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**HARTFIELD
PARISH COUNCIL**



Newsletter – Easter 2017

Message from the Chairman

As you may know St Mary's School, Hartfield now has a clothing bank on its site. We would like to ask you if you would donate unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories and BRIC-A-BRAC to raise additional funding for the school and also help the Rocking Horse Children's Charity.

Rockinghorse raises money for life-saving and cutting-edge medical equipment, while ensuring that children are treated in an environment better suited to their needs. They also support the Trevor Mann Baby Unit (TMBU) based at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and its sister site, the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.

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Welcome to our spring newsletter. You will see from the later pages of this update that the sale of the Anchor features heavily in this issue. As your parish council, we are supportive of all our local businesses, but it is important to remember that it is up to us, as individual parishioners, to support these enterprises so that they are able to flourish.

I would like to draw people's attention to two upcoming events. Firstly, we have our Annual Parish Meeting on the 3rd April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. A wonderful opportunity for us all to meet, both as individuals and local groups, to discuss various topics concerning the Parish. We are also fortunate to have Doug Moss (Wealden District Council Planning) and Chris Hardy (our local District Councillor, and Chair of Wealden DC) attending the meeting. Doug will give some thoughts on planning in Wealden and be available for questions. Refreshments will be available and everybody is welcome, we really look forward to seeing you.

Secondly, the 2017 Holy Oak service will be held on Sunday, 21st May at 4pm and will be taken by Rev. Julie Sear. This open air church service is very special. The service is held each May in Chuck Hatch, outside on the road at the junction of Chuck Hatch Lane & Marsh Green Lane, under the Holy Oak. It is a splendid manner in which to welcome spring. All are welcome, on two feet or four. Inquiries about this year's service can be directed to Mrs. Rosemary Marshall on 01892770282. Mrs. Marshall is the devoted patron who ensures that this tradition continues. The history of this service can be found on the Hartfield Parish Council website in the "Your Community" section under Holy Oak.

I would like to note and thank the Hartfield Fete committee for their donation of a new bench, which is now in place and ready for use on the Croft. And for your diaries, the Hartfield Fete will be held on 2nd September. It seems sometime ago now, but I also wanted to thank Sue Rowland for the donation of the Hartfield Christmas tree.

Other dates for the diary include Coleman's Hatch Vintage Fete to be held at Trinity Hall on the 6th of May with a wide variety of stalls and attractions including, Collectables, Bric a Brac, Books, Tombola, Plants, Clothes, Linens, Gifts, Toys with great teas and live music. Also, the Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society Summer Show will be held on Saturday the 29th of July.

Finally, I would like to welcome our two new councillors, Jo Sanders and Robin Best who joined the Council in December.

Giles Horner – Chair Hartfield Parish Council

Grants

The deadline for Parish Council grants is 30th April 2016. Please see the website for application forms and for further information.

Defibrillator

Please register interest for a summer training session on how to use the defibrillator and basic first aid – contact the Clerk.

The Anchor Hartfield

Apart from its primary function as a public house to supply drinks, good cooking and a place to stay, *The Anchor* is also a hub of all manner of village activities, offering musical and poetry evenings as well as providing a venue for local clubs to meet. In addition to which, due to its connection with Winnie the Pooh, the village of Hartfield is a major focus for tourism attracting visitors from all over the world throughout the year, many of whom enjoy the pub.

A Brief History of the Anchor

The inn now known as *The Anchor* was built in the year 1465. *The Anchor* appears on a map of 1598 when it was referred to as *Broome Place*, being the manor house of Broome and likely dates from the 15th century. Broome Manor was purchased around 1584 by Sir Thomas Sackville.

By the late 18th century and certainly by 1777, the manor had declined and had become a poorhouse or workhouse. A reference to a workhouse appears in the 1821 census that lists 54 inmates. In 1834 the poorhouse became part of the East Grinstead Union incorporating the parishes of East Grinstead, West Hoathly, Worth, Crawley, Hartfield, Withyham and Lingfield.

By the 1851 census, the inmates' occupations are listed as scholars, presupposing that the workhouse had become a school. By 1861, however, the workhouse was already being run down and in this year was purchased by one William Garret for the purpose of selling beer, although in the 1891 census it was still referred to as *The Old Workhouse*. The name *Anchor Inn* first appears on a public document in 1891 by which time Mary Garrett, was the landlady. Since 1982 *The Anchor* has been owned by Ken Thompson and his family.

Hartfield Fun Run

Sunday 2nd April 2017 -

See website for details.



