Otford Village Hall Coffee Mornings

This is a reminder to anyone down in the village on a Saturday morning that tea /coffee is served in the Club Room of the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.15pm. This has been an on-going event ever since funds were being raised for the Club Room extension (which was opened in 1985), and is organised by Maureen Bolton (01959 522789) and Joyce Shaw (01959 522736). If you are new to the village this is also an ideal place to come and have a chat with the regulars and to find out just what goes on in Otford, as there is a list of at least 45 Societies that meet regularly in the hall and you might like to join one of them. Maureen or Joyce would also be delighted to hear from anyone, or two friends, who might like to join the team of volunteers who serve the coffee, the atmosphere is friendly and dates are very flexible, so please give them a call or pop in to the Club Room one Saturday morning.

First Steps

First Steps pre-school playgroup has moved from the Methodist Church Hall to the Evangelical Free Church, 81, Pilgrims Way West, Otford. They meet alternative Wednesdays starting on the 7th September from 9.30am to 11.30am. First Steps offers a warm, friendly welcome to mums, dads and carers with babies and pre-school children. For further details please contact Hazel Terry on 01959 523047.

Otford Fete – Open Meeting

This year’s Open Meeting will take place in the Hope Room at 8pm on Monday 17th October. Please come along to contribute your ideas on how 2006 can build on the success of previous years events.

Blood Donor Sessions

- United Reformed Church Hall, St John's Road, Sevenoaks - Tuesday October 4th - 2pm - 4.30pm and 5.30pm - 8.00pm
- Plaza Suite, Sevenoaks Playhouse - Tuesday October 18th - 2pm - 4.30pm and 5.30pm - 8.00pm

‘Do something amazing – Give Blood’
Applause

Hell & High Water presents

HELL & HIGH WATER

On **Tuesday 11th October** at 7pm in the hall at Otford Primary School.

Hell & High Water is a story based on the lamentably true tale of Mrs Anne Bonny and Mrs Mary Read. Anne Bonny & Mary Read are bad girls gone badder. Throwing down their frocks for flintlocks, they take on a brutal man’s world and embark on a series of cross-dressed adventures, gaining reputations as two of the most ruthless buccaneers ever to scuttle a frigate. Flying in the face of sacred pirate lore these amazons of the deep confuse the pants off the notorious sea brigand Captain Calico Jack and board his Man-o-War. Before they can taste a lick o’ the cat all nautical hell breaks loose and soon the misfit crew can’t tell who’s wearing the trousers. Hotly pursued by spurned lovers, evil governors and a jealous husband from beyond the grave, this monstrous regiment of two ploughs towards its seemingly inevitable doom. They can’t save themselves from that long drop now...can they?

A girl’s place is definitely not in the home! Blue Chicken Theatre Company use a cast of four, masks, puppets and the very latest in trailing edge technology, which have been best described as Blackadder meets the Reduced Shakespeare Company. Do come along and enjoy what will be an extremely fun evening. Tickets will be £5 for adults, £4 concessions and £3 for children and available from the Parish Council office.

**Sea Britain 2005**

Trafalgar Remembered is a community commemoration in words, vision and song of a turning point in British and world history. It is also a tribute to the courage of the sailors of many nations who took part in the biggest sea battle of the age of sail. The performance will be in the Village Hall on **Saturday 22nd October** at 7.30pm. Admission will be by programme £6. The Box Office will be open from 19th Sept on 01959 522709. This event is organised by the Otford Society and Otford Players. Marine paintings by the W.I. Art Group and local artists will be on view in the Parish Church Hall all day on the 22nd October. Open 10am to 5pm. No charge, but donations to cover costs will be welcomed.

It is also hoped that two commemorative Oak Trees will be planted in Palace Field on the same day.

**Otford Society**

The Autumn Meeting of the Otford Society will take place on **Thursday 6th October** at 8pm in the Village Hall.

**Otford Gardeners’ Society**

The next meeting of the Gardeners’ Society will take place on **Tuesday 4th October** when Nick Robinson, the Head Gardener at Yalding Organic Garden will talk about ‘Organic Gardening.’ Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further details contact Janet Finney on 01959 523760 or visit www.otford.info/gardeners.

**Otford Library**

The extended opening hours for Otford Library are as follows:

- **Mon** - 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- **Tue** - 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Wed** - 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- **Thurs** - 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- **Fri** - 9.30am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- **Sat** - 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Otford Allotments Association**

The Open Day during National Allotment Week was very successful and we are pleased to show interested visitors around the allotment site, resulting in one allotment being taken up for next year (i.e. from 1st October). If you would like to join this team of keen gardeners, now is the time, as there are one or two small plots, which have just
become available, previously rented by careful owners. Please give Barbara Hine a ring on 01959 525468 who will be pleased to show you what is available, in fact there are two plots available now at no rent for a month, which will enable you to get cracking before the Autumn season begins.

**Sevenoaks DFAS**
The Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Sevenoaks (Sevenoaks Evening Society) 2005/2006 lecture season starts on **Thursday 13th October** at 8.15pm in the Aisher Hall, Sevenoaks School with a talk by Eric Shane on ‘Turner in the North of England’ Anyone interested in joining the Society, or would like more information should contact Mrs Honor McMillan on 01892 532651.

**Bridge Drive/ Afternoon Tea**
A Bridge Drive and Afternoon Tea will take place in Otford Village Hall on **Friday 14th October** from 2pm - 5pm (Doors open from 1.30pm). Players can choose to play Rubber or Duplicate. They have to bring their own tables, cards, scorecards and pencils and the cost is £24 per table. There will be a tea, sandwiches and cakes served midway through the afternoon and a raffle. All funds raised will go towards the work of the Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre. For more information please contact Jane Worrell, Assistant Manager, Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre, 34, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Tel 01732 454785.

