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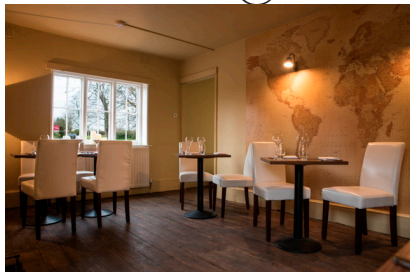
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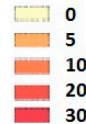
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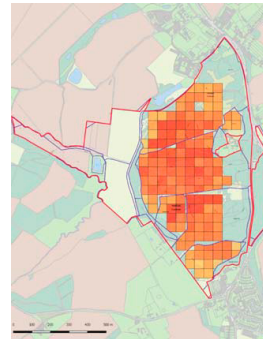
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Heathland plant species. The darker the red, the more species are present.



**Heat
Map**



June 2018

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
July 1	2	3	4	5	1	2
1st Sunday of Trinity 8am Holy Communion Messy Church	4 1.30pm painting 7pm Fitness	5	6 11am Fistepts - Dance as U Go 7pm Tai Chi	7 R.F.W 9.15am Pilates 10.30 Dog training 7.30pm WI Meeting 7pm Fete meeting-p10	1 10am Iona Eucharist 10.30 Coffee Wheel	9 11.30am WI Fashion Show
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From the Editor's desk...

Congratulations to Trevor Richards on becoming chairman of the British Wool Marketing Board, which is based in Bradford and markets wool from producers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Do support the WI Fashion show on 9th June see page 5. The following Saturday is the ever popular Safari Supper

24th June is Westwell's Classic Car Show on the Village Green, in aid of the church loo fund, see page 13

Carolyn Thorneloe ✍

Photos: Phil Golding helping cut up the tree from Doug Harman's garden which blew down and blocked Sandyhurst Lane.

Planting the Westwell Vineyard

1st June	10.30am Coffee in The Wheel - all welcome
4th, 18th June	1.30pm Painting Group
7th, 19th June	7pm, 12noon The Wheel - p10
9th June	11am Fashion Show - p5
12th June	11am Book Club - The Wheel
16th June	Safari Supper
22nd June	7pm Quiz - The Wheel
24th June	12noon Classic Car Show - p13

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Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 8th May in the parish hall. This being the Annual meeting of the Parish Council the first business was the election of Chairman: Christine Drury was re-elected as Chairman and Clive Bainbridge as Vice-chairman; this was followed by the election of Parish Council Committee members and representatives to outside organisations. The Parish Council continues to meet the criteria for the General Power of Competence, which allows it greater flexibility to deliver projects and support local groups, and without the constraints on expenditure imposed by other regulations. Larry Krause, borough councillor, gave a report on the delays to the dualling of the A28 beyond the Matalan roundabout, and on changes to the bus timetable. We were all delighted to see him back after his recent serious illness.

Minutes of the March and April meetings were approved and Matters Arising discussed. These included an update on the Local Plan; fencing on the Wheel garden to limit noise for a neighbouring property; a site meeting on Downs View green to decide the location of an electricity substation – this will be required when the overhead power lines across the playing field are put underground.

The Parish Council's Annual Accounts (the Return) were approved and will be sent to the External Auditor for audit. The first instalment of the Precept has been paid to the Parish Council by the Borough.

The financial report was presented and approved. Quotes will be sought for a french drain and associated soakaway on the access way to the parish hall, to prevent water run-off onto the playing field. A mandate from Lloyds Bank to add signatories to the Parish Council and Westwell Eye accounts was circulated for signature.

One planning application was discussed and supported. The chairman was granted permission to speak on behalf of the parish council at the Examination of the draft Local Plan on site policies S49 and S47 making it clear to the inspector that she was an impacted adjacent resident for S47.

The Parish Council must put in place policies and procedures to comply with the forthcoming General Data Protection Requirement, these will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting. The Risk Register will also be updated.

Correspondence and reports from Parish Council representatives were taken.

The meeting concluded after Any Other Business, preparations for the summer fete are ongoing with the Chairman.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday July 2nd at 7pm in the parish hall. All meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Planning applications

The following was supported by the Parish Council and approved by the Borough Council.
18/00415/AS The Cottage, Tutt Hill Single storey south east side extension, two storey north west side extension and single storey rear replacement extension.

The following was supported by the PC and a decision is awaited from the BC.

18/00566/AS 11, Leda Cottages, Maidstone Road, Westwell, Two storey side extension.

