

# Otford Parish Council

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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 minutes, agendas and newsletters can be obtained via the web (also available in the library). **Please check out the new website at [www.otfordpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.otfordpc.kentparishes.gov.uk).** The next meetings will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** and **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

### From the Chairman:

It's a short piece from me this month because I want to leave space for Irene Roy's report on the work of the Traffic Management Working Group. I think you will find her report interesting and I encourage you to read it.



My news focuses on progress with the Otford Neighbourhood Plan. If you came to the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, you will have shared our delight at the attendance. Over 130 people packed the OVMH, to the point where we ran out of chairs! The vote to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan was unanimous and since then (Japanese 'flu permitting) we have been getting organised. The work is currently divided into nine areas: housing, healthy living, retail, employment, transport, infrastructure, environment, sustainability and sustainable tourism. The first meeting on the steering group is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> January. We will review the work that needs to be done, look at the interests and strengths of our volunteer group and allocate the tasks for the coming months. If you are able to help, please contact me at [nick.rushby@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.rushby@btinternet.com).

### Traffic Management Working Group

#### **Traffic Management - Part One**

Since its creation in September, the traffic management working party has been busy looking at ways to better manage the impact that traffic has on our community. We have developed a plan to cover all aspects of traffic management

and ways to build a compelling case for highway improvements that will make Otford a more enjoyable place to be as well as safer, cleaner and greener.



**What we have done so far.....** Our first task has been to identify the areas of most concern and put together a set of proposals that meet our objectives. Measures to ease congestion, control speed of traffic and improve pedestrian safety have been drawn up to cover all the main access roads and Pilgrims Way East. Speed and safety plans include a 20mph speed limit on all access roads from the Gateways, and possibly, Pilgrims Way East. In

order to have a 20mph speed limit we may be required to introduce some traffic calming measures. We have looked at all the options and believe that speed tables would be the most suitable measure. Speed tables are large kerb to kerb, flat-topped versions of a speed hump which can be used as a pedestrian crossing. Speed tables would not only serve to slow traffic down, but provide a safe pedestrian crossing point. We would keep these to a minimum with potentially one or two in the main roads at the centre of the 20mph zone and possibly upgrade the existing crossing in the High Street with a speed table. Other ideas being considered are a refuge island with pedestrian crossing at the Telston Lane/Pilgrims Way West junction, widening the pavement in the High Street to incorporate the Pickmoss Step and road narrowing techniques. Traffic calming measures and street signage will be kept to a minimum and methods more appropriate to a conservation area used where possible to preserve the unique character of Otford village.

Solutions to help alleviate congestion include a new roundabout at the Pilgrims Way East/Shoreham Road junction and improving the road layout and to help the flow of traffic at the pond we are looking into altering the priority at the exit with Station Road and increasing the width of the junction. In addition to finding solutions to traffic concerns, we have carried out research into traffic calming measures in neighbouring villages, examined past attempts at highway improvements and will be looking at health and environmental benefits. Other non-highway traffic issues such as parking (priority Station Road) misuse of roads by HGVs and highway signage will all be covered.

**Active travel.....** Reducing traffic is also an important part of the study, and whilst we hope some of our traffic calming measures will deter through traffic, we will also be looking at ways of reducing local traffic. One such initiative is to cut the number of short car journeys through active travel, in other words by physically active means such as cycling or walking. Introducing a 20mph speed limit and improving pedestrian safety is part of this goal, but without good

pedestrian access into the heart of the village we will not be able to effectively reduce unnecessary car journeys. Upgrading our footpaths and expanding and improving our pavements are therefore an important part of the study.

**20's plenty for Otford.....** In Britain more than half of road deaths and serious injuries occur on roads with 30mph limits. Britain also has the highest percentage (22.5%) of pedestrian road fatalities in Europe. By lowering urban and residential speed limits to 20mph it has been found to decrease child pedestrian accidents by up to 70%. These are just a sample of the many statistics available showing the safety benefits of a 20mph limit. A 20mph speed limit would bring other benefits too such as a reduction in pollution, quieter streets and promote greater social cohesion. A recent report from the Audit Commission showed that 75% of drivers support 20mph limits in residential areas. If you would like to show your support for a 20mph limit in Otford please register your vote at: [www.20splentyforotford.moonfruit.com](http://www.20splentyforotford.moonfruit.com) and click on 'Sign our Petition'.

