



HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter – Easter 2016

Parish Council Review and Plans for 2016.

In December, the Parish Council began planning the finances for the year, finalising the budget in the March meeting. The new financial year begins in April 2016. The precept, the part of the council tax bill the Parish Council receives, has been increased by 4%. The Parish Council will also be supporting the Church and Youth Group to provide a part time youth worker from September 2016. This is of course in addition to all its' usual local government duties and maintenance of the Parish buildings and assets.

The Annual Meeting is on the 18th April 2016 in the Village Hall from 7:30pm and is open to all parishioners for questions and to find out more about local community groups who will be available. Please come along, everyone is welcome.

The grant scheme is open for local groups and application forms are available from the Parish Council website. In 2015/16 almost £5000 has been spent on local groups as diverse as Coleman's Hatch Bowling Club, the First Hartfield Scout Group, the Weald Link bus service and Wealden Citizen's Advice Bureau. All of the groups aided by the Parish Council benefit our parishioners.

Jo Edwarde's resignation leaves a Parish Councillor vacancy. Why not consider joining this team of committed people who work as volunteers in the interests of the community. John Smith has covered the duties of Chair since Jo's departure as he is vice chair. Elections for Chair and other positions will take place at the Parish Council meeting in May.

For more information contact Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council

SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN HARTFIELD AND COLEMAN'S HATCH



A new leaflet is available, particularly aimed at older people and those living alone, listing all the opportunities that exist in the parish for people to get together as a community, as well as the help that is available for those needing a bit of support.

Regular events include:

- Trinity Café on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month at Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch
- The monthly Hartfield Lunch Club on the 3rd Wednesday in Hartfield Village Hall
- Open House at the Rectory on the 1st Wednesday
- Older and Active Exercise Class, most Wednesdays in the Village Hall at 10:30am

Support includes lifts to surgery and hospital appointments, which can be provided by volunteers through HATCH, the neighbourhood support scheme, and the Wealdlink

Community bus offers door-to-door shopping trips to Crowborough, Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne.



For a copy of the leaflet, or more information about any of the above, ring 01892 770487

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now installed on the front wall of the Village Hall and is ready for use. It is alarmed but this alarm will only sound when the box is opened and could alert help and hopefully prevent vandalism. The Parish Council is providing familiarisation and CPR (resuscitation) training again after two successful sessions in January. The training is due to take place from 7pm on Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 24th August 2016. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the Parish Clerk to book a place.

Hartfield Youth Forum

Hoping for a new Youth Club in September

Top of the list for the newly established Hartfield Youth Forum is a Youth Club for older teens. HYPE, the highly popular club for 12 and 13 year olds, was established by the Church last autumn with voluntary commitment from the youth leaders for a year. Grant funding for Youth Voice (now the Hartfield Youth Forum) was obtained by the Parish Council to develop a platform for young people and their ideas to be represented in the community.



Since November this group have been working on:

- How to make a difference
- Recognising different points of view
- Presenting a case
- Negotiating ideas

Hartfield Youth Forum: Toby, Joe, Harry, Jack, Ella and Anna with Youth Leader Ali behind.

In December the Parish Council and the Church agreed to establish a youth leader to ensure both HYPE and a club for older teens can run from September 2016. The Youth Forum hope to meet with members of Hartfield Parish Council in June to present some of their ideas for the proposed Youth Club.

The Youth Forum will not be meeting in April but hopefully members will be assisting with the Fun Run which is raising funds for the **Hartfield Youth Project**. The next Forum meeting will be on Wednesday 4 May at 7.00pm in the pavilion. All Hartfield young people welcome.

Hartfield Fun Run 2016

Sunday 10 April 2016

Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AD

10k (6 miles) 5.6k (3.5 miles) and 2k (1.2 miles)

Something for everyone. Families, Runners and Walkers. Further information from www.Hartfieldonline.com click Fun Run or TEXT Eddie 07880 518059

Advance registration fees £10, £5, and £2. Walkers £2.50 or £5.00 per family

Sponsored by Central Garage Upper Hartfield Ltd and Hartfield Stores

All proceeds for Hartfield Youth facilities





CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

At a recent Parish Council meeting the topic of “Clean for the Queen” was raised – a campaign to clear up Britain in time for the Queen’s 90th Birthday which will be officially celebrated in June this year.

The Parish Council are delighted to support this event and are planning a “clean up” event on Saturday 4th June from 9am to 12noon.

The plan is to tackle the High Street and to pick up rubbish, sweep pavements, clean signs and generally give our High Street a thorough tidy up.

We would be really grateful if the Hartfield community could help us with this event – and hopefully with lots of volunteers in three hours we can really make a difference.

If you are able to help please email Councillor Barbara Maude on barbaramaude@btinternet.com and we can let you have further details.

If there is support for this initiative then other areas of the village could be tackled at a later date

Cllr Barbara Maude

Neighbourhood Planning

The draft neighbourhood plan has now been independently reviewed and we are working with Wealden District Council regarding the requirements for Strategic Environmental and Habitat Regulations Assessments.

Our near neighbours in East Grinstead have recently published their plan which is worth a look if you want to know more about what is involved.

Planning

The Haywaggon Inn - planning application

Sadly the final verdict of Wealden Planning Committee was 5/4 for allowing the Haywaggon to be turned into a private residence with further development of two more houses on the site.

Thank you to everyone who wrote or signed the petitions for it to be kept as a public house, we all mourn the loss of such an iconic landmark in our village despite the fact that it had been a pub for nearly 500 years. Particularly as there was an interested purchaser at the meeting willing to speak.

The Parish Council has written to WDC about the process at the actual meeting but this is no consolation to the Parish Councillors who gave up time to speak up against the development.

Cllr Anne Higgins Chair of Planning

And finally ...

Countryfile visit the Ashdown Forest

Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison visited the Ashdown Forest at the beginning of March to film an episode of BBC’s Countryfile in celebration of this year’s 90th Birthday of Winnie the Pooh. A few lucky children from the Playschool were asked by the BBC to join Ellie on the Ashdown Forest to listen to a Winnie the Pooh story read by the Playschool Supervisor Debbie Arnett. Afterwards the children joined Matt on the famous Pooh Bridge where they enjoyed several games of Pooh Sticks. All children involved had a fantastic time and hopefully you will also have enjoyed the programme when it was aired on Sunday 20th March. If you missed the programme it can be watched via BBC iplayer.

Cllr Anita Emery

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Tree Wardens- Helen Searle (above)

POLICE - call 101 for non urgent contact, 999 for emergency services, **Police, Fire or Ambulance**

Local Community Support Officer – Sharon Ashwell . 07787 685769

Wealden District Council – 01323 443322, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm Council Office, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX

East Sussex County Council – 0345 60 80 190, County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1U

Important Dates for the diary:

Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2016 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Deadline for Parish Council grants 29th April 2016 (See website for details)

Annual Parish Council Meeting 9th May 2016 7:30pm Goods Yard House

Parish Council Meeting 13th June 2016 7:30pm Goods Yard House

