

# The WOODCHESTER Word

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## The last Woodchester Word?

Is this edition going to be the last Woodchester Word in its present format? See page 9 for details of why the Woodchester Word as you know it is in trouble.

## Woodchester's oldest resident?



Mrs Clare Huxford celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with a splendid party in Woodchester Village hall attended by over 80 guests. She was thrilled to receive a lovely card from the Queen and also a congratulatory message from the Minister for Work and Pensions!

Mrs Huxford was born in 1917 in Aberdare, South Wales. At the age of 16 she moved to the Stroud area and took up employment as a cook in a nursing home on the Slad Road. She later worked as a cook for the Workman family on Bospin Lane. During the war she worked at Tower House which was used as a distribution centre for films which were sent to provide entertainment for the troops. Clare has certainly seen a lot of change over the many years she has lived in this valley.

## The Rededication of the Woodchester Wayside Cross

The Wayside Cross at Woodchester was the first War Memorial in this country. It was built to pay tribute to those that had sacrificed their lives in the Great War and was first conceived by Prior Hugh Pope of the Dominican Fathers in Woodchester in 1915. It was originally intended merely for those in the village but it was soon realised that there many more who had made the ultimate sacrifice for whom there would be no memorial. Money was to be raised by public subscription to meet the projected cost of £320. Those subscriptions came from all over the world. Some of the money raised was given by those who had lost a member of their family. In the end the cost was £490. Thus the Wayside Cross was built on land below the Priory but raised above the Bath Road which was widened by the owners of the Mill to accommodate the many thousands that came to the opening ceremony on 3rd June 1917.

On 10th June this year, the Bishop of Clifton rededicated the Cross in the presence of The Princess Royal, the Lord Lieutenant Dame Janet Trotter, the High Sheriff Col. Andrew Tabor, the Chairman of the County Council, our nearly elected Member of Parliament David Drew and other local dignitaries. Before the service the Nailsworth Silver Band played and a choir sang songs of the period which was followed by a very moving and poignant ecumenical service was led by Father Bill Watson and Rev Peter Francis. Flowers were laid by relatives of those whose names were inscribed on the memorial, regimental representatives of those regiments in which they served and children from St Dominic's and Woodchester Endowed Schools together with cubs, brownies, guides and cadets.

Following the service the Princess Royal chatted at some length to those who played a part in the event before many of the congregation had tea and cakes in St Dominic's school where an exhibition of First World War photographs of those whose names were on the other war memorial on Station Road was put on by the Historical Society.





# WOODCHESTER EVENTS

## Lest We Forget

Several parishes in the Stroud and Nailsworth area are remembering the fallen of the Great War in their respective local magazines and newsletters, around the hundredth anniversary of their death. This is the sixth article for Woodchester.

### Ernest Wear

Ernest Wear was born in 1882 in Oakridge Lynch, the son of Jesse, a tiler and plasterer and his wife, Elizabeth Jane (née Gardiner).

He married Annie Duffort at Slad on Christmas Day 1905 and by 1911 the couple were living in Bospin Lane, Woodchester with their four year old son, Ernest Jack. Ernest senior was a house decorator working for a builder.

Ernest enlisted as a private, first in the Gloucestershire Regiment and then in the 2nd Battalion of Princess Charlotte of Wales' (Royal Berkshire) Regiment. From his medals, it can be assumed that his service abroad started after the beginning of 1916.

He was killed in action at Passchendaele, during the Third Battle of Ypres on 1 August 1917 aged 35. He has no known grave and is remembered on the Menin Gate.

Barbara Warnes



Three pictures of children from St. Dominic's Primary School which were sent in by Mrs. Jacqui Sollars, Headteacher, to accompany her article on the school on page 7



## Bike Trail Logo competition

"Lions on bicycles" was a popular theme among the entries to design a logo for the new Mountain Bike trail. Parish Councillor Uta Baldorf and Parish Clerk Ann Bijerk visited the Endowed School before Easter to talk about the bike trail and encourage students to take part in the competition.

A lion, based on one of the creatures charmed by Orpheus, features on the famous Woodchester Roman mosaic, and is also the emblem of Woodchester Endowed School.



