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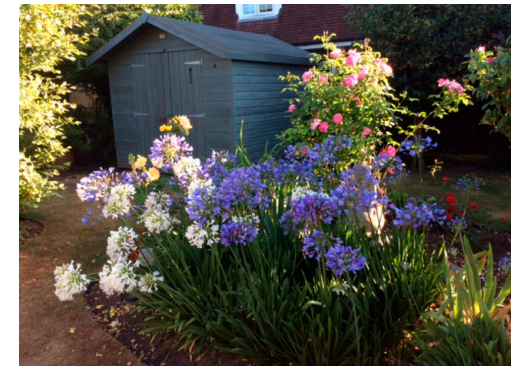
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**Top:** Kestrels and Swallows taken by Val Buetcher. **Bottom :** Hedgehogs have no manners. Agapanthus in a Westwell garden taken by Suzanne Pier



**1st, 15th + 29th October**  
**5th October**  
**9th October**  
**10th October**

**19th October**  
**26th October**

**1.30pm Painting Group**  
**10.30am Coffee in The Wheel - all welcome**  
**11am Book Club - The Wheel - p13**  
**Coffee Morning to discuss Christmas Bazaar - p13**  
**7pm Quiz - The Wheel**  
**Halloween Part at the Wheel**

## October 2018

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 1.30pm Painting 8pm Players	2 7.30pm Players	3 11am Fists - Dance as U Go	4 Re.FT 9.15am Pilates	5 10am Iona Eucharist 10.30 Coffee Wheel	6
7 19th Sunday of Trinity 8am Holy Communion Messy Church	8	9 Book Club - p13 7.30pm Players	10 10am Coffee morning for Bazaar p13 11am Fists - Dance as U Go	11 R.F.W 9.15am Pilates 7.30pm WI Meeting	12	13
14 20th Sunday of Trinity 11am Iona Eucharist 2pm Players - Parish Hall	15 1.30pm Painting 8pm Players	16 7.30pm Players	17 11am Fists - Dance as U Go	18 Re.FT 9.15am Pilates	19	20
21 21st Sunday of Trinity Family Service	22 8pm Players	23 7.30pm Players	24 11am Fists - Dance as U Go	25 R.F.W 9.15am Pilates	26	27
28 Last Sunday of Trinity 11am Eucharist 2pm Players - Parish Hall	29 1.30pm Painting	30 7.30pm Players	31 Nov 1	2	3	

## From the Editor's desk...

The Harvest Supper was a huge success, over 75 people attended and over £3.000 made. Westwell always comes up trumps!

I am sure you would like to join me in sending condolences to family and friends of Robert Bellwood who died in August.

As some of you will know, my husband, Michael, died on 19th August after a long illness. We are having a memorial concert for him at the end of October and everyone is very welcome, but because caterers are involved we do need to know numbers, so if you want to know the details please give me a ring on 01622 859376.

Rehearsals of the Players are well under way, there seem more than ever for this production.

Do support Penny Knatchbull on 10th October when she is having a coffee morning to discuss the Christmas (shsh) bazaar – see page 13.

Please forgive the mistakes - of which there are bound to be several - but I haven't had this issue proof read!

*Carolyn Thorneloe* 

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## Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the parish hall on Monday 3rd September. Members of the Westwell Players put a request for permission to site a wooden workshop on the playing field to store their costumes and props. A number of concerns were raised by councillors with respect to safety and security, and where it could be sited on the field. The request was discussed at length by councillors and it was agreed that a storage container, insulated and lined (as used by, eg Sadlers Wells) would be acceptable to the Parish Council; although not as aesthetically pleasing as a wooden structure, it would not be a fire risk and would be more secure, and a flat roof would be lower and less intrusive.

Larry Krause reported as borough councillor. He stated that he would be giving a grant to the Players towards the storage facility, matching the grant awarded by the county councillor towards the project. There is, as yet, no information as to when the Local Plan's Main Changes (made after the public inquiry in May/June) will go out for consultation. There have been reports of Biffa operatives mixing food waste with the recycling, this contaminates the recycled materials and increases costs. ABC is asking for photographic evidence of these incidents, which would allow it to recover these costs from Biffa.

The temporary permission for the travellers' site in Watery Lane expired in August, ABC will be asked if it will now take planning enforcement action.

