



# WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2019

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers	10.30am, Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Dover Christ Church Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chair Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	2.00pm, The Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 4 to 7 years)	5.15pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 8 + years)	6.00pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
4 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
5 <sup>th</sup>	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Poker League	8.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Group	10.30am, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flash Dance (Age 8 to 17 years)	6.10pm, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service	7.30pm, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
6 <sup>th</sup>	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12 noon, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Breastfeeding Drop-in Group	10.00am, Childrens' Centre, The Linces
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 <sup>th</sup>	Weight Watchers	4.30pm, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pound Fitness – Cardio Jam Session (Phone 07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
10 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Dover Christ Church Academy
11 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield Gardeners' – First 10 Years in a Wall Garden	7.30pm, Village Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
13 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield WI	2.00pm, Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Breathe Easy Support Group	2.00pm, Village Hall (Main Hall)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
17 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Dover Christ Church Academy
17 <sup>th</sup>	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
18 <sup>th</sup>	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Machine Knitting Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm, Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Group	10.30am, Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
24 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Parish Service	10.30am, St Peter & St Paul, Eythorne
24 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	11.00am, Dover Christ Church Academy
25 <sup>th</sup>	Dover Flower Club	7.15pm, Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
27 <sup>th</sup>	Craft and Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
28 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mothering Sunday – Morning Prayer	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield

## WEEKLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES – MARCH

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](mailto:whitfieldpc@btconnect.com)*

### WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.30pm,**  
**Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground,**  
**Cranleigh Drive**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, 12noon, Sports**  
**Pavilion, Recreation Ground**

**Children's Halloween Party**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 2.00pm,**  
**Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground**

**Children's Christmas Party**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:whitfieldpc@btconnect.com)

### KENT BUS FEEDBACK PORTAL

During Kent County Council's Big Conversation with residents last summer, many people told them that they didn't know who to give feedback to about bus services. Kent County Council has therefore launched a Bus Feedback Portal. It includes information about how to make a formal complaint or compliment about bus services and who to contact in the event that bus users experience problems. It also includes a feedback form for residents to let Kent County Council know about their experiences of using buses and the quality of service provided.

Kent County Council will use the feedback that they get to gain a greater understanding of the types of problems bus users experience and to spot trends about the areas, or in which services they arise. Kent County Council will use this information to inform the conversations that they have with bus operators through the Quality Bus Partnerships or more generally and help improve things for bus users.

Kent County Council is encouraging people to use the form to let them know about their experience of using buses and the quality of service provided.

For more information please follow the link below.

[www.kent.gov.uk/busfeedback](http://www.kent.gov.uk/busfeedback)

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK...

Our sincere thanks to Hazel Wouldham who has now 'retired' after many years delivering the Parish Newsletter and Whitfield News. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Our thanks also to Mr Woodward for stepping in at short notice to deliver the Parish Newsletter to the properties in Nursery Lane between Sandwich Road and Bewsbury Cross Lane.

There will, unfortunately, be no further deliveries to these properties, as there has been no response to the appeal for a volunteer in last months Parish Newsletter issue.

## ST. PETERS' CURCH WHITFIELD

Notice is hereby given that the Annual District Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at approximately 11.30am, following the church service, to elect a Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwarden, along with other representatives of the Local Church Council. Various reports will be given on the proceedings of the Church and Parish along with the audited accounts.

## WHITFIELD WI ARE HOSTING A ....

### WIT AND WISDOM QUIZ

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.30pm  
At Whitfield Village Hall.

The cost is £3.50 per person, please bring your own food and drink.



For more information call Wendy on 01304 822183

KENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST AND EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST PRESENT....

## LET'S DISCUSS DEMENTIA

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 10.30am to 12.30pm

At Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury, CT1 2BT

Attending will be organisations that support people affected by dementia. The event is open to everyone and you will be able to chat to people from a range of services, including professionals from voluntary and community organisations.

You will also have the opportunity to join 2.5 million people across the UK and become a Dementia Friend.

Dementia Friends is about changing the way people think, act and talk about dementia.

The session is run by a Dementia Friend Champion, who is trained and supported by Alzheimer's Society.

Participants will hear first hand from someone living with dementia as they talk about their experience, there will be a question and answer session and the chance to meet your local Healthcare Trust Governor.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided by students from the award winning dementia café at the Oasis Academy.

For more information go to

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/dementia](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/dementia)

or call 01233 667810

## PARKING CHARGES AT THE WHITFIELD SERVICE / AREA MCDONALDS SITE, WHITFIELD

Residents and users of the above should be aware that Parking Enforcement action is in operation at this site.

