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Parish Council

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 all be read via <http://www.otford.info/parishcouncil>. The next meetings will be on **13th February** and **13th March** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

Chairman's Report

This report is a welcome back to all the residents of Otford following the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to whatever 2017 might bring.



I would like to publicly give the villages grateful thanks to Angela who has recently left Otford Library after a number of years for Riverhead Library and send a big welcome to Lorraine. Please remember to use the library.



The total amount of donations for Hospice in The Weald received for the tree of light at Otford was £650 and the total amount of donations raised in Otford for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal was £2,136.97. Thank you for your generous support.



KCC will not be gritting Tudor Drive as part of their schedule of roads to be treated. Residents will now be responsible for this. Salt is available in the yellow bin at the top of the road for this purpose. Salt in the roadside bins is for road use only and **NOT** to be used on driveways.

Guide Christmas Post Box



Thank you to all who supported the 2016 Christmas Guide Post Box in Otford Library and the Parish Council Office. This again was a success and raised in total £478-96p which has been sent to the girls chosen charities - "Kent Friendz" supporting children and adults with learning disabilities, and "Smokey Paws" dogs and cats oxygen masks

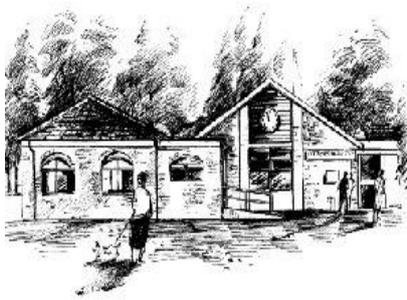
for Firemen in Sevenoaks. A big thank you to Angela in the Library and Sue in the Parish Office for helping us, also to Gerry Froggatt and Craig who continue every year to print the stamps and posters for us.

Community Warden Surgery



Paul holds his weekly surgery to discuss any problems and community issues at School House on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon. Come and see him. Paul can also be contacted on 07813 713366.

Your Village Memorial Hall - Update on refurbishment plan



fascias at both gable ends.

By the time you receive this newsletter our Club Room Kitchen will have been completely replaced with new units, flooring, ceilings lighting and appliances. Work should also be well underway on the Hope Room Refurbishment and probable that the fascias and gutters will also have been replaced. We have advanced the fascias project from March /April to now due to the worsening condition of the

Renovation Projects 2017

- February - Hope Room Refurbishment (Funded by Ipstock Trust, Donations and Reserves).
- February - Replacement Fascia's and Gutters (Partially Funded).
- April - Install Sound System & Hearing Loop in The Club Room (Fully Funded by KCC & U3A).
- May - Replace redundant Sound System in Main Hall & Hearing Loop (Fully Funded).

We are already researching funding opportunities for our next phase, which is the Main Hall, but these rely of us having raised a proportion of the project costs ourselves. Consequently, any contributions you can make will be very gratefully received. Please also consider leaving a donation to The Otford Village Memorial Hall in your Will.

If you haven't yet donated and are able and willing to do so, please send your cheque to: The Treasurer, OVMH, 69, Knighton Road, TN14 5LE or by Bacs to OVMH, Sort Code 09 01 53 Account Number 84811701. Please email ovmh.treasurer@otford.net or write to The Treasurer with our name and address and amount donated as we are now able to claim Gift Aid on personal donations.

Otford Village Memorial Hall Presents

GLORIATOR



What happens when a glamorous French actress and her hapless assistant stage their version of Hollywood blockbuster *Gladiator*? Wonderfully inventive, physical, and very silly.

Gloriator was created by French/English female comedy duo Spitz & Co with the help of Angus Barr (Public Transport) and Aitor Basauri (Spymonkey). It won the Critics Choice Award at Exeter Ignite, and was developed with support from Arts Council England and Bristol Old Vic Ferment.

"Belly-achingly funny" - Gloucester Citizen

"I hooted. I snorted. I exploded with such mirth that the tears streamed down my face." - Stroud News & Journal

"Catch them now before they're selling out the Albert Hall" - Mel Giedroyc, Woman's Weekly

On **Friday 21st April** at 8pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall.