Finances: The financial report was approved. The Parish Council's accounts for the year 2017-18 have been examined by the external auditor and signed off – no issues were raised. Works to improve drainage on the hall access track are in hand. A possible pedestrian access from Westwell Lane into the playing field (opposite the green triangle) was discussed; this would be a ramp for ease of use by buggies and wheelchairs, railings and a self-closing gate. Permission from Highways would be needed.

The annual inspection of the Parish Council's assets will be reinstated. A number of issues were highlighted in RoSPA's safety inspection of the playing field equipment, these will be taken up by the Playing Field Association. Tribute was paid to Robert Bellwood, playing field warden for a number of years, who sadly died in August after a short illness.

The recent 18-day closure of Westwell Lane highlighted the need for communication with residents in the event of an emergency. Currently this is by the village facebook page and Westwell events email; these options are not available to residents who are not online. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillors' reports were given, which included: potholes in need of repair; an overgrown hedge at Amber Leaze; the annual tree inspection showed no issues outstanding; quotes for sound attenuation in the hall are being sought; the Chairman will speak at a meeting of the Joint Transportation Board on the need for the continuation of the lorry parking trial (due to end on 31 March 2019).

Sheila Cox (rector) has written to the church authorities asking that the ecclesiastical parish boundary be changed so that it is in line with the secular boundary – due to be changed in May 2019. If this is not resolved some residents in Westwell parish (eg Hoads Wood Gardens, Potters Close, some properties in Sandhurst Lane) would not be in the parish of St Mary Westwell. This would lead to problems if they wished, eg, to marry in the church, because of church regulations.

The next meeting is on Monday 5th November, all meetings are open to the public and all are welcome

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We are having to be inventive at our meetings as we have no electricity at the old hut and there is still much to be done before we can open the new headquarters. Fingers crossed it won't be much longer. Many thanks [gsl\\_charingscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gsl_charingscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk) **Terry Lister**

### October - by Hilaire Belloc

Look, how those steep woods on the mountain's face

Burn, burn against the sunset; now the cold

Invades our very noon: the year's grown old,

Mornings are dark, and evenings come apace.

The vines below have lost their purple grace,

And in Forreze the white wrack backward rolled,

Hangs to the hills tempestuous, fold on fold,

And moaning gusts make desolate all the place.

Mine host the month, at thy good hostelry,  
Tired limbs I'll stretch and steaming beast I'll tether;

Pile on great logs with Gascon hand and free,

And pour the Gascon stuff that laughs at weather;

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This month's meeting started with the normal business which was swiftly dealt with. We also had three reports from events which had taken place since the last monthly meeting. One from Lyndsey on the success of the craft stall at the Westwell Fete despite the inclement weather, a second from Gail telling us how much 14 members had enjoyed a production of Calendar Girls at the Marlowe and the third from Sue about the BBQ. Again, despite the weather we all had a very enjoyable time at Gail's watching Steve, Terry and Denis cook the BBQ food under the shelter of the garage roof whilst we all stayed dry inside.

September is members' night and Mary Ann explained to us that this was the one month in the year when the members arranged the speaker to give a well-earned break to the committee. The committee waited expectantly and I'm sure what happened next took us all by surprise. We were very well entertained by Natalie a French lady who led us in a dance lesson. Part of the lesson took place whilst we were sitting on the chairs, but don't be deceived as this was none the less exhausting. The rest of the lesson we took to the floor where we saw several variations of Elvis impersonations. What a super time we had and we all had a healthy glow about us when we had finished. Thank you, Mary Ann, for arranging such a lovely evening!

After that Mary Ann presented the committee with a gift each to show appreciation for the hard work these 9 members had undertaken over the past year.

The evening ended with the competition and a raffle.

Future events we have in store for next month are a lunch at the Hare & Hounds and the ever popular quiz night to be held on Thursday 4th October at the Village Hall. The quiz night is open to all and includes a ploughman's supper at a cost of £6.50 each. If you would like to put forward a team of 6 to 8 people or just think you might like to come along in ones or twos just send an email to [westwellwi2015@gmail.com](mailto:westwellwi2015@gmail.com) **Catherine Hazelden**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 11th October.

