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Parish Council

For those interested in all the activities of OPC, the minutes of meetings are available in the library, and all minutes, agendas and newsletters can be obtained via the web (also available in the library). They can be read via <http://www.otford.info/parishcouncil>. The newsletter is also available on the website.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 8th March** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

A Voice for the youth of Otford

The Parish Council is to commence the formation of a 'Youth Forum' to give the young people of the village a voice in village affairs that affect them, as well as enabling parishioners to communicate better with them. Further information will be announced but if you think that you or your group may be interested please contact the Parish office and leave your details

Well Done



The Parish Council would like to say a big well done to our Kent County Council Community Warden Paul Robertson who was presented with a certificate in January by the North Kent Crime Prevention Panel in recognition of his outstanding efforts in the field of Crime Prevention.

Paul holds his weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon. On **Tuesday 23rd February** between 12noon and 2pm at Otford Library Paul will also be holding a Community Safety advice Drop in

Police Advice

PC Clatworthy and PCSO Wright would like to make residents aware that a company called Direct Response/SAS are phoning residents offering security systems stating that these are provided by Kent Police. This is not correct. Other tactics they are using is to ask what age people are and if they are living on their own. Please be aware that although this is a legitimate company it has nothing to do with Kent Police and if you make an appointment with them make sure there is someone with you when they come. If you receive one of these calls please let the police know on 01732 379371.

Also please let them know of any suspicious vehicles you might notice in your area

Safer Plates

Kent Police will be at Sainsbury's Car Park on **Thursday 25th February** and Otford Village Car Park on **Saturday 20th March** between 10am and 2pm with the Safer Plate Scheme - where they will be replacing screws on number plates for tamper proof ones FREE. Also the West Kent Crime Prevention Bus will be there for you to obtain free advice.

Reel Issues

Where Film, Faith and Life Connect



During the season of Lent, St Bartholomew's Church will be showing a series of five films leading into discussion about the issues they raise for faith and life. The films have all been box office hits, and are drawn from a variety of genres appealing to a wide range of tastes.

This 'Reel Issues' series will be held on Tuesday evenings at St Bart's Church Centre from 8pm to 9.30pm and features the following films:

23rd February The Mission
2nd March Bruce Almighty
9th March Shadowlands
16th March Prince Caspian
23rd March Last Chance Harvey

Each session will include clips from the films followed by discussion of the issues raised.

If you would like to watch the whole film in the company of friends prior to 'Reel Issues' sessions on Tuesday evenings, St Bart's will be showing each film on the previous Saturday evening in the Church Centre, starting at 7pm. More details about the films are available on the St Bart's website:

www.StBartholomews.co.uk

You are warmly invited to join them.

Otford Village Fete



The Village Fete will take place on **Monday 31st May** on Otford Recreation ground and it is hoped to have as good weather as last year. The theme is 'Football's World Cup' (Come on England!). Previous stall holders are being contacted but if you are interested in having a stall and or taking part in the procession for the first time please contact Ros Ward on 01959 525638 or rosalyndeward@hotmail.co.uk. The Fete is an extremely important fundraising event for the village some come on why not take part, it's fun.

Otford & District Historical Society

The last meeting of the year was the AGM on Wednesday 9th December. The next meeting of 2010 will be on **17th February** when David Killingray will talk about 'Black People in Kent 1600 - 1950'. After the outstanding success of the first publication, the new Otford - Past in Pictures II Book is now available for sale at £7. They are available from the Parish Council Office / Heritage Centre, The Crown PH, The Chemists, The Post Office, Willow Tea Rooms, Yvonne's and Sevenoaks Bookshop

Otford Allotment Association

Otford Allotments are delighted to report that the waiting list is now down to nil having satisfied all waiting. But this doesn't mean that you shouldn't apply if you are interested in having an allotment as plots can change hands from time to time. Please give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468 if you are interested and would like to start a new waiting list.

Indoor Boot Fair

The Otford Primary School PTFA are holding an Indoor Boot Fair on Saturday **20th March** in Otford Village Memorial Hall from 9am to 12 noon. Tables are £10 and can be booked on 07901 968175 or give your name, contact number and payment in an envelope to the Otford Primary School Office. Refreshments will be available.

Otford Gardeners' Society

'Self Sufficiency My Way; Growing to Eat' is the first talk of 2010 for Otford Gardeners' Society. The speaker, Peter Wright, is an experienced grower and will have plenty of advice for the increasing number of people who 'Grow their Own'. Visitors are most welcome to the meeting in Otford Village Hall

on **Tuesday 3rd March** at 8pm. Admission is only £1 for non-members and the price includes refreshments.

