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Westfield Tennis Club



Twelve members played in a closed tennis tournament in September. Each player was drawn a partner and played all other members thereby keeping their own score. The top four players then came together for a one set final resulting in a 6-2 win. *Mary Potterton* (Secretary) and her partner *Cliff Schubert* played an exciting final to win against new member *Denise Stewart* and her partner *Hamilton Williams*.

Players on and off the court were aware of the current covid restrictions therefore, on this occasion, food was not served due to the lack of space in and out of the clubhouse.



All members enjoyed the challenge and concentration required to play in the tournament but equally welcome normal club play, particularly on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings. For further details please ring Mary Potterton 752531 for further details.

Photo: (left to right) *Alan Potterton* Chairman, Denise Stewart, Cliff Schubert, Hamilton Williams and Mary Potterton.

Club days are Tuesday afternoon - noon to dusk;
Wednesday morning - 9.00am till noon;
Thursday all day - 9.00 till six; and Sunday 9.00am till 1.00 pm.

For everyone's hair visit Celia, Helen, Molly and Emily at

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Westfield Bowls Club

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Church

President: Mr Roy Scollay Chairman: Mr David Thomas 01424 754748
Captain: Mrs Pamela Barden

After the summer we have all experienced, there is not much to write about. However, at the Bowls Club, during the latter part of the summer, a few members at a time managed to get some practice.

To become a member
Contact by telephone: 01424 754748
or email: westfieldbowlsclub@gmail.com
https://westfieldbowlsclub.org.uk

Some of us enjoyed a lunch visit at the Broad Oak Inn despite the strict covid regulations.
Sadly, all of our winter activities look like being cancelled at the moment including our annual presentation evening.
If you are walking past the Bowls Club, have a look over gate and you will see the new path and safety rail that had to be done to comply with health and safety regulations.
Finally, let's hope next year we can all get back to normal and enjoy life as it should be.

BATTLE AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Unit 3 Vinehall Business Centre Mountfield TN325JW
01424 870955 Monday to Friday 9 am - 12 noon
e-mail: bactoffice@bact-online.co.uk
www.bact-online.co.uk

On Monday 28th September 2020, we restarted the following weekday services:
Mondays – B72; ***Wednesdays – B75*** ….. both visiting Westfield, see below, and
Tuesdays – B67, B71, B73, B79; ***Fridays – B74*** in other areas.
Our B80 to B90 services remain suspended ufn. Bus hire services also suspended.

WESTFIELD BUS

B72 - *MONDAY*
NB: NO service on Bank Holidays

WESTFIELD TO SAINSBURYS
ARRIVE 9.58
BROAD OAK - 9.30
BREDE VILLAGE HALL - 9.45
9.51 - MAIN ROAD
9.52 - CHURCH

DEPART SAINSBURYS 11.45
11.52 - CHURCH
11.55 - MAIN ROAD
BREDE VILLAGE HALL 12.03
BROAD OAK 12.08

B75 - *WEDNESDAY*

WESTFIELD TO BATTLE
ARRIVE 10.35
10.10 - WHITEGATES
10.13 - CHURCHFIELD
10.15 - MOOR LANE
o/s GEARY PLACE
10.17 - *adj.* **PRIMARY School**

DEPART BATTLE 11.23 TO WESTFIELD TO SAINSBURYS
ARRIVE 12.00
11.44 - Carr Taylor Vineyard
11.46 - MOOR LANE
o/s GEARY PLACE
11.48 - *adj.* **PRIMARY School**
11.49 - CHURCH
11.50 - WHITEGATES

DEPART SAINSBURYS 13.30 TO WESTFIELD
13.34 - WHITEGATES
13.35 - CHURCHFIELD
13.36 - MOOR LANE
o/s GEARY PLACE
13.38 - *adj.* **PRIMARY School**
13.41 - Carr Taylor Vineyard

Our primary concern is to protect the health and well-being of our volunteers, passengers and the wider community. There is a 50% reduction in passenger seating capacity (i.e. a maximum of 8 persons), to aid social distancing.
Please do not use our buses if you are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.
***All seats must be pre-booked with the office on (01424) 870955**. Names and contact details must be submitted to aid with Test & Trace.*

Additional hygiene measures have been adopted, including the requirement for all on board to wear face coverings and to use the hand sanitiser gel provided.
Rubbish bins have been removed from the buses.
Passengers must take their rubbish away with them for safe disposal.
We ask that everyone in the community respect our volunteers and to bear with us, as we find the safest way to run our services in these difficult circumstances.



To book please leave a message for PETER on **01424 870955**

Office closed 18 Dec - 2 Jan
No services from 21 Dec - 4 Jan

N.B

ALL BACT SERVICES SUSPENDED from 5 November until lockdown lifted

SERVICE Buses
Timetable enquiries: Traveline 0871 200 2233

Window on Westfield ~

The Westfield Parish Council Newsletter

http://www.westfieldvillage.co.uk/council-papers

Four Year Plan and Budget

In line with good practice the Parish Council are starting the first draft of a four-year plan and budget. Much of the content of the plan will be based on the feedback received from the Resident Questionnaire carried out in March 2020. Due to the coronavirus situation work was delayed on preparing the plan but Councillors are back working to get a first draft ready by the end of the year. Once the draft has been approved by Council there will be another opportunity for residents to give their feedback.

