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SAVE THE DATES	
Annual Town Meeting 10th May 7.30pm Churchill School	'Keeping you informed' Meeting 24th May 7.30pm Westerham Hall

In last month's edition we summarised some of the things which are going on which will affect the future of our town. So this month we want to let you know about two important meetings where you will be able to learn more, ask questions, and make your views known.

Our **Annual Town Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 10th May** at 7.30pm at Churchill School. This is your opportunity to hear from your Council what it has been doing with your money in the last year and to raise with us any points or queries you have. We will be reporting back on progress on the 4 year strategy you helped to formulate. As last year, there will also be 'stalls' manned by the organisations which provide services to us – KCC, SDC, Police, Wardens, Fire Brigade Responders and local voluntary organisations so that you can see 'who does what' in our town. One of the unacceptable issues over the last year has been an outbreak of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, so we have the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent coming to speak. We also know that house building issues are causing a great deal of concern in the town, so we'll be touching on them too, but as this is such wide – and sometimes confusing – subject, we plan to hold a separate

'Keeping you Informed' public meeting on **Wednesday 24th May** at 7.30pm in Westerham Hall. This will focus only on the various strands of planning activity currently going on which may affect the future of our town. What's going on with Sevenoaks District Council's **Local Plan?** Why is it important? How will it affect Westerham? What's happening with the **Moorhouse** site? And the **Covers Farm** sandpit? The **Green Belt**, need for **housing?** What's the **Community Infrastructure Levy**, and what can it be spent on?



The Leader of Sevenoaks District Council, Councillor Peter Fleming, will be there and, as following the elections on May 4th, we will have a new County Councillor representing us on KCC who will be joining us.

Our aim is to share with you what we know, be clear about the things we do not know and when they might become clearer.

It's important that as your elected representatives, we know your views, so that we can represent them as best we can wherever we can as this process lumbers on.

If you have any points you know you'll want to raise - whether you can be at these meetings or not, then do email to the Council Offices office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01959 562147 or drop in between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday.

Volunteer Recruitment

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Local disability charity, Leonard Cheshire Disability at Chipstead Lake is calling on eager volunteers to support its work with disabled people.

Whether someone has just a few hours per week, or month, to spare, we would love to hear from you and are currently looking for volunteers who are seeking an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Roles could include:

- Assisting in our day Centre
- Driving a minibus for a few hours a week
- Helping out in the garden
- Buddying
- Assisting at meal times
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Chipstead Lake is situated off of Chevening Road, opposite the sailing club, and provides a range of activities and support to both our residents and day clients.

For more information please contact the Service Manager, Kevin Parkes, or the Volunteer Coordinator, John Walters, on the following number 01732 459510.

You can also email either on Kevin.Parkes@leonardcheshire.org or John.walters@leonardcheshire.org.



FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

April

Thursday 27th Planning and Development

May

Monday 8th Finance & General Purpose

Wednesday 10th Annual Town Meeting – Churchill School

Thursday 11th Planning and Development

Monday 22nd Annual Council Meeting

Wednesday 24th Keeping you informed public meeting – Westerham Hall

Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House. **Visit our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.**