



# NEWSLETTER

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*Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year*



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Parish Council, on behalf of all the parishioners, welcomes the Reverend Julie Sear as the new Rector of Hartfield with Coleman's Hatch. We hope she and her family will be very happy as members of our community and that she will feel fulfilled in the role she has undertaken.

While the Reverend Sear will see to the spiritual needs of parishioners, we also welcome Mr Sandeelpaul Grewal who has taken over the lease of Hartfield Stores so is more focused on our physical needs! The shop will be managed by Nil who also oversees shops in Tonbridge and Bolton. You will be pleased to hear that all the familiar friendly faces behind the counter will still be there to welcome you.

Once again, thanks are due to Perryhill Nurseries who have donated plants for the winter display in the High Street. Let's hope the winter weather is kinder than last year!

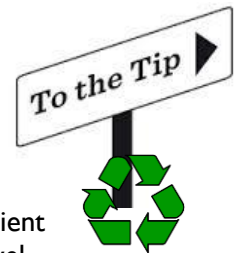
Finally, congratulations to Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, on the consecration centenary celebrated on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Just imagine how things have changed since the first foundation stones were laid.

Enjoy the rest of this newsletter which is full of local news and events. Have a really great Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Jo Edwarde**

## **FOREST ROW AMENITY TIP POTENTIAL CLOSURE!**

East Sussex County Council are considering closing the centre as part of economies to help keep within their budget. The Forest Row centre is a very popular well run amenity also offering a re-use facility of goods which reduces landfill. Current opening hours are very convenient Mon to Sat 8am to – 4pm & Sun 9am to 4pm. If the site closes it would force parishioners to travel longer distances to Crowborough or East Grinstead thus increasing traffic congestion and carbon emissions risking and almost certainly encouraging, an increase in illegal fly tipping in the AONB. The Forest Row District Councillor, Rowena Moore is strongly against closure as is Cllr. Francis Whetstone our East Sussex representative. There are two documents on East Sussex Website, one a consultation document which closes on the 10<sup>th</sup> December - <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/east-sussex-waste-strategy-review> and the other an online petition against closure. Please sign either or ideally both if you are against closure of this useful amenity. [http://epetition.eastsussex.public-i.tv/epetition\\_core/view/forestrowtipclosure](http://epetition.eastsussex.public-i.tv/epetition_core/view/forestrowtipclosure)



## **YOUTH CLUB – WEALDLINK COMMUNITY BUS-**

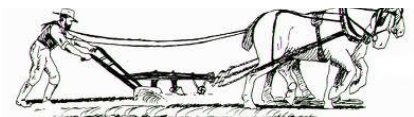
**Spread the word - keep using it or you might lose it!**

The Parish Council has supported regular trips on the Wealdlink Bus for young people 12-18 wanting to attend the Forest Row Youth Club held at "The Venu" on a Thursday evening starting from the Anchor Inn at 6.10pm returning around 9pm. It has been increasingly popular but the numbers need to remain high to make it a viable ongoing service. Find out more about possible collection/delivery etc. from Parish Clerk Emma Fulham on 01342 822404 or Linda Graham via Wealdlink 01892 770487  
**Nancy Holmes 01892 770294**



## **HARTFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY**

Chris Sugg, a keen historian who has recently joined the committee, would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be kept reminded of events and speakers by email. Meetings are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 8pm with interesting local outings planned for the summer months. There is no meeting in December but a social event with entertainment will be held in the back bar of the Anchor Inn on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Contact Chris by email [chris.sugg@hartfieldhistory.org.uk](mailto:chris.sugg@hartfieldhistory.org.uk).  
Mike Parcell 01892 770764 continues to meticulously maintain our historical records researching many queries  
Mary Lewis remains the Secretary 01892 770409 and Jim Lusted the Chair 01892 770396



## **SHED ALARMS IN HARTFIELD**



Due to continued reports of break-ins to sheds and outbuildings in the Hartfield area and the fact that non-dwelling burglary is a policing priority here, local volunteers will visit every property in the area and fit an alarm where appropriate. A basic security check has been completed for all volunteers.



