



WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2019

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

1 st	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	7.50am, 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	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	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
3 rd	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
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 Group	10.30am, Village Hall
5 th	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
5 th	Flash Dance (Age 8 to 17 years)	6.10pm, 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	Weight Watchers	5.30pm, Village Hall
6 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 th	Pound Fitness – Cardio Jam Session (Phone 07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
6 th	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
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 – Penetcost	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
10 th	Whitfield Gardeners' – The Joy of Discovering Rhododendrons & Seashores	7.30pm, Village Hall
11 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
12 th	Parkinson's UK Dover 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)
13 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
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 Group	10.30am, Village Hall
20 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
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	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
24 th	Dover Flower Club	7.15pm, Village Hall
24 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
26 th	Craft and Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
27 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
27 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
30 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
30 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
30 th	Benefice Service	10.30am, St Andrews' Church, Shepherdswell

WEEKLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES – JUNE

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)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
	Clubercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
	THURSDAY	Breastfeeding Drop in Group
Weight Watchers		5.30pm, Village Hall
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
SATURDAY	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 2019 your Parish Council will be holding the following events....

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday 24th October 2019, 2.00pm, Sports Pavilion

Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying

Sunday 10th November, 10.30am, Village Hall & War Memorial

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 20th December 2019, 2.00pm, Sports Pavilion

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

WHITFIELD EVENING WI...

...are holding a

WIT AND WISDOM EVENING

On Friday 19th July, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.



Entry is £3.50 per person.

To book a table, please contact Pat Hyatt on 01304 821410

Date for your Diaries....

Whitfield Village Garage Safari

Sunday 21st July 2019.

DOG FOULING



The Parish Council continues to receive complaints regarding dog fouling, affecting the Recreation Ground and other routes within the village.

The Parish Council has extended its recent campaign to highlight the problem on the Recreation Ground.

There is also the intention to install dog poo bag dispensers around the Recreation Ground for public use.

The Parish Council is responsible for the emptying of the dog waste bins on the Recreation Ground only.

Any other dog waste bins that require emptying or maintenance are the responsibility of Dover District Council, and should be reported to them by telephoning 01304 821000 or on line at

<https://forms.dover.gov.uk/BinProblem>

To report a dog fouling issue around the village to Dover District Council please use

<https://forms.dover.gov.uk/Dogfouling>

WHAT CAN THE PARISH COUNCIL DO FOR YOU?

Subject to relevant legislation, Whitfield Parish Council can fund Projects that improve the quality of life and amenity for Residents in the Parish.

We can also consider applications for grants from voluntary groups or charitable organisations.

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Have you any Ideas of projects we could take on, or worthy causes we could contribute to?

Maybe a location for a bench, ornamental trees or waste bin?

Do you know of a local community organisation which needs a grant or equipment?

Please send any ideas to the Parish Clerk.

If we are allowed to do it and it is feasible, the Parish Council can consider it!

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Previous Parish-funded projects and grants:

- ◇ Publishing this Newsletter ◇
- ◇ The Interactive Speed Sign ◇
- ◇ Defibrillators located around the Village ◇
- ◇ Funding for a Community First Responder ◇
 - ◇ The erection of the War Memorial ◇
 - ◇ The Remembrance Sunday Service ◇
 - ◇ Widening of the footpath by One-Stop ◇
 - ◇ Trees along Sandwich Road ◇
 - ◇ Improvements to the Village Hall ◇
 - ◇ Pegasus Play scheme ◇
- ◇ Whitfield and Aspen School Sensory Garden ◇
 - ◇ Benches by the Village Sign ◇
 - ◇ Equipment for the Monthly Litter Pick ◇
- ◇ Children Easter, Halloween & Christmas events
- ◇ Maintenance of the Recreation Ground and the New Play Equipment
- ◇ Grass Cutting for St Peter's Church ◇

KENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND'S AUDIO BOOK GROUP...

...Meet at 11am on the first Thursday of every month at

Dover Library,
Discovery Centre,
Market Place,
Dover, CT16 1PH.

For more information please contact Marion on 01304 721132

WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES



Would you like to participate in village affairs? There is a very satisfying opportunity available...

Become a Parish Councillor!

Don't complain about what happens in Whitfield, make it happen!

Whitfield Parish Council is in need of additional Councillors to make up its full compliment of 14 members.

No special qualifications or skills are required, just a desire to play a part in shaping the community and the investment of a few hours a week.

If you are interested, please access the information on the Parish website: you will find guidance on the roles of Parish Councils, what it means to become a Councillor and the contact details so that you may register an interest.

<http://www.whitfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/parish-councillor-application/>

You are also very welcome to come along to a Parish Council Meeting, talk to some of our serving Councillors and get a feel for what is involved. We would be very pleased to see you.

YOUNG PEOPLE – THINKING OF TRAVELLING ABROAD?

Kent County Councillor Geoffrey Lymer's latest newsletter article informs about a unique travel safety training opportunity which is provided through 'The Education People' (a Kent County Council Local Authority Trading Company) who have teamed up with a former Metropolitan Police Close Protection Officer to provide bespoke courses aimed at teenagers and young people who are thinking of travelling alone or with friends.

