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**'3 Peaks' Boot Sale**



The '**3 PEAKS**' Boot Sale will be taking place on **Saturday 22nd March 2008** in Otford Village Memorial Hall between 9.00am - 12.30pm. If you would like to have a table at a cost of £8 please contact Sue on 01959 524808 or evenings 01959 523789. Refreshments will be available.

PCSO Dave Birchall, Community Warden Paul Robertson and Assistant Clerk Sue Stephenson are undertaking the '3 Peaks Challenge' to raise money for Otford Primary Early Years and Shoreham Pre School. Sponsorship forms are around the village. Please support them.

**Tree of Light**



The total amount of donations for Hospice in The Weald received for the tree at Otford was £1339.47. Thank you for your generous support. The Hospice received a fantastic response this year and raised a record breaking total of nearly £56,000.

**Police Surgery**

The next Police Surgery with our PCSO Dave Birchall will take place on **Thursday 28th February** between 11am and 12.30pm at School House. Please come and see him if you have any problems.

**Otford Allotments Association**

Following last month's advice that now is the time to 'get cracking on seed planting etc' you might like to note that Gordon Darby is giving a talk on '*The Vegetable Gardeners Year*' on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Club Room of the Village Hall. This is mainly for members of the Association but you would be more than welcome if you would like to attend. Look out for the notices around the village nearer the time, but more details can be given to you if you ring Gordon on 01959 523339. We look forward to welcoming you, if on the other hand, you just want to talk allotments then give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468 or call into the Parish Council Office on any weekday morning for more details.

**Newsletter Deliverers**

Thank you to Andrew and Brenda who have kindly offered to deliver the newsletters in Station Road and a big thank you to John and Maureen who used to.

**Otford Gardeners' Society**

The next meeting of the Otford Gardeners' Society will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** when Heather Fooks will talk about '*Keeping Gardeners Growing*' - how to stay active in the garden despite losing flexibility. Meetings start at 8pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall. Admission is 50p for members and £1 for non-members to include refreshments.



The **SPRING SHOW** will take place in Otford Village Memorial Hall on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** between 2.15pm-4.15pm, admission 50p, under 16's free. Refreshments are available till 4pm. Featuring spring flowers, photography, flower arrangements, cookery and junior classes.

**Otford Afternoon WI**

The Otford Afternoon WI's next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** when Mr M Trip will be talking on '*Why the Show Must Go On*' - the pleasures and pitfalls of the amateur stage. For more details please contact Joyce Shaw on 01959 522736

**Otford Library**

**BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME TIME** - Every Monday morning 11am until 11.30am - Babies and Toddlers welcome for nursery rhymes and sing-a-long songs.

**STORYTIME** - Now every Tuesday afternoon (not just term time) 2.15pm until 3.00pm - All children welcome to hear stories of their choice.

### Oxford Community Warden

Paul Robertson who has been temporarily covering Oxford and Shoreham as Warden has now been confirmed as a permanent replacement. We welcome him. Paul will now be holding a weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House every Tuesday between 11am and 12 noon.

### London Marathon - Fundraising

Following his retirement from Sevenoaks Solicitors, Knocker & Foskett, Ray Leathers of Oxford has taken on his toughest challenge yet by taking part in the Flora London Marathon to help raise vital funds for the British Heart Foundation. Ray will be celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday just before the event and will be running the 26 miles as one of the Charity's 'Heart Runners' If you would like to support Ray, sponsorship can be pledged direct or through the British heart Foundation shop in Sevenoaks or by email to <http://www.justgiving.com/rayleathers> A sponsorship form is also available at School House.

Ray's daughter Georgina is also taking part in the Marathon. Georgina grew up in the village and is currently a teacher at St Michael's School. She has always wanted to run the marathon and this year decided to enter with her dad. She is running for 'Get Kids Going' a charity which helps disabled children to get involved in various sports by providing specially built sports wheelchairs and also helps with training, physiotherapy and travel. With help many could become record holders and Paralympic champions. You can sponsor her at [www.justgiving.com/georginaleathers](http://www.justgiving.com/georginaleathers)

### Knole DFAS

Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The next lecture will be on **21<sup>st</sup> February** when Matthew Williams will talk on '*Chopping up the Chiffonier - the changing taste for Victoriana*' The Lectures start promptly at 1.45pm preceded by refreshments at 12.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the Society or who would like more information, please contact, Hilary Thomas on 01732 762529 and Alison Davis on 01732 780453.

