



HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter – Spring 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The last year has been an incredible test of resilience and few of us have remained untouched in some way by COVID-19. Whilst the vaccine offers much hope of a return to normality, the virus remains, and I urge people to be sensible and to continue to follow the NHS and Government advice. What an excellent job the NHS has performed over the last year. We are all grateful for the hard work and dedication of our NHS employees. On that note, I would like to offer on behalf of the Hartfield community our thanks and very best wishes to Dr Wolfle and Dr Whichello in their retirement.

Our appreciation and congratulations are also owed to Francis Whetstone who, after many years of loyal service, has said he will be stepping down as our representative on East Sussex County Council. The Parish Council wishes him a happy and healthy retirement, not having to worry about potholes or budgets!



Who would have thought 12 months ago that Zoom, Teams or Face Time would be the media that allowed us to link up with family, friends and colleagues? Although we have endured nearly a whole year of lockdown or social restrictions, I am pleased to say that the business of the Parish Council has continued unabated, thanks to the hard work of my fellow councillors and the Clerk.

My final message is one of continued vigilance, patience and hope - please continue to look out for yourselves, neighbours and friends.

Giles Horner Chairman of Hartfield Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OFFICE OPENING

In light of Boris Johnson's message on 22nd February and the plan for a re-opening of society from early summer the Annual Parish meeting will not take place in April, however, we are in the meantime, inviting comments on our website and strategic plan. Please see our website for details and if you wish to comment please email the office – parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com

Parish Council meetings are likely to resume in person, hopefully, at some point in 2021. However, safety must come first and until the regulations and local infection

and vaccination rates become clear the meetings will be virtual. The Parish Council continues to publish all papers and dates on the Website and local news on Facebook but, due to Covid restrictions, the office is presently open by appointment only so if you wish to see the Clerk or a Councillor, please make an appointment.

FUN RUN

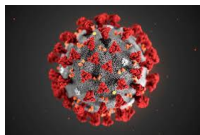
Sadly; the fun run has had to be postponed again but as soon as we can re-arrange this, we will let you know.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has agreed to re-establish the neighbourhood plan process which should give HPC more input into local planning. The Council will review the draft from 2015 and get up to date data to progress it ASAP though, as it involves input from several external sources, it may take some time. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Clerk for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL COVID GRANT SCHEME



The Parish Council can now confirm the Covid Grant Scheme is closed. The Parish Council was really pleased to spend the remaining £1,500 on laptops for St Mary the Virgin school to assist with home-schooling and ongoing educational needs. We really hope this will be of great use to the children of the Parish, not just in this exceptional year but in years to come.

PARISH GRANT SCHEME

In 2020 the Parish Council awarded £4500 to local community groups for new equipment, running costs and to support the Conservators of Ashdown Forest and Wealdlink. For details on how to apply in 2021, please see the Parish Council website or contact the Clerk. Applications close on 9th April 2021.

NEW COUNCILLOR – MESSAGE FROM NEIL REED

I am proud to be able to work within this parish council, my first two years living in the area has been spent serving the community which has had the benefit of allowing me to meet so many amazing parish residents and it's a real privilege to now be able to work with them and for them to ensure we keep the parish as one that people want to be part of now and in the future.



PLANTING TREES



The Parish Council is investigating options for tree planting to offset some carbon emissions on both its own land and on local landowners' land holdings and can access schemes for free trees, although there will be volunteer labour needed to dig and deer mesh to be installed. If you have a scheme for your own land or an idea in mind or just fancy being part of this project to plant up in the autumn, please let the office know parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com so we can gauge support and assess sites.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN *Keep calm & be prepared*

We are reviewing our emergency plan over the next few months so if you have an input or changes to add to your previous submission please contact the Parish Office – parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com

SPEED WATCH

Fed up with the speeding traffic on the roads in Hartfield and surrounding areas?
Want to help to do something about it to make a real difference?
Then join the new Hartfield Community Speed Watch team. To register go to <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/> (Team to receive training post lockdown)



LITTER PICKING

Due to Covid 19 an organised litter pick day has not been possible. The Parish Council does have some equipment if people are interested in organising their own informal litter picking – please contact the Clerk for more information. Larger issues of fly tipping and verge clearance should be referred to WDC.