**Talk:** : Finding Your Thread by Fiona Knapman

**Hostesses:** Mesdames : Finding Your Thread by Fiona Knapman

**Vote of thanks:** Pat Warren

**Competition:** : Amusing memory WI 100 Years

### Church Cleaning Rota.

Cleaning. Sarah Stevenson  
Flowers. Sarah Stevenson  
Brass. Valerie Hooper



## Westwell Fete 2018: A brilliant effort !

This year's Fete proved that Westwell delivers come rain or shine! The September Eye had the photos. Now here are the Results. They just prove that it was worth working through the rain, keeping everything as protected as possible under the gazebos, but still available right through until we all had to call it day at 3.30. Particular congratulations to Emily and Rob for an amazing Tombola result, and to Brigitte and team on the Bric a Brac, and Florence for achieving a brilliant addition to Plants and Produce with the Cake stall : all good for next year too I hope. Tom had as much on the Bowling as last year : a good hint that we can put all the prices up a bit for next year! A special thanks to the WI team for Teas and to John Hurrell as pianist.

The Fete is about turning out and making a good day of whatever the weather gives us, and raising money for the things we need in Westwell. Last year we distributed £4645. This year despite the washout it will still be £2456. £1228 will go towards the church relief project- aka the loo project, and £1228 will go to Westwell Village Hall for panels to improve the acoustics in the Hall. Thanks to brilliant rescue work on the day and Monday we were able to deliver 13 boxes of books and 14 of quality bric a brac to the Pilgrims Hospice warehouse - all much appreciated.

A huge thank you again to everyone for turning out, setting up and running stalls and participating on the day and to Nick and Chris for installing power and light. The result for the church and village hall is also achieved by covering so much of our costs with donations. Westwellians are immensely generous in kind with cakes and produce and quality items, and with money to cover our costs. A special thank you to Clive Bainbridge, Terry Lister and John Hardie for additional gazebos – much needed and at some risk ; the stormy weather did finally do for the two less substantial ones owned by the Fete.

BBQ takings £282 Face painting £34 Bowling £37 Books £103

Dog Show £49 Tombola £284 Nails in wood/Greasy pole/ Golf £23

Bouncy Castle £22 China Smashing £45 Bric a Brac £281 Coconut shy £49

Barrow of Booze £278 Cowpat sweepstake £63 WI Teas £195 Plants and Produce £132

Raffle £723 Cake Stall £117 Beauty products £186 Westwell Mugs £53

Pitch fees and stall contributions, £46

Total takings £3002

Less Net expenses for Fete after donations - £546

Available for distribution after costs £2656

Thanks to Perfect Day marquees for providing the marquee and donating the Club, Trevor Richards, Westwell Players, Charing Farm Shop, Apex Masonry. Once again a huge thank you to Tarmac for the Barrow and the booze in it: a double success: raffled at the Fete AND auctioned at The Wheel! And this year also thanks to James for stocking the Wonky Wheel beer tent and Gemma for running it, and to James for generously managing the barrels not used. Thanks so much to Hannah and Geraldine for the Dog show – and to George and the cow team ; the two arena events we did manage. Thanks to Tracey , Richard and Tapan for much appreciated food despite the weather. Next year the childrens races, tug of war and egg throw will all be back . Westwell's uniquely traditional Fete is a brilliant coming together of everyone. Thank you all ! I will be handing on to a new team for next year.

**Christine Drury**

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### So remember to keep your property safe and secure!

There were also reports of individuals looking into drives etc purportedly wanting any scrap metal. This is a known ploy by villains "casing the joint" for a future crime. If you witness anything like this, or anything else that appears suspicious, record the details, try to get photographic evidence and report to the police using 101.

### But do not put yourself in danger

Remember that as the evenings draw in and it gets dark earlier, external PIR lights are a great deterrent against opportunistic crime. Keep Safe

### Community Policing

At the last meeting of the Ashford Parish Councils the presence of the Ashford Police area commander gave us an opportunity to raise important issues. Westwell expressed its concern at the apparent loss of visible policing including our PCSOs. We questioned why they no longer attend our council meetings or even provide written reports on incidents or crime prevention initiatives in our area. This comment resonated with the other councils present and resulted in a survey being undertaken around the borough parishes to find out how typical is our experience. This will provide the police evidence upon which to re-consider their community engagement strategy. Watch this space!

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# Letter to the Parishes

As you read this, our children and young people will be settled back into education and the ordinary time of life will have resumed. But breaking into that will be two contrasting festivals this month: Halloween, immediately followed by All Saints Day.

At Halloween, the emphasis is on death and fear, subverting the conventions of orderly life and human relating. It is marketed, and at its best can be, a time of community and family fun, dressing up in costumes, collecting sweet treats from neighbours, being out in the dark within a safe circle of friends and family. But at its heart is fear and terror of the unknown, of witches and ghosts, a supernatural connection with darkness.

