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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

COMPENSATION FROM KIER

We decided to spend the majority of this grant on our families and young people during the long summer holiday. The Community Bus will provide free transport to Crowborough Leisure Centre once a week for Hartfield residents and transport to the Forest Row Youth Club for our young people. More information is contained elsewhere in the Newsletter. The remainder of the money will enable us to start replacing the plastic bollards on the corner of the Edenbridge Road with the more robust wooden variety to offer better protection to those walking down to the Playschool and in better keeping with the Conservation Area.

ROAD RESURFACING

It has been a long wait but roads in the Parish will be resurfaced as follows –

Jib Jacks Hill – 15th September 2014 the road will be closed for 5 days. Diversion signs will be in place.

Castlefields – 22nd September 2014 for 3 days – no road closure.

Cat Street – 25th September 2014 for 3 days - no road closure.

CYCLING EVENTS

There was much dismay when a cycling group advertised a timed event up Kidd's Hill on a week day in June. This opened up discussion about the increase in such events in the Parish and, while we want to encourage individuals to take exercise and enjoy themselves, better liaison between the cycling groups and the Parish Council would be welcomed and we have written to the South East Cycling Group to promote this.

YOUTH HUT

At the July Parish Council meeting it was decided to apply for outline planning permission to replace the existing Youth Hut and then for it to be demolished. It is considered to be beyond economic repair and has not been used for two years. It is ten years since the Youth Club closed. The ultimate future of the site has not yet been decided.

Have a great summer and take time to enjoy our beautiful Parish.

Jo Edwarde

Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council.



WARNING. There is a National campaign led by the water industry to promote responsible disposal of non-biodegradable items. To prevent blockages and help protect the environment, only flush the three P's – pee, poo and paper. Everything else *Bag it and Bin it!* **Wet wipes are the biggest causes of blockages in sewers and at wastewater treatment works.** Even wipes described as "flushable" cause blockages and the biodegradable ones often don't spend enough time in the sewer to decompose properly. The sewerage system in the Village (in particular) struggles to cope with the foreign bodies deposited down the lavatories and ignoring these warnings has caused raw sewage to appear in people's gardens which is extremely unpleasant, unhygienic and expensive to remedy. Southern Water has produced an interesting video showing Air Cadets joining wet wipes together to form a line strong enough to tow an aeroplane. www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGq4QJfWvxY

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING SITE AT FOREST ROW.

Make the most of it as the site remains open seven days a week only until Autumn. As reported earlier following Public Consultation and a strong campaign against closure, ESCC have decided to keep all three sites open part time (Wadhurst, Seaford and Forest Row) In Autumn our local Forest Row tip will only be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday but ESCC have promised to give plenty of warning of the actual date when this change will happen.



HARTFIELD WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

For everyone who has been following the progress of our quest to both clean and bring up to date the Roll of Honour of parishioners, both military and civilian, who gave their lives during both the Great War and W.W.2, the good news is that we have now succeeded and as the picture shows, David Hartfield the engraver from Burslem Stonemasons can be seen performing the final touches to our until now forgotten heroes.

We have to thank the War Memorial Trust for generously donating half the cost of the works and providing us with the know-how as to what extent the cleaning could be done without causing damage to the memorial which is now nearly 100 years old.

The research carried out before the names were approved found fifteen parishioners who finally have been shown the honour they deserve.

In completing this work we have achieved two firsts for the monument. The first civilians who lost their lives have been included and the first woman.

It is only fitting that the works have been completed in this memorable Centenary Year and be in place for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

The next step is to arrange for a Rededication Ceremony of the Memorial and to complete a written roll of honour to be kept for both this and future generations in the Parish, to know our heroes and their histories. This written Roll of Honour will also be supplied to the East & West Sussex County Councils who are combining to prepare an online Honour Roll for all the Parishes in Sussex, which will greatly help families around the world to discover their own family contribution to ensuring our freedom.



FIRST WORLD WAR VIGIL



Westminster Abbey will be holding a Vigil on the night of **Monday August 4th 2014**. Drawing upon Sir Edward Grey's famous remark that *"the lamps are going out all over Europe"* Westminster Abbey will mark the centenary by moving from light into darkness until one candle remains at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, which will be extinguished at 11.00pm to mark the moment of the declaration of war.

The Very Reverend Dr. John Hall, the Dean of Westminster said *"the service will not be a premature marking of armistice but rather a particular commemoration of the centenary of the beginning of the war; remembering the effects of human frailty and failure, as well as the looming violence which characterized so much of that lengthy and devastating conflict."*

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Hartfield's own Vigil will be a special Service in St. Mary's Church Hartfield on **Sunday 3rd August at 6.30pm**. The service will include hymns, readings, poems and prayers with times of silent reflection. At the end of the service we will walk in silence down to the War Memorial, where we will remember those from the whole Parish of Hartfield which includes the outlying hamlets.

If, however any parishioner is unable to attend the Church Service but would like to observe the solemnity of the occasion, they may like to put a lantern or candle outside their house or in the window to be extinguished at 11pm on the 4th August.

OLDER & ACTIVE

Whatever your age it is important to keep moving. Older & Active offers fun movement, exercise and dance sessions for older people and takes place in the village hall at 10:30am on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month (the 3rd Wednesday is the Village Lunch), led by qualified teacher Una Lees Wareham. Suitable for all abilities (activities can be done standing or seated), sessions involve general movement, stretching and joint work. Content is then extended through simple sequences and dances. Using mainly music from the 50s and 60s, the overall aim is fun movement which keeps us healthy in our mature years, while posture, respiration, balance, fall prevention and osteoporosis are also given consideration. Sessions can be adapted according to the needs and interests of the individual so please don't hesitate to enquire. Each session cost £3.50, or you can pay by the term. As at present this does not quite cover the outgoings on teaching fees and hall hire, extra funding has been provided by the Parish Council this year to keep the classes going. More members would be very welcome. Enquiries to Linda Graham, 01892 770487



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

All residents had the opportunity to complete the two questionnaires sent out to determine their views on both housing needs and community facilities in the Parish.

