



Woodgreen Calendar 2018

January

Godshill Enclosure

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 New Year's Day	2 Holiday (Scotland only)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Burns Night			

The winter climate in the New Forest is mild, although snow is not uncommon. In recent years, Woodgreen and surrounding areas experienced significant snowfall in the winters of 2015 (twice), 2013 and 2011. However, the New Forest's proximity to the coast and the mild air of the Gulf Stream ensure that the snow doesn't inconvenience residents or wildlife for too long.



February

St Mary's Church, Hale

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 ●	8	9	10	11
12	13 Shrove Tuesday	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 ●	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 ●	24	25
26	27	28				

St Mary's Church stands behind Hale Park House overlooking the River Avon. The Augustinian Priory at Breamore built a chapel here in the 14th Century and, after the dissolution of the monasteries, it became part of the Hale Manor estate. The famous architect, Inigo Jones, was commissioned to rebuild the church in 1631 and it was enhanced and extended in 1717 by Thomas Archer, Master Architect to Queen Anne, George I and George II.



March

Lower Densome Wood

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 St David's Day	2 ○	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ●	10	11 Mothering Sunday
12	13	14	15	16	17 ● St Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24 ●	25 Palm Sunday British Summer Time begins
26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday	30 Good Friday	31 ○	

Our native Bluebell (*hyacinthoides non-scripta*) is unique to the British Isles having developed in isolation over the last 10,000 years. It thrives in ancient woodlands where the dense summer foliage suppresses competing ground cover. The Bluebell is now under threat because of cross-breeding and hybridisation with its Spanish cousin, introduced by gardeners over the last 100 years. Bluebells are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).

April



Woodgreen Steam Fair

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 April Fools' Day Easter Sunday
2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7	8 ●
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 ●	17	18	19	20	21	22 ●
23 St George's Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 ○		Each year, over the May Bank Holiday weekend, a Steam and Model Railway Show is held at Woodgreen Village Hall, raising funds for various charities. The event is organised by Woodgreen resident and steam enthusiast Charlie Warne in conjunction with Sarum Model Traction Engine Club. Visitors can ride on traction engines along the roads of the village or appreciate the models and railway layouts inside the Hall.				

May



Woodgreen Common

A close-up photograph of a young brown horse (foal) lying down on green grass. The foal has a white blaze on its forehead and a white patch on its muzzle.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Early May Bank Holiday	8 ☾	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 ●	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 ☾	23	24	25	26	27
28 Spring Bank Holiday	29 ○	30	31			
		There are around 3000 horses grazing freely across the New Forest. Foals are typically born in late Spring or early Summer. Stallions are let out onto the forest between April and July to breed with the mares (the gestation period is 11 months). The Verderers decide which registered stallions are allowed on to the forest to breed and, to keep the forest-bred stock healthy, stallions are relocated every three to four years.				



June



"Beyond the Garden Gate"



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 ●	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 ●	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 ●	21	22	23	24
			Summer Solstice			Father's Day
25	26	27	28 ○	29	30	

Every two years, gardeners in Hale and Woodgreen open their gardens to the public on separate Sundays in May and June, choosing the dates to reflect the differing soil conditions in the two villages. Hale gardens are on acid soils where earlier flowering azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias do well, whilst their Woodgreen neighbours have later flowering gardens. The event, called "Beyond the Garden Gate", raises thousands of pounds for local charities.

July



Percheron horses at Woodgreen Village Hall

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 ●	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 ●	14	15
16	17	18	19 ●	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 ○	28	29

30

31

Woodgreen's Community Shop hosted a tasting evening in Woodgreen Village Hall in July 2017. Stars of the show, eclipsing all the beverages, were two magnificent Percheron horses, Zena and Quetsche, drafted in especially to provide photo opportunities alongside the range of Percheron wines sampled in the tasting. In addition to wines, the tasting event also featured beers from Downton Brewery and local craft gins.

August



Woodgreen's busy bees

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 ●	5
6 Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland only)	7	8	9	10	11 ●	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 ●	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 ○
27 Summer Bank Holiday (not Scotland)	28	29	30	31		
		Honey bees collect pollen and nectar from gardens and the wider countryside up to 3 miles away. The dark, clear cells contain nectar, the basis of honey. In other cells, pollen is stored to feed young bees. Cells in the top half of the picture have been capped with wax to preserve both honey and bee larvae. The top picture contrasts a honey bee with a much larger bumble bee. All bees are under pressure from changing habitat, potential diseases and the use of pesticides.				

September



Oak Tree on Woodgreen Common (New Forest Tree of the Year, 2017)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 ●	4	5	6	7	8	9 ●
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ●	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 ○	26	27	28	29	30

The New Forest is home to more ancient trees than anywhere else in Western Europe with many 200-300 years old. The Knightwood Oak at Bolderwood is reputed to be 600 years old. In 2017, to mark the 800th anniversary of the Forest Charter (see November), the New Forest Park Authority ran a competition to identify the public's favourite from a shortlist of eight New Forest trees. The Red Oak on Woodgreen Common emerged as the winner.

October



Jeremy Compton on Breamore Marsh

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 ☾	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 ●	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 ☾	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 ○	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 ● Halloween				British Summer Time Ends

Jeremy Compton retired last year after serving as Woodgreen's postman for 28 years. He also has the ancient honorary title of Hayward of The Marsh giving him the responsibility of controlling grazing on Breamore Marsh: 38 acres of wet meadows, ponds and streams. The Marsh has been grazed for centuries by commoners' stock, particularly cows and geese. It is also home to a wealth of wild flowers and insects.



November

Godshill Enclosure

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5 Guy Fawkes Night	6	7 ●	8	9	10	11 Armistice Day Remembrance Sunday
12	13	14	15 ●	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 ○	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 ● St Andrew's Day		
		2017 was the 800th anniversary of the implementation of the Forest Charter, issued on behalf of the 9-year-old King Henry III. The Charter followed on from Magna Carta and helped establish important rights for ordinary people living in areas such as the New Forest. It restored the rights of people, eroded since the Norman conquest, to graze their stock and use natural resources without being subjected to harsh punishments by the landowners.				

December



Christmas shopping evening at Woodgreen Community Shop

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 ●	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 ●	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 ○	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 ●	30
31 New Year's Eve		Woodgreen Community Shop was built in 2011 after four years of fundraising by villagers. It is the focal point of village life. The Christmas Shopping evening, held in early December, is a highlight of the year, celebrating the commitment of the many staff and volunteers that contribute to its continuing success. There's carol singing, a barbeque, mulled wine and a 'feast' of nibbles. And, of course, an opportunity to buy your Christmas fayre!				

January						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018 from Julie, Sue, Nikki and all the staff and volunteers at Woodgreen Community Shop and Post Office.

This calendar was compiled by Steve Morris, David Mussell and Bill Shepley, with special thanks to the local villagers for their patience and co-operation.

COPYRIGHT
Photos: © 2017 Bill Shepley

July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