**Listening to public opinion.....** We have taken on board public opinion from previous schemes and we are listening to all your comments and suggestions in the many emails and letters we receive on this issue. Our plans are ambitious and far reaching, but we believe that they will address the concerns raised by you and will benefit the whole community. We are currently working with Kent Highways and when we have a clearer picture of what is possible a draft proposal will be available for public comment.

**And finally,.....** It would be extremely helpful if you could forward details to the Parish Clerk at [clerk@otfordpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@otfordpc.co.uk) if you have been involved in any road or pedestrian traffic incidents, both past and present. This information will be used by the Council to monitor traffic accidents and to help build our case for lower speeds and improved pedestrian safety.

Cllr Irene Roy - Chairman, Traffic Management Working Party



### **Community Warden Surgery**

Paul holds his weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon. Come and see him. Paul can also be contacted on 07813 713366.

## Explore, enjoy and protect - the Otford Heritage Trail



Many of our children grow up in our parish without knowing anything about the village's history. Indeed, many of Otford's 3,200 residents know little about the stories of its ancient homes, its royal visitors or the battles that were once fought here. Otford village has a long and royal history and contains many historic homes, even if they do not carry a blue plaque outside. These stories have contributed to the heritage of the village we know

today.

It is now proposed that the village installs a Heritage Trail. This would comprise of a series of beautifully illustrated information boards set at points in the High Street and The Green, which show illustrations of local houses as they were in their prime and tell the stories of the homes and the people who once lived there.

The boards will be similar to those you might find at a castle or monument, all set low enough to be seen and read by children as well as wheel-chair users. In order that those with poor sight might also benefit from the trail, it is hoped to install an NFC chip in each board to enable those with a smart phone to hear a spoken - commentary describing the homes and their stories. Such a trail will certainly become a walk popular with the many hundreds of visitors we get throughout the year and an opportunity for local families to discover the history on their doorstep. Everyone should feel pride in the place where they live. The Otford Heritage trail will help engender that pride. The Parish Council have indicated their full support for the plan and the Otford Village Society and the Historical Society are offering their support. We will be applying for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to cover the balance of the costs of installing the project.

We will also intend working with the local schools to ensure our young people can get the most benefit from the trail. At this point, we would welcome any other ideas or suggestions that you may have to make this as successful as it can be. Ideas on how it might be used, what it might include or where it might be sited, will all be of help. We should like to hear from you. Email [rodshelton@greenbee.net](mailto:rodshelton@greenbee.net) or drop a note with your thoughts into the Parish Office. Meanwhile, we will keep you up-dated on our progress.

## Donations



The total amount of donations for Hospice in The Weald received at the OPC office for the tree of light at Otford was £785 and the total amount of donations raised in Otford for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal was £1,729.34. Thank you for your generous support.

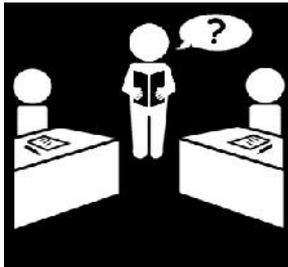
## Guide Christmas Post Box



The Brownies and Guides would like to thank everyone who supported their Christmas Post Service in December. This was the 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of running the post and the fantastic sum of £404.50 was raised from the sale of stamps. The money this year has been divided between Dreamflight and Kent Wildlife Trust.

Thanks must also go to Lorraine in the library and Sue in the Parish Office who sell the stamps for us and Gerry and Craig who print the stamps and posters every year.

## Fair Feast 2018



Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is **Tuesday 13 February**. It may seem to be a long way away, but by the time that you receive the *next* newsletter it might be less than a fortnight. So please note the date and, from 7.30 - 9.30pm on that day, in the Methodist Church hall, there will be a quiz, pancakes and hot and cold drinks, all for £7, all of which will go to help one of the world's poorest communities, details of which will be available on the night. To reserve a place or places (tables seat 8 people), from now on please contact Andy Collings (01959 524840, [Ac04otford@btinternet.com](mailto:Ac04otford@btinternet.com)). Payment may be made before or on the day.

