

# Otford Parish Council

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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 **12<sup>th</sup> June** and **10<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Otford Village Hall.

### Chairman's Report



My name is Nick Rushby and I was elected as Chairman of Otford Parish Council on Monday 8th May and so, as I write this I have been in post for about 48 hours! This explains the fact that I have little to report for this issue of the Parish Magazine. What I can say is that I am very honoured to be Chairman and will do my best to continue the tradition of openness and transparency established by my predecessor. John Edwards-Winsor was chairman for eight years and is going to be a hard act to follow. During that time, he built on the work of his predecessor and transformed the Council into an effective and efficient organisation. We owe him a significant debt and I am very grateful that he will be continuing as vice-chairman so that I can tap into his knowledge and wisdom.

For those of you who do not know me, I live with my partner Doreen on the Green, in Chantry Cottage. I have a day job, running a small consultancy company (that sounds far grander than is really is!). In the small amounts of spare time left after my Council work, I am keen on motorsport (sports car racing - not Formula 1!) the conservation of the Archbishop's Palace - and travel. I look forward to meeting you in person - perhaps in the public forum sessions at the start of every Council meeting and committee meeting. You can find my contact details on the OPC website: <http://www.otford.info/parishcouncil/>

## Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan

You will probably have already seen something about the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan - in the Chronicle, on social media or from your neighbours.

The draft consultation document from Sevenoaks Town Council introduces the Masterplan as follows: "Sevenoaks Town Council commissioned the Masterplan as part of their evidence base for their forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan. The Sevenoaks Core Strategy identifies the town as the primary strategic development location for the District. .... The Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision of how this development should be guided over the next 15 - 20 years." You can find the draft Masterplan online at <http://stnp.co.uk/northernmasterplan>.

The plan gives a vision for the area and includes suggestions for what might happen in the surrounding parishes of Riverhead, Dunton Green, Shoreham, Seal, Kemsing and Otford. To broaden the consultation process, Otford Parish Council is hosting a meeting on **Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm** in Otford Village Memorial Hall to enable local residents to express their views and to separate suggestions from speculation. We are hoping that there will be a short presentation from the consultants who carried out the study, followed by comments from the Parish Councils. Sevenoaks Town Council will be briefing the local parish councils on 31st May and this will provide an opportunity for us to feedback on that briefing to the local community. You will be able to ask your questions, raise your concerns and make your voice heard. We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.

## St Bartholomew's Church Fair



St Bartholomew's Church Fair will be taking place this year on the **VILLAGE GREEN** on **Saturday 17th June** from 2pm. Stalls will include: Books, Plants, Cakes, Crafts, White Elephant, raffle, unwanted gifts, bottles, toys, soft drinks, strawberries and cream and ices. Other attractions include children's games and a bouncy castle. There will be a children's art competition with the theme of 'Fairy Tales' There are two categories 7-11 and under 7 with good prizes. All village children are welcome to submit an entry. Contact Christeen Malan on 01959 522654.

## Otford Primary School Summer Fete



The Otford Primary PTFA Summer Fete will take place on **Saturday 1st July** from 12pm to 3pm. There will be lots of fun things to enjoy including bouncy castles and an assault course, music and entertainment, summer shopping, BBQ, beer tent, miniature garden competition, face painting, silent auction, a raffle and lots of games for the children to play. Please go along and support the school.

## Sevenoaks Summer Festival



The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival will take place at various venues in the District between **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. Pick up your festival programme from the Stag Box office, libraries and other shops and some copies are available in the Heritage Centre. Celebrity acts this year include The Manfreds

## Otford Gardener's Rose & Summer Show



The Rose and Summer Show will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. This is the best show to go to if you are a fan of the scented garden. On display will be roses as well as other summer flowers and plants, fruit and vegetables. The show takes place in the Otford Village Memorial Hall and opens to the public at 2.15pm. Admission is 50p, Teas will be served until 4pm and there will be a sales table open all afternoon.

