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Moorhouse Tile Works new planning application 2018/1792

As expected, a further application for the development of the Moorhouse Tileworks site as a Distribution Depot has been lodged with Tandridge District Council. Westerham Town Council will be objecting vigorously to this application, as it has to previous applications. We are analysing the application to identify any differences between this and previous applications and whether any further grounds for objection are necessary. We are also meeting with representatives of neighbouring Councils and residents organisations with whom we worked closely on previous applications. Our aim is to ensure that all those who could be affected by such a development are aware of the application and can comment before the closing date of 13th October, to view the application

<http://tdcws01.tandridge.gov.uk/ArcusPlanning/Planning/Planning/Planning?reference=2018/1792>

Go to the town Council website for more information www.westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk



Demonstration in 2016



FREE FAMILY FUN SESSION

Run by Westerham Town Council

Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham.

Thursday 25 October 2018, from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

There will be inflatable fun, crafts games and more.

No need to book just turn up. Suitable for ages 2-12.

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Westerham Town Council **Christmas Light Switch on Event 2018**

Thursday 29th November, 6pm to 8pm

An evening of festive entertainment for all the family!

at 6.30pm the Christmas Tree will be switched on by

Father Christmas and the 'Food for Thought' elves.

There will be plenty of opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with many of the High Street shops staying open late. Free parking from 5pm.

The air will be filled with the smell of hot chestnuts and the Town Crier ringing in the festivities

Traditional carols and festive music will be provided by the Churchill School Choir and the Westerham Sea Cadets. Meet the cast of WADS pantomime Cinderella as they mingle among you.

Christmas Trees will once again transform St Mary's Church as part of their annual Festival of Trees event from 5pm.

Take part in the FREE Christmas quiz along the High Street. All completed entries will receive a prize!



The winner of the best dressed window competition will be announced.

DRIPS – the Darent River Preservation Society.

Its name says it all really. We do our very best to protect and preserve the river. Once upon a time it is thought the Darent probably contained all the Medway's water as well. I mean you don't cut a massive chalk valley like ours with just the stream we have today. But why does it need preserving? Surely it can look after itself?

If you were here in the 80s, you'd know why. Our river disappeared. The chalk beneath us is like a gigantic sponge. Water collects within it. These are our aquifers. The trouble is, we have all grown up believing that water is free, so we can take as much of it as we like. We can't though or the sponge runs dry and there is nothing left on the surface. That's what happened in the early 80's and that's when DRIPS was formed.

It successfully lobbied to get the abstraction rate in N.W. Kent limited. The river now flows again. With our close associates in the South-East Rivers Trust and North West Kent Countryside Partnership, as well as most of the Angling Societies, we do our best to keep-up an on-going monitoring of the river and try together to find ways to deal with any problems. We have also gained the active support of all the Parish Councils along the river's course. So, drip by drip, communities like ours are realizing the importance of the water we all use.

Now though, almost 40 years later, we are about to be faced with a new problem. The Government requires that SDC builds almost 14,000 new homes in the SDC area. It could spell the death-knell of our river. Why? Because that number of homes will require an extra 5 MILLION+ liters of water every single day to feed that number of families! Our clean, clear water from Kent's chalk aquifers will be simply too tempting for the Water Companies to resist and we know what happens when the sponge is squeezed dry. So, once again, DRIPS has got a big job to do to push the Government, Ofwat and Thames Water to start planning for alternative sources for its water - or our community and our river will be the ones who suffer the consequences in the years ahead.

If you would like to support DRIPS in our efforts, drop an email to the secretary, Rod Shelton, Rodshelton@Greenbee.net. and he can tell you how.

www.darent-drips.org.uk



STREET LIGHTS

With the days getting shorter it is important that our Parish street-lighting is working and effective. Therefore can you ensure that vegetation such as trees, shrubs and hedges from your property or land does not obscure street lighting so that the lights can shine effectively onto the highway.

Did you know that all Town Council owned street lights have a number on them?

If you notice a streetlight is not working make a note of the number on the column and the street name, then contact the Town Council via 01959 562147 or office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk, and we will get the fault fixed.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

November

- 5th Allotment, Playing Fields and Open Spaces Committee
- 8th Planning and Development Committee
- 12th Youth and Community Committee
- 19th Highways and Lighting Committee
- 22nd Planning and Development Committee
- 26th Finance and General Purposes Committee

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 a schedule of 2018 meetings. You can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil