

# NEWSLETTER

FROM THE WELL HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2006

## PRODUCE SHOW

This year's Chelsfield, Well Hill and District produce Show will be on Saturday 2nd September in Chelsfield Village Hall.

At the last produce show Well Hill did exceptionally well with many of the cups being brought back to Well Hill. The Barrett family won the prestigious Well Hill Cup which is awarded to the household with the highest number of points in all sections.

Whether or not you take the competition seriously, there are many sections for entries. Please enter to help keep the cups in Well Hill. Some sections have only a couple of entrants so winning is not always an onerous task. Why not pick a few apples from your



trees? If you have an under 5 year old, here is a tip on how to draw a sheep. Draw a carrot; draw two circles for the eye; colour in the carrot except for the eyes; add a dot in each eye for the pupil; draw a line around the carrot for the body; add two legs.

## BBC Filming Well Hill

The BBC will be filming the **Produce Show** as part of a programme provisionally called *The Great British Summertime* but it may be changed to *British Summer* or something like that! It is airing on BBC1 this November, probably between 9pm-10pm on Wednesdays.

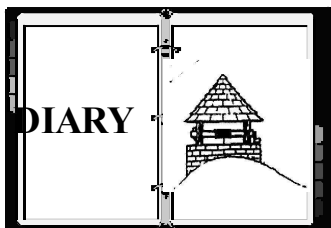
The BBC are making a documentary about the British summer time which will reflect the changes of the season from a range of different people's perspectives and from all corners of the British Isles. Each episode will follow interesting characters through the season and the challenges they face month by month. From areas of outstanding natural beauty to the heart of our cities, from the traditional to the modern, from farming and fishing successes to the natural world, they will be showcasing the very best of British. They are hoping to reflect different walks of British life, from village fêtes to market days.

## NEW ROOF for MISSION CHURCH

The Well Hill Mission Church is 113 years old and the roof is in need of replacement. Shoreham Parish Council has promised a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of re-roofing the Mission Church.

Shoreham Parish Council Members considered the request for assistance at the Council meeting in July. The total cost of the work will be around £9,000 and although the Church has some funds available, more will be needed to reach the target.

The Council recognised how valuable the building is to the Well Hill community and hopes this grant will enable the work to proceed in the autumn before the winter sets in. The Rector and the Church Treasurer have thanked the Council and said 'what a relief it is to have this wonderful grant'.



## CHURCH SERVICES

**Saturday 2nd September** - Produce Show in Chelsfield Village Hall

**Sunday 3rd September** - Morning Service  
9:45am Well Hill Mission Church

**Sunday 10th September** - Morris Minor Rally at Eagle Heights—Eynsford

**Sunday 17th September**—Harvest Thanksgiving Service 9:45am Well Hill Mission Church

**Saturday 23rd September** - Help decorate St Martins Church for the Harvest Festival from 9am

**Sunday 24th September** - Harvest Festival Services at 9:45am 11am, and 6:30pm

**Sunday 24th September**—A Celebration of John Betjeman's 100th birthday

**Sunday 1st October** - Morning Service 9:45am Well Hill Mission Church

**Sunday 15th October** - Holy Communion conducted by The Rector 9.45am

**Sunday 5th November** - Morning Service 9.45am

**Sunday 12th November** - Remembrance Sunday Service 9.45am

**Sunday 19th November** - Holy Communion conducted by The Rector 9.45am

**Sunday 3rd December** - Morning Service 9.45am

**Sunday 17th December** - Family Carol Service - all Welcome.9.45am

### **Bank Holidays - 28th August to 1st September - Refuse Collection**

Collections during this week will be one day later than usual.

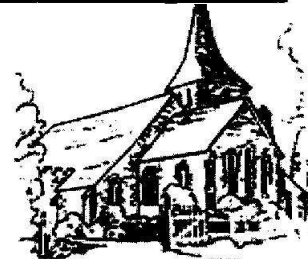
### **Free Saturday Refuse Collection**

At the Kents Hounds car park (for new residents to Well Hill, this is about half way along the Well Hill road where the bottle banks are located.) from 12:15 to 1pm on:

- Saturday 16th September
- Saturday 25th November

For other locations and dates see our website.

### **ST MARTINS. CHELSFIELD.**



8.00am Holy Communion (Sunday)

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:

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### **WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH**



09.45am Morning Prayers (1st Sunday)

09.45am Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)

Pastoral Assistant: Gillian Vernon 01689 874876

### **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 included with this Newsletter and can be found on the internet at <http://www.whra.org.uk/produce-show/>

## Rock and Fountain

The Rock and Fountain has started a gourmet evening, every Thursday from 6pm. Contact them on 01959 534 335 for more details.

## WHRA AGM

The AGM on Tuesday 25th April was well attended. There was a talk about the future of broadband. The good news is that broadband will come to all parts in the next 2 years as BT upgrades their systems so that even the telephones will need a broadband connection. The bad news is that the new technology is unlikely to reach Park Gate until 2007.

There was a short talk from our local police (PCSO Dave Birchall and PC Jon Williamson).

## 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.

## 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/>

## Police Surgeries—Use it or loose it

The frequency of these surgeries has been drastically cut back due so lack of use. These are an opportunity to have a confidential chat with PCSO Dave Birchall. The recent ones have been on Saturday morning at the Rock and Fountain. Please let us know if you find them useful or if they are at the wrong time, wrong date or wrong location. If we do not get any response from residents we might as well not have the surgeries so that PCSO Dave Birchall can spend more time on patrol.



## 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)
  
- Tony Barton** (01959 534723)
- Jean Crossfield** (01959 534288)
- Terry Sparks** (01689 823749)

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

## **POLICING - Neighbourhood Watch**

The Residents' Association are revitalising the Neighbourhood Watch. We have some 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 contact a committee member.

## **Well Hill Parish Council**

Sevenoaks District Council declined our request for a separate Parish Council for Well Hill and Crockenhill. They were satisfied that Well Hill and Cockerhurst have an independent and distinct identity from Shoreham and Badgers Mount. They did not think that there had been sufficient demonstrable support from residents to move the process forward at this time.

## **Santa Returns to Well Hill**

Santa needs the help of grown-ups this December.

After a few years absence, Santa will be returning to the Well Hill area this year for his special visit. This is not the Christmas Day visit - that has always happened. This is the extra visit that Santa used to make a few days before Christmas. If you are a grown-up with young children in your house please let the committee know so that we can pass the details onto Santa. He will then be able to visit your children. Santa is a very busy person in December and we are very pleased that he has been able to find time to visit us.

## **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 neighbour's 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 or for more information.