An outdoor production of ‘Peter Pan’ by Chalkfoot Theatre Productions will be taking place in the grounds of Otford Primary School at 7pm on Friday 20th July. Tickets are now available from School House at £7 adults, £6 concessions and £5 for under 16’s or if you buy in advance (7 days or more before) there is a £1 discount on each ticket. The grounds will be open for an hour before for picnics (fingers crossed for sunshine) and the PTA will also be serving refreshments for school funds.

Rubbish
Please **DO NOT** put your bags of rubbish out overnight, the foxes have been making a meal of them recently especially in Station Road and making a horrible mess in the village.

Police Surgery
The next Police Surgery with our PCSO Dave Birchall will take place on Thursday 2nd August between 11am and 12.30pm at School House. Please come and see him if you have any problems.

Well Done to Dave and his colleagues Dennis and Sue who had a great result last week when they caught and detained 5 youths (Dave catching three of them) following a robbery at Sainsbury’s. Otford’s own Hot Fuzz. Thanks a lot Dave for all your great largely unseen work.

Otford Gardeners’ Society
The next lecture will take place on Tuesday 4th September at 8pm in the Village Hall when Gordon Darby will talk about ‘A Vegetable Growers’ Year’. Admission is 50p for members and £1, non-members. Admission price includes refreshments.

Then on **Saturday 8th September** at 2.15pm they will be holding their Autumn Flower and Craft Show – Vegetables, late flowers, photography, flower arrangements, handicrafts, art, cookery and junior classes.

For further details telephone Janet Finney on 01959 523760 or email gardeners@otford.net

Otford Primary School
Otford Parish Council would like to send our congratulations to Head Teacher Peter Denereaz and all his staff and pupils too on their recent Ofsted report. The school received a GOOD with OUTSTANDING features. Well Done.

Community Warden
Our new Community Warden is Paul Robertson who has been very proactive since starting only a month ago. You might have seen him about either on foot or in his van. He is already making a big difference here and in Shoreham. If you would like to talk to him his phone number is 07813 713366. Thanks Paul.

Otford Players
Otford Players have been resting for a while but now a recently elected new committee is fired up to go and will soon be announcing plans for their March, 2008, production for which auditions will take place in September. Watch this space and others for details.

Before all this if you are keen to become involved Marian Wills would be delighted to hear from you on 01959 522856.

Otford Afternoon W.I
Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Membership is £22 per year. The meeting on 14th August will be a members meeting. Then on 11th September Mrs S Hollings will talk about ‘My life as a Couture Dressmaker’. Please contact the Secretary on 01959 522736 for more details.

There will also be a Coffee tasting morning and Bring & Buy at Otford Methodist Hall on Thursday 16th August between 10am to 12 noon for the WI Denman College Appeal. Everyone is welcome.
Lost Property
The following property has been handed into the Parish Council office following the Village Fete.
- Framed Painting- scene of Paris
- BBC - 'A year at Kew' book
- Large/ Xtra large Blue waterproof top
If you think any of these might belong to you please contact the office

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: Wednesday 15th August
- Time: 11am – 3.30pm
- Place: Hale Lane Recreation Ground, Otford
- Event: Youth Van
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.

Thank you
Joyce Shaw wishes to thank so many people in the village for their support over the past weeks, and to say that she recently been able to hand over to Ray Groom, Scout Leader, the sum of £1,494.80 in the respect of the donations given in memory of Sydney.

Otford - Precigne
Would you like to host a 15 year old French boy from Precigne, from September to Christmas, while he is attending a local school to improve his English? Please contact Jane Lawrey on 01959 522360 as soon as possible for further details.

Front Garden Competition
The Otford Gardeners’ Society are again organising the Village Front Garden Competition on behalf of the Parish Council. Preliminary judging will be taking place during July and August and members of the Society will be touring the village taking notes. The competition is based on the front gardens that would take the eye of a stranger to the village, without him or her having to peer over or around a hedge, fence or wall. Please talk to the members, when you see them, they are all very friendly.

Tennis Courses
The Otford Mini Tennis Club are holding Summer holiday courses at Russell House School for the under 5’s (beginners) 5 – 7 yr olds (for children who have done some mini tennis, or older beginners - a chance to develop skills) and 7 – 8 yr olds (for children who can rally). Ages are approximate. These are taking place on Thursdays between 30th July to 16th August. Booking forms are available from the Parish Council office and Heritage Centre and for further
information and details please call Mary Evans on 01959 523701 or mobile 07881 653936 or have a look at the website www.otfordminitenis.co.uk.