## South East Open Studios (Discover Art on your Doorstep!)



The annual South East Open Studios event takes place from **9<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June**. Ann Bridges, painter and printmaker has her studio open to visitors on **Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sundays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June** at 58 High St. (next to Otford Library and Methodist Church) between 10.00am -5.00pm

Paintings, Original-Prints and Greetings Cards for sale. [www.ann-bridges.com](http://www.ann-bridges.com)  
07906 310021



## 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.

## Otford Village Memorial Hall Update

The installation of our new hearing loops and sound systems in both the Club Room and Main Hall has all but completed Phase 1 and 2 of our renovation project. We now have to make some important decisions on the future of the Main Hall and the many ancillary rooms and cubbyholes that border it. To help the Trustees to decide on the way forward we are planning to hold an Open Day in the early autumn. We hope the many organisations who use our facilities will be there to demonstrate / explain the aims, objectives and services they provide. We also hope as many residents as possible will come so that we can collect views on how the Hall should be improved and modified to meet the future needs of Otford Residents of all ages. Watch this space for the date of our Open Day!

### "Gloriator" performance

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, we held our first live professional theatre performance organised by The Trustees. It was a truly enjoyable experience and everyone who attended seemed to have good time. The two actors were amazing funny and the audience laughed throughout the whole performance. It was a cross between Monty Python and The Goodies with a bit of slapstick thrown in for good measure. We will be booking another professional performance for the autumn so watch the space!

### Handyman needed by Otford Village Memorial Hall.



The Otford Village Memorial Hall are in need of a person, probably someone who has retired but is still quite active, to undertake occasional jobs at the hall. Any work will be on an "as and when" basis and will not be regular hours. The Hall is very busy and the successful applicant will need to fit tasks in around our hirers. A fair amount of painting needs to be done and various other bits as we go along. Payment will be on a job-by-job basis but we are not unreasonable. If you are interested, please contact Ron Dullage, Hall Manager, either by e-mail at [ovmh.manager@otford.net](mailto:ovmh.manager@otford.net) or call 07887 780 576.

### Otford Village Memorial Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee of Management of Otford Village Memorial Hall will take place in the (newly refurbished!) Hope Room at 8.00pm on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. There has been a lot happening at the Hall over the past year or so and this is your opportunity to hear about the refurbishment so far and to join in with the discussions regarding what happens next.

If you would like an Agenda or a set of Minutes of the 2016 AGM please contact Ron Dullage, Secretary to the Trustees on e-mail: [ovmh.manager@otford.net](mailto:ovmh.manager@otford.net) or call 07887 780576

### Otford Oast WI



The next meeting will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at 9.30am in Otford Village Memorial Hall when they will be introduced to 'Belly Dancing' by Charlotte Desorgher. The first visit is free. For more details or please contact the Secretary Sharna Peyto on 07860 463656.

### Otford Evening WI

The next meeting of the Otford Evening WI will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm in the Club Room of the Otford Village Memorial Hall and the speaker this month is Terence Wheeler and his subject is 'Those Were The Days' - an illustrated indulgence in 1950's nostalgia. For more information or to join please contact our President on 01959 524831.

### Otford Library Craft Mornings



There will be a craft mornings (10.00am-12.00pm) for children on **17th June** and **15th July**. As usual all craft events are free but children must be accompanied by an adult. Please phone 03000 413131, asking to be put through to Otford library, to ensure a place or for more details.

### Otford Library Storytime / Bounce & Rhyme



There is also a (free) story time session for pre-schoolers on Tuesdays between 2.30-3.00pm. This is every Tuesday, term time only. The free Baby bounce and rhyme time for pre-schoolers is on every Monday 11.00-11.30am throughout the year. There will be a special rhyme session on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** for 'National Bookstart

Week'. The theme this year is '*Lets Explore Outdoors*' with the chosen book being '*Every Bunny Dance*' Free books, rhyme sheets, colouring sheets and a bunny ears will be handed out at the session.

### Talk Time

Talk time, every Monday 11.30-12.30am. All welcome to join, sit in the library for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. We would love to see some new faces.

### Otford Library Computer/ IT help



Computer /IT assistance on Mondays and Saturdays 10.00am-12.00pm. It is essential to make an advance booking for this either by phoning 03000 41 31 31 and asking to be put through to Otford library or by coming into the library to book an appointment. The library has free public Wi-Fi. When people join the library, they can bring their iPad/tablet or laptop are able to connect to the internet and get help from a volunteer. Alternatively, customers are welcome to use one of the public computers. There is no charge for this service.

### Sevenoaks Embroiderer's Guild



The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** in Otford Village Memorial Hall when there will be a talk by Jo Mabbutt on '*Guilding the lace*'. The meetings start at 10am and 2pm and end with tea and cakes at about 4pm. For further information please contact

### Citizens Advice Sevenoaks - Otford Outreach



The surgery will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** between 10am and 12 noon. Drop in appointments may be available on the day. Ring 01732 440488 and leave a message at any time.



