



WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2019

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

1 st	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 5 years to 11 years	6.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
1 st	Kyokushin Karate Class aged 12 years to adult	7.00pm, Whitfield and Aspen School
1 st	Modern Jive Class	8.00pm, Village Hall
1 st	Poker League	8.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
2 nd	Parkinson's UK Dover Singing Group	10.30am, Village Hall
2 nd	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	5.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
2 nd	Flash Dance (Age 8 to 17 years)	6.10pm, Village Hall
2 nd	WI Games Evening	7.00pm, Village Hall
2 nd	Clubbercise (Keep Fit)	7.00pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12 noon, Village Hall
3 rd	Breastfeeding Drop-in Group	10.00am, Childrens' Centre, The Linces
3 rd	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
3 rd	Weight Watchers	5.30pm, Village Hall
3 rd	Pound Fitness – Cardio Jam Session (Phone 07728 623322)	6.15pm, Dover Christ Church Academy
3 rd	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
3 rd	VJ Fitness Bootcamp (07720 298199)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
3 rd	Ballroom and Sequence Dancing	8.00pm, Village Hall
4 th	Singing for Breathing	12.45pm, Village Hall
5 th	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	7.50am, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
6 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
6 th	Village Praise with Kidz Explorers	10.30am, Village Hall
6 th	Renewal Church – Big Lunch	12.30pm, Village Hall
7 th	Chair Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	2.00pm, The Beeches, Cranleigh Drive
7 th	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 4 to 7 years)	5.15pm, Village Hall
7 th	Dance Diva's (Childrens Dance Class – age 8 + years)	6.00pm, Village Hall
7 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 th	Fitness is Fun (Phone 07557 397411)	6.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
7 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
7 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
8 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	7.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
8 th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
9 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Exercise Group	10.30am, Village Hall
9 th	Whitfield WI	2.00pm, Village Hall
10 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
10 th	Breathe Easy Support Group	2.00pm, Village Hall (Main Hall)
10 th	Mixed Ability Yoga (Phone 07954 171153)	6.00pm, The Whitfield Social Club
13 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
13 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
13 th	Harvest Festival with Communion Service (All Harvest will go to the Food Bank)	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
14 th	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
14 th	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
14 th	Whitfield Gardeners' Society – Annual General Meeting	7.30pm, Village Hall
16 th	Parkinson's UK Dover Group – Speaker (to be announced)	10.30am, Village Hall
17 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
17 th	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
20 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
20 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
20 th	Prayer and Praise Service	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
20 th	Village Litter Pick	10.30am, Meet at the Recreation Ground
21 st	Machine Knitting Group	7.00pm, Village Hall
21 st	Whitfield Evening WI	7.30pm, Village Hall
23 rd	Craft and Home Economics Guild	2.00pm, Village Hall
24 th	Farmers & Craft Market	8.30am to 12noon, Village Hall
24 th	Whitfield Parish Council - Childrens' Halloween Party	2.00pm, Sports Pavilion, Cranleigh Drive
27 th	Living Well Church Service	9.45 & 11.30am, Dover Christ Church Academy
27 th	Renewal Church – Family Service	10.15am, Village Hall
27 th	Parish Communion	10.30am, St Peters' Church, Whitfield
28 th	Painting Group	9.30am, Village Hall
28 th	Over 60's Club	1.30pm, Village Hall
28 th	Dover Flower Club – Workshop by Marian Townsley – A Pedestal Arrangement	7.15pm, Village Hall
28 th	WI Craft Evening	7.30pm, Village Hall
31 st	Mobile Library Visit	3.00pm to 4.00pm, Village Hall Car Park
31 st	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
	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	Clubercise (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
	Zumba Class (07775 583744)	7.00pm, Whitfield Aspen Primary School
	VJ Fitness Bootcamp (07720 298199)	7.15pm, The Whitfield Social Club
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

PARISH NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION...

VOLUNTEER URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR LENACRE AVENUE AND THE ACRE



We are looking for a volunteer to deliver the Parish News and Whitfield News to 51 properties in Lenacre Avenue and the Acre.

If you are willing to volunteer please phone 01304 821099.

Previously this area was covered by Mr Woodward, who has now had to 'retire' for health reasons after being a volunteer for many years. Our sincere thanks to him and we wish him well for the future.

