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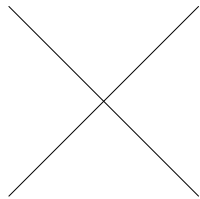
For those interested in all the activities of OPC, the minutes of meetings are available in the library, and all minutes, agendas and newsletters can be obtained via the web (also available in the library). They can be read via <http://www.otford.info/parishcouncil>.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th July at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Memorial Hall.

The Pond

The deadline for comments on the Pond has been reached and no adverse comments have been seen. The officers at SDC will be writing their reports, when these have been done the application and recommendations will be referred to the Government Office for the South East for final comments, after which the decision will be made.

YES WE DID!!

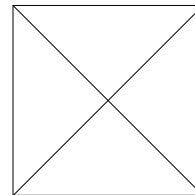


After two extremely wet years we didn't hold out too much hope for 2009. Although the day started sunny, before too long grey clouds appeared and it started to get chilly, it even began to drizzle. However, someone up there likes us, because by 11am the sun was breaking through and when the procession left Hale Lane at midday the sky was blue. Indeed, it stayed that way until 6pm. However, it didn't matter as we had almost finished packing up. Over 5,000 visitors came to this year's fete and although we have yet to finalise the income raised, we can honestly say it was a tremendous success. Once again Elands Veterinary Clinic was the most popular attraction. Whilst they started to take bookings from 11.30am,

by the time the first class started nearly all were full. We apologise if you were one of the disappointed visitors who could not enter your dog in any of the categories. Next year Elands has agreed to add an additional class starting at 12.30pm. We will have a full report of the day on our website shortly (www.otford.info/villagefete) along with a selection of photographs. Thanks to everyone who came along before the event to help us set up. The following items were handed into the organisers. These have been given to the Parish Council office and can be collected from them Monday to Friday mornings.

- Child's (aged 8-9) hooded blouson (brown with blue spots)
- Child's (aged 2-3) pale pink cardigan
- Headband with pink bow
- Handmade bib with treasure Island/dolphin design.

St Bartholomew's Church Fair



Have a lovely family afternoon out and go along to St Bartholomew's Church Fair, on Saturday 20th June at 2pm in the beautiful grounds of Castle House, by kind permission of the owners. Stalls will include Plants, Cakes, Toys, Crafts, Music, White Elephant, Books, and other attractions. Refreshments will be served all day. Programmes will be on sale before the fair and on the gate for 50p children under 5 free.

Otford Primary School Summer Fete

Have a fabulous family afternoon out by supporting your local school and going along to the Otford Primary School's Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July between 12 noon and 3pm. Lots of traditional stalls, refreshments and fun!

Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

Dave, Paul, Mark & Sue would like to thank everyone who sponsored us in our recent challenge raising almost £1100. This money will be distributed to groups around Otford & Shoreham and part of it has already been used to purchase a Tidybin Bear which has been placed in the children's play area.

Otford Cricket Club

Otford Cricket Club now has over 175 junior and senior members and has been looking to improve the cricket facilities available on the Recreation Ground. A new permanent cricket net facility is proposed

which will be available for all users of the Recreation Ground.

This is an important development for the Club and the recreation facilities available to the village. The cost of over £20,000 will be borne by the cricket club with the help of grant funding. The ongoing maintenance will also be the responsibility of the cricket club. For more information and pictures please look at details on otford.info.

Safer Plate

On Wednesday 17th June from 10am in Sainsbury's Car Park members from Kent Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies will be available to fit tamper proof screws on car number plates to prevent theft. So if you are interested please go along.

Otford Petanque Club

Every Thursday at 2.30pm the Otford Petanque Club plays on the new purpose-built terrain in the High Street Recreation Ground and makes good use of the tea making facilities in the nearby Eric Dilley Pavilion. Why not join them? You would be most welcome and no previous experience is required. For further information contact the club secretary Margaret Chandler on 01959 523620

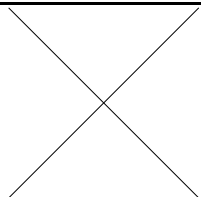
W.I Boot Fair

Otford Evening W.I are holding their Boot Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th July between 09.30am - 12.30pm and tables are now available at £8 each. Please contact heather Tilley on 01959 522491.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is looking for a co-ordinator in Otford. Please contact County co-ordinator Mrs Anne Hill on 01227 770217 or County Staff Contact Mrs Clare Saunders on 01622 791269. Mrs Hill would be happy to meet someone to talk about the duties etc.

