

Weald News

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Women's World Day of Prayer



The ladies of Weald usually celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer at St George's but, this year, the Sevenoaks area is convening their prayer meeting at **Sevenoaks Christ Church URC** off Tubs Hill on **Friday 2nd March at 14.00**. As in the past, the service is constructed by a chosen group of women and shared by every group worldwide. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Suriname and is entitled '*All God's Creation is very good*'. Everyone is welcome but it has been suggested that you might need to come early as parking is rather limited (my suggestion would be to car pool from St George's car park). If you would like more information please contact Judith Howard on ?01732 458285.

Man's best friend



Robin Marchant has been in touch asking if I would let you know that the vets at Meopham who looked after Pandora in the last weeks of her life (she passed away on 8th February) have decided to raise money for the charity, 'Canine Partners', by running the **Lydd half marathon on 11th March**. If you would like to support them and the work of the 'Canine Partners' you can

go to the just giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/meophamvetsteam>

The website of the organisation, 'Canine Partners', describes their work as follows: '*Canine Partners is a registered charity that transforms the lives of people with physical disabilities by partnering them with assistance dogs. The amazing dogs bring a greater independence and quality of life to their partners, offering security, companionship, and practical help with everyday household tasks. These life-changing dogs also provide psychological and social ben-*

efits including increased independence, confidence, social interaction and self-esteem.'

Pandora was often to be seen about the village with Robin and when the lorry with the container for the shop came Windmill Road I rushed out with my camera and snapped pictures of them both escorting the lorry to the Memorial Hall car park!

WOW (The Women of Weald) had invited Robin and Pandora to come to their monthly meeting in May to talk about the work of Canine Partners and how Pandora supported Robin everyday. Robin has confirmed that he would still like to come to the meeting to talk about the vital work of the charity. I'll let you know more about it nearer the time.

The charity receives no government funding and rely solely on donations from the public and legacies to help them continue their life-transforming work so, please, support them if you can.



Pot hole alert

I can't believe our luck (bad?); the very day that Sevenoaks District Council decide to send a team of men to mend some of our pot-holes it decides to snow!. I felt very sorry for the men doing the work...I snapped them trying to get their machine going. I wonder how long the filled holes will bear up to the frost and snow?!

Clerk to Governors

Weald Primary School is seeking a Clerk to to what is described as 'our friendly team of Governors'.

The full Governing Body normally meets four times during the year and the role of the clerk is to prepare the agenda, take notes at the meetings, produce written minutes and carry out any delegated follow up actions. Each meeting takes about two hours and currently commences at 13.15. The role would suit someone seeking occasional work and who is available in the afternoons. The essential requirements are good verbal and written communication

skills, discretion and the ability to maintain confidentiality. Full details of responsibilities, key skills and attitudes are available on the school website at www.weald.kent.sch.uk

Anyone taking on the role would be given full, free training as well support from the Chair of Governors particularly while they settle in. Please apply, or for further information, phone Weald CP School on 01732 463307



Snow scene

The last time I took a photo of St George's Church was when the rainbow hovered over the tower. You should all have a copy now as it was used for Easter services notification and tucked into your parish magazine. I like this one (except for the smudges of snowy water on the camera) as the tower is framed in the branches of the

trees; I love seeing their structure during the winter. I can remember when I was a teacher in the dim and distant past, getting my class of 7 year olds to make their own tree patterns by blowing ink through a diffuser onto paper (yes it was quite messy BUT very effective!!). Mum and I have made some cards of Weald in the snow which are at the Community shop if you are interested in buying one or two.

A hard and difficult winter

Late last week I was saddened to hear of yet another death of a much loved Weald resident. Rosemary Millns, who had reached the great age of 91, died peacefully at home on 21st February. Her obituary in the Telegraph read *'Beloved wife of the late Brian, adored mother of Ian, Clova, Anthony and Christopher. Loving grandmother of seven grand-children and three great grandchildren.'* Her funeral is being held at **St George's Church on Monday 12th March at 11.00**. There is a request that that there be flowers only from the family but, if you would like to make a donation in Rosemary's memory it can be made either to the charity *'Livability'* or to *'Scriptural Union'*.

I only knew Rosemary through her membership of the Women of Weald and her generosity in hosting our annual garden part on a number of occasions. I know that despite her restricted mobility she was a great participator in most of WOW's monthly activities as well as other sections of village life, particularly St George's. Her loving nature and warm smile will be much missed. I am reminded of one of the writings of John Donne (1624) which always resonates with me:

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main....any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.

Lent reflections

Each Thursday, until 15th March, a group is meeting in St George's church rooms to study a book called, 'The Grace Outpouring'. There are two opportunities, in the morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 19.45. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join the group .

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 28th February

Women's Stoolball AGM
at The Windmill Pub at 19.30

New date!

Parish Council Meeting
at 19.30 in the Memorial Hall

Friday 2nd March

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Wednesday 7th March

Alan Haines: 'A kick up the 60s'
WOW meeting in the Memorial Hall, 14.15

Monday 12th March

Funeral service for Rosemary Millns
at 11.00, St George's Church

CAMEO: Creating Weald's History book: Susan
Gidman in the Church Rooms at 14.30

Wednesday 14th March

CAMEO film choice special: Calendar Girls
at St George's Church at 14.30

Sunday 25th March

PALM SUNDAY service: St George's Church at 10.30

Advanced notice: Save the date!

Saturday & Sunday 21st-22nd April

'I am...' flower show at St George's Church

Tuesday 24th April

WHS visit to Beth Chatto's garden

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

Saturday 30th June

Summer Fete on the Green from 12.00 -16.00
theme 'Alice in Wonderland'