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Playground Project

Work is now complete on the children's play area on the Recreation Ground and we hope you all enjoy using the new and revamped equipment. Please let the office know of any problems. A youth shelter has also been erected nearby and at Hale Lane Recreation Ground along with a football / basketball hoop. Another shelter has been put up but unfortunately almost from the first night it was criminally damaged with graffiti. This is extremely sad and disappointing. If you can't respect these new facilities then they may have to be taken away and if the offenders are identified then they will be prosecuted.

Community Football Match



The second community match was an even better one than the first and again for those of you who didn't turn out, you missed a wonderful match, played with gusto by both sides on a bright and occasionally showery morning. With grateful thanks to our PCSO Dave Birchall whose idea this was and thanks to all the Police officers, PCSO's and boys who took part and to all the helpers on the day including Paul Robinson the Rural Warden from Eynsford who acted as our referee, Elizabeth Ward who helped with refreshments, and Norman and Andy for all their help setting up. Also well done PCSO Dennis Glasspool from Halstead who recruited some more players. Lastly thanks to Dave Hobson from OUFU for his help and support. The result of the match was a 5 - 3 win to the boys. Well done to all the boys. Dave himself scored the first goal for the police and Alan P scored the other 2. For the boys the scorers were Thomas Wild, Dan Oram, Jamie Hale, Dominic Hull and Charlie Matthews. After the match refreshments were laid on for the players and there was a presentation of

the man of the match trophy to Thomas Wild and commemorative medals to all players.

The Pond



As most of you would have seen the majority of the work on the Pond has now been completed and the ducks have been returned to much excitement and loud quacking. It is possible that work might still be carried out on the walls, so the return of the fish and planting up will be delayed for a short while. We hope you all agree though that the pond looks good and we hope that everyone who got involved in some way especially with the repuddling have enjoyed watching the process from start to finish.

Police Surgery

The next Police Surgery with our PCSO Dave Birchall will take place on **Thursday 19th October** between 11am and 12.30pm. Please come and see him if you have any problems.

Mobile Police Surgery

PC Jon Wilkinson our community police officer will be holding a surgery in the mobile police station in Otford Car Park on **Saturday 11th November** between 11.00am to 11.45am to allow residents to go along and report or discuss things with him. No appointments are necessary.

Autumn Jumble Sale

Otford Primary School are holding their Autumn Jumble Sale on **Saturday 14th October** from 10am to 11.30am. Entrance will be 50p for adults and children are FREE. Refreshments will be available. Please go along and grab yourself a bargain whilst supporting your local school. For further information please call 01959 522441 or 524600.

Otford Village Fete AGM

The Otford Village Fete AGM will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November** at 8pm in the Hope Room of the Village Memorial Hall. More members are urgently needed to join the committee to ensure the success of the 2007 fete so come on go along and let's all help to continue part of village tradition.

Otford Art Group

The Otford Art Group is holding an exhibition and sale of their paintings in the Hope Room of the Village Hall on **Saturday 21st October** from 10.15am to 3.00pm, admission free.

Otford Scouts' Bonfire



It's that time of year again - The Otford Scout Group are holding a Bonfire and Fireworks evening on **Saturday 4th November**, from 6.30-9.00pm in the Chalk Pit. Previous years have been a great success, so don't delay, buy your tickets now! The cost is £4 per person (including a burger, or sausage), children under 5 are free. Please support the Scout Group and have a marvellous evening.

Nuisance Calls

If you are the victim of nuisance calls at home you can report them to the Nuisance Calls Bureau on 01622 654040 (9am -5pm) or to British Telecomm.

Storytime



Otford Library is continuing to offer a free service to all mums with their babes / toddlers by way of Storytime, which is held weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon between **2.30 - 3.00pm** during school term time. This is a great opportunity for young children, and babes, to listen to stories and look at the books obtainable from any library. It also teaches them imaginative ideas created by the written word, and is a helpful beginning to the reading ethic when eventually attending school. It is also fun in a social surrounding. If you would like further details please call in and talk to Angela the Librarian at Otford Library.

