considered, with a decision on or before 8th April 2025. Any comments please contact the Parish Manager on clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk



Village Plan Update For 2025-2026

Following the success of implementing the village plan in 2024-2025, the Parish Council will be revising and updating the current one to meet the requirements for the following year (2025-2026).

Projects completed this financial year include, refurbishment of the public toilet, power to the green, power upgrade to the Hub, and village sign restoration. The aims, objectives and visions for the new version of the Plan will be debated over the coming meetings in order to have the new version agreed by the end of April. This will then be presented to voters at the Annual Parish Meeting of the voters - likely late May early June this year.

There Is Still Time To Become a Councillor!

There is currently a vacancy for someone to join a dynamic council.



If you are motivated in serving and helping your local community then this is an excellent opportunity. There are no formal qualifications required.

If you have any interest or questions then please email the Council on clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk

Planning Applications Considered Over The Last Two Months

Application	Location	Parish Council	Ashford Planning
PA/2024/2401	Land north of Appledore Road, Kenardinton. Solar Farm	Insist that Ashford Planning carry out a full EIA analysis before planning application is submitted	Screening EIA not required
PA/2024/1795	Keepers End. Shadoxhurst Road	Support	Waiting Decision
AP-90702 3351385	Balcony Farm, Haycross Lane.	Object	Waiting Decision
PA/2025/0063	Honeysuckle Cottage, Bethersden Road	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/2379	Stonebridgelands, Front Road	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/2135 & PA/2024/2142	Fairview, Bethersden Road	Support	Waiting Decision
AP-90720 3355619	Annexe, Cruttenden Farm, Brook Street	Continue to Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/2209	1 West End, Susans Hill	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/2281	Clappers Mead, Bethersden Road	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2024/2359 & PA2024/2320	Coleham Green Farm	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2025/0111	Stonebridgelands, Front Road	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2025/0012	Oak Tree Cottage, Redbrook Street	Support	Waiting Decision
PA/2025/0063	Honeysuckle Cottage, Bethersden Road	Support	Waiting Decision
OTH/2025/0252	15, Henden Place, The Green	No Comment	Waiting Decision
OTH/2025/0219	Land off Front Road, Woodchurch	Object, southbound bust stop on Front Rd wrong location for safety reasons and is lacking planned shelter	Waiting Decision
OTH/2025/0211	Land off Front Road, Woodchurch	Unable to comment until traffic measures resolved	Waiting Decision
OTH/2025/0184	Land between, 82-120 Front Road	Unable to comment until traffic measures resolved	Waiting Decision
OTH/2025/0169	Land between, 82-120 Front Road, Woodchurch	Unable to comment until traffic measures resolved	Waiting Decision

A Reminder of The Precepts for 2025-2026

		Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Current Year	2024-2025	£34.45	£40.19	£45.93	£51.67	£63.15	£74.64	£86.12	£103.34
Proposed	2025-2026	£34.41	£40.15	£45.88	£51.62	£63.09	£74.56	£86.03	£103.24
Increase/(Decrease)		(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.11)

Following the normal business and AGM at Woodchurch's February meeting Mike Rose, gave a heart warming and often humorous account of his journey from a career in the navy to becoming Associate Priest at All Saints Church.



At the age of sixteen Mike left his hometown in Hull and joined the navy, thus giving him the opportunity to see the world, learn the skills of seamanship and communication. He trained at HMS Raleigh in Torpoint, spent a period in the Caribbean, parts of Europe and at Chatham Dockyard.

After the navy he worked in various jobs until one day whilst on a short break in Amsterdam he found his calling. Out of the blue he sensed a need to attend a church service and for the next few years he found himself in Higher Education attending courses on Theology, Philosophy before becoming ordained. He then spent time working in Lincoln.

After meeting and marrying his wife Sue, who was also ordained, that the country faced the pandemic and Mike and Sue took up residence in Woodchurch where he now explained tongue in cheek that he "plays Robin to her Batman".

Having concluded his uplifting and inspiring talk Mike was then able to circulate and join us for tea and biscuits. This month's competition proved quite a challenge, being items related to the county of Yorkshire. Gillian came first with her "Moggy Cake" a type of Parkin which we all had the opportunity to try. Second was Kathy with a Yorkshire terrier dog in a tea cup, and in third place was Barbara's cricketing pin tray.

Next month March 11th, Woodchurch WI celebrates its 98th birthday. Kristina Boulden will be giving a talk entitled "The Living landscape". Meetings are held in The Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm, we look forward to meeting you then.

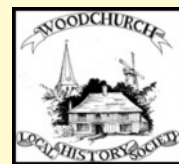
The popular annual WI Quiz is on May 10th.

