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TRAFALGAR WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS WELL HILL FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER—7.00PM

Join the nation in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar during the weekend from 21—23 October. On Friday 21 October the first beacon in a chain will be lit in Portsmouth alongside Nelson's beloved flagship, HMS Victory. The Council has had a beacon built which will be lit at The Reservoir, Well Hill Lane, by kind permission of Thames Water. A toast will be drunk to Nelson at 7.00pm, followed by the beacon lighting at 7.15pm. All residents of the parish are warmly invited. Look on the Council noticeboards for more information.

On **Sunday 23 October**, there will be a special service at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Shoreham starting at 6.00pm followed by bell ringing at 7.00pm as a final salute to Nelson and the brave crews of the British Fleet.

SHOREHAM SOCIETY

Two questions have been asked recently - 'What has happened to the Shoreham Society?' and 'What is the Shoreham Society?' To answer those questions and discuss ideas for the Society's future the present group of Society volunteers, which acts as the committee, has arranged an open meeting in the **Shoreham Village Hall on Friday 7 October, starting at 8.00pm.**

There is a lot that can be said about an organisation that was started more than 40 years ago and has undertaken many campaigns to protect local interests (such as stopping gravel extraction, fighting M25 plans, safeguarding weekend rail services, etc). The recent article in the Shoreham Gazette aimed to give the general background history. It is some time since the parish's local amenity society functioned properly as a membership organisation (open to **everyone in the parish** over 16 to join), and many years since it boasted more than 400 members as it did during the M25 campaign. In recent years the threats to the village and surrounding area have not been so acute and so active support has declined, but the Society has been kept ticking over and now needs new members with new ideas and new energies to take it forward.

At the Open Meeting there will be material on display to highlight the Society's work and a talk on the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but the key part of the evening will be the discussion about the Society's future role and the chance for everyone who is interested in issues that affect the parish to air their views. The evening will finish with a glass of wine and light refreshments.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

COMMUNITY WARDEN

A warm welcome to our new Community Warden, Nic Roots. Nic has been working the community since August and sends the following message:- "Hello, I am the new Community Warden for Otford and Shoreham. I am employed by Kent County Council and my role is fairly similar to a PCSO. I am able to help with issues such as fly tipping, graffiti and anti social behaviour. The main part of my role is walking or foot patrol so I am able to provide a high visibility presence in the parish. Please don't be afraid to speak to me if you see me out and about, or if the would like to give me a ring to discuss any issues, or if you just want a chat!. My number is 07813 713366

ARRESTS

Well done to Dave Birchall and his colleague who caught two people in the act of daubing graffiti in the motorway tunnel in Shacklands Road. The offenders are being charged with criminal damage.

CRIME REDUCTION

Our PCSO, Dave Birchall has some FREE safety devices to give away which have been funded by the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership. If you would like a timer switch, shed alarm, personal panic alarm or a can for hiding items in, please stop Dave when you see him or come to the next Police Surgery—the date will be on the Council notice boards.

HOME SECURITY

Thefts from sheds and garages are on the increase. Our PCSO Dave Birchall asks everyone to be especially vigilant. He has noticed on his travels that people leave garage doors open and sheds unlocked while they pop indoors. These small lapses can result in the opportunist taking garden equipment. There is also a request to report any suspicious vehicles in the area, particularly vans. Dave's number is given in the list of Useful Telephone numbers.

PERSONAL SAFETY

With the dark nights approaching, please take care when you walk in the evenings, particularly if there is no footpath. Dave Birchall knows where to buy reflective jackets at a competitive price—just give him a call.

NEED A MARQUEE?

The Council has purchased a marquee which is available for use by groups in the parish for a contribution of £50. If you would like to book the marquee, please call John Keates or the Clerk.



REFUSE COLLECTION

Need to dispose of rubbish? The freighter will be in Badgers Mount from 11.15am to 12 noon
Well Hill from 12.15am to 1.00pm
Shoreham (Forge Way) from 1.45pm to 2.30pm
on 1 October and 10 December

TRY ANGLE AWARDS

Do you know a young person aged 10 to 18 years who deserves recognition from the local community? This scheme gives young people the recognition they deserve rewarding the real triers and the high flyers. The Council received notification too late to put anyone forward this year but please keep an eye out for any outstanding achievement in young people so they can be nominated next year.

GAS FOR SHOREHAM—SOON

The project to provide gas for Shoreham is definitely going ahead. The connection price will be £495 per domestic property which includes a meter box. There will be an Information Roadshow one Saturday morning for residents to ask any questions. Most of the village will be supplied although the network will terminate in Church Street before the River Darent.

