

Weald News

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Grass fed meat

Just after I had pressed the button to send out the last newsletter, I found out that the speaker for the Horticultural Society's January talk had been changed. SO, if you don't already know, the talk on **Wednesday 10th January at 20.00** is now going to be given by **Fidelity Weston**, who farms Romshed Farm with her husband, Martin. There is a chapter on Romshed Farm in the new history of the village as it appeared on a list in 1900 of farms in Weald Parish although, due to boundary changes, they now fall outside the parish.

The Westons' anticipate a reduction in farm support following Brexit and as Fidelity said in the book, '*we will put the whole farm back into herb rich grass leys and will focus on our beef and lamb production rearing them entirely from our wildflower and clover rich pastures, combining tasty and healthy meat production with high conservation and wildlife outcomes*'. It will be interesting to hear what she has to say. Will she be bringing samples I wonder?!!

Sevenoaks Weald Art Group (SWAG)

The group starts again for their 2018 sessions on **Friday 12th January from 09.30 - 12.00**. This friendly, welcoming group of artists, all with their own projects, meet with like minded artists to draw, paint, and socialise. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more please contact us. wealdwatercolours@yahoo.co.uk. Or phone Maureen Carter on 01732463474.

St George's Church Record

Several years ago, when Mike Conacher was the Chairman of the Tonbridge section of NADFAS (National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies), he was instrumental in setting up a church recording sub-group, under the direction of Henry Middleton, former curator of Maidstone Museum. Almost six years later and the group are able to present their report to St George's congregation which they will be doing at the **10.30 service on Sunday 14th January**.

Film Club for 'golden oldies'

There has been a fantastic response to the film club for 7-11 year olds at St George's Church (although the popcorn might be a significant draw!) so, at a recent meeting of the church committee, it was suggested that a film club could be organised for 'golden oldies, showing 'golden oldies'!

To test interest in the idea the first film, '**Singing in the Rain**' with Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor will be shown on **Wednesday 17th January at 14.30**.

Sarah Griffiths, a member of St George's Church, is in charge of this new project so, if you are a film buff and would like

an afternoon of nostalgia, please contact her by email at sarah_highview@hotmail.com or call her on **01732 463458** to book your place. I understand that the film screening will be dementia friendly so if you know of anyone who might benefit, please bring them along. Lifts are available.



I took my great-nieces to see 'Trolls', the first film to be shown for the 7-11 year olds, most of the children lounging on cushions on the floor. I'm sure that is not expected of older filmgoers but you might like to bring a cushion along to soften the seating!!

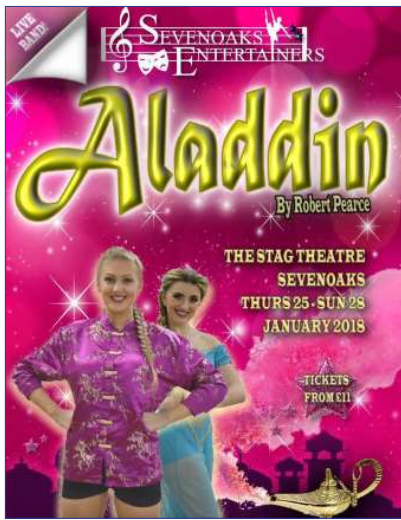
Oh no it isn't: oh, yes it is!!

If you haven't yet had your annual pantomime 'fix' then there are two opportunities in January for some home grown talent to whet your appetite. The first a showing of CINDERELLA by Weald PTA in Weald Church Hall and the second, ALADDIN by the Sevenoaks Entertainers at the STAG) I wonder what a combination would be called...Allacind' or 'Elladin'?? Luckily I don't have to worry as they are both separate entities!