Entries were judged by secret ballot at the Annual Village Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Residents and Parish Councillors all agreed that the competition entries were very imaginative, but the winning design by Poppy Davies was outstanding. It

featured a very handsome lion, wearing a bike helmet, riding his bicycle along a wooded trail. He is surrounded by a beautiful coloured mosaic.

Poppy won a gift voucher to be spent at Black8 bikes, and she and all the runners up won a lovely bicycle key ring. Her logo will feature on the new information board for the bike trail to be installed soon.

Photograph shows Poppy Davies, Alice Bartlett, Freddie Smith, Toby Sullivan with their designs.

Joe Turk also won a prize

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## A response to the letter on the front page of Spring Woodchester Word

I answered the points raised in this letter as fully as possible at the Annual Parish Meeting in May but as there were very few residents there, it was suggested that I should respond in the next Woodchester Word. I hope this will clarify a few items in the letter and the editorial following, in respect to the law, behaviour and consideration for others. The Parish Council, over the years, has aimed to protect the rights of walkers by having a good relationship with local landowners which enables us to get problems resolved quickly and amicably. We are not always totally successful but on the whole the results are positive. I have included in *italics* sections of the letter and editorial to which I am responding.

*Difficult to walk without feeling as though I'm committing a criminal act.*

If you stray off a path you will not be committing a criminal act. Trespass is a civil offence. If in doing so, you cause damage it is of course a different matter.

*In recent years many lovely areas have become completely inaccessible either by ridiculous amounts of fencing or tiny gaps in stiles which only a small dog can get through.*

*Not all dogs are young and sprightly enough to squeeze through commando style.*

Fencing should make no difference to public rights of way. What a member of the public may see as a ridiculous amount can seem entirely different to the landowner. Farmers in general will not waste money on fencing – they won't put it there if they don't need it. If there is a gap large enough for a big dog to get through just stop for a minute and think of the consequences. Look at this from the other side. If a large dog can get through a fence, so can a sheep. Despite the fact that a dog is a 'natural accompaniment' to users of rights of way, the law doesn't require stiles to be 'dog friendly' as it's the dog's keeper who has the right of passage, not the dog. If your dog cannot cope with the stiles you may need to tailor your walks to suit your dog.

*It is apparently against the law to stray from the footpath even to walk round the outside of a field and yet sometimes an unpredictable and aggressive animal may be stood on the footpath so where do we stand...should we risk...*

There have been cases where walkers have been attacked by cattle. Aggressive animals should not be in a field with a public right of way – there are for example laws which restrict bulls. Consider whether your dog's behaviour is upsetting the cattle. If animals are on the path, perhaps choose a line between them and the boundary (which is potentially your escape route). Never go between a cow and her calf.

*Each summer a small group of cows are put out to graze and possibly due to lack of numbers they never quite settle and frequently chase. This tiny herd is moved from field to field all through the summer*

There have been cattle in Park Field and Villa Field with the gate open between. They move around within it so appear in different places from time to time. Similarly, the cattle in Boundary Court. That is one large field and the cattle's position varies, sometimes this can be predicted by the time of day. It is the farmer's right to move his cattle as he wishes.

*It used to be the case that children could run about exploring and learning in the woodlands however this is now very much discouraged by ridiculous amounts of threatening signage and barbed wire.*

Children did run about and explore but they never had the right to do it without the landowner's permission. Unfortunately, many landowners have had their property damaged and are now restricting access.

*I have personally never damaged the local countryside and have seen no evidence of anyone else doing so.*

I have seen evidence of the local countryside being damaged. In fact, worse than that a crop i.e. someone's livelihood. Last summer, we saw a mother standing on a path with her children's bikes lying across it (it was a footpath, the bikes should not have been there), the children were playing in the field of wheat flattening the crop.

*The narrow path which goes through the lower woods on the Priory Estate is like a swamp at the bottom and it is absolutely not possible to go that way.*

This is now much drier; I have walked it several times recently. We had arranged for the Cotswold Wardens to fit a boardwalk (even though it is not in our parish) but they discovered a spring that was causing a problem and dealt with it instead. As a bonus, the stile has been replaced by a kissing gate.