Otford Gardeners' Society



The Otford Gardeners' Society will be holding their Rose and Summer Show on Saturday 27th June in Otford Village Memorial hall from 2.15 to 4.15pm. Admission 50p, under 16's free. Refreshments will be served. See roses and summer flowers, early vegetables, photography, flower arrangements, cookery and junior classes.

Otford Oast WI

On Thursday 21st May they will be talking and voting on this year's resolutions. Do join them. The meetings start at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall. There is a crèche and the first visit is free.

Otford Afternoon WI

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month. On 14th July Mrs Godwin will be showing 'Exercise the Easy Way' For more details please contact Joyce Shaw on 01959 522736.

Otford Community Warden

Paul Robertson our KCC Community Warden holds a weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House every Tuesday between 11am and 12 noon.

Otford & District Wine Club

The Otford & District Wine Club BBQ will take place on Sunday 5th July, beginning at 12.30pm with the usual range of delicious food and games. It would be appreciated if the members could volunteer to make salads. As usual it is free to members but guests will be charged £5. On Saturday 1st August we have our outing to see 'The Wizard of Oz' by the Riverside Players. Then we will be back in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 30th September for our flu-free Mexican Evening! So you have plenty to look forward to! Please ring the Secretary on 01732 761359 if you have any queries about any of these events. Have a good Summer.

Otford Allotments Association

Otford Allotments are still creating much interest, and we still have a waiting list, although it is to be hoped that we will be able to satisfy those waiting with a plot some time during the coming year. In the meantime if you are interested please let Barbara Hine know on 01959 525468 or call into the Parish Council office on any weekday morning. Even of more interest we have an 'Open Day' on the morning of Saturday 18th July when you can come and have a look around or guided tour of the allotment site and see what allotment gardening can do for you and those lucky enough to have a plot.

Otford Methodist Church

Children's Summer Holiday Club will be held at Otford Methodist Church from Monday 17th August until Friday 21st August for children who are primary school age (4-11). The Club will run from 9.30am until 12.30pm every day and cost £2.50 per

day or £10 for the whole week. Please call Andrew or Carrie on 01732 464977 or 07788 714529 to register and book your place.

Hospice in The Weald

The Hospice in the Weald Moonlight Walk on Friday 19th June will be one of the highlights of the 2009 fundraising calendar. The sponsored walk will start at 10pm from Hospice in the Weald and follow a circular route along well lit roads towards Tunbridge Wells. Walkers will return to the Hospice to raid the larder of chocolate treats and hot chocolate and marshmallows. For entry forms call 01892 820508.

Otford Evening WI

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and start at 7.30pm in the Otford Memorial Hall. For more information please contact Diana Jeremiah on 01959 522981.

What a load of Rubbish

Can you imagine the whole of the Vestry Estate covered with rubbish? That's how it was in the 1920's. Imagine it with a huge quarry taking up most of the area. That was the scene in the 1860's when it was supplying the bricks to build Sevenoaks. In the Heritage Centre (School House, High Street) you can actually see detailed models of what it really looked like as it underwent so much change. Fascinating displays of Victorian bottles and pot lids, all dug up from the Vestry along with contemporary photos of work in the brick works; give us a glimpse of what Victorian life was like in Otford. A great display and well worth a visit. The Heritage Centre is open weekdays from 9am - 12 noon and weekends from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

Sevenoaks DFAS

The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Evening NADFAS) 2008/2009 lecture season continues on Thursday 9th July when Karin Fernald will talk about Florence Nightingale: To make an Art of Life - that is the Finest of All the Fine Arts'. The meetings are held 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.

Knole DFAS

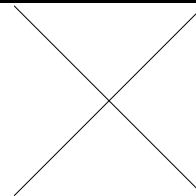
Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The next lecture will be on 18th June when Rory Young will talk about 'A

sculptor's Appreciation of Antiquities: Classics and Curiosities' 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.