Our thanks also to Mr and Mrs West for providing emergency cover this month to ensure that those living in Lenacre and the Acre receive their copy of this issue.

Philip Farr – Distribution Network Co-Ordinator.

WHITFIELD WE ARE HOSTING A.....

WIT AND WISDOM QUIZ

**ON FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER,
7.30PM
AT
WHITFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

Tickets are £3.50 per person

Bring your own food and drink

Call Wendy on 01304 822183

WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL...



VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE PLANTING

Sometime in November the Parish Council will be taking delivery of tree and hedge saplings provided free by the Woodland Trust. The intention is to fill in gaps in the hedging and to complete the boundary tree line at the bottom end of the recreation field. If you and your family would like to help plant a few trees we are looking for volunteers to help.

Please let the Parish Clerk know your contact details and we will let you know which dates we will be planting on. Even if you can only spare an hour or so every little helps and each new tree can help save your green environment.

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT NETWORK – PUBLIC SATISFACTION SURVEYS

This year, for the second year, Kent County Council is taking part in the NHT Public Satisfaction Survey on Highways and Transport Services. Whilst the main survey is being carried out by Ipsos MORI, who will be sending forms to a representative sample of households, we have also opted to take part in six web based surveys on specific issues:

- * Highway Maintenance
- * Accessibility
- * Walking and Cycling
- * Public Transport
- * Road Safety
- * Tackling Congestion

These surveys are publicly available online and may be accessed via the KCC website using this link:
https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Nationaltransportsurvey2019_20/consultationHome

The greater the take-up of the surveys, the more useful they will be in helping us to understand the priorities and concerns of people who live or work in Kent, so please feel welcome to complete any of the surveys which interest you.

TAKE CARE OF THE HEDGEHOGS



As residents of Whitfield, you may be aware of the large number of hedgehogs that we have in the village. But unfortunately, many of these are getting killed on our roads, especially the Sandwich Road. As the hedgehog population is rapidly declining, I wonder if the kind folk of Whitfield would be willing to create hedgehog highways connecting everyone's gardens so that the hedgehogs do not need to cross the roads to find food (hedgehog highways are 5" square holes in fences. Hedgehogs also love long and short grass, basically wild spaces with native plants for their food source.

COME ON WHITFIELD LET'S TAKE CARE OF THESE WONDERFUL, ENDEARING MAMMALS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN.

Maybe there is a handy person out there, willing to create the holes for residents who are not able to do this.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk, who will put you in touch with the concerned resident who contributed this article.

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR DOVER WEST WARD, GEOFF LYMER SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING.....

After 14 years as Leader of Kent County Council, Paul Carter announces that he will be standing down.

A new Leader will be elected by the Conservative Group at their AGM on 4th October 2019.

The new Leader will be appointed and take over at the County Council Meeting on 17th October 2019.

Councillor Lymer's full newsletter article can be found on the Parish Council website at:

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DOVER FLOWER CLUB

October 28th – Workshop by Marian Townsley

'A Pedestal Arrangement'.

We always welcome visitors and new members to our friendly club, we have a sales table for all your flower arranging accessories, refreshments and a raffle.

For more information please contact; Maureen Edmond, edmondrandm@talktalk.net Janet Gray; janetgray@btinternet.com.

Summary of September 2019 Parish Council Meeting

(Full minutes available on the Website)

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Finance:

- The Finance Report for July and the latest bank reconciliation were accepted and signed.
- The External Auditors Report was noted with no further points to consider

Committees:

Minutes of the Finance, Planning and Recreation & Amenities Committee meetings were noted with resolutions that:

- Quote be accepted for the resurfacing of the MUGA at a cost of £22,950, inclusive of VAT.
- Recommendations for revised Banking arrangements and transfer of funds to high interest account were approved.
- Recommendation for Staff Salary Increases were accepted.

Matters Arising:

The Clerk updated the Council on the following matters:

- Repairs to the basket swing are now complete.
- Work on the extension to the garage has commenced.
- Progress installing final bench on the Recreation Ground.
- Stock items and batteries for the defibrillators received.
- Dog waste sack dispensers installed on the Rec.
- Organization of Village Events are progressing.
- The imminent installation of new adult and junior outside gym equipment.
- Deeds for Council owned land / property have been requested.
- ID cards for Staff and Councillors being ordered.
- That issues with the Singledge Lane SID pole have been reported to KCC and a new battery charger ordered.
- A suitable mole control company who operate in areas open to the public is being sourced with some difficulty.
- That no further response or information has been received regarding reduction of various speed limits in the village.
- A replacement dog bowl has been fitted at the Pavilion.
- That the request for volunteers to assist with tree planting in November has generated 1 volunteer.
- Intermittent problems remain with the 'contact us' email from the Parish website.
- That the Annual Play Area Inspection took place in July.
- That Whitfield Juniors will be holding a football festival on Saturday 14th September.

