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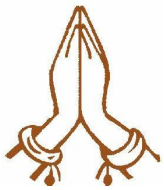

# Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone in this December-January issue of Village News! We hope you are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year, especially after the difficult time we all had last year.

Although we might have good intentions not to eat, drink and spend too much, this can sometimes get forgotten! January brings the opportunity to make New Year Resolutions – giving up alcohol for 'Dry January', starting a new fitness regime or a diet, which need a certain amount of willpower to keep up.

In this December-January edition of the magazine we hope you all enjoy reading it and find it useful to know what's going on in our village. If you would like to write something for the Village News or advertise your business, please email us- all contributions are most welcome. Please send all material by the 15th of the month before the next magazine comes out (i.e. 15th January for February's edition) to:

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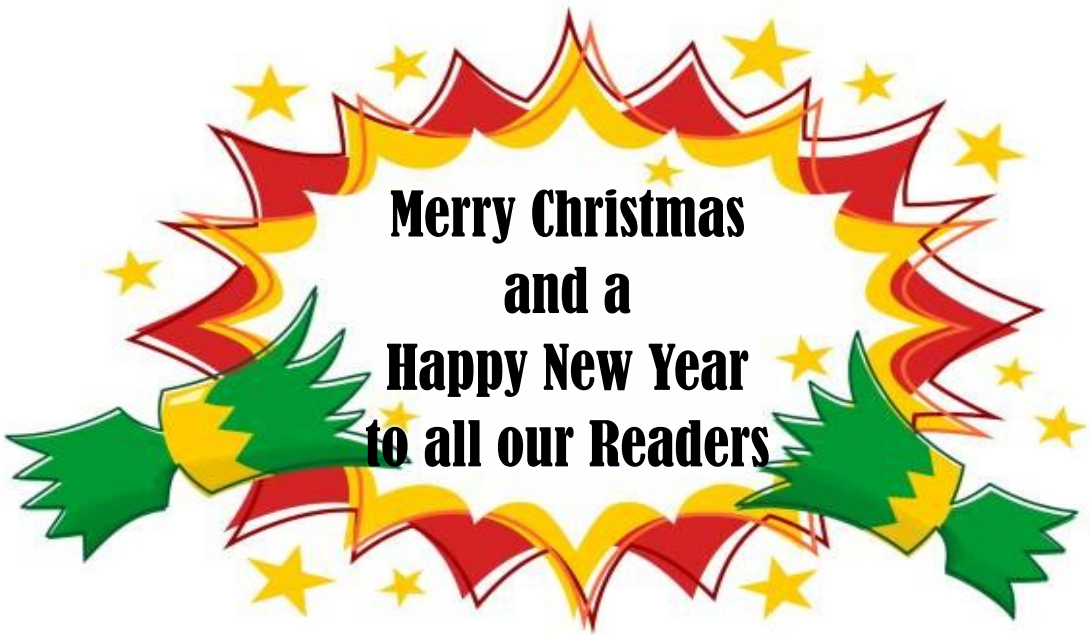
We hope you like the Christmas card, which is being delivered with this month's magazine, with the cover designed by a local village artist. It includes details of the Christmas services in Woodnesborough Church. Information about all of these is also in the magazine. On behalf of the magazine team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year!



# Woodnesborough Village Hall

**Monday**

09:00 - 12:00 am Little Kickers Group
2:00 - 4:00 pm Worth Art Class
3:30 - 7:00 pm KAT Study Club

**Tuesday**

08.30 - 09:30 am Tai Chi ( Adults only)
10:00 - 11:30 am Coffee Pot
10:30 - 12:00 am The Phoenix Singers
3:45 - 7:00 pm Heather's Dance Club - Atrium
4:15 - 6:15 pm Heather's Dance Club - Main Hall
7:00 - 8:30 pm Yoga
7:30 - 9:00 pm Parish Council ( 4th Tuesday of the month)

**Wednesday**

09:30 - 12:30 am Sandwich Art Group
6:30 - 7:30 pm Tai Chi (Adults only)
7:15 - 9:15 pm Women's Institute ( 2nd Wednesday of the month)

**Thursday**

09:30 - 11:30 am St Mary's Woodnesborough Baby & Toddler Group
7:15 - 8:30 pm Yoga Class
7:15 - 9:15 pm Gardeners' Club ( 3rd Thursday of the month)

**Friday**

09:30 - 11:00 am Yoga
3:45 - 5:45 pm KAT Club
6:30 - 7:30 pm Karate Class (Adults)
6:30 - 7:30 pm Friday Fit Club

# Woodnesborough Village Hall Update

**The Village Hall are taking bookings for 2022.** If you are looking to book a birthday party, Christening party, Wedding or another social event please contact us and we can arrange for you to view our lovely modern hall and see what we have to offer.

We have two halls, a kitchen, meeting room, and enclosed garden area- all of which are available to be rented out for different occasions.

If you would like further information please contact one of the team for any enquiries you might have.