### Oxford Medical Practice

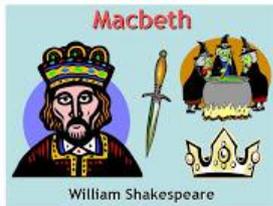
OTFORD Medical Practice Patient Group (OMPPG) are still urgently seeking a 32" PC Monitor for displaying patient information in the Surgery Waiting Room. Can anyone help. Are you replacing a monitor that still has some useful life. Please contact the Chairman, Ken Cardinal on 07905 730572 or email [otfordppg@gmail.com](mailto:otfordppg@gmail.com).

### Oxford Methodist Church



Oxford Methodist Church are delighted to let you know that their new Church building should be completed at the end of May. They are planning a number of celebration events including - 16<sup>th</sup> September a Jazz evening with Buster Birch, 1<sup>st</sup> October an evening with Jonathan Viera (see him on U tube) and on 14<sup>th</sup> October they have an evening with the Croydon Gospel Choir. To celebrate the opening of the new building they are reading the Bible continuously right through from Genesis to Revelation. This should take around 80 hours starting **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. If you would like to take part in this Bible reading (ten minute slots) please contact Sue Ward on 01959535099 or email [johnandsueward@btinternet.com](mailto:johnandsueward@btinternet.com) or you can go onto our web site [www.otfordmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.otfordmethodistchurch.org.uk) and click New Church Build to book a time.

### Macbeth - Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society



Members of Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society are hard at work rehearsing in Oxford for their annual summer show, this year presenting the famous tragedy Macbeth in the open air at the White Rock Inn, Underriver, **from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for the show, part of Sevenoaks Summer Festival, can be booked at [www.thewhiterockinn.co.uk](http://www.thewhiterockinn.co.uk) 01732 833112 or [www.stagevenooaks.co.uk](http://www.stagevenooaks.co.uk) 01732 450175. £12 in advance, £5 children and students. Pre-show dinners are available at the White Rock. Please bring warm clothing and low-backed folding chairs. As an extra attraction in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the society also presents "Bard With a Beat", a programme of musical settings of Shakespeare's words and songs inspired by the Bard, at the White Rock on **Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 8.00pm. Entry by programme £5 from the pub.

### Oxford-Neufchatel-Hardelot Twinning Association

We shall look forward to seeing you at our next Social Gathering which will be Cheese Tasting at The Woodman on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.30pm.

This year's coach trip to Hardelot, between Boulogne and Le Touquet, will be on **Saturday 2nd September** when you will have the opportunity to explore the seaside resort and beach area, to challenge our Twins in a game of petanque, to visit the Biscuit factory and children will be able to take part in Les Boucles d'Hardelot (running races: aged 5-7 one kilometre, aged 8-11 two kilometres, aged 12-15 three kilometres, and adults 10 kilometres. Do let us know if there is something else you would like to do. Only £40 per adult (plus £5 membership if you have not yet paid for 2017) children free. Please contact Mrs Jane Lawrey via the Otford Parish Council Office for an application form as soon as possible to be sure of a seat on the coach.

### **Heritage Centre artist for June - Barbara Darby**



Barbara says "I have lived with my husband in this lovely village for nearly sixty years and, have enjoyed filming most of the village events including Sir Patrick Moore and the Duke of Kent visits. Another hobby of mine is painting, using various mediums, the latest being acrylics and water colour pencils. I am fascinated by old cottages and we certainly have plenty of those in the village, most of which are now preserved onto canvas. When I took my granddaughter to London to see the 'Poppies at the Tower'. The London skyline so impressed me I spent many hours at home putting them onto a large canvas. I am now looking for a few more Otford buildings to paint.

### **Hospices of Hope Events**



#### **Tunbridge Wells Quiz Night**

Woods Restaurant, 62, The Pantiles

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Doors open at 7pm, supper served at 7.30pm.

Ticket £12 per person to include a light meal

#### **Otford Quiz Night**

Hospices of Hope Tea Rooms, High Street

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Doors open at 7pm, supper served at 7.30pm.

Tickets £12 per person to include a light supper

Contact Rebekah on 01959 515110 or e-mail [events @hospiceofhope.co.uk](mailto:events@hospiceofhope.co.uk)

## Your Village Businesses

Featuring in this guide are reminders of the shops and businesses in our village. Please support them and shop and eat local. Use them or lose them !