*Due to the recent addition of a double layer of fencing at the bottom of one field and a padlocked gate covered in barbed wire there is now no real route in this area.*

This is not obstructing a public right of way and using this 'path' would be trespass. The double layer of fencing is protecting the young hedge that has been planted and the old hedge recently 'laid'. Without that protection, cattle (and people apparently) would push through the hedge, damaging and destroying it. How about going further up Water Lane and taking the footpath across that emerges at the cross tracks below the Bell? Then come down the track and across the fields passing the gate on your right and down the hill to the field behind the Old Priory. You won't be trespassing and the views are lovely.

*The Woodchester Word has been approached by a number of walkers who are disappointed about the continual close-down of paths that have been regularly used for many years even if they aren't paths that have been classified as public footpaths. Perhaps after 50 years of use, there is an argument that they should now be recognised?*

Paths that have been used for over 20 years without interference can be claimed to be 'public' but there is a process to be followed. I suggest the request is directed to the Rights of Way team at Gloucestershire County Council. However, consider the term 'without interference'.

The parish council's concern is with keeping the Rights of Way in Woodchester open and in a reasonable state. That is often as much as we can manage and it is not made any easier when people antagonise landowners by wandering where they wish. We and Gloucestershire County Council can only work within the legal framework which is intended to ensure a balance between the rights of the public and landowners/farmers.

*One of the main issues is the use of barbed wire on fences next to footpaths .....*

**Cont on page 6**



# CHURCH NEWS

## Visit to Frovi, Sweden

28 members of the churches in the benefice of Woodchester, Rodborough and Brimscombe spent a very happy and enjoyable visit to Frovi in Sweden at the beginning of May. The community and church at Frovi, which is 200km west of Stockholm, are linked with our three local churches, and this is the third occasion that Frovi has welcomed us. Last summer, a group from Frovi came to Woodchester and stayed with Woodchester families. Our Swedish hosts were so thoughtful that they "spoil us rotten" during our stay with hospitality



that was overwhelming! The programme of activities included a visit to a preserved steam railway, a walk in a nature reserve, a visit to Nora (a local typically Swedish attractive town,) a barbecue on an island in the lake adjacent to Frovi, an evening's outdoor entertainment which included "wild meat," and a special service in Frovi Church to rededicate the covenant between the churches in the link. The picture below is of the signing of the covenant. During the service, which included items by the Frovi church choir and a choir from our three churches, the covenant was signed, with each church retaining a copy. Our thoughts now go towards planning the visit for our Swedish friends next year.



## The Big Breakfast

Instead of a house to house collection this year, members of St. Mary's Church organised a "Big Breakfast" on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> on the Church Green to raise money for Christian Aid Week. With sausages, bacon, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes and beans all cooked to order, it certainly was a **BIG** breakfast! Over £500 was raised. Funds raised for Christian Aid go to their broad range of work – aid



for refugees, relief of poverty, campaigns to address causes of poverty and for gender justice, and programmes to counter HIV and malaria. For more information go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk).

We must give thanks for the generosity of Woodchester Village Shop in sponsoring us for the bacon and sausages (and we have a balance to use up next year!)

## **Out and about in Woodchester**

As well as our regular church services (Sunday: 11 am and Wednesday: 10 am), St Mary's runs or supports many other community activities.

Contact us for more details or check on:

<http://www.stmaryswoodchester.org.uk>

**Messy Church:** At St Mary's from 3.20 to 5.00, once per month in term time, welcoming children up to Yr 6 (and their carers) for food & fun. No need to book.

**Lunch with Friends:** Starting at noon one Friday per month. A wonderful chance to catch up with friends over a hot, home-cooked meal. Call 872287 or 873481

**Coffee and chat:** In the Undercroft, from 10.30, first Saturday of each month. No need to book.

**Monday Mums:** Call Sue on 07866 487911

**Thursday home group:** 8pm Selsley Rd. Call 872813.

**Alpha Course:** 7.30 pm each Wednesday before Easter at the school. Contact Rev Peter Francis.

**Wednesday Prayer group** returns after Alpha finishes

## **Updated contact information**

If you'd like to get in touch with us to ask for prayer for yourself or someone you care for, please use any of the contact details below or approach one of us over coffee after the 11 am Sunday service.