The following will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

18/00581/AS & 18/00642/AS The Bull Pen, Westwell Court. Replacement of 5 conservation rooflights.

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WESTWELL WI

The main purpose of this month's meeting was to decide whether or not we wished to support the Resolution put forward by NFWI as a focus for the WI as a whole to work towards. The issue this year concerns mental health matters. The first aim, fully supported by members, was the aim to encourage people to talk about mental health issues, to raise awareness and to remove the stigma, thus encouraging people to seek help at an early stage. Several ideas were put forward as to how we could do this locally and all members were in favour of this part of the Resolution. The second part was to lobby Government for better support for mental illness. However, members felt that the Government has already begun to put more funding into this area and any further lobbying would be pointless. In the end, members voted for the Resolution as the first part was a very important one and something that can be aspired to by all members.

On a lighter note, John Arthur Boyd gave us a talk on his 'Walkabout' of Britain. Some years ago John embarked on a journey around the UK, travelling on public transport, hitching a ride where he could or walking where he couldn't. He did this in several stages, returning home between each stage to continue his farming and restarting when the seasons permitted at the place where he had left off, even at the same B&B in spite of telling us how awful some had been. He did the journey on a budget (hence some of the poor B&Bs) and met many interesting people. He regaled us with some very lively anecdotes.

Forthcoming events include our trip to Le Touquet on 6th June.

The competition was for a 'Holiday Snap' and included some beautiful pictures of members' holidays. It also included a snap of a toddler covered in ice cream with his bucket and spade! (That toddler is now a father of three, the youngest of whom is the same age – how time flies!)

Our forthcoming **Fashion Show** will be held on the morning of **9th June** at 11.30 at the Parish Hall. This is being presented by Ibbidy-Bobbidy-Boo of Tenterden, and will include a range of garments for women of all ages. It is an open meeting - anyone can attend so tell all your friends!

Tickets are on sale at £5 each to include a glass of Prosecco or non-alcoholic fizz.

Next Meeting: Thursday 14th June.

Talk and demonstration of Crochet by Kathryn Hart

Hostesses: Mesdames Catherine Hazelden, Angela Osborne and Jean Lester

Vote of thanks: Ros Williamson

Competition: A single bloom

PRESS RELEASE

Ladies loo at The Wheel, Westwell, twinned with a latrine in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Westwell Book Club members have made a donation to the charity 'Toilet Twinning', and chosen to twin the ladies' loo at The Wheel, Westwell, with a latrine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

They presented the certificate to publican James Kelland during their May meeting at The Wheel, which coincided with his birthday. James responded: "Amazing! Thank you so much ladies. Once I have the darts team and the pool team up and running I will get them both to sponsor the mens".

The DRC latrine is located in Kisima, Rutshuru, just south of the equator and close to the borders of Uganda and Rwanda. To learn the actual latitude and longitude of the latrine you will need to pay a visit to the Ladies' at the Wheel— or get a friend to!

The books read for Westwell Book Club provoke wide-ranging discussion, from the grim to the hilarious. Loos featured strongly in the plot of 'The Reader on the 6.27' by JeanPaul Didierlaurent.

Toilet Twinning, part of the Tearfund charity, report that 1 in 3 people worldwide do not have a loo, resulting in poor hygiene, disease, attacks on women and children in the bush, missed school, and death. The charity supports communities in some of the poorest countries in the world, including displaced people, working with local partners to help build loos using local sustainable materials, teaching about hygiene and the importance of good sanitation. Toilets save lives and bring health and hope to some of the most vulnerable places in the world.

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June Thunder - Poem by Louis Macneice

The Junes were free and full, driving through tiny
Roads, the mudguards brushing the cowparsley,
Through fields of mustard and under boldly embattled
Mays and chestnuts

Or between beeches verdurous and voluptuous
Or where broom and gorse beflagged the chalkland--
All the flare and gusto of the unending
Joys of a season

Now returned but I note as more appropriate
To the maturer mood impending thunder
With an indigo sky and the garden hushed except for
The treetops moving.

Then the curtains in my room blow suddenly inward,
The shrubbery rustles, birds fly heavily homeward,
The white flowers fade to nothing on the trees and rain comes
Down like a dropscene.

Now there comes catharsis, the cleansing downpour
Breaking the blossoms of our overdated fancies
Our old sentimentality and whimsicality
Loves of the morning.

Blackness at half-past eight, the night's precursor,
Clouds like falling masonry and lightning's lavish
Annunciation, the sword of the mad archangel
Flashed from the scabbard.