Detailed results are available on a substantially updated Hartfield Future website at www.hartfieldfuture.co.uk but in summary:

- Support was expressed for organic growth of existing businesses using existing or redeveloped commercial or agricultural buildings rather than greenfield sites
- There is no requirement to allocate new land or buildings for community or sporting facilities – our current village hall and other facilities remain popular (although some would like to see more funding for maintenance and further improvements). The Parish Council have already been debating the future of the Youth Hut on the Town Croft.
- The existing boundaries of the Hartfield Conservation Area are still considered appropriate, and some volunteers have put their names forward to help Wealden update the conservation area statement.
- The Housing Needs survey undertaken by Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS), as expected, identified unmet needs for smaller starter homes and for “independent living” retirement, including bungalows, for purchase or to rent.
- In addition, the survey identified from some people an unmet need for affordable housing. As we already have affordable housing to rent in two locations any new build should preferably be on the basis of shared ownership, to provide a “stepping stone” to the purchase of a home also allowing flexibility of movement.
- We anticipate any development being on a relatively small scale, with affordable housing, starter homes, bungalows and houses for those “trading down” to be mixed and scattered in suitable sites around the Parish.
- To minimise the amount of Greenfield land required, there may be scope for encouraging the conversion or subdivision of larger houses or allowing the separate occupation of ancillary or annexe accommodation. Consideration may be given to the conversion of farm buildings as well as potential sites on the fringe of other settlements and infill sites.
- Local residents and site owners are invited to come forward with suggestions for potential sites.

An “Issues and Options” exhibition and consultation will take place on the 15th of September in Hartfield Village Hall at 7.30pm where all attendees will have the chance to help select any final proposals. These will be incorporated into a Neighbourhood Plan that will go to a public referendum in May 2015 which needs to be approved by the majority of the Electorate.



CALLING ALL HARTFIELD YOUTH !WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER?

MONDAYS – Starts Mon 28th July. Free transport provided to Crowborough Leisure Centre. Primary school children must be accompanied by an adult. Bus leaves Castlefields 1.45 pm. returns 4.30 pm. approx. Entry fees to the Leisure Centre not included. To book places on the bus phone Wealdlink 01892 771332

TUESDAYS - Forest Row Youth Club for Teens.

Year 7 up, includes Y6 leavers. Transport will be free during school summer holidays. Bus leaves Castlefields 6.10 pm. returns 8.45 pm. approx. To book places on the bus phone Wealdlink - 01892 771332

FRIDAYS in August – Activities on the Croft 1-3pm and join in or just hang out – it's FREE. Meet the plenty of energy and ideas to discuss with you.

1st August 2014- FREE BBQ

Year 7 up (includes Y6 leavers). From 12.30 pm. what you would like for the other Friday sessions in



Year 7 up, includes Y6 leavers. Come experienced Youth Workers who have

Come and talk to the Youth Workers about August.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A MEETING PLACE IN THE HOLIDAYS. IF IT WORKS OUT WELL WE MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO OFFER MORE SERVICES IN THE FUTURE. REMEMBER YOU MUST USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!

- Summer Youth Services are sponsored by Hartfield Parish Council

HAVE YOUR SAY ON SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES

Many rural bus services rely upon support from the County Council as they do not provide sufficient income from fares to make them commercially viable. As just one example, a year ago the Wealdlink Community Bus (based in Hartfield) took over the contract for the operation of the Crowborough Town Service using a minibus when the previous operator withdrew because of low passenger numbers.



Now the Council is looking at all supported bus services with a view to making savings of £1.79m per annum and is consulting on proposed cutbacks on many services. The Metrobus 291 service between Crawley and Tunbridge Wells via Hartfield is not affected, but the following routes could be:

261: Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Ashdown Forest-Hartfield-East Grinstead (operated by Compass Travel). At off-peak times to be reduced from a six-day-a-week two hourly service to two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays).
226: Town Row-Crowborough (Town Service - operated by Wealdlink). To be reduced from operating four journeys on six days a week (Monday-Saturday) to two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday).

The latter could have an effect on the Wealdlink Community Bus services that are increasingly used by Hartfield residents of all ages. Although the cost of operating the door-to-door shopping service is mainly covered by fares, and by contributions from parish and district councils, Wealdlink has become reliant upon council contract work to provide a stable income which funds office and staff costs. Having already lost a contract providing transport to dementia day-care because of the closure of Hookstead, and now facing a reduction in the operation of the Crowborough Town Service by two-thirds, the whole operation could be put at risk unless alternative work or grant funding can be found.

HOW YOU CAN HELP Pick up a consultation response booklet from an East Sussex library, obtain one from Wealdlink (01892 771332), or visit the Council's website. Comment on the plan (Q1) and on the proposals for the supported bus network (Q2), pointing out that that the proposed cuts would have a far greater effect than implied in the booklet, even on those who do not currently use the services due for reduction, because of the knock-on effect on other services such as door-to-door shopping services.



Community News

See separate leaflet. Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs in the envelope provided. Enter the Horticultural Show, schedules are in the Village Stores. Buy your tickets for the Family Barn Dance in the evening available from many venues in Hartfield as well as St. Mary's Church. All profits distributed locally.



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

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