### TELSTON LANE

**Yvonne's - 01959 523925**

Newspapers, groceries, confectionary, cards.

### HIGH STREET



**The Woodman - 01959 522195**

**Open Monday to Sunday from 11.30am**

Overlooking the Pond, enjoy a home cooked lunch Tuesday to Sunday, also function room, Sat TV, regular entertainment, pool table and darts. Outside Patio and BBQ area.



**Otford Pharmacy - 01959 522072**

**Monday to Friday 8.35am - 6.30pm and 9am to 5pm  
Saturdays**

A big thank you to our customers for your continued support. We are open for dispensing of private and NHS prescriptions, sale of medicines, sundries and gifts.



**Pond View Café - 01959 522150**

**Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm and 10am to 4.30pm  
Sundays**

A warm welcome and home- made food awaits you at Pond View Café. Many thanks to our regular customers for support and friendship and we look forward to meeting new faces.



**Barber Jack - 01959 524800**

**Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri 9.30am to 6.00pm**

**Thurs 9.30am - 8.00pm, Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm**

Haircuts, hot towel shaves, beard trims



**Willow Residential - 01959 522563**

**Monday to Sunday 9am to 5.30pm**

Willow Residential have a prominent position on the High Street.

They are open 7 days a week and Bank Holidays. Visit them and see what their previous clients 'remarks board' says about their service.



**The Crown PH - 01959 522847**

**Currently being renovated**



**Mille Fleurs - 01959 525501**

**Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm**

Mille Fleurs Celebrates 20 years of Hat Making in Otford!

Mille Fleurs has been making hats in Otford since 1997. 20 years of beautiful bespoke hats, all made on-site in our workshop. After 20 years we are well established and we are as busy as ever. Sevenoaks seems high on the list for Royal Garden Party invites this year and we have made several hats that will be going to see the Queen! Ascot is also a highlight in our calendar and makes for a busy time at Mille Fleurs. We need approximately 6-8 weeks to make a hat from scratch, so please call for an appointment if you would like a hat made. To celebrate our 20 year anniversary, we are giving everyone the chance to win a free bespoke hat! If you fancy entering or know somebody who would love a new hat, all you need to do is join our mailing list. Either pop into the shop or go online to [www.millefleurshats.uk](http://www.millefleurshats.uk) to add your name. We will pick someone at random towards the end of June. On our website is also our wonderful new short film which had just been made and gives a great insight into a day at Mille Fleurs.



**Bill Skinner - 01959 525505**

**Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm**

Distinctive and truly stunning jewellery collection, each piece hand carved by Bill and his team in their studio. New Spring collection of wonderful silver and costume jewellery.



**The Studio - 01959 524784**

**Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm**

The Studio Art Gallery selling original contemporary art. Wendy will be holding an early Summer sale beginning on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**June** with £15% off all items and big reductions on original paintings and prints.



**Head to Toe - 01959 523666**

**Hairdressing** - Margaret and her team have been proudly serving the community since 1999. They have many years' experience in hairdressing and try to keep their prices at reasonable affordable levels whilst giving a good service in a warm friendly atmosphere.

**Chiropodist** - Have your feet problems sorted out and get pampered as well. Home visits also available within the Sevenoaks area. **Beauty** - Reflexology, manicures, massages and facial treatments and kinesiology available.



**Brides Dress Revisited - 01959 525834**

**By Appointment Only - Monday 1-5pm, Tues 10am to 5pm Weds - Closed, Thurs - Sat 10am to 5pm**

Specialists in the finest second hand designer wedding dresses and accessories allowing you to try them on in relaxed and luxurious surroundings

**Hall & Co - 01959 523817**



**Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm**

At Hall and Co you will find stylish easy to wear clothing and classic accessories in soft neutral colours. Everyday clothes with a sprinkling of pure luxury.

**Otford Antiques Centre - 01959 522025**



**Weekdays 10am to 5pm Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am to 4pm**

The Centre is set within a partly oak panelled 18th century building in the historic village of Otford, near Sevenoaks, Kent, England. The centre is an emporium of antiques and collectables

with over 25 dealers.

**The Otford Emporium- 01959 525578**



**Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, occasional Sunday opening and Bank Holidays 10am to 4pm**

Stocking gifts, cards and accessories including well-known brands such as 'Stoneglow, Gisela Graham Stow Green Range and My English Summer boutique products, also small items of new white furniture as well as a section selling things from the past.