## Otford Evangelical Free Church



A warm welcome awaits you as Otford Evangelical Church introduces its new Pastor Kevin Bracken. After working in the Paper industry for the last 30 years, Kevin now takes up this challenge from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

You can meet Kevin at the church Sunday Services 11am and 6.30pm or out and about in the village during the week, as he hopes to move into the local area shortly. The official Induction Service took place at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. They look forward to seeing you soon. [otfordefc@gmail.com](mailto:otfordefc@gmail.com)

## Otford Allotments Association



Unlike last year when all allotment plots were let there are now at the beginning of 2018 a few available. They are inexpensive to rent for the year and Roger Beasley the Parish Council allotment agent would be pleased to show you what is available and introduce you to the benefits of belonging to the Otford Allotment Association. Please call Roger on 01732 463072 or e-

mail [rogerbeasley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rogerbeasley@tiscali.co.uk)



## Theatre and Live Performances at Otford Village Memorial Hall

In 2017 we arranged two special events at the Hall. Both of these were heavily subsidised by the Arts Council making it possible for us to have the benefit of professional performers appearing at our Hall without charging exorbitant prices. In April, we hosted *Gloriator*, this was an hilarious version of *Gladiator* and had the audience laughing from beginning to end and everyone has a very enjoyable evening. In November, we hosted the *Three Musketeers*, which was a performance for Children who by the shouting, laughter and animated reactions seemed to have a whale of a time with a lot of engagement with the three actors. Feedback we have had from the audiences of all ages has been very positive. If you would like to receive information concerning future events, please just send an email including your name to [ovmh.treasurer@otford.net](mailto:ovmh.treasurer@otford.net) and we will email you with details of these events. You will not be inundated with emails as will be putting on just two performances in 2018. Please note all profits from these events go towards improving the facilities at the Otford Village Memorial Hall.

## Otford Junior Choir



We are starting again this term, so do come along and have some fun learning to sing. It doesn't matter if you can already sing - or not! Just come along.

We meet once each month for an hour on a Sunday afternoon, and the group is open to children aged 9 or over, from local schools and from the village. The next dates are **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** and **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** from 3pm to 4pm in St Bartholomew's Church Centre. If you are interested, please ring Chris Bishop on 01959 523401 or e-mail [cmbishop38@gmail.com](mailto:cmbishop38@gmail.com)

## Oxford Oast WI



The next meeting will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.30am in Oxford Village Memorial Hall when they will have a talk by Melanie Gibson-Barton on 'Bruges - it's more than just chocolate' The first visit is free. For more

details or please contact the Secretary Sharna Peyto on 07860 463656.

## Oxford Evening WI



The next meeting will take place on **8<sup>th</sup> February** when our speaker is Alison Ellman-Brown with the intriguing talk 'What you don't know about buttons' Visitors are very welcome to join us and if you need any further information, please contact their

President on 01959 524831.

## Oxford Library News



- IT help is now available on Tuesdays 10.00am-12.00pm (instead of Mondays) and Saturdays 10.00-12.00pm.
- It is essential to make an advance booking for this either by phoning 03000 41 31 31 and asking to be put through to Oxford library or by coming into the library to book an appointment. The library has free public Wi-Fi. When people join the library, they can bring their iPad/tablet or laptop, are able to connect to the internet and get help from a volunteer. Alternatively, customers are welcome to use one of the public computers. There is no charge for this service.
- Storytime, every Tuesday (term time only only) 2.15-2.45pm. This is a free activity.
- Talk time, every Monday 11.30-12.30am. All welcome to join, sit in the library for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. We would love to see some new faces.
- Baby Bounce and rhyme time, every Monday 11.00-11.30am throughout the year. No need to book and this is a free activity.

Lorraine would like to thank customers for being so welcoming and supportive over the last twelve months. They have made her first year at Oxford library most enjoyable.