Otford Village Memorial Hall

A Message from Ron Dullage, Chairman of OVMH. "Despite my previous pleas, regrettably, nobody has come forward to offer to take over from John Bolton as the Hall's Treasurer. Desperation has now set in as John is going to retire in January whether we have a replacement or not. After much heart-searching we have now agreed that if we cannot get someone to undertake his role on a voluntary basis we will have to pay an individual to do the work. We have been reluctant to do this as any increases in costs will have to get passed on to hirers - including all of the village organisations who make such use of the hall and who find it a valuable (and currently affordable) asset to the village. If you have a little time to spare each week and are a capable bookkeeper or accountant who can help us to computerise the accounts, we would

like to hear from you giving us some indication of what you anticipate we should pay. The alternative is that we employ a firm of accountants at, say, £100 per hour and this again will have to be reflected in the Hall's hire charges". Please call Ron Dullage, Chairman on 01959 522007 or John Bolton, the current Treasurer on 01959 522789.

First Steps

First Steps has recommenced at the Otford Evangelical Free Church between 9.30 - 11.30am on alternate Wednesdays during school term. A warm friendly welcome awaits Mums, Dads or other carers with babies and pre-school children. Activities and stories for the children are Bible-based run jointly by St Bart's and Otford Methodist Church. Contact Hazel Terry on 01959 523047 for more information.

Citizens Advice Bureau Surgery

The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on **Tuesday 2nd November** between 10am and 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

Recycle Print Cartridges

You can now recycle your laserjet /inkjet print cartridges at School House. The bin is located in the foyer of the Heritage Centre. When closed you can place them through the letterbox.

Otford Methodist Wednesday Afternoons

Women's Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings, which take place at 2.30pm and while the Methodist Hall is being rebuilt will be meeting in members' homes. A list of the next two months speakers and venues are as follows: -

October

18th - To St Barts - Brian Raynor

25th - *Teaching Reception* - Sylvia Grafton at 25 Brookfield

November

1st - AGM

8th - Richard Dore - *Bramasole* at 23 Warham Road

15th - *Henry VIII and his wives* - Keith Lawrey at 27 Well Road

Gardening For Wildlife Awards

Congratulations to the following residents who won awards in the Sevenoaks District Council 'Gardening for Wildlife' Competition.

- Gold - Bert Dunning
- Bronze - Audrey Thomas
- Bronze - Barbara Collins

Well done to you all.

Oxford Primary Top Draw

TOP DRAW - The Oxford Primary Draw. Your chance to win cash prizes and raise money for your local school.

The winning numbers of the Sept TOP Draw are:

1st Prize £50 - 145

2nd Prize £15 - 35

3rd Prize £10 - 233

Oxford 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 **10th October** has Mr T Pearson from the National Trust giving a nostalgic and informative talk on The South Downs and the Annual Meeting takes place on **14th November**. Please contact 01959 522915 for more details.

Oxford Over Sixties Social Club

On **Wednesday October 18th** the club will have a video presentation 'More surprises' by Barbara Darby and on **November 1st** they will be visiting Polhill Garden Centre and Pappas Barn for a Fish & Chip Lunch. Details from Jill or Ed on 01959 525775

Oxford Allotment Association

And so the story continues - the two allotments mentioned last time have been taken up, but as always happens at the end /start of an allotment year, tenants decide to downsize for various reasons, and so there are now three half-plots available. These you can make yours at a very small rent, and now is the time to insert your personal touch by cultivating and growing what you (and your family) like to eat, or just to grow flowers to cheer you up at this time of year. Give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468, who will be delighted to show you around the allotment site, or call into the Parish Office on any weekday morning for details.

Sevenoaks Embroiderers' Guild

The next meeting will take place in Oxford Memorial Hall on **Saturday 28th October** when there will be a talk from Maeve Edwards on "Where do ideas come from?"

The meetings begin 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 2nd lecture of the 2006/07 programme will be on **19th October** by Anna Gannon on 'Barbarians from 5th to 8th Century'

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 the membership secretary, Hilary Thomas on 01732 762529.

Oxford & District Wine Club

The Oxford & District Wine Club are holding their AGM on **Wednesday 25th October**, starting at 8pm in the Oxford Memorial Hall. In the usual wine club tradition the AGM business will be despatched as quickly as possible, then we will get down to enjoying ourselves with a cold buffet and wine. After that the entries to the Pudding Competition will be tasted and judged by everyone present and the Kirsch Cup presented to the winner. We will be most grateful for all puddings entered because without them, there will be no competition! The tickets and menus for the Christmas Social on 9th December will be available at the AGM. As we made a big loss last year, the price per head will be £18 for members and £20 for visitors. As usual the AGM evening is free to members but visitors will be charged a small fee. If any members have any suggestions or criticisms they would like brought up at the AGM, please submit them to the Secretary asap on 01732 761359.