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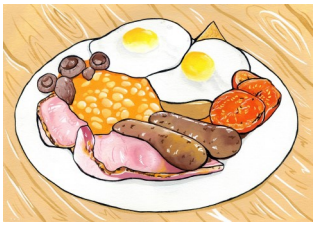


# Parish Breakfast in Village Hall Next dates and speakers

**Saturday 4th December** - Kerry Banks - Martha Trust.
**Saturday 8th January** - Ruth Millard - Christians Against Poverty.
**Saturday 5th February** - Rev Kirrilee Reid.

Breakfast (full English) is served at 9 and we finish by 10 but please tell us you're coming as food is bought to order.

Please contact Ken Flower on:

**013046 14142 or 077639 36828 or flowerken1@hotmail.com**

# St Mary's Church, Woodnesborough

## Christingle Service

## Sunday 5th December at 4pm

An informal service where children (and adults) can make a Christingle and join together in praise and singing songs.

At the end of the service all the candles are lit to spread a warm glow around everyone - a symbol of the light of Christ.

EVERYONE WELCOME

# Christmas Services at St. Mary's Church Woodnesborough

There are a variety of services leading up to Christmas. You are warmly welcome to join us.

**Sunday 5th December** **8.00am** **Holy Communion**
**4.00pm** **Christingle Service**

*An informal service where children (and adults) can make a Christingle and join together in singing songs. At the end of the service all the candles are lit to spread a warm glow around everyone - a symbol of the light of Christ.*

**Friday 10th December** **6 for 6.30pm** **Christmas Carol Singalong in Woodnesborough Village Hall.**

*Carols accompanied by the Deal Academy Brass Band. Refreshments including mulled wine.*

**Sunday 12th December** **10.00am** **Holy Communion & Christmas Tree Memorial Service**

*Dedicated to loved ones who have passed away and a chance to write a message on a star in their memory which can be hung on the remembrance tree.*

**Sunday 19th December** **10.00am** **Advent Carol Service**

*Community event, local clubs and groups in the village are invited to take part. There will be a mixture of traditional readings, poems, and well-known carols.*

**6.30pm** **Carol service at STAPLE Church**

*There will be a mixture of readings, poems, and well-loved carols*

**Friday 24th December** **4.00 pm** **Christmas Eve Crib Service**

*An informal service when the children help tell the nativity story by building the crib and singing Christmas songs.*

**Saturday 25th December** **10.00am** **Christmas Day Holy Communion**

*Join with us together on Christmas morning as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.*

**Sunday 26th December** **10.00am** **Benefice Service at Northbourne**

# Welcome to our new Part-time Vicar

We would like to give a warm welcome to the Revd. Kirrilee Reid who has joined the Eastry-Woodnesborough Benefice as Interim Priest, on a part-time basis. We look forward to her ministry and support during our interregnum.

Kirrilee has just moved down from Scotland, where she was Spiritual Director of a Christian Retreat Centre. Before that she was Chaplain and Refugee Project Officer in Northern France, licensed through Canterbury.

Originally from Canberra, Australia, Kirrilee now lives in Dover with her husband, Ewan (also from Canberra), and their daughter Milly. Ewan is a teacher in a school in Dover. They also have two grown-up sons living in Glasgow.

Kirrilee is passionate about social justice issues, and in her spare time (what little there is of it) her hobbies are music, creative writing, art and travel.

The post of Interim Priest, or Vicar, is three days a week, so we have Kirrilee's time on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays plus Sunday services including baptisms, and occasional weddings and funerals on other days. We would ask everybody to respect her working hours, and not expect responses to emails, etc. on other days. We will publish her telephone number soon - she is currently waiting on installation - but for now Kirrilee can be contacted by email on kirrilee.reid@gmail.com or through the Benefice office.

Welcome Kirrilee!

**Trisha Wells**
**Benefice Administrator**

**St Mary's wish**
**you all a**
**Happy Christmas**
**and a**
**Peaceful New Year**

## Lead Distributor needed

I have organised the distribution of our magazine for some time now and feel the time is right to hand on this task to someone else. I collect the magazines from the printer in Broadstairs, then divide them up and deliver them to the people who deliver to your door. This takes about 4 hours in total.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all who help by delivering to you.

Many thanks,

Ken Flower

## Local Village Events

**Staple Christmas Fayre** - Sunday 5th December - 11.00 till 4.00 at Staple Church

Come and meet Father Christmas, enjoy refreshments and explore local craft stalls and sideshows.

**Quiz -** Saturday 11th December - 7.30pm - Staple Village Hall

£5 per person, teams up to 8 people - bring your own food & drink.
To book a table call/text **Trevor 07980 300084** or Dave **01304 812870**.

