

NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2010 - Volume 2 Issue 5



HARTFIELD
PARISH
COUNCIL



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are at the end of another busy but fulfilling year. This issue of the newsletter has important information to share with you. Before I go into the detail I, along with my fellow Councillors, would like to wish each and every one of you a very *"Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year"*.

PARISH CLERK

Regrettably Mrs Deborah Little, who has been our clerk for four years, resigned in October, we wish her and her family much happiness in their new home and thank her for her support and diligent work for our parish. We advertised the post of clerk and had an initial response from 31 applicants, 13 of whom returned their CVs; all very able and varied candidates. A Parish Council interview panel, along with Mr Trevor Leggo, Director of the Sussex Association of Local Councils, interviewed four candidates and our final choice was Mrs Emma Fulham of Cat Street, Upper Hartfield. I welcome Emma and wish her the very best in this role. The Parish Clerk's email address will remain the same but the new telephone number will be published as soon as possible. Mrs. Little will be staying on to do the hand over period.

THE COALYARD & ENGINE SHED



for the engine shed to a parish office and photographs and displayed. The upper



Our architect has now completed the necessary drawings and specifications will soon go out to selected contractors we feel are suitable to carry out the conversion of this fine old building; a rare piece of industrial heritage in Hartfield.

If you have visited or driven past the old coalyard in recent days, I am sure you will have been surprised to see how rapidly the nine affordable houses are being erected. The car park has been completed, providing many more spaces for parents who drive to the playschool and users of the Forest Way, easing some congestion on the High Street. I have had many very positive

comments from mothers with children at the playschool. The next phase in the car park will be the planting of suitable shrubs and trees. The plan remains the same, the lower half will be converted meeting room, where we hope historical items, documents of the village may also be stored and half will be converted into two one bedroom flats.

2011 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

May 5th 2011 marks the end of the current term of office for the Parish Council. The present councillors will stand down and some will put themselves up for re-election. There will be vacancies for new councillors. If you feel that you would like to get more involved with your community, help make decisions on local issues and the structure of the parish or care for the environment, then please consider putting your name forward. You must be over eighteen and live in the parish. More details will be available well before the election.



John Chalke - Chair Hartfield Parish Council

FASTER BROADBAND FOR HARTFIELD?



Faster 40Mbps broadband is being rolled out around the country, but rural areas may be amongst the last to benefit. BT has launched "The Race to Infinity" - a competition offering rural communities the chance to be upgraded early if enough people register their interest. If BT upgrades the exchanges and the infrastructure, then users of other suppliers' internet services can also benefit. If you want a

chance of faster broadband in Hartfield please go to www.racetoinfinity.bt.com for more info and to register your vote. You will be invited to enter your name and postcode to identify the exchange you are on. The more votes that are lodged, the more chance we have of being chosen.

2011 NATIONAL CENSUS "Help tomorrow take shape"

On 27TH March 2011, all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. Since 1801 a day has been chosen every ten years for this purpose. The census provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organizations to identify need for housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.



The census statistics also feed into the allocation of funding for local authorities and plays a major part in identifying need for local services in communities, so it is crucial the population estimate is as accurate as possible. When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognize it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code will be on the front of the questionnaire. More information about the 2011 Census can be found at: www.census.gov.uk - There are jobs available go to www.censusjobs.co.uk to learn more.

RIGHTS OF WAY

Pooh Bridge path. The diversion order for the new path from Marsh Green was published for the period of public consultation. Hartfield Parish Council supported the proposal and there are no outstanding objection which means the project now enters the next phase. This involves arranging more legal notices in the press and on-site, and there then follows a period of 6 weeks during which objections can be made on the grounds of incorrect legal procedure having been followed. In the meantime, plans are being prepared for the construction of the new car park and additional new paths which are connected to the diversion.



Let's hope the spring sees the new route being enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Lamberts Negotiations are in progress to make the Lamberts permissive bridleway a permanent right of way for riders and walkers. Hopefully there will be good news in our next newsletter.

Thanks. A huge thank you to all those who join the monthly meeting of the working party which strives to keep the footpaths and bridleways accessible and well signed. If anyone else is interested in joining us we would *love* to hear from you.