## Talk in Otford Library



There will be a talk by Bob Ogle in the Library on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm on '*Kent in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*'. Tickets are £5 with refreshments included. Booking is essential. For further information, please contact the library on 03000413131 or e-mail [otfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:otfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk)

## Otford & District Historical Society



The next will be on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 8pm (Doors open at 7.30pm for refreshments) in Otford Village Memorial Hall when Dr Charles Shee will talk about '*Medieval Deer Parks*'. Adult subscription is £10. No charge for under 16's and visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

## Otford Gardeners' Society



Otford Gardeners' Society start the 2018 season on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 8pm, with a Buffet Supper Evening in the Otford Village Memorial Hall. This is an informal gathering open to all, with some light refreshments. The new schedule of speakers, shows and events will be available, and everyone is welcome. For further details please contact Janet Finney on 01959 523760 or e-mail [gardeners@otford.net](mailto:gardeners@otford.net)

## RSPB Sevenoaks Local Group



On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** at 7.45pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall there will be a talk by Andrew Cleave on '*Natural History of the Isles of Scilly*'. The Isles of Scilly enjoy Britain's mildest climate and are home to a colourful array of native and introduced wild flowers and exotic trees, many found nowhere else in Britain. The lecture looks at the beautiful coastal scenery, the stunning wild flowers, and the many birds, mammals, insects and seashore life which make these islands such an attraction for naturalists and photographers. Group members £2.50, non-members £3.50. Telephone 01959 563530 for more details.

## The Otford Society

Thank you to everyone who supported our Community Party on Saturday 25th November - either by attending, or buying tickets for the raffle. We were delighted that so many people of all ages joined in. We subsequently presented the village Scouts & Guides with our profits of £500. Our next public event will be the Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 19th April**. Full details will be announced soon, but a key item for discussion will be the Society's updated constitution, which can be previewed

at <http://www.otfordsociety.org.uk/constitution> If you wish to register comments before AGM, please email [chairman@otfordsociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@otfordsociety.org.uk)

We are also supporting Rod Shelton's initiative to set up a Heritage Trail around our village. You can read more about this exciting proposal elsewhere in this newsletter. Finally, don't forget that we're always looking for volunteers to get involved with the Society and its projects. In 2018 the committee is planning to focus on fostering community spirit. In our small and friendly village, no-one should feel isolated. For example, could you help someone nearby with shopping, dog-walking - or just visits and conversation? If you have ideas or some spare time to help, then we'd love to hear from you via [enquiries@otfordsociety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@otfordsociety.org.uk)

## The Paperdashery Creative Club



Take time for yourself, feel more positive, creative & inspired. Make new friends at The Paperdashery creative workshops every Friday in their cabin in Otford. (end of access road behind Telston Lane). Begin & continue to enrich your creative journal (FREE with your first session), fold some origami or try another seasonal paper craft. All materials are included & no experience or ability is

necessary!

February & March sessions include:

- Chinese New Year paper crafts (paper fortune cookies & an origami dog bookmark) workshop
- Origami love note workshop
- Paper flower wreath workshop
- Spring creative journal workshop
- Paper bird collage workshop
- Origami bunny workshop

Sessions cost just £7 each, or only £25 for 5 sessions when you block book with the code CREATIVECLUB. Spaces are limited, so please book early.

Visit [www.thepaperdashery.com](http://www.thepaperdashery.com) or email [gude@thepaperdashery.com](mailto:gude@thepaperdashery.com) to find out more!

## Sevenoaks Embroiderer's Guild



on 01732 452117.

The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** in Otford Village Memorial Hall when they will have a talk by James Hunting on *'My approach to stitch based creative practise'* The meetings start at 10am and 2pm and end with tea and cakes at about 4pm. For further information please contact Sylvia Grafton

## First Steps

First Steps has returned to Otford Methodist Church Hall. This lively group for babies, toddlers and their carers are always pleased to welcome new members. It is run by the Methodist and St Bartholomew's Church and includes the opportunity for a chat, refreshment and, also a short bible story, with singing and craft activities for the children. Meeting at 9.30am to 11.30am on alternate Wednesdays during term time only. The next meetings are on the **7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Contact Hazel Terry on 01959 523047 for more details.

## Citizens Advice Sevenoaks - Otford Outreach



The next surgery will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** between 10am and 12 noon. Drop in appointments may be available on the day. Ring 01732 440488 and leave a message at any time.

## Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society



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 lectures start promptly at 1.45 pm and finish by 3 pm. The next lecture is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** when Anthea Streeter will talk about *'Thomas Heatherwick - The Leonardo of our times'*. Heatherwick is a world-famous designer whose work includes the Olympic Cauldron at the London Olympics, the new red London bus, a zip bag for the French firm Longchamps and is currently working on the Garden Bridge across the Thames. Heatherwick's approach is in demand all over the world and the lecture will highlight the broad range of his designs. See the website [www.knoledfas.org.uk](http://www.knoledfas.org.uk).

