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Otford Pharmacy

A new pharmacy section will be opening up in Sainsbury's shortly, the parish council was unable to comment, however we sincerely hope that you will continue to support **OUR** own pharmacy and Mr Shafi whose service is second to none.

Otford Lunch Club

Otford Lunch Club for the over 60's has run successfully for the last 20 years. Without divulging details of ages, it is fair to say that many of our cooks should be participating in the service and not providing it! We would be delighted to hear from any ladies who would like to assist in providing lunches for the older members of our Community, a service, which is greatly appreciated. It involves one Thursday in five with a team of six, sharing preparation and cooking. They have use of a commercial dishwasher! For more information please ring Maureen Bolton on 01959 522789. They would welcome you.

Tree of Light

The total amount raised in Otford for Hospice in the Weald was £1,111. The total for the entire appeal was over £37,000, which is the largest amount they have ever raised and they are very grateful.

'Guides - Volunteers needed

Otford Guides have had an excellent response to previous requests for help during the last two years, but once more they are looking for volunteers. This could be to help with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers in existing, thriving units or perhaps two or three friends who would like to train to reopen the recently closed Brownie pack. They also need some administrative support. Please contact Caroline on 01959 523200 or Jeanette on 01959 523617.

Police Surgery

The next Police Surgery with our PCSO Dave Birchall will take place on **Thursday 23rd February** between 11am and 12.30pm. Please come and see him if you have any problems. Dave would like to remind you about the subject of opening your doors to strangers. Remember you **DO NOT** have to open your door to people calling at your home. Make sure you know who they are before opening your door and ask to see identification if necessary. Always use your door chain if you have one and if you are at all suspicious then call the police.

Otford Library

Otford Library is continuing to offer a free service to all mums with their babes / toddlers by way of Storytime, which is held weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon between **2.30 - 3.00pm** during school term time. If you would like further details please call in and talk to Angela the Librarian at Otford Library.

Otford Library presents a talk by Bob Ogle on '*Kent at War*' on **Tuesday 14th March** at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 (includes a glass of wine). Please contact the library for more information and tickets.

Would you be interested in joining a User Group at Otford Library. User Groups have been formed in a number of Kent Libraries. They are made up of library customers who would like to be involved with their local library. Activities might include running coffee mornings, helping with events and publicity and generally supporting local staff. As before please contact the library for details.

Otford Businesses

A big warm welcome to Denise Thompson Designer Florist who has now opened in the old bakers shop in the High Street which has been vacant for over 2 years. Denise an experienced florist for over 10 years has progressed to become a floral designer, offering a bespoke contemporary, cutting edge design to classic elegance. All her current work stems from referrals and recommendation including corporate, private, social functions, weddings, funerals and gifts. In order to develop, Denise and her husband Keith searched for a location to showcase her work, Otford being the perfect place because of its natural beauty along with rural buildings steeped in history.

JR's School of Motoring

Your local established driving instruction is taking new bookings. Contact them on 01959 525260 or mobile 0788 7721735. Both Manual and Automatic lessons available.

Tuesday Surgery

Otford's Community Warden Nic Roots will be available to chat to residents every Tuesday morning at School House between 9am - 11am.

The Otford Players

The Otford Players invite you to 'A Perfect Wedding' written by Robin Hawdon - directed by Christina Edwards and being held on March 16th, 17th and 18th 2006 at 8pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall. This is a comedy of farce, wedding day fiasco, and mistaken identities building to a hilarious crescendo set at a rattling pace. Please contact the Box office on 01959 525404.

Otford Gardeners' Society

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further details contact Janet Finney on 01959 523760 or visit www.otford.info/gardeners.

The next meeting takes place in Otford Village Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 7th March** at 8pm when the lecture is 'Gardening for Wildlife'. Brian Nobbs will give an illustrated talk with hints on how gardeners can encourage wildlife into their garden. Admission is 50p for members, £1 non-members. The admission price includes refreshments.

Otford Allotments Association

Think **Fresh Air**, think **Healthy Exercise**, think **Healthy Eating**, think **Organic**, so now it is time to think about allotment gardening. 62 people cannot be wrong in making that decision and who are now enjoying the healthy harvest of the previous year's crops. Currently there is a full tenancy on the allotment site, but experience tells us that there is a constant to-ing and fro-ing as peoples circumstances change, so now is the time, if you are thinking about allotment gardening, give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468 she will be delighted to show you around the allotment site, and maybe put your name down for the next vacancy, or you can call into the Parish Council Office on any weekday morning to get details.

Otford Scout Group

The Otford Scout Group will be holding a Quiz Night on **Saturday 4th March** at 8pm in the Scout Hut. Teams of 6. £5 per person. Please take along your own refreshments. Contact Ray Groom on 01959 525413

Otford & District Historical Society

The next meeting will be held in Otford Village Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 15th March** at 8pm

when Julia Page will continue her series on Napoleon 'Wellington seizes the Keys of Spain 1812-14'. Subscriptions are just £5 per year and visitors are welcome at £1.