To be afraid is to display a lack of trust in God and to believe that somehow He is not going to get things right. There are two types of fear mentioned in the Bible. One can be translated as 'awe': reverential respect and wonder. The other is the sense we're most familiar with. While a spirit of awe is of God a spirit of fear is not. God does not teach us to be afraid.

All Saints' Day celebrates those who have lived out the opposite of fear: like them we are to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, pray for those who mistreat us, love others as we love ourselves. The Saints show us an alternative, radical reality in which we too can dare to trust God's promise that we can transform the society in which we live by the way we live.

The Bible tells us Heaven is like being at a wonderful feast where everyone is having a good time. It is a place where there is no crying or pain or mourning. Heaven is a place where God's power and love have the last word over all the unhappy things we have to face in this life, as well as being a place where our sins and weaknesses are banished forever.

We get to Heaven by God's grace but the message of the Gospel is not only about salvation through grace but also a call to be the best we can be, to use our lives here on earth by loving God and others as best we can: a challenge to walk the walk and not just talk the talk and to build Heaven right here. God calls fallible people, you and me, to follow him and Jesus' teaching is not about keeping people out of heaven, it is about including them, and there is hope and promise for all of us, despite our personal weaknesses and flaws and the number of times we mess up.

Saints are those who have transformed the world around them through their faith by actively and intentionally living out the teaching and good news of Jesus in the world in which they lived. Think about our villages of Charing, Charing Heath, Egerton, Hothfield, Little Chart, Pluckley and Westwell, the people who faithfully do good for others quietly and without the desire to be praised, the people without whom communities would fall apart. They are saints.

So as we journey through October let us be assured that God loves us as we are, along with our desire to become the best we can be. Let's see beyond people's imperfections, differences and the things that wind us up and look for the things in them that show us God in them and be humble enough to aspire to what they have. God promises us that He will welcome us to rejoice with each other and with the Saints and tells us that our immediate task is to build this heaven through our lives here and now.

*Mary Penwarden*

## Etc

### Dates for diaries

**December 1st Bazaar**

### Coffee at The Wheel Inn

Coffee at The Wheel, **Friday 5th October** from 10.30 - 11.45am. All welcome.



### Book Club August 2018

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark was published in 1961 but it is about a period between the two world wars in Edinburgh and a school mistress who has very unconventional ideas that she is trying to instil into her ten year old student girls who she thinks of as the 'Crème de la crème' thanks to her education and guidance. She repeats that she is in her Prime and dedicating that period of her life to the nurture of these girls. The education is both in the classroom and outside, playing golf (very Scottish) or having afternoon tea..with Dundee cake no doubt. The six girls continue to see their teacher after that tender age and be influenced by her..until they leave school. This was a period of political turmoil, between the wars and during the Spanish Civil war so that one girl decides to become engaged in the latter and dies there..having followed her brother but joined the 'wrong side'. Miss Brodie is blamed for that after being betrayed by one of her 'Brodie Set' and gets the sack, which ruins her teaching career.



Our discussion was mainly about her own character..selfish or truly a dedicated teacher? Having lost the love of her life in the first war..she is glamorous and so unlike the other teachers at that girls' school..very well portrayed by Maggie Smith in the film released in 1969. Spark manages to put in so much ..studies of different characters and of the period and Edinburgh of the 1930s in a little over 200 pages. It is her most famous work and among the best 100 books in English in several book lists.

Our next meeting discusses 'Exposure' by Helen Dunmore...and we shall no doubt enjoy coffee and a chat as well. October 9th at 11am at the Wheel.

### WAGS

1st, 15th + 29th October



### Christmas Bazaar

Coffee **Morning 11am on 10th October** at BlackBerry Mead Farm.

Everyone welcome to come to discuss the Christmas Bazaar. We are open to new ideas and offers of help.

Please call Penny 07976 522908 for more information.

### Charing History Society

**11th October Dover's Bronze Age Boat** speaker **Keith Parfitt** who will tell us about the discovery and excavation of the Bronze Age Boat in 1992.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road, at 8pm on Thursday evenings. Doors open at 7.30pm. If any changes of venue are made, special notices will be issued. Annual subscriptions due September - £9 adults, £16 family, students free.