If only you would come and dare the crystal
Rampart of the rain and the bottomless moat of thunder,
If only now you would come I should be happy
Now if now only.

June - Poem by John Clare

'Now summer is in flower and natures hum
Is never silent round her sultry bloom
Insects as small as dust are never done
Wi' glittering dance and reeling in the sun
And green wood fly and blossom haunting bee
Are never weary of their melody
Round field hedge now flowers in full glory twine
Large bindweed bells wild hop and streakd woodbine
That lift athirst their slender throated flowers
Agape for dew falls and for honey showers
These round each bush in sweet disorder run
And spread their wild hues to the sultry sun

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Letter to the Parishes

Thy Kingdom Come! This has been the prayer on the lips of Christians all around the world during the nine days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Just before He was taken up into heaven, Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem and, as they waited, to pray for the Holy Spirit. Did they fully understand what they were praying for? Were they prepared for the life-hanging experience of the Holy Spirit? If they had known what lay ahead, persecution, imprisonment, false accusations and, for some of them, martyrdom, would they have continued to pray for the Holy Spirit? I wonder. Mingled with their sense of anticipation, might there also have been a touch of apprehension?

I have just returned from a conference whose title was 'What Next'? With changes in our political and social landscapes, both global and local, we may also be wondering "What next?" As I write, a historic summit between President Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong-un looks set to break down; the much celebrated renewal of friendly dialogue between the leaders of North and South Korea shows signs of strain; violent demonstrations have broken out between Israel and Palestine and the world continues to question the dominance of Russia in inter-continental conflict. Closer to home, the clock is ticking on the final Brexit agreement with so much yet to be agreed. What next indeed!

The Anglican Church is not exempt from this question as, on a global, national and local scale, the landscape appears to be changing. Less than twenty-five years ago, there were no women priests in the Church of England. Now, in some dioceses, the numbers of women clergy almost match those of men. Less than five years ago, there were no women bishops in the Church of England and now, with the most recent appointment announced a few days ago, there are 15 women who serve as Bishops in the Church of England. 'What next', we ask, for the Anglican Communion that is divided over the issue of same sex marriage and Assisted Dying, just two of the issues currently on the table for debate. Even here in our benefice, the question 'what next' lies at the heart of our "Single Parish" deliberations as we prayerfully seek the best structure that will enable us to grow and to flourish.

"What next?" For the disciples, their patient waiting and dedicated praying caused them to be ready to receive the gift promised to them at Pentecost. Through this gift, they found new confidence to step out into the next stage of their personal journeys of faith and, with others, establish the early church. Perhaps they didn't know what was round the corner but they had the courage and the wisdom to face all the issues that emerged day by day because they had willingly and faithfully prayed 'Come Holy Spirit'. This is not a prayer just for Pentecost. It is a prayer to be prayed every day of our lives as we seek God's wisdom and work with others to establish his Kingdom here on earth.

Sheila Cox

Etc

Dates for diaries

Saturday 2nd June - Pimms and Hymns -
St Mary

June 16th. Safari Supper

August 26th. Fete

December 1st Bazaar

Coffee at The Wheel Inn

Coffee at The Wheel, **Friday 1st June** from
10.30 - 11.45am. All welcome.



Book Club May 2018

We met to discuss Ernest Hemingway's 'A Moveable Feast'. We started by celebrating the charity we supported, organised by Margery. We donated money to help fund a toilet in The Democratic Republic of Congo. Most people in poor areas there don't have access to toilets and hygienic conditions...more about that in this Eye elsewhere.

Back to the book. This is a collection of short stories about Hemingway's years in Paris with his first wife Hadley in the early twenties and when he was in his mid twenties. This was soon after the First World War and life in this city was quite simple. Goat herd would be driven through in the early morning and one could come down from their flat and collect fresh milk..Hemingway talks about his circle of friends, the great and the amazingly artistic, with simplicity and clarity which has always been his seemingly effortless style. We read about his friendship with Ezra Pound and F. Scott Fitzgerald and borrowing books from The Shakespeare & Co. bookshop. He was in Paris as correspondent for the Toronto Star and sold stories to different papers but was also settling in as a writer of stories. Money came in sparingly and when it did the family would be able to afford food and a trip to the

South or to the mountains. Among the friends and acquaintances are Gertrude Stein, Ford Madox Ford and James Joyce. The former had a wonderful flat in Paris with Cezannes and Picassos on her wall. She too was an aspiring writer. One sentence sums up Hemingway's admiration for Fitzgerald : "his talent was as natural as the pattern that was made by the dust on a butterfly's wings".