**Forge House Restaurant - 01959 522463**

Built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, The Forge House itself is a Grade II listed building. Low beamed and retaining much of the original character. It is cosy and welcoming. The menu has something to suit all tastes and there is an extensive wine list. An ideal venue to celebrate special occasions.



**Stan the Barber - 01959 523253**

Haircuts at Head Office by appointment

**Otford Builders Merchants - 01959 524811**

**Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm Saturday 8am to 12 noon**

A family run independent builders merchants supplying a wide range of building products to both trade and private individuals and happy to offer expert advice on any building matter. A personal service they are proud of.

**J E Design Kitchen Gallery - 01959 525111**

Design, supply and fitting of stunning designer kitchens.



**Denise Thompson Designer Florist - 01959 525009**

**Monday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm**

Fresh flowers are delivered to the shop every day. Also plants, Silk flower arrangements, weddings, funerals, corporate. Also there is sweetshop open for those childhood

treats. **Summer bedding plants and planters now in**



**Hospice of Hope Tea Rooms & Charity Shop - 01959 524322**

**Monday to Saturday 10am to 4.30pm**

From vintage clothes to brand new homeware, bric-a-brac and books, there really is something for everyone. The friendly tearoom at the back of the shop is a favourite destination.



**Otford Interiors- 01959 522149**

**Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm Sunday 11am to 4pm**

A large and eclectic range of antiques, collectables and modern gifts. Furniture ranging from 18<sup>th</sup> Century Oak and Georgian Mahogany through to Victorian, Edwardian and 20<sup>th</sup> Century pieces. A selection of silver, fine china and glass is also available. Upholstery service is also available.



**The Bull PH - 01959 523198**

**Monday to Saturday 12noon - 11pm, Sunday 11.30am to 10.30pm**

A warm and cosy atmosphere with a large garden to enjoy lunch or dinner with seasonal menus

**THE PARADE**



**One Stop - 01959 522899**

**Monday to Sunday 6am to 11pm**

Groceries and much much more. Cash machine, National Lottery, Pay-Point (where you can pay your utility bills).

Electronic top-up for mobile phone and Hermes Parcel service.

**Racquet Academy & Lodge Coffee Shop - 01959 523377**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**

Tennis clothing and racquet repairs and coffee shop

**Tower Sports - 01959 523634**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm**

They specialise in customisation of all types of team, work and leisurewear with a full printing and embroidery service available.

**Otford Dry Cleaners - 01959 522517**

**Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm**

Dry cleaning service and alteration service available.

**Ibbett Mosely - 01959 522164**

**Monday to Friday 9am - 5.50pm and Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm**

Ibbett Mosely have been selling property in Otford for over 70 years providing a friendly and professional service, the door is always open, just ask the locals.

**Otford Post Office - 01959 522074**

**Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm**

Post office services available plus cards, wrapping paper and gifts and sweets.

**Hair & Beauty Rooms - 01959 523900**

**Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm**

Hairdressing and Beauty services available.

## OTFORD STATION

Milo's - Mens grooming - 01959 525558

Tues 10am to 6pm, Wed 10am to 5.30pm, Thurs 10am to 8.30pm, Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm

## STATION ROAD

Gulliver Timber Treatments - 01959 524966

A specialist family run business dealing with woodworm, dry rot and rising damp.



## Planning

The following applications have been considered by the Parish Council. Contact the Parish Clerk or SDC on 01732 227000.

### a. New applications

**SE/17/00860 11 The Old Walk**

The erection of a front extension with infill to ground floor and rear extension to incorporate a first floor extension. Alteration to fenestration and associated sun pipes and a new flue.

**SE/17/01135 6 Shinecroft, Rye Lane**

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a new conservatory to the front of the property.

**SE/17/00988 2 Flowerfield**

Erection of a single storey rear extension with side extension connecting to garage to be converted to a bedroom.

**SE/17/01109 Byre Cottage, Shoreham Road**

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling house with associated parking and landscaping.

**SE/17/01146 Little Warren, 38 Hillydeal Road**

Erection of a detached triple garage to house two vehicles with storage area and associated hard standing.

**SE/17/01232 The Oast House, Broughton Manor, High Street**

The proposal is to demolish an existing garage and replace it with an oak framed and clad summerhouse.

**SE/17/01011 40 High Street**

Use as a single dwelling

**SE/17/01180 White Hayes, 35 Station Road**

Erection of a side extension

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for items for the July/August newsletter is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget Father's day on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Dine out on your High Street and shop local on the High Street and Parade and get that special gift for you dad