

Weald News

Week beginning 16 July 2017

Yes! It is a lucky black cat



The little black moggie wasn't a stray...its, or should I say 'his' home is The Old School House. It looks rather thin as it has been 'under the vet' for a viral infection and now seems to be eating for England! His name is Colin and is the son of Winnie and twin brother of Terence. He usually wears a collar but is apt to shed them!! If

you see it around give it a love and send it on its way.

Greensand Commons consultation

If you have read your local SHAPE magazine you will have seen that a consultation is in process about how to make better use of the Greensand Common for leisure activities. The Sevenoaks District Council and Kent Wildlife Trust are working together on the project, securing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Project proposals are being submitted in February next year so there is time for you to have your say. A group met on the common on 18th July and there is a further, drop in meeting on the Green at Weald near the school on **Thursday 20th at 18.30**.

Historically the commons were used by local residents for firewood, mining chert, livestock bedding etc. I have heard that our green is also considered one of the Greensand Commons. If you are interested in hearing more then come along...I'm sorry this newsletter comes late this week...I know I said I wasn't going to do one but I have so many 'snippets' to pass on! If you would like more information please contact andrew.willmore@kentwildlife.org.uk

Litter Picking

It's very heartwarming to find out that some young people are developing a fine sense of community spirit. On Saturday 24th June Oscar Arnold aged 13, Jacob Arnold aged 11 and Finley Webster aged 12 filled several big, black sacs with litter. On Sunday 25th June George Arnold and Will Arnold both aged 8 did the same. THANK YOU!! It seems a shame that people drop litter as they go. I'm afraid to say I have seen cyclists on their rush to save seconds off their time jettison bottles and wrappers on the side of the road.

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Fundraising efforts, staggering sums

I've written before about how good we all are in raising funds for various good causes in the village and for that matter, good causes outside the village! I'm sure there will be more detail available elsewhere but I have heard that over £6300 was raised during Christian Aid week and a staggering sum of £10,900 profit from the school summer fete. The PTA will be considering what it will be spent on at the next PTA meeting...hmm...must ask if they would like to give a history of the village to every child/every family in the school!!

Have your say

We always have the opportunity to have a say on local issues through the **Parish Council** who meet monthly. Sometimes, when nothing much seems to be happening, our councillors are, in fact, extremely busy on our behalf. We are so used to an 'instant' society that it is difficult, sometimes, to take a breath and understand that some issues take a while to resolve. To share your views, or to be involved in what is happening in the village, please come along to the meeting on **Wednesday 26th July at 19.30**. An agenda will be posted on the notice boards in the village and on the website.

REMINDER: Allotment Open Day

July is already turning out to be another busy month. On **Sunday 23rd July the Allotment Association is holding their annual open day between 10.30 – 14.00**. If you haven't visited the allotments before this is a great time to meet the people in the village who still 'grow their own'.

REMINDER: Holiday at Home

This year's dates are **Tuesday 25th July to Thursday 27th July inclusive**. All sorts of activities are being organised. Coffee, lunch and tea is provided and all for just £6 a day. If you would like to find out more, please contact Judith Howard on 01732 458285.

REMINDER: STOP for Coffee & cake

If you'd like to pop along to the Memorial Hall on **Thursday mornings in August** you'll find a warm welcome between **10.00 and 12.00**. It seems the community Coffee Stop idea has caused quite a lot interest. There will be a variety of newspapers to read if you don't feel like chatting or, perhaps, you could bring along a book to 'swap' - bring one,

take one! Some allotment holders may be bringing along vegetables 'surplus to requirements' to be made available for a donation. If these coffee mornings are a success then they might continue into the autumn. If you can offer some help, please come along and speak to one of helpers listed below. How do you like your coffee? - shaken, not stirred... oops! wrong drink!

3 August	Lois Bawtree, Ros Hollamby
10 August	Helen Hamlyn, Sue Gidman
17 August	Judith Howard, Liz Hindley
24 August	Shirley Hayes, Judith Howard
31 August	Shirley Hayes, Liz Hindley

Weald History book fundraising

So much has already been said about Weald History Group's forthcoming book 'The Changing Face of Weald', I'm worried you'll get fed up of the mention of it!! But...I'll mention it anyway.

We have had several fundraising events and donations to raise the money to go to print which is scheduled for November this year. There is still much to be finished although, looking at it in draft form, it is coming together well.

The quiz held on Friday 14th July was a huge success thanks partly to the 'quiz-master', Elizabeth Miller, setting some fiendish questions which certainly got the little grey cells working overtime and, also, to Shelia Turley and her volunteers who provided such a tasty supper with some unusual cheeses. I hope I'll soon be able to report how much was made.



The placemats for the event were made with copies of pages from the book which complemented the display on the back wall of the hall. It's good to know that word is getting round and following on from the 70+ books which were sold at the village fete another 15 were sold at the quiz night.

On Saturday, following the frenzy of activity at the quiz night, many of the History Group took part in their annual visit to an area of Kent. This time to Dungeness where half of the group visited 'Sound Mirrors' at Lydd and the others to many of the small churches in the area. Although it sounded fascinating I was getting ready for the next fund-raiser, the Accordare concert in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon!!

The audience was treated to music by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Brahms with a guest clarinetist Rachel Bishop. It wasn't, perhaps, one of my better decisions - to have a concert on the same day as Wimbledon Men's Tennis finals - BUT we had a lovely time! Around £450 was raised towards the book. The amount is still to be finalised once all the expenses are totalled up.



The exhibition of pages from the book has been left in the hall so, please, pop in to have a look sometime. I'm still taking orders! Contact me either at 01732 454222 or email wealdnews@hotmail.com

Cameo visit to Eastbourne

The group visiting Eastbourne this year had a magnificent day as the weather was so good. It's a lovely



Village open meeting

I have just been handed a piece of paper with notification of an 'Open Meeting' to be held in the **Memorial Hall on Monday 24 July at 19.30**, organised by Hilary Allen who can be contacted on 01732 463382.

You are invited to share your thoughts and ideas about such things as 'what we want from our village', 'What can I offer to my village?', 'What is our greatest need etc.' I expect that any suggestions will be brought to the Parish Council in due time.