



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

April 2009

FREIGHTER

Thank you to all those who sent letters objecting to the end of the Saturday Freighter Service by Sevenoaks District Council.

Due to the popularity of this service, Shoreham Parish Council expect to restore the service later this year. Discussions are currently taking place for a service to be provided by the Parish Council. If these succeed, it is planned to have a Saturday Freighter at the same place and around the same time of day.

The provisional dates are the first Saturday in January, April, July and October.

It is a disgrace that Sevenoaks District Council chose to cancel this service, despite its popularity.

We have to commend the Parish Council for taking on this service, despite the extra cost to the parish council.

Agenda for AGM

Apologies for absence
Approval of Minutes of AGM held on
29th April 2008
Matters arising from Minutes
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Committee
Election of Officers
Talk by PC Andy Blackmore and John
Crozier
Any Other Business

WELL HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at

The Lodge

Lullingstone Park

At

8 pm

On

Wednesday

29th April 2009

Please come to the Well Hill Residents' Association AGM on Wednesday 29th April. There will be talks by PC Andy Blackmore (West Kent Crime Reduction Dept. and John Crozier (PACT) Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Policing Team. It is expected that representatives from the Parish, District and County Councils will be present to answer questions.

Nomination Form:

We hereby nominate:

For election as:

Of the association at the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

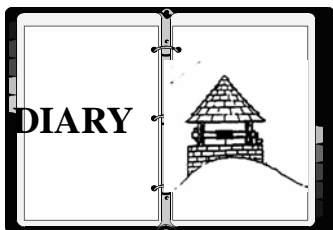
Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Date:

Nomination forms must be handed to Nick Coulson, by noon on Tuesday 28th April 2009

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



Friday 10th -Monday 13th April - Beer Festival
at The Five Bells - Chelsfield with live music

Sunday 12th April—Easter Sunday at St Martin
of Tours, Chelsfield.

**Wednesday 22nd April - Shoreham Parish
Council** Annual Parish Meeting 7:30 pm.

**Thursday 23rd April - Crockenhill Parish
Council** Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 23rd April—St Georges Day at the
Five Bells.

Thursday 23rd April—St Georges Day at the
Bo Peep.

Saturday 25th April—Mini Market at the
Methodist church Windsor Drive 9:30am.

**Wednesday 29th April—WHRA Annual
General Meeting** at The Lodge. Starts at 8pm.

Saturday 2nd May - Bring & Buy Plant Sale -
10am 'til 4 pm Parkgate House.next to
Lullingstone Park Golf Course in aid of The
Friends of St. Botolph Church, Lullingstone.

Monday 4th May—Shoreham Duck Race
2:30pm

Sunday 10th May—Bluebell Walk—at Cudham
to raise money for Harris Hospice Care. Contact
Fundraising 01689 825755

Saturday 6th June - St Martins Fete 12-4:30pm
Chelsfield Village Hall and Rectory Garden

Saturday 6th June- Shoreham Village Fete 12-
6pm on the School field. A full programme of
entertainment for the main arena is planned.

Saturday 11th July - Chelsfield Village Fair

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

WELL HILL
MISSION
CHURCH



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

No services during August

Bank Holidays - 13th April and 4th & 25th May
- Refuse Collection

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

* **DON'T FORGET WHRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8pm on 29th April at The** *
* **Lodge (formerly the Red Deer), Lullingstone Park.** *

GARDEN PEST

UK gardeners are being asked to look out for an invasive insect, the Citrus Longhorn beetle (*Anoplophora chinensis*), which could harm woodland areas and garden plants. It has been



brought in on plants imported from China and may affect a wide range of trees or shrubs including oak, beech, ash, maple, apple, pear, willow, hibiscus, horse chestnut, hazel, birch, mulberry

and rose. The larval stage of the beetle is the most damaging. The larvae feed internally on the pith and vascular systems of the lower trunk and root. The tunnels created by the feeding leaves trees susceptible to disease and wind damage. The adults can cause more limited damage by feeding on foliage and eating young bark. Adult beetles are large (21-37mm long) and black with variable white markings. their antennae are longer than their bodies (between 1.2 to 2 times) and are black with white/light blue bands.

If you suspect the presence of this pest or see a beetle that you suspect might to be this, trap it if possible, and immediately report your findings to your local DEFRA Plant Health and seeds inspector (PHSI) or PHSI HQ in York.
Tel: 01904 455174. Email: planthealth.info@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

CROCKENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting is 23rd April and Bob Ogle will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall commencing 7.30pm. Free cheese and wine!

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 -**
Nick Coulson (01959 532885)
- **Vice-chairman & Planning-**
Phil Hobson (01959 534090)
- **Minutes Secretary -**
Jean Crossfield (01959 534288)
- **Treasurer -**
Mike Peek (01959 533339)

- Mrs. June Dean** (01959 534445)
- Mike Sharp** (01959 533600)
- Tony Barton** (01959 534723)
- Terry Sparkes** (01689 823749)
- Chris Courtney** (01689 535022)

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

BONFIRES

Although there are no specific byelaws about bonfires and you are entitled to have a bonfire to dispose of garden waste, you are not entitled to cause a nuisance by having a bonfire.

