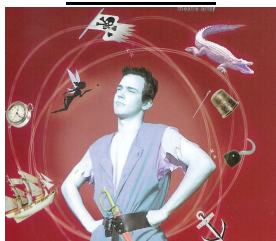


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**Peter Pan**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month. Membership is £22 per year. The meeting on **14<sup>th</sup> August** will be a members meeting. Then on **11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

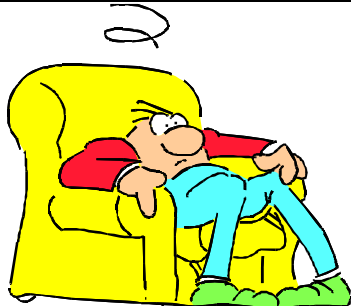
## Thank you

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.

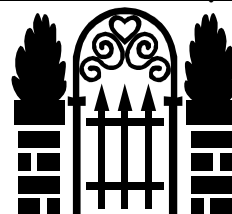
## 'Wot'z On' - Summer 2007



Don't sit in the chair all summer and say there is nothing to do - Wotz On Summer is a programme

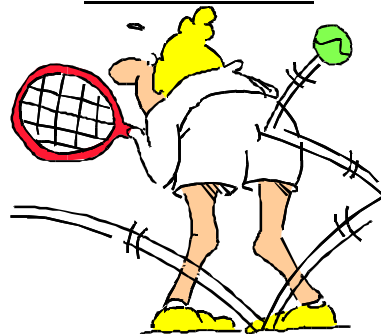
brought together for you, the young people aged 11 - 19 years in the Sevenoaks District Area organised by the Kent Youth Service in partnership with SDC, Social Services, Sencio Leisure and Swanley Town Council. There is often a cry that there is nothing to do, here is your opportunity to get involved, meet new people, try new or preferred activities and by getting involved start a process where you will have more and more say in the activities that are run in future years. Activities this year include: Activity Days, Arts Bus, Theatre Trip, Zoo Trip, Deep Sea Fishing, Graffiti Art Workshops, Archery & Shooting, MC/DJ Workshops, Ice Skating, Trampolining, Cricket, Motocross, Snooker, Abseiling, Survival Day, Two day Isle of Wight camping trip with activities including climbing. The Booklets with details of the activities and booking form are available from SDC and Parish Council Office / Heritage Centre or by contacting Steve Hanks on 07752 884547.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> 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.otfordminitennis.co.uk](http://www.otfordminitennis.co.uk).

Breakpoint Tennis are holding Summer Holiday courses for ages 7 years to 16 years at Otford Lawn Tennis Club

Week 1 - 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> July - 9.45am-12.45pm

Week 2 - 30<sup>th</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 9.45am-12.45pm

Week 3 6<sup>th</sup> August - 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 9.30am when Dorothy Cox will talk on '*Coincidences and a Victorian Murder*'. Then on **August 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The next lecture will be on **20<sup>th</sup> September** when Linda Smith will talk on

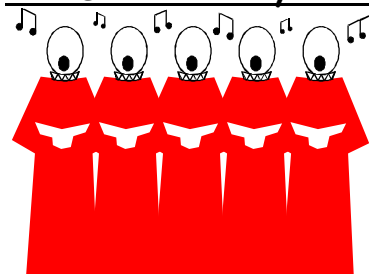
*'Power, Propaganda and Men in Tights: English Art under the Tudors'*. The Lectures start promptly at 1.45pm preceded by refreshments at 12.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the Society or who would like more information, please contact, Hilary Thomas on 01732 762529 and Alison Davis on 01732 780453.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December. We would love to welcome you on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### a. New applications

**SE/07/01745 55 Tudor Crescent**

Replacement of conservatory with garden room (amendment to application SE/06/01708)

**SE/07/01741 97 Willow Park**

Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and removal of existing garage and kitchen extension

**SE/07/01817 17 Hillydeal Road**

Double garage and entrance link to front of property and single storey granny annexe to rear

**SE/07/01848 2 Willow Park**

Demolition of existing garage. Construction of two storey side extension

**SE/07/01910 Heather Cottage Telston Lane**

First floor front extension and single storey extension and part two storey extension

#### b. Results received

**SE/07/01040 Bramber House**

Amendment of planning permission SE/03/00945/FUL for the substitution of house types. Demolition of one dwelling and construction of 3 new dwellings, as amended by plans received on 18.05.07 *Allowed*

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

Outline application for new detached chalet bungalow *Refused*

**SE/07/01144 30 Orchard Road**

Proposed alterations and conversion of garage to residential use including raised flat roof *Allowed*

**SE/07/01180 39 Greenhill Road**

Erection of a replacement dwelling (revised scheme to that permitted under SE/06/00944 *Allowed*

**SE/07/01190 23 High Street**

LBC - Reconfiguration of kitchen and utility area, including removal of 2 no. doors and replaced with 2 no windows *Allowed*

**SE/07/01224 16 High Street**

To alter existing shop to increase sales/display area, to extend at rear for new living unit *Refused*

**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 and 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*

#### c. Amended applications

**SE/07/01633 57 Knighton Road**

Single storey rear extension. Amended plan received 11.06.07

#### d. Tree work in Conservation Area

**07/01801/WTCA Otford Primary School, High Street** Various works to trees

**07/01896/WTPO Tanglewood Shoreham Road** Various works to one beech tree

#### e. Planning Appeals

**SE/06/01819 8 Greenhill Road**

Two storey extension to rear, raising of main and garage roofs *Appeal allowed*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**