Our next meeting discusses poems, our own choices each, second Tuesday in June at the Wheel, 10:45am.

WAGS

June. 4th, 18th

July. 2nd, 16th, 30th



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10am Iona Eucharist

Sunday 3rd 1st Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th: 2nd Sunday of Trinity

11am Iona Eucharist

Sunday 17th: 3rd Sunday of Trinity

11am Family Service

Sunday 24th: 4th Sunday of Trinity

11am Eucharist

Tuesdays:

9am Charing – The Eucharist

7pm Charing Heath – Prayer and Bible Study

Family Church in June

All church services start with a cuppa and cake from 10.30 and finish with a chance to chat over coffee.



Messy Church 3rd June explores Christian ideas in an informal family setting in Westwell Parish Hall at 3.30pm with time for creative activities, energetic fun games, outdoor if possible, a bible story, songs and prayers and of course a yummy tea. This month we're looking at threes. **Messy in July** will be on **1st July** at 3.30pm in the parish hall.



17th June All age service at 11 am, an informal service involving all ages with activities and opportunities for involvement in a friendly look at the Gospel and life in Christ. We would love to welcome you, please come and try us out. This month we're thanking God for Dads. We collect charitable donations at coffee after services.



Water Aid is our focus in June and July then in August and September running up to the Harvest services we will be supporting the Food Bank administration costs.

Family church in July will be thanking God for our Pets. Write the date in your diary! **15th July**.



Church Matters Looking forward

We have big plans for improving the church by adding a loo and kitchen area to make us ready for services, meetings, concerts and more. Come and look at the plans on **30th June** from 10.30 to 2pm and enjoy coffee and cakes or a cream tea whilst you browse.

G7, the way forward?

Changes could also be coming to the parish organisation. We will be meeting to discuss this at a PCC open Session in June and are inviting anyone who wants to find out more about how changes to the church council (PCC) will effect things in Westwell. We are currently planning on holding this meeting on the evening of Monday 25th June. Further details will follow on Westwell events. Watch out for the date.

from; Ashford Highways Operations Team Kent County Council

Every year throughout the spring and summer KCC Highways & Transportation receive numerous complaints regarding trees, hedges and other vegetation, which overhang the highway from private property. This matter can pose a number of problems for people trying to use the footways, especially if they are trying to pass with buggies, wheelchairs and scooters. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that any trees and hedges that are bordering the Highway are maintained and cut back to your boundary which would greatly benefit all Highway users. This will help us all keep the highway safe and prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation. So that you are aware of our requirements, please refer to the text below.

If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:

1. The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians.
2. As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres/7 feet for any vegetation.

If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then please be aware that:

3. If you have vegetation that overhangs into the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres/16 feet to accommodate buses and HGVs that may use the road.
4. If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres/11/2 feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage.
5. Also, we would ask that you pay special attention to your trees, hedges and vegetation if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside the bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

Thank you for the time taken to read this article and we wish you a pleasant summer.



Westwell Fete Sunday 26th August

Meetings this month 7th at 7pm and 19th at 12noon - The Wheel

Progress is beginning to gather pace. I will be getting raffle tickets printed this month. The July Eye will include a poster so look out for that.

90% of the proceeds of the Fete are divided between the Parish Hall and St Mary Westwell. But we need to decide which other charity to support, so do give me your suggestions for that. Please set aside good quality items you have for the bric a brac and unwanted gifts for the tombola. And as always contributions for the book stall welcome. Everything that is left over after the Fete goes to the Pilgrims Hospice, so bring it to Westwell first!

Also please look in your cupboards and garden sheds for unwanted and cracked pottery (not glass) for the china smashing.

Contact Doris Cackett to arrange to leave items in the parish hall. Or bring a bag or box of items for the Fete to either (or both!) of the two Fete meetings at The Wheel this month. If you cannot make either meeting please email me at christine.drury@btopenworld.com or phone or text on 07796930430 to let me know how you wish to contribute. landline 01233 627087.

