

Weald News

Week beginning 19 June 2017

Happy anniversary Pre-school!

I can guarantee that a good time was had by all at the pre-school's 50th anniversary party on Saturday 17th June if the number in the queue for food, cakes, Pimms and Beer stall, bouncy castle and tombola was anything to go by! The weather co-operated so fun was had by all.



Of course any successful event relies on the hard work and commitment of the volunteers, in this case from Preschool parents and Preschool staff and husbands helping to put everything together.

Past owners of the Preschool, Frances Timbers and Janice Sadler came to celebrate with the group as did Frances Dick who has been involved with Early years education for many many years. She had opened the renovated fenced play area for the preschool in 1974 and had been a School Governor for Weald Primary school in the past. Weald Primary school was represented by Sally Jones who is a Weald Primary school Governor at present and always shows great interest in the Preschool.

Watch out there's thieves about!

I had a disturbing message from Sarah Chatten just after I had produced last week's newsletter to say that outbuildings at Westwood Farm had been broken into, although nothing had been taken. When Sarah went to work at Peshurst Place the following day she found that various properties at Peshurst had also been targeted, again nothing taken. When it was reported to the police they said that thieves may be looking for horse equipment. Sarah urges people to be extra vigilant with regards to their sheds and outbuildings.

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The blooming weather

There were some beautiful blooms to be seen at the Weald Horticultural Summer Show last Saturday although entries were down on last year, possibly due to the heat or, perhaps, because people have already started their summer holidays. Although those of you who pass our house, Willows, on Windmill Road might think I had plenty of roses to enter by the nuber clambering up the front of the house but I didn't have many single blooms, they all seemed to come out the day AFTER the show!!



There were a number of cups and plates to be won - Brian Jarvis won the Malcolm Pierson Memorial Cup for most points in the show as well as accolades for his sweet peas. Several years ago Brian kindly gave all his sweet peas to me as I was doing flowers for a memorial service for my friend's husband. The church that day smelled divine (sorry about that!).

Doris Wheeler and Val Jarvis were joint winners of the Macney Challenge cup; the Fauchon Challenge cup for cookery went to Angel Horton and Dave Todd; the Pat Thomas Trophy for flower arranging to Carol Ryman for her design on a theme of 'Heat Haze'. A silver plate for best exhibit in the show was won by Lesley Knight for a very unusual coloured delphinium. I'm sorry I didn't take photos of everything...I was so caught up in the roses!!

Garden delights

I'm gearing up for the Weald Horticultural Society 'Garden visits away weekend' at the end of the month. It is always inspirational visiting other gardens to see how they plant up and what they put together. I'm hoping to come back with renewed energy for my garden which is suffering from some neglect at the moment and I need to tackle the pesky vine weevil...I have just lost one of my lovely rhododendrons in its pot to the 'critters'! If you haven't come away on a garden weekend, please think about it for next year as it is great fun.

Everyone's going Wonka

These children are already gearing up for their turn to shine at the Village School Fete on **Saturday 24th June** from **12.00 - 16.00**. I'm hoping that the weather breaks before then, that we get the great big thundestorm over and done with before Saturday!!



In this photograph from left to right we have Oompa Loompa, Witch, Fantastic Mr Fox, Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, Willy Wonka and Matilda alongside some special Wonka Bars! There is always so much to do from a silent auction to numerous tombola stalls and a barbecue.

I hope that I get a break from the History Group stand to sample some of the other delights on offer. I've been getting into practise for my cake judging moment by eating cake every day to acclimatise my taste buds - that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!! Hope to see you there!

The progress of our history book

I am putting on a display at the school fete of some of the pages of the history book so you can see what it will look like. I will also have a bound copy of the draft pages for viewing. Although we are creeping closer to it being finished, there is always room for more snippets of information so please look through your photo books, or scour your memories... and come and look at the book and let us know if we need to correct anything we might have got wrong. We hope that as many of you as possible will pre-order the book (forms will be available at the fete) so that we can raise the necessary money to get it printed!! As my friend said in surprise earlier in the year, 'It's a real book'...I hope you will not be disappointed!

Coffee, Cakes & Craft Morning

I should get round to reading my own newsletter as I turned up last Saturday for the monthly St George's coffee, cake and craft morning only to find, of course, that it wasn't the right weekend. It is **THIS Saturday, 24th June**, so please come and enjoy coffee and cake in the Church Rooms from **10 am to 12 noon**. This is the last opportunity as there will be no coffee morning in July and August. the usual items will be for sale.

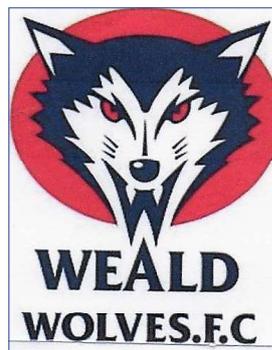
Free legal advice

I received the following information on the email last week. Someone reads the village column in the Sevenoaks Chronicle!! I was asked to pass it on and so I have.

Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge will be hosting free legal advice sessions, in Sevenoaks, on the first Wednesday of every month starting on 2 August 2017.

Warners Solicitors will be offering free 30-minute consultations to older people and their families on Powers of Attorney, Wills, Estate Planning, Probate and Court of Protection matters. Please note, if you need more time to discuss your matter or you need further advice you will need to instruct Warners or another solicitor on a fee paying basis (or go to Citizens' Advice). If interested please book an appointment through Age UK on 01732 454108.

Weald Wolves Football trials



Our local football club, Weald Wolves are in the process of recruiting new players (boys and girls) and have a trials day coming up on **Saturday 8th July** between **10.00 -11.30** at **Weald Recreation Ground** (TN14 6QR) off Morley's Road and behind Giacomo's restaurant. Although the club caters for 6-18 year olds this particular trial is for three groups - U13, U14, U15 (I'm presuming it is for ages under 13, 14 and 15) If you are going

to be in either year 8,9,or 10 in September then this is for you...well, you must want to play football as well! For further details please contact Andy Ginno on today@talktalk.net or phone 07471 356589.

Parish Council Meeting

I have heard that the Parish Council has been granted planning permission for change of use for the old Methodist Church. I understand that re-furbishing it is in process. I also hear that there may be news about the status of the 402 bus service into and out of the village. Please come along to the Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 28th June** at **19.30** to find out more about these two items and anything else of note for our village.

A Night for quizzlings

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.

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!

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 25th - Saturday 27th July

Holiday at Home in the Church Rooms

Saturday 29th July

Weald Horticultural Society Summer Supper
18.30 at Southmead