Your neighbours are entitled to enjoy their homes and gardens. It is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to cause a nuisance by burning rubbish. There are environmentally friendly alternatives to bonfires such as using the local council's recycling and composting including the green waste collection service.

If you want to have a bonfire:

- Warn your neighbours, be considerate and polite, perhaps agree on a time for the bonfire
- Burn dry material as it produces less smoke, do not burn freshly cut material
- Do not burn household rubbish, rubber, plastic, paint or foam as they can produce poisonous compounds
- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire
- Look at the weather, smoke hangs in the air when it is still and damp, or will blow into a neighbours garden if it is windy. Hot, sultry days can cause the smoke to linger at low levels
- Remember that your neighbours are more likely to be in their gardens or have windows open if the weather is warm and at weekends and bank holidays.
- Do not leave the fire unattended or smouldering, think about keeping some water nearby to douse if necessary.

If you are being bothered by a bonfire:

- Approach the neighbour, be polite and explain the problem it is causing, try and reach a compromise.
- If the smoke is drifting across the road and is a danger to traffic contact the police
- If the problem persists contact environmental.protection@sevenoaks.gov.uk or telephone 01732 227000 for more information.

Commercial bonfires have very different rules and laws. Information about industrial bonfires can be found on the website at http://www.whra.org.uk/commercial_bonfires_fact_sheet.htm

SHOREHAM VILLAGE FETE 2009

The date for the Shoreham Fete is Saturday 6th June. From 12.00 to 4.00pm on the school field, this year's theme for the fancy dress will be "Movie Madness". There will be lots of stalls and a full programme of entertainment is planned for the main arena. A fun day out for all the family.

THE FIVE BELLS

The Five Bells in Chelsfield Village is holding a beer festival over the Easter bank holiday weekend. Over 20 guest ales to choose from. Live music on Friday and Sundays evenings. On Monday, the final day of the festival there will be a magnificent Hog Roast from 12:00 to 4pm.

If you would like to receive your Newsletter by E-mail, or have a contribution for the next Newsletter, please mail us at ed2009@whra.org.uk

From Canon Leslie Virgo

It is good for a local community to have a 'Centre'. The closing of the 'Kent' has left a vacuum. Jean and Bill did not just keep a pub, they kept an 'eye' out for all in need - and helped. That hasn't stopped but let's mark the importance of the years they and the Kent have been Well Hill's Centre.

The Bo Peep still is a vital part of the community for Well Hill.

Then, hidden in the trees, the Well Hill Mission.

The church has significance and place in the Well Hill Community as a place set apart for God - for the Holy - as a place for Holy Communion, for worship, for meeting at special times through the year, for the society and politically to be used by Shoreham Council for occasional meetings and as a polling station. This is our Well Hill's Centre, set apart as signifying God's presence, cared for so well by Gerry Walker and our Pastoral Assistant, Gillian Vernon and Norman McDonald, who cares so well for the structure.

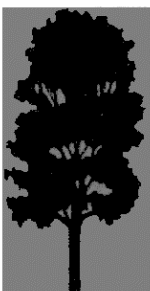
As Rector of Chelsfield, I have overall care for the Parish of Chelsfield, which includes Well Hill and am there for anyone who has any need for help, either personally or with regard to Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding or Funeral and my phone numbers are 01689 825749 and 077 920 85809 and my email address is leslie.virgo@tiscali.co.uk I would be glad to see you at the Rectory or visit you at home if you want to ring.

May you all enjoy your Easter, hopefully you will come for Communion at the Parish Church at 7.00 am, 8.00 am or 11.45 am.

Leslie

PLANT SALE

A bring and buy plant sale is being held on Saturday 2nd May 10:00 to 14:00 at Parkgate House next to Lullingstone Park Golf Course. The proceeds are in aid of The Friends of St. Botolph Church, Lullingstone.



M J Hamilton

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MISSION CHURCH PEW RUNNERS

A group of volunteers will be refurbishing the pews and replacing the pew seat runners at the Well Hill Mission Church. The runners come in kit form and will take 35-40 hours to stitch. The Parish Council has agreed to buy 5 kits to get the project started.

The Well Hill Residents' Association has also given £200 towards this project. If you would like to help with this please contact a member of the committee. Their details are on page 3 of this Newsletter.

HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!



Photo courtesy of Jean Crossfield

This was the Rock and Fountain early in the 20th Century. Can anybody date it? Does anyone else have old pictures of Well Hill which they would be willing to share with the rest of us?

SIMPLE PLEASURES



Not everybody enjoys the winter. One local resident (or more!) took advantage of this winter's snow to have some fun. Whilst taking a stroll in the woods at the end of Well Hill Lane we came across this wonderful cheerful fellow standing guard near a seat in the woods. There is no need for expensive toys with such simple pleasures to be had.

The woods are a beautiful asset to the village, changing with every season. Currently the wood anemones are in full flower and soon the bluebells will provide a carpet of blue under the trees. If you have never ventured into these woods, you do not know what you are