



# WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2019

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	7.50am, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers	10.30am, Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joint All Souls Service	6.00pm, St Andrews' Church, Shepherdswell
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>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
4 <sup>th</sup>	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
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 Singing Group	10.30am, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
6 <sup>th</sup>	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
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>	Weight Watchers	5.30pm, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
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>	VJ Fitness Bootcamp (07720 298199)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying	10.30am, Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Whitfield Gardeners' Society – 30 of Bover on the Hover	7.30pm, Village Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's UK Dover Exercise Group	10.30am, Village Hall
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)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
17 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
17 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
17 <sup>th</sup>	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
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
24 <sup>th</sup>	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
24 <sup>th</sup>	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
25 <sup>th</sup>	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	Dover Flower Club – Floral Demonstration by Helen Hare - 'A Winter's Tale'	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
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park

## 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
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	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
FRIDAY	Singing and 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....**

#### Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am, Village Hall & War Memorial

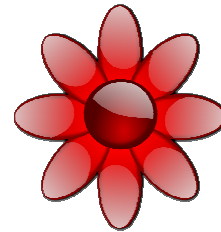
#### Children's Christmas Party

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)

### DOVER FLOWER CLUB



The next Meeting of the Dover Flower Club is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, at Whitfield Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm.

Join us for a Floral Demonstration by Helen Hare titled 'A Winter's Tale', after which the arrangements will be raffled off.

We are running a competition, open to members and guests, a floral design for a Victorian Christmas. Our sales table will be open and stocked with all your flower arranging accessories.

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](mailto:edmondrandm@talktalk.net) or Janet Gray, [janetgray@btinternet.com](mailto:janetgray@btinternet.com)

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK.



Our sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Holman for volunteering to deliver the Parish Newsletters and Whitfield Village News to Lenacre Avenue and the Acre.

## ST PETER'S CHURCH.

St Peter's Church presents an afternoon of Advent and Christmas songs performed in the Church, by Bourne Consort, starting at 2pm, to approximately 3.30pm.

**On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Tickets cost £5.00 per person and are available from Tina Parsons (01304 823312) or Richard Bates (01304 826833).

The price of the ticket includes a glass of mulled wine, or a soft drink, and a mince pie



Proceeds in aid of St Peter's Church

## MONTHLY LITTER PICK



Please be advised that the Parish Council's monthly village litter pick, which takes place on the third Sunday of the month at 10.30am, **will not take place in December.**

The November litter pick will be taking place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 10.30am on the Recreation Ground, should you wish to come along.

The litter pick will resume in January on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to those of you who regularly participate.

## CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
11am to 4pm**

At Whitfield Members Club Function Hall,  
Napchester Road, Whitfield, Dover, CT16  
3JD

Christmas Postbox for your Father Christmas Letters.

Gifts, Cards, Floral Arrangements, Wreaths and lots, lots more.

Refreshments and snacks available and the bar will be open from 12pm.

If you would like to be a stall holder please contact Karen on 07966 459139.

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

### 'EVERY MIND MATTERS' CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY IN KENT

Kent is supporting the national 'Every Mind Matters' campaign this World Mental Health Day by reminding residents of the support services available across the county.

Launched by Public Health England, 'Every Mind Matters' is the first national NHS mental health campaign encouraging adults to be more aware of their mental health and helps them to discover simple steps to look after their mental health and wellbeing. It offers a range of useful resources that help spot the signs of common mental health concerns, provides practical self-care tips and guidance and, importantly, explains when to seek further support.

There is also a free NHS approved online tool which helps people build an action plan to deal with stress and anxiety, boost their mood, improve their sleep and help them feel more in control. The tool and information of Kent support services can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/everymindmatters](http://www.kent.gov.uk/everymindmatters)

KCC's Director of Public Health, Andrew Scott-Clark said: "The 'Every Mind Matters' campaign is starting a national conversation which we will be supporting with partners in Kent. By encouraging people across the county to join that conversation, we want to support our residents to feel more confident in taking action to take care of their mental health and wellbeing."

Councillor Lymer's full text article may be accessed via the Parish Council website at [www.whitfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.whitfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

# Summary of October 2019 Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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## Finance:

- The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation for September was accepted

## Committees:

- Council noted the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting and resolved that a quote in the sum of £6705.27 be accepted to renew safety surfaces.