**CAB Surgery**
The next CAB Surgery will take place at School House on **Tuesday 4th October** between 10am and 12 noon. Please come along and see the adviser who will be happy to help you with your problems.

**Sevenoaks Music Club**
Sevenoaks Music Club has been delighting audiences with classical music concerts of world class for the last 71 years. The 72nd Season offers a superb programme of six concerts opening with the first on **Saturday 22nd October** at 8pm with the Aurora Wind Quintet, and John York, piano. They will be playing Mozart’s Quintet in E flat K452, Zemlinsky’s Humoresque and Walton’s Façade. The Aurora Quintet have performed in major venues, with English and Continental orchestras to critical acclaim. John York’s career was launched in 1973 when he was awarded the International Debussy prize in Paris, and he has played with the London Philharmonic. The concert will take place at the Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane, Sevenoaks. Everyone is welcome and tickets are £14 for the first 5 concerts and £16 for the premium concert in April. Student tickets are £5. A Season Ticket costs £48 thereby giving you 2 free concerts. If you would like a copy of the brochure giving full details, please contact 01732 464218.

**Picture of the Month**
The artist for September to November is Bernard Worssam. Bernard came to live in Otford about 20 years ago and it was then that he took up painting. He has been a member of Sevenoaks Art Club since 1989 and on one of their painting days out in the summer they went to Bayham Abbey, which is the subject of his painting. 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 Scout Group**
The Otford Group are holding a fund raising Quiz Night on **Saturday 8th October** in Otford Memorial Hall at £5 per person (Teams of 6ish). Bring your own refreshments. Please contact 01959 525413 for further details.

**Otford & District Wine Club**
The Wine Club is holding its first event of the Autumn on **Wednesday 28th September** and it is to be a Wine Tasting Quiz run by our Treasurer Laurie Young, starting at 8pm in the Otford Memorial Hall. We don’t know from which region Laurie is selecting the wines but we are sure it will be an interesting and enjoyable evening. As usual, cheese and biscuits will be provided and it is free to members but not visitors who will be asked to pay a small fee. Why not come along for a good night out amongst friends. Any queries please ring the Secretary on 01732 761359 or the Treasurer on 01732 - 885356.

**Sevenoaks Embroiderers’ Guild**
The next meeting will take place in Otford Memorial Hall on **Saturday 24th September** when Jean Littlejohn will talk about ‘Stitching with Attitude’. The meetings begin at 2pm and more information can be obtained from Jane Barratt on 01732 833588.
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 11th October with Brian Doe talking about ‘Countyman’s Year’. Please contact 01959 522915 for more details.

Otford Methodist Wednesday Afternoons
Women’s Fellowship
Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings which take place at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall and a list of the next months speakers and events are as follows:
- September
  21st - Mr Brian Nobbs - ‘Birds’
  28th - Christine Taylor - Christian Solidarity Work in Peru
- October
  5th - Harvest Festival
  1.30pm Village Hall & School

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
- 24th September, 3rd December and 11th February 06

Hale Lane near pavilion - 12 noon to 12.45pm
The Charne - 1pm to 1.30pm
1st October, 10th December and 18th February 06

Circuit Training Fitness Classes
Circuit Training Classes - all abilities welcome especially beginners are held every Tuesday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm starting 13th September in the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road. Please phone 07956 168898 if you require more details.

ICE
We have been informed that the information regarding ICE (contact number in case of emergency) published in last month’s newsletter is a scam. So please don’t do it.

Weald WoodFair 2005
The leading woodland, wood-use and woodcraft event in the South East will take place at the Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, near Lewes, East Sussex from Fri - Sunday 23rd -25th September from 9.30am - 5.00pm. This will be a great day out for all the family. Tickets are £6 adults, £5 Senior Citizens, Children (4-15yrs) £4. A Family ticket (2 adults plus up to four children) costs £20. Leaflets with more details are available in Parish Council Office.

Otford Primary Top Draw
The winning numbers of the August TOP Draw are:
1st Prize £50 – 174
2nd Prize £15 – 8
3rd Prize £10 – 128

Planning
The following applications will be considered by the Parish Council at its meeting in August. 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/05/01801 3 Vestry Ind Estate
Pylon, fascia, flag poles & communication panel
SE/05/01926 64-66 Well Road
Demolition of existing dwellings, construction of road, 21 houses
SE/05/02041 Four Acre Bank, Coombe Road
Demolition of existing garages and erection of a new semi-submerged garage and increase in height of bungalow and alterations to create house
SE/05/02138 71 Pilgrims Way West
Construction of a conservatory adjoining the lounge at the rear of the property
b. Results received
SE/05/01582 Mount Farm Row Dow
Demolish existing portico and construct extensions at ground and first floor with accommodation in roof space Allowed

Electoral Registration
The District Council will be spending out voter registration forms to all households from the middle of September. Once again, anyone whose household details are unchanged will be able to confirm their registration, free, online. If the telephone is more convenient then a freephone number is available again this year to confirm that the details of those eligible to vote are correct. There is no need to sign and return the form by post unless the details on the form need to be changed. A leaflet explaining these easy options and also answering some of those niggling but frequently asked questions will be included with this year’s voter registration form but if there is still anything you are unsure of there is a telephone help-line that you can ring for advice. All the details are on the form. You must, by law, provide the information you can be fined for not doing so. The new register is published on 1st December.