Jo Edwarde - Chair Rights of Way - 01892 770201

TOWN CROFT & PARISH ASSETS - Work continues on the pavilion with the new disabled facilities and security system now installed. Broken roof tiles have been replaced and the new kitchen should be completed before Christmas. All sports clubs, cricket, stoolball, football and tennis still seek new members and a new notice board at the entrance to the Town Croft will be erected in due course. The TCPA committee and C&MRA have been working together to try to secure a lottery grant and the chosen design will be on display for community comment at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre **Sunday** 5th December 11-2.30 pm or prior to the PC meeting on Monday 6th December 6.30 onwards. Do come along.



Nancy Holmes - Chair Town Croft & Parish Assets - 01892 770294



HARTFIELD FUN RUN on Sunday 17 April 2011- 10k (6 miles) and 2k (1.2miles)
Refreshments, Barbecue, Bar – A fun family day out. All proceeds to the Hartfield Sports Pavilion Renovation Fund. Further details/application form: www.hartfieldonline.com (click Fun Run) or www.sussexraces.co.uk or phone: **Eddie – 01892 770201**

SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM The village won high silver gilt again in the summer judging but in order to achieve the coveted GOLD it is vital to emulate the success of other winners by forming a “committee” of dedicated helpers from the community. The judges noted all the efforts we made last year and commended us on how spotlessly clean and litter free the village was. They noted the support of Perryhill and Casablanca nurseries and praised many of the front gardens and beautiful tubs and hanging baskets. They were pleased to see the improvements made by C&MRA and hope next year to meet the teachers and pupils at St. Mary’s. They were impressed with the guides display and appreciated the 100th anniversary colour schemes of the plantings co-ordinated throughout the village. Once again the Playschool Garden, the Memorial Garden and Oaklea were admired. Next year the judges suggested more planting on the new developments and trying to make more wildlife areas. A small reception for helpers and certificate winners was held on Friday 26th November where new recruits offered help for next year. It is the 150th Anniversary of the Hartfield Horticultural Show next year so we could create some opportunities to mark the occasion.



Sheila van Maurik – South East in Bloom Coordinator - 01892 770273

COMMUNITY SNIPPETS –Hartfield is a busy place do look at the Parish notice boards, our Parish Council website, or read the Hartfield & Colemans Hatch Chronicle or local newspaper to keep up to date.



- **Hartfield Horticultural Society**, 2011 will be the 150th Anniversary of its formation.
- **Hartfield Village Fete** profit was slightly down on last year due to the rain, however considering the weather the support from local people was fantastic. Money has been distributed to local groups. Chairman Dr. Peter Furneaux, Val & David Ball, and Diana Whitmore have now stepped down from the committee and we would like to

express our grateful thanks to them and all the rest of the organisers for all the work that went into making the fete such an enjoyable day out as well as giving financial help to community groups.

- **Hartfield Village Hall** raised over £1600 at the recent sell out popular Murder Mystery play & supper.
- **Wealdlink** offer a community door to door bus service 01273 517332. It is reported that plans are in hand to purchase a bus to be kept locally.
- **Claque Theatre.** As covered in our August newsletter, providing there is enough support, Hartfield could be the centre of a community play in 2012 run by this fascinating professional theatre group. It would reflect the history of Hartfield and its characters, its present day activities and encourage the participation of all parishioners. A public meeting will be held in January to gauge support. All Claque plays are professionally written and would be on similar lines to those performed in neighbouring towns and villages such as Withyham, Tunbridge Wells, and the current East Grinstead play “A Matter of Chance” to be shown from next week onwards. For details go to www.claquetheatre.com or contact the Chair of the set up committee, Caroline Tully 01892 770730.



- **The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company.** www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk. For lovers of the Arts – a unique theatre company who are the only performers of “commedia dell’arte” plays using professional London stage actors will be giving an open air performance on the Town Croft for one night only 7th July 2011. Donations will be given to both the community play fund and the pavilion

OLD CROWN FARM – the groundwork surrounding the offices and farm shop has taken longer to complete than anticipated but CLM have moved into the new offices. Tree and hedge planting will commence thereafter. The opening of the farm /coffee shop has been delayed therefore until January. Town & Country Housing are progressing well with the affordable housing and WDC have asked that interested local people who believe they may qualify should contact Hannah Pelling or Louise Featherstone on 01323 443380 ASAP to check if they meet the local connection criteria.



GROOMBRIDGE AND HARTFIELD SURGERY www.groombridgeandhartfieldmedicalgroup.co.uk

Please note both surgeries will close at 12 Noon on Wed. 15th December 2010 for staff training. The dispensary will be very busy at this time of year so please allow plenty of time for prescriptions to be processed. Planning permission has been received to extend the car park.