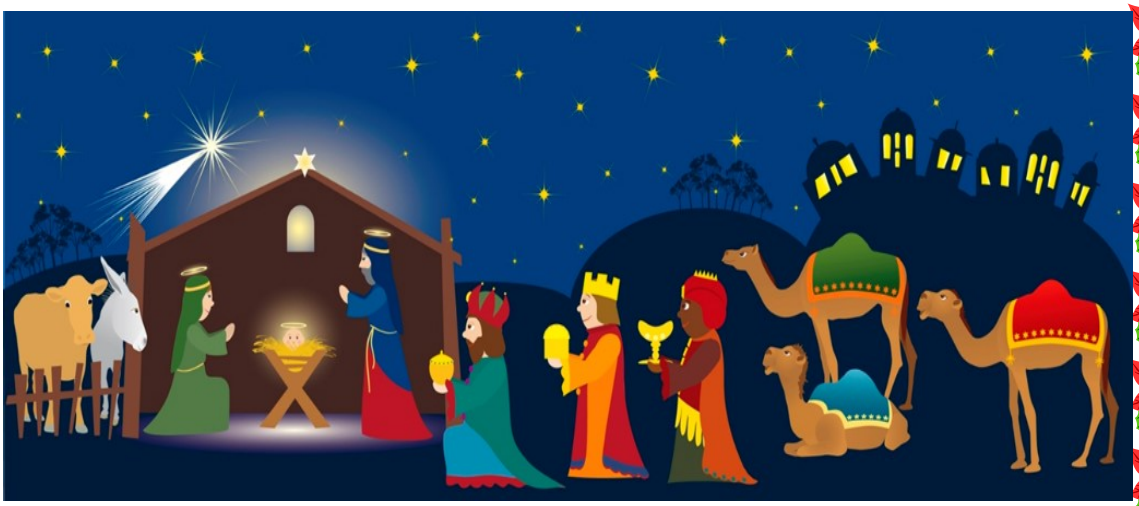
### Sandwich Christmas Lights and King Street Party

**Saturday 4th December** - Activities from 10.00am onwards - **Lights switched on 7.00pm** - come join the Christmas Jumper Parade at 13.00 with the chance to win a prize!

# St Mary's Church Woodnesborough

## Christmas Eve Crib Service

## Friday 24th December at 4pm



**An informal service where the Christmas story is told by the children building the crib and singing Christmas songs and carols**

**All welcome**

**Followed by refreshments**

# Coffee, Cake and Chat

## Every Saturday - 10am - 12 midday

## in St Mary's Church, Woodnesborough

## a chance to meet new friends and have a friendly chat in a relaxed community environment

'Coffee, Cake and Chat' has now restarted, 10am - 12 midday every Saturday morning in **the Church**, or weather permitting, outside in the sunshine. Everyone is welcome to come and relax, chat, meet new people over a mug of coffee or tea; an informal time for all. Coffee and cake is free. (though there is a tin for donations if you think the cake deserves it!)

May I take this opportunity to thank those people who have made and donated cakes in the past and have offered to do so again, and thanks to the church for donating coffee and tea and the church space.

# Coffee Pot

' Coffee Pot' has restarted, 10am until 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the **Village Hall.** We do ask you to bring your own mug for the time being. We provide the coffee and biscuits and company. We ask for £1.50 towards the cost of hiring the hall. The Village Hall committee asks that everyone observes current Covid regulations; to have a mask for walking inside the building; to have either both vaccinations or a negative Lateral Flow Test on the morning; not to wander into other rooms, including the kitchen. Other than that, we look forward to welcoming you again and to greeting new people.

Further information is available from Hilary Baldwin. See back of the magazine for telephone number.

# *Woodnesborough Football Club*

**" We are back, we are back, we are back!"**

Please watch this space for up and coming exciting events in the New Year - in the meantime we would like to wish all our supporters and followers a

**"Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"**

# Poem of the Month

## 'Continuing On'

The carols are sung, the Bible's been read,
The babe in the manger, but no proper bed,
The bright light in the sky, the angels so bright,
With message to shepherds, on duty that night.

They went to the stable to see what did pass,
The couple and baby, the ox and the ass,
The wise men from far came the baby to see,
And gave precious gifts, and bended the knee.

There's more of the story of Jesus you know,
The baby to child, then to adult did grow,
He died on the cross to show his great love,
Then rose from the dead and ascended above.

If you leave the story with babe in the stall,
You'll miss out on his mercy and love for us all.
Come, turn to the Shepherd as one of his sheep,
To share in his love you must close to him keep.

May the blessing of Jesus, truly God's Son,
And Father and Spirit, mysteriously one,
Be with us in peace times, and in our strife,
And guide us and help us throughout all our life.

**Donald Baldwin**

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**January, Sat 22nd,** Join us for a traditional Games Night

**Food Loyalty Card starting in January**

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Please enquire for more details about Christmas Booking Availability

Clairvoyant Eve– 6:30 for 7pm, Sat 4th Dec, Thurs 13th Jan, Sat 19th Feb, Thurs 10th March
Andy's Quiz Night–7pm Start, Sun 26th Dec (&AM), Sat 29th Jan, Sat 26th Feb, Sat 26th March

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# Wordsearch

**Find all the words below the Christmas tree. Then, reading from the top, left to right, take each unused letter to make a hidden message.**

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Chestnuts mistletoe presents reindeer stocking fun

Ivy crackers tree cake snow star toys

Rudolph candles chimney angels carols sledge

sleigh tinsel turkey lights bells fairy holly

cards party Santa icing happy frost

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# Woodnesborough Gardeners Club

Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm in Woodnesborough Village Hall. Instead of a sharing buffet, this year we are asking members to bring their own food and drink. We also hope to have some entertainment arranged for the evening.

