Fashion Sale
An end of season 'Sale of Ladies Summer Fashions' on behalf of St Bartholomew's Church will take place in the Otford Memorial Hall on Friday 22nd July from 10am to 1pm by Country Style. There will be considerably discounted quality clothes for all occasions plus bargain rails. Admission is £1 to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a Raffle and sale of jams and cakes. Please come and bring your friends along.

Police Surgery
The next Police Surgery with our PCSO Dave Birchall will take place on Saturday 16th July between 9.30am - 10.30am. The change of day is to help those of you who cannot make the normal weekday surgeries. Please come and see him if you have any concerns. Also you can purchase your shed alarms from him at £5 or £10.

Cycling on Pavements
Please do not cycle on pavements in the village, (apart from young children). It is very dangerous and there have been some very near misses with vehicles exiting their driveways. Also so few young cyclists wear helmets - these can save your life.

Youth Van
Team games, circus skills, parachute games, arts and crafts and much, much more can only mean one thing - Sevenoaks District Council’s Youth Zone van will be out and about again this summer. The van and team will be visiting:
- Date: Friday 5th August
- Time: 11am - 3.30pm
- Place: Hale Lane Recreation ground, Otford
- Event: Youth Van & Streetdance Workshop

There is no need to book in advance or reserve a place on the programme as all activities are run on a turn up and join in basis. All children are registered when they arrive and children over 8 can be left with Youth Zone staff for the day. It is recommended that children bring a packed lunch and a sun hat. The fully equipped van includes seating for up to 10 people, disabled access, music, video, DVD and PC facilities as well as loads of equipment for a wide variety of sports, arts and circus skills. An extra this year at Hale Lane is a Streetdance Workshop. The Van will also be visiting Kemsing Common Field on 27th July, Shoreham Recreation Ground on 4th August with additional Drama workshop and Dunton Green Recreation Ground on 8th August where there will also be a Drama Workshop with a Teddy Bears Picnic theme.

VJ DAY - Victory Tea Party
To celebrate VJ Day there will be a Victory Tea Party held in the Village Memorial Hall on Saturday 13th August from 3 - 5.30pm. Please bring wartime memorabilia for the display table and if possible wear 1940's dress!
Tickets cost £2.50 or £6 per family and are available now from the Parish Council Office. Proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion. For further information please contact Marian Wills on 01959 522856

Otford Station
Booking Office Closure
South Eastern Trains intend to revise the opening hours of our booking office as follows.

Present Opening
Mon-Fri - 0615 - 1930
Saturday - 0700 - 1930
Sunday & BH - 0715 - 2245
Total approx 94 hours per week

Proposed Opening
Mon -Fri - 0700 - 1100
Saturday - 0900 - 1300
Sunday & BH - Closed.
Total approx 24 hours per week
This is a huge reduction and will do nothing to encourage ticket sales. Passengers will be forced to use the Penalty Fare Machine and then join the long queue at Victoria to pay the balance. And its no use going elsewhere - Kemsing, Shoreham, Eynsford, Bat & Ball and Dunton Green all lost their booking clerks many years ago. Please write and protest to the RAIL PASSENGERS COUNCIL, FREEPOST WA1521 WARRINGTON WA4 6GP by 20th July.
Trafalgar Remembered
Trafalgar Remembered, a community commemoration of the bi-centenary will be held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of Saturday 22nd October. Watch out for further notices.

MEN ARE WANTED to sing sea-songs and shanties. These will be recorded by Barbara Darby and used as background music on the evening. All types of voices required - and you won't have to face the audience! Watch local press for details, or ring the musical director Tony Wiltshire on 01959 524887. Two or three sessions of an hour or so are all that will be required of your time, later this summer.

An exhibition of seascapes and marine paintings by local artists (including children) will be staged in the Church Hall on 22nd October as part of SEA BRITAIN and Trafalgar celebrations. Organised by the W.I Art Group.

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 June TOP Draw are:
1st Prize £50 - 390
2nd Prize £15 - 167
3rd Prize £10 - 135

Congratulations to this month's winners and thank you to everyone who continues to support the school. Don't forget forms are still available from the School office and Parish Council office, for those who would like to take part.

VE DAY Display

Please come and have a look at the display in the Heritage Centre put together to celebrate the End of the War in Europe Day. There are numerous interesting items to see and read.

