

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2006

POLICE—BURGLARS

There have been several burglaries in the area this year. Each seems to have targeted the property. If you are concerned about the security of your property, then you could attend the police surgery at the Rock and Fountain on Saturday 15th April from 11am to speak in confidence with our Police Community Support Officer Dave Birchall who can give advice. Please be vigilant for suspicious persons who may be on the look out for future targets for a burglary. If you see anyone behaving suspiciously, contact the police on 01622 690690.

PRODUCE SHOW

This year's produce show will be on 2nd September at the usual venue of Chelsfield Village Hall. This is jointly organised by the Chelsfield Village Society and the Well Hill Residents' Association. The schedule is shown at the end of this Newsletter and can be found on the internet at <http://www.whra.org.uk/produce-show/>

Agenda for AGM

Apologies for absence
Approval of Minutes of AGM held on
19th April 2005
Matters arising from Minutes
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Committee
Election of Officers
Talk by local police
Talk by KCC on Broadband
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
25th April 2006

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please come to the Well Hill Resident's Association AGM on Tuesday 25th 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 2006 Annual General Meeting.

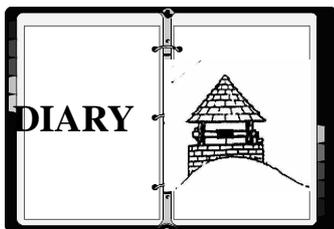
Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Date:

Nomination forms must be handed to:
Chris Courtney, Shirelands, Rock Hill by
noon on Monday 24th April 2006

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



CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 9th April—Palm Sunday Service at the Well Hill Mission Church

Saturday 15th April—Police Surgery at the Rock and Fountain 11 a.m.

Sat 22nd April -Kentish celebration of St George meal and entertainment at Chelsfield Village Hall. Contact Pete Townsend (the butcher) 322 Court Road 01689 827724 for details and tickets.

22nd/23rd April—Open Gardens promoted by St Martins Church, Chelsfield Park and Craven Road - Details from Jean Pemberton - 01689 853 210

Tuesday 25th April - WHRA Annual General Meeting at The Lodge. Starts at 8pm.

Monday 1st May - start of the Chelsfield Festival - May queen and celebrations - sponsored walk and various family events on the cricket pitch (am) - stalls and races for children - refreshments all day.

Sat 6th May - Old time music hall - Chelsfield Village Hall

Friday 12th May -Dupe concert 7:30pm Chelsfield Village Hall

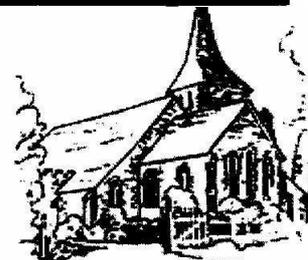
Sunday 14th May—3pm Faure's Requiem at St. Martin Le Tours

Saturday 10th June- Chelsfield Church Fete

Saturday 15th July - Chelsfield Village Fete

Bank Holidays - 17th April and 1st & 29th May - Refuse Collection

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



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



WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH

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

9th April Palm Sunday service

Free Saturday Refuse Collection

In Kent Hounds car park from 11:15 to 12 on the following dates:

- 29th April
- 1st July
- 16th September
- 25th November

DON'T FORGET WHRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8pm on 25th April at The Lodge (formerly the Red Deer), Lullingstone Park.

Rock and Fountain

The Rock and Fountain has restarted their popular Wednesday quiz night. The quiz begins at 8.00pm with an entry fee of £1.50 per person.

They also have a few promotions going on at the moment on bottled beers and they have started to host live music on Saturdays.

Crockenhill Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Thursday 27th April in Crockenhill Village Hall, Stones Cross Road. Doors open 7pm and proceedings commence at 7.30pm prompt. Kent County Council is giving a presentation on the future of Lullingstone Park and local groups and councillors will give their reports on what has been happening during the past year. All this and a complimentary glass of wine!

Crockenhill Parish Council - Kent Community Warden

Paul Robertson is the Kent Community Warden for Crockenhill, Eynsford and Farningham. He can be contacted on 07813694142.