Number plate recognition is used to issue notices to vehicles that are improperly parked in the area. Instances have also been identified where notices have been issued to cars queuing for the McDonalds car park / drive through.

# Summary of February Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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It was agreed to amend the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th January, following an omission under item 218.

## Finance:

- The Finance Report for January was accepted
- The recommendations of the 2019/20 NALC National Salary Award shall be adopted by the Council.

## Committees:

- Council noted the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting,

## Matters Arising

- Replacement of the 'old' swings are planned for April.
- Reimbursement has not been received from the company of the vehicle that damaged the War Memorial Island.
- Works to the trees on the Recreation Ground are now complete.
- The redecoration of the Pavilion is on hold for the time being, but will be re-visited.
- A site meeting is to take place regarding the relocation of the adult gym equipment.
- Street lighting information, collated by Councillor C. Coleman, passed on to DDC.
- Technical plans for the Garage extension have been received and reviewed.
- Site meeting with contractor for the new Grounds Maintenance contract has taken place.
- Defibrillator and cabinet is being purchased for location at the Gateway Bowls Club.
- Memorial bench for the late Clive Meredith will be installed once the weather and ground conditions improve.
- 250 tree saplings from the Woodland Trust will be delivered in November for planting.
- Internal Audit / End of Year will take place in April.
- Request for information regarding the graveyard at the URC Chapel, on Chapel Lane.
- Living Well Church services now take place at Dover Christ Church Academy, previously they were held at Willingdon Road.

## Correspondence received regarding:

- Requests for advice regarding planning applications.
- Extended closure of the ER182 Public Right of Way between Singledge Lane and the A2.
- Requests / enquiries for booking the Pavilion.
- Requests for inclusions in the Parish Newsletter.
- A document from the Kent Resilience Forum regarding Brexit preparedness sent to Councillors.
- Letters of thanks received for donations to the Pegasus Play Scheme and the Kent Air Ambulance.
- Speeding traffic along Sandwich Road.
- Concerns regarding dog fouling and overflowing dog waste bins.

## PCSO:

- The PCSO will hold 'Street Surgeries', with the times and locations posted on the Kent Police Twitter feed.

## Public Participation

- No matters for discussion raised by Members of the public.

## Reports from DDC and KCC Councillors:

- No Councillors present or reports received.

## Reports from Representatives

- Council noted report from the Dover KALC meeting.
- School Travel Committee Meeting verbal report.
- Councillors representing the Parish Council will attend; DDC's Town and Parish Meeting; DDC's Visitor & Tourism Strategy Consultation Workshop; the NHS South Kent Coast CCG Engagement Workshop; and the DDC Green Infrastructure Strategy Parish / Town Council Workshop.

## Highways & Transportation Issues

- Concerns were raised about the imposition of Parking Charges at the Whitfield Service Area / McDonalds site.  
The Council advises individuals to be aware as the parking charges are generated through number plate recognition cameras and can be sent when vehicles are simply queuing for the 'Drive-in'.

## Current Consultations

- Cllr C. Moore to respond to the Kent County Council's Minerals and Waste Local Plan on behalf of the Council.

## Whitfield Juniors:

- The Parish Council agreed use of the Pavilion and pitches, free of charge, for Whitfield Juniors to hold a Football Tournament on 22nd June 2019 at the Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground

## Newsletter:

- The Parish Council agreed to advertise the River Summer Fete with posters and on the Parish Council website, but not in the Newsletter as space is limited.

## Village Events

- Plans for the scheduled events progress through regular meetings of the events committee.

## Any Other Business

- A 'Kids Bake Off' will be taking place at the Church in River on Saturday 23rd February 2019.
- 'Let's Discuss Dementia' event, taking place on Saturday 9th March 2019, 10.30am at Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury.
- The Annual KALC Planning Conference will be taking place on Friday 15th March 2019, 9am at Lenham Community Centre. Cllr M. Pattenden will attend.
- The Clerk advised that she is still looking into the process of DBS checks for Councillors and staff.

## The Public were then excluded for the confidential process of Co-option of Councillors:

- It was decided that Judy Gould shall be co-opted to Whitfield Parish Council for the remainder of the term of office.
- A second candidate, who could not attend the meeting, was not considered.
- The Parish Council agreed that no further vacancies shall be filled by co-option, given the short remaining term of office. Local elections are due to take place on the 2nd May 2019.

## Planning Issues

Parishioners are reminded that the Parish Council cannot become involved in individual issues or problems with Planning or Building Control.

Any objections, complaints or non-compliances should be taken up with the Planning Department at Dover District Council.