



WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2019

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

3 rd	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers	10.30am, Village Hall
3 rd	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Living Well Church, Willingdon Rd
3 rd	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Worship Service	2.45pm, Whitfield URC Chapel
4 th	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
4 th	Chair Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	2.00pm, The Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
4 th	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 4 to 7 years)	5.15pm, Village Hall
4 th	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 8 + years)	6.00pm, Village Hall
4 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
4 th	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
4 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
4 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
5 th	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
5 th	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
5 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
5 th	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
5 th	Poker League	8.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Group, Singing	10.30 am, Village Hall
6 th	Flash Dance (Age 8 to 17 years)	6.10pm, Village Hall
6 th	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
6 th	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
7 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12 noon, Village Hall
7 th	Breastfeeding Drop-in Group	10.00am, Childrens' Centre, The Linces
7 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
7 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 th	Weight Watchers	4.30pm, Village Hall
7 th	Pound Fitness – Cardio Jam Session (Phone 07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
7 th	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
7 th	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
10 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
10 th	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
10 th	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Living Well Church, Willingdon Rd
10 th	Worship Service	2.45pm, Whitfield URC Chapel
12 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
13 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Group, Exercise	10.30 am, Village Hall
13 th	Whitfield WI	2.00pm, Village Hall
14 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
14 th	Breathe Easy Support Group	2.00pm, Village Hall (Main Hall)
17 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
17 th	Morning Prayer	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
17 th	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Living Well Church, Willingdon Rd
17 th	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
17 th	Worship Service	2.45pm, Whitfield URC Chapel
18 th	Machine Knitting Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
18 th	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm, Village Hall
20 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Group: Help for the hard of hearing	10.30 am, Village Hall
20 th	WI Reading Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
21 st	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
21 st	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
24 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
24 th	Joint Parish Service	10.30am, Barfreestone
24 th	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Living Well Church, Willingdon Rd
24 th	Worship Service	2.45pm, Whitfield URC Chapel
25 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
27 th	Craft and Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
28 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall.

WEEKLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES – FEBRUARY

Day	Event	Time and place
MONDAY	Chair Yoga (07954 171153)	2.00pm, the Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
	Dance Diva's – age 4 to 7	5.15pm, Village Hall
	Dance Diva's – age 8 +	6.00pm, Village Hall
	Yoga (07954 171153)	6.00pm, the Whitfield Club
	Fitness is Fun (07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
TUESDAY	Yoga (07954 171153)	7.15pm, the Whitfield Club
	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
	Yoga (07954 171153)	7.00pm, the Whitfield Club
	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
WEDS	Poker League	8.00pm, the Whitfield Club
	Flash Dance – Dance / Fitness for age 8 to 17	6.10pm, Village Hall
	Fitness is Fun (07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
THURSDAY	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
	Breastfeeding Drop in Group	10.00am, Children's Centre, the Linces
	Weight Watchers	4.30pm, Village Hall
	Fitness is Fun (07557 397411)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
	Yoga (07954 171153)	6.00pm, the Whitfield Club
	Pound Fitness (07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
FRIDAY	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall

*If you would like your event included please supply details by the third Sunday of the month to
Whitfield Parish Council, c/o 13 Joyes Close, Whitfield, Dover, Kent CT16 3LS
Telephone: 01304 827416, e-mail: whitfieldpc@btconnect.com*

Obituary

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council received the news of the death of
Councillor Roger Simcock.

Roger was a serving Parish Councillor who had re-joined the Council in 2010, having previously served from 1983 to 2002 when, as Chairman, he had been instrumental in provision of many of the amenities which we all continue to benefit from today.

Roger had great enthusiasm and commitment to Whitfield and its community. His 30 years of knowledge and experience made him an invaluable member of the Parish Council who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Our thoughts are with Roger's family at this difficult time.

A REQUEST FROM LOCAL GP SURGERIES...

With pressure on GP's increasing, every missed appointment is a waste of precious resource. If you have made an appointment with your GP surgery, and cannot make it, or no longer require it, please let your surgery know as soon as possible so that the appointment may be offered to another patient.