Rev Peter Francis: 01453 759680,  
[peter@stmaryswoodchester.org.uk](mailto:peter@stmaryswoodchester.org.uk)

Rev Karen Hunter-Jones: 01453 453564  
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Church wardens:

Mr Alex Stuart: 01453 762702

Mrs Sue Pouncey: 07866 487911

Don't forget that the church is open daily for visitors and for prayer



# WOODCHESTER COMMUNITY

## Summer Days at St Dominic's

It has been an action packed summer term so far at St Dominic's and the fun is set to continue. The annual Duck Race held in Nailsworth was a great success as usual and raised important funds for our special Children's Play shed that has been purchased to make playtimes more creative and stimulating for the children. It will house a range of games and activities, both quiet and active to appeal to all, and will be supervised by children in KS2 to provide increased opportunities for leadership in the school.

Another key event, was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wayside Cross, built to commemorate those who fought and died in the Great War. We were delighted to be asked to host the celebrations in our school and to welcome many key figures. The children were introduced to Admiral Tim Lawrence who accompanied his wife, Her Royal Highness Princess Ann, to lay a wreath in memory of the fallen. He urged the children to spend time investigating the lives of those named on the memorial. We also welcomed David Drew, as our new Labour MP for Stroud, who was pleased to hear that later this month the Parliament Education Outreach Team will be visiting so that our children gain a greater understanding of the democratic process and how our country is run.

In addition to these exciting events, the children have made many trips, including visiting the Stroud Food Bank to drop off the donations for this worthy cause and see how the food is processed and stored, ready to go out to the centres to local families in need. Each class will also experience the wonders of Copegrove Farm and immerse themselves in the outdoor learning opportunities that Kate Banks provides to local schools and groups on her farm in Bisley. The outdoor theme will continue, with our whole school trip to the Malvern Three Counties Show where we are all set to enjoy the wonders of rural life.

Looking forward, the School and Parish Summer fete is to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 12 noon until 3 pm. Why not come along and join in the fun? There will be a range of stalls and refreshments as well as competitive football matches, tug o' war, skittles, a water slide and much, much more! It should be a great family occasion for all to enjoy. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Jacqui Sollars, Headteacher,

## Open Gardens Event

We were blessed with a glorious summer day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June when 10 householders generously opened their gardens to the delight of those of us who were able to visit them. I found each of them, in their own individual way, utterly inspiring. There were many contrasts in style, setting, size and planting and all offered much to interest both keen gardeners and those of us with not-so-green fingers! It was wonderful too, to experience the varied views of Woodchester and its surroundings. Everyone I met seemed to be enjoying the chance to spend a leisurely time in the village, meeting friends and making new acquaintances, and that was the purpose of the event. However, it also raised nearly £450 from programmes, teas and plant sales, which will be split between two local charities, the Stroud Foodbank and the Buzz Club.

The Committee is very grateful to all who took part and is hugely conscious of the hard work that must have gone into creating and maintaining such beautiful gardens and producing the plants for sale. Thank you also to the garden visitors and to all who contributed to the refreshments, which were much needed, and very much enjoyed, in the stunning setting of the Old Priory. We are also very grateful to the North Woodchester Post Office for selling the programmes, and to the Leopard Press for printing them. Our next event will be the annual Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Endowed School and on Church Green as usual, but with the added attraction this year of Shire Horses who will make their way from the Green to the field to the west of the Churchyard where they can be visited throughout the afternoon. For those new to the Village, entries are delivered to the School from 9am on the Saturday morning. Judging is from 11am and the Hall is open for visiting in the afternoon. There will be stalls and teas on the Church Green in the afternoon and a dog show at 2.45pm. Details of the classes and entry forms will be on the village website, and available from the Post Office in North Woodchester, from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Thank you to all our loyal supporters and we look forward to seeing you on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Penny Brown

Thanks to the landowners and/or Cotswold Wardens who have cleared the public footpaths of brambles and nettles. It truly makes walking Woodchester more enjoyable. ....And thanks to GCC or Amey who have cleared Water Lane of all the mud and muck that has covered the surface of the lane for so long. Thank you all.

### Reply to article on footpaths (cont from page 3)

*One of the main issues is the use of barbed wire on fences next to footpaths*

I don't like barbed wire next to footpaths but it is only an issue if the path is narrow. In most cases it can be avoided. I can't think of any paths in Woodchester with this problem

Finally, the bulk of this letter related to paths in King's Stanley parish not Woodchester! The parish boundary lies along the bottom edge of the field behind the Old Priory.

