



HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Christmas Newsletter 2016

As we head into the Christmas season, our thoughts inevitably turn to family. We reflect on the Holy Family, as we celebrate with our own family and our community. I must say that my young family always looks forward to the Hartfield live Nativity. Recently our Hartfield community also enjoyed a poignant Remembrance Day celebration at St Mary's and a well-attended wreath laying, with much thanks to Reverend Julie and James Castle. It was also good to see a number of people in the Anchor afterwards, supporting our local pub.

And in our now distant summer memories we all very much enjoyed the wonderfully co-ordinated Summer Fete on the Croft at the beginning of September.

Now that Autumn and colder days are firmly upon us, our energy turns to working feverishly by lamp light rather than in the garden. The Parish Council has recently been discussing a number of issues, including additional youth facilities and possible social events in 2017. We appeal to those in our community who want to get more involved either through coming to Parish meetings or more actively on the Parish Council, as we are seeking additional members. Please contact the Parish Clerk or me if you are interested in joining the Council.

Enjoy the rest of this newsletter and I wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Giles Horner Chairman of Hartfield Parish Council



The Town Croft Committee installed a new recycled bench in the playground this autumn. The Croft benches have suffered from vandalism in the last few years and were in need of attention. The Council has completed repair works and is hoping to replace more benches in due course, subject to funding. The new bench has been welcomed by visiting parents and will hopefully mean no more maintenance and vandalism headaches. In recent years, we have also been gifted some beautiful oak memorial benches to celebrate the lives of Duncan Holmes and Mary McGlew. Memorial benches in oak or recycled materials can be arranged with the Parish Council and are always welcomed – Please contact the Clerk for more details.

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that applications from the Parish Council to Wealden District Council to list the Gallipot Inn and the Anchor Inn as assets of community value have been successful hopefully preserving their current use for many to enjoy in coming years. They will remain on the register for 5 years and the land registry will be notified. These are important community assets and the Parish Council is pleased with the outcome.

WW 1 and the Canadian Winnie the Pooh connection



When travelling recently in northern Ontario, Canada, through a small town called White River, we came across the origin of the Winnie the Pooh stories.

In August 1914, on his way to Europe to fight in World War 1, Lieutenant Harry Colebourn, a Vet, purchased a black bear cub as a mascot and named her Winnie after his home town of Winnipeg.

On arrival in Europe Winnie was left in the care of London Zoo where A.A. Milne and son Christopher visited. The rest, as they say, is history.

White River, which is a pretty remote town and a stop on the Canadian Pacific railway, with no road connection until 1960, makes a bit more of its Winnie the Pooh connection than we do in Hartfield as you can see from this roadside memorial. There is also a Museum in the town.

It made me wonder whether Hartfield should be making more of our Winnie the Pooh connection? If you are interested in finding out more about the real Winnie story have a look at <http://therealwinnie.ryerson.ca/collection/colebourn>

Councillor Roger Eastwood

History Corner - The Village Green

The earliest available record of the Village Green is a map of 1597 where it is designated as 'Hartfield Grene' owned by the Buckhurst estate as it is today. In 1713 it was let to Nicholas Pope and later in 1842 to the Village Doctor William Wallis it is assumed for the use of grazing cattle. Cattle fairs and other travelling fairs also used the green with local children using it for games such as cricket.

During World War II the Green was requisitioned by the military, as was the Town Croft. In 1947 the sum of £15 was paid by the Government for the reparation for war damage and no doubt the cows were soon back.

In 1977 Mrs Marguerite Harvey left money in her will for footpaths across the green. The new footpaths were described as 'a minefield of cow pats'! Farmer Rob Medhurst replied to complaints "that the cows had been there first and people could take them cow pats home and I won't charge them" The initial registration of the land giving protected Village Green status was made on the 21st June 1968 and was made final by the Commons Commissioner on 19th February 1975. There is no provision in the act for removing village greens from the register, as the aim of registration was to protect the land in perpetuity. The Green remains an important open space which can be enjoyed today.

Mike Parcell History Society 2016

WEALDEN SMART ENERGY EVENT

Come and find out more about saving money on your gas and electricity bills
Free refreshments for all. Free goodie bags for first 15 people through the door
At Hartfield Village Hall on Friday 6th January 2017 5pm-9pm



Children and Families at St Mary's Church



Since I arrived in post as Children and Family Worker in April, it has been a busy time!

We have launched The Big Breakfast (which runs on the 3rd Sunday of the month for age 9+ at 9:30am) and Messy Mondays (occasional Mondays in school holidays), which have been hugely successful.

Sunday Discoverers (1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:30am) has continued to grow and Mums and Tots has been re-launched as Teddytots for under 5s and those who look after them (1st Thursday 9:30am at Trinity Hall, Colemans Hatch and 3rd Thursday 9:15 at the Pavilion, Hartfield).

For information about any of these activities, please get in touch with me on 07777 630249 or katrina.thomas@outlook.com Katrina Thomas- Children and Family Worker, St Mary's Church Hartfield.



Hype is our Youth Club for Years 7 & 8. We now run every week on Mondays. If you don't know anyone in the area or love having fun and playing games this is the place to come. With over 15 young people attending, we have Pool, Football, Music, Crafts, Tuck and more. What more could you possibly want? (You may find you already know someone here) 6:15 - 7:25 at Hartfield Village Hall. £2 entry, 50p for tuck 😊



Pulse is a new Youth Club which started in September. This was partly due to a group of young people called Youth Voice asking for somewhere to go and chill. So, this is what they got. Pulse has everything that Hype has but more. Unlimited tuck, pot noodles, fizzy drinks, Wi-Fi etc. Pulse is for Years 9,10,&11+. This is also one not to miss. 7:35 – 8:45 at Hartfield Village Hall. £2 entry and money for tuck 😊

We also run Hot Potato Night's where we talk about big topics like homelessness, drugs and alcohol, what's cool? And more. These are held in the Church. We have Summer Specials every week, Sumo wrestling, waterslide, swimming and more. As you can see the fun never stops. Please feel free to contact Lee Buck on 07453511181 or Leebuck6126@hotmail.co.uk for more information or for further dates 😊

Hartfield Fun Run 2017

Sunday 2 April 2017, from 10.30 am

www.Hartfieldonline.com click Fun Run or TEXT Eddie 07880 518059

Something for everyone so bring the whole family!



Dog Mess

As a mother of two young boys I would respectfully request that dog owners pick up your dog poo when out walking. The Village has recently seen an increase in dog owners failing to pick up after their dogs and thus making a walk in and around the Village with small children very unpleasant. A dog bin is provided by the entrance to the Croft, please use it and respect and love this Village. Thank you. Councillor Anita Emery

Our Parish Clerk and Councillors are here to help – Do contact us!

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Other Useful Numbers

POLICE [Contact us online](#) or call 101 when it's less urgent than 999 for Police, Fire or Ambulance.

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For grass or highway issues please contact East Sussex County Council on Phone: 0345 60 80 193 or Email:

customer@eastsussexhighways.com

Important Dates for the diary:

Annual Parish Meeting 7:30pm 3rd April 2017 Village Hall

Parish Council and Committee meetings for 2017 will be on the website and notice boards.

The Parish Council offices will be closed from 20th December and reopen on 4th January.