

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017



WOODCHURCH
COMMUNITY
INFORMATION
CENTRE

WOODCHURCH KEY EVENTS IN MAY

See www.woodchurchinfo.com for all events

- 28th Apr-1st May Stone Green Nurseries Open Days. Open to all.
- 7th May Scout and Guide Boot Fair at Woodchurch Community Centre 10am to 1pm.
- 9th May Woodchurch W I Meeting at the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm with Anne from the Rare Breeds.
- 12th May Woodchurch Film Society presents "Sully: Miracle on the Hudson" 7pm in the Memorial Hall. The story of Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger, an American pilot, who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River to save the flight's passengers and crew.
- 12th -14th May Stone Green Nurseries Open Day. Open to all.
- 13th May Messy Church at High Halden Primary School 4pm - 6pm. 01233 850755 Revd. Denyer.
- 13th May Coffee Morning at Woodchurch Memorial Hall - 10am to noon.
- 15th May CARM Meeting Point at the Bonny Cravat 10am to 12 noon.
- 15th May Royal British Legion Meeting at the Bonny Cravat at 8.30pm.
- 18th - 20th May Woodchurch Players present 'Dancing at Lughnasa' - see attached leaflet.
- 21st May Woodchurch Gardening Society - NGS visit to Brickwall Cottages, Frittenden - see below.
- 21st May Benefice 'Beats the Bounds' - see page 2.
- 23rd May Woodchurch Gardening Society - nursery visit to the Walled Nursery at Hawkhurst 2.30pm.
- 26th May Ashford Astronomical Society meeting at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.
- 26th - 28th May Woodchurch Art Society - see page 2.

NGS visits - names to coordinator, Claire Town, on 01233 860165 in advance. Groups to meet in the Memorial Hall car park at 2.00pm.

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Community Payback Scheme Workers to spruce up the Churchyard

Our churchyard will be given a spruce up by low-risk offenders working in the community under the supervision of Seetec, a local community rehabilitation company.

The Community Information Centre made the bid for the work on behalf of the Church and several other member organisations.

The work will include removing briars and weeds from the Churchyard and the Glebe Field, grass cutting, the creation of a wildflower garden and the reinstatement of ditches.

The scheme will provide opportunities for restorative justice and for offenders to learn new skills.

For the Information Centre, Rob Woods said "We were pleased to introduce, Seetec, to our local member organisations. The Churchyard is seen as a highly prized community resource not only by the Church itself but by family members of people buried there, the Parish Council, Royal British Legion and those researching family histories"

Community Payback can consider work for charities and not-for-profit organisations, and can complete projects such as painting and decorating, gardening and grounds maintenance, litter picking and graffiti cleaning.

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Any Items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Community Information Centre

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LOCAL PRODUCE

BULL GREEN FARM SHOP, Bethersden

This farm shop sells mince, steak, fillet, roasting joints, etc from Dexter cattle reared on Bull Green farm. They sell chops, legs, shoulders, etc from Ryland sheep raised on the farm. Sausages and pork joints from Middlewhite pigs reared in Woodchurch are also available.

Frozen meat can be bought at the shop or telephone the number below to order fresh meat.

Bull Green Farm Shop sells seasonal vegetables grown on the farm and eggs from chickens kept on the farm.

They also stock items from local Kentish producers - cheese from Curd and Cure, Kentish Mayde pies, pickles, chutneys and jams from Sugar and Spice and Cottage Delight.

01233 822463

Cuckoo's Pit Farm - Farm Shop

Specialising in lamb and beef

Whatever your budget, the quality is always good.

Whether it's high-end meats you're looking for or more modestly priced cuts, all the lamb and beef originates on the farm. As it is a working farm, please contact them before going. Free local delivery for orders of over £35 (within a 10 mile radius otherwise a small charge applies).

01233 860199 07894 268580

Plurenden Farm Shop

Located on Plurenden Lane, this farm shop sells whole and semi-skimmed milk and cream from their own cows.

They also stock apple juice from Biddenden Vineyards, Simply ice creams and Kentish Mayde pies.

01233 822084

Benefice "Beats the Bounds"

Worship,
Walking...
or Wheels!

Walk along or join at any point on our Rogation Sunday prayer and worship around our three villages...

Sunday 21st May

8:00am Holy Communion
at St Margaret's, Bethersden
followed by refreshments

11:00am

Eucharist at St Mary's, High Halden
followed by BYO picnic lunch
5:00pm NEW all age "Open Church"
at All Saints Woodchurch
with refreshments

ROAD CLOSURES

Kent County Council has informed us that 3 of Woodchurch's roads will be subject to closures as part of a wider repairs programme. Once known, the planned dates will be notified well in advance of the works.

BETHERSDEN ROAD - Closure between Plurenden Road and MayShaves

REDBROOK STREET - Closure between Woodchurch Road to Bethersden Road

FRONT ROAD - Closure between The Green and Lower Road

SNIPPETS

A list of our current Business Members is included in this newsletter

Passionate Food are holding a Supper Club evening on Wednesday, 17th May. Making the most of the delicious local seasonal ingredients like asparagus and strawberries. Cost is £30 per head. They get booked up quickly so ring 07736 711822

Boldshaves Garden is open to the public every weekday afternoon 2pm to 6pm. £5 per person. Under 14s free.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum is open every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday 10am to 4pm. 01233 860240.

Woodchurch Windmill is open Sundays and Bank Holidays 2pm - 5pm. 01233 861144.

Flower Arranging Classes for Beginners - every Wednesday in Woodchurch Memorial Hall. 10am - 1pm. 01233 860183.