Tickets prices are £10 for adults and £5 for children 5 -16 years old, Under 5's free. Tickets available from 1st March and can be purchased from Yvonne's (Telston Lane), The Otford Emporium, Otford Parish Council Offices and Wegottickets.com. Entry is by ticket only and these are strictly limited. The performance lasts for just over an hour. All profits will go to the Otford Memorial Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Otford Oast WI

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd February** at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall when they will have a talk from Nicki & Heidi on '*Simplifying your life, an introduction to home organisation*'. The first visit is free. For more details or if you wish to join please contact the Secretary Sharna Peyto on 07860 463656.

Otford & District Historical Society



The next meeting of 2017 will be on **Wednesday 15th February** when Steve Hookins will talk about 'Waterloo 200 - the bits that Abba got wrong'. Adult subscription is £10. No charge for under 16's and visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

Otford Evening WI

Sadly we were forced to cancel our January meeting due to bad weather, so we now look forward to getting together again on **Thursday 9th February** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of the Memorial Hall.

We are pleased to say that Jean Surrey, who was due to talk to us in January, is able to come in February to tell us about '*Souvenirs Past and Present*'. Subscriptions are due at this meeting and if any further information is required, please contact our President on 01959 524831.



Otford Gardeners' Society

Otford Gardeners' Society are holding the first meeting of 2017 in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 7th February**. This is a Buffet Supper and is an ideal opportunity for members old and new to come together and see what the society has in store for the coming year. The admission price, which includes refreshments, has been held at £2 per person. Membership rates for the Society, remain at £5 for a single membership and £8 for a joint membership. Please contact Janet Finney on 523760, or email gardeners@otford.net for further details. Contact Janet Finney on 01959 523760 for more details or e-mail gardeners@otford.net.

RSPB Sevenoaks Local Group



The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 2nd February** at 7.45pm in Otford Village Memorial Hall when Brian Gallop will talk about '*The smoke that thunders*'- the wildlife, birds and views of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Zambia. Group members £2.50, non-members £3.50. Telephone 01959 563530 for more details.

Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society



Knole Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Bat & Ball. The lectures start promptly at 1.45 pm and finish by 3 pm. The next lecture is on **Thursday 16th February** when Dr Claire Walsh will talk about '*The Glamour Holiday: the Grand Era of Travel in the 1920's and 30s*'. Once travel had been the preserve of the wealthy. With the advent of steam, hotels, boarding houses, seaside resorts and Thomas Cook, travel was no longer an elite experience but an activity for the middle classes. By the 1920s the social elite not only needed new destinations to get away from the package holiday maker, but they also needed new, exciting activities and a distinctive air of class and luxury. They drew on the far reaches of the African Bush, new corners of the Riviera; they climbed, tobogganed, skied and they performed the Charleston on the new form of luxury entertainment - the cruise liner. In all this, Art Deco played a significant role - it was harnessed

as the style which would signal the exclusivity, luxury and modernity of the Glamour Holiday. For further information see the website www.knoledfas.org.uk.

First Steps

This lively group for babies, toddlers and their carers is always pleased to welcome new members. It is run by the Methodist and St Bartholomew's Church and includes the opportunity for a chat, refreshment and also a short Bible story, with singing and craft activities for children. They are temporarily meeting at Otford Evangelical Free Church, Pilgrims Way West where there is plenty of parking, while the new Methodist Church is being built. Meeting on **Wednesday 1st & 22nd February** and **8th and 22nd March** between 9.30am - 11.30am term time only. For more information please contact 01959 523047.

Sevenoaks Day Nursery Family Barn Dance



The Sevenoaks Day Nursery are holding a Family Barn Dance to raise money to replace their ageing buildings on **Saturday 4th February** in Otford Village Memorial Hall from 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Snacks and drinks to buy will be available. Tickets are £5 per adult or £10 per family from sevenoaksdaynursery@gmail.com or telephone the nursery on 01732 460384

Citizens Advice Sevenoaks - Otford Outreach



Sevenoaks Citizens Advice hold a weekly surgery at the Heritage Centre in Otford every Tuesday from 10.00am till 12.00noon. **FROM MARCH THE SURGERY WILL ONLY BE HELD ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.** Drop in appointments may be available on the day. For telephone advice or to book an appointment at the Otford outreach: ring 01732 440488 and leave a message at any time. Someone will call you back. For email advice: info@sevenoaks.cab.org.uk

Planning



The following applications have been considered by the Parish Council. 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/16/03345 **Merlins 42 Hillydeal Road**
Replacement of existing garage/shed

SE/16/03597 **71 Knighton Road**

Single storey side extension

SE/16/03599 **71 Knighton Road**

Loft conversion including raising the roof to install a dormer and roof lights.

