

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



WOODCHURCH  
COMMUNITY  
INFORMATION  
CENTRE

## WOODCHURCH KEY EVENTS IN APRIL

**Stone Green Nurseries** - are now open every day 9am to 4.30pm except Wednesdays.

**All Saints Church**, Woodchurch - Coffee Call **every Friday** at 9.00 to 11am [term time] 10.00 to 12 noon [other times]. Refreshments available. All welcome.

**Woodchurch flower arranging classes** for beginners every Wednesday 10am to 1pm at Woodchurch Memorial Hall - 01233 860183.

**Woodchurch Art Society** - Meets every Thursday morning from the first Thursday in September until the 2nd week in July from 10 - 12 am in the Memorial Hall. Anyone who is interested should contact [underhill4@sky.com](mailto:underhill4@sky.com) in the first instance.

**Woodchurch Local History Society** - A talk entitled "Taking Stock - the Hawkhurst Connection" by Barbara Turner **2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 7.30pm at Woodchurch Memorial Hall. Visitors £2/annual membership £10.

**Active Church** at High Halden School on **2<sup>nd</sup> April** 3 to 5pm.

**Woodchurch Herb Group** **3<sup>rd</sup> April** - see page 3.

Three churches together for **The Mix** on **10<sup>th</sup> April** at High Halden School Hall 10am to 12.30pm.

**Woodchurch WI** on **10<sup>th</sup> April** in the Woodchurch Memorial Hall at 7.15pm. Talk by Andy Padgham of Padgham and Putland Silversmiths "My Career in Silversmithing".

**Charity Quiz Night** - monthly quiz on **10<sup>th</sup> April** 8.00pm to 10.00pm at the Six Bells. A different local charity will be supported each month. Teams of up to six people. £1 per head. Free sandwiches to nibble during half time!

**Egerton Decorative and Fine Arts Society** 'Bronzes of Ife and Benin and a Historical View of Art and Sculpture in Nigeria' by Richard Thomas on **11<sup>th</sup> April** at Egerton Millenium Hall at 2.30pm. Contact Sue Lewry on 01233 647137.

**Woodchurch Film Society** presents 'Paddington 2' (2017 - 104 mins - PG) **13<sup>th</sup> April** in Woodchurch Memorial Hall. Doors open 7pm.

**Coffee Morning** at Woodchurch Memorial Hall **14<sup>th</sup> April** 10am-12pm.

**All Saints Church**, Woodchurch - church Cafe Style on **15<sup>th</sup> April** at 5pm.

**Woodchurch Scouts Quiz** on **15<sup>th</sup> April** at the Bonny Cravat at 7.30pm.

**CARM's Meeting Point** will be on **16<sup>th</sup> April** at the Bonny Cravat Pub at 10am to 12pm

**Woodchurch Gardening Society** - Tuesday, **24<sup>th</sup> April** a talk about "Plants and Crime" by Dr Mick Lynn at the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

**Ashford Astronomical Society** Meeting at Woodchurch Memorial Hall on **27<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm. 'Hoys Gaps citizen science project' by Dr Dirk Froebrich and AGM.

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## Going on Holiday?

### Pet boarding in and around Woodchurch

New Barn Farm Cattery	01233 860067
Craykats Cattery	01233 860239
Conifer Lodge Boarding Kennels	01233 758309

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Wealden Literary Festival** will take place at Boldshaves on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

**Weald of Kent Steam Rally** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



**Kent Police Male Voice Choir 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**  
at All Saints Church Woodchurch

Tickets £10 available from Ann Tiplady 861363  
Joyce Haynes 860427 and the Information Centre

Proceeds in aid of All Saints Church and Woodchurch Memorial Hall

Some of you may have heard that the Information Centre and public toilet were badly damaged after a water pipe burst during the recent cold spell. The toilet has now re-opened but the office will remain closed for some time. We have moved temporarily in to the Memorial Hall Annexe. Fortunately one of our volunteers, Daphne Stafford found the deluge and quickly raised the alarm. As a result of that swift action most of our office equipment was thankfully saved.

Some of our March newsletters were damaged however, and we apologise to anyone who did not receive one through the letterbox as usual.

If you would prefer to receive a copy of the newsletter by e-mail in future please e-mail [enquiries@woodchurchinfo.com](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchinfo.com) to let us know.

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

Tel: 01233 861381 Email: [enquiries@woodchurchinfo.com](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchinfo.com)

## Looking for an Easter activity that works for children, adults and dogs?

**Gusbourne**, the award-winning wine estate in Appledore, Kent are introducing a self-guided walking tour in time for the Easter holidays this year. From 29 March, stop in at Gusbourne's tasting room, the Nest, to collect a map and take the dog (and the kids) for a walk around the beautiful vineyards, learning about the flora and fauna that you pass. Then return to the Nest to reward yourself with a glass of wine overlooking the vines. The tour is free but donations in support of local charities are welcome. The Nest opening times are:- Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm, including Bank Holidays.