### Oxford Oast WI

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March** Pat McCann will be demonstrating how to make some of her favourite recipes, with a chance to sample them as well. Do join

them. The meetings start at 9.30am in Oxford Village Memorial Hall. There is a crèche and the first visit is free.

### World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2008, prepared by the ladies from Guyana is to be held at St Bartholomew's Church on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm. The theme of the service is 'Gods wisdom provides new understanding' and the speaker will be Father T.J. O'Connell. The Service will be followed by refreshments in the new Church Centre. Everyone is welcome to this ecumenical event.

### Oxford - Précigné

We hosted a 15 year old boy from Précigné, near Le Mans, last autumn for 6 weeks, in 6 different families, while he attended a local school. Both he and his hosts enjoyed the experience. Also pupils from St Michael's School have been exchanging correspondence and small gifts with a Primary School in Précigné.

During the weekend of 9-11 May 2008 we shall be welcoming a group of 12 visitors from Précigné to Oxford. If you, your family or organisation would be interested in meeting our visitors that weekend or in visiting Précigné or in making contact in the future please contact Jane Lawrey on 01959 522360, as soon as possible please, so that we may finalise our programme.

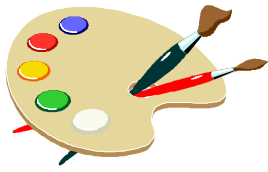
### Oxford Wine Club



The Oxford & District Wine Club are pleased to announce that they are holding a Film Evening on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. This year they are privileged in having Reg Lancaster as a guest who will be showing a programme of his own films. Besides being the chief cameraman for the Daily Express for very many years, Reg is a renowned internationally acclaimed film maker and has won the highest awards possible for his work, both British and International, so it is sure to be a most memorable evening. This will be held in the Oxford Memorial Hall starting at 8pm. Ice cream will be served in the interval. They will be holding a 'Mystery raffle' with prizes donated by the members, so please bring a prize (wrapped) if you can. As usual it is free to members but visitors will be charged £3. Do go along for an enjoyable night out. They have started selling tickets for their

Spring Buffet on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** which will consist of a cold buffet prepared by Brenda Montague and a caberet. Members will be charged £11.50 and guests £13. If you have any queries please contact 01732 761359.

### Picture of the Month



The artist for February / March is Zoe Sands. Zoe came to live in Otford 32 years ago. She has always been interested in art and particularly watercolours. She has no formal art training but did spend a year on a weekly watercolour course at the Sevenoaks Adult Education Centre, thereafter mainly painting when there was time to spare. After retiring Zoe joined the Otford Art Group in 2006 and as she says, still trying to find her style. She has been on a number of art courses including Zen drawing with a bamboo pen and coloured inks. Zen drawing is using the right side of the brain. Interesting! Please contact Doug Dickerson on 01959 524183 if you would be interested in displaying your work in the Heritage Centre.

### Otford Players

Otford Players are having a Quiz Night in Otford Village Hall on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 8pm. Tickets are £5 each. Book a table for 6/8 persons or come on your own and make new friends. Tickets are available from Marian Wills on 01959 522856. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

### 5-a-side Football - GIRLS

If you like football, are female and aged between 13 - 16 yrs (a bit negotiable) and would be interested in playing football in a 5 a-side team within the local area. Please leave your contact details for the attention of Sue at Otford Parish Council office on 01959 524808 or email at otfordpc@btinternet.com

### Sevenoaks DFAS

The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Evening NADFAS) 2007/2008 lecture season continues on **14<sup>th</sup> February** when Mrs Anthea Streeter will talk about 'British Architecture Now' then on **13<sup>th</sup> March** Mr Eric Shanes will talk on 'The Excitement of Modern Art' Please contact Mrs Maggie Llanwarne on 01732 460709 or Mrs Mary Aldous on 01732 452209 for more information and membership.

### Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting will take place in Otford Village Hall on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** with a talk by Carol Naylor on 'From Hats to Hangings' Morning sessions begin at 10am and afternoons at 2pm and more information can be obtained from Pat Curtis on 01959 532391.

### Otford Methodist Wednesday Afternoons Women's Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings, which take place at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. Phone Rosemary Cracknell on 01959 522325 for details / transport.

