



# HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our spring newsletter. I am hoping that the weather has finally taken a warmer turn after the recent cold and wet spells. I would like to draw people's attention to two upcoming events. Firstly, we have our Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th April in Hartfield Village Hall at 7.30pm. It's a great opportunity for us all to meet, both as individuals and local groups, and to discuss various topics concerning the Parish. We are grateful that James Adler, Chief Executive of the Ashdown Forest, and Matt Dowd our local PCSO, will be in attendance to give updates and answer any questions. Refreshments will be available, and everyone is welcome. I look forward to seeing you.

Secondly, the **District and Parish Council elections** will be held on the **4th May 2023**. If you are interested in standing, please contact me or the Parish Clerk if you wish to discuss what is involved in this commitment, including the rules for who is eligible to apply to become a Councillor and the details of how to apply. The deadline for applications is 4pm on the 4th April. For the first time this year you will need to provide photographic proof of identity when you go to cast your vote in the ballot box. Hartfield needs you! We live in a wonderful community with a large range of activities and services run solely on the efforts of volunteers, but that volunteer pool needs help. Please think about giving some of your time back to our community.

**Cllr Giles Horner Chairman to Hartfield Parish Council**

## CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The coronation ceremony for our new King his Majesty King Charles the third will be taking place on Saturday the 6th of May. Guidelines from the Department for Levelling Up, headed by the Rt. Honourable MP Michael Gove, suggest events across the country run by local organisations should be encouraged, although it is accepted this will not be on the scale of last year's jubilee celebrations by request from the palace, but there will be lots going on! Saturday the 6th will be the actual Coronation Day which will be broadcast live from Westminster Abbey. Sunday the 7th is to be known as the 'big lunch' where local organisations will be encouraged to come together in some form of celebration. The evening will see a concert which will be broadcast live from Windsor Castle. The bank holiday Monday, the 8th, is to be known as the help-out day. The idea behind this is for people to get involved in things like local litter picking, helping on communal gardens etc. Here in Hartfield Parish, there will also be things happening. In Coleman's Hatch, in co-ordination with the Church, a lunch is taking place. The Gallipot public house will also be putting on events to celebrate and the Anchor public house will be having a hog roast and live music.

If you or your local organisation are interested in putting on an event over this historical weekend please let your local Parish Council know what you are planning in order that the people of Hartfield Parish can be kept up to date with events and we can advertise what is happening in our village.

If you would like further information on getting involved you can go to "The Coronation Big Lunch" website.

**Cllr Colin Burnett-Dick**



Following the snow fall in December that led to many cars and their occupants being stranded in and around the Village, the group updating the Hartfield Emergency Plan met again in the village hall with Paula Jones & Andrew Polley to discuss the response to the snow event before Christmas. Andrew Polley opened up the village hall, and Mike & Liz Colenutt provided refreshments into the early hours of the morning for those who were stranded. It was agreed that social media had been instrumental in raising awareness of the issues but there had been

no formal "invocation" of the emergency plan. Setting up an Emergency WhatsApp group was proposed to resolve this issue. There is still work to be done on the Emergency Plan, especially in respect of the need to engage with residents. If you are interested in helping to develop this plan, particularly if you are a local Farmer or Landowner who may have access to vehicles and equipment that could be utilised in any future weather event, please contact the Parish Clerk. Finally, an updated list of vulnerable people in the Parish has been produced and this will be used to update the latest version of the plan. Please let us know if you would like a friend or relative added to this confidential list. Cllr. Mike Colenutt is the coordinator [mike@hartfieldonline.com](mailto:mike@hartfieldonline.com)

**Cllr Roger Eastwood**



### HARTFIELD VILLAGE FETE

The AGM was held on the 21st of February. Although there was a good turnout it was noticeable that some local clubs and organisations were not represented in spite of several reminders.

It had been made very clear in advance that without increased support from the people in the Parish, the future of the village fete was in jeopardy. However, the enthusiasm from those in attendance gave the existing committee enough confidence to stand again and they were duly elected, plus several new committee members.