We now have next year's programme arranged and looking ahead to January, our meeting will be the 2nd Thursday in the month, on 13th at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Stephen Harper and the subject is La Chaire, the story of Jersey's lost garden. New members and guests welcome.

On Thursday 17th February 2022 we will be holding our quiz evening. The cost is £3.00 per person and bring along you own food and drink. Tables of a maximum of 8 people must be pre booked, or you can put your name down to join a table. Please ring us on 01304 812373 to book. Initially, members will be given priority for bookings.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

***Ken & Linda Butcher***

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# Birding With Big Nick

I've not been out with my camera very often recently but I did make the effort for a very rare visitor that showed up at Joss Bay in Broadstairs in October. It was a Desert Wheatear, a vagrant which normally migrates between Asia and Saudi Arabia or East Africa, so very much off course. It stayed for several days feeding on flies and sand hoppers on the beach. I'd only ever seen one before, at Reculver in 2014, so I was keen to try and get some good photographs of this bird while it remained.

**Desert Wheatear (male, non breeding plumage)**

Its close cousin the Northern Wheatear is a common visitor to Kent during migration and can usually be seen around Sandwich Bay in the spring when they start arriving from central Africa. The birds are often in their splendid breeding plumage, such as the male shown below. In the autumn they reappear in greater numbers because there are many of the freshly-raised young birds joining the adults. Juveniles, females and males in non-breeding plumage all look rather similar.

**Northern Wheatear, male in breeding plumage**

**Wheatear, male in non - breeding plumage**

Another bird that saw me grabbing my camera might surprise many of you, not some exotic species from far-flung shores but the humble Tree Sparrow. The only place I have seen Tree Sparrows in Kent was a small population at Dungeness – they may be elsewhere but if they are I'd not seen them. According to the RSPB their numbers plummeted by 93% between 1970 and 2008, but they are now slowly increasing. The causes of the decline are many-fold but it is a bird which I have seen abroad – often introduced – in places like Hong Kong and Singapore. In these places it has adapted to city life and behaves as House Sparrows do in the UK, finding food on the streets and pavements and living quite happily in an urban environment, so why they have not adapted here puzzles me. For comparison I have shown a male and female House Sparrow and then the Tree Sparrow, the male and female of which are identical and therefore very difficult to tell apart. There was a flock of about 14 at Sandwich Bay and they have stayed there for a few weeks now. It would be great if they stay all winter and perhaps set up a breeding colony there – who knows!

**Male House Sparrow**

**Female House Sparrow**

**Tree Sparrow – note the uniform brown head and distinctive black cheek patch.**

**Nick**

# Woodnesborough Parish Council

The Parish Council have met twice in the Village Hall since the last magazine was published. We met on 28th September and 26th October.

At our meeting in September, following the normal introduction, the minutes of the meeting of 27th July were read and signed and any actions arising were dealt with. We welcomed Simon Mallett onto the council as our new member and unfortunately, announced another vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Peter Charlesworth. We dealt with 5 planning applications and 9 planning decisions. After receiving correspondence and consultation documents, we had reports from our County Cllr Sue Chandler and District Cllr Dan Friend, who we welcomed as a new member of the team. Cllr Doug Smith and I reported on a joint meeting that had taken place with Woodnesborough and several other local councils over problems we are experiencing with illegal and legal but over developed traveller / gypsy sites.

We also discussed upcoming events which included celebration of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a new bus service through Marshborough and the village and litter and dog fouling. We also discussed various highways issues, including many road closures and any matters relevant to the Village Hall including problems resulting in police attendance and overflowing bins which were reported to DDC. After a report on finance, the meeting was closed at 9.19pm.

Our next meeting in October followed much the same pattern with the exception that our Clerk, Jo was unable to attend. My very grateful thanks go to Cllr Mandy Goodwin who stepped in to take the minutes. A member of the public spoke to us about The Local Community Fund run by our local Co-op which supports charities, not Parish Councils, and the information will be passed to local groups. The minutes were read and signed and we dealt with 4 planning applications and 2 planning decisions. After the correspondence and consultation documents had been noted, we received reports from our County and District Councillors. As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations we hope to be able to plant some more trees around that hall and also liaise with the Village Hall with an event to light the Woodnesborough beacon and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We had received 2 emails regarding traffic problems, one from Fleming Road and a second regarding Oak Hill and the area around the bus shelter. A letter was sent to the resident of Fleming Road and actions are being taken in respect of Oak Hill. Road closures continue to be a problem to residents. Issues raised in respect of the Village Hall were discussed and after a finance

report and adoption of the budget, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

I do hope you'll take the time to visit us at Woodnesborough-pc.org.uk and don't forget that our meetings are open to all members of the public.
We do not meet in November so our next meeting is on 7th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Brenda Baker**

# Parish Council Vacancy

Do you feel you can serve your local community, Woodnesborough Parish Council meet 10 times a year on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Training is available for new councillors and the "The Good Councillors Guide" can be found on the Parish Council website, under **Documents, https:// woodnesborough-pc.org.uk.**

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please send a written application to the Clerk, telling the members a bit about yourself and what you feel you can offer to the Council.

