



WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2020

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

1 st	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	8.00am, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
2 nd	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
2 nd	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers – Annual Toy Service	10.30am, Village Hall
2 nd	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
3 rd	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Chair Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	2.00pm, The Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
3 rd	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 4 to 7 years)	5.15pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 8 + years)	6.00pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.00pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
3 rd	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
3 rd	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
3 rd	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
4 th	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
4 th	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
4 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
4 th	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
4 th	Poker League	8.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
5 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Singing Group	10.30am, Village Hall
5 th	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
5 th	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
6 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12 noon, Village Hall
6 th	Breastfeeding Drop-in Group	10.00am, Childrens' Centre, The Linces
6 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
6 th	Weight Watchers	5.30pm, Village Hall
6 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 th	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
6 th	VJ Fitness Bootcamp (07720 298199)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 th	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
7 th	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall
9 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
9 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
9 th	Holy Communion	10.30am, St Peter's Church, Whitfield
10 th	Whitfield Gardeners' Society	7.30pm, Village Hall
11 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
12 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Exercise Group	10.30am, Village Hall
12 th	Whitfield WI	2.00pm, Village Hall
13 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
13 th	Breathe Easy Support Group	2.00pm, Village Hall (Main Hall)
16 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
16 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
16 th	Morning Prayer	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
16 th	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
17 th	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
17 th	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
17 th	Machine Knitting Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
17 th	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm, Village Hall
19 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Branch AGM	10.30am, Village Hall
19 th	WI Reading Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
20 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
20 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
23 rd	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
23 rd	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
23 rd	Holy Communion	10.30 St Peters' Church, Whitfield
24 th	Dover Flower Club – Floral Demonstration 'From My Drinks Cabinet'	7.15pm, Village Hall
24 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
26 th	Craft & Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
26 th	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	7.30pm, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
27 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall

WEEKLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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
	Fitness is Fun (07557 397411)	5.30pm, 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	5.30pm, Village Hall
	Yoga (07954 171153)	6.00pm, the Whitfield Club
	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
FRIDAY	VJ Fitness Bootcamp (07720 298199)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
SATURDAY	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall
	Fitness is Fun (07557 397411)	07.50am, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive

*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*

WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

In 2020 your Parish Council will be holding the following events....

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Date To Be Confirmed,
Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground,
Cranleigh Drive.

Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 15th April 2020, 7.30pm,
Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground,
Cranleigh Drive.

Children's Halloween Party
Date To Be Confirmed,
Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground,
Cranleigh Drive.

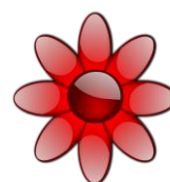
Children's Christmas Party
Date To Be Confirmed,
Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground,
Cranleigh Drive,

Other events or activities may be added throughout the year.

Once dates are confirmed, they will be advertised here.

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Matcham, on 012304 827416 or by email at whitfieldpc@btconnect.com

DOVER FLOWER CLUB



The next Meeting of the Dover Flower Club is on Monday 24th February, at Whitfield Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm.

Join us for a Floral Demonstration by Helga Cukure titled 'From My Drinks Cabinet', after which the arrangements will be raffled off.

We will be holding a competition for members and guests to bring an arrangement in a wine glass.

At the March Meeting on Monday 24th March, we will be holding a workshop, by Jenny Birch, where we will be making a willow wreath for Easter.

Members free, guests £8.00

We are always delighted to welcome guests and new members to our friendly club. If you are interested in joining or for further information please contact Maureen Edmond, edmondrandm@talktalk.net or Janet Gray, janetgray@btinternet.com

MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP – RESPONSIBILITY FOR VILLAGE AMENITIES

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

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

Concerns and requests which relate to a Public Right of Way should be reported to Kent County Council. Anyone can report using the on-line reporting tool on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk

Reports can also be made by telephone on 03000 417171 or by post to Public Rights of Way Department, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ.

Potholes and Highway issues (including street lighting faults, drainage and traffic signal faults) should also be reported using the on-line reporting tool at www.kent.gov.uk, by telephone on 03000 418181, or by post to Kent Highways and Transportation, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ.

WHITFIELD WI... WIT AND WISDOM QUIZ



Friday 24th April 2020,
7.30pm,
Whitfield Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 per person
(Bring your own food and drink)

For more information, call Wendy on
01304 822183

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR DOVER WEST WARD, GEOFFREY LYMER...

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?

'New Year, New You' is the message to Kent residents who are facing increasing health issues from poor lifestyle behaviours including inactivity and unhealthy eating. Along with smoking and drinking too much alcohol, these can have long term effects on people's emotional and physical health, leading to an increased risk of many types of cancer, heart and lung disease and stroke. In 2017/18, the percentage of Kent adults (over 18) classified as overweight or obese was 62.8% which is slightly higher than the national figure (62%). KCC Director for Public Health, Andrew Scott-Clark said: "The best way to tackle problem weight is to eat a healthy, balanced, reduced sugar diet. You can also maintain a healthy weight and prevent many illnesses by exercising regularly, at least 30 minutes a day of brisk walking. "KCC supports national initiatives such as Change4Life and One You, alongside community-based weight management programmes for adults and fun activity based programmes for families with children and educational programmes in schools. Services like One You Kent which really can help a new you, this new year."