Nepal Trek Presentation

There will be a presentation by Tony Grogan on his Trek in Nepal which he did in 2008 to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support in St Bartholomew's Church Centre on Tuesday 14th July commencing at 8pm.

Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild



The next meeting of the Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild will be on Saturday 27th June in Otford Church Hall (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE) when Anna Winter will talk about 'Danish Whitework-Plus'. For more information please call 0208 304 4416.

Picture of the Month

The artist for June / July is Christine Masson. Christine has lived in Otford for 44years with her husband John and two daughters. Both Christine and her husband were originally from London and have also lived in Cheshire. She has painted since schooldays and has done several courses at the W.I College at Denman and also art classes in Sevenoaks. She says 'I like to paint botanical subjects and landscapes using several different media' Please contact Doug Dickerson on 01959 524183 if you would be interested in displaying your work in the Heritage Centre.

Citizens Advice Bureau Surgery

The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on Tuesday 7th July 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.

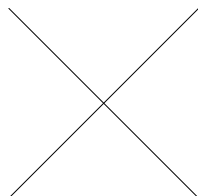
The winning numbers of the May TOP Draw are:

- 1st Prize £50 - 112
- 2nd Prize £15 - 366
- 3rd Prize £10 - 253

Hedges

Hedges are growing very quickly at the moment and a number in the village have grown over the public footway and are causing a nuisance to pedestrians, especially those who have poor sight. Please check the boundaries of the property you are in and if necessary please arrange for it to be cut back from the footway as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sevenoaks Festival

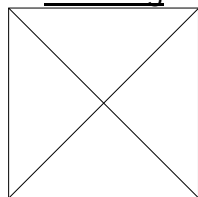


The 40th Sevenoaks Summer Festival takes place at various venues between Saturday 20th June to Sunday 5th July. The programme includes, art, dance, drama, musicals, classical, jazz, Blues, Folk, World and Light music, Open days, garden parties and fayres, poetry, quiz, shows for the under 5's and walks and talks. Festival programmes are available from various outlets in Otford & Sevenoaks including the Heritage Centre.

The South East Open Studios

The 13th South East Open Studios takes place in over 270 locations from Saturday 5th to 21st June. Free guides, times, map and artist directory are available from the Heritage Centre.

Planning



The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council in June. 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/09/00843 61 Sidney Gardens

Loft conversion including front and rear dormers

SE/09/00985 Old Fig Tree Cottage 45 Station Road Demolition of single garage and erection of double garage

b. Results received

SE/09/00120 73 Willow Park

Replacement of existing conservatory to garden room
Allowed

SE/09/00296 Park Farm High Street
Variation to remove one hundred and twenty acres of land from the existing Section 106 agreement. Thirty acres of land including the herdsman's bungalow to be retained and worked as farm unit in accordance with the existing Section 106 agreement.

Allowed

SE/09/00483 49 Greenhill Road

Demolition of existing double garage and replacement with new double garage with studio above

Allowed

SE/09/00609 26 Rye Lane

Proposed sand school - resubmission of SE/08/03280/FUL

Refused

SE/09/00616 22 Warham Road

Demolition of existing conservatory and new replacement conservatory

Allowed

SE/09/00631 17 Greenhill Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage.

Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage and associated access. As amended by drawings received on 05.05.09

Allowed

SE/09/00670 26 Rye Lane

Demolition of existing conservatory. Single storey rear extension with single storey infill extension to side. Resubmission of SE/08/03394FUL

Allowed

SE/09/00749 8 Hillydeal Road

Demolition of existing two storey house and erection of new detached house with accommodation in roof and double garage

Allowed

SE/09/00843 61 Sidney Gardens

Loft conversion including front and rear dormers - not valid

c. Amended applications

SE/09/00631 17 Greenhill Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage and associated access

d. Planning appeals

SE/08/02255 Oakwood, Shoreham Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of two 4 bed detached dwellings together with associated alterations to accessing arrangements and landscaping works

Appeal Allowed

SE/08/02556 Little Coombe Shoreham Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling

Appeal dismissed

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always be guaranteed due to pressure on our local printer and on the volunteer deliverers. Thank you.