In 2022 the committee adopted the idea that some stalls should be run by local clubs and organisations and that this would include setting up, running and taking down their own stalls. The benefit was that any money then made by these organisations on their individual stalls would be kept by them rather than applying for a share of the fete profits which were made and subsequently distributed to local good causes. This idea worked extremely well and took a lot of pressure off the organisers of the fete. It was unanimously agreed this system should be adopted again in 2023. Any clubs or organisations who are interested should contact myself if they want to be involved in the 2023 fete. We also hired in marquees and a sound system which also took a lot of pressure off the fete committee, although obviously reduced the overall profitability.

There were some fears that after a gap of three years the fete would not be so well attended but after a slower start than usual the fete was its usual busy and successful occasion, also helped by the guest appearance of Zippy, Sooty and Sweep from children's TV, all kept under control by their puppeteer Ronnie Le Drew.

The bar, as usual, was also a huge success with record sales of Pimms, being the drink of choice. The barbecue was also very busy from the offset.

The fete for 2023 will be held on Saturday 2nd of September. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, please join us for what is always a fun and rewarding day and the highlight of our village calendar. The committee would be very pleased to hear from people willing to volunteer both prior to, on the day, and after the fete.

**Cllr. Colin Burnett-Dick - Chairman Hartfield Village Fete Tel: 01892 770088**

### COLEMAN'S HATCH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - OPEN GARDENS 2023



Following the success of the Open Gardens weekend last year, CHHS will be running this event again on **Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st** - Several beautiful gardens in and around Coleman's Hatch will be open on each of these days between 11am and 5pm.

Tickets cost £5 per person and give access to all the gardens in the event. Children under 16 go free. Buy your tickets on the day at the green by The Hatch Inn and in advance from Trinity Café. Tickets include a location map and a helpful summary of what to look out for in each garden. Refreshments and plant sale available in some gardens. The committee is also looking

for volunteers to help act as Marshalls at the gardens. If you would be willing to help, please contact Steve (Secretary) on 07921136204. Proceeds from the event will go to the charities supported by Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society.

### AUTUMN SHOW 2023

Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society Autumn Show 2023 will be held on **Saturday September 30th**. Get preparing to grow and show your vegetables, flowers and produce. The event will have similar entrance categories as last year. Look out for further details in the coming months and visit

### HONEY RUN - 2023

This year the run will be held on **19th November 2023**. After a gap due to Covid etc. the successful fun run was rebranded as the Honey Run in 2022 with the addition of a half marathon along with the popular fun mile, 5k and 10k events. Organised by Cllrs John Smith and Duncan Gunn along with local runner Kirstie Ashton, who sets the course, it is a non-profit fun event to raise funds for the Parish and to support the work of the Conservators of Ashdown Forest. We urgently need more volunteers to run this event safely, especially marshals to keep people on the right track. (No experience necessary). Please put the morning of the 19th November in your diary and come along to run or to help



and have fun. To find out more about being a volunteer please email [hartfieldhoneyrun@gmail.com](mailto:hartfieldhoneyrun@gmail.com) and if you wish to book a place for the race visit <http://findarace.com/events/the-hartfield-honey-run> as there are discounts for early entries and already lots of the 2022 competitors have signed up for another go! Any local businesses interested in sponsoring the event would be warmly welcomed and to discuss this further please email [john@hartfieldonline.com](mailto:john@hartfieldonline.com) or [duncan@hartfieldonline.com](mailto:duncan@hartfieldonline.com)

**Cllr. John Smith**





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

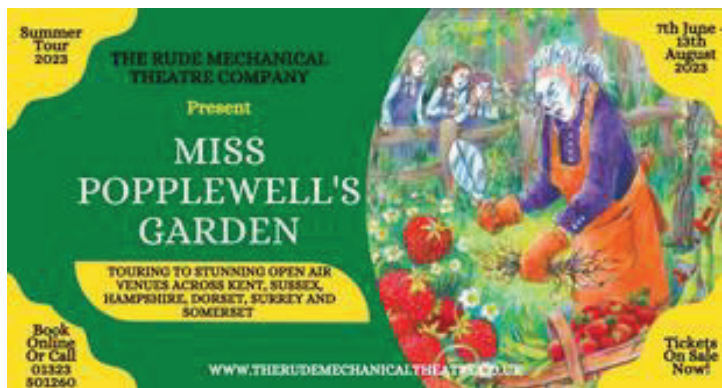
– **HARTFIELD VILLAGE HALL 24th APRIL 2023 AT 7.30pm**