Visitors are welcome at £3.00



## Parish News

Westwell Church Services for October  
[www.g7benefice.org](http://www.g7benefice.org)

### Friday 5th

10am Iona Eucharist

### Sunday 7th 19th Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

### Sunday 14th: 20th Sunday of Trinity

11am Iona Eucharist

### Sunday 21st: 21st Sunday of Trinity

11am Family Service

### Sunday 28th: Last Sunday of Trinity

11a.m Eucharist

9am Charing – The Eucharist

7pm Charing Heath – Prayer and Bible Study

### Baptism

**Arnold Thomas Edward Richards** was baptised at St. Mary, on Sunday 19th August  
**Alice Lisa Buckham** was baptised at St. Mary, on Sunday 9th September.

*May God make their homes*

*Christian and loving*

### Funerals

**Michael John Thorneloe** died on Sunday 19th August aged 72. His funeral took place at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 11th September.

**Robert William Bellwood** died on Tuesday 21st August 2018 aged 76. His funeral took place at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday 11th September.

*May God enfold Wendy, Michael and Robert in his tender love and care.*

### Family Church in October

**Messy church** in Westwell Parish Hall Sunday 7th October 3.30 to 5pm

This month we are thinking about Harvest, with crafts, activities, songs, a Bible story and of course tea.

**Family Church** is Sunday 21st October at 11am.

We have an informal approach to the service with easy to understand worship, aiming to

link Biblical stories to our everyday lives.

All are welcome, we start and finish with coffee and cake.

This month's coffee collections in church go towards the Food Bank administration costs.

### Remembering Westwell 100 years on.

Poppy making is going well with very busy fingers at our working parties in September and we now have around 500 poppies, so we should definitely have more than a trickle. We are aiming for 604 if possible, one for each person living in Westwell in 1914.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund has given us 3 silhouettes that will be erected in church and in the Wheel and these will occupy visible places to remind us of these Westwell men who went to war 100 years ago.

This will be launched in early November and we have a working party to make more poppies on **Wednesday 3rd October at 2pm in the church. There will also be a Poppy mounting work party in the church on Saturday 20th October. All helpers welcome.**

### Samaritans Child Shoeboxes

Every year I ask Westwell to help fill a shoebox or more with small gifts for a child in need or distress somewhere in the world. In the last few years we have helped children in Syrian refugee camps, survivors of earthquakes and of hurricanes. I don't know where this year's shoeboxes will go but I'm sure that the children who receive them will be overjoyed.

Each box is for one child, a boy or a girl, either under 4, 4 to 9 or 10 to 13. Gifts could be toys, games, crafts, toiletries or colouring items. No liquids and no war toys.

The boxes will be in the church through October so if you could drop off a toy or other item it would be valued. At the end of October, the boxes go to The Entertainer shop in Ashford who send them on to the organisers.

If you'd like to know more look up Samaritan's child UK on the web or ask me.

*Heather Lister*

## Westwell Harvest now and at the end of WWI.

Harvest time has always brought people together. Harvest festival was a time when most of the village went to celebrate in church and afterwards at the pub. But 100 years ago there were many faces missing on the street, the pub and in church.

Everyday life in Westwell was missing men who worked on the land, the grocer's boy who delivered food from the grocer's in Hart Cottage, the rural postmen had been called up and one died. The butcher's boy who cycled over from Hothfield went to fight. Men were missing from the Forge, from the wheelwrights, from the pub, from the two corn mills in Westwell and Potters corner, from the vicarage and in Westwell centre men who lived and worked on the four big farms, court lodge; Nash court, Dunn Street and park house farm.

The choir pictured in 1910 included 19 men, 9 went to war and 2 of those died. So 100 years ago when people gathered to celebrate the harvest here it would have been a celebration tinged with grief and fear.

At the end of 4 years of war farming was an industry in decline. It only provided 33% of food needed and there were such shortages that rationing was introduced in 1918. Of the 804 people in Westwell in 1911 there were 278 men of working age and probably the same number 3 years later at the beginning of the war. Of these 30 gave their occupation as farmers, 35 as Ag lab and 25 were carters or waggoners so about one third were involved in agriculture. 32 of these men went to war.

This left the fields to be tilled by women and children and those invalided out from the war like John Joy at Park House Farm. My grandfather farmed in Hertfordshire and in the spring of 1918 sold up the majority of his farm stock, the heavy horses, the carts, the equipment, because there were not enough men to run the farm. Probably similar auctions were held here.