Cinderella: an international premiere

Cinderella is billed as: '*The much awaited international premiere of the Weald Parent Teacher Association (PTA) production*'. It is the third time that a pantomime has been presented by the PTA and this one is being performed in **St. George's Church Hall, Weald at 20.00 on Friday 19th January. On Saturday 20th January** there are two performances, the first at **15.00** and the second at **18.30**. Tickets cost £8 per adult and £5 per child (4 years to 16 years). A child's ticket price includes free squash, and under 4s go free. Tickets, which must be paid for when they are ordered, are available from the school office. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Weald's Sophie Holmes stars in Aladdin



According to the 'blurb on their website, the Sevenoaks Entertainers are 'a lively, exciting amateur theatre group who give members the chance to experience all aspects of working in a professional theatre environment. We pride ourselves on being a friendly, approachable group from in and around the Sevenoaks Area. We welcome new members to our

adult cast of all abilities and ages over fourteen. We also have a thriving youth section, The young Entertainers, open to all aged eight to fourteen'. The group produces an annual large scale pantomime at the Stag Theatre at the end of January and a summer production. Their summer productions vary from West End style musicals to smaller cabarets, allowing members to experience all kinds of performing. This year, Sevenoaks Entertainers' January production is a showing of 'Aladdin' at the STAG in Sevenoaks in which Sophie Holmes takes the starring role. I mentioned Sophie in one of last year's newsletters as she had reached the final of an Open Mic competition. It is good to see that she is still performing. Tickets (from £11) for the performances from Thursday 26th January - Sunday 29th January are available from the STAG.

Sophie has recently released a new single called 'Mistakes' which can be found on Spotify, Amazon, iTunes and Apple Music.

Help save our bus

I was contacted by Guy Hollamby recently to say that he had been sent a link to an on-line petition entitled 'Kent County Council: Save Our Buses: Join the fight to protect a lifeline from Kent County Council's cuts'. Please visit the site to see if you would like to add your name (the goal is to reach 25,000 signatures). You can read more and sign the petition at <http://chn.ge/2CWDWj4> OR/AND **use the bus that we already have!**...Use is one of the most positive actions we can take. You could occasionally swap your car journey for a bus journey. If you do not have a bus pass you can still save money by buying a 'carnet' of 10 tickets, available from the bus driver...the journey is going to cost you less than driving your car and buying a car parking ticket!

Bottles 'junked'

I had thought it quite amusing that there were so many bags of bottles left by the bottle bank after Christmas but, in a conversation I had shortly afterwards with Council workmen, I found out that bottles not 'posted' in the bottle bank cannot be re-cycled are 'junked'. The Council staff asked if people found that the bottle bank was full could they take them home again and bring them back at another time. I

also found out that a large bag of domestic waste had been put into the small waste-bin near the re-cycling containers. This waste-bin is for small pieces of litter generated by visitors to the playground or walkers NOT for general waste. I found two empty bottles of Domestos there yesterday! I'm sure that counts as a health and safety issue!

Thanks for people who sent in news items, If they are not in this newsletter I'll include them next time.

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th January

CAMEO: Wessex: an illustrated talk with Val Crooks
14.30 Church Rooms

Wednesday 10th January

Fidelity Weston: Grass fed meat
Weald Hort. Society meeting in the Memorial Hall
19.30 for a start at 20.00

Friday 12th January

Sevenoaks Weald Art Group
in the Memorial Hall 09.30 - 12.00

Sunday 14th January

The handing over of St George's Church Record
at St George's Church 10.30 service

Monday 15th January

CAMEO: New Year's Party
14.30 St George's Church Hall

Wednesday 17th January

Golden Oldies Film Club: Singing in the Rain
St George's Church 14.30

Friday 19th January

Weald School PTA presents a pantomime: Cinderella
at St George's Church Hall at 20.00
AND

Saturday 20th January

St George's Church Hall at 15.00 & 18.30

Monday 22nd January - Wednesday 24th January

Samara's Aid collection
the Church rooms between 10.00 and 12.00.

Wednesday 24th January

Parish Council Meeting
in the Memorial Hall: 19.30

Thursday 26th January - Sunday 29th January

Aladdin at the STAG, Sevenoaks featuring Weald's
Sophie Holmes as Aladdin.

Saturday 27th January

Burns Night Supper
in the Memorial Hall: 19.00

Saturday 3rd February

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