#### February

**13<sup>th</sup>** - *Poetry and music in hymns* - Tony Wiltshire

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Lunch at The Drive Methodist Church 12.15pm

**27<sup>th</sup>** - *National trust properties* - Pat Mortlock (with St Bart's ladies)

#### March

**7<sup>th</sup> (Friday)** - Women's World Day of Prayer at St Barts

**12<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Mediation

**19<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting

**26<sup>th</sup>** - No Meeting

### Sevenoaks Music Club

The next concert of the Sevenoaks Music Club will take place on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** when The Bridge Duo (Matthew Jones - viola and Michael Hampton - piano) will play Brahms, Clarke, Bax and Prokofiev. The concert will take place at 3pm in the Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tickets are £14 and Students £5. Contact Richard Hargreaves on 01732 453251

### Otford & District Historical Society

The next meeting will take place in Otford Village Hall on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** starting at 8pm when Chris Baker will talk on 'Are you being served? - the history of shopping in Dartford' and then on **19<sup>th</sup> March** Geoff Hutchinson will talk on *Rudyard Kipling*. Membership of the Society is just £5 per year and visitors are welcome at all lectures for £1

### Otford Book Fair



The next Otford Book Fair will take place in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April** from 9am to 3pm. Free admission.

## 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 Jan TOP Draw are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 - 190

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15 - 165

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 - 287

## Secret Gardens



As part of ongoing fundraising for St Bartholomew's Church it is hoped to again hold a Secret Gardens weekend on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008. If you would be willing and interested in opening your garden to the public for that weekend could you please contact Sue Stephenson on 01959 524808 (mornings only). Thankyou.

## Planning



The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council in February. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk or the Head of Development Services, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent on 01732 227000

### a. New applications

#### **SE/00/2739 Greatness Quarry**

Details of temporary flare, for a period of six months, adjacent to main site office at Greatness Quarry Integrated Waste Management Facility pursuant to condition 12 of planning permission SE/00/2739

#### **SE/07/03637 Land adj Mount Path Cottage, Pilgrims Way East**

Re-opening of trackway from Pilgrims Way East to provide vehicular access to Clan Cottage and High Point

#### **SE/07/03718 Frog Farm, Pilgrims Way West**

Application to rebuild existing agricultural barn incorporating 3 stables for personal use; resite agricultural building granted 21/10/05 ref 04/02835/AGRNOT; and construction of manège, to include change of use to equestrian use 20m x 40m to be further considered

#### **SE/07/03856 37 Greenhill Road**

New dormer window and new ground floor window to east elevation

#### **SE/07/03915 95 Willow Park**

Two storey flank extension

#### **SE/08/00048 16 Greenhill Road**

Amendments to front extension (approved SE/04/01319) and landscaping (approved SE/05/03090). Replacement of steel windows with double glazed aluminium frames

#### **SE/08/00206 85 Willow Park**

Removal of existing flat roof above front door. Erection of brick and tile porch as per attached drawings

### b. Results received

#### **SE/07/03449 9 Orchard Road**

Erection of single storey rear extension

*Allowed*

#### **SE/07/03553 47 Tudor Drive**

Part two storey and part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion (as amended by plans received and dated 17/1/08)

*Allowed*

### c. Amended applications

#### **SE/07/03630 Maunders, St Michaels Drive**

Replacement dwelling

### d. Planning appeals

#### **SE/06/00900 West Kent Cold Store, Rye Lane**

Mixed use redevelopment comprising residential (up to 500 dwellings) and commercial uses (4,500m<sup>2</sup>), a medical facility (500m<sup>2</sup>) together with associated access roads, car parking, footpaths and cycleways, landscaping and open space. (As amended by plans and additional information received 06.03.07) -

Public Inquiry to be held 23.04.08 at 10 am in SDC Council Chamber

#### **SE/07/01074 17 Greenhill Road**

Outline application for new detached chalet bungalow  
Informal Hearing on 26.03.08 at Hollybush Indoor Bowls Centre

**The Parish Council would like to apologise for the strange and slightly comical spellings in the January issue. This occurred due to a computer glitch that was out of our control.**

**The Parish Council apologises if dates have gone past when you receive your newsletter as timings for deliveries cannot always be guaranteed due to pressure on our local printer and on the volunteer deliverers. Thankyou.**