Address to Jo Jones, **Clerk to the Parish Council, Thornton House, Thornton Lane, Eastry, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 0EU or email clerk@woodnesborough-pc.org.uk**

# Are you dreaming of a White Christmas?

Photograph of St Mary's Woodnesborough taken by one of our avid readers after a sprinkling of snow - do you have a photograph of the local area you would like to share? Please send it to us with a brief description at:

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# Woodnesborough W I

The WI met on 13th October in the atrium of the village hall. Our president Liz Spanton welcomed us all to the meeting. There were no minutes from the August meeting as it had been our outing. Our President Liz explained that the ACWW money was for the only charity we as a WI are able to support as the WI is itself a charity but that the cheque for the last ACWW money had never been cashed.

Lucy our treasurer explained that the books had gone to the accountant and that we had £801.90 in the bank. Liz Spanton was voted president unanimously and Lucy Hawkes was voted as secretary. The committee of Liz, Lucy, Brenda and Pippa were elected en bloc. We discussed revamping the tablecloth but retaining the WI logo as it had been embroidered on beautifully.

The Christmas dinner is at Jaynie's Kitchen in Addisham and the correspondence was noted. There is a create a Christmas card competition and a 'make a little tree' competition. There is a photo competition and the theme is the silence of church. The craft day at Chilham is at a cost of £12 per person + cost of the craft. We also got our painted items back after painting them in the September meeting.

We then discussed speakers and outings and were asked to give any ideas to Lucy. She then handed round sheets for the handbag quiz and this was won by Mary and Val who covered 20 of the 26 letters. The competition letter 'B' was won by Lucy for her 'Bee Happy' cushion.

We had tea and coffee and the raffle and the meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Our November meeting took place on 10th in the village hall and Liz welcomed 10 members. The minutes were read and signed and correspondence read. The annual Council meeting will be at the Lees Cliff Hall on 16th March 2022.

Our speaker was Judith Knight on 'A wartime Christmas'. It was a fascinating talk by a true enthusiast and evoked many memories not only of the war but of the shortages that affected life for some while after the war. Judith had bought many items from her collection and used them to vividly illustrate her talk. We were able to look at them close up after her talk and share her enthusiasm for the inventiveness and resilience of the people of the era.

After tea and the raffle the competition letter 'C' was won by Lesley Bailey with her photo of children (her grandchildren).

Our December meeting will be our Christmas lunch so our next meeting is in January when we will have a Beetle drive.

**Brenda Baker**

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Please don't hesitate to contact me for any more information.

Colin Varrall

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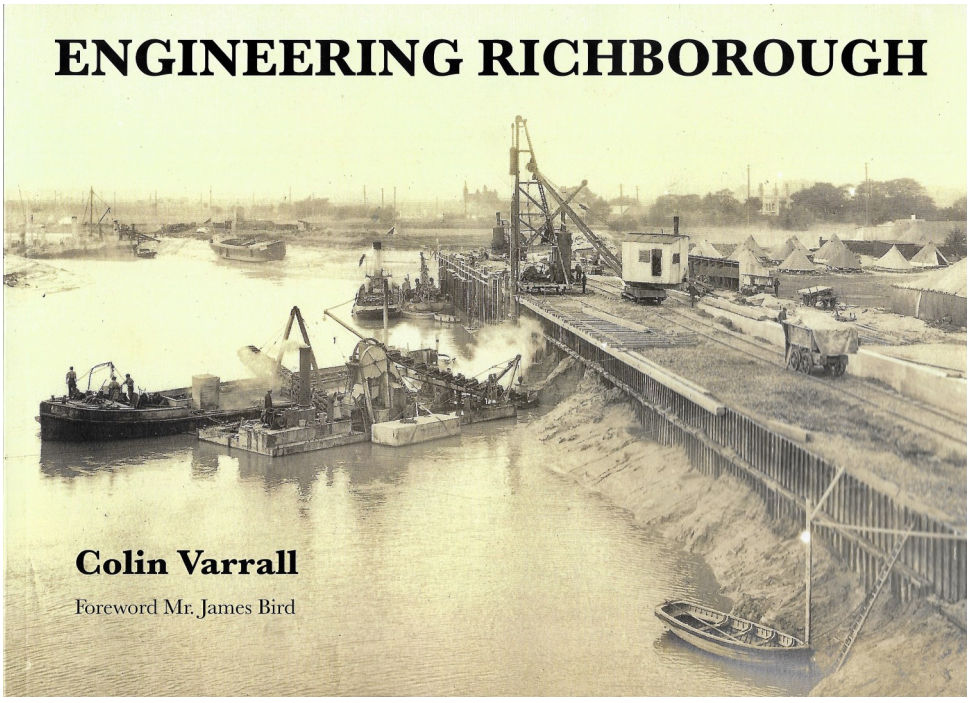

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# Sandwich Connect Timetable
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## Background

During 2018, Kent County Council conducted a Countywide consultation process regarding the future of rural transport in Kent. The 'Big Conversation' was conducted to help us understand how we get better value out of the subsidy that we use to provide bus services and understand if our residents and bus users were open to using different forms of transport.

