



# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

JULY 2004

## **POLICE SURGERIES**

These monthly surgeries are now every two months due to lack of demand. The next dates are  
13th September  
15th November

PC Jackie Allen will be present to listen to any concerns you may have on police matters such as speeding, parking, fly tipping, security, anti social behaviour etc. Use it or lose it!

Watch the notice boards for further details. Residents often complain of lack of policing in this area. Part of the fault lies with us. If we don't report crime—no matter how trivial—it does not appear in the police data base and, from the police point of view, we are seen as a low crime area. So, it is important that all crimes are recorded so that the Police know that we need their presence.

To report a crime in progress call 999  
To report a crime that has already occurred such as a burglary call:  
Park Gate - 01474 565 161  
Well Hill/Cockerhurst - 01892 502025  
Chelsfield - 020 8313 1212

As an area that has more crime than other rural areas it is important that we keep the police focused on our problems.

## **REPORTING PROBLEMS**

The relevant authorities can take no action to sort out problems that they do not know about. There is a full list of contact numbers on the WHRA website but some useful ones are:

Bonfires/Noise nuisance—contact environmental Health  
Well Hill/Cockerhurst - 01732 227278  
Chelsfield - 020 8313 4830

Potholes:  
Well Hill/Cockerhurst - 01732 227264  
Chelsfield - 020 8313 4621

If you spot any rubbish that has been dumped in the lanes call SDC on 01959 562 936 to report it.

## **PARISH COUNCIL COMES TO WELL HILL**

Shoreham Parish Council held a meeting in the Mission Church in mid June. They will be holding two more meetings at the same venue this year. On Wednesday 7th July there will be a planning committee meeting and full council meeting. On Wednesday 21st July there will be Planning Committee and Services and Amenities Committee meetings. All meetings start at 7:30pm. The public are welcome at these meetings and there are opportunities for the public to ask questions and make comments. Please come to these meetings and make sure that the whole Parish Council knows your views.

At the meeting on 7th July they will be discussing the frequency of the Saturday freighter. If you use the freighter come to the meeting and let them know how good it is!

## **HEDGES**

Is your hedge encroaching on the highway?

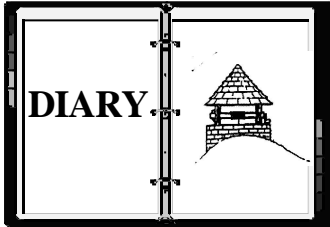
It is the owner's responsibility to keep their hedges trimmed so that they do not overhang the public highway. If you don't, the Highways Authority could do it and charge you the cost! Does your hedge hide a road sign? If it does, you must cut back the hedge otherwise you may find an unwelcome bill landing on your doormat from the Highways Authority when they come around to do it!

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

Rock Hill is expected to be closed until 8th August whilst new water mains are installed. The contractor is Thames Water. 07771 957 574.

The re-surfacing of Firmingers has been cancelled as the vehicle to be used was too big for the road!

Website - visit the website at <http://www.whra.org.uk>



# CHURCH SERVICES

**Monday 12th July 8 pm - Charity Auction**  
at the Kent Hounds in aid of Racing Welfare

**Sunday 18th July - Cream Tea Afternoon**  
at the Mission church to celebrate 1400th anniversary. 2-5pm

**Sunday 25th July - Craft Fair** at the Kent Hounds 12-3pm

**Saturday 18th September - The Well Hill & Chelsfield Produce Show.**  
There is a leaflet enclosed with this Newsletter

## ST MARTINS CHELSEFIELD



8.00am Holy Communion  
9.45am Family Eucharist (not 5th Sunday)  
11.00am Sung Eucharist (1,3rd,5th Sundays)  
11.00am Matins (2nd & 4th Sundays)  
6.30pm Evensong  
Rector of Chelsfield and Advisor in Pastoral Care & Counselling for the Diocese of Rochester is:

Canon Leslie Virgo  
The Rectory  
Skibbs Lane  
Chelsfield  
BR6 7RH  
Tel: 01689 825749

### Free Saturday Refuse Collection

Kent Hounds Well Hill 12:15 to 1 o'clock

Dates:- 2004     July 31st  
                            October 16th

## WHRA Committee



**Chairperson & Correspondence -**  
**Chris Courtney** (01959 535022)

**Vice-chairman & Planning-**  
**Phil Hobson** ( 01959 534090)

**Minutes Secretary -**  
**Mike Sharp** (01959 533600)

**Treasurer -**  
**Mike Peek** (01959 533339)

**•Neighbourhood Watch -**  
**Mrs.June Dean** (01959 534445)

**•Social Secretary -**  
**Mario Decelis** (01959 533239)



## WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH

09.45am Morning Prayers (1st Sunday)  
09.45am Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)  
Pastoral Assistant: Gillian Vernon 01689 874876

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

To enable the WHRA to survive, it would be appreciated if residents could pay at least £5 per household to cover the costs of Newsletters and such items as letters written on behalf of Residents. Please give your subscription to a committee member.

## Well Hill Questionnaire

Please return them - phone 01959 534090 to have them collected or if you need another one. It is still not too late to record your views.

The results, so far, are on the web at <http://www.whra.org.uk/cgi-bin/whra/qresults.cgi>

The results have already been used by Shoreham Parish Council in writing to the Strategic Rail Authority about their plans to restructure train services. Because we knew that many of you use Chelsfield Station we were able to show how important the Chelsfield to London service is to Well Hill.

At the AGM it was asked if it was just newcomers to Well Hill that wanted street lights. We can now say that this is not the case! The majority of those of us that had only been in the Well Hill area for less than 6 years wanted street lights. And, the majority of us who have been in the area for over 25 years want street lights.