An easy way of doing this is by ensuring surgeries have your up to date contact details, including your mobile telephone number, if you have one, and they will text reminders which offer a cancellation option.

Thank you.

Maintenance and Upkeep – Responsibility for Village Amenities

The Parish Council has recently received increased contact from residents to report problems, such as overgrown footpaths and requests for tree trimming at various locations within the village.

The Parish Council does not have responsibility for the maintenance of Public Rights of Way, footpaths or roads in the area.

All matters relating to a Public Right of Way should be reported to Kent County Council.

Telephone: 03000 417171

Address: Public Rights of Way Department, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent. ME14 1XQ

Potholes and Highway issues (including street light faults, drainage and traffic signal faults)

Telephone: 03000 418181

Address: Kent Highways and Transportation, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ

You can also use the relevant on-line reporting tools at www.kent.gov.uk,

or, you can use the links to the KCC reporting tools on the Whitfield Parish Council Website

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In 2019 your Parish Council will be holding the following events....

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 17th April 2019, 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Cranleigh Drive

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 23rd April 2019, 12noon, Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday 24th October 2019, 2.00pm, Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2019, 2.00pm, Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground

Other events or activities may be added throughout the year.

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Matcham, on 01304 827416 or by email at whitfieldpc@btconnect.com

VOLUNTEER WANTED....

... to deliver the Parish Newsletters and Whitfield News to the 45 properties in Nursery Lane between the Sandwich Road and Bewsbury Cross Lane.

If you are willing to volunteer please telephone either the Distribution Network Co-ordinator on 821099 or the Parish Clerk on 827416.

CHURCH FARM STALL IS NOW HUNTLEY'S FARM STALL

The stall will be open on Thursday's, Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's - 10am to 3pm.

Located at the bottom of Archers Court Road, by the Pineham / Guston turning.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY THIS WINTER...

With the dark evenings, Kent Police are reminding home owners to take simple crime prevention steps to keep their properties secure. Kent Police has launched its annual campaign to help prevent burglaries and target those responsible.

To help protect your home:

- * Ensure that doors and windows are secure before leaving.
 - * Keep keys, cash and expensive items out of view.
 - * Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your home look occupied.
 - * Keep gates locked and boundaries secure.
- Lock away bikes, tools and garden items that could be stolen or used to break into your home.

KCC Councillor Geoff Lymer's Newsletter

'New Year, New You' is the national campaign now underway with support in Kent to raise awareness of key lifestyle behaviours.

Now available on the Parish Council Website
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Dog Fouling awareness on the Recreation Ground



Some irresponsible dog owners still do not clear up after their pets foul on the Recreation Ground!

To highlight the scale of the continuing problem caused to the users of the Recreation Ground, the Parish Council grounds staff will be marking any dog mess which is not cleared up with **brightly coloured non-toxic chalk paint** for 2 week periods.

It is hoped that this will raise awareness of the scale of the problem, that irresponsible owners will think before leaving their dog's mess behind for others to deal with, and that responsible owners and other users of the Recreation Ground will politely remind offenders of their responsibilities.

An offence is committed if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up their dog's mess. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions, or that you do not have anything to remove it.

Please pick up every time your dog makes a mess.

Why not keep bags next to the dog's lead as a reminder to take them with you?

If you don't pick up, you are in the minority!

Unightly, unpleasant, smelly, anti-social:

Not only does it look nasty and smell nasty, but it also causes a nasty mess if you step in it, cycle through it, push a wheelchair through it, drive a mobility scooter through it or even worse ... if you fall in it.

If you don't realise that you have stepped in it, there is a good chance that you will carry it and spread it, or take it into your own home or someone else's home!

It is also a potential health hazard especially to younger children, due to their weaker immune systems and being more likely to ingest it. In rare cases this can cause serious illness or blindness.

There is no risk clearing up fresh dog mess but, when left, the infection will get into the soil where it can remain for many months.

Summary of January Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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The Meeting commenced with the observance of a minutes silence in memory of the late Councillor Roger Simcock, who sadly passed away in December.

Precept 2019/2020

- The Council resolved to set the 2019/20 precept at £107,000 which represents a slight decrease on a typical Band D household.