Crockenhill Parish Council - Colin Dibsall

The Parish council congratulated Colin Dibsall who completed 25 years as a parish councillor on February 19th.

Colin has been involved with many high profile campaigns including the proposed gypsy site in Wested Lane, the proposed Cross Channel Rail Link and a telephone mast in the centre of Crockenhill to name but a few. He also spends many hours a week helping local residents with planning enquiries, highways, public nuisance, erosion of green belt etc. etc.

His local knowledge and expertise is second to none and all hope that this is only the first 25 years of many more to come. The parish council marked this outstanding achievement by taking him out for dinner and presenting him with a caricature, which he was delighted with.

WHRA AGM

The AGM is on Tuesday 25th April at The Lodge (formally the Red Deer), Lullingstone Golf Course from 8pm.

There will be a short talk from our local police (PCSO Dave Birchall and PC Jon Williamson) and a talk about Broadband by Brian Taylor of Kent County Council. He will give an update on both the ADSL Max and 21CN programmes from BT so that we will know when we will be affected.

Subscription

Please support your association by paying £5 for this year. Having subscriptions makes it easier for us to obtain grants from organisations like Shoreham Parish Council and pays for the administration such as newsletters.

If possible, please come to the AGM and pay your subscription there. Otherwise, please send a cheque for £5 made payable to Well Hill Residents' Association to your nearest committee member.



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 -**
Tony Barton (01959 534723)

POLICING - Neighbourhood Watch

The Residents' Association are revitalising the Neighbourhood Watch. First of all, there will be new neighbourhood watch signs, paid for by Shoreham Parish Council, for Well Hill and a replacement sign for Cockerhurst. Can you help us by being an area warden? We need one warden for up to fifteen houses. The work is not onerous - it just involves letting neighbours know when suspicious people are in the area. If you can help, please come to:

- the police surgery in the Rock and Fountain, Saturday 15th April from 11am to noon.

- the AGM on Tuesday 25th April at 8pm at the Lodge (formally The Red Deer) at Lullingstone Golf Course

POLICING - Reorganisation

Nationally, Kent Police will remain a stand-alone force and will not be merged with other forces. However, there is a local reorganisation that is taking place.

At present Kent Police is organised into 9 divisions. They plan to reduce this to 6 over the next 18 months. The Well Hill Area (in Kent) is policed by North Kent Police in Park Gate and West Kent Police in Cockerhurst and Well Hill.

There is a Government requirement for police areas to be coterminous with district and borough council boundaries. This is not the case for Sevenoaks District Council which is policed by North Kent and West Kent. Kent Police's main options are either moving the northern parts of Sevenoaks District into West Kent or moving the central and southern parts of Sevenoaks District into North Kent.

Either way, it looks as if policing in the Well Area should improve no matter which way the decision goes as police would be based at Swanley which is rather closer than the current bases at Gravesend and Tonbridge!

STOP PRESS!

Kent Police have decided, after consultation with local people, that the West Kent Division will cover all of the Sevenoaks District Council area. Thus, soon we will find Cockerhurst, Park Gate and Well Hill policed by a single (West Kent Division) rather than the two (North and West) Kent divisions at present.

Kent Police's Chief Constable, Michael Fuller has given assurances that "the Area Commanders concerned will be developing a flexible approach to resourcing, ensuring that although the management

and administrative overhead is based at Tonbridge, the most appropriate resources will attend in the event of an emergency and persons taken into custody are processed effectively at the nearest police station" - this can only result in better policing for our area.

Police Surgeries

The next police surgery is at the Rock and Fountain on Saturday 15th April from 11am to noon where you can have a confidential chat with PCSO Dave Birchall.