Contact: [www.gusbourne.com/visit](http://www.gusbourne.com/visit)  
[nest@gusbourne.com](mailto:nest@gusbourne.com) - 01233 884680

## WOODCHURCH ART SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Woodchurch Art Society would like to extend a warm welcome to you to visit their Annual Exhibition in the Woodchurch Memorial Hall on  
Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm to 9pm  
Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm

### Admission is FREE

There will be a special 'Famous Places' exhibition and other paintings and greetings cards. There will also be a raffle, tombola and refreshments. The Art Society looks forward to seeing everyone again this year.



Woodchurch Smokery produces a range of hot and cold smoked foods and was the first registered smokery in the Ashford area. Over the years Wade has been providing smoking and BBQ advice through private tuition and several international online forums, and last year he began providing formal tuition as the Woodchurch Smokery cookery school. Woodchurch Smokery also provide cooking demonstrations at events and food fairs.

Wade's love of smoking and BBQ began almost 20 years ago whilst working in the USA. It was here he discovered the true flavours of the traditional American style "low-and-slow" BBQ and was keen to bring them back to the UK. Since then he has been providing a range of traditional low-and-slow meats for both public and private events. Wade also organises the annual smokers' weekend which has been held each year in Lincoln.

About 10 years ago Wade started a range of cold smoked products, beginning with smoked cheese and fish. Woodchurch Smokery now produces smoked cheese and butter, traditional smoked salmon and other seasonal smoked fish, dry cured bacon and gammon, a range of smoked nuts besides smoked condiments and oils.

As well as producing a range of smoked produce Wade is keen on encouraging people to try to make their own at home. This he does primarily through his courses but he has also produced a bacon making starter pack to help people begin their adventures into home curing. The courses are designed to help you take your existing BBQ skills and develop them further than simply charcoal grilling. They help you to choose the most appropriate BBQ/Smoker for your garden and which types of fuel to use and which to avoid. They cover the different cooking techniques possible on the BBQ including roasting, hot and cold smoking and also baking. Wade has developed a new course for 2018 specifically aimed at home curing meat and fish. If you need any advice on smoking, BBQ or curing then Wade is happy to chat about his passion at length – but be prepared for a potentially long conversation!

Woodchurch Smokery is an artisan food producer that prides itself on producing regular small batches of hand crafted products. This enables us to also prepare specific products to meet individual requirements. If you rear your own pig and would like some of the meat turned into bacon, ham or gammon then Woodchurch Smokery will be happy to assist you. We provide a service to local trout fishermen who would like their catch cured and smoked. For the American ex-pats we can produce traditional American style smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving. If you are having a special event at home or work then we deliver low-and slow hot smoked foods ready to serve, including ribs, brisket, pulled pork and BBQ beans.

You can contact Woodchurch Smokery at [enquiries@woodchurchsmokery.com](mailto:enquiries@woodchurchsmokery.com), through our website

<http://woodchurchsmokery.com> or on 01233 860297.



## Apology

In the March newsletter we reported that the Bonny Cravat would be closing for refurbishment. That was the latest information we had when we sent the content to the printers. Our understanding is that that is no longer the case and the Bonny will remain open.

### 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.



**Woodchurch Windmill  
Woodchurch Village Life Museum  
Boldshaves Garden**

**Woodchurch Village Life Museum** is open every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays starting from Good Friday until the end of September from 10am to 4pm - 01233 860240.

**Woodchurch Windmill** is open Sundays and Bank Holidays starting with Easter Sunday/Monday up to the end of September 2pm to 5pm - 01233 861144.

**Boldshaves Garden** is open Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm from 16<sup>th</sup> April to mid October - 01233 860302.



**Woodchurch Herb Group**

Come and learn about the wonders of herbs. The Woodchurch Herb group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from April to December. The meeting times are 10am to 12pm or 2pm to 4pm.

Herbs will be harvested to make creams, ointments, syrups, oils, fruit leathers, essential oils and other herbal delights. Phone 01233 860633 to book. [www.littleworldherbs.co.uk](http://www.littleworldherbs.co.uk)

**Listen to the Nightingales at Boldshaves**



Every weekday evening during the week of 30 April they will be hosting walks through the woods at Boldshaves to hear the nightingales at the height of their mating season. No pre-booking required. Just come to the main house for a 6pm start. Cost £5. Parking available. [www.boldshaves.co.uk](http://www.boldshaves.co.uk)

**June 16th 2018**  
1 pm—4pm

**Summer Fete  
on The Green  
Come and join  
us for some fun!**

If you would like to help us with the event, set up or run a stall to help support your local school, please contact Woodchurch Primary school on 01233 860232 or Maria Watson. Email: [mariaelizabeth.watson@gmail.com](mailto:mariaelizabeth.watson@gmail.com).  
Organised by F.O.W.S.A

**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](http://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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