Otford Allotments Association

Otford Allotment Association is a very active gardening group and allotment plots are constantly in demand. At this time of year there is more movement and exchange of plots than at any other, and if you are interested in taking on please give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468, who will be pleased to take you round the site and show you what is available. Alternatively you may like to wait until our Open Day on Saturday 13th August, when the site is available to all and sundry during National Allotment Week. Whatever you decide to do make sure you get involved and enjoy the same rewards of the 60 or so other tenants who are already part of this gardening experience.

Picture of the Month

The artist for July/August is Pamela Hewitt. Pamela started painting in oils about 30 years ago with a Sevenoaks Group. She now prefers to paint in acrylics, which she finds more adaptable. Pamela belongs to the Sevenoaks Art Club - which celebrated their centenary in 2001 - and served on their Committee for many years before retiring as their President. She is also a member of the Holmesdale Art Group. Pamela has painted the 'Lavender Field' outside her garden in Telston Lane.

If you reside in the village and paint in any medium, would you like to have one of your pictures exhibited in the Heritage Centre? Please contact Doug Dickerson on 01959 524183 for further information.

Otford & District Wine Club

Very many thanks to everyone who helped with the Otford Wine Club BBQ and contributed the delicious food we all enjoyed so much. I think everyone who attended would agree that it was an extremely pleasant day with interesting games and good company. Even the weather was perfect! The next event will be our July outing, which will be a picnic in Knole Park beginning at 12 noon on Sunday 31st July. We will meet under the large oak tree about 100 yards west of the main entrance. Car parking is £2.50 but FREE to National Trust members. Also there is FREE parking in Sevenoaks long-term car park on Sundays which is a 15 minute walk away. Please bring your own picnic and liquid refreshment. Why not come along for a day out with friends? If you need any further information please ring Olive Cherry on 01732 458240

Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting will take place in Otford Memorial Hall on SATURDAY 30th July when Pam Stow will talk about 'A History of Spinning'. The meetings begin at 2pm and more information can be obtained from Jane Barratt on 01732 833588.

CAB Surgery

The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on Tuesday 2nd August between 10am and 12 noon. Please come along and see the adviser who will be happy to help you with your problems.
Otford Afternoon W.I
Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Membership is £21 per year and Tea at the meeting is 30p.
The next meeting takes place on 9th August with a members meeting. Please contact 01959 522915 for more details.

Tennis Courses

Otford Tennis Club will be running tennis courses and Mini tennis courses in the first 3 weeks of August. Courses are suitable for 3½ years upwards. For more details please contact Mary Evans on 01959 523701 or on her mobile 07881 653936.

Ducklings Nursery Pre-school

Are you looking for a nursery for your child? Ducklings, take children from 2½ years to Primary School entry. Ducklings, offers a safe and caring environment at St Bartholomew’s Church Hall. They are open Monday to Friday 9.15am to 12.15pm (until 3.15pm on Mondays and Wednesdays). Ducklings, more than meets OFSTED requirements and gained an excellent report on the last inspection in June 2004. As a not for profit nursery, they ensure that all the money is used for the children’s benefit. There are a few places for Sept 2005. Contact Ducklings on 07720 955717 (times as above) or Maureen Perry on 01959 524298 (weekdays after 6pm)

Free Saturday Refuse Collection
The following are the collection dates for 05/06
Tudor Drive - 1.15pm to 1.45pm
Bubblestone Road - 2pm to 2.30pm
16th July, 24th September, 3rd December and 11th February 06
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Hale Lane near pavilion - 12 noon to 12.45pm
The Charne - 1pm to 1.30pm
23rd July, 1st October, 10th December and 18th February 06
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They regret that they cannot accept fridges, freezers, cookers, cast iron boilers or baths, long metal poles, building materials, manure, paint, oil or large parts of engines or vehicles.

Otford & District Historical Society
Summer Outings

Saturday 3rd September - all day visit to Portsmouth Dockyard with all visitor attractions including HMS Victory, HMS Warrior - when completed in 1861 was the world's most formidable warship and the Mary Rose - built in 1511, Henry VIII's flagship for many years, sank in the Solent in 1545, raised in 1982 and undergoing conservation ever since.
Coach leaves Otford Pond at 8.30am
Cost is £22.00 per head

For bookings and further details please contact Cliff and Elizabeth Ward on 01959 522384.

Litter Picking
Please do not drop litter in this your village, there is no need to do so as rubbish bins are provided at a number of locations. If all residents would please pick up a piece of litter as you walk around the village it would help keep our village as lovely as it should be as befits our title of Village of The Year for Kent and South and South East England 2002.