Committees:

- Resolved to accept the revised quotation of £4294.95 for the relocation of the adult gym equipment.
- The quote of £5096.26 to replace the Toddler Swings' and surface in the old play area accepted.

Reports from DDC and KCC Councillors::

KCC Councillor G. Lymer reported on the following:

- KCC recruitment of drainage engineers.
- A programme of works to clear footways of overgrowth and other incursions.
- KCC recruitment of Highways inspectors to ensure that repairs to highways are of a good standard.
- Grant from Government to assist in preparing Kent's highways for a 'No-Deal' Brexit.
- 100 HGV test runs from Manston to Dover.
- That new pothole blitz contracts are being awarded.
- Waste Transfer Stations were running at capacity due to delayed bin collections over Christmas.
- Members fund will be reduced to £15,000 next year.
- Discussions ongoing on the reduction of the 40mph speed limit on Sandwich Road to 30mph.

DDC Councillor D. Hannent reported the following:

- Meeting with the Developer regarding the proposed new Retirement Village at the outskirts of the Parish.
- Enforcement Officers have been asked to look into the development site junction in Singledge Lane.
- Problems with blocked drains at Castle Drive.
- Liaison with the Scouts and other groups regarding use of a new facility in the Parish.
- To inform him of any areas where lack of street lighting is a problem.

Matters Arising

- That the new 'flat seat' swings have been ordered.
- The Clerk claiming repair costs from the company of the vehicle that damaged the War Memorial Island.
- The CCTV upgrade complete and is fully functional.
- Works to the trees on the Recreation Ground remains on-going.
- Re-decoration of the Pavilion Hall delayed.

Correspondence received regarding:

- Responses from the participants of the Remembrance Service.
- Request for textile recycling bin in the Parish.
- Speeding traffic along Bewsbury Cross Lane.
- Broken and removed street lighting, particularly in Nursery Lane / Downside Road.
- Burning of potentially hazardous waste in the Archers Court Road vicinity.

Report from PCSO:

- The Clerk has received information from the PCSO, of his intention to start 'Street Surgeries' in the

coming months. Times and locations etc will be on the Kent Police Twitter feed.

Public Participation

- Members of the public raised no further matters for discussion..

Reports from Representatives

- Council noted report from the November KALC AGM.
- Verbal report following attendance at the Chairmanship Conference.
- Cllr C. Coleman will attend the NHS Listening event on behalf of the Parish.

Highways & Transportation Issues

- No Highways and Transport issues to consider.

Speedwatch:

- Speedwatch co-ordinator is publicizing the group and asking volunteers to undertake the appropriate E-Learning programme.

Current Consultations

- Cllr C. Moore to respond to the KCC Consultation on Libraries, Registration and Archive Strategy.

Recreation Ground Garage Extension:

- Resolved to accept quote for £500.00 to undertake the technical drawings and associated tasks.
- Resolved to pay DDC planning fee of £350.00.
- Resolved to appoint project manager at a cost of 15% of the total build cost.

Grounds Maintenance:

- Resolved to accept quote for £3750.00 in respect of annual Grounds Maintenance of the Recreation Ground and surrounding areas.

Grants and Subscriptions:

- A donation of £1000.00 to Pegasus Play Scheme.
- Subscription to Local Council Update be renewed in the sum of £100.00.

Community Defibrillator:

- Resolved that up to £2000.00 shall be made available for the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator, to be sited externally at the Gateway Bowls Club.

Newsletter:

- A Suggestion for 'lost pets' items the Parish Newsletter was considered but will not be taken forward.

Memorial bench

- Chosen seat shall be purchased at a cost £549.00

Village Events

- The Council noted the verbal report following the successful Children's Christmas Party.
- Council noted the update on forthcoming events.

Any Other Business

- A donation of £250.00 shall be made to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance in memory of the late Councillor Roger Simcock
- Approach the Woodland Trust to obtain some trees, free of charge.
- Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the Sports Pavilion on 17th April 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.
- Goal post storage for Whitfield Juniors.

Co-option of Councillor

- Deferred until candidate can attend meeting.