Well Hill Parish Council

We are awaiting a response from Sevenoaks District Council to our request for a separate Parish Council for Well Hill and Crockenhill. Being a separate Parish Council rather than part of Shoreham Parish Council (which covers Shoreham Village and Badgers Mount) would benefit us because:

- Well Hill and Cockerhurst have an independent identity from Shoreham and Badgers Mount
- Well Hill and Cockerhurst are far more rural than Shoreham Village and Badgers Mount
- Well Hill tends to use Orpington and Green Street Green for its services, not Sevenoaks
- Well Hill and Cockerhurst have different problems to those in Shoreham Village and Badgers Mount.

Shoreham at War

"The Shoreham at War project, recording the experience of Shoreham village in the Second World War, is nearing fruition.

Under the terms of our grant from the Local Heritage Initiative we undertook to make available a free copy of our book for every household in the parish. We will be holding a launch event in Shoreham Village Hall, provisionally fixed for 27th April, at which we will be giving away a copy to every eligible household. Copies will also be available at the Society's regular meetings for the rest of the year."

Ed James

Secretary, Shoreham & District Historical Society
Project co-ordinator and editor of Shoreham at War,
The People of Shoreham, Kent 1939-1945.

The Historical Society do not have the resources to mail a copy to every household. Residents in Well Hill will need to go to the book launch in Shoreham Village Hall to collect a copy.

BROADBAND

Broadband via the telephone network (ADSL) is a distance-limited technology, and is affected by several factors: the distance measured is the length of the cable run from the exchange to the property, which rarely runs in a straight line; poor quality lines increase the rate at which the signal degrades, particularly if there is a mixture of aluminium and copper cables or overhead wires in the circuit; and at the margins electrical interference from household equipment can have a marked effect.

Over the last few years BT has gradually upgraded signal strength in order to increase coverage (from about 4 kilometres in the beginning to around 7 or so kilometres now) – but has reached the limit of this particular fix. However, there are two new programmes of work that should benefit our area (amongst others):

Firstly, BT are releasing the next generation of ADSL over the next few months – called ADSL Max. This might increase coverage slightly, as it is using more up-to-date hardware.

Secondly, BT are investing in upgrading all their exchanges and local networks via the Twenty First Century Network (21CN) programme – starting now and completing by 2009. This will put new fibre into the network, and repeater stations, to bring every property within broadband range.

In the meantime, it might be possible to gain access to broadband via alternative means such as wireless.

Brian Taylor of Kent County Council supplied this article. He will be attending our AGM, and will give an update on both the ADSL Max and 21CN programmes from BT so that we will know when we will be affected.

GO WILD IN THE GARDEN

Budding gardeners who want to find out how to make their gardens a haven for local wildlife can take advantage of a free one-off workshop later this month.

The 'Wildlife Gardening Workshop' is being organised by Sevenoaks District Council as part of its 'Gardening for Wildlife' award scheme. It will be held on Wednesday 19 April from 6.30pm to 9pm in Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road.

The workshop will offer hints and tips on how to attract and protect wildlife when gardening. It is being run in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust and North West Kent Countryside Partnership, and they will both be on hand to give advice and answer any questions people may have

on the evening.

This workshop is a wonderful way for people to share ideas and get answers to any questions on wildlife gardening. Everyone is welcome as it will not only help people who are unsure how to start gardening with wildlife in mind, but also give tips on making improvements to existing gardens that may already be attracting local wildlife.

The Council's "Gardening for Wildlife Scheme" was launched on 21 March and offers a free information pack, full of gardening ideas and advice to anyone who takes part.

The scheme rewards residents for their efforts to attract local wildlife to their garden. Entrants' gardens are judged on the range of wildlife friendly features available. They are then awarded a gold, silver, bronze or highly commended certificate accordingly.

Places on the workshop are limited and need to be booked early to avoid disappointment. To reserve a place on the free workshop or for more information on the "Gardening for Wildlife" award scheme contact Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000 or e-mail sus.dev@sevenoaks.gov.uk

CAROL SERVICE

This was another year when residents (and a few ex-residents) packed the Well Hill Mission Church for our Christmas Carol Service. A convivial evening was had by all and this year we collected a record £92.50 which was donated to The Harris HospisCare (formerly known as South Bromley HospisCare). For more information of the work this does visit <http://www.harrishospiscare.org.uk/>. Harris HospisCare has cared for several of our residents who are no longer with us.