If you want a question answered from the data that has been collected, contact Phil Hobson ([ph2004@whra.org.uk](mailto:ph2004@whra.org.uk)). If we can answer the question and the results will not identify individuals then we will publish the results.

In the mean time, we are creating an action plan so that the authorities can clearly see what we want.

There is a majority that want mains gas and Shoreham Parish Clerk is finding out costs. Estimate vary from £300,000 to less than £200,000.

There does seem to be a need for Broadband in the area. The current limit of Broadband would appear to be near the bottom of Rock Hill near the pub. It has got a long way to go to reach Park Gate but there are schemes that may be able to help us. We would need the cooperation of both Shoreham and Crockenhill Parish Councils.

## Wife Swapping

Have you ever fancied being a star! Well here is your chance. The letter shown below was received by the committee with a request a circulate it.

Hello there,

I hope you can help. I am working on a BAFTA award winning documentary series about family life for Channel 4. We are looking for people from all walks of life to take part. Below is an explanation of how the programme works and what we are looking for. I wonder if you hold a database and it would be possible to forward the email below to the 'members/ friends' of the WHRA. Please call me for an informal chat if you'd like some more information and I'd be really grateful if you could let me know if you're able to help.

Channel 4's BAFTA award winning hit show about family life is back for a fourth series, and we are looking new families

'Wife Swap' looks at family life in contemporary Britain in a way no other documentary has done before, attracting over 7 million viewers. We are looking for families to be part of the fourth series.

We are hoping to promote as wide a range of British family experience as possible, and we feel very confident that with the right couple, we will be able to present a modern, dynamic profile of contemporary life in Britain.

How it works: we would be filming for 10 days, during which time the wives from two different families exchange lifestyles. After 5 days living by the host family's rules each is then given an opportunity to enlighten her host family with her philosophy on life. The intention is to inform a debate about modern parenting values and also to send couples on a journey of self-discovery. Some of our previous contributors have enjoyed a real insight into their own lives as a result of the experience.

During the swap we can assure sensitivity and respect towards individuals' beliefs and culture and would focus on ideas of moral value. We spend a long time getting to know families before the experience, so there is plenty of scope for discussing sensitive areas and ensuring that everybody is happy to proceed. My-self or one of my colleagues will be with the family during the whole of the ten-day challenge, so everybody is in the experience together!

If couples (with children) would like to get in touch I, Michelle, can be contacted on 020 7013 4553 or at [michelle.crowley@rdfmedia.com](mailto:michelle.crowley@rdfmedia.com)

Kind regards,

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Assistant Producer  
Wife Swap  
RDF Media  
020 7013 4553  
[michelle.crowley@rdfmedia.com](mailto:michelle.crowley@rdfmedia.com)

## **LETS CELEBRATE**

As part of the celebrations for the 1400th anniversary of the founding of the Rochester Diocese, there will be a cream tea afternoon at the Well Hill Mission church. Come along from 2-5pm and meet other residents.

If you have lived on the hill for many years come along and visit with some old friends who have moved away, but are visiting for the day.

This is only one of the celebrations organised by St Martins, Chelsfield. For details of the others contact the church or see the noticeboard.

## **PRODUCE SHOW**

Don't forget to support your local produce show. The leaflet enclosed shows what the categories are for entries this year. Come along and show what you can do.

Saturday 18th September in Chelsfield Village Hall  
Set up from 9:30  
Viewing from 2pm  
Static auction of produce throughout the afternoon

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Make it easy for us to keep in touch. Let us have your e-mail address. We will only use your e-mail address for WHRA matters. It will not be sold, leased or rented to third parties. goto <http://www.whra.org.uk/emaillist.htm> and help us to keep you informed.

The police may be implementing a service where details of crimes are e-mailed to local organisations. If we have your e-mail address, we can send these details onto you.

## **KENT VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Nominate your ACE volunteers

Now in its fifth year the Awards for Volunteering Excellence 2004 is underway. More nominations than before were received last year from across the County reflecting the impressive range of voluntary activity and commitment shown by so many individuals and groups. This year, with thanks to our sponsors, we are aiming to find our local volunteer aces across a wide range of

activities and interests. So, if you know of an individual or a group who deserve to be recognised for their commitment, enthusiasm and giving of their time then please nominate them today and let us help you thank them and celebrate their work.

Please contact Phil Hobson if you would like a nomination form.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE ACTION PLAN**

### **Dog Fouling**

Some of us are affected by dogs fouling. Could you let the committee know where you consider the locations are that this is a problem. If there were to be a dog bin in the Well Hill area, where would you like it to be?

### **Unnecessary road signs**

We are badly affected by unnecessary road signs. In order to take action on them we need a complete list of where they are and which are considered unnecessary. Could you collect the following details of road signs in your area:

- 1 - *where is it (e.g. nearest house/road junction)*
- 2 - *what type is it (e.g. warning triangle, blue rectangle)*
- 3 - *what does it say (e.g. crossroads, narrow road)*
- 4 - *do you think it unnecessary*

The information should be passed to a committee member (of which 4 are on e-mail).

Once we have the complete list and views of residents we can approach the highways authority or property owners to ask for them to be removed.

### **Street Lights**

From the questionnaire 45% of those who replied want street lights and 43% don't. Please let us know where you believe they are needed and why. If you do not want them, let us know why you feel they are a bad idea. A summary of views will be published in the next Newsletter.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Margaret & Ray Stiles on the birth of their granddaughter Cloe.



## **WELCOME**

To Steve, Vicki, Jade and Billy Kingman