



# R. A. D. I. O.

RESIDENTS AGAINST DEVELOPMENT IN OTFORD

## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2008

Since the issue of our last newsletter we've had Christmas, New Year and a host of developments on the planning front, some good, some not so good.

**Fruit Farm, Telston Lane:** After rigorous objection by both RADIO and residents, this application (for five new dwellings on the site of two abandoned barns) has been rejected by SDC.

**64/66 Well Road:** As everyone is probably aware by now, the last application to develop this site was approved by SDC. Despite all their previous objections to this development, the Control Committee backed down, basically because they were frightened they would incur costs if the application went to appeal again. However, this is not the end of the story, we are currently investigating other ways to prevent the development, including a legal challenge. Further news will be forthcoming shortly.

**17 Greenhill Road:** The application to build a new house in the existing grounds of this property, which was rejected by SDC last year, has now been appealed and will be heard at a Public Inquiry on 26 March. RADIO, together with the local residents association, will make representations at the Inquiry.

**Hillydeal Road:** The application to build 3 new houses on this site, also rejected by SDC last year after action by RADIO and the local residents, has also been taken to appeal. The Planning Inspectorate have requested a hearing by written representations, however, SDC have objected to this and have asked for an informal inquiry. Further news to follow.

**Chalk Pit:** Many of you will know that two small areas on the periphery of the Chalk Pit were sold at auction by KCC who deemed them 'surplus to requirements'. These plots have been purchased by a local developer at ridiculously inflated prices, so we can expect an application to build at some stage in the near future. We will be keeping a close eye on this.

Also, since the last newsletter, the RADIO AGM has taken place in the Methodist Church Hall on 6 December last. At the meeting, a new Mission Statement for RADIO was adopted, which can be found on our website ([www.otford.info/radio](http://www.otford.info/radio)). Keith Stockman gave a brief summary of RADIO's activities over the past year and Jeff Lee of the Otford Society made a presentation on the results of the Traffic Survey he had organised on behalf of the OS. After the meeting closed, cheese and light refreshments were served.





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Following the AGM, at the next RADIO Committee meeting, the following officers were appointed:- Chairman – Keith Stockman, Vice-chair – Richard McDowall, Secretary – Andrea Pinto, Treasurer – Mike Steeden, Membership Secretary – Andrea Pinto, Newsletter/Distribution – Wayne Patrick, OS liaison – Carol Griffiths.

The RADIO Xmas Party also took place in December. The free mulled wine went down very well and a good time was had by all, dancing to the Fabulous Del Monte Brothers Disco. We shall certainly be repeating this event this year.

Our next fund-raiser will be a Horse Racing Night, to be held in Otford Memorial Hall on **Saturday 17 May**. Further details will follow but please put this date in your diary now. It will be a fun evening and we need your support to help raise much needed funds for RADIO.

Last but not least, we would like to assure you all that, whatever setbacks may occur, we will continue to fight all unsympathetic and inappropriate development in the village. Otford is a beautiful, unique village – let’s keep it that way!!

### **SUPPORT OTFORD BY SUPPORTING RADIO!!**

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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!

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