DOG BINS



The dog bins are being well used with lots of visitors during lockdown and the Parish Council continues to supply bags. Sadly, some bins have been vandalised and others are just simply too full. We report all issues to WDC but we would ask all dog owners to dispose of poo in a responsible manner. Leaving poo in public places or leaving dog poo bags around is unsightly and a health hazard.

HEDGES, DITCHES AND BONFIRES



Please ensure all your ditches are cleared regularly as these are a householder responsibility as are hedges. The hedges in Upper Hartfield are the subject of regular complaints as many are close to the verge and can cause issues for pedestrians unless correctly and vigorously cut back. Whilst clearing hedgerows and ditches please ensure bonfires are not lit on sunny days or during the warmer months when people have washing out and windows open as they can constitute a nuisance and be reported to WDC.

CENTRAL GARAGE PARKING AND VERGE RE-GREENING

Following on from the planning permission granted for the parking area adjacent to the Garage, the Parish Council is working with the Garage to regreen the verge, ensuring that it will not be used for parking, and make the area more attractive and hopes to install a new noticeboard. Input from parishioners is as always welcome if you have any thoughts please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

HARTFIELD FETE UPDATE.

Following on from consultations with the fete committee and friends of Hartfield Fete we are now optimistic that by September it will be safe to have an event of some kind in the village. The general opinion is for a much smaller event and to focus on it being for the Parish rather than the much larger Fete we have all become used to which attracts people from far and wide. It is still early days in our battle with the pandemic so nothing can be certain for the near future and we will be taking this into account in our planning but, with the rolling out of the vaccine and the numbers of Covid cases tumbling, we feel by September we will all be ready for a celebration. We will keep you updated on progress.



Colin Burnett-Dick. Hartfield Fete Chairman.

NEWS FROM HARTFIELD VILLAGE HALL



It has been a very strange year not to have the hall buzzing with various groups coming in and out. The lunch club has been sorely missed by many people as, apart from the delicious home cooked meals some of the older residents, particularly those who live alone, enjoyed meeting up with friends and catching up on all the parish news. It is very sad for the young people that all their weekly groups have been unable to meet but at least the schools are back and they can catch up with their friends. Now that the cloakrooms have been refurbished, we are hoping to acquire additional lettings as well as looking forward to welcoming back our regular hall users when lockdown ends. Thanks to an introduction from our new committee member Julie Madden, we now have a new tenant for the office above the hall. In the absence of bookings, Paula Jones has continued working hard taking care of our finances and keeping the hall spick and span, cutting back the hedges round the hall, ready for when we can welcome everybody back. Linda Graham worked hard to gather 100 club money and we are grateful to the Village Stores who sold many of the village calendars we produce each year, taking no profit for themselves. We are presently looking for grant funding towards making a permanent hard surface on the outside space adjacent to the Anchor Car Park which will benefit the users of the hall. Our April AGM where we planned to discuss our Centenary celebrations has had to be postponed again.

Nancy Holmes – Secretary to Hartfield Village Hall.

THE CENSUS

This is on 21st March and much of it will be online which might prove a challenge for some residents. As well as the national census support centre which can be contacted 0800 141 2021, there are two local support centres at Pevensey and Uckfield. The Pevensey Census Support Centre is at the Ethel Wood Community Centre 129 Coast Road, Pevensey Bay BN24 6NS. It is offering an appointment only system, by telephone 07879 691647, on most days between 9am-7 pm. Appointments will take about 45 minutes. The Uckfield Census Support Centre is at the Victoria Pavilion, Victoria Pleasure Ground, Uckfield TN22 5DJ and is run by the Sussex Support Service. For appointments please call 01825 760176 or email census@sussexsupportservice.com. It is open 9am-3pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am-3pm



TRINITY CAFÉ



With the road plan set to ease us into different tiers until we can safely return to some sort of “normal”, the café team patiently wait for the day we welcome everyone back through the doors of Trinity Hall. Christmas without our families and the dark days of winter has given us all a longing for the personal contact with friends and neighbours once again. On the plus side, some of us have learned new skills and now use Zoom or other video contact to keep in touch (and of course there is always the telephone). Good news came with the roll out of the vaccines and many of us are now en route to the second dose. Most children have returned to school now and Spring has arrived. The garden is waking up, giving us hope for new beginnings. When we finally get the “all clear” be assured that we will be waiting for you at the café with our usual delicious coffee, speciality teas and delicious home baked cakes all served in our own vintage china. Kind regards from all the team at Trinity Café. Eve James 01342 823506 Mobile and text 07753 615032 Email: evejames8524@icloud.com or contact Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150 and Sheila Van Maurik 01892 770273