Breakpoint Tennis are holding Summer Holiday courses for ages 7 to 16 years at Otford Lawn Tennis Club
Week 1 - 23rd July - 27th July - 9.45am-12.45pm  
Week 2 - 30th July - 3rd August - 9.45am-12.45pm  
Week 3 6th August - 10th August - 9.45am-12.45pm  
The Cost is £60. 
Booking forms are also available from the Parish Council office and Heritage Centre and for further information call Jo Sharp on 01580 212871

Otford Oast WI
The next meeting of 2007 in the Otford Memorial Hall is on Thursday 19th July at 9.30am when Dorothy Cox will talk on ‘Coincidences and a Victorian Murder’. Then on August 16th they will be going on a Summer outing to Bedgebury Pinetum. If you would like to learn more or just come for the company, they are a young WI and have a free crèche for your children. Everyone is welcome. First visit is free, second visit £3 and Annual membership £26. Tea/Coffee 50p.

Otford Allotment Association
Once again we have full tenancy with keen gardeners now benefiting from a hard winters work and harvesting some excellent crops. If you would like to come and have a look there is an Open Day on Saturday 14th July from 10am to 4pm with guided tours and refreshments throughout the day. Some small quizzes / competitions also provided in the Methodist Hall and books on gardening can be loaned from the nearby Otford Library. Please go along and see why allotment gardening is so popular. Full details from Barbara Hine on 01959 525468 or from the Parish Council office on any weekday morning.

Sevenoaks Embroiderers’ Guild
The next meeting will take place in Otford Village Hall on Saturday 28th July. There will be an all day workshop ‘smock Stitch and Sparkle’ by Heather Spaulding. Morning sessions begin at 10am and afternoons at 2pm and more information can be obtained from Jane Barratt on 01732 833588.

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 20th September when Linda Smith will talk on ‘Power, Propaganda and Men in Tights: English Art under the Tudors’. 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.

Charity Fundraiser
An Evening with Chris Tarrant
To help raise funds for The New School at West Heath Bursary Fund come and hear a legend in his own breakfast time, Chris Tarrant, OBE on Wednesday 18th July at 7pm at The New School at West Heath, Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks. With a TV career spanning 30 years his current shows include the ever popular ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire’ He is also a passionate angler. Put your questions to Chris, enjoy a glass of wine, chat, laughter and a chance to buy a signed copy of his latest book – ‘Tarrant on Top of the World – In search of the Polar Bear’. Limited availability, advanced booking is advised. Tickets are £10, for further details contact 01732 468995.

The Darent Valley Choir
We are a friendly and local choir rehearsing in Eynsford at the Anthony Roper School. Although some of us read music many of us don’t – so no previous experience is necessary just so long as you enjoy singing. We begin rehearsing again on Wednesday 5th September from 8pm to 10pm. There is ample parking in the school grounds. You may even ‘try us out’ for the first two weeks without payment – just to see how you get on. Our next concert is in St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on 8th December. We would love to welcome you on the 5th September – so please do come along. For further details please ring 01959 523279

Picture of the Month
The artist for July / September is Sheila Dickerson. Sheila has lived in Otford for over 30 years and has a deep love of nature and flowers, which she has expressed over the years with her embroidery. Painting has developed her interest in flowers using watercolour. She has attended various classes over the past ten years and has exhibited, for the last three years, at FLORUM, the Botanical Art Exhibition at the Jeffrey Harrison Centre in
Sevenoaks. She is a member of the Otford Art Club, Sevenoaks Embroiderers Guild and is a Friend of the Botanical Art Society. Please contact Doug Dickerson on 01959 524183 if you would be interested in displaying your work.

**Planning**

The following applications were considered by the Parish Council at its meeting in July. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk or the Head of Development Services, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent on 01732 227000

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<td>Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and removal of existing garage and kitchen extension</td>
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<td>Demolition of existing garage. Construction of two storey side extension</td>
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<td>LBC - Reconfiguration of kitchen and utility area, including removal of 2 no. doors and replaced with 2 no windows</td>
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<td>To alter existing shop to increase sales/display area, to extend at rear for new living unit Refused</td>
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**SE/07/01232 Otford Builders Merchants, 60 High Street**

Installation of extension (not exceeding 200 m² in size) to existing mezzanine floor within a building Lawful development

**SE/07/01257 Nutwood, Shoreham Road**

Two storey rear and single storey rear side extensions (bothflanks) Allowed

**SE/07/01283 Hawthorns Station Road**

Proposed sunroom/conservatory extension, new 2nd floor dormer window Allowed

**SE/07/01290 11 Great Till Close**

Enclosure of gap between house and detached double garage, provision of stairs to bedroom and shower room over garage. Provision of conservatory. Allowed

**SE/07/01300 9 Broughton Road**

Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension as amplified by drawings received on 12.6.07 Allowed

**SE/07/01565 The Chantry The Green**

Details pursuant to condition 2 of applications SE/06/02191 and SE/06/02190 Allowed

**SE/07/01631 The Chantry The Green**

Details pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of planning permission SE/06/02190 Allowed

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**