For more information the full article can be found on the Parish Council website at

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Summary of May 2019 Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)
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Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair:

- Jeff Goodsell and Wendy Bowman were elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Finance:

- Council noted the Internal Auditor's completion of the Annual Internal Audit Certificate and Variance Report.
- The Annual Governance Statement, Year-end Bank Reconciliation and the Accounting Statements for year ending 2018 / 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Committees:

- Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee were received.
- Chairs and Members of each committee were appointed for the coming year.

Matters Arising:

- New swings in the 'old' play area to be installed soon.
- The Adult Gym Equipment has been relocated.
- Installation of the defibrillator and cabinet for location at the Gateway Bowls Club is in progress.
- The Garage extension Project is progressing.
- Redecoration of the Sports Pavilion is partially completed.
- Replacement ropes for the damaged Basket Swing have been ordered from the supplier, they are expected soon.
- The siting of the memorial benches on the Recreation Ground remain ongoing.
- That Councillors have been copied in to the Chair's correspondence regarding the Public Rights of Way around Richmond Park.
- That an updated Councillor contact list will be circulated following the meeting.
- That some concerns were raised regarding the accuracy of the Speed Indicator Device ratings. Councillors were asked to take note and report any inaccuracies to the Clerk.
- That the agreed ID cards and DBS checks shall now be progressed.

Correspondence:

- A complaint regarding the litter along Singledge Lane which appears to originate from the construction site. The Clerk has liaised with DDC Environmental Crime on the matter and measures have been put in place.
- Correspondence enquiring as to the intended placement of the 250 tree saplings, due to be delivered in November.
- Complaints regarding the overgrown state of two of the Public Rights of Way in the village.
- An enquiry for the hire of the football pitch, which will be passed to the Recreation and Amenities Committee for further consideration.
- Concerns about speeding traffic in Sandwich Road.
- A thank you letter from St Peters' Church following the Parish Council's donation.

Public Participation:

- A member of the public raised concerns regarding the newly created junction at the Singledge Lane construction site including the junction layout, outstanding resurfacing works, protruding kerbs and the lack of parking restriction which would allow clear view from the junction.

Reports To The Parish Council:

- A verbal update following the recent Whitfield Aspen School Travel Committee Meeting.
- Council appointed Representatives to outside bodies.

Highways & Transportation Issues:

- Parish Council agreed to make a formal application for the reduction of the speed limit to 30mph along Sandwich Road past Bowman's Place.

Grants and Subscriptions:

- The Council renewed membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England at a cost of £50.00.
- The Council approved a donation to assist with the costs involved in the Whitfield Village Garage Safari, taking place on 21st July 2019.
- The Council renewed its subscription to Kent County Playing Fields Association at a cost of £20.00.

Defibrillator Maintenance & Supplies:

- The Clerk confirmed that 3 x new batteries and 1 x set of new pads have been ordered.

Training:

- New Councillors to attend KALC Councillor Training.

Village Events:

- Report received on the successful Easter Egg Hunt which took place in April.
- The Events Group are still considering a childrens' summer event, which will be discussed further at the next Events Working Group Meeting.
- The Parish Council considered approaching the Whitfield Aspen School to ask if they may attend the School fete.

Development In Whitfield:

- Relevant matters regarding development in Whitfield have already been covered at previous points in the Meeting.

Any Other Business:

- The Clerk advised Councillors of the VE Day 75 events that will be taking place on and around 8th to 10th May 2020. Further information shall be put forward to the Events Working Group at their next Meeting.
- Councillor C. Coleman informed the Meeting of a recent conversation that she had with some users of the BMX Track regarding some improvements / upkeep. Further information is awaited.

Public Footpath Closures

The Parish Council have written to the Developer, DDC and KCC after receiving regular complaints about Public Footpath closures due to Richmond Park and Singledge Lane development activities.

Richmond Park's new Residents and visitors cannot walk or cycle to Whitfield except along the by-pass dual carriage way. Existing Residents of Whitfield have been cut off from access to the surrounding countryside.

We asked that efforts should be made to reinstate these foot paths for recreational activity and also to give safe walking and cycle routes to the new development. Reduction of the national Carbon Footprint and road congestion at the A2 Roundabout are currently major issues in the news: Closure of public footpaths and lack of pedestrian access only exacerbates the situation and adds to the feeling of being under siege for local Residents.

Unfortunately we have been informed that there is no enforcement action DDC can take and that KCC Officers will look into the matter. The Developer has indicated that they are unwilling to open up any of the closed footpaths and that access from Archer's Court Road to Richmond Park will only be opened up once the new school has been built and they have built their next phase of houses.

Singledge Lane Development

The Parish Council will be writing to DDC, KCC and Abbey Homes to complain about site litter generation and the poor state of the road and footpaths to the site entrance. We will urge immediate completion of this work to minimise the inconvenience currently being suffered by Local Residents.

We will also be asking for improvements to the layout of the site entrance and for better management of site traffic to avoid queuing lorries.