**Barbara Warnes**  
Chair of PROW Sub-committee Woodchester Parish Council



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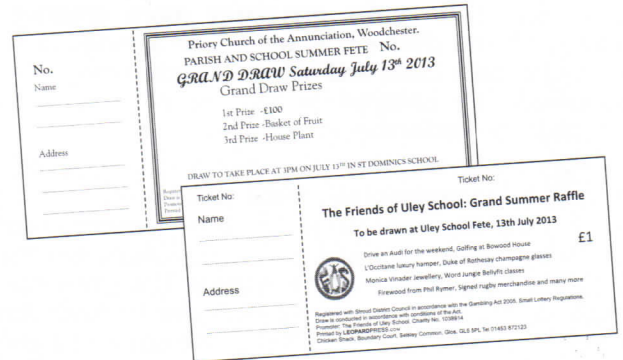
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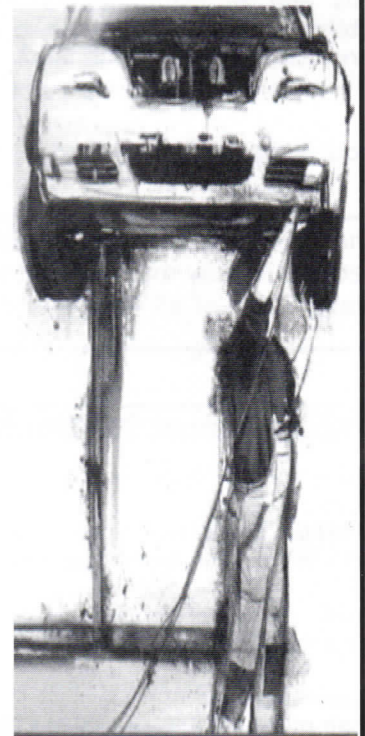
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# VILLAGE NEWS

## WOODCHESTER PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 – CLASSES

### **1 VEGETABLES**

- a. Potatoes (3 any variety)
- b. Tomatoes (3 any variety)
- c. Baby tomatoes (3 any variety)
- d. Longest runner bean
- e. Beetroot (3 any variety)
- f. Carrots (3 any variety)
- g. Courgettes (3 any variety)
- h. Heaviest marrow or pumpkin

### **2 FRUIT**

- a Pears (3 any variety)
- b Plums (6 any variety)
- c Dessert apples (3 any variety)
- d Cooking apples (3 any variety)
- e Raspberries (6 any variety)
- f Blackberries (6 any variety)
- g Figs (3 any variety)
- h Basket of any wild fruits

### **3 PRODUCE**

- a Swiss roll (using 3 eggs, any flavour)
- b 5 scones(recipe of your choice)
- c 5 biscuits (recipe of your choice)
- d Loaf of oven baked bread
- e Bottle of cordial
- f Jar of jam
- g Jar of marmalade
- h Jar of chutney

### **4 FLOWERS**

- a One red flower
- b Arrangement – autumn colours
- c One dahlia
- d Aster (a spray or posy) any type or colour
- e Miniature flower arrangement in a teacup
- f Vase of culinary herbs only

### **5 UNDER 5 (age at 16.09.17)**

- a Sunflower in a pot
- b A decorated wooden spoon
- c Garden on a plate, max diameter 20cm

### **6 AGE 5 – 8 (age at 16.09.17)**

- a Largest sunflower head you have grown
- b Garden on a plate, max diameter 20cm
- c One decorated biscuit you have baked
- d A creature made entirely from vegetables
- e A birthday card for someone of your age

### **7 AGE 9 – 13 (age at 16.09.17)**

- a Largest sunflower head you have grown
- b Garden on a plate, max diameter 20cm
- c One decorated biscuit you have baked
- d A picture of clouds, any medium
- e A loaf of oven baked bread
- f A cartoon drawing
- g A creature made entirely from vegetables

### **8 PHOTOGRAPHY**

- a Clouds
- b Doorways
- c Hillside
- d Wild flowers

### **9 ART AND CRAFTS**

- a A watercolour
- b A wooden item
- c A knitted or crocheted item
- d A sewn item
- e Article made from recycled materials

### Woodchester Village Hall

The hall has now been freshly painted following the building works in the summer of 2016. Hall classes continue to thrive; Dru Yoga and FMC Dance Academy are welcome additions for 2017. A full list of what is available can be found on the village website. For more information on any of the classes contact the tutor direct.

