

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017



WOODCHURCH
COMMUNITY
INFORMATION
CENTRE

WOODCHURCH KEY EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Stone Green Nurseries Open Days 29th September to 1st October.

Fundraising Prize Bingo Baton Twirling Team 1st October 5pm start at Woodchurch Memorial Hall.

Allan Schiller in concert at All Saints Church 6th October at 7.30pm - tickets from Woodchurch Community Information Centre, Woodchurch School and All Saints Church - 01233 861487.

Woodchurch Village Safari 7th October - see page 3.

All Day Breakfast Woodchurch Memorial Hall Trustees are organising an All Day Breakfast on Saturday 7th October.

Woodchurch Film Society presents 'A Street cat named Bob' (2016 12A) 13th October in Woodchurch Memorial Hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Coffee Morning Woodchurch Memorial Hall 14th October 10am-12noon.

Grave Talk - Cafe Church 5pm 15th October - Cafe space to talk about Death, Dying and Funerals, All welcome.

CARM's Meeting Point at the Bonny Cravat, Woodchurch, will be on the 16th October, & Martin Gurdon will be giving a history talk.

The Mix - Craft, Fun & Games for primary school children in the school holidays 24th October 10am - 12.30pm amongst the activities we will be making decorations for our tree at Woodchurch Christmas tree festival 01233 861363 to attend

Ashford Astronomical Society meeting at Woodchurch Memorial Hall on 27th October at 7.30pm.

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WCIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Over the next month we will be inviting members to re-join.

Renewal invoices will be sent out by e-mail or post. It was agreed at the AGM that membership fees for businesses and social groups will remain the same & Individual membership fees will no longer be collected.

The Centre has gone from strength to strength:

- We now have over 140 members
- We have posted a total of 7900 social media messages to 700 followers
- We have distributed 600 newsletters every month
- Website hits - 21% above 2016 - 60086 hits to date with the highest number of hits per day -221

We hope you continue to support our work of promoting local, rural businesses and organisations

SNIPPETS

We wish John Mackie, one of our volunteer newsletter distributors a speedy recovery from illness - If anyone can help us distribute the newsletters in John's absence it would be most appreciated -mainly Front Rd, Brattle, Bridge Close. 6-Bells areas.

WCIC will be proud sponsors of 20 Christmas Trees for the Christmas Tree Festival on December 2nd & 3rd in the Church. If you or your organisation has not yet registered an interest in decorating a tree please contact Ann Tiplady on 01233 861363

Work will be starting again soon on the **Woodchurch in Bloom** competition -watch this space!



The One Hundredth Production by the Woodchurch Players

Woodchurch Players are presenting three one act plays in October. The emphasis is on comedy

so if you need cheering up, book your tickets now!

The first half of the evening collectively entitled

'Deck Chairs' consists of two comedies

'Cupboard Love' and 'Doggies'. The second half of the

evening is another comedy written

by Simon Phelps 'Waiting for Chris'.

All are hugely enjoyable well written plays.

The performances are on 20th and 21st October 2017.

Book online at : www.woodchurchplayers.com

or ring 01233 861381.

The 2018 pantomime will be Jack & Jill & the Beanstalk and the performances will be on 12th/13th/14th/19th and 20th January 2018.

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

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Autumn Market
at All Saints
Woodchurch
Saturday 4th November
from 10 - 12
There will be stalls with lots of goodies and refreshments

GRAVETALK
A CAFE SPACE TO TALK ABOUT DEATH, DYING AND FUNERALS
at All Saints, Woodchurch
5pm 15th October



Should people talk more about death and dying?

Talking about death, dying and funerals means big questions that we need to face all our lives, but it's hard to talk to family and friends

RARE BREEDS CENTRE
Halloween Daytime Fear and Fun
Saturday, 21st to Sunday, 29th October
Scary stories & spooky song from Vunderbar the Wizard (Mon to Fri)
Cauldron Cookery Courses for kids with Effel Fartwaffer (Sat to Sun)
Wiley Wolf Productions presents 'Pirate Island'.
Collect a tasty treat when you complete the Spook's Trail.
Join in the 'Devil's Pig Race' and meet the scary Halloween characters around the farm.
01233 861493

TENTERDEN GARDEN CENTRE
Family Fun Day
Wednesday, 25 October from 10.30am to 4pm
Arts and crafts, face painting, activity trail, storytelling and a fancy dress competition [top prize is a jump session at Slipout, Ashford].
01233 758510