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARTFIELD & HOLY TRINITY COLEMAN'S HATCH - message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I know Lockdown has felt much harder this time round, but Spring is on its way and there are signs of hope on the horizon. I hope you will continue to pray for each other and the wider world. Pray for all who make decisions every day on our behalf. I am sure we are all very thankful for the vaccine and our NHS. I want to thank the parishes for the amazing ways you have reached out and supported each other. I hope this love and support will continue to help build community in the months ahead. Every small act of kindness has made a huge difference. I am pleased to let you know that both our churches are open for public worship. St Mary's 9.30am & Holy Trinity 11am every Sunday. In line with the guidelines we ask you to book on line if you would like to attend a service Smvandhtchrchbookings@gmail.com giving your name: number of people attending and which church. Until restrictions are lifted, we have to ask you to wear a mask to the service but promise you a very warm welcome. There will also be a weekly online service and a short youth service. Both can be found on our websites www.hartfieldchurch.org. & www.colemanshatchchurch.org.

Holy Week and Easter Events at St Mary's & Holy Trinity

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

9.30am St Mary's. All age service with blessing of Palm crosses

11.00am Holy Trinity. Matins with Holy Communion & blessing of Palm Crosses

1st April - Maundy Thursday

7pm at St Mary's. Service of Holy Communion around the table. Music, reflections and silence.

2nd April - Good Friday

10.30am St Mary's. All age service outdoors (weather permitting) around the Easter Garden.

2.00pm Holy Trinity. Meditations at the foot of the cross. Music and readings.

4th April - Easter Day

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30am St Mary's. All age Easter celebrations commencing at the Easter Garden.

11.00am Holy Trinity. All age Easter celebrations.

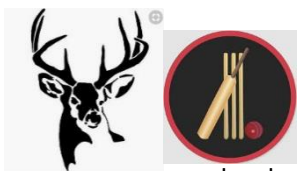
We would love to see you at any of our services. As the restrictions lift and new guidelines are given, we hope to open up more of our activities.



H-O-P-E there are lovely large letters in St. Mary's Churchyard that spell out the word **HOPE**. My hope is that anyone in the villages can come with a prayer or a message of hope and place it in the plastic box in the porch. The prayers and messages will then be laminated and attached to the letters of **HOPE** over the coming weeks. The edges of the letters are edged with lights. I am hoping a beacon of **HOPE** will be seen by all who walk past. The children are coming up from the school to attach their own prayers. There will also be an Easter Garden.

Please do phone me or email if you are worried about anything or are in any kind of need. With love and prayers for you and your families. *Rev Julie*

HARTFIELD CRICKET CLUB



Cricket has been played in Hartfield for three centuries. Join us and continue the tradition. Cricket has been played in and around Hartfield since at least the early-1700s. A game between Hartfield and a neighbouring village took place in 1752 and the fact that all the players had to be over 60 suggests they were playing long before that. Hartfield Cricket Club continues that long tradition and welcomes new players—though being over 60 is no longer a requirement! We play friendly matches on our newly re-laid wicket, care of a Wealden council grant, at our picturesque ground on the Croft roughly opposite the Anchor pub, as well as against sides around and about. We are a diverse group of all ages, backgrounds and occupations—with a wide range of skill levels from some who just enjoy being around the game to others who are even quite good at it. We're a family-friendly club but you don't need to bring a family to belong! We'll start regular nets soon, so come along. If you are interested in the club, in wanting a game or in any other capacity, please get in touch with us, call **David on 07916 330 246**. Equally come and long and watch a home game and enjoy something quintessentially English.