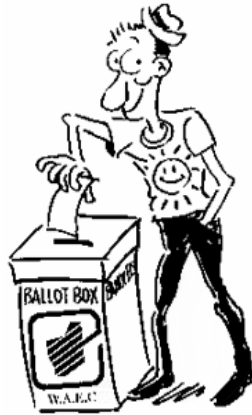


Electoral Registration

The District Council will be sending out voter registration forms to all households from the middle of September. Even though there are no major elections scheduled for next year, a by-election can be called at any time and if your name is not on the voting register you can't vote – it's as simple as that!

Once again, anyone whose household details are unchanged will be able to confirm their registration, free, online 'at the click of a mouse'. If the telephone is more convenient then a freephone number is available again this year to confirm that the details of those eligible to vote are correct. There is no need to sign and return the form by post unless the details on the form need to be changed. A leaflet explaining these easy options and also answering some of those niggling but frequently

asked questions will be included with this year's voter registration form but if there is still anything you are unsure of there is a telephone helpline that you can ring for advice.



You **must**, by law, provide the information either 'online', by phone or by posting the form back – you can be fined by not doing so. The new register is published on 1 December so do reply as soon as you can – sending out reminders is costly!

Last but not least, don't forget that if you move after the qualifying date for inclusion in the next register of electors (the qualifying date is 15 October, 2005) you can **change** your registration address by completing a simple form available from the District Council or downloaded from the website – www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

FLOODING

If you live near the River Darenth then please register for the FREE flood warning scheme operated by the Environment Agency. Call 0845 988 1188 to receive automated flood warnings.

VE/VJ DAY EVENT

The Celebration of the end of WW2 on 9 July was a huge success. A number of people took part in the procession to the Cross and the BBQ was enjoyed by all. The Council obtained a grant of £1,900 from the Big Lottery Fund and this included the costs of the evening including the commemorative leaflet but excluding food and drink, £275 for Shoreham Village school to purchase various resources, £200 towards the costs of a school visit to Dover Tunnels or the Imperial War Museum and £200 for the school children to visit the Shoreham Battle of Britain Museum. The Council is very grateful to the Shoreham branch of the Royal British Legion for all their help.



The Council's accounts are subject to strict audit procedures. Firstly, there is a local external auditor, independent of the Council, who checks that the accounts have been kept properly and

the Council has only spent money within its powers. Then the Council has to complete a return to the Audit Commission which is certified by the external auditor. The Audit Commission gave the Council an unqualified report for the year ended 31 March 2005 and this is how the money was spent. The precept was £41,250 and the figures are net of receipts. The reserves have been spent mainly on refurbishing the tennis courts during the current year.

	£
Administration	13,439
Grants	1,340
Amenities	15,486
PCSO	1,608
Street lighting	476
Reserves	<u>8,901</u>
	<u>41,250</u>

SKATEBOARD RAMP

Planning permission to site a skateboard ramp adjacent to the playground in the Recreation Ground has been approved by Sevenoaks District Council. The cost of the ramp and fence will be £3,000. There will also be additional costs for signage and the goal posts may have to be moved slightly. The Council has agreed to proceed with the project and is now applying for a grant towards the cost from the District Council.



CONNEXIONS KENT and MEDWAY

Connexions Kent & Medway provides free impartial and confidential advice, support, guidance and personal development services to all 13-19 year olds whatever their backgrounds and needs.

The service is delivered by Personal Advisers who are based in schools, colleges, at Connexions Access Points, and in a range of community settings.

Connexions also works with a number of partners to deliver the service, including local councils; schools, colleges and educational services; youth and social services; health authorities; Jobcentre Plus and voluntary and community agencies and groups. They also welcome the involvement of parents, guardians and carers in the service supporting their teenage.

In addition, they can provide information, advice and assistance to local businesses looking to employ young people.

For further information on Connexions Kent & Medway call on tel: 01622 683394 or visit their website on www.connexionskentandmedway.co.uk for details of your nearest Access Point.

YOUTH CLUB—INTERESTED?

The Council has been asked to set up a youth club and would like to know how many young people would be interested. Please phone or email the Clerk or a Councillor to let them know What you would like from a youth club. **Calling adult volunteers!** If enough young people would like a Youth Club could you help run it? Please make yourself known to a Councillor or the Clerk if you are able to assist. Full support will be provided.

COUNCIL VACANCY—FILLED

Mrs Joan Neave of 26 Old London Road Badgers Mount has been elected to the Council for the Badgers Mount Ward following the resignation of David Southwood. Although an election was called there was only one nomination so Mrs Neave was declared elected.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Community Police 01732 370774
PCSO Dave Birchall 01732 370849
Community Warden Nic Roots 07813 713366
West Kent Police 01732 740055
North Kent Police 01732 331055
Crime Report 01622 690690
Crimestoppers (to report crime anonymously)
0800 555111
Victim Support West Kent 01892 513969
Citizens Advice Bureau Sevenoaks 01732
454443
Age Concern Sevenoaks & District 01732
454108
Environment Agency Floodline 0845 988 1188
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group 01732
458931

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Ann Smith – Tel 01959 522418

Well Hill Ward

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