

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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WELL HILL ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY

Broadband will finally be available to all in the Well Hill area.

From 6th September residents in the Well Hill area should be able to order Broadband.

On the 18th August BT announced "that, from 6th September 2004, we will remove the current distance-related limits for the most popular ADSL broadband services in enabled areas in the region. This will bring one million more premises across the UK within range of an enabled exchange." They further announced "This means that 99.8% of lines served by a broadband-enabled exchange will now support the standard 512kbps broadband service (compared to the current 96%). Additionally, we are now able to significantly increase the range for 1mbps services from 4km to approximately 6km, raising availability from approximately 75% to 96% of lines on enabled exchanges."

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Shoreham Parish Council will have a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for one and a half days per week starting in a few months time.

From recent surveys, it appears that the Well Hill area suffers more from crime than the rest of Shoreham Parish - particularly burglary and illegal dumping. We will be pressing for these to be a priority of the PCSO. If you have any views on how the PCSO should be used, send them to the Well Hill Parish Councillor ph2004@shoreham.org.uk

CROCKENHILL NEWSLETTER

The Crockenhill Parish newsletter is coming out shortly and they would welcome any articles from Well Hill which may interest the rest of the community. Send articles to Crockenhill Parish Clerk crockenhillpc@btinternet.com

CROCKENHILL PRODUCE SHOW

Takes place at Crockenhill Village Hall on 11th September to include a late summer festival on the Village Green (stalls £5 each), followed by a Barn Dance in the evening.

Tickets for the Barn Dance are £6 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets can be obtained from Jon on 07974 950098. Big Ian Petrie Band.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

On Monday 27th September from 7 to 8pm there will be a Councillors' surgery at Well Hill Mission Church.

Often, it is difficult to know if Kent County Council, Sevenoaks District Council or the Parish Council are providing a particular service. But, on Monday 27th September there will be councillors from the County, District and Parish Councils on hand to handle your queries.

Please support this surgery - it is a unique opportunity to speak to those who spend your council tax.

COUNCIL TAX OUTREACH SURGERY

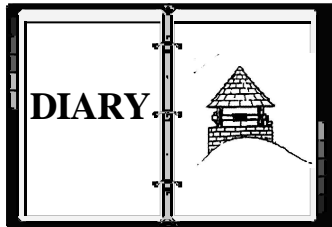
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This surgery will help residents find out if they qualify for any council tax benefit. This would be of special benefit to single adult households and those families on below average income. Watch the notice boards for more information about times and venue.

WELL HILL AND CHELSFIELD PRODUCE SHOW

Don't forget to support your local produce show. Details are on the back page. Come along and show what you can do. Let's bring a trophy back to the Hill!

Saturday 18th September in Chelsfield Village Hall.



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday 11th September -
The Crockenhill Produce Show and Late Summer Festival

Monday 13th September
Police surgery at the Kent Hounds 8pm

Saturday 18th September -
The Well Hill & Chelsfield Produce Show.

Monday 27th September -
Councillors surgery - Well Hill Mission church 7pm

Free Saturday Refuse Collection
Kent Hounds Well Hill 12:15 to 1 o'clock
Dates:- 2004 October 16th

WHRA Committee



Chairperson & Correspondence -
Chris Courtney (01959 535022)

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

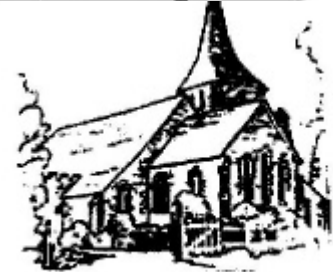
Minutes Secretary -
Mike Sharp (01959 533600)

Treasurer -
Mike Peek (01959 533339)

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

•Social Secretary -
Mario Decelis (01959 533239)

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 & 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

KEEP IN TOUCH

Please help us to save trees and let us have your e-mail address so that we can e-mail future newsletters to you. Send your e-mail address to editor2004@whra.org.uk - your e-mail address will not be disclosed to third parties.

We are always interested in local news. Please let us know of anything that may be of interest to other residents of the village.

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

SADLY MISSED

JOAN WEEDEN (1919 - 2004)

Joan was born in West Croydon on 3rd October 1919, the youngest of three sisters and one brother. She had a happy childhood in Croydon and on leaving school went to work in needlecraft and embroidery for a company serving major department stores in London.

During 1936, when the Smiths from Well Hill were delivering fruit and vegetables to shops in Croydon she was introduced to Fred Weeden by her sister Rene who worked in one of these greengrocer shops. Gordon Smith subsequently invited Rene and Joan to Well Hill to stay on the Smith's farm for a weekend. Fred then invited Joan out to the cinema in Penge and from there their relationship blossomed, the trains and buses between Croydon and Well Hill being put to good use.

When one of the four bungalows on Rock Hill became empty, Miriam Salmon (nee smith) who had brought up Fred from a baby, suggested Joan and Fred marry and move into 'Duna'. Fred subsequently proposed by phone, they married at Chelsfield Church on 7th January 1942 and moved into 'Duna'. Joan now changed from a town to a country girl, and still during the war, they bought land at 'Poplars' next to Well Hill House and set up their own smallholding growing fruit and vegetables.

After the war, although working long hours on the smallholding, Joan and Fred organised monthly coach trips for the Well Hillians to the seaside during the summers and to shows in London during the winter months. They also became well known for growing the best runner beans in north Kent.

After their son Trevor was born in 1955, they built their own bungalow at the top of Well Hill, aptly named 'Achieved' where they have lived ever since.

