

Weald News

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Sacconi quartet performs locally



We have enjoyed performances from two different quartets over the past couple of years but hope soon to enjoy one that is more 'home grown'. Violinist Robin Ashwell, who lives in Paiges Farm Close, is about to play with fellow musicians at the **Sevenoaks Music Club** on **Saturday 23rd September 19.30** at **Walthamstow Hall Ship Theatre**.

Formed in 2001 and now known primarily for its creativity and integrity of interpretation, The Sacconi Quartet still comprises its four original members, two of whom have connections with Sevenoaks: violinist Hannah Dawson grew up in Sevenoaks and went to Weald Primary and Sevenoaks School, and violist Robin Ashwell has lived in Weald for the last three and a half years.

Their recent CD of music by Jonathan Dove, 'In Damascus', has been in the Classical Top Ten this summer, peaking at number 6. It includes Dove's new piece which gave rise to the title of the CD which was written especially for the Quartet and Mark Padmore, one of the world's finest lyric tenors.

Following performances at their tenth Folkestone Festival they flew to Prague to make their debut in the Prague Spring Festival, one of Europe's major classical music festivals. They have several upcoming London concerts, one at the Wigmore Hall and others at Kings Place and the Royal College of Music. But, catch them first here in Sevenoaks playing quartets by Haydn, Mozart and Dvorak. For tickets please see www.sevenoaksmusicclub.org.uk

William Paris marries again

In the last newsletter I wrote about the tragedy of the Paris family in the early 1820s. William's two young sons died in 1823 Adam (5) and Abel (8 months) within weeks of each other and, a year later, his wife Elizabeth gave birth to twins who died very shortly after their birth. Elizabeth died the following year. It's not surprising, therefore, that it took William quite some time to recover but, you'll be pleased to know, he married again and went on to have other children...and there's more to the story!! SO...if you are interested in buying a copy of our book, at the pre-publication

price of £13.50 rather than post publication price of £14.99 then please contact me at wealdnews@hotmail.com I'd be happy to show you the 250 pages we have so far!

Weald Artists pop up show

The Community pop-up-shop in the Memorial Hall last Tuesday was 'buzzing' with people having a coffee and looking around the the pop-up arts and crafts exhibition. Villagers had been invited to bring something to put on show and there were plenty of pictures as well as tapestries, a carving or two and picture books including some stunning photos taken by Rob Bain. There is a lot of talent in the village and I hope something can be organised over a weekend so people who still go out to work can enjoy the show as well.



A grand thank you party

There will be a grand village party **Sunday, 17th September** from **12.30 to 15.30** to thank Barbara and Carol for all that they have done in the village - Barbara for running The Old Bakery as well as being the contact point for so many village activities. I can't count the times I have written 'give your names to Barbara in the shop' or 'hand in your form to Barbara in the shop.' The party is also the thank Carol for running the post-office which had already moved to The Old Bakery by the time Richard and I had moved to the village. I know Carol worked at the Post Office on the corner of Windmill Road and Church Road before that. As people often say, 'you only know what you've got when it's gone.' (or something like that!)

The organisers of the Celebratory Party are keen to know how many people are likely to come so, please, either put your name on the list at the community shop or send Sally Jones an email sally48@gmail.com Everyone is welcome AND, if you can volunteer to make sandwiches or cake

please step forward AND/OR give some help on the day. The organisers would also love to hear from anyone willing to provide some live music. There will be two 'Memories' book in the shop so please write down any incidents, anecdotes or thank you's of the time Barbara and Carol have served the village and it will be given to them at the event.

The Queen's Jeweller

On Monday 11th September members of CAMEO are looking forward to welcoming back David Thomas, to talk to them from 14.30. He was the Crown Jeweller for 21 years and came to the group last year and gave a fascinating illustrated talk. Everyone is keenly awaiting the second instalment. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Judith Howard on 01732 458285.

10K and Fun run

Sunday was another busy day in the village. Ian Walker asked Richard who had booked the Memorial Hall on Saturday so that he could liaise with them about the moving of the Community Shop to the Church Rooms for next couple of weeks only to find that HE had booked it in his role as Race Director. I hope he got some sensible answers from himself!!

The organisation on Sunday morning was superb with over 400 runners and 80 volunteers taking part. The runners had the chance to be involved in the church service led by Rev. Mandy Carr and slightly later, to the mass warm-up exercise class. It made me wonder how the runners had the energy to go and run around the course which has a hill on the last leg home!



Weald Community Shop



It is close to becoming a reality!! The footings for the container shop were put in place late last week by 'men from Marshalls' (sounds a bit outerspace!!) so that the ground will be ready and level for the container delivery later this week. I understand that the 'shop' will then take a week or so to fit out before being ready for service. In the meantime, **the Community shop is continuing up at the church rooms for the next two weeks.** As before, a taxi service is in operation for those who find it difficult to make the walk up the hill.

We had two special activities in the Memorial Hall last week to encourage us to sit and chat over coffee and a piece of cake. One was a marvellous magician who stunned our group with his sleight of hand. The head knows that it is a learned skill and that we are being 'duped' but it is still amazing to see a coin pass through someone's hand! Yes....really!



The other special event was the chance to listen to Kathryn Ashwell playing again on our Baby Boudoir Grand Piano - how on earth are they going to take that into our new container shop??!! JUST JOKING!