KCC supports the national Dry January campaign and encourages residents to be aware of how much they are drinking by using the 'Know Your Score' interactive on-line anonymous test –

www.kent.gov.uk/knowyourscore

A range of formal and informal support is also available such as AA and Smart Recovery (peer support) in Kent and Al-anon for friends, family and carers of alcoholics.

For advice about small changes you can make to improve your health and wellbeing, and to find more support in your area regarding your lifestyle, see

www.oneyou.org.uk

or call 0300 123 1220 (option 4) to find a clinic near you.

Summary of January 2020 Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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The Chair welcomed attendees to the Meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.

Finance:

- The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation for December was accepted

2020/2021 Budget and Precept:

- Council agreed a Budget and Precept of £117,000 for the forthcoming year.

NOTE: (This represents an increase in line with inflation and the increasing number of new properties in the village which contribute to the precept)

Committees:

- Council noted the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation and Amenities, Planning and Finance Committees.

Matters Arising (Report):

- That the replacement of the safety surfaces around certain items of play expected to be completed by the end of January.
- That further mole control is required for the Recreation Ground.
- That office equipment has now been serviced.
- That the required actions for Making Tax Digital are now complete.
- That the new benches for the external boundary of the new play area are to be ordered.
- That new basketball chains have been received for the MUGA and will be fitted once the weather conditions permit.
- That quotes for the 2020 grass cutting season of the Recreation Ground and associated areas have been requested.
- That the Clerk continues to liaise with Whitfield Juniors FC regarding ongoing matters and possible addition to facilities.
- That further information and quotations for 'acoustic solutions' for the Pavilion Main Hall will now be sought.
- That the 2nd phase of the tree planting on the Recreation Ground took place at the end of November.
- That the Clerk continues to undertake the mandatory duties in respect of Auto Enrolment Pensions / re-enrolment duties.

Correspondence received regarding:

- A letter of thanks from Whitfield Aspen School, for the Parish Council's recent donation.
- Communication regarding the Design Principles Consultation for Manston Air Space.
- 2 x reports regarding PROW's in the Village being overgrown with vegetation.
- Correspondence regarding a 'dog incident' on the Recreation Ground.
- Inclusions / removals for the Parish Newsletter.
- Concern regarding tree roots damaging property.
- Concerns regarding speeding on Archers Court Road.
- Concern regarding mud on Field View Road.
- Reports of non working street lights, Whitfield Village Hall car park and Mayfield Road.

PCSO Update:

- Written Report and Update from New PCSO, Connor Fennesy, was received.

Public Participation:

- A member of the public raised concerns regarding KCC Planning Application concerning the closure / extended closure / diversion of established Public Rights of Way (PROW's) in the Parish.

KCC Councillor G. Lymer Reported:

- Additional Funding to assist with Adult Social.
- That KCC's 5 year plan is now open for comment.
- Barriers along the M20 which supported Operation Brock, will now be removed.
- Call for tougher penalties in respect of Fly Tipping.
- Additional enquiries will be made on proposed for a Retirement Village on Sandwich Road.
- Concerns raised around speeding on Archers Court Road.

Reports from Representatives on the following

- Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) AGM report received.
- Verbal report regarding a grant that has been secured for Betteshanger Park which will support Health and Well-Being in the district
- Verbal report on the recent Whitfield Aspen School Travel Committee Meeting.

Council Banking Arrangements:

- It was resolved that arrangements should be made to move the Parish Council Current Banking Account to Unity Finance to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the Parish Council's financial arrangements

Website Provision:

- Chair and the Clerk to make decision on the most suitable provider for a new website. It was resolved that the associated costs will be allowed,

Local Electricity Bill:

- Council considered their position in response to the request to support the Local Electricity Bill 2017-19 and confirmed that they will not add their support to this Private Members Bill at this time.

Grants and Subscriptions:

- That the Parish Council subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct plus web provision shall be renewed for the 2020/2021 year at a cost of £100.00.

Village Events:

- Report on successful Children's Christmas event held in December.
- Plans for forthcoming events progress through regular meetings of the events committee.

Development in Whitfield:

- Relevant matters had already been covered at previous points in the Meeting.

Parish Council meetings in 2020

Meetings are held in the Recreation Ground Pavilion on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The Council does not meet in August and December.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend and have the opportunity to speak during the public participation session, where any questions can be asked and any matters can be raised.

Why not just come along and meet your Councillors and see how your Council works and the range of issues we deal with ?