



HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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FORT HALSTEAD

The owners of Fort Halstead, Armstrong Kent LLP, have been holding consultation meetings with local residents. To date there have been two meetings. One was an exhibition in May; the second series of meetings, held on July 13th and 14th, was a Community Planning weekend. Both these latter meetings were for information gathering where views of attendees were sought. Participants were invited to take part in a series of workshops covering a wide variety of topics affecting the future development of the site, including Sustainable Development, Ecology, Transport and Heritage.

Another meeting is planned for **Tuesday 24 July** when feedback from the earlier meetings will be presented. The master-planners, JTP, will show their illustrated vision for the future of Fort Halstead. The Parish Council will keep everyone informed on the progress of the proposed re-development but at this stage has no definite information.

FREIGHTER BULK COLLECTION

This will be on
SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

A collection will also be made in Fort Road.

Fort Road 7.00 – 7.45 a.m
Southdene 9.15 – 10 a.m
Station Road 10.15 – 11 a.m

The next visit will be in **February 2013**

SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAYS

After a successful visit at Easter, the VSU Youth in Action fun bus will be visiting Halstead again and will be on the Recreation Ground on **FRIDAY 24 AND FRIDAY 31 AUGUST** from **11 a.m – 3 p.m.**

All events are FREE but donations are welcome.

The activities include arts & crafts, sports, face painting, circus skills, badge-making, biscuit-icing and board games.

Parents or carers must remain with their children at all times. There is no need to book in advance - just turn up

For more details contact the VSU team on 01732 454785

DOG FOULING

Yes, it is still a problem! Parishioners are complaining all the time about the mess but dog owners and dog walkers are still not clearing up after their animals.

When the Community Led Plan Steering Group carried out a questionnaire earlier this year this was the one major criticism people had about Halstead – dog mess everywhere !

The Parish Council is unable to do anything except put up more signage or provide more waste bins. There are already three box waste bins in the village, two on the Recreation Ground, the third at Southdene. The Police can only give a fixed penalty notice after catching the dog fouling twice and it is Sevenoaks District Council which would pursue payment for these fines.

Even the Football and Cricket Clubs have to clear the pitches before their matches.

The way forward is for other people: dog owners; walkers; families; everyone - to ask the person with the fouling dog to clear up the waste alternatively give the person's name to our PCSO Julie Stoner. **Without action by everyone this problem will never go away.**

The Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Policing Team is urging residents to check the security to their homes, garages and outbuildings following a number of burglaries in the area.

- **How Secure are your Home, Shed and Garage?** Are all locks and windows in good repair?
 - Dispose of packaging carefully so as not to advertise any new purchases;
 - Check the ID of callers;
 - Use timer switches to make your home look occupied;
 - Lock windows & doors when you go out or go to bed (keep keys safe in case of emergency);
 - Avoid leaving valuables on display; do not leave car keys within reach of letter boxes;
 - Use chains to secure wheelie bins and ladders when not in use - they could be used as climbing aids;
 - Install shed alarms and security lights wherever possible;
 - Put security marks on your garden equipment and power tools;
 - Lock away all tools after use - they could be stolen or used to break into your home;
 - Defensive Planting - consider planting prickly plants, bushes and shrubs around vulnerable areas such as windows, fences and boundaries;
 - Keep garage doors closed at all times - do not advertise the contents to potential criminals
 - Fit wire mesh on the inside of window frames in sheds and garages;
 - **Register your valuables** on the National Property Database at www.immobilise.com;
- Visit www.kent.police.uk for more crime prevention advice.;

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS: ALL NON-EMERGENCY MATTERS CALL 101 / IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999

SKY RIDE LOCAL – COMMUNITY CYCLING IN SEVENOAKS DISTRICT.

These rides are scheduled as follows :

- 12 August** with a spin around Knole Park,
- 12 & 26 August** New Ash Green to Stansted.
- 19 & 26 August** Pilgrim Pedalling Plus (Kemsing to Otford),
- 19 August & 22 September** Edenbridge to Hever,
- 2 September** Cycling Satisfaction (Sevenoaks & surrounding area)

All rides are free, and run every morning and afternoon. Places are limited and must be booked by registering on the www.goskyride.com website to confirm attendance.

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