

Weald News

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I think you will need to sit down with a coffee and a pencil and paper as you read this newsletter...there are so many activities and events taking place in the Village over the next month or two. They will all need to go in the diary or you might miss them!

Cooking up a storm

Last year Richard and I organised several events to help raise funds towards the cost of the printing of our new Weald History....before that it was to raise funds for the Broadwood boudoir grand piano NOW we would like to support our wonderful Community Shop which will be moving out of its temporary accommodation in 'the cabin' and into the newly refurbished Wesleyan Chapel - its new home - in May.

Last year my Indian friend, Shalini (a great cook), and I had planned to organise an Indian themed Sunday buffet lunch mainly because we like to cook and like a challenge! This germ of an idea has morphed into a concrete plan. With the help of Karen Long and others (I hope) we are going to cook up a storm and offer a Sunday lunch with a performance by Shantanou, a professional sitar player. Shantanou will not only perform but explain the various types of music she will be playing. We may also feature some Indian poetry (very beautiful)

I have given you the dates for the Indian themed Sunday lunch on the last couple of newsletters. I hope you have 'saved the date' which is **Sunday 6th May from 13.00**. The cost will be £18 per person, £13 for children. We will be offering a range of Indian food including some lightly spiced, creamy kormas if you are not happy with too much spice! There will also be a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. If you would like to participate but would prefer a pasta dish, please let me know.

If you have been part of the Village Safari Supper on Saturday evening you may like someone else to do the cooking for you on Sunday!!

If you would like to support the shop then join us for Sunday lunch! To reserve a place, please contact Susan or Richard Gidman at wealdnews@hotmail.com Tel: 01732 454222 OR contact Karen Long at kcaelong@btinternet.com Tel: 01732 463698.

Pet abuse

I often write in this newsletter about the 'heart' of our village and am always amazed at what we accomplish together. It is, therefore, quite upsetting to write about a darker side to someone or some persons who live here. I heard

news that last week there were two cases of suspected cat poisoning. The first cat unfortunately died - thankfully the second survived. Originally it was thought that the poisoning was unintentional and an accident but, subsequently, the second cat has been physically abused. It is recuperating well but, due to the nature of its injuries, it seems that they cannot have been caused by another cat - the police are now investigating.

The person who shared this news with me suggests that you may want to keep your cat/s indoors at night at least for the time being. If a pet suddenly becomes very sick it may also help their chances if the vet is told it could be a possible case of poisoning. It might be that the perpetrator as well as the cat needs medical attention!

Temporary Recreation access road



The general deterioration the access lane to the recreation ground lane has been of major concern for quite some time, particularly over the winter. The track had become one great, gloopy, rutted mess!

The Recreation Ground Committee have been putting together a series of funding applications to secure a permanent solution but this is likely to take quite some time. So, as a short term measure, a work party was arranged towards the end of March to carry out a temporary fix of the great muddy potholes. The picture shows just how much work was needed.

The committee would like to express their thanks to both



the football clubs and cricket members for turning out and the Parish Council for funding the materials which were supplied by R Marchant & Sons. A longer term solution is being sought so that cars will not need to park on Morley's Road.

This Saturday - a full day!

If you are planning to take part on the **monthly village family walk** on Saturday you will need to meet up with the group **outside the Community Shop at 09.45** (and pray for good weather).

Before you go (if you are REALLY organised) you will be able to bring all your items for the Horticultural Show which also takes place on Saturday! Your show entries need to be emailed to Judy Whiddett by 18.00 on Thursday 5th April whiddett@btinternet.com or delivered to 1 Patience Cottages, Longbarn Road. The Horticultural Show will be open for visitors at 15.00 on Saturday 7th April.

Abandoned church restored

The latest talk in a series organised by Weald History Group's is on **Monday 9th April at 20.00 in the Memorial Hall**. Dode Village was abandoned in 1348 as a result of the Black Death and the church has had a chequered history ever since. Douglas Chapman and his wife Mary bought it in 1992 and have spent the last 25 years restoring it. The talk will focus on its history and the work he and Mary undertook to restore it. Please come and join the group, everyone is welcome.

Post Easter Party

CAMEO is still playing 'catch up'. After holding an after Christmas, Christmas party they are now organising a Post-Easter, Easter tea party - so dust off your Easter bonnet or Panama and come along to the Church Hall on Monday 9th April between 15.00 and 16.30. It will help with catering please call 458285.

Pandora's Fun Dog Show



Many of you will have seen Robin Marchant and his dog Pandora around the village. Pandora was not only a wonderful companion but a 'Canine Partner'. 'Specially trained, she was able to help Robin with many everyday tasks. Unfortunately, she died earlier this year so, in her memory and to support 'Canine Partners', bring your dog along to Pandora's Fun Dog Show on **Saturday 2nd June from**

11.00 on the village green.