You could advertise your company here from as little as £10 per month

Visit the HUB Web site for more information

www.woodchurchhub.uk/the-hub-old/newsletters/parish-newsletter-advertising

Woodchurch Local History Society



Our society meets on the first Monday of the month in the village Memorial Hall at 7:30pm. On Monday 3rd March we welcome David Tadd who will be giving an illustrated talk



entitled 'A Forensic Investigation into the Brighton Bombing'. In October 1984 the Provisional IRA attempted to assassinate Margaret Thatcher by planting a bomb in the Grand Hotel, Brighton. Fortunately, the Prime Minister survived. The remaining forensic evidence, left by the bombers, was investigated by David Tadd's department.

David was highly placed in the Met's forensic department and he was able to piece together enough evidence to convict and imprison the IRA bombers. David, who is a brilliant speaker, will tell his side of the story on Monday 3rd March. If you would like to hear this talk then please come along - you will be very welcome. Visitors pay £3 at the door (just turn up because there is no need to book). However, if you prefer to become a member of our society a fee of £12 will buy you annual membership.

In our following meeting on Monday April 7th, 7:30pm we will be welcoming Ed Adams who will be telling us about 'Kentish Clerical Errors'. This will be a romp through Kentish stories of 'contumacious clergy, priestly peccadilloes and ministerial misbehaviours'. Sounds fun, so please come.

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

Woodchurch Remembers

This year is something of a landmark, eighty years since the end of World War 2. VE Day (Victory Europe Day) is on Thursday 8th May, although fighting continued in the Far East against Japan. Woodchurch Parish was affected by the war in many ways, in the front line during The Battle of Britain, bombing, billeting troops, hosting American & Canadian forces and in particular the sacrifices engraved on our War Memorial. Those living here during the war years suffered hardship, shortages and a constant fear of attack but remained resilient throughout.



To mark the occasion Woodchurch Remembers would like to invite all Woodchurch Residents who lived through the war years to a buffet lunch in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th May. We would like to thank them and hear their stories. If you or a relative would like to attend please register your interest at the Woodchurch Hub to enable us to plan for the correct numbers.

In the evening there will be a ceremony to light the beacon, details of this and the lunch will be published in April's newsletter and on social media prior to that. Volunteers are sought to assist with the lunch, setting up & assisting guests, please contact us at woodchurchremembers@gmail.com. Don Grant Tel: [07796 28212](tel:0779628212).

[Beat the January blues by visiting the Rare Breeds Centre!](#)



Spring at the Rare Breeds Centre is fun for the whole family!

The days are growing longer, the sun is shining more, and spring is just around the corner!

Mother's Day Specials

This spring, we're honouring all the mums and carers in our lives with a special gift! Enjoy one free adult ticket on Sunday, March 30th, using the discount code MOTHERSDAY at checkout. Be sure to book in advance on our website to secure your tickets

Also, this Mother's Day, our Granary restaurant will be opening early at 9:30am, so why not stop by for breakfast? Enjoy our special breakfast deal, a bacon or sausage bap with a hot drink for just £5.95. Perfect to kickstart your day!

Ben & Holly Appearances at the Rare Breeds Centre

Come and meet Ben & Holly from Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom at the Rare Breeds Centre on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March! Ben and Holly will be making multiple appearances at intervals throughout both days. There will be five scheduled appearances, giving you ample opportunity to interact with the duo and capture those magical moments.

New: Rhyme & Sign with Siana on Fridays

Do you love our Storytelling Wednesday sessions? Join us for brand-new 'Rhyme and Sign with Siana' sessions! Kicking off on Friday 28th February, these fun and interactive sessions which include singing and Makaton signing will run every Friday at 11:30am and 1pm in the Discovery Zone. Each session lasts approximately 20-30 minutes and is included in the price of your ticket with no pre booking required.

Summer hours start April 1st

With spring just around the corner, our summer opening hours are approaching too! Starting Tuesday, April 1st, we'll be open 7 days a week from 10am to 5pm.

Check out our website for all the activities on during your visit, available at no extra cost. And don't forget to book to guarantee entry. We look forward to welcoming you!