HCC 2021 FIXTURE LIST - HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Sunday 2nd May - Falconhurst (h) 1.30pm

Sunday 16th May - Eridge (a) 2pm

Sunday 30th May - Crusaders (h) 2pm

Tuesday 8th June - Penshurst Park (h) 6pm

Tuesday 15th June - Cowden (h) 6pm

Sunday 27th June - tbc

Sunday 4th July - Qokkers (h) 2pm

Sunday 11th July - Stonewall Park (a) 2pm

Sunday 1st August - Swindon Nomads (h) 2pm

Sunday 15th August - Hadlow Down (h) 1.30pm

Sunday 12th September - Southwick Wanderers (h) 1pm

Sunday 26th September - Linden Park (h) 1pm

Sunday 9th May - Felbridge (h) 2pm

Sunday 23rd May - Greys (h) 2pm

Sunday 6th June - Forest Row (a) 2pm

Sunday 13th June - Ram CC (h) 2pm

Wednesday 23rd June - Withyham (a) 6pm

Wednesday 30th June - Penshurst Park (a) 6pm

Wednesday 7th July - Wine Trades (h) 11 am

Sunday 18th July - Jamaica Pirates (h) 2pm

Sunday 8th August - Withyham (h) 1.30pm

Sunday 5th September - Upper v Lower inter-club game(h) 2pm

Sunday 19th September - Dormansland (a) 1pm

TENNIS

After a disrupted year the Tennis Club are looking forward to a hopefully, uninterrupted 2021/2022 season. As a result of the courts being closed for a number of weeks during the current season the annual subscriptions have been halved for the forthcoming 2021/2022 season which starts on 1st April. New members are always welcome - all enquiries to info@hartfieldtcc.co.uk



HARTFIELD STOOLBALL CLUB IS WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS



As we head out of lock-down we are planning a safe environment to welcome back both existing and new players. For this season we anticipate some friendly games in pairs where we can practise skills to take us back into the league games in 2022. 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. For further information:- <https://www.facebook.com/HartfieldStoolballClub/>

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Denise Goldsmith dgoldsmith661@gmail.com 07887 508566

FOOTBALL

It's early March and the season has been given permission to resume from April. We will have to play our remaining 7 games in 4 weeks before cricket starts up on the Croft. We sit 2nd in Division 4 North which is a great effort as we were promoted last season. Our squad of 20 is the strongest for years with a mix of local lads, occasional University players and EG boys. Our ethos is to enjoy the game, respect the referee and go for a beer. All enquiries to Jon Sanders 07870611370 for new players and details of pre-season training.



1ST HARTFIELD SCOUT GROUP



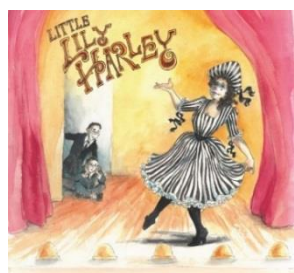
Scouts

The group including Cubs and Beavers will be re-starting after Easter to hopefully take advantage of better weather. The activities will include hikes, outside crafts, skills and games as well as some adventures at external providers to include water sports, skiing and rock climbing. To get involved as a volunteer or to enquire about a place for your child please contact Sharon Hellaby Group Scout Leader on 07786616421 or GSL@1sthartfield.co.uk



HARTFIELD AND FOREST ROW GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Hartfield and Forest Row Guides and Brownies continue to meet weekly online via Zoom and are really looking forward to face to face outdoor meetings soon with a programme of outdoor activities - games, walks, crafts and adventurous activities. For more information contact : frandhartfieldguides@gmail.com or frandhartfieldbrownies@gmail.com



THE RUDE MECHANICALS - OUTDOOR THEATRE IN HARTFIELD! – WEDNESDAY JULY 28TH

At last! Something to get excited about! The wonderful Rude Mechanicals are planning to perform on The Croft, Hartfield on **Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm**. It will be something to give us a good laugh and raise our spirits – and we all need that! The play will be ‘Little Lily Harley’, postponed from last year, and is about Charlie Chaplin’s childhood in Lambeth. With a drunken but charismatic actor father who was rarely around & a beautiful young actress of a mother who had three children by different fathers, he had to learn along-side his big

brother Sydney how to survive a very precarious existence. Sometimes fostered by other people, sometimes in a school for destitute children, sometimes separated from Sydney & sometimes living on the street (as a child!) he nevertheless managed to triumph over all this to become arguably the greatest film actor ever. Pete Talbot, the director, says, “When I wrote the play in 2019, I could not have known how apt it would be for today. The message of hope, triumph over pain, through the imagination and laughter, is really important for today because people are desperate to see theatre and escape for a while. That is why we must do it.” Tickets are available online from The Rudes website from 1st March. Because of social distancing spaces will be limited, so BOOK EARLY! You will get your money back if you can’t subsequently come. Prices will favour people booking in bubbles of four or more. Go to their website for details. It will make you cry, release all that tension and laugh out loud. Full of music hall and silent movie magic with a great team of professional actor/musicians! Featuring Chaplin’s powerful classic music, ‘Smile’. The company say that the date *might* be delayed because we don’t know how the rules may change but that it is ‘highly likely’ to happen. Watch the company’s website - therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk – for changes, or speak to Nicola Squire on 01342 850474 or email: nicolasquire@hotmail.co.uk or ring The Rudes on 01323-501260, or email them at therudes1948@gmail.com

COULD YOU PROVIDE DAY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY IN YOUR OWN HOME?