When people walked through Westwell centre men were missing everywhere; Court Lodge farm had sent 3 men to war, the smith's apprentice, Ernest Chambers, was working as a smith in France as was the wheelwright's son, William Nicholson. The landlord of the Wheel, Valentine Hobday, sent his son William to war, he was killed in May 1918. The grocer's boy Frank Coveney joined the RAF in 1916. 4 of the Clements family of the Post Office went to war as did 4 of the Brisely family at Station House, they survived.

At the end of the war villagers remembered local men, family, friends and workers who had contributed to the Great war, in all 105 Westwell were listed as having gone to war in the Roll of Honour in 1919 and 25 died.

Nowadays there are only a few local farms, each employing very few people. In 2011 census there were 8 people in Westwell who were employed in agriculture.

Kent is still the garden of England, and Westwell still has sheep and corn, apples and pears, a new, or very ancient, crop from the vineyards and the modern crop of rapeseed. Many of us grow fruit and vegetables even if they are no longer a commercial crop. Food crops remain central to our lives as we have seen when the exchange rate changed and forced up prices to our detriment. Although food no longer claims as high a proportion of our wages as it would have done for working people a century ago, 10% on average now but 50% on 1918, it still remains a problem for families and so this month and next we remember the food bank in our coffee collections and today especially we collect food to be distributed to those in need. This is a gap that needs filling this month, next month and every month of the year so we hope that you will remember this and give as much as you can as regularly as you can throughout the year.

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## Westwell Players

Autumn is upon us – a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness when we are all frantically sweeping the leaves from our lawns only to wake the next morning to find a new batch has hatched! Oh joy!! It is a busy time for Westwell Players who are learning lines and trying to find some kind soul who will help them by listening. We have a honeymoon couple in our December Show who are – how shall I put this – both over retirement age – and their scenes together are touching and great to watch, particularly when ‘Emily’ thought she was being taken to the most romantic city in the world – Paris, and is not best pleased with the Spanish alternative – some honeymoons leave a lot to be desired.

This year we are trialling a new way of buying tickets for our shows – on line! Just go to the Players website – [www.westwellplayers.co.uk](http://www.westwellplayers.co.uk) and register and all will be revealed! If you are not happy buying your tickets this way just ring Viki Faulkner on 01233 714001 and she will do it for you!!

The new show is a musical with some very familiar songs that will have you dancing in the aisles! It is called ‘FLY ME’ by Judith Foot and is the story of a group of complete strangers thrown together when they book with ‘Fly Me Holidays’ for a break in Torremolinos. The ensuing love interest mixed with a little smuggling, a dance competition and an X Factor contestant – is all washed down with a bevy of cocktails and pints of Sangria. The dates for your diary are 6th, 7th and 8th **December at 7.30** and tickets will be available from

**14th October, live on our website!**

*Mary Anne Pitt*

## Planning applications

Approved by the Borough Council

18/01003/AS Fallowfield, The Street Proposed conversion of garage space including proposed roof lights, porch extension and single story rear kitchen extension

No new planning applications have been received.

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If you would like to know more about the men on the Roll of Honour look out for the church display in October and November and the trail markers to show where the men named on the roll lived in WWI. There will also be 3 “There but not There” silhouettes donated by the Armed Forces Covenant fund to live in the Village and to extend awareness of the service offered by Westwell men 100 years ago.

*Heather Lister*



## Heather Flowering at Hothfield Heathlands Nature Reserve Nature reserve work days – 2nd Sunday of the month, 10am-3pm

As we head into autumn the Sunday task days start up, with the first one being on the 14th October at 10.0am.

These Sunday task days are great fun, with young and old working across the heathland to improve the site for wildlife. The big job is tackling the young birch trees that sprout up all over the reserve. We will be trying different ways of managing them, cutting, pulling and then dragging them to the fire site for disposal.

Once the fire is big enough, on goes the kettle for tea and in go the potatoes ready for lunch.

Everyone is welcome, and there are jobs for everyone to do. Children are welcome, but their parent or guardian is responsible for them during the session.

The Sunday task days are always on the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting at 10am in the Hothfield Heathlands reserve car park. The winter dates are

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

January 13th

February 10th

March 10th

We also run regular Tuesday and Fridays task days at Hothfield and other sites around Ashford. To find out more call our head office on 01622 662012 or contact the warden on [ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:ian.rickards@kentwildlife.org.uk)

