

Weald News

Week beginning 12 June 2017

Weald Preschool celebrations

Weald Pre-school is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary and is holding a party on **Saturday 17th June** between **12.00 and 15.00** at the Church Hall. There will be lots of activities for the children, including biscuit decorating and a chance to bounce and bounce on the wonderful inflatable castle that featured during the Pre-School's Family Fun Day at the end of April.



BBQ food other light refreshments will be available along with a cake stall and Tombola. The tickets are only £5 which includes the BBQ. When you've eaten and bounced your fill, saunter down to the Memorial Hall to enjoy the stunning Weald Horticultural Society Summer Show (see below).

WHS Summer Spectacular

It seems to me that every Horticultural Show brings with it its own challenges...one year, I can remember thinking that none of the daffodils would be in flower for the Spring Show and the following year I was worried because most of them had come and gone!

The forthcoming Summer Show on **Saturday 17th June in the Memorial Hall from 15.00 - 16.30** will be a challenge for me as I have been away for a couple of weeks and, of course, was not here to protect the plants from the ravages of the whipping winds that seem to have whirled around the garden. I came back to find that my delphiniums were broken to pieces (silly me for not tying them up before I went) and a particularly interesting rose called 'Eyes for You', which I had been nurturing and was thrilled by the number of buds it boasted, was almost ripped out of the ground. Phew! Other than that the rest of the plants have doubled or tripled in size especially the hostas; my pride and joy is now 1m 20cm in diameter! I'd love to bring it to

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the show but I don't think the pot will transport! If you saw it in its infancy during Christian Aid Week and would like to see it now, please pop round.

The rest of Weald gardeners will be on top form I'm sure, with numerous sections to encourage plenty of entries...so look at your roses, sweet peas, lupins, delphiniums, iris, lily, pansies, pinks etc. foliage plants in a pot, salad, and fruits including rhubarb, strawberries, gooseberries, raspberries, currants and bring them along! It sounds like a good show already!! See you there!

P.S. make sure you get your entry forms into Barbara at the shop by the time she closes up on Thursday 15th June.

What about Weald's war?

Sevenoaks historian, Matthew Ball, has contacted me to say he is researching the history of Sevenoaks during the First World War and would be interested to hear from anyone with an anecdote, photographs or other information relating to Sevenoaks and the Weald during this time. Matthew published a book on the Sevenoaks war memorial in 2014 and more information can be found on his website at www.sevenoaksw1.org

As well as information on the men who served, Matthew is also interested in the stories of the women who nursed, worked on the land or in the factories and how villages such as the Weald were affected by the conflict. If you can help in any way, please email him at matt@sevenoaksw1.org

A phizz-whizzing summer fete

Last year the weather for the school fete was 'challenging' to say the least! We were all thankful that the PTA provided gazebos so that we were a little protected from the rain, although it did little to dampen the atmosphere which is always bright at the school fete. I'm hoping this year that everyone in the village will be channelling positive thoughts to the sky...can positive energy move the clouds along? I very much doubt it but it is a great thought! Whatever the weather is, come along to support the school and have a great afternoon in a beautiful village setting. I'm expecting a bit of magic this year anyway as this year's summer fete on **Saturday 24th June, from 12.00 to 16.00**, is themed around the writings of Roald Dahl, a man with a marvelously inventive mind. It should be fun, so put the date in your diary. I'm part of the Women of Weald's group who judge the cake competition. This year the focus is on cup-cakes!! Great news!! Each judge marks for appearance, taste and texture with the marks being added together for the final score... Good luck everyone!

Quiz Night

I know that Weald residents LOVE quizzes so when the Weald History Group were thinking of a fundraising event towards the printing costs of the new history of the village (scheduled for November this year...YES...really!!) a quiz was top of the list. So, please, come and join us on **Friday 14th July** in the **Memorial Hall** from **19.00**. Tickets cost £12 and includes a light supper.

Sample pages from the book will be on display and a sample copy available to view. To reserve a ticket/s email wealdnews@hotmail.com or speak to Richard Gidman (454222) Sheila Turley (463339) or Elizabeth Miller (07513 458907). Bring your friends and pit your wits against our quiz compiler extraordinaire - you'll be glad to know that there is only one history round!

Return of ACCORDARE quartet

Lead violinist of Accordare string quartet, Robbie Norman, was keen to come back to Weald to play again. Whether it was the good acoustic in the hall or the thought of a scrummy tea that drew him back I'm not sure but we are thrilled to have him and his fellow musicians. At the concert last year we were raising funds to help pay for the baby boudoir grand piano in the hall. This time, it is part of a series of fundraising events organised by the Weald History Group towards the printing of the book (see above!!) Memorial Hall. **Sunday 16th July** in the **Memorial Hall** at **15.00**

Accordare String Quartet will play a selection of Mozart, Mendelssohn & Brahms featuring special guest, clarinetist Rachel Bishop. Following the concert a strawberry cream tea with fizz will be served. Tickets cost £20 per head. Spaces are limited so pre-booking is essential. email wealdnews@hotmail.co.uk or contact Susan Gidman 01732 454222 to receive the concert programme and player notes or to book tickets.

Hundreds of recipes

I've been on my hands and knees looking through the hundreds cookery books I have (only a slight exaggeration I fear) to find the recipe for a Greek type salad with orzo pasta I made as a started for the Safari Supper this year. I want to send it to Lisa Martin to be included in the cookery book she is putting together of recipes past and present. It's going to be a great book!! You can either put it in her mailbox at 'Trose', Windmill Road or email it to her at lisa@hardwarecentre.co.uk The last date to have anything included is Monday 31st July.

Coffee, crafts and cake

If you are not involved in the set up of the School Fete on **Saturday 24th June** you might want to take yourself up to the Church Rooms between **10.00 and 12.00** for their monthly coffee, craft and cake morning. It's always a treat to enjoy home made cake and conversation with friends BUT, this month, I will be busy setting up a stall on the green for the Weald History Group...I promise this will be the last mention in this newsletter of the new book the group is putting together!!

DIARY DATES

Saturday 17th June

Weald Pre-School 50th anniversary
St George's Church Hall

Weald Horticultural Society Summer Show
in the Memorial Hall from 15.00 -16.30

Cricket match at the Recreation Ground
a home match against Shipbourne, 13.30

Monday 19th June

Stoolball, Sevenoaks Weald v Leigh Ladies
18.30 at the Recreation Ground

Wednesday 21st June

Stoolball away game, Langton Green v Sevenoaks
Weald at 18.30

Saturday 24th June

Coffee, craft and cake morning
10.00 - 12.00 in the Church Rooms

Weald Community School Summer Fete
on the Green from 12.00 - 16.00

Cricket match away against Sennocke, 13.30

Sunday 25th June

Sunday Club at St George's Church

Monday 26th June

Stoolball, Sevenoaks Weald v Fordcombe Ladies
18.30 at the Recreation Ground

Wednesday 28th June

Weald Parish Council meeting
in the Memorial Hall 19.30

Wednesday 21st June

Stoolball away game, Stonewall Park v Sevenoaks
Weald at 18.30

Tuesday 25th - Saturday 27th July

Holiday at Home in the Church Rooms

Saturday 29th July

Weald Horticultural Society Summer Supper
18.30 at Southmead