I'm dependent on you all as ever. Thank you all so much. Christine Drury



Westwell Players

A big THANK-YOU to all who came to make up our wonderful audiences for 'Death By Paintbrush' You were such good fun and really entered into the spirit of each evening. Thanks also to our Thursday and Friday audiences who kept the secret of 'whodunnit'. It was such fun for so many reasons, a good script, a wonderful team involved and a lot of hard work put into it by so many people. We have not produced a meal for a long time and all feel most grateful to Viki and Dougal Faulkner for all they did to make it go so well. Tracey and Nick Faulkner (no relation) for the bar, and the dedicated team of front of house who worked their little socks off selling raffle tickets, washing up, serving the food etc., etc., The cast also rallied round with such good will as well as learning their lines. We had Heather Absalom who gave us an amazing set, Sita Turner and Sarah Whiting (and the cast) who organised all the costumes, Julia Cooke practically press ganged into being our prompt, but did it with real good will. Tracey Faulkner also did sterling work as our Box Office and Bertie Brushfield on Sound and Lights had a marvellous time and was invaluable – helping serve the food, making tea and coffee for rehearsals and generally being our little ray of sunshine. The most important person of all I have kept to last. Neil Cackett – he chose the script, designed some wonderful programmes and masterminded the whole show as well as playing a most important part as a Detective. We couldn't have done it without him.

So, what of the future? We have a Player's Picnic on the playing field on Sunday 15th July which will start at 12 noon and anyone who would like to join our happy band is very welcome to come and meet us all and next we hope to stage a musical of some sort. Viki and Neil are doing some research into possible productions to include some of the children who were in 'Once Upon a Time' Look forward to seeing you all again in November. Meanwhile the Committee are compiling a list of e-mail addresses of people who would like to be notified of our Shows so if you want to be included please let a member of Players know your e-mail!

Mary Anne Pitt ✍



1st Charing Scout Group



Over the second May bank holiday weekend, the whole group camped together for the first time. As I write this we are getting ready and all feeling very excited.

After camp the next big event is the 2018 Colour Run on July 1st. There is still time to register to run, walk or wheel [wheelchairs and buggies]. It should be great fun
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June on Hothfield Heathlands

Last summer volunteers gave 1794 hours to KWT assisting staff on monitoring and evidence work over nine different types of landscape in 28 of Kent Wildlife Trust's 60+ reserves, including Hothfield Heathlands.

For Hothfield Heathlands Warden Ian Rickards, 2017 was significant, with "the inception of a new Ecology Group within the Ashford area. The main objective for the group was to carry out a baseline botanical survey across Hothfield Heathlands. This consisted of determining the presence or absence of 55 key heathland and bog species of plant and shrub in around 200 50x50m grid squares. Local KWT staff were fortunate to have the help of a great number of enthusiastic volunteers, with 76 days of volunteer help during the 8 week monitoring season".

Ian highlighted volunteer James Rowland "who worked harder than anyone on the Hothfield project was with us on all of the monitoring days - he missed one day, to collect his zoology degree - and spent the next few weeks laboriously entering the data from all the Kent surveys onto the database at Tyland Barn HQ. The maps he has created look amazing, and will be incredibly useful in formulating the on-going management of the reserve." The heat map, on front page, shows the number (but not quantity) of the key heathland species observed in each of the squares, the darkest squares have the greatest number of species. The habitat condition report also provides positive signs of heather increase.

Alongside this work, other experts were regularly monitoring insects. As part of her MSc thesis, volunteer Lucy Carden collected data on butterflies across the grassland habitats on Hothfield, showing a big increase in small and large skippers, common blue and marbled white, due, Ian thinks, to the

ex-arable fields becoming more established as permanent grassland. Small copper had a good year on the SSSI heathland areas, where the flowers of the copper's food plant, the tiny sheep sorrel, casts a bronze haze over the springy turf.

The report, well-illustrated with photos and heat maps for each site, is an interesting overview of some of the very varied KWT sites:

http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/kwt_ecology_and_evidence_newsletter_winter_2017_2018.pdf

We will be carrying out the survey work again this summer, starting on the first Thursday in June. If you would like to get involved contact Ian on 01622 662012 or at ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk.

Margery Thomas

Charing Gardeners' Society

A wander around the garden of Old Hill Lodge with a glass of wine is available to members on Friday 15th June 6.30pm.

The following day, Saturday 16 June, members will be on hand to give gardening advice in their marquee at Charing Fete, generously decorated with the produce of members' gardens. It looked stunning last year.

Tickets for the trip to RHS Garden Hyde Hall on Saturday 21st July are available now. Very good value at £10 for members and £15 for non-members, which includes cost of coach, entrance fee and a one-hour tour by a trained guide. Coach will leave School Road, Charing at 8.30am. Contact Barbara Newman on 01233 713182.

You can join this very friendly society at any time. Annual membership of £3 includes our annual, packed with articles, show schedules and details of members' events. Membership benefits include discounts from some local businesses, and a "Wine and Wander" visit in June and August to members' gardens. To join contact Nikki Bromley on 01233 713615/ nixbrom@gmail.com