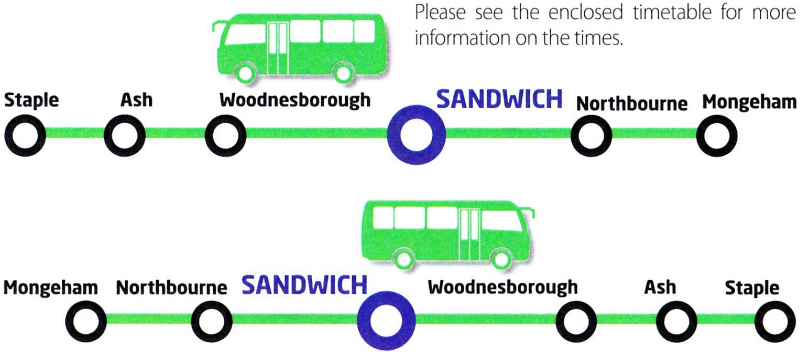
As part of this process, Kent County Council allocated funding to provide a series of year-long Pilot routes. In the summer of 2019, we launched 6 new routes in Dover, Maidstone, West Malling, Sevenoaks and Tenterden. We hope that the new routes prove popular and are sustainable and if they are we can look to use them as the basis on which to provide rural transport in the future. In early 2020, the Council was successful in securing Supported Bus Services funding from central government which is being used to continue our Pilot Schemes for at least one more year. Social distancing measures will be observed on the vehicle along with the wearing of masks for anyone without a valid exemption.

## What is the Sandwich Connect?

The Sandwich Connect is a new Kent County Council Rural Transport Initiative. Kent makes significant use of taxis and other school transport providers, as part of its network of home to school transport, but there is an opportunity to make greater use of these operators in between the morning and afternoon school runs. Like a normal bus service, the Sandwich Connect will charge individual fares along the line of route as well as accept ENCTS passes. The Sandwich Connect Bus will serve all marked bus stops along the line of route at the request of passengers, as well as offering a 'hail and ride' service in more rural areas. This service launched on 10th June 2019 and is operated by Britannia.

## Where will the Sandwich Connect operate?

The Sandwich Connect will operate in Staple, Ash, Woodnesborough, Guilton, Northbourne and Mongeham, providing these rural communities with a link to Sandwich. The bus will operate between the hours of 0939-1603 Monday to Friday only, with the exception of Bank Holidays when there will be no service. Please see the enclosed timetable for more information on the times.




## Sandwich Connect

| Staple - Ash - Woodnesborough - Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham | | Sandwich Connect | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mondays to Fridays** | | | | | |
| Staple, Three Tuns | | 0939 | 1109 | 1309 | 1439 |
| Staple, The Street | | 0940 | 1110 | 1310 | 1440 |
| Staple, Durlock Nursery | | 0943 | 1113 | 1313 | 1443 |
| Guilton Corner | | 0945 | 1115 | 1315 | 1445 |
| Ash, The Chequer Inn | | 0946 | 1116 | 1316 | 1445 |
| Ash, Mill Field | | 0949 | 1119 | 1319 | 1448 |
| Woodnesborough, Oak Hill | | 0953 | 1123 | 1323 | 1451 |
| Sandwich, The Guildhall | Arr: | 0959 | 1129 | 1329 | 1457 |
| | Dep: | 1002 | 1132 | 1332 | 1500 |
| Northbourne, Updown Lane | | 1009 | 1139 | 1339 | 1507 |
| Northbourne, Crossroads | | 1012 | 1142 | 1342 | 1510 |
| Mongeham, Church Close | | 1016 | 1146 | 1346 | 1514 |
| Mongeham, Church | | 1017 | 1147 | 1347 | 1515 |
| Mongeham, Village Hall | | 1018 | 1148 | 1348 | 1516 |
| St Nicholas Close Bus Shelter | Arr: | 1020 | 1150 | 1350 | 1518 |
| | Dep: | 1022 | 1152 | 1352 | 1522 |

| Mongeham - Northbourne - Sandwich - Woodnesborough - Ash - Staple | | Sandwich Connect | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mondays to Fridays** | | | | | |
| Mongeham, Village Hall | | 1024 | 1154 | 1354 | 1524 |
| Mongeham, Church | | 1025 | 1155 | 1355 | 1525 |
| Mongeham, Church Close | | 1026 | 1156 | 1356 | 1526 |
| Northbourne, Crossroads | | 1030 | 1200 | 1400 | 1530 |
| Northbourne, Updown Lane | | 1033 | 1203 | 1403 | 1533 |
| Sandwich, The Guildhall | Arr: | 1040 | 1210 | 1410 | 1540 |
| | Dep: | 1043 | 1243 | 1413 | 1543 |
| Woodnesborough, Oak Hill | | 1049 | 1249 | 1419 | 1549 |
| Ash, Mill Field | | 1053 | 1252 | 1423 | 1553 |
| Ash, The Chequer Inn | | 1056 | 1256 | 1426 | 1556 |
| Guilton Corner | | 1057 | 1257 | 1427 | 1557 |
| Staple, Durlock Nursery | | 1059 | 1259 | 1429 | 1559 |
| Staple, The Street | | 1102 | 1302 | 1432 | 1602 |
| Staple, Three Tuns | | 1103 | 1303 | 1433 | 1603 |

## Fares

Fares for the Sandwich Connect are £3.00 single, £5.00 return, child fare £1.00 per journey. We encourage ENCTS passholders to pay a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per journey to help with the sustainability of the pilot, however ENCTS passes will be accepted in the usual way.