## Parkinson's Sevenoaks Branch

The branch, formed in 1991, has run weekly exercise classes for people with Parkinson's for more than 20 years and for the last three years these have been held in the Otford Methodist Church Hall. Two one hourly sessions are held on **Thursdays** - the first class at 2.00pm is for the less able participant with many

exercises done sitting in a chair - the second class at 3.00pm is for the more able. The instructor is a qualified physiotherapist. A small charge of £4 is made which includes tea and biscuits after each session. Contact for more information is [jacquelinehart217@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinehart217@gmail.com) or 01732 360512. (Please note there will be no classes on 28<sup>th</sup> December)

### **Your dog's poo could result in killing a calf**

In the last six months one local dairy farmer has lost 26 baby calves all because of dog's poo. *Neospora caninum* is a parasite-type organism which can infect grazing cattle. It is carried in the faeces of dogs. Cows grazing on pastures contaminated by faeces from dogs are susceptible. When the parasite is in a pregnant cow it can cause an abortion of the calf. There is now evidence of an increase in our valleys. But there are no licensed drugs or vaccines available for the cows. There is NO evidence to suggest *Neospora* can infect or harm humans. The impact of infection can be catastrophic on any dairy herd causing large numbers of cows to abort and leading to inevitable financial loss.

**Please pick up your dog's poo especially on grazing fields. Pick it up and save a calf's life!**



### **Hospices of Hope Events**

Oxford Quiz Night - Oxford Tea Rooms, High Street

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Doors open 7pm

Teams of 4 - 6. Tickets are £12 to include a light supper.

Contact 01959 525110 or [events@hospicesofhope.co.uk](mailto:events@hospicesofhope.co.uk)

### **Ex-Service People Information & Advice Day**



The Royal British Legion have organised an information and advice day for all ex-service people aged 65 and over and their families. This will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.30am in The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, TN8 6BY. The event will provide an opportunity to meet some new people and talk to many organisations providing health advice,

social activities and more in your local area. Contact Michael Bishop on 07827 943609 or [michael.bishop@rbli.co.uk](mailto:michael.bishop@rbli.co.uk) for more information

## DIAL 2 DRIVE

### Volunteer Drivers

Do you own a car? Could you take an elderly/disabled person to a medical appointment or shopping just once a week? Dial 2 Drive need volunteer drivers to cope with the increasing number of passengers who wish to use this service. The role is flexible could be once a month or daily depending on the time the driver can offer. In the last six months drivers completed over £5,320 journeys across Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge. Please contact them on 0300 777 1200 or [driving@imago.community](mailto:driving@imago.community) if you would like to help.

### West Kent Challenge



Kickstart 2018 and go from 'Couch to 5k!' Staying in shape has a whole host of mental and physical benefits, so get your New Year fitness regime off to a sprint start with FREE professionally led running and walking workshops taking place in local venues. No need to book, just turn up. Anyone over 18yrs are welcome. Appropriate clothing and footwear required.

- Otford Village Memorial Hall - **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February** 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Sevenoaks Leisure Centre - **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 10am - 12 noon
- Shoreham Village Hall - **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** 1.30pm - 3.30pm

For more information call 01732 227000 or e-mail [healthyliving@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:healthyliving@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



### Planning

The following applications have been considered by the Parish Council. Contact the Parish Clerk or SDC on 01732 227000.

#### a. New applications

SE/17/02514 **New Barn Farm, Telston Lane**

Proposed conversion of a dilapidated and disused agricultural farm building into a residential dwelling.

SE/17/03646 **Mille Fleurs, 12, High Street**

Conversion of first and second floors to office space, including a new entrance door and 3no rooflights.

SE/17/03707      **32, The Charne**

Demolition of outbuilding. Erection of detached garage

SE/17/02808      **2A The Butts**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of loft space into bedroom with en-suite bathroom with skylights to the East and West elevations and addition of window to the North elevation. Conversion of garage to habitable space with associated alterations to fenestration.

SE/17/02981      **Vestry Industrial Estate, Vestry Road**

To install 2no new signage boards to the entrance of the site to display the tenant's names and unit numbers. The proposed signage boards e to be located at the entrance of the site on either side of Vestry Road - the main entrance to the site.