There are 10 fun dog classes (all dogs entered must be over 6 months old). Entries can be made on the day from 10.45 at a cost of £2 per dog, per class. There will be a bric--brac stall (to make donations contact Carol Dooley at caroldooley1948@gmail.com) as well as a cake (contact Marilyn Medhurst at marew@marew.plus.com) book and plant stalls as well as refreshments, a raffle, BBQ & more. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the organiser, Ragna Tulloch 01732 463363 or email 7ragna@gmail.com

Prettiest Bitch; Handsomest Dog
Best Veteran (7 years & over); Best Rescue Dog
Best Child Handler (under 14 years)
Scruffiest Mutt; Dog most like its owner
Dog with the waggiest tail; Championship

If you are interested in hearing more about the work of Canine Partners before the Dog Show, please come along to WOW's May meeting on **Wednesday 2nd May**. Robin and a representative from the charity will be talking to the group.

Help a heart

There are still a few places left for the classes on how to use a defibrillator. The village will soon have one of its own and it is vital that people know how to use it in case of an emergency. Kent Fire and Rescue Service are providing **free drop in sessions on Monday 16th April at 11.00 - 12.30; 13.30 - 15.00 and 19.00 - 20.30**. You will have a chance to learn vital life support skills which will help to increase the chance of survival and potentially save a life. The signs and symptoms of a potential heart attack and cardiac arrest will be discussed along with advice on CPR and child and infant resuscitation. If you haven't yet booked your slot, **sign up via the form on the board in the community shop or call Karen Long on 01732 463698**.

'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life...'

St George's Church is celebrating St George's Day with a flower show in the church between **Saturday 21st April and Sunday 22nd April**. On Saturday evening a family supper with entertainment is being held in the Church Hall at 19.00. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. If you would like a ticket for the supper, please contact Moya Grady on 01732 454372 or Becca on 01732 463464.

Saturday 5th May...Save the Date!

Safari Supper

Everyone is welcome to take part...have your first course at one house, your main course at another and pudding somewhere else! It's a great way to meet people - some you may know others may be 'newbys' For information contact Lisa Martin 01732 463306 email lisa@hardwarecentee.co.uk

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If you would like to take part contact Lisa by 8th April

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Sunday 1st April

Easter Day: Holy Communion at 08.00 and Family Service at 10.30 at St George's Church

Wednesday 4th April

Cyril Baldwin: Weird Wills, Funny Funerals, Eccentric Epitaphs: WOW in the Memorial Hall at 14.15

Thursday 5th April

TAPAS Night at the Windmill Inn

Saturday 7th April

Horticultural Society Spring Show in the Memorial Hall at 15.00

Monday 9th April

CAMEO post Easter Tea Party in the Church Hall from 15.00 - 16.30

Wednesday 11th April

Rat Pack tribute Evening at Giacomos at 19.30

Monday 16th April

Kent Fire and Rescue Defibrillator drop in training in the Memorial Hall at 11.00 - 12.30; 13.30 - 15.00 and 19.00 - 20.30

Friday 20th April

Elvis Evening at Giacomos at 19.30

Saturday & Sunday 21st-22nd April

'I am the Way, the Truth, the Life...' flower show at St George's Church AND St. George's family supper in the Church Hall at 19.00

Tuesday 24th April

Horticultural Society visit to Beth Chatto's garden

Saturday 28th April

Coffee Morning at St George's Church Rooms from 10.00 - 12.00

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MAY

Wednesday 2nd May

Canine Partners Robin Marchant talking to WOW in the Memorial Hall at 14.15

Saturday 5th May

Village Safari Supper from 18.45

Sunday 6th May

Indian Buffet Lunch in the Memorial Hall from 13.00

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Friday 11th May

Children's Disco for Years 1-6 in the Memorial Hall from 18.00 - 19.30

Saturday 12th

'Round the Green Challenge' 13.00 – 13.30
Stool Ball Match on the Green 14.00 – 17.00

Sunday 13th

Christian Aid Service bat 10.30 in the Memorial Hall
FFamily Trail to Westwood Farm
leaving from the green between 14.00 – 15.00

Tuesday 15th

Family dog-walk leaving 18.00 from the green

Thursday 17th

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band at St George's Church 19.30 – 20.30

Friday 18th

Quiz night and Fish and chip supper in the Memorial Hall 19.30

Sunday 20th

Village Open Gardens between 14.00 and 17.00

JUNE

Saturday 2nd June

Pandors'a Fun Dog Show on the green

Sunday 3rd June

CIRRUS quartet: 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'

JULY

Saturday 7th July

Barn Dance at Westwood Farm from 18.00 - 22.00

Saturday 24th - 26th July