



# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2005

## POLICE

Compared to other nearby rural areas, crime in our area is higher than average. There are several ways we can help ourselves to reduce crime. We can be more prepared by reducing the opportunities for crime, we can make it harder by better securing our properties and we can report suspicious activities to remove the perpetrators from our area.

At this time of year, power tools and other items are stolen from sheds, garages and other outbuildings. It takes a thief less than a minute to enter an open door and remove expensive items. It takes over three minutes to make a cup of tea and probably a lot longer to answer the telephone. Open doors give the thieves a view of objects worth stealing. If you see vehicles driving slowly they may be 'casing the joint'. Looking into sheds and garages to see what is worth stealing later. If you think a vehicle may be suspicious, fill in the SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

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## Agenda for AGM

Apologies for absence  
Approval of Minutes of AGM held on  
27th April 2004  
Matters arising from Minutes  
Chairman's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Election of Committee  
Election of Officers  
Any Other Business

WELL HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held at  
**The Lodge**  
(formerly the Red Deer)  
Lullingstone Park  
At  
**8 pm**  
On  
**Tuesday**  
**19th April 2005**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please come to the Well Hill Resident's Association AGM on Tuesday 19th April. The committee would like your views. If you care about your community and can spare just a few hours each year, join the committee. New blood is always welcome.

### **Nomination Form:**

We hereby nominate:

For election as:

Of the association at the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

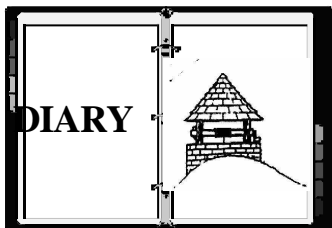
Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Date:

Nomination forms must be handed to:  
Chris Courtney, Shirelands, Rock Hill by  
Monday 18th April 2005

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



**Tuesday 19th April -  
WHRA Annual General Meeting** at The Lodge.  
Starts at 8pm.

**Bank Holidays - 2nd & 30th May - Refuse  
Collection**

Collections during these weeks will be one day  
later than usual.

**Free Saturday Refuse Collection**

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

Dates:- 2005      May 28th  
                              July 23rd  
                              Oct 1st

**Newsletter**

If you would like to receive your Newsletter by E-  
mail, or have a contribution for the next  
Newsletter, please mail us at [editor@whra.org.uk](mailto:editor@whra.org.uk).

**ST MARTINS,  
CHELSFIELD.**



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  
& Counseling for the Diocese of Rochester is:

Canon Leslie Virgo  
The Rectory  
Skibbs Lane  
Chelsfield  
BR6 7RH

Tel: 01689 825749



**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

17th April Holy Communion The Rector

1st May Rogation Sunday Rev George  
McCormack

**5th June 112th Anniversary The Rector**

19th June Fellowship & Worship

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form and contact the police. Keep shed and garage doors shut whenever possible and



especially when you go indoors to make a cup of tea.

Kent police once again are selling shed alarms. There are two varieties. One at £5 and the other at £10. They are, in fact, multi-purpose alarms and can be used as personal distress alarms. You can get them from police stations.

We have been provided with Community Report Sheets for Suspicious Persons and Suspicious Vehicles. They aid the police by ensuring we collect the important and relevant details that they need. Copies are attached to this Newsletter. Please use them when necessary and convey the information to the police on the following numbers:

Park Gate 01474 564346

Well Hill and Cockerhurst 01732 370774

Metropolitan Police area 0208 313 1212

If a crime has been committed, Kent police request it be reported on their central number of 01622 690690 .

### Who are our local police?

Metropolitan Police Area PC Steve George  
0208 313 1212

Park Gate WPC Ann Davis 01474 564346

Well Hill and Cockerhurst have PSCO David Birchall 01732-370849 - our new rural PC is expected to start soon and will be PC John Wilkinson—he replaces WPC Jackie Allen who transferred to another post soon after Christmas. More details in the next newsletter..