Correspondence:

- An invitation to the Citizens Advice AGM.
- A letter of thanks from Dover and Deal Sea Cadets following the Parish Council's donation.
- An enquiry regarding the non-working street lighting at France Road / Bindon Blood Road.
- Enquiry regarding the mowing of an area of grass near to the Village Hall.
- A request for benches outside the boundary of the play area for use by Children's Parents with Dogs. (Dogs are not allowed in the Play Areas)
- Requests for various newsletter inclusions.
- Public comments on DDC planning applications.
- A request to assist with tracing family tree / ancestry.
- Concerns with parking on Cranleigh Drive.

Public Participation:

- A member of the public raised an issue regarding the pumping of 'off peak' sewage to the Sandwich Road pumping station which is causing problems to residents in the Napchester Road area.

Report received from KCC Cllr Geoff Lymer:

- KCC Leader Paul Carter will be standing down in the next month, KCC members will vote a new Leader.
- Dover is among 50 towns to benefit from a future high street fund to improve transport and access to town centres

and to finance the conversion of empty retail units into residential properties and new work places.

- Central Government has allocated £30million to help improve infrastructures around rail and sea ports to ensure traffic flows more smoothly once Britain leaves the EU.

Report received from DDC Cllr Nigel Collor:

- Renewal / replacement of street lighting in the village is progressing. Tenders are in and are being evaluated, work is still expected to commence in September. Councillor Collor has requested a work programme for Whitfield, so that both residents and other partners can make appropriate plans to avoid potential problems.

Reports To The Parish Council

- Report from DDC's New Local Plan Event was noted.

Whitfield Juniors Football Club:

- Representatives of Whitfield Juniors Football Club (WJFC) attended the Meeting. They thanked the Parish Council for their ongoing support. Discussions took place regarding the ongoing expansion of the club and suggestions for future improvement. More specific data and costings will be gathered and passed to the Parish Council.

MUGA Resurfacing and repairs:

- The line marking of the MUGA will be 2, 5a-side football pitches and 1 basket ball / net ball overlay.
- The tennis court markings will not be re-instated and the existing holes for the nets will be filled
- An additional quote for £6,480.65 plus VAT was accepted to cover fencing repair and restructure of the goal mouth areas.

Grants:

- A donation of £220.00 was made to Whitfield Aspen School to assist with the funding of equipment in LEGO Therapy.
- Detailed costing and information is required before consideration can be made regarding the Village Hall request for refurbishment / replacement of their chairs.

Training and Events:

- Attendance at KALC's Clerks Conference KALC Transport Conference was approved.

Whitfield WW1 Air Field Memorial Plaque

- The Council discussed information received regarding the placement of a Memorial Plaque to Whitfield Air Field.

Recreation Ground:

- The Council accepted an offer from a resident for the donation of 3 x 1 year old Horse Chestnut trees on the Recreation Ground. The area for siting will not be ready until the Spring.
- The Council considered allowing some of the 'wild area' to the left of the football pitch to become a traditional woodland area with bluebells, aconites etc. The Recreation and Amenity Committee will oversee the project.

Village Events:

- Plans for the Children's' Halloween Party are in hand.
- The Council has been contacted by a local Bugler, who has offered his services for future Remembrance Events.
- The Clerk will be liaising with the Vicar to discuss arrangements for this year's service.

Development In Whitfield:

- The Council noted the Chairman's correspondence with DDC Development Control regarding the Abbey Homes Construction site at Singledge Lane.
- The Council noted Kent County Council's proposal for waiting restrictions at the new road layout on Singledge Lane.

Any Other Business:

- Changes to the Clerk's working pattern were agreed.

Co-Option of Councillor:

(The meeting was closed to the public during this item)

- Following the correct voting procedure, Karen Colyer was co-opted as Parish Councillor for the remainder of the current term of office.