Hospices of Hope

The team at Hospices of Hope are pleased to announce their first event for the year which will be taking place on **Friday 26th February** at The Grey Lady in Tunbridge Wells at 7.30pm. The star of the evening will be Debbie Perolls who will be singing with her band 'Cover Story' - enjoy a two course supper and be entertained by their performance of smooth jazz, pop classics and contemporary soul music. Tickets priced at £25, are available through wendy@hospicesofhope.co.uk or by telephone on 01959 525110

Then on **Friday 5th March** at 7.30pm they will be holding a Romanian Supper at the Otford Tea Rooms & Gift Shop. Enjoy the culinary skills of a Romanian Chef complemented by a glass of wine. Tickets priced at £15, are available as above

Otford & District Wine Club

We think everyone who attended the Otford & District Wine Club 2010 Burns Night will agree that we all had a wonderful evening with Scottish singing, dancing, haggis, oatcakes, and other seasonal refreshments. Our next social event will be our annual Film Show on **Wednesday, 24 February** 2010 in the Otford Memorial Hall when you can see a wide range of comedy, documentary and scenic films (some featuring the local area) beginning at 8 p.m. There will be an interval during which ice cream will be served. By popular demand, we are having a mystery raffle of donated, wrapped prizes, so dig out all those unwanted Christmas presents and bring them along - it should be an interesting night out As usual the evening will be free to paid up members but guests will be charged £4. Why not come along for a fun night out amongst friends? Any queries, please ring the secretary on 01732-761359.

The Cantate Chamber Choir

On **Saturday 20th March** 2010 at St Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks, 7.30pm.

After the success of Handel's 'Messiah' in March 2009 the Cantate chamber choir and Vivace! period instrument chamber orchestra again join forces for their largest project to date: Haydn's 'The Creation'. This oratorio, inspired by Handel's great choral works, describes the creation of the world, charting the six days as described in the Old Testament, from chaos and darkness to order and the creation of Adam and Eve.

Cantate are joined again by one of the UK's most popular and accomplished sopranos, Gillian Keith, prize-winning tenor Kevin Kyle, and for the first time by bass Gavin Horsley. Vivace! perform on period classic instruments, with strings and a wide array of wind and brass instruments. The performance will be conducted by the choir's musical director, Robin Walker. You are invited to join us for an evening of extraordinary music - dramatic, intense and exquisitely beautiful. Haydn considered this work his finest - join us to hear why.

Tickets, priced at £12 including refreshments, are available in advance from Sevenoaks bookshop or from the box office: 01732 770570. www.cantate-choir.info

Sevenoaks District Older Persons Forum

Find out how to have a voice in matters that concern all the over 50's and raise any issues. Get free advice and information on your local services and facilities. It's free, join them for a hot drink, cake and a chat on **Monday 1st March** between 10.30am - 12.30pm at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road, Sevenoaks. If you are interested in coming or require help with transport contact Fiona on 01732 454785

Otford Oast WI

The meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall. There is a crèche and the first visit is free. Do join them.

Otford Afternoon WI

All Meetings take place at Otford Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month - Annual Subscription is £29.50 and visitors at £2 are very welcome. For further details please contact Joyce Shaw on 01959 522736 or Muriel Eaton on 01959 524151.

Otford Evening WI

All meetings take place on 2nd Thursday of each month in Otford Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings which start at 7.30pm

Otford Bridge Club

Otford Bridge Club meets every Friday evening in Otford Church Hall at 7.30pm, It is a friendly club and they would be pleased to see anyone who fancies a game.

Bikes and Cameras go Together

A Photographic Exhibition

Otford Village is the geographical centre of the West Kent area of the Cycling Touring Club and

Saturday 6th March is the date of their open to the public Photographic Exhibition at the Methodist Church Hall. There will be 128 colour prints displayed on the night, along with 76 screen projections of their digital masterpieces. After refreshments at half time there will be a light-hearted show of slides by journalist Martin Lloyd entitled 'Over the handlebars'

Doors open at 5.30pm with presentations at 7pm. Cost will be £5 on the door. The West Kent CTC would be delighted to see you.

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

17th - Games afternoon

24th - Meeting with St Bart's in our Hall - The Drive Singers

March

5th - 2pm - Women's World Day of Prayer at Otford Methodist Church

10th - The Civic City of London - Keith Lawrey

17th - 12pm - Ploughman's Lunch at The Drive Methodist.