Keep informed on line

The WHRA has an e-mail list for local information. When requested we also pass on information from the police. If you would like to be kept informed when thieves are in the area, please let us add you to our mailing list. You can register at <http://www.whra.org.uk/emaillist.htm> Please note that we do NOT pass your e-mail address to any third party and we do NOT display your e-mail address in e-mails sent to this list. More details on our website.

For the more sophisticated on line users there is a RSS/XML news feed that can be used by newsreaders such as MyYahoo (<http://my.yahoo.com/>), bloglines, newsgator and many more. News feeds from some of the local papers can now be found at:

<http://www.whra.org.uk/news/>

PRODUCE SHOW SCHEDULE

Flower arrangements

1. Wedding Anniversary arrangement not to exceed 18” accessories allowed
2. Bonfire Night arrangement not to exceed 14”
3. Arrangement in a recycled container not to exceed 9x9”
4. Men only: arrangement in a unusual container not to exceed 12 x 12”
5. An arrangement representing a nursery rhyme not to exceed 18”. Accessories allowed .To be judged by the public.

Flowers

6. Single Rose
7. Spray of miniature roses
8. Single Dahlia
9. Floating pansy head
10. One spray of Chrysanthemums
11. Vase of garden flowers
12. 3 Lupins
13. Largest sunflower head

Vegetables

14. A collection of mixed vegetables (maximum container 12”x18”) no salads
15. 5 Potatoes – one cultivar
16. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed
17. 5 Cherry Tomatoes
18. 5 medium to large Tomatoes
19. 3 Runner Beans
20. Longest Carrot
21. Fattest Leek
22. Heaviest Pumpkin/Squash
23. 2 Courgettes
24. A bucket of home produced compost

Fruit

25. 3 Dessert Apples- polished
26. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished
27. Dish of Currents
28. Longest stem of Rhubarb
29. 3 Pears
30. Bowl of home grown fruit – one type

Wine

31. A bottle of dry white table wine
32. A bottle of sweet white table wine
33. A bottle of dry red table wine
34. A bottle of sweet red table wine
35. A bottle of homemade Beer
36. A bottle of rose wine

Country Fare

37. Poppy seed Plait use 1 1/4 lbs flour
38. Cherry Cake to given recipe
39. Chocolate Victoria Sponge Cake 8” filled with white butter cream & sifted icing sugar on top.

40. dish of homemade confectionery – 6 per dish, 3 types
41. 5 Herb Scones
42. 1lb jar of Plum Jelly Jam
43. Quiche Lorraine 8””
- 44.5 Ginger Biscuits
45. 3 Scotch Eggs
46. Men only: 3 slices of Bread Pudding

Photographs—All to be unmounted

47. A Church
48. A Snow Scene
49. A Sport

Handicrafts

50. A Knitted or Crocheted item
51. An item or tapestry or embroidery (specify if using kit.)
52. an item machine or hand sewn
53. Hand made Birthday Card
54. A drawing in pastels
55. Any craft or hobby(specify if using a kit)

Children up to 5 years

56. Draw a Sheep

Children 5-7

57. Potato Stencil design
58. Funny shaped animal
59. 6 Marzipan sweets

Children 8-11

60. 5 Jam Tarts
61. Jar of wild flowers
62. Object made from dead wood

Teenagers

63. Pizza(purchased base acceptable)
64. Poster advertising Produce Show
65. Matchbox filled with items starting with ‘T’,listed

Bluebells

Fight the Spanish invasion. Save our English bluebell by digging out the foreign invaders. Spanish bluebells cross-pollinate with English and having the stronger genes, will eliminate them from our countryside.

SAD FAREWELLS

Ethel Crew, our oldest resident, passed away in March aged 92

Olga Segieda-Selski killed in a car crash on Court Road.

Sue Jones passed away in mid-March

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