Citizens Advice Bureau Surgery

The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on **Tuesday 7th March** between 10am and 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

Otford Afternoon W.I

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Membership is £22 per year. On the **7th March** Kensing artist and historian Monty Parkin will talk on the 'Art Game' Please contact 01959 522915 for more details.

Woman's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service for 2006 is to be held on **Friday 3rd March** at 2pm at the Roman Catholic Church. The theme will be 'Signs of the Times' and the speaker will be Dorothy Allen. The service has been prepared by women from South Africa and is an ecumenical event to which EVERYONE is welcome, not just women.

Otford & District Wine Club

In order to celebrate retrospectively the anniversary of VE Day, the Otford and District Wine Club are holding a Wartime Film Show in the Otford Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 22nd February**, starting at 8pm. It will feature films depicting the true stories of a massacre in France, an aeroplane lost in Russia, and a personal account of one man's experience of evacuation, amongst others. Ice cream will be served in the interval. As usual it is free to members but guests will be charged a small fee. Do go along for an enjoyable night out at the movies. Any queries please ring the Secretary on 01732 761359.

Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting will take place in Otford Memorial Hall on **Saturday 25th February** when there will be an all day workshop with Sam Beresford will talk about 'A Tale of Twenty Quilts' The meetings begin at 2pm and more information can be obtained from Jane Barratt on 01732 833588.

Barn Dance

A Barn Dance is taking place in Otford Village Memorial School on **Saturday 25th February** at 7.30pm to 8pm for Cancer Research UK. The Pilgrims Way Folk Dance Band are providing the music with Chris Woodward as caller. Tickets are £8.50 to

include Ploughman's. Please take along your own drink and glasses. Tickets from Joyce Course on 01732 761606 or Julie Ford on 01959 533126.

Picture of the Month

The artist for February/ March is Len Bashford. Len came to live in Otford in the early 70's but it was not until 2003 that he felt the call to paint and so he became a member of a Sevenoaks Education Centre Art Class and the Otford Art Group. Both, he says, have given him great help. Len says "My renditions of master works are often misinterpreted as comments on the originals. Never one to blanch at controversy, I resolutely maintain an intensely hedonistic motivation and aschew the academic and intellectual channel to the visual world. I revel instead in the pure relation of colour and line"

Where are all the Otford artists? If you reside in the village and paint in any medium, have one of your pictures exhibited in the Heritage Centre? Contact Doug Dickerson on 01959 524183 for further information.

Knole DFAS

Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Hall, Bat & Ball. The February lecture will be on **16th February** with Terry Pearson on '*The History of the Mermaid*'. The season continues on **March 16th** with Elizabeth Linn lecturing on '*Images in Brass: An introduction to the Brass Memorials of Medieval and Tudor England*'. Lectures start promptly at 1.45pm preceded by refreshments at 12.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the Society or would like more information, please contact the membership secretary, Hilary Thomas on 01732 762529.

Otford Methodist Wednesday Afternoons

Women's Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings, which take place at 2.30pm. While the Methodist Hall is being rebuilt meetings will be in members homes and a list of the next two months speakers and venues are as follows: -

February

22nd - Pat Mortlock - *Ightham Mote* - St Barts Hall

March

8th - Martin Berry - *Behind the picture* - 1 The Old Walk

15th - Open Door lunch - 12.15pm - The Drive Methodist Church

Sevenoaks DFAS

The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Sevenoaks Evening Society) 2005/2006 lecture season continues on **Thursday 16th March** at 8.15pm

in the Aisher Hall, Sevenoaks School with a talk by Dr. Sophie Oosterwijk on '*Rembrandt's Vision: Dutch History Painting in the 17th Century*'. Contact Mrs Honor McMillan on 01892 532651 for more information.

Sevenoaks Music Club

Sevenoaks Music Club has been delighting audiences with classical music concerts of world class for the last 71 years. The second concert of the season will be held on **Saturday 18th February** at 8pm with a recital by The Carducci String Quartet who will be playing Haydn's Quartet Op.76 No.2, Beethoven's Op.59 No. 2 and Dvorak Op 96 'American'. The Trio is recognised as one of the top young string quartets and is sponsored by the Countess of Munster Trust. The concert will take place at the Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks. Everyone is welcome and tickets are £14 for each of the first 5 concerts and £16 for the premium concert in April. Student tickets are £5. A Season Ticket costs £48 thereby giving you 2 free concerts. If you would like a copy of the brochure giving full details, please contact 01732 453251

Otford Primary Top Draw

TOP DRAW - The Otford Primary Draw. Your chance to win cash prizes and raise money for your local school.

The winning numbers of the January TOP Draw are:

1st Prize £50 - 222

2nd Prize £15 - 71

3rd Prize £10 - 193

Congratulations to this month's winners and thank you to everyone who continues to support the school.