24th - Easter Meditation

31st - No meeting

Strictly Come Dancing

On **Saturday 13th March** at 7.30pm at Walthamstow Hall School, Sevenoaks they will be holding a Rockdale Fundraising Evening along the lines of the BBC Television Programme. 16 couples have been learning to dance since November. There will be a panel of judges and professional dancers will also be giving two displays of dancing during the evening. Tickets will be £12 and include a welcome drink and canapés and a voting slip to vote for the best couple. There will also be a bar. All the proceeds will go to the Rockdale Appeal to build a new residential home in Sevenoaks. Please call Lynn Tier on 01732 458762 or 468650.

Knole DFAS

Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The next lecture will be on **18th February** by John Ericson on 'The Shakers of North America: Their Beliefs, Architecture and Artefacts'. In this talk John Ericson will tell the extraordinary story of the Shakers, explaining their

beginnings, what they believed and how they lived their lives before examining their beautiful and intriguing buildings and furniture. The Lectures start promptly at 1.45pm and finish by 3pm. Anyone interested in attending a lecture or joining the Society please contact Alison Davis on 01732 780453.

Sevenoaks DFAS

The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Evening NADFAS) 2009/2010 lecture season continues on **11th March** when Dr David Bostwick will talk about 'Derbyshire and Dynasty: Bess of Hardwick and Mary Queen of Scots 1569 - 1609'. The meetings are held in the Ship Theatre at Walthamstow Hall Senior School, Hollybush Lane, commencing at 8.15pm. Please contact Mrs Maggie Llanwarne on 01732 460709 or Mrs Mary Aldous on 01732 452209 for more information and membership.

Citizens Advice Bureau Surgery

The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on **Tuesday 2nd March** between 10am and 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

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 - 381

2nd Prize £15 - 97

3rd Prize £10 - 436

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/09/02972 **Block 4, Vestry Industrial Estate**
Recladding, alterations to both internal and external layout. New access path fencing and security gates together with 27 allocated parking bays and 2 disabled

SE/09/02973 **Block 11 Vestry Industrial Estate**
Partial demolition to structure at front. Recladding and alterations to both internal and external layout

SE/10/00022 **88 Evelyn Road**

Demolish existing garage and erect detached garage

SE/10/00033 **31 High Street**

Erection of pitched roof with three velux windows over existing flat roof

SE/10/00078 **7 Orchard Road**

Two storey extension to side of property
SE/10/00088 **April Cottage 8 Leonard Avenue**

Erection of single storey rear extension

b. Results received

SE/09/02141 **9 Colets Orchard**

Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of extensions to front, rear and side to form porch
Allowed

SE/09/02458 **95 Well Road**

Proposed single storey rear/side extensions, formation of rooms in roof space and alterations to existing dwelling to form 2 no dwellings
Allowed

SE/09/02613 **Mayola Station Road**

Demolition of existing double garage and construction of replacement double garage to front of property, single storey side extension and two storey rear extensions with introduction of attic accommodation
Allowed

SE/09/02616 **Land to the front of Mayola, Station Road**

Construction of two detached residential dwellings with detached double garage
Refused

SE/09/02623 **Hillway, Pilgrims Way East**

Replacement dwelling
Withdrawn

SE/09/02654 **64 Willow Park**

Roof loft conversion including rear dormer and velux windows at front
Allowed

SE/09/02701 **Broughton Manor High Street**

To upgrade and refurbish existing oak framed boathouse for use as a recreational room, tea station and wc facility. Construction of deck overlooking lake.
Allowed

c. Amended applications

SE/09/02329 **Hoggarden Farm Telston Lane**

Change of use for stationing of one static caravan and one touring caravan for residential occupation by single gypsy family with associated septic tank and hard standing and conversion of end stable for utility room. Temporary basis of three years. As amended by additional information received on 22.12.09 and 07.01.10

d. Appeals

SE/09/01403 **Bankside Cottage Shoreham Road**
LDCPR - New single storey 4m deep extension to rear of original house which does not exceed 4m in height
Appeal allowed

e. Tree work in Conservation Area

09/03035/WTCA **1 High Street**

Various works to yew tree in Conservation Area

10/00083/WTCA **Bubblestone House The Green**

Crown thin one horse chestnut tree by 25%

10/00117/WTCA **Holmesdale The Green**

Various works to two beech trees

f. Tree Preservation Order

LJ/TPO/04/2010 **Station Road** Made on trees at White Hayes, Mayola and Hawthorns.