

Weald News

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St George's Church record



At the service on Sunday 14th January Henry Middleton, who headed up a team of volunteers who undertook a church recording project at St George's Church, gave a short presentation about the report before handing it over to Rev. Mandy Carr.

The recording group had visited St George's Church, Weald, a number of times to record all elements of its structure and fabric from stonework to silver, building materials to the monuments, decoration etc. The content of the report was strictly monitored by the Fine Arts Society to meet national standards. One copy of the book has been deposited at the V&A and a copy given to the church. Dur-



ing coffee after the service, Susan Gidman, on behalf of the Weald History Group, gave Henry and the church recorders a copy of 'The Changing Face of Weald', the history of the village they had been writing and preparing for the last two and a half years!

Christmas carols in January

I went along to the CAMEO New Year's party on Monday 15th January and ...hooray, hooray... they sang carols! Somehow they sounded fresh and new, despite it being only a couple of weeks since Christmas. Perhaps we can have carol singing in July?? – after all, many people celebrate every day the fact that Jesus was born. The sound of the combined voices in the Church Hall made me wonder about the possibility of setting up a village choir? I'm sure it has been thought of before. I used to belong to a group called 'Singing for Pleasure' and it contained people who could sing, and sing well, and people who 'growled' but who had great fun doing it. We sang a wide range of music from Abba to Opera. I have heard that joining a choir boosts the 'feel good' hormones in the body - anyone interested???!!

Walk from the White Rock Inn

The last Weald walk from the Community shop across the fields to the Greyhound at Charcott was experienced by a handful of brave souls who ignored the rain lashing down....I hope the group are praying for better weather for the next walk on Saturday 3rd February. Mike Conacher has planned a five mile circular walk from the White Rock Inn, Underriver starting at 10.00. I'm sure quite a few people will want to stay on for a drink afterwards! Given the amount of rain we have been having it is likely that the tracks will be muddy!

Murder Mystery: Murder is Academic

Weald Memorial Hall plays host to some interesting events during the year, not least of which is a performance by the Stag Theatre Company of a murder mystery play after the audience has enjoyed a two course supper. Last year the play was called 'Death by Chocolate' - this year, on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th February the theatre company will be performing a new murder mystery, 'Murder is Academic' written especially for them by Cathy Eva Bennet.

It seems that 'Tensions in the staff-room are raised as the teachers at Grimstone Grange are having their annual performance reviews. The school bully is running rampant and budget cuts abound. Join them to see whose alibi doesn't make the grade and teach the murderer a lesson!' Tickets are £15.50 and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stag-theatre-company. The charity raffle at 'Murder is Academic' will be in aid of Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance.

Canada & Alaska without leaving home

At CAMEO's February meeting on Monday 12th February Brian and Jan Saunders will be sharing some of their experiences and impressions of Canada and Alaska which they visited recently. visit they made to. I wonder if they took the Trans Canada train journey across the Rockies; it is a journey I've always wanted to make. I'll have to go to CAMEO and find out! They meet in St George's Church rooms from 14.30.

P...p....pick up a pancake

On 13th February, Shrove Tuesday, in St George's Church rooms from 12.00, you can come and eat your fill of soup and pancakes...nuff said!

Big Breakfast

You know I always love to write about eating...well, second to eating itself! A new event is being organised in the village during half term. On Saturday 17th February you can come and join other residents at the 'Big Breakfast' in the Memorial Hall. Let someone else do the planning, organising, buying and preparing breakfast!! If you would like to come, leave your name and number of children over 5 years at the Community Shop. It will cost £5 for adults and £3 for children over 5.

Have you lost something?

I have been asked to put a message in this newsletter to everyone who uses the Memorial Hall kitchen. It seems that a lot of extraneous 'stuff' is building up on the top of the fridge and the work surfaces. The Memorial Hall Committee would like all the 'stuff' to go back to where it belongs.... so, if you are missing a box or a plate or a serving dish, or anything from your kitchen came and see if you have left it behind in the Memorial Hall. Anything not collected in the next couple of weeks will find itself in a waste bag! I am reminded of the poem of Pam Ayres, 'Heaps of Stuff'. These are the first two verses...do find it on the internet - it's a giggle!

How I wish that I was tidy
How I wish that I was neat
How I wish I was methodical
Like others down out street.
I tried to stem the rising tide
I tried to hold it back
But I have been the victim
Of a heap of stuff attack.

Yes, heaps of stuff come creeping,
They clutter up the hall.
And heaps of stuff are softly
Climbing halfway up the wall.
At each end of the staircase
Is a giant heap, a stack;
One to carry up the stairs
And one to carry back.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 24th January

Parish Council Meeting
in the Memorial Hall: 19.30

Thursday 25th January

Soup & Scrabble in the Memorial Hall: 12.00

7-11 Film Club: 'Despicable Me 3'

St George's Church 17.00

Aladdin at the STAG, Sevenoaks featuring Weald's Sophie Holmes as Aladdin (until Sunday 28th January)

Saturday 27th January

Burns Supper
in the Memorial Hall: 19.00

Thursday 1st February

Thursday Night Dining Club (Fish 'n Chips')
at The Windmill Pub

Saturday 3rd February

Village walk led by Mike Conacher
Meeting at The White Rock, Underriver at 10.00

Wednesday 7th February

'Pre-Raphaelite Women': Delia Taylor
WOW monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall at 14.15

Thursday 8th February

Thursday Night Dining Club (Steak Night)
at The Windmill Pub

Friday 9th -Saturday 10th February

Murder is Academic a play by Cathy Eva Bennett
in the Memorial Hall at 19.30

Monday 12th February

CAMEO: Canada & Alaska - Brian and Jan Saunders
in St George's Church rooms from 14.30

Tuesday 13th February

Shrove Tuesday: soup and pancakes
in St George's Church rooms from 12.00

Saturday 17th February

Big Breakfast
in the Memorial Hall 08.00 - 11.30

Advanced notice: Save the date!

Saturday 5th May

Village Safari Supper from 18.45

Friday 11th May - Sunday 20th May

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 3rd June

Music in the Memorial Hall at 19.30