



# R. A. D. I. O.

RESIDENTS AGAINST DEVELOPMENT IN OTFORD

## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2007

Lots of good news to report this time!

### Well Road Development

Following the Public Inquiry on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Inspector has published his findings and we are delighted to say that WIMPEY'S APPEAL HAS BEEN REJECTED! AGAIN!!

Unfortunately, the appeal was again dismissed on technical rather than environmental grounds as we had hoped, so it is likely that Wimpey will make a further application. We continue to rely on your support to help stop this development.

### Otford Railway Crossing

We are pleased to advise that, following the massive public support in favour of retention of the crossing, NETWORK RAIL HAS WITHDRAWN ITS APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE!

This means that, subject to Government approval, there will not be a Public Inquiry into this issue and the matter is closed.

Be aware, however, there is some suggestion that Network Rail has removed the whistle signs from either side of the crossing. This would mean less train hooter noise but also less warning of oncoming trains, so be on your guard when using the crossing from now on, until this situation is clarified.

The two issues above only go to show that **PEOPLE POWER DOES WORK**. We are absolutely convinced that, had not the community motivated itself to show its disapproval, the Well Road site would now be built on and the rail crossing closed. RADIO has taken a central role on these and similar issues and we would ask you to give us your full support. Please, everyone who has not yet joined, do so now. The more members we have, the more powerful a lobby group we become. A tear-off membership form is to be found overleaf. Remember, membership is FREE!

### Otford Village Design Statement

The design team have now finished a first draft of the VDS. This is available for inspection and comment at the Parish Office. All comments will be gratefully welcomed. There is also a VDS Workshop to be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, commencing at 10 a.m. We would encourage everyone to attend and have their say.





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### Otford Village Fete

RADIO will again have a stall at the village fete, to be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We will be running a raffle, with some excellent prizes, as a money raiser and will be serving refreshments throughout the afternoon. Membership forms will also be available. Please come and visit us and, if not already a member, please join up!

### RADIO Summer BBQ

Richard McDowall has again kindly consented to host a BBQ on behalf of RADIO for **all our distributors** and their families. The date is set as Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Invitations will be forthcoming shortly, but please put this date in your diary.

### RADIO Promotions

The **‘Nine Below Zero’** show on March 31<sup>st</sup> was a complete sell out and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. We raised in excess of £550.00 for Sevenoaks Amateur Boxing Club.

Our next event is the return of **‘Letz Zep’** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. This is certain to sell out, most tickets are already gone, so if you want to come along, book soon. And don’t forget, RADIO members are entitled to a discount on the price of the tickets. (Call 07798 767770 for tickets or further information. RADIO members ticket price £12.00 each.)



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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES! I WANT TO JOIN R.A.D.I.O. AND HELP PREVENT INAPPROPRIATE AND UNWANTED DEVELOPMENT IN OTFORD!

NAME(S) .. .. .

ADDRESS: .. .. .

CONTACT  
DETAILS: .. .. .

SIGNATURE: .. .. .

**NOTE: ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT ENTIRELY CONFIDENTIAL.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MR. B. SYMONS, RADIO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, 25 TUDOR CRESCENT, OTFORD, KENT, TN14 5QS