## HOME SECURITY FOR THE ELDERLY

The Help the Aged HandyVan service is a unique home security service, where trained HandyVan fitters visit your home and install equipment such as door chains and viewers, window locks and smoke detectors. A fleet of 35 HandyVans are based around Britain and deliver a free service to those who meet the criteria below:

- Applicants must be over 60 years of age.
- Applicants do not pay income tax (excluding tax on personal pensions).
- Applicants' disposable savings/assets do not exceed £25,000 (Not including the value of their home).

Everyone is vulnerable to burglary, and the HandyVan service enables people to feel safer in their homes. Prevention is always the key to a safe, secure home and HandyVan fitters will work to help you ensure that your home is free from the risk of burglary.

If you would benefit from the HandyVan service, or you know someone who would, then please call the HandyVan team on 01255 473 999 or email: [seniorsafety@helptheaged.org.uk](mailto:seniorsafety@helptheaged.org.uk)

For more information visit  
<http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/>

## SHOREHAM PARISH PROBLEMS

The Shoreham Parish Clerk invites residents to let her know if there are any 'Council' concerns we have and she will pass them on. It can be any of the councils for our area—Shoreham Parish Council, Sevenoaks District Council or Kent County Council.

Her telephone number is 01732 740 193 and further contact details can be found on the Parish Council website at

<http://www.shoreham.org.uk/>

## **WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH**

The Well Hill Mission - the 'Church in the woods' - was opened 'for business' on the 22nd June 1893 and was one of three built by the Shoreham Parish Church under whose jurisdiction these three houses of God were built. Well Hill is, sadly, the only one of the three that is still functioning.

They were all built for the purpose of not only helping local homesteaders but especially for those who were working on the

land, building the railways and all other tasks for the development of industry - this was their MISSION.

Up until the mid thirties it was still under the jurisdiction of Shoreham Parish Church but many parish boundaries were altered by Act of Parliament and it was then transferred to St Martin of Tours Chelsfield so it is now under the authority of the incumbent, Canon Leslie Virgo and the parochial Church Council.

Over the last few years the services have from time to time been adapted to suit the local population but as a general rule we try to keep to a morning prayer service, usually on the first Sunday and communion service on the third Sunday when, wherever possible Canon Leslie Virgo comes to conduct. Again, all services unless otherwise announced, are at 9.45am. Special services are held for Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Rogation Sunday, the church anniversary in June, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas, Well Hill Residents hold a Christmas Carol service usually midweek prior to Christmas which is often standing room only and is always a very popular occasion and local folk taking part. However for each month the times and form of service is noted in the monthly parish magazine and wherever possible will be shown in the local notice board.

At the present time we are finding it rather difficult in that our numbers have been reduced to a small but very dedicated team. We have 'lost' some 20 or more folk mainly by them moving away for personal and health reasons.

We would love to see you at any of our services and maybe we could invite you to choose a special hymn or lesson or help celebrate a special occasion where we can all enjoy it with you.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this item

G WALKER  
HON TREASURER AND CHURCH  
WARDEN - WELL HILL MISSION

## **BROADBAND**

First, the current status for the Knockholt exchange. Those connected to the Knockholt exchange have telephone numbers of 01959 53xxxx.

Broadband does work for Well Hill. However, there is an area fault that causes it to fail between sunset and sunrise. BT are working on the problem and an expert from BT's laboratories in Ipswich will be in the area during April to pinpoint the cause of the problem.

Regardless of the ISP (Internet Service Provider), BT provides the ADSL link from your house to the exchange. BT then charges the ISP for this service. So, no matter which ISP you are using, the investigations by BT during April will help all ISPs to provide a reliable broadband service.

Because we are working closely with BT on this problem, it would help us to help everyone in the area if we had a better picture of who is having problems with broadband and, equally important, who is getting a problem free service. If you have internet access please complete our questionnaire at the bottom of the web page

<http://www.whra.org.uk/broadband.htm>

We also need information from residents connected to the Otford exchange (01959 52xxxx), Swanley (01322) and Orpington (01689). Regardless of your exchange, please fill in our questionnaire so that we know what areas are problem free and which areas we will need to campaign for.

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