Picture of the Month

The artist for October / November is Barbara Darby. Barbara has always been interested in Arts and Crafts and since retiring has taken up painting more enthusiastically. She started with oils over 40 years ago and more recently she has experimented with Gouache and Watercolour. The picture on display is a Gouache. Among her many activities Barbara is more usually seen in the village with her video camera, recording events in the village for posterity, copies of which can be purchased in the Heritage Centre.

Sevenoaks DFAS

The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Evening NADFAS) 2006/2007 lecture season continues on **Thursday 9th November** at 8.15pm in the Aisher Hall, Sevenoaks School with a talk by Gail Turner on *Velázquez*. Please contact Mrs Jackie Bradforth on 01732 761631 or Mrs Mary Aldous on 01732 452209 for more information.

Sevenoaks Music Club

The new season of the Sevenoaks Music Club continues with a piano recital by Paul Roberts on **Saturday 18th November** at 8pm at the Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall. He will be playing Debussy, Ravel, Liszt and Ireland. For further information on their brochure, season ticket or ticket

prices please contact Richard Hargreaves on 01732 453251.

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.

St Michael's School Grounds

A gentle reminder to those who may be using the school grounds especially dog walkers (who also have not been cleaning up after their dogs!) There are **NO** rights of way or footpaths across the school property. This includes the area referred to as the 'Warren'. The access policy has also been confirmed in the recent 'right to roam' publications. The North Downs Way runs along the boundary of the school grounds to the north and can be accessed from Row Dow. Thank you for your co-operation.

Planning

The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting in October. 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/06/02190 **The Chantry The Green**

Single storey extension

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LBC - Single storey extension

SE/06/02275 **Chandler House Shoreham Road**

Formation of separate entrance drives to serve Chandler House and Swiss House

SE/06/02391 **15 Willow Park**

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and front porch extension

SE/06/02345 **14 Greenhill Road**

Construction and erection of timber framed and clad single detached garage

SE/06/02372 **59 High Street**

Repairs, alterations and refurbishment works

SE/06/02440 **Hopgarden Farm Telston Lane**

Conversion of redundant barn buildings into 5 dwelling units

SE/06/02488 **51 Knighton Road**

Provision of extra roof light to bedroom as amendment to approval SE/06/00112FUL

SE/06/02505 **Greenhill House Shoreham Road**

Erection of new pool house in rear garden adjacent new swimming pool plus plant store

SE/06/02510 **Clyderhowe Sevenoaks Road**

Erection of a two storey front, side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and erection of a dormer window to the existing south facing roof to comprise enlarged living accommodation. Relocation of dental practice to new ground floor wing of property and use of existing surgery area as part of living accommodation. (revised scheme to that permitted under SE/06/01312)

b. Results received

SE/06/01743 **17 Tudor Drive**

Front porch extension and convert garage into utility room *Allowed*

SE/06/01764 **27 Pilgrims Way West**

Demolition of existing garage and erection of 2 storey side extension (including integral garage) as amended by plans received 18.08.2006 *Allowed*

SE/06/01837 **37 Greenhill Road**

Two storey rear and side extensions and detached double garage *Allowed*

SE/06/01859 **78 High Street**

Provision of single storey glazed conservatory to south west elevation *Allowed*

SE/06/01923 **Mount Farm Row Dow Lane**

Demolish existing greenhouse and oil store.

Construction of replacement oil store and potting shed *Allowed*

SE/06/01950 **43 High Street**

Loft conversion to existing dwelling. Amended by letter dated 9th August 2006 and revised drawings *Allowed*

SE/06/01972 **11 Broughton Road**

Two storey rear extension *Allowed*

SE/06/01984 **32 Greenhill Road**

Replacement dwelling, variation on earlier development (including erection of orangery upon rear elevation). As amended by plans received 08.09.2006 *Allowed*

SE/06/01911 **Red Roofs Rye Lane**

First floor side extension over garage

Withdrawn

SE/06/02117 **36 Willow Park**

Two storey side extension. Demolish existing garage, front and rear porches and extend crossover to drive (revision of SE/06/01673) *Allowed*

c. Amended applications

SE/06/01984 **32 Greenhill Road**

Replacement dwelling, variation on earlier development (including erection orangery upon rear elevation). As amended plans received 08.09.2006

e. Planning Appeals

SE/06/01197 **64-66 Well Road**

Demolition of existing dwellings and erection of 21 no. dwellings together with associated garaging and roadway. Resubmission of SE/06/00795FUL - Appeal against refusal