



# WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2019

## WHAT'S ON IN MAY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Group	10.30am, Village Hall
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
1 <sup>st</sup>	Flash Dance (Age 8 to 17 years)	6.10pm, Village Hall
1 <sup>st</sup>	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
1 <sup>st</sup>	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12 noon, Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Breastfeeding Drop-in Group	10.00am, Childrens' Centre, The Linces
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weight Watchers	5.30pm, Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pound Fitness – Cardio Jam Session (Phone 07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	7.50am, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
5 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
5 <sup>th</sup>	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers	10.30am, Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chair Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	2.00pm, The Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 4 to 7 years)	5.15pm, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 8 + years)	6.00pm, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
6 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 <sup>th</sup>	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Poker League	8.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Group	10.30am, Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield WI	2.00pm, Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Breathe Easy Support Group	2.00pm, Village Hall (Main Hall)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
12 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Communion by Extension Service	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
13 <sup>th</sup>	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield Gardeners' – Canterbury Cathedral Gardens & Grounds	7.30pm, Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Group	10.30am, Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
19 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
19 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
19 <sup>th</sup>	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
20 <sup>th</sup>	Machine Knitting Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm, Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Craft and Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
26 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Parish Service	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
27 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
30 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day Service	7.30pm, St Nicholas' Church, Barfrestone

## WEEKLY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES – APRIL

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
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
	Pound Fitness (07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
FRIDAY	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
	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](mailto:whitfieldpc@btconnect.com)*

### WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### **Children's Halloween Party**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 2.00pm, Sports Pavilion

#### **Children's Christmas Party**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:whitfieldpc@btconnect.com)

### 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>

### No Bus service when you need one?

Have you tried the Community Transport Service?

**Whitfield Parish Council enrolled all Residents in the Thanet Community Transport Scheme**

#### Dial-a-ride

A door to door service for the disabled and elderly for individuals, typically used for medical appointments, shopping trips, days out and holidays.

#### Shopping service

Takes the hassle and confusion out of shopping for those unable to get to the shops, for a small fee. They collect your list and do your shopping at the shop of your choice and return with your shopping. Payment can be made over the phone and their personal shoppers get to know you as a person and your preferences.

#### Group bookings

Mini bus hire, with a driver, for social and sporting events for all members of the community up to 16 seats with the ability on all vehicles to remove seats to allow for wheelchairs so no-one is left behind.

#### Airport runs

A service to start your holiday from leaving your front door no need to worry about parking and how to get there.

**Telephone:** 01843 602030

**Email:** [transport@transportinthanet.co.uk](mailto:transport@transportinthanet.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.transportinthanet.co.uk/](http://www.transportinthanet.co.uk/)

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The Parish Council would be grateful to receive any feedback that you may have if you make use of the scheme.

# Whitfield Parish Council Annual Report.

## ***Report given to the Annual Parish Meeting.***

We have had 3 new Councillors come forward this year and one retirement.

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of Roger Simcock. Roger had a combined total of 30 years' service with the Parish Council. The Parish made a donation to the Air Ambulance in his memory.

The Parish Council Elections are in May but there will still be vacancies. Anyone who was put off by the election process can put themselves forward and be co-opted onto the Council after the elections.

The Parish Council meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except August and December.

The Finance Committee meets twice a year and keeps an eye on the budget and sets the annual precept. It also deals with staffing and Health and Safety issues.

The Housing and Planning Committee continues to submit comments to Dover District Council. The Committee objects to over development in and around the Village and any applications which are not adequately supported by the necessary infrastructure or have other adverse effects.

The Recreation and Amenities Committee has continued its work to maintain and improve the facilities on the Recreation Ground.

The Pavilion toilets have been refurbished and CCTV system upgraded. We replaced trees along Sandwich Road and by the War Memorial and you will have noticed the Kentish Ragstone Rocks on the Memorial Island that will deter lost Lorry Drivers from turning there and ripping out the wooden posts.

This Pavilion is due to be redecorated soon and plans are progressing for an extension to the Garage to increase our storage space. On the Recreation Ground a tree survey was carried out with all actions resulting from that now complete. The annual ROSPA inspection of the play equipment was carried out and remedial actions taken. The adult gym equipment is being relocated outside of the Children's play area and will complete those actions.

We have plans to replace the old swings in the toddlers play area in the next few months and are currently trying to get replacement ropes for the basket swing in the large play area. We are also considering resurfacing the MUGA games court

The Pavilion and Grounds can be hired by organisations or by Residents for private parties or charity events.

The Events Committee are busy and organise the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Fun Day, Halloween Craft and Christmas Party.

The Remembrance Day service and Wreath Laying at the memorial again filled the Village Hall to Capacity.

The Council also held the Afternoon Tea to thank the Newsletter Distributors and Litter Pickers for their efforts. Without them we would not have a Newsletter and be left with a very untidy Village.

The accounts are audited by an independent internal auditor before the Annual Return is sent to the Audit Commission.

The Parish Council has given grants to a number of organisations this year including St Peter's Church, the Poppy Appeal, the Pegasus Play Scheme and Whitfield Juniors Summer Camp. We also enrolled all Residents in a Group Membership of the Thanet Community Transport Scheme

The Parish Council have run a Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign, Purchased another 4th Defibrillator to be installed outside of the Gateway Bowls Club.

We continue to press for the extending of the 30mph limit past Bowman's Place and regularly move the Speed Indicator Device to various positions round the Village to deter speeding motorists.