## Woodchester Bike Trails



The Easter holidays got off to a fantastic start for many local children when the security fencing was eventually taken down and the Mountain Bike trails were finally declared OPEN! Specially designed to provide a fun and challenging riding experience, there is an "easy" and a "challenging" trail, both with a selection of corners, lumps, bumps and jumps. The trails were declared to be "brilliant" and "fantastic" by have been well tried and tested by primary school children, teenagers and Dads alike. The idea of a mountain bike trail was developed over three years ago by North Woodchester resident Iain Dunbar and his then ten year old son Rory. Iain at the time was a parish councillor, and while frustrated at the lack of a suitable site for a Playground in Woodchester, was able to persuade his fellow councillors that it would be a good idea to invest in the development of a bike trail alongside the Nailsworth cycle path at Rooksmoor. Much credit must be given to Parish Clerk Ann Bijkerk, who commissioned a professional company to plan and design the trail; applied for grants to cover some of the costs of the work; dealt patiently with the solicitors responsible for the drawing up the leases for the land. Ann then kept an eye on Trailcraft, the contractors employed to clear the land and build the trail, through some very wet weeks in February and March. The trail is settling down well, but there are still a few things to finish off. A new litter bin will be installed shortly, and there will be a new information board incorporating the recently designed logo. We await some fencing improvements. A dropped curb has been installed to allow emergency vehicle access to the Trail from Pauls Rise, but the gate and fencing at this access point still need to be replaced. A small group of volunteers carry out a survey and safety check on the trail every week and volunteers empty the rubbish bin and pick up other litter which unfortunately does get dropped on the trail. But overall everyone is very happy with the bike trails and they are attracting users from all over the district.

We are grateful to local bike company Black8 bikes, who have sponsored the logo competition and will be paying for the cost of a new and bigger rubbish bin to be installed on the site very soon. Thanks to John and Luke Pettitt, who own Black8 bikes, and are themselves keen off cyclists.

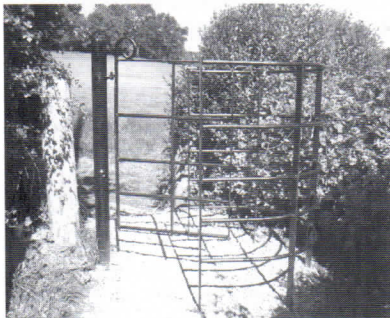
Katharine McNeally



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Kissing Gates for the Village

Following the installation of a kissing gate on Convent Lane, the stile at the lower corner of Villa Field has now also been replaced, which should help to make our village more accessible.



## County Councillor

Following the election for County Councillors on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, Steve Robinson was successful in being elected as County Councillor for Woodchester, also covering Nailsworth. Cllr. Robinson has attended recent meetings of the Parish Council to gain an understanding of the issues facing the village.

## Speed in the Village

Speed on the A46 and on roads and lanes within the village, particularly Selsley Road, affects many residents and has been raised as an issue for many years. Two years ago the '20 is plenty' scheme was introduced which is no longer as effective as it was.

Particular issues and potential solutions were discussed at a recent Parish Council meeting. Current guidelines from Gloucestershire Highways on applying for road safety schemes and costs will be sought. Councillors are also looking into acquiring speed guns to carry out speed checks on roads within the village, Selsley Road in particular.

If you would like to be involved in a future speed awareness campaign please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@woodchesterparish.org.uk) or Katharine McNealey (kathinny@hotmail.com).

## Dates of Parish Council Meetings

Just a reminder the remaining dates for Parish Council meetings in 2017 are September 7<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both meetings will be held at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

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## The future of the Woodchester Word

The Parish Council and the Woodchester Word:

The editor recently met representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the future of the Word. The Woodchester Word has been in existence for many years with a number of different editors during that time. The Word has always been financed by advertisements placed by local businesses but recently the number of companies and businesses placing adverts has dropped. Therefore income has not covered the cost of printing each edition. Because there is now no money in the pot and, some time ago, the Parish Council had offered to cover the cost of only one edition if this situation ever arose, the future of the Woodchester Word is now in serious jeopardy.