# Woodnesborough Police News Update

Hello to you all and I hope that you're all keeping well, the nights are now dark early, and I'd like to remind you of a few safety tips for the winter evenings and also leading up to Christmas and the New Year.

Firstly, make sure that if there is a knock at the door, you have a safety chain on and that its secure before opening if you haven't had an appointment telling you that you're expecting someone. If not, then always ask for ID and if you are not sure then feel free to contact the Police on 101 and we can help over the phone and give advice. If in doubt, then don't answer - if it's important they will come back or send a letter arranging a visit.

Be aware when you are putting the bins out if it's dark that your doors are not left wide open or do this in the daylight where you can see if anyone is in the area.

With Christmas comes new gadgets and lots of packaging, only put that out on bin day so you can't be targeted by thieves as you will be unknowingly telling them what Santa brought you!!

Also if carol singers come to your street don't feel obliged to open the door - you can always listen from the window and show your appreciation from there. Please just be alert and look out for your neighbours, feel free to call 101 the non-emergency number. If you have any concerns over the festive period and would like me or my colleagues or any partner agency to help out then just call.

**On December 4th from 10am through the day there will be activities in Sandwich then a Christmas lights switch on at 7pm.**

## Speed Checks

I have also been out with my Special colleagues in the area of Woodnesborough conducting speed checks which have been successful and we will be out again at the end of this month. If before this happens and there is a area you'd like me to be in then drop me a message or come and see me at my surgery on a Thursday in the Guildhall from 10 - 12.

## ASB – Anti Social Behaviour

A neighbourhood watch leaflet, which was sent out, contains information on anti social behaviour. Antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents have increased over the last three years. Police forces, councils and housing associations are reporting significant spikes in ASB cases. A shocking 45% of people say ASB is a problem where they live and 56% of those who had either been a victim of or a witness to ASB, did not report it to anyone.

This suggests that the incidence and the negative effects of ASB are much higher than official statistics based on recorded cases recognise.

Although your area doesn't suffer greatly it still happens and sometime goes unreported. There has been a campaign but it might help people think about reporting it and not suffering in silence if it's happening to your or someone you may know.

So now all I'd like to say is have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your valued support - it is very much appreciated.

Regards

**PCSO Debbie Bishop**

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# About Us

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Woodnesborough Village News is produced and distributed by volunteers with financial support provided by a partnership of St Mary's Church, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. This combined with the additional funding provided by advertising, enables us to offer the magazine free to the community.

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| Editorial Team - | - Alison Hilton, Martin Bedford |
| Design | - Tony Hilton, Alison Hilton |
| Distribution Coordinator | - Ken Flower |

**Notes to Contributors**

Please email material to:- **woodnesboroughnotesandnews@gmail.com** Normally this should be no more than 500 words. **The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month (e.g. 15th May for June to July edition etc.)**. Please note that we reserve the right to select and edit articles submitted.

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Mr. Roger Bailey Woodside, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, CT13 0NZ

# Church Directory

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| Vicar | currently in vacancy, please contact Benefice Office on 611323 or email eastry.benefice@gmail.com | |
| Interim Priest | Revd. Kirrilee Reid | 611323 |
| Curate | Revd. Rob Stevenson | 611323 |
| Benefice Office:<br>Weds 11.00am - 1.00pm<br>Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm | Trisha Wells<br>**eastry.benefice@gmail.com** | 611323 |
| Reader | Hilary Baldwin | 613346 |
| Church Wardens | Martin Bedford | 617636 |
| | Alison Hilton | 814413 |
| PCC Secretary | Caroline Pearce | 619190 |
| PCC Treasurer | Roger Bailey | 613036 |
| Church Flowers | Linda Flower | 614142 |
| Baby & Toddler Group (term time)<br>Thursday 9.30-11:30am | Linda Flower | 614142 |
| Children's Society | Martin & Gina Bedford | 617636 |
| Eastry & District Open Group | Alistair Carnegie | 813120 |
| Church Breakfast | Ken Flower | 614142 |
| Coffee Pot (Tues 10-11.30am) | Hilary Baldwin | 613346 |

## Church Services

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| **1st Sunday of the month** | **08.00am** | **Communion Service** |
| | **10.00am** | **Come & Praise Family Service** |
| **2nd Sunday of the month** | **10.00am** | **Communion Service** |
| **3rd Sunday of the month** | **No service at Woodnesborough** | |
| **4th Sunday of the month** | **10.00am** | **Communion Service** |
| **5th Sunday of the Month** | **10.00am** | **Benefice Service - see website for venue www.ewbchurches.org.uk** |