Russell Robins Supervisor
Russell House School are looking for a lively, enthusiastic person to plan, organise and teach a small group of 2 - 3 year olds.
The Russell Robins group at Russell House School provides a gentle, stimulating introduction to school life for around eight 2-3 year old children each weekday morning. The group, like the school itself, reflects a lovely happy, family atmosphere. An appropriate qualification or experience of planning and running stimulating activities for this group is preferred. For more information, please call 01959 522352

Planning
The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting in July. 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/05/01321 Meadow Springs Sevenoaks Road
Two storey side extension, internal alterations and car parking

SE/05/01370 Block 7, Vestry Ind Estate
Demolition of existing office pods, building new office pods and removal of mezzanine floors

SE/05/01399 45 Pilgrims Way West
Front two storey extension plus 1st floor extension to side and rear. New detached garage to rear

SE/05/01463 35 Well Road
Two storey rear extension

SE/05/01484 DarenthDene Shoreham Road
Summerhouse to be sited within rear garden

SE/05/01536 14 High Street
Demolition of timber garage and erection of a two storey storage building

SE/05/01582 Mount Farm
Demolish existing portico and construct extensions at ground and first floor with accommodation in the roof space

b. Results received

SE/04/01752 The Old Vicarage Shoreham Road
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 detached dwellings with integral garage as amended by plans received  Allowed

SE/05/01110 Becket House Vestry Road
3rd floor extension to form additional office accommodation  Withdrawn

SE/05/00262 St Bartholomew’s Church
Details pursuant to condition 4 (archaeological work) of SE/04/01361  Allowed

SE/05/00375 1 Colets Orchard
Erection of first floor to existing bungalow to create chalet bungalow  Allowed

SE/05/00395 64–66 Well Road
Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of road, nine houses and garaging  Refused

SE/05/00441 The Farm, Twitton Lane
Establishment of an electricity sub-station  Allowed

SE/05/00473 58 High Street
Extension to left-hand side  Allowed

SE/05/00492 Telecomms eqpt Recreation Ground High Street
Replacement of 16m high lighting column with 17 m high telecommunications mast, with three antennas, one 200mm diameter dish antenna, radio equipment housing and ancillary development  Refused

SE/05/00541 36 Knighton Road
Erection of two storey side and rear extension to form garage with bedroom and en-suite above  Allowed

SE/05/00547 20 Rye Lane
Erection of first floor to convert bungalow to house and erection of part single/part two storey extension to rear  Allowed

SE/05/00595 5 Bubblestone Road
Side and rear extension. Replacement garage and adding an extra bedroom to first floor to side; adding a utility room to ground floor and enlarging a bedroom on 1st floor to rear  Allowed

SE/05/00603 Holly House Shoreham Road
Two storey extensions and internal alterations  Refused

SE/05/00619 10 Tudor Crescent
Erection of a single storey timber framed glazed conservatory upon a dwarf wall  Allowed

SE/05/00625 32 Tudor Drive
Side extension to enlarge existing cloakroom  Allowed

SE/05/00646 14 Shinecroft
First floor extension over existing kitchen to create a further bedroom  Allowed

SE/05/00699 52a Pilgrims Way East
Creation of basement to new dwelling (Alternative to basement granted permission, ref: SE/03/02126/FUL as part of replacement dwelling granted permission under SE/02/02749/FUL)  Refused

SE/05/00722 26 Tudor Crescent
First floor extension to front elevation  Allowed

SE/05/00778 22 Greenhill Road
Construction of pitched roof  Allowed

SE/05/00864 38 Hillydeal Road
Single storey rear extension and new ground floor window to east side elevation  Allowed

SE/05/00933 Block 1 VestryInd Estate
Details pursuant to condition 2 (external materials) of planning permission SE/03/01703  Allowed

SE/05/00937 5 Shinecroft
Erection of conservatory and erection of detached garage at front  Allowed

SE/05/00995 19 Willow Park
Loft conversion with rear dormer  Allowed

SE/05/01028 Eldiai, Station Rd
Details pursuant to condition 5 (archaeological assessment) of application SE/04/00886FUL  Allowed

c. Planning appeals

SE/04/02676 64–66 Well Road
Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of new estate road, and seventeen dwellings plus garages and parking spaces (33 in total) - appeal against refusal - Inquiry

SE/05/00395 64–66 Well Road
Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of road, nine houses and garages - appeal against refusal - Inquiry