 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR Hartfield	 OPENING HOURS FOR THE SURGERY Groombridge	
Close Friday 24 th December	1.00 pm	Close Friday 24 th December
Reopen Wednesday 29 th December	8.30 am	Re-open Wednesday 29 th December
Close Friday 31 st December	1.00 pm	Close Friday 31 st December
Reopen Tuesday 4 th January 2011	8.30 am	Reopen Tuesday 4 th January 2011
		12.30 pm
		8.30 am
		12.30 pm
		8.30 am

1. People in East Sussex urged to use full range of NHS services

Our Doctors report that all Practices within our area have been asked to look at the provision of minor injuries services as a way to reduce pressure on Accident and Emergency Services. Some minor injuries can be dealt with in the surgery between 08.30 and 18.00. These would include uncomplicated head injuries; wounds that might need dressing, steri-strips or sutures; simple burns and scalds; and falls with low likelihood of fractures. Outside of these hours and when you feel it is appropriate the minor injuries unit at Crowborough Hospital is open from 08.00 to 20.00 and there is a minor injuries unit also at the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead.

Remember you can also get expert advice from your local pharmacy. You can go online to www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk or call NHS Direct Tel 0845 4647. NHS Direct is open 24 hours a day and can give you help and advice, as well as opening times for all out-of-hours NHS services and local pharmacies.

2. Groombridge & Hartfield Medical Group - Message from your Doctors - Patient Participation Group

In the New Year we are hoping to set up a Patient Participation Group at Groombridge and Hartfield Medical Group. We feel that a Patient Group would provide us with useful grassroots feedback on the provision of services at the Surgery. It would also be a forum to explore ways of improving the services we offer our patients and of identifying those areas in which our patients already consider us to be performing well. We would envisage having a Group of about 10 patients who would be actively involved in the Group for a year. We hope the Group will reflect our Practice Demographics in terms of age, gender and geographical location. To express an interest in joining the new Patient Participation Group please contact the surgery after 10.00am on 01892 863326 and ask to speak to the Practice Manager Mr. John Wilkin. We will consider all applications made before 31/01/2011.

Council Contacts we are here to help!

Clerk to the Council	Mrs. Emma Fulham	To be advised	parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com
Chairman of the Parish Council	Cllr. John Chalke	01892 770540	johnchalke@gmail.com
Vice Chair Parish Council, Chair of Rights of Way & Playschool Trustees	Cllr. Jo Edwarde	01892 770201	joedwarde@hotmail.com
Chair of Planning	Cllr. Chris Simmons	01342 850837	
Chair of Town Croft & Parish Assets	Cllr. Nancy Holmes	01892 770294	nancyholmes@btopenworld.com
Chair of Environment & Transport	Cllr. Mike Colenutt	01892 770840	mikecolenutt@btinternet.com
	Cllr. Kevin Hawes	01342 825827	kevin_hawes@talktalk.net
	Cllr. Anne Higgins	01892 770312	annehigginshartfield@hotmail.com
	Cllr. George Korbel	01342 822720	gjkorbel@btinternet.com
Tree Warden	Cllr. Clair Park	01892 770326	clairpark@btinternet.com
	Cllr. Tom Mitchell	01892 770227	
	Cllr. Clare Risby	01342 824599	clare.newbridge@dsl.pipex.com
	Cllr. John Smith	01892 770871	smithjohn@aol.com
	Cllr. Sheila Van Maurik	01892 770273	
Wealden District Councillor (Hartfield Ward)	Cllr. Michael Hoy	01892 770166	michael.hoy@wealden.gov.uk
Wealden District Councillor (Holtye Ward)	Cllr. David Jonas	01342 826144	david.jonas@wealden.gov.uk
EAST SUSSEX COUNTY Councillor	Cllr. Francis Whetstone	01892 770304	franciswhetstone@eastsussex.gov.uk

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL 01892 653311

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL 01273 481000

POLICE – Emergencies 999 or 112 PCSO Sharon Dersley 0845 6070999 sharon.dersley@sussexpnn.police.uk

Newsletter Co-ordinator – Cllr. Nancy Holmes © Hartfield Parish Council December 2010

Printed by EMS Limited, Medway House, 18-22, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3BJ 01342 37000