A new social enterprise has been launched to help older people enjoy more independent, fulfilling lives, for longer. The **Good Company People** are looking for 18 hosts in Hartfield, Wadhurst, Crowborough, Mayfield, Groombridge and Rotherfield to pilot ‘Good Company’. Are you compassionate, trustworthy & fun to be around? Could you provide a safe and stimulating environment for up to three older adult guests in your own home? Would you like to be able to earn money whilst knowing you are making a difference to your community? **The Good Company People** will train and support hosts. They will then carefully match guests with hosts according to their interests, needs, and hobbies. As Lucy explains, **The Good Company People** brings benefits for all concerned: “*We want everyone to benefit – we want guests to enjoy affordable good company with like-minded peers, Hosts to earn an income and make a difference to their community and relatives to have regular time for themselves knowing their loved ones are in good company*”. If you would like to find out about becoming a host, visit www.thegoodcompanypeople.org or call Lucy on 01892 852507.

ANNOUNCING THE RETIREMENT OF DR'S ANDREW WOLFLE & KAREN WHICHELLO

After nearly 26 years at the helm of Groombridge and Hartfield Medical Group, Dr Andrew Wolfle and his wife Dr Karen Whichello will be hanging up their stethoscopes on the 31st March. They have shown a level of commitment and care

to their patients and their staff, which in my opinion has been second to none. Many of you will have benefited from their clinical skill and professional care over the years. Their legacy lies not just in the lives they have touched and, in some cases, saved directly, but also in the management systems and staff team they have built. I think it is no coincidence that they are leaving a practice which regularly scores at the top of all Sussex practices in terms of life expectancy and patient satisfaction. Long hours of high-pressure work have always been undertaken with a smile, and when crises have arisen, they have always found the energy and vision to carry us through. We are all lucky to have been part of their working lives. They have set a very high bar for us to maintain. We thank them for their service and wish them both a long, healthy, and happy, well- earned retirement. To provide resilience for the surgery into the future I wanted to recruit two additional partners to join me as we strive to maintain the high standards of clinical care, medical training, innovation and responsiveness to which we have become accustomed. I am delighted to announce that one of our existing associate GP's, Dr. Victoria Rittner has successfully applied for one of these posts, Victoria will be joining me as a partner from the 1st April. Victoria and I will be joined in partnership by Dr John Mifsud in August. John is local to the area and came to medicine via a PhD at Cambridge University. The three of us bring a blend of skills which I think will serve us well for many years to come. Our existing GP Registrar Dr Harriet Rowe will stay with us after she completes her training this summer, and Dr Christine Ashdown, who has been with us for several years now, has expanded her role to include the training of junior doctors. Our strong new doctor team, is matched by a strong nursing team, dispensary team, patient services team, administration team and management team. Between us all, we will ensure that we continue to serve our local communities with the high- quality general practice you deserve.

Dr Matt James

.....and from the Parish Council ... "thank you so much for everything you have both done for Hartfield surgery and our parishioners. To the local NHS team for providing an amazing service in these most challenging times and with our best wishes to Matt James and his new team going forward".



Recycling your old electrics is easy

You can now recycle anything that has a plug or is battery operated if it can fit into a standard size carrier bag.

The poster features a collection of various household electrical items including a blender, an iron, a power strip, a printer, a fan, a calculator, a remote control, a lamp, a hair dryer, a radio, a mobile phone, a flashlight, a熨斗, a power plug, and a carrier bag with a recycling symbol. An arrow points from the items towards the carrier bag.

See WDC website or our Facebook page for more information on what is accepted in your fortnightly kerbside Collections.



DONATE

**WELCOME TO ASHDOWN FOREST.
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT.**



"WE SUPPORT ASHDOWN FOREST"

We are asking visitors for voluntary