## Matters Arising:

- MUGA resurfacing and fencing now complete.
- Application for a debit card on-going.
- The garage extension work is progressing.
- The third new bench is awaiting siting and fixing.
- The replacement defibrillator batteries received.
- That Dog waste bags have been re-ordered.
- The Afternoon Tea for the Parish volunteers went well - many thanks to the Whitfield WI for the wonderful catering.
- Installation of the new gym equipment is complete.
- There were 8 volunteers to assist with tree planting.
- Whitfield Juniors Football Club continues to make enquiries regarding the provision of a 3G pitch.
- The Clerk is taking necessary steps to update the Council's IT equipment for Making Tax Digital.
- Fitness Bike spares have been ordered.
- The Speed Indicator Device SID is now working again, following the purchase of a new battery.
- That the Parish wheelie bin located at the Village Hall car park will now be locked.

## Correspondence received regarding:

- A request for Councillors to check their DPI forms for accuracy.
- Notification of re-enrolment for pension provision.
- Enquiry regarding the provision of allotments.
- Lorries parking on the pathway near to Tesco.
- An invitation to attend the CPRE AGM.

## Public Participation:

- No issues raised.

## KCC Councillor G. Lymer Reported:

- Following the resignation of KCC Leader Paul Carter, a new Leader has been elected, Roger Gough.
- That he continues to liaise with KCC Highways and Stakeholders in attempts to reduce the speed limit for Sandwich Road by Bowman's Place.

## Dover District Councillor N Collor reported:

- The renewal / replacement of street lighting in Whitfield is progressing. Whitfield will be the first area to be addressed.
- The District's on-going planning for Brexit and preparedness for 'no deal'. He is particularly aware of the potential problems that will face Whitfield around the A2 and A256.

## Reports from Representatives on the following

- The recent School Travel Committee Meeting.
- Whitfield Village Hall Management Committee will be celebrating their 50th year next year.
- Dover Christ Church Academy has both a restaurant and beauty / hair salon which is open to members of the public. There are links to both are on the school website.

- Some retail outlets are now charging for repeat / delivery of prescriptions. Individuals are advised to check if they are affected by this.
- Report on the Green Infrastructure Forum.

## Highways & Transportation Issues

- Enquiries to be made regarding the purpose of works that are taking place on the A2, between the Whitfield roundabout and the Duke of Yorks' roundabout

## Grants and Subscriptions:

- That a donation in the sum of £200.00 shall be made to Vista Twisters to assist with associated costs for participation in the World Cheerleading Championships 2020.
- That a donation in the sum of £1139.68 shall be made to Whitfield Juniors Football Club to purchase new kit.

## Village Events:

- £200.00 to meet the costs involved in the Annual Children's Halloween Party, taking place on 24th October was resolved.
- The Clerk advised the Council that she had met with Reverend Duckworth to discuss the Remembrance Service for this year.
- A local man has volunteered to participate as Bugler.
- The Brownies / Guides and Rainbows have confirmed their participation and the wreaths have been ordered. No response has been received from Whitfield Aspen School Choir to indicate if they are taking part.
- Plans for the scheduled events progress through regular meetings of the events committee.

## Development in Whitfield:

- The Clerk advised the extended closure of PROW's ER71 and ER63 between Archers Court Road and Pineham Road for a further two years until Nov 2021.

## Any Other Business:

- The Clerk to attend a Code of Conduct Meeting at Dover District Council.
- The Clerk confirmed that a Mole Control program will shortly commence for the Recreation Ground.
- The Clerk will look into servicing of the photo copier machine.
- The development taking place behind Lidl is causing some mud on the road on the Business Park.

## Moles on the Recreation Ground

You may have noticed that we have a mole problem on the Recreation Ground. Following a Risk Assessment of the possibility of the tunnels collapsing and someone being injured, especially in the sports pitches and the play area, the Parish Council have engaged the services of an experienced pest controller.

Although you may see him on the Recreation Ground there will be minimal disruption to users of the facilities. He carries out this service for other Parish Councils in the District, so is used to operating in public amenity areas and holds all the necessary liability insurance and DBS checks.

He uses traps which are buried underground. All that protrudes from the ground is a thin 'wire' which is a GPS transmitter to relocate the buried traps, he reiterates that he uses 'low key' approach and is aware of the Health and Safety requirements of a public Recreation Ground and possible sensitivity of some individuals.