Parish Council Statement on the Anchor Pub

In light of The Anchor Pub being placed on the market for sale, the Hartfield Parish Council (HPC) felt that it would be timely and appropriate to set out its views on a potential sale. The HPC unanimously supports The Anchor remaining as a pub to serve the local community and would strenuously oppose any application which sought to ultimately develop the site into residential property.

Following the sale and conversion of The Haywaggon, the HPC under the Localism Act 2011 exercised a right to register The Anchor as a community asset. This gives a community the right to bid for an asset when it is placed on the open market - it does not give a community the right to buy the asset, just the opportunity to put together a bid to attempt to buy the asset.

As such an interim moratorium period (i.e. a temporary standstill of any activity) of 6 weeks has been triggered within which time a community group can indicate if it wants to be treated as a potential bidder. The interim period expires on 28th March 2017. At the end of the moratorium, there is no requirement for the seller to accept a bid from a community group. They are free to sell to whomsoever they choose.

Whilst the Parish Council wish for The Anchor to remain a pub, the HPC at its most recent meeting concluded that it could not singularly express an intent to bid. The HPC however were keen to facilitate and encourage any discussions between parishioners who were willing and able to significantly contribute towards a bid to retain The Anchor as an integral part of our community. As such, emails were sent to everyone on our database and notices placed on our website and Facebook pages advising them of recent developments. At the time of going to print no viable propositions have been received to make a local community bid possible within the time frame.

Village Clean Up

A very BIG THANK YOU to everyone that gave up their time on the morning of Saturday 4th March to help with the Village Spring Clean. We were a small band of volunteers and decided that as such we would just focus on a few key areas. We litter picked the village, cleared areas of pavement and one of the pinch points, cut back brambles on the path way towards the Playschool and cleaned all the road signs. Special thanks go to Nancy Holmes, Caroline Tully, Mike Brunson and Liz Colenutt for their help and to my fellow Councillors, Giles Horner, Mike Colenutt, Robin Best



and Francis Whetstone. Whilst we were delighted with the words of encouragement we received on the day it would be even better if we could get more parishioners to volunteer so that we can make a bigger impact on the appearance of the village. The Parish Council are keen to support this initiative and we will be looking to hold another similar event in the summer, so please keep a look out for notices around the village and on our website for further details. Cllr Barbara Maude

The Green/Croft/Churchyard and Dog Walkers

The Buckhurst Estate have kindly agreed to maintain the asphalt path that crosses The Village Green as it has become narrow in places and overgrown with grass. They have also advised that cows will be returning. However, dog faeces are a serious threat to the cows and other animals as it causes Neosporosis, for which there is no cure. HPC has agreed to install "Poo Bag Dispensers" at either end of the path so there is absolutely no excuse for those owners not to clear up the mess should their dogs foul the village green. We are also planning further dispensers on The Croft.

Dog fouling has become a problem in a number of other areas, the Churchyard, The Croft and even the school. Recently, a football match on The Croft had to be stopped on three occasions to remove dog poo from the playing field. Around the school, children have inadvertently stepped in and then "distributed" it around the school premises. Young children, in particular, are at risk of associated diseases due to their weaker immune systems.

Please can we ask owners to pick up after their dogs and for parishioners to help remind owners - generally our dog owners are diligent in clearing up after their pets but, as always, there is a minority that are causing problems, danger to children and resentment.

The District Council has the ability to fine owners and to name and shame them publicly, but we would much prefer that we all respect our environment and for dog owners to be responsible. We will all benefit from a cleaner and safer environment. Why not keep a supply of "poo bags" with your dog's leads, so it is easy to remember to carry them and then..... "Scoop the Poop".

Gatwick Report from Mike Colenutt

Parishes affected by Gatwick (LGW) were invited to visit the airport. Two councillors from Hartfield went and this is a brief report of their findings. The airport handles 260,000 air traffic movements (ATMS) per annum and, at peak, 950 per day. It handles more ATMS than some airports that have 2 runways. LGW has 42 million passengers each year and its aim is to become the UK's most sustainable airport. They wish to engage with local communities with charitable giving and sponsorship. LGW has always been a 24 hour operation and the number of night flights has to be reported to the Department of Transport, with around 11,200 in summer and 3,250 in winter. The Noise Management Board was established in 2016 and, following a review, a number of changes have been made. Changes include the "Continuous Descent Arrivals" which keeps aircraft at a higher altitude for longer; altered the joining point of arriving aircraft to the "Instrument Landing System" so they land more evenly; introduced technology to enable stacking of aircraft over the sea rather than land; and they have issued a noise information booklet for estate agents and the public. You may also be interested to know that there are moves to reduce the A320 series aircraft engine whine and modify older aircraft. Higher landing charges apply for aircraft not modified.