Planning

The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting in February. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk or the Strategic Services Director, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent on 01732 227000

a. New applications

SE/05/03084 **Bartram Farm Old Otford Rd**

Use of an agricultural building for the storing of furniture and building materials - Certificate of lawful use

SE/05/03111 **47 Sidney Gardens**

Erect a PVCu conservatory to rear of property

SE/05/03133 **The Farm, Twitton Lane**

Telecommunications installation comprising a 17.5m "telegraph pole" style mast and base station

SE/05/03072 **Unit 3 Block 5 Vestry Ind Estate**

Change of use to B2 (general industrial for classic car

restoration)
 SE/05/03145 **8 Rye Lane**
 Single storey and part two storey extensions
 SE/06/00005 **45 Pilgrims Way West**
 Resiting of approved detached garage to side of property
 SE/06/00007 **21 Tudor Crescent**
 Single storey side and rear extension, 2 storey front feature, porch extensions
 SE/06/00089 **The Grange, High St**
 Single storey rear extension
 SE/06/00092 **The Grange, High St**
 LBC - Single storey rear extension
 SE/06/00112 **51 Knighton Road**
 Subdivision of plot, erection of detached chalet bungalow, alterations to crossover
 SE/06/00174 **Culvenan 14A Hillydeal Road**
 Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement oak framed dwelling.

b. Results received

SE/06/01640 **The Old Vicarage Shoreham Road**
 Details pursuant to condition 15 (ground stability) of SE/04/01752/FUL *Allowed*

SE/05/02585 **The Old Vicarage Shoreham Road**
 Sub-division of plot and erection of one detached dwelling to the east side; alterations to existing property including erection of detached double garage *Allowed*

SE/05/02679 **Chandler House Shoreham Road**
 Erection of rear balcony at first floor level. Changes to fenestration at ground floor level. Installation of french doors at ground and first floor level *Refused*

SE/05/02733 **56 Tudor Drive**
 Alterations to provide new cloaks cupboard, w.c. and lobby *Allowed*

SE/05/02842 **Becket House Vestry Road**
 3rd floor extension to form additional office accommodation (B1-A2), additional 28 parking spaces and external plant compound. *Allowed*

SE/05/02873 **50 Tudor Drive**
 Single storey rear and side extension & front porch *Allowed*

SE/05/02907 **38 High Street**
 Erection of rear garden conservatory, as amended by plans received reducing the depth of rearward projection to 3 metres *Allowed*

SE/05/02930 **52A Pilgrims W East**
 Erection of detached dwelling to replace existing bungalow *Allowed*

SE/05/02991 **12 Coombe Road**
 Replacement dwelling *Allowed*

SE/05/02972 **1 Hillydeal Road**
 Demolition of existing garage and erection of detached parents annex *Allowed*

SE/05/03000 **Four Acre Bank Coombe Road**
 Details pursuant to condition 3 (staircase passageway) of SE/05/02041 *Allowed*

SE/05/03003 **Scotts Cottage Shoreham Rd**
 Proposed first floor side extension, insertion of two dormers into rear roof plane, internal and elevational alterations. *Allowed*

SE/05/03031 **2 Shinecroft**
 Single storey rear extension *Allowed*

SE/05/03070 **49 Greenhill Road**
 Two no 2 storey extensions and provision of rear balcony *Allowed*

c. Amended applications

SE/05/02420 **Frog Farm, Pilgrims Way West**
 Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling, double garage and creation of replacement new vehicular access off Pilgrims Way West. As amended by plans received 18.120.2005 and 9.01.06

SE/05/02915 **Holly House Shoreham Road**
 Two storey side extension, first floor extension to front, single storey rear extension, provision of pitched roof above existing garage, insertion of dormer in front roof plane, alterations and new access and landscaping to Shoreham Road. As amended by plans received 04.01.2006

SE/05/03072 **Unit 3 Block 5 Vestry Ind Estate**
 Change of use to B1(C) (light industry for classic car restoration)

SE/05/03133 **The Farm, Twitton Lane**
 Telecommunications installation comprising a 17.5m "telegraph pole" style mast and base station. As amended by plans received 10.01.2006

d. Planning appeals

SE/05/01435 **The Chicken Farm Shorehill Lane**
 Change of use of four redundant agricultural buildings to a ClassB1 use (as amended by plans received on 2nd August, 2005) *Appeal against refusal*

SE/05/02692 **38 Greenhill Road**
 First floor bedroom & bathroom extension with balcony - *Appeal against refusal*

SE/04/02676 **64 & 66 Well Road**
 Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of a new estate road and 17 dwellings plus garages and parking spaces (33 in total) *Appeal dismissed*

SE/05/00395 **64 & 66 Well Road**
 Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of a new estate road 9 houses and garages *Appeal dismissed*

SE/05/01926 **64 & 66 Well Road**
 Demolition of existing dwellings and construction of 21 houses *Appeal dismissed*