SE/17/03836      **Summerleaze, 40, Pilgrims Way East**

Demolition of existing rear conservatory and glazed roof terrace. Demolition of existing bay window and entrance canopy. Erection of a new single storey extension to front forming a matching gable, and extension / alterations to form new entrance canopy. New gables formed and rear roof and rear dormer reconstructed with new front dormer to form new first floor accommodation. Internal alterations including new stairs.

SE/17/03885      **Conway House, Vestry Road**

Third floor extension to form additional office accommodation (B1-A2) plus extension of central staircase to provide access to new roof terrace.

SE/17/03874      **Land North West of Bramble Cottage, Shoreham Road**

Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage. New access drive and vehicular crossover and gates.

SE/17/03807      **Kursella, Sevenoaks Road**

Demolition of dormer. Erection of a side first floor extension, single storey side garage extension and a single storey rear extension with rooflights. Proposed porch to front elevation.

#### **b.Results Received**

SE/17/03081      **6 Tudor Drive**

Minor material amendment to 17/00164 (for erection of a first-floor side extension ad a single storey rear extension. A new ramped access to the side of the property. Removal of chimney. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations. Conversion of garage into habitable room); showing alterations to elevation, floor and roof plans by building over existing porch. Clad in roof tiles to match existing.

*Allowed*

SE/17/02990      **Little Oast, High Street**

Continued use as a single dwelling

*Allowed*

SE/17/03053      **78 Evelyn Road**

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with roof lights. Raising the roof, rear and front dormers and hip to gables to form rooms in the roof

*Allowed*

SE/17/03229      **55 Sidney Gardens**

Demolition of rear extension and part side extensions, front porch and chimney. Erection of a 2 storey rear extension and front porch. Reconstruction of existing single storey side extension. Raising the roof to convert the existing roof space into additional accommodation with rooflights and dormers to front and side.

Internal alterations. Erection of a detached garden room.

*Refused*

SE/17/02940      **60 Well Road**

Erection of a ground and first floor extension at front and rear, new bay window at ground floor to match the existing and new rooflights.

*Allowed*

SE/17/03365      **Mallards, Old Otford Road**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

*Refused*

SE/17/03506      **The Croft, 24, Coombe Road**

Ground and first floor extension

*Allowed*

SE/17/02549      **O2 (UK) Ltd, Communications Station Telcoms Equipment, Hoggarden Farm**

Removal of the existing headframe, to be replaced with Delta headframe, supporting 6no relocated antenna, 3 no additional antenna and 1 no additional dish together with ancillary development thereto.

*Allowed*

SE/17/02514      **New Barn Farm, Telston Lane**

Proposed conversion of a dilapidated and disused agricultural farm building into a residential dwelling.

*Allowed*

### c. Trees

SE/17/03516      **23 High Street**

25% crown reduction of Field Maple (x2) and Lime (x2)

SE/17/03764      **The Chalet, High Street**

T1 Poplar - fell and replace with Copper Beech. T2 Field Maple - 30% crown reduction to maintain size for small area.

SE//17/03779      **Palace Field, The Green**

T1 Willow - Crown reduce to previous pruning points.

SE/17/03798      **Otford Village Pond**

T1 Willow - Remove

SE/17/03861      **9 Bubblestone Road**

Various works to trees

SE/17/03860      **Chantry Cottage, The Green**

Fell 1 Silver Birch Tree

**d. Appeals**

SE/17/01442

**Broughton Manor, High Street**

Demolition of existing greenhouse base, and construction of new machinery store. An appeal has been made against the refusal to grant planning permission.

**Parish Councillors Contact Details**

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### Rubbish and Garden Bags

Garden waste bags packs are available from the Parish Council office at £14.00 for 26. It avoids all those trips to the tip. Rolls of black sacks at £1.50 and white sacks at 50p are also available. Please try and bring the right money.



Alternatively, for £45 a year Sevenoaks District Council will loan you a 240-litre garden waste wheelie bin. If space is limited, then they can loan you a 140-litre bin for £30. Contact customer services on 01732 227000 for more details.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the March newsletter is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

### Happy Valentines



Please remember don't bother taking that trip to Bluewater, get that special present for your loved one from our lovely individual village shops and dine out in our restaurant or pubs. Please support your local businesses.