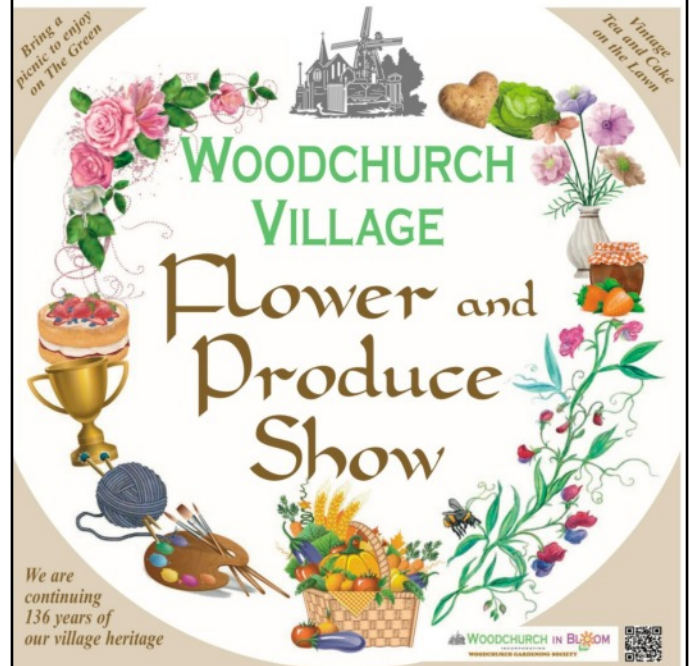
For more information please call [01233 861493](tel:01233 861493) or visit www.rarebreeds.org.uk

**[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 3pm.

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

Entry Forms now available from www.woodchurchinbloom.com or via Woodchurch HUB



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

19th July 2025

on The Green with Show exhibits in The Memorial Hall

Incorporating Traditional Country Crafts and Displays

The same categories as in 2023, so why not get growing & creating now!

All details are on the entry forms



GIVE and TAKE Event
Saturday 5 April 10.00 - 12.00
Outside the Church

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

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WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM

150+ Club 2025



Thank you to all the subscribers to the WVLM lottery draw. You will see the February winners of 2025 below - congratulations.

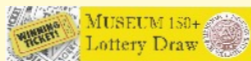
There is still time to be included in the draw and so if you still wish to subscribe (£15 for 9 months, £10 for the latter 6 months of the year) please contact enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk or Woodchurch HUB on 01233 861381 - or come in to The HUB.

This season will see two new exhibitions: -

1. Tribute to Geoff Loynes the founder of the museum who died recently. Geoff was a very talented individual who was involved in many exciting projects.
2. V.E. Day. It is 80 years since V.E. Day and the exhibition shows what went on in Woodchurch on that day and also what went on in the wider world.

You may be interested in volunteering as a museum steward at the weekends from April; come and find out what it entails.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum and Study Centre, Susan's Hill, TN26 .



February 2025 Draw Results

1st prize	£50	Linda Nutting	657
2nd prize	£30	Pat Rippon	571
3rd prize	£20	Geoff Turner	1025

For more information contact us at
enquiries@woodchurchheritagetrust.uk
or phone 01233 860586
or visit our Web site www.woodchurchheritagetrust.uk

Woodchurch Museum opening and Action Day

Woodchurch Museum opens its doors for the 2025 season on Saturday 5th April. To help get ready for the opening we will be holding an "Action Day" on Wednesday 12th March from 9:00am at the Museum. Although the maintenance team have been working throughout the winter, we now need to get the exhibition area and grounds ready for the public.

If you can spare an hour or so on the 12th March please come down to the Museum. There will be plenty of jobs to do but if you just want to come along and have a coffee (or just to see what the Museum is about) then you will be very welcome.



Soup and Sandwiches will be provided for helpers on the day.

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Apology - The Newsletter would like to apologise to Cranbrook Fresh Fish for printing an incorrect telephone number in the January edition.

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SPRING VILLAGE CLEAN-UP LITTER PICK

Saturday 27th March 2025 - 8am to 12pm

To help our industrious village litter pickers and the growing number of individuals who regularly clear the ditches and hedgerows in and around Woodchurch, please come and join us for our Spring Village Clean Up.



Bags, high viz jackets and litter pickers will be available - but if you have your own then please bring them along.

See you outside The HUB from 8am.

WOODCHURCH GREAT GARAGE/YARD SALE

Saturday 12th April 2025 10am to 3pm

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



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

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WOODCHURCH ART SOCIETY

PROUDLY PRESENT

ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2025

Once again, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you to visit our Annual Exhibition in the Woodchurch Memorial Hall on:-

Fri 23rd May 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Sat 24th May 10:30am - 4:30pm

Sun 25th May 10:30am - 4:30pm

Free Admission

We look forward to seeing you all again this year for

TEA - COFFEE - CAKES & SOME GREAT ART!

Gillian and Woodchurch WI would like to thank all who attended and contributed with raffle prizes and homemade cakes for their coffee morning in aid of DEBRA. We raised an amazing £900.

BOLDSHAVES

The garden here at Boldshaves opens for the season for the first time on Sunday 30 March, from 2-6pm. The garden will also be open in support of the National Garden Scheme and Childhood First on Sunday 13 April, also from 2-6pm. The Cliff Tea House will be open as usual whenever the garden is open, serving teas, coffees, home-made cakes and light refreshments. If you would like to organise a group visit for a gardening club or other local society outside these times, please get in touch.

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