After they retired in 1984, following Fred's heart surgery, Joan carried on her love of country life by turning the farm land at 'Achieved' into a one acre garden, which she tended with Fred every day when the weather was fine.

At this time they also became grand parents and took much pleasure and had great fun taking Gemma, Ruth and Jayne for walks to Lullingstone Park and introducing them to their love of the countryside.

In celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1992, Joan and Fred went and sat in Chelsfield Church at exactly the same time they were married 50 years earlier and then later had a party with all their friends and relations from Well Hill. On celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary they received a card from the Queen which Joan treasured for the rest of her life.

TABLES

Due to the generosity of Shoreham Parish Council, the WHRA now own three folding tables. These are suitable for meetings and events. If you are thinking about organising a public meeting or event in the Well Hill area and wish to use the tables, please contact a committee member.

The tables will have their first 'outing' on Monday 27th September for the councillors' surgery at Well Hill Mission Church.

POLICE SURGERIES

These surgeries are now held at the Kent hounds every two months due to lack of demand. The next dates are

13th September 8pm

15th November 8pm

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!

PRODUCE SHOW SCHEDULE

Flower Arrangement

Simple vertical arrangement 18" height maximum
An arrangement representing a book title - state title, not to exceed 18")

An arrangement in a butter or margarine container 9" x 9"
Men only - Arrangement in a recycled dessert container.

Flowers

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| 1 stem of Chrysanthemums | Single Dahlia |
| A stem of miniature Roses | Single Rose |
| Floating Pansy Head flowers | A Vase of Garden flowers |

Vegetables

A collection of mixed vegetables (maximum container 12" x 18")

A collection of salad vegetables (maximum container 12" x 12")

5 Potatoes - one cultivar
3 Onions - tied and trimmed
5 Shallots
5 Cherry Tomatoes
5 medium to large Tomatoes
3 Runner Beans
3 Carrots - untrimmed
The longest runner Bean
A Bucket of Home Produced Compost

Fruit

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| 3 Dessert Apples - polished | The Heaviest apple |
| 3 Cooking Apples - unpolished | 5 Plums |
| A Bowl of Home-Grown Fruit | 3 Pears |

Wine

A bottle of Dry White Table Wine
A bottle of Sweet White Table Wine
A bottle of Dry Red Table Wine
A bottle of Sweet Red Table Wine
A bottle of any other Table Wine
Any other Alcoholic Beverage

Country Fare

Whole meal Rolls
Cake to given recipe
1lb jar of Lemon Marmalade
8oz jar of Blackberry Jelly Jam
Blackberry and Apple plate pie
Slices of Bread Pudding
5 Ginger Biscuits
Men only - 3 Chocolate muffins

Photography

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| Anyone in Uniform | A single rose |
| A family Pet | |

Handicrafts

A Knitted or Crocheted item
An Article Hand or Machine Sewn
Still Life Pencil Drawing
Any Craft or Hobby (Specify if using kit)
Soft Toy in any medium.
An item of tapestry or Embroidery (specify if using kit)

Children up to 5 years

Draw your own face

Children 5-7 years

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| A plate of uncooked sweets | Draw an Animal |
| Vehicle made with Lego | |

Children 8-11 years

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| A sock puppet | Three Fairy Cakes |
| Draw a design of children's Playground | |

Teenagers 12-18 years

Acrostic Poem - PRODUCE SHOW
Any Craft or Hobby - not kit Healthy Packed Lunch.

Set up from 9:30 (Entries must be received by 11am). Viewing from 2pm with static auction of produce throughout the afternoon.

Shoreham Parish Council have given WHRA a grant of £50 toward the prizes for the show. Please enter and bring some of prizes back to Well Hill. Some classes do not have many entries so you could win a prize with a single entry!

AS BOLD AS BRASS

Brass Crosby (1725-1793) who lived at Court Lodge, Church Road, Chelsfield, Kent.

Brass Crosby was born in Stockton-on Tees in 1725. He qualified in law and came to London to practise his chosen profession. In 1758 he was elected to the City Council and appointed Sheriff in 1764. In 1765 Crosby was appointed an Alderman and in 1768 he became Parliamentary member for Honiton. In 1770 he was elected Lord Mayor of London.

In February 1772 he married Mrs Mary Tattersall, widow, daughter of James Maud and his sole heiress, from whom she inherited Court Lodge in Chelsfield. During the 21 years of their marriage they spent half the year in the City and half at Court Lodge. Both Brass and Mary are buried in the parish church of St Martin of Tours in Chelsfield. There is an obelisk to Brass Crosby in St Georges Circus in the City.

As Chief Magistrate one of his first acts was to refuse to support the issuing of warrants for 'press gangs' and he ordered constables to be positioned "at all avenues" of the City to prevent the seizure of men. He also had a famous battle with the House of Commons over publishing Parliamentary debates. In 1771 he had brought before him a printer who dared publish reports of Parliamentary proceedings. He released the man, but was subsequently ordered to appear before the House to explain his actions. Crosby was committed to the Tower of London, but when brought to trial several judges refused to hear the case and after protests from the public Crosby was released. No further attempts have ever been made to prevent the publication of debates now known as Hansard.

The encounter with the House of Commons resulted in the saying, "**as bold as brass**". Brass Crosby lived at Court Lodge for 21 years. The plaque is fixed to an oak post on a grass verge in Church Road, fronting the Coach House with Court Lodge behind.