Body Tone with Jo Furneaux @ Woodchurch School Hall Tuesdays 7pm - 7.45pm every week in term time 07961 978068.

Up to 31/5 - Free Tray of Bedding Lobelia when you spend £15 at Tenterden Garden Centre. Voucher in Information Office.

Woodchurch Driving Group RDA - a unique gift: adopt a pony for only £10 per year. This will help raise funds for the benefit of adults with disabilities. For further information please call 01233 770558. Volunteers are also wanted.

Events for Canterbury Oast Trust - COT will be holding a lunch at London Beach Hotel, Tenterden on Monday, 12th June at 1pm. The cost is £12.95 which will be donated back to the charity. Please ring the number below to book your place and receive your menu options. The **Summer Raffle** has been launched and will be drawn on 10th September. Tickets cost £1 from the Rare Breeds. Contact for both the lunch and the raffle is Margaret Hanlon, Friends of COT, 01233 732684.

Carvers Stable, Bethersden will have an Open Studio in June **Conifer Lodge Boarding Kennels, Appledore** will be having a Dog Show on Sunday, 9th July.

Wealden Literary Festival will take place at Boldshaves on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July 2017. www.wealdenliteraryfestival.co.uk for details

Weald of Kent Steam Rally 5th & 6th August 2017.



WOODCHURCH ART SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION



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

Friday	26th May	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	27th May	10am - 4pm
Sunday	28th May	10am - 4pm

Admission Free

Paintings,
Special "Seasons" Exhibition
Raffle, Tombola,
Refreshments,
Greetings Cards.



We look forward to seeing you all again this year.



It's your community information centre!

A Community interest company (a not for profit company) has been formed to run the centre. The Directors are voluntary and any surpluses are invested in Woodchurch parish. Not for profit companies offer a wider section of the local community the chance to oversee the future direction of the centre. Members (individual, group or business) will receive an annual report and can elect directors and hold them to account for the way they run the company.

JASMINE TRAVEL CLUB

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Sat. 26th Aug. 2017

Brighton Centre

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for further information
Telephone 01233 624241



Thursford Christmas Show

3 day break to include Thursford Christmas Show

28th to 30th November 2017

£236.85 per person sharing

£276.85 per person single

For further details and booking

Contact Jasmine Travel Club - 01233 624241

WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Lower Road, Woodchurch, TN26 3SQ



BOOT FAIR HELD 1st SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH IN AID COMMUNITY HALL FUNDS

Stalls are available both inside and out, but if cold or inclement all stalls will be inside.. Here are the dates for 2017:-

(There is no January boot fair) Feb 5th - Mar. 5th -Apr.2nd - May 7th
- June 4th - July 2nd - Aug 6th - Sept. 3rd - Oct 1st -Nov. 5th - Dec.3rd
Opening time is 9am (Stall holders arrive at 8am)

A table is £5 with further tables at £2.50 each. Stall-holders will be issued with a loyalty card. Once they have paid for a table at three boot fairs, they will be offered a table for the fourth time free of charge. For a premium position, book in advance Tel:- Tracey 01233 861 236 or Clive 01233 860 139 or just turn up on the day.

PLEASE NOTE:- Kitchen opens at 9.15. Why not come for breakfast?

MENU

Bacon roll 99p - Sausage in a roll 99p - Fried egg in a roll 99p

Tea 50p - Coffee 50p - Orange/Lemon squash 25p - Ice cream cone 50p

Full English Breakfast £2.50

Comprising :- Toast - Sausage - Bacon - Egg - Tomato - Mushroom - cup of tea.

Woodchurch Tennis Club

- A very sociable club
- Fun and competitive tennis
- Mens, ladies & mixed teams
- All ages welcome
- Coaching available



We would love to find some new members to play in our teams in the Ashford and District Tennis Leagues

Want to find out more?

Call Roger Lightfoot 01233 860522 or
Philippa Jones 01233 861486

Or visit www.woodchurchtennisclub.co.uk

Or come along and join in on our club nights on
Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

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Every week we are asked “Should I put my house on the market before I have found the house I’d like to buy?”



Here are the thoughts of Alex Davies on this tricky dilemma. Alex is Director and Head of Country Houses at Hobbs Parker and is based at our Ashford office.



“On the face of it, there is nothing to lose by viewing properties for sale before you have put your own on the market.

But!

Just bear in mind that you may find and fall in love with your perfect house and then find that the seller (or their estate agent) will not take your offer seriously until you have found a buyer for your own house.

And now you may be tempted into a mad scramble to get your own property onto the market risking being underprepared and possibly accepting an offer that is thousands of pounds lower than the true value of your property.

So what do we advise?

We understand that it’s a nuisance to have to keep tidying and cleaning your home and sending the kids out so you can show people around your home before you have found the house you’d like to buy but it is well worth it.

You can spend this time properly researching the market. And, when you have found a buyer for your home you can then view houses for sale knowing you are holding a hand full of aces!

You are now a serious buyer. Most estate agents have a special category for ‘hot buyers’ on their computer systems and you will go to the top of their lists. And when it comes to agreeing the price you will have to pay you will have plenty of negotiating power.

Any agent worth his salt will recommend that your offer is accepted over an offer from a buyer who still has to find a buyer even if their competing offer is a little higher than your own.

And in most cases, unless you have a buyer the seller’s agent will probably recommend that the property you’d like to buy remains on the market and so you risk losing it.

Losing a house that you have fallen in love with is emotionally tough -- very tough.

So we recommend that you put your house on the market before you start a serious search for your next home.

We believe that this gives you the best chance of buying the house you want and at the best price.”

Thank you Alex. Food for thought.

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