Councillors felt that the Word should concentrate solely on Woodchester matters, events and issues, rather than including articles not directly relevant to the village, and placed two ideas on the table - to halve the number of pages in each issue and therefore reduce printing costs, and to make the Woodchester Word an on-line publication with a small number of copies available in the shop for those who don't have access to the internet.

We would be very interested to have the views of readers on the future of the Woodchester Word. Comments to woodchesterword@gmail.com or letters to the Editor at Ferndale, Selsley Road, GL5 5PH or phone or text on 0777 565 2379

**Please let us know what you think about these ideas.**

Thank you, Rod Harris, editor



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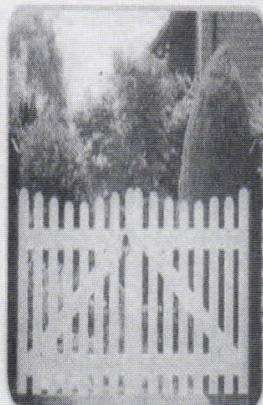
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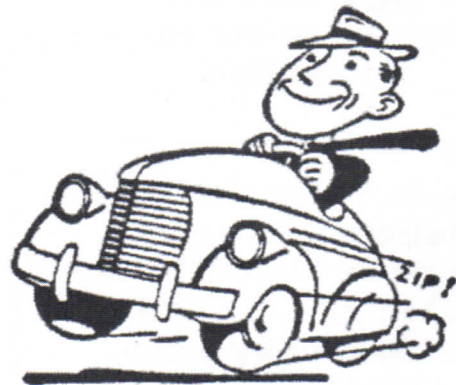
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## The Woodchester Website –

[www.woodchesterparish.org.uk](http://www.woodchesterparish.org.uk)

Villagers are reminded to visit the Woodchester Parish website regularly to keep up to date with events and happenings taking place in the village.

Copies of past editions of the Woodchester Word are on the village website and can be accessed on [woodchesterparish.org.uk](http://woodchesterparish.org.uk)

**Question :Why does this edition of the Woodchester Word have half the number of pages than previous editions?**

**Answer :** The decision was to cut printing costs as the Word has run out of money because of a lack of advertisers. The editor wishes to thank all those advertising in the Word for their support and confidence in this village publication.

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Articles, items for publication and letters to the editor should be forwarded to Rod Harris, tel: 872317 or 0777 565 2379, or by email [woodchesterword@gmail.com](mailto:woodchesterword@gmail.com)

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September 1st 2017

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer in Woodchester

**St. Mary's Church, North Woodchester** : See notice boards or web site for times of services

**Church of the Annunciation** : See notice board for details of all services

**Messy Church:** Wednesdays, monthly, at 3.15 p.m. in the church (details from Liz Hale 765422) Next Messy Church restarts in September. Details on the church website.

**Lunch-with-friends** at St. Mary's Church on third Friday of the month (usually) at 12 noon. Liz on 872287 or Christina on 873481 or Liz 872287 for details. Next dates July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, then third Friday of each month

**Saturday Coffee Mornings** - first Saturday in each month, in the Undercroft Room, entrance near main gate. 10.30 a.m. All welcome for coffee, biscuits and chat.

**Historical Society** : See Parish Website for details of meetings in 2017. Meetings are held in the Undercroft of the church.

**Woodchester Produce Show** : Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>

## Village Hall

To save space and not repeat information that is on the parish website, details of village hall bookings are to be found on the Woodchester Parish website, (details are in the top left hand corner of this page.)

### Community Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been placed in the telephone box (now disused, of course) on the corner of Selsley Road and Southfield Road. In an emergency, using the defib on a person who has had cardiac arrest could mean a life saved.

### Seys & Bridges Educational Foundation

A reminder to young people under 25 years of age living in the parish that small grants may be available to assist with educational needs such as tools or equipment, special courses, music and drama lessons etc. The Trustees meet in May and November but may also be able to consider applications at other times. Enquiries to the Clerk to the Trustees:  
Miss D. Fowler, 30 The Daffodils, King's Stanley, Stonehouse, GL10 3QJ

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