**The church is open every day from 9am-5pm for private prayer and reflection.**

**We are a very friendly church and everyone of all ages is welcome to our services.**

# Parish Directory

## Woodnesborough Village Hall Committee:

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| Book via email: | **woodnesboroughvillagehall@gmail.com** | |
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| Treasurer | Fraser Easton | |
| Clerk to the Parish Council | Joanna Jones<br>8 Thornton Lane<br>Eastry<br>CT13 0EU<br>**clerk@woodnesborough-pc.org.uk** | 746036 |
| Chess Club | Harry Sharples | 812985 |
| Woodnesborough Gardeners Club | Linda Flower | 614142 |
| | **woodnesboroughgardeners@gmail.com** | |
| Woodnesborough Football Club | Nicola Hunt | 07734 695275 |
| Women's Institute President | Elizabeth Spanton | 825225 |
| Women's Institute Secretary | Lucy Hawkes | 01227 860247 |
| Village Hall 100 Club | Suspended until further notice | |
| Staple Short Mat Bowls Club | Les Allwright | 812093 |
| Kent Highways Fault Report | | 03000 418181 |

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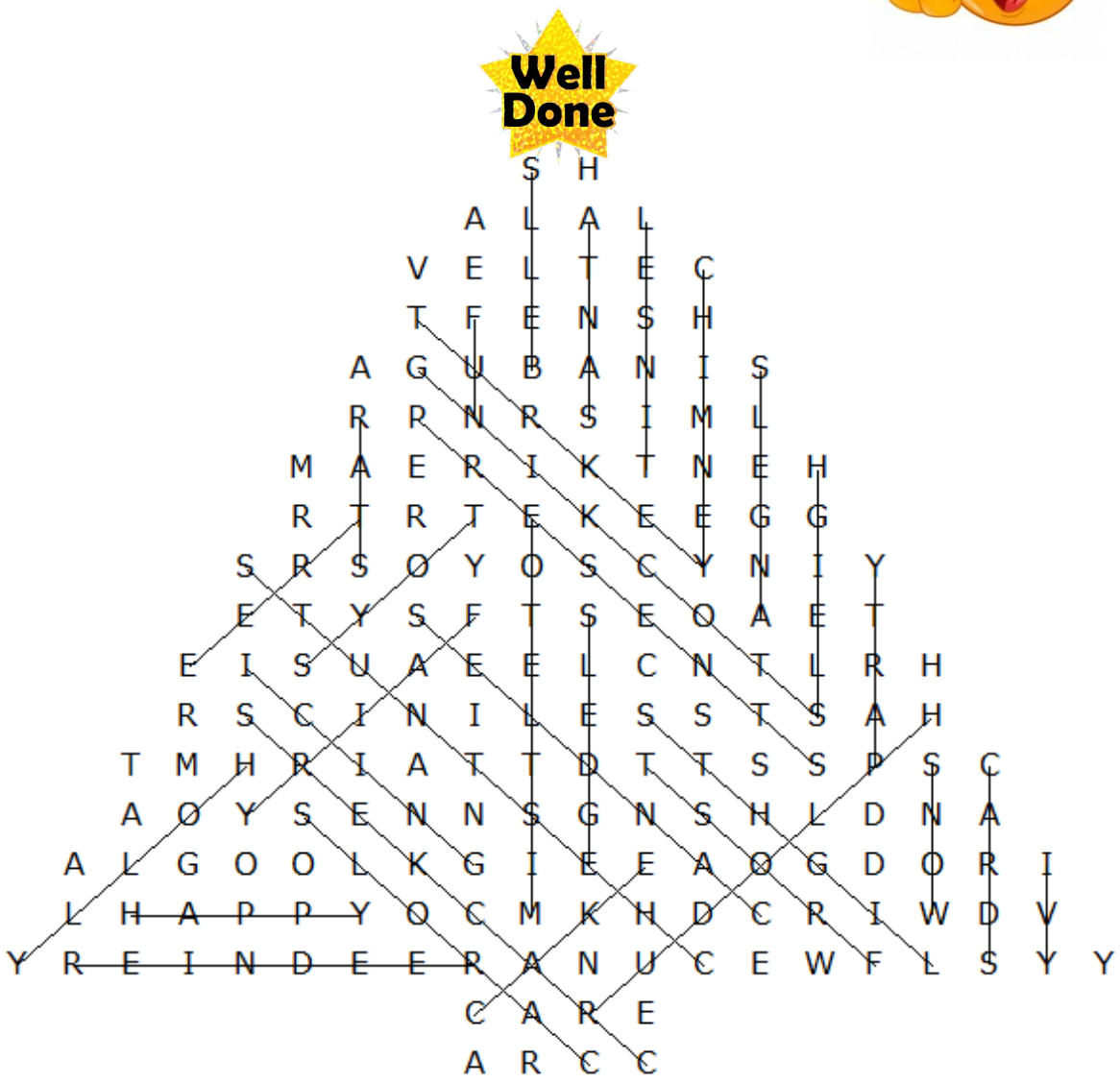


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