If anyone has any suggestion for improvements around the Parish let us know. Anything will be considered.

The Council can also help to financially support other projects. Not all suggestions or requests will be granted as we are limited what we can spend your money on.

Councillor Jeff Goodsell – Chairman

## **We hope you enjoy reading the Monthly Parish Newsletter and Quarterly Whitfield News that let you know what is going on in your Community.**

These publications are only made possible by the team of Distributors who voluntarily deliver them round the Parish.

### **We are always looking for new volunteers to help out.**

If you are willing to volunteer and have a couple of hours to spare one a month, please telephone either the:

**Distribution Network Co-ordinator on 821099**

**or the Parish Clerk on 827416.**

## **Overgrown Hedges and Bushes**

The Parish Council frequently hear of complaints about overgrown hedges obstructing pavements and public footpaths around the village.

The Parish Council would like to ask all residents in Whitfield to check their hedges and other shrubs to make sure that they are not overgrown or obstructing the footpaths and pavements.

Such obstructions can be a real hazard to the partially sighted and to users of walking aids, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and pushchairs; and can also cause a visibility problem for motorists and pedestrians at junctions.

If your hedge is overgrown, please take the time to cut back any sections which do cause obstruction.

# Summary of April 2019 Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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## Finance:

- The Finance Report for March was accepted

## Committees:

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

## Matters Arising

- That the new swings for the 'old' play area are likely to be installed in May.
- That KOMPAN will be on site to relocate the Adult Gym Equipment w/c 29th April 2019.
- That the installation of the defibrillator and cabinet for location at the Gateway Bowls Club is in progress.
- That the Clerk continues to liaise with the Project Manager in relation to the extension of the Garage.
- That the sum of £350.00 has been received from the registered company of the vehicle that damaged the War Memorial Island.
- Sports Pavilion redecoration to commence in May.
- That Councillor A. Lamont submitted his resignation on 25th March 2019, with immediate effect.
- Dover District Sports Centre Representative to be the speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- That the Clerk continues to source replacement ropes for the damaged Basket Swing.
- That the Clerk continues to source new IT equipment for the Parish Office.
- That the arrangements for siting of memorial benches on the Recreation Ground is progressing.
- That the rocks to protect the War Memorial island from turning lorries are now in place.

## Correspondence received regarding:

- Removal of the dog waste bin between Alison Crescent and Archers Court Road
- Correspondence from the Sergeant who has responsibility for the Dover PCSO's, outlining responsibilities regarding community and Parish Council liaison expectations.
- Enquiries as to the PCSO role in Whitfield.
- Theft from a vehicle in Cranleigh Drive.
- Rubbish and litter generated from the Singledge Lane construction site.
- Bookings for the Sports Pavilion.
- Inclusions in the Parish Newsletter.
- A demonstration of the Speed Indicator Device for a neighbouring Parish Council.
- That the retirement date for serving Parish Councillors following the local elections is 8th May.

## Public Participation:

- A member of the public queried the Parish Council's acquisition of 250 tree saplings for planting on the Recreation Ground.

## KCC Councillor G. Lymer Reported:

- Operation Brock, Dover TAP are in place and discussions taking place in preparation for Brexit.

## Reports from Representatives on the following

- Report following attendance of the Green Infrastructure Forum.

## Highways & Transportation Issues

- All points covered in discussion with KCC Councillor Geoff Lymer.

## Grants and Subscriptions:

- To renew Council membership of the KALC, at a cost of £1,549.61.
- That a donation of £500.00 shall be made to St Peters' Church to assist with Grounds Maintenance.

## Defibrillator Maintenance and Supplies:

- Council agreed to purchase of spare defibrillator pads to keep in reserve for prompt replenishment of items.
- Council considered the purchase of new batteries for the 3 x defibrillators that are Parish Council owned.

## ID Cards:

Chairman to provide final information to order ID Cards.

## DBS Checks

- Council resolved that DBS checks shall be undertaken for all staff and Councillors in post from May 2019.

## Village Events

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

## Development in Whitfield:

- Closure of the footpaths linking Richmond Park to Archers Court Road and the wider village. The Chair will submit a complaint to Building Control and Enforcement at Dover District Council regarding the matter.

## Any Other Business

- Upcoming KALC Social Media and Communication Networking Event.
- Councillors discussed disappointment in the turn out of candidates for the upcoming local elections.
- A number of upcoming changes in NHS services which will affect everyone. Links to further information will be passed to the Chair for inclusion on the Parish Council website.
- The recent removal of trees on Whitfield Hill.
- Consideration of anti graffiti paint to the newly placed rocks on the War Memorial Island to be added to the agenda of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

## Rocks on the War Memorial Island

Gallagher Aggregates have kindly donated the three large Rocks of Kentish Ragstone that have been placed on the War Memorial Island to deter lost HGV lorry drivers from turning there.

On numerous occasions this has caused damage to the grass and kerbstones and ripped out the wooden posts. The repairs have become quite costly to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council welcomed Gallagher's offer to supply the rocks to us, free of charge, as they are the last remaining company still quarrying Kentish Ragstone, the only hard rock available at shallow depth in the South East. Kentish Ragstone has been used since Roman Times throughout Kent and the South East of England. Used in the construction of the Keep at Dover Castle, Westgate in Canterbury, Leeds Castle and even the Tower of London, it is now used on renovation projects including Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, so it was thought quite fitting to have the stone used on the War Memorial Island.

These rocks have a practical purpose but also add to the setting of the War Memorial itself.