Your village hall, in the centre of the village, is **OWNED BY ALL HARTFIELD RESIDENTS** managed by a small committee of Trustees as it has Charity Status. We hope as many representatives from the various organisations who use the hall will be free to come along to discuss new ideas as we are constantly trying to make improvements. There are vacancies too on the Committee, we would really welcome help, however, no pressure, please just come along to the short AGM where refreshments will be served and we would be delighted to meet you. For current events see our Hartfield Village Hall Facebook page.

**TO HIRE THE HALL** Tel: Paula Jones 07973 448494

## HARTFIELD STOOLBALL CLUB IS WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS

Starting the outdoor season 3rd April 2023, we are preparing for some pre-season training moving on to some friendly games in pairs where we can practise skills to take us back into the league games in May. So, if you have ever fancied giving the game a go there is no time like the present to get in touch. Stoolball has been played for over 500 years, and perhaps much longer. A team is comprised of 11 players. The match is usually 15 overs per innings with rules similar to cricket. We play with short handled wooden bats and square wickets on a post at head height. It's a great form of exercise, is fun and a great stress buster! It is also great to get outdoors in the fresh air on summer evenings. Welcoming new Mixed/Ladies players aged 13 +. No experience required. Play as little or as much as you like - no need to commit to every game. Pre-Season Sessions: - 3rd April, 12th April, 17th April, 26th April, & 3rd May from 6pm (Dates/Notifications to be confirmed) – please check <https://www.facebook.com/HartfieldStoolballClub> - or just give us a call! **DENISE GOLDSMITH** Hartfield Stoolball Club – 07887 508566 email@ [Dgoldsmith661@gmail.com](mailto:Dgoldsmith661@gmail.com)



THE RUDE MECHANICAL THEATRE COMPANY

## MISS POPPLEWELL'S GARDEN –

“A rib tickling comedy of manners”

**ON THE TOWN CROFT HARTFIELD**

**11th June 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**For tickets please contact:-**

**[www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk) –**

**01323 501260**

\*Bring low- backed chairs, picnics & warm clothing as it does get chilly later in the evening even in summer.

## LOCAL CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT TO FIGHT SEWAGE POLLUTION IN OUR RIVERS

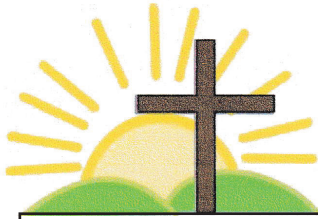
We've all been reading headlines about sewage pollution from Water companies into our precious rivers and seas. But did you know it's happening right here in Hartfield ward? The Rivers' Trust sewage map shows hundreds of hours of raw sewage discharge from treatment works in our ward. Our Green District Councillor Rachel Millward is starting a new citizen science programme to test the water and build a campaign to stop this destruction. For more info and to volunteer, please email her at [green.millward@gmail.com](mailto:green.millward@gmail.com)



# EASTER CHURCH SERVICES AT ST MARY'S HARTFIELD AND HOLY TRINITY COLEMAN'S HATCH

For more information, please see Websites: [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org), & [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)

Contact Rev. Julie Sear **01892 770436** [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)



Date	Times	Church	Service
26th March <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	9.30am 11am	St Mary's Holy Trinity	Morning Worship Holy Communion
1st April <i>Palm Sunday with Procession of palms</i>	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Matins Choral Evensong
6th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7pm	St Mary's	Joint Service of Holy Communion with Music and Reflections
7th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10am  2pm	St Mary's  Holy Trinity	All age with Prayer Stations, making of Easter Garden and hot cross buns  Meditations at the foot of the cross with music and readings
9th April <i>Easter day</i>	Possible Sunrise Service on The Forest Times to be confirmed. Please check the website		
9th April <i>Easter day</i>	8am 9.30am  11am	St Mary's St Mary's  Holy Trinity	Holy Communion BCP Easter Celebration with Holy Communion  Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

For more information, please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436 or email: [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)

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