BARN DANCE - COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
Halloween Fancy Dress Optional
WOODCHURCH DRIVING GROUP RDA presents the Isle of Oxney Band on Saturday 28th October 7-10.30pm at Woodchurch Memorial Hall.
Tickets:- Adults £8, 5-10yrs £5, under 5's free
Tickets from Woodchurch Post Office
Enquiries: info@rdawoodchurch.co.uk



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SNIPPETS

- > The village's oil syndicate continues to grow and save people money. Anyone in the Woodchurch area can join FREE. For more information please contact Richard Everett on 07786066117 or woodchurchoilssyndicate@outlook.com
- > Woodchurch Parish Council's response to the proposal to build 30 homes in Appledore Road is now available on the PARISH COUNCIL website- www.woodchurch-pc.gov.uk
- > We've been asked for information on local firewood suppliers. We would recommend a WCIC member business on 01233 860022 or 07804881461

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

Start your Christmas off with a visit to the wonderful
Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

3 day break from Tues, 28th to Thurs, 30th November 2017 staying
at the Dunstan Hall Hotel, Norwich.

The hotel is set in 150 acres of stunning Norfolk parkland. All
rooms are en-suite.

The show is a blend of glorious entertainment with songs, carols,
dazzling dancers, beautiful costumes, outstanding music and
singing from their cast of over 100. Magical gift shops are lit up for
Christmas. A must is - Santa's magical journey into Christmas which
transports you into an enchanting world where elves, penguins,
snowmen, teddy bears and all Santa's other little helpers are at
hard at work. The journey ends inside Santa's house.

Price: £224.50 Sharing £264.50 Single

Sunday, 17th December: **Christmas at Hever Castle.** Visit the castle
to see the beautifully decorated rooms, welcoming log fires and
twinkling Christmas trees. Follow the Christmas trail through the
grounds, enjoy relaxed shopping in the Gift Shop. As dusk falls, the
gardens are magically illuminated with up-lighting and colour
washes. Price: £28.00 includes admission to castle and gardens.

For further details and booking

Contact Jasmine Travel Club - 01233 624241



**If you haven't trained your dog to
clean up after itself, please pick it
up for them. Thank you.**

There has been a large increase in dog mess
found on The Green and around the village.
You can purchase bags from Carley's Butchers or
obtain an odd bag from the Post Office or The
Information Centre.



WOODCHURCH SCOUT AND GUIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE



WOODCHURCH VILLAGE SAFARI

Having a clear out, why not be part of our
village safari, sell items from the comfort of
your own front garden/garage.

Saturday October 7th

10am till 1pm

£7.50

To appear on the map

Ring Lynn 860662 to register

Maps available on the day from the
woodchurch scout and guide community centre from 9.30am



A Table top sale will also be available in the hall to sell your
treasures if you prefer

All proceeds go to woodchurch scout and guide community centre

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

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When I am selling property in Woodchurch, I always extol the virtues of the community in which we live and how lucky we are to have so many active organisations and societies.

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School has played a central role in village life since the 19th century and there are many people in the village who have fond memories of their time there.

A village school really does add to the vibrancy of a village and I know many families specifically target a particular location to ensure their children can attend the village school, and I certainly know this to be true for Woodchurch. There are many events throughout the year that bring the school and the local community together (the annual school fete held on the green is a great example.)

So why am I telling you all this?

Have you thought about becoming a school Governor?

The governing body works closely with the headteacher and teaching staff in ensuring the children receive the best possible primary education. From time to time, we find ourselves with vacancies on the governing body and we specifically want members of the local community to put themselves forward to join the governing body.

The commitment is to attend 6 meetings a year (which tend to last a couple of hours and are held in the early evening) as well as periodic visits to the school to carry out monitoring. No specific skills are needed, just a desire to play a part in helping the school. There is plenty of training and support available; new governors do not get thrown in at the deep end!

If this is something that you feel you might like to know more about, I would be delighted for you to contact me; my home number is 01233 860692.

Being a school governor really is a rewarding thing to do and what can be more important than helping give young children a first class start in their school life?



Reading volunteers

A few years ago, we set up a programme of helping the children improve their reading skills by starting a group of reading volunteers to come into the school on a weekly basis to listen to the children read.

The impact on the reading skills of the children has been amazing and set against this success, we would dearly like to do even more, which means growing our band of volunteers.

Investing a couple of hours a week of your time would make a huge amount of difference and the feedback we get from our volunteers is that they find it a thoroughly rewarding experience.

If you would like to become a reading volunteer at the school, please contact Mrs Allen in the school office on 01233 860232 and she will be able to talk it through with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Simon Godfrey".



Simon Godfrey
Chair of Governors

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School