SE/16/03649 **Heathdene Shoreham Road**

Erection of a single storey rear extension

SE/16/03657 **Land north of Pilgrims Oasts, Station Road**

Erection of detached commercial storage building with four additional parking spaces.

SE/16/03662 **65, Knighton Road**

To create a 1st floor level in the existing bungalow by raising the roof and addition of three roof lights to side and a flat dormer to rear.

SE/16/03718 **Land South of 83A Pilgrims Way West**

Erection of a detached 3 bed dwelling house with access, associated parking and landscaping.

SE/16/03283 **St Michael's School, St Michael's Drive**

Creation of an all-weather pitch with associated fencing and floodlighting.

SE/16/03703 **62 Willow Park**

Erection of a 1st floor rear extension

SE/16/03912 **16 The Butts**

Loft conversion with front dormer addition to existing roof.

SE/16/03594 **Akenfield, 35 Greenhill Road (AMENDED)**

Proposed first floor extension to principle elevation. Part demolition and reconfiguration of existing single storey extension to rear. Proposed loft conversion. Relocation of principle entrance to main dwelling. Proposed new gates and landscaping. Various alteration to the external fenestrations.

Amendment: The garage element has been removed from the proposal.

SE/16/03956 **Bramble Cottage, Shoreham Road**

Subdivision of the existing plot, demolition of existing outbuildings and the erection of a new five bed roomed dwelling with a linked garage. New access drive and vehicle crossover.

SE/16/03957 **Bramble Cottage, Shoreham Road**

Demolition of rear conservatory and single storey side facing lean-to. Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear orangery and two storey gable element to the front façade. New dormers to the rear elevation with minor alterations to the front and rear fenestration. Extension of the existing loft space. Erection of a new garage and annex to the front of the property with an amended driveway and relocated vehicle crossover.

SE/16/03489 **BT Phone Box north of 65 Pilgrims Way West**

Removal of BT Phone Box

SE/16/03341 **5 Wickham Field**
Erection of single side and rear extensions.

b. Results Received

SE/16/02905 **45 Sidney Gardens**
Construction of a summer house in the rear garden *Allowed*

SE/16/03001 **Hopgarden Farm, Telston Lane**
Proposed new mobile home, touring caravan, utility building and installation of
septic tank *Refused*

SE/16/03267 **21 Tudor Drive**
Erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension with roof lights,
first floor side extension and front porch. *Allowed*

SE/16/02146 **The Oast House, Broughton Manor**
Demolition of existing barn *Allowed*

SE/16/00079 **The Oast House, Broughton Manor**
Demolition of a former thatched barn and replacement with 4 bay workshop and
store. *Allowed*

SE/16/03299 **2A The Butts**
Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of loft space. *Allowed*

SE/16/03339 **Merlins 42, Hillydeal Road**
Removal of existing loggia. Construction of a single storey rear extension with
basement. Re-building loggia structure. *Allowed*

SE/16/03340 **Merlins 42, Hillydeal Road**
Replacement garage with room over. *Allowed*

SE/16/03341 **5 Wickham Field**
Erection of single storey side and rear extensions *Allowed*

SE/16/02897 **Land to the south of Fairacre Wood, Shoreham Road**
Erection of a detached double garage *Allowed*

SE/16/03510 **38 Tudor Crescent**
Removal of existing single storey extension to north elevation (rear). North and
West elevation *Allowed*

c. Appeal

SE/16/01141 **Land rear of 7 Hale Lane**
Demolition of existing shed. Erection of a dwelling.

Rubbish and Garden Bags

Garden waste bags packs are available from the Parish Council office at £13.50 for 26. It avoids all those trips to the tip. Rolls of black sacks at £1.50 and white sacks at 50p are also available. Please try and bring the right money.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the February Newsletter will be Wednesday 15th February 2017



Happy Valentines

Please remember don't bother taking that trip to Bluewater, get that special present for your loved one from our lovely individual village shops and dine out in our restaurant or pubs. Please support your local businesses.