The two areas which residents saw as some of the most important issues within the Parish were:

1. Traffic including speeding, traffic calming and parking issues.
2. Environmental Issues including improving the bio-diversity within the parish, identifying areas for wild flower meadows and introducing more bee and butterfly friendly planters for the Parish

Councillors are looking at all the feedback and working to put together the priorities over the next four years. It was really encouraging to see the wide range of activities and assets the Parish already has. The plan looks to build on this and work with the groups and communities within the Parish to identify gaps in provision as well.

Although there was a great response to the questionnaire it has raised concerns about the groups within the village that did not engage. Councillors have noted this and will be looking at ways they can ensure that everyone within the Parish inputs into the plan.

New Parish Council Website

The Parish Council has launched a new website which is specifically for all items related to the Parish Council. On here you will find all details for meetings, policies and finances for the Parish Council. This will still link into the Westfield Village website. To view our new website please go to: www.westfieldparishcouncil.com

Broadband Provision with the Parish

It was highlighted to the Parish Council by a resident about the lack of high-speed broadband in their area. Currently the Government offers up to £3,500 for businesses and up to £1,500 for residents towards the installation of gigabit capable technology (up to 1000Mbps), but East Sussex County Council has recently invested £500,000 so that vouchers can be topped up by an additional £1,000 - making up to £4,500 available for business properties and up to £2,500 per residential property. To be eligible you must:

- ※ Be in a rural area
- ※ Not be able to receive 1000Mbps
- ※ Not already have received an upgrade funded by the public purse
- ※ Businesses must meet the European Union definition of a Small to Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)
- ※ Individuals can't apply – it must be part of a group scheme of 2 or more

To see if you're eligible check your postcode at : https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/ If you are eligible please contact the Parish Clerk to enable the Parish Council to collate all of the households interested in taking part in this scheme. They are working with East Sussex County Council to try and get the greatest benefit for residents within Westfield Parish.

Dog Bins



The Parish Council is reviewing its current contract regarding emptying of the dog bins. If residents have any comments on the matter about this service or if there are any areas that an additional dog bin might be beneficial the feedback would be very welcomed. Please contact the Clerk at clerk@westfieldcouncil.org.uk with any comments.

To keep up to date with all the latest Parish Council news and events, find and like us on FaceBook: www.facebook.com/Westfieldparishcouncilsussex

Playgrounds within Westfield

Can residents please abide by the Government's rules about mixing in outside spaces. The playgrounds are remaining open although it is unfortunate that some residents have taken to removing the signs that have been put up. These will now have to be replaced at additional cost to the Parish. Please DO NOT remove the signage at the playgrounds. These are there for your guidance and so the Council can keep the playgrounds open.

There is ongoing work to maintain the playgrounds. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to the slide at Churchfield as it was deemed a high risk. However, all the rubber wetpour has been taken up and recycled and the new grass is taking really well.



WESTFIELD BACT BUS SERVICES

The Parish Council pays a grant towards the community bus service BACT that runs a service through Westfield. It is free to those holding a bus pass. See page 34 for the timetable.

Tennis Courts

Currently the courts are closed to everyone due to Lockdown 2, as per government restrictions. When play is permitted, anyone, other than Tennis Club members, wanting to book the courts needs to email cllr.roger.bowe@westfieldcouncil.org.uk with your name, address and a contact number for each player using the courts and to confirm you have read the covid-19 guidance which can be found online at: http://www.westfieldvillage.co.uk/index.php/homepage/more-news/502-tennis-courts-reopened

The Parish Council's Tennis Courts are behind the Bowls Club opposite the church on the Main Road.

Westfield Parish Councillors

Westfield Ward

Chairman – Hamish Monro: Cllr.Hamish.Monro@westfieldcouncil.org.uk
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Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

Jane Clarke: clerk@westfieldcouncil.org.uk
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Cllr Carl Maynard: 0750 022 4869 cllr.carl.maynard@rother.gov.uk
Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall: 0797 312 9505 Cllr.Jonathan.Vinehall@rother.gov.uk

East Sussex County Councillor:

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Christmas at home can be made special with a real tree with its evocative, evergreen fragrance helping our senses during these difficult times. It is far more conducive than an artificial tree which is likely to have travelled miles from China. Isn't it more important than ever to look after our planet? Also real pine or fir tree absorbs carbon dioxide and releases oxygen. Support local business and visit Westfield's own award winning grower at Littledown Christmas Tree Farm.

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Littledown Christmas Tree Farm won the **Fir Category** with their ***Nordmann Fir*** in the British Christmas Tree Growers annual competition on 27 October 2020. A second and third win made them runners up overall, which means that their beautiful tree should be heading to No 10 Downing Street to make the Pillared Room smell gorgeous this festive season.



Westfield Christmas Lights has become a popular spectacle over the years raising much needed funds for St Michael's Hospice. This year, due to the pandemic and now the second lockdown, there will be no cash collection or deliberate displays but individual properties must continue to send out a cheerful message. It is not possible to stop visitors but everyone's safety is important.

St Michael's Hospice is the chosen charity and everyone was hoping that this year the magical cumulative total of £100,000 would have been reached. Several comments have been made that online donations would be welcome on https://www.stmichaelshospice.com/index.php?p=support-us/donate



Enjoy the magic of Christmas in Westfield, social distancing and keeping safe.

As this article is written, there are various suggestions to celebrate Christmas in a different socially distanced way.

National Bell Ringing: Christmas Eve 6 pm followed by
Carol singing on your doorstep 6.30 pm watch Facebook 'What's On in Westfield'