The alarms have been funded by the Joint Action Group and are available free of charge. They are a short term solution to assist in protecting any property stored inside. The battery's lifespan is dependent on the amount of activations and weather conditions. Average lifespan is around 6 months to 1 year. These alarms are designed to deter thieves from entering your shed. Do not rely on them solely to protect your property. Sussex Police will not be liable for any break-ins or loss of property from sheds where an alarm has been fitted. If you hear an alarm sounding and believe a crime is being committed report this by calling 999. Call 101 to report anything non urgent. If you would like to discuss this project please contact PCSO Sharon Dersley on 07787 685769  
NB The police reference for this project is 1299 of 26.11.2013

**Hartfield  
Future**

Neighbourhood Plan  
and Community Plan

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEWSLETTER UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2013**

A steering group has met to start preparing a Neighbourhood Plan that will have legal status if approved by a majority at a public referendum. We hope this can coincide with the elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 so there is a lot of work to do before then. Find out more on our newly updated Hartfield Future website at [www.hartfieldfuture.co.uk](http://www.hartfieldfuture.co.uk).

Responses to our questionnaire indicate a housing need in the parish for (a) those looking to “downsize” on retirement (which should ideally be sited in the village close to existing facilities) and (b) first time buyers seeking a “starter home” at an affordable price (which could be elsewhere in the parish but should preferably have easy access to public transport).

Responses on business and employment were less clear, so a public meeting will be held in January to discuss how the Neighbourhood Plan might support local employment. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Although few were in favour of a Design Guide for new buildings in the parish, respondents were keen to protect our Conservation Area. If anyone wishes to be involved in producing an updated Hartfield Conservation Area Statement and Guidance, please let us know.

Next steps:

20<sup>th</sup> January 2014: Meeting to discuss Business and Employment, 7:30 p.m. Goods Yard House

10<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Public consultation in Hartfield Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. to review potential needs for development and to start defining specific proposals.

June 2014: Public consultation on overall policies and specific proposals

If you'd like to hear about steering group meetings please let the Clerk have your email address. In the meantime we are keen to hear any suggestions from parishioners or landowners about where any potential development could be located.

## **Kevin Hawes – Chair Neighbourhood Planning**



### **BRRRH....WINTER IS- A- COMING!**

The Parish Council is finalising its own emergency plan and is grateful for the helpful information recently provided by Parishioners. We hope we will escape lightly and avoid tiresome power cuts this winter should we have to endure adverse weather conditions again, however advance preparation can make life more comfortable in the event of electricity cuts, heavy snow etc. It is all common sense really but we can get caught out by not stocking up on useful items in good time such as \*Torches – (candles are popular but remember many fires are caused by leaving them unattended) \* keep a stock of batteries \* have a battery operated radio \* Have at least one fixed corded telephone in the house \*Keep your mobile phone fully charged \* Stock up on non-perishable foods \* Keep your car topped up with petrol as local garages can run out of fuel in snowy conditions. \*For residents who rely on well water, filling containers or a bath with water if severe weather warnings are forecast, is suggested. \* Stock up on grit or salt substitute to keep paths ice free. If you are using a generator or space heater follow the manufacturer's instructions and be sure to locate it in well-ventilated areas.



Look out for your neighbours. People with special needs, such as those who may be elderly, handicapped or dependent on electricity for medical equipment, they should have alternate arrangements in place should they experience an extended power outage.



## **DIARY DATES - HARTFIELD ARTS & THEATRE SOCIETY**

7<sup>th</sup> December 10am St Mary's Church Hartfield Steel Pan Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am St. Mary's Church Steel Pan Caribbean Carol Service

20<sup>th</sup> December together with the Church, 7pm live Nativity. Meet at the Haywaggon

Car Park, progress round the village in a lantern parade following the star to seek the birthplace of "Baby Jesus" in a manger in a Stable. Do come and take part in re-enacting the magical Christmas story.

**Please contact Genevieve 01892 771472 Caroline 01892 770730 or Victoria 01892 770589**

**2014 - 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Village Hall – visiting theatre Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

1<sup>st</sup> June - National Big Lunch Day. Cookery author Mary Gwynn who lives in Hartfield, has kindly offered to help.

20<sup>th</sup> July - The popular Rude Mechanicals return to the Town Croft

## **DOG CONTROL ORDER – On the spot fines.**

We are pleased to report that after extensive consultation, plans to introduce a Dog Control Order across Wealden district were approved unanimously by the full Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> November. It will apply to highways, footpaths, verges and twittens within Wealden District Council as well as pedestrian areas, public parks and sports grounds, cemeteries, beaches and car parks. Nearly 1,200 residents took part in the consultation. An overwhelming 94 per cent were in favour of Council Officials and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) being able to issue £75 spot fines when they see a dog owner failing to clear up after their pet in public places. Cabinet Member Cllr. Rowena Moore thanked everyone who took part in the survey and said "It is only a small proportion of dog owners who are being irresponsible. We need to change this culture. The vast majority of dog owners do clear up after their pets. Parishes will need to work with Wealden to put signs up in any problem areas reminding people not to let their dogs foul else there will be an on the spot fine, and then we need to get one of the Street Scene officers or PCSOs to that area from time to time".



## **RIGHTS OF WAY**



After a year in the post of Chair of the Rights of Way Committee, Cllr Laura Hatch resigned owing to increased family commitments. Over her year in office she completed a considerable amount of work which has been very much appreciated. Cllr Jo Edwarde resumed chairmanship in June. The committee meets twice a year in June and December and is open to all parishioners who have an interest in matters which affect the large network of footpaths and bridleways throughout the parish.

Once a month the Rights of Way Working Party walks a section of paths making sure they are clear and accessible to walkers. Over the year we aim to cover most of the 47 miles of the network in our parish. In November we walked the paths behind the Croft and cleared branches from the bridleway near Chartners' Farm which had fallen in the recent high winds.

Being a member of the Rights of Way group is not only interesting but also provides an opportunity to get to know the countryside away from the traffic and noise. If anyone is interested in joining either the committee or the working party, or both, please get in touch with the clerk, Emma Fullham (01342 822404 – answerphone, or 01892 771140 – Goods Yard House on Mondays).



We would like to thank all helpers who worked so tirelessly to make the 2013 fete a success. We have had lots of very positive feedback from those who attended, saying it was a most enjoyable day out, a really traditional village fete. Whilst numbers attending were down on last year due to a dismal

weather forecast, the rain held off and we still made a healthy profit, delivering a fund of £4,000 for distribution within the village organisations. We do of course need to keep money back towards setting up next year's fete.

**On the 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm** we will hold our final meeting in the back bar of the Anchor and discuss the distribution of the proceeds of this year's fete to those organisations who applied. It will be followed by our AGM to elect a new committee for 2014. Whilst we invite representatives from all the Parish local groups to join, we also encourage 8 individuals to put their name forward too. Please come along, celebrate the success of 2013 and put forward your ideas for making next year's fete even bigger and better. Should we for instance have another barn dance or make a change to a different type of evening entertainment for next year? This will be your chance to have your say. Even if you don't want to join the committee there are many jobs that need commitment before and on the actual day. "Every little helps" as the saying goes!

**We need new blood and some younger members of the committee as well if we are to keep the wonderful tradition of our village fete alive.** Should you need more information, perhaps are interested in helping but cannot make the meeting then please contact **Jim Lusted - Telephone 01892 770396 or Pauline Burnett Dick - Telephone 01892 770088**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 2014 FETE TOWN CROFT 12 NOON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**



## THE TOWN CROFT

New signage will be erected shortly displaying the local historical name of our well-loved recreation ground as well as a board listing our Sports Clubs.

## WAR MEMORIAL

You may have noticed that Burslem the stonemasons, have started cleaning the war memorial ready to inscribe the eight missing names. A big thank you is due to Cllr Dan Maher for his persistence in bringing this project to fruition and also to James Castle who assisted with the research. Dan has unfortunately been unwell recently and we have missed him at Council Meetings. We all send our very best wishes and look forward to having him back in the New Year when he is fully fit again.



- **HARTFIELD FUN RUN SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014** Town Croft, Hartfield, 10k (6 miles) 5.6k (3.5 miles) and 2k (1.2 miles)

Something for everyone. Families, Runners and Walkers.

Further information [www.hartfieldonline.com](http://www.hartfieldonline.com) click "Fun Run" or phone Eddie – 01892 770201



- **HARTFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

We desperately need new committee members to keep your hall running. Why not come along to the next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> January at the hall at 7.30 pm. you would be most welcome.

**BAGS TO THE FUTURE.** next collection 27<sup>th</sup> April raising money for your hall.

- **LUNCH CLUB** A great Christmas lunch with good company for just £4! Delicious puddings to die for! (not literally) 11<sup>th</sup> December 12 Noon – call Linda to book 01892 770487



## Contacts for our Parish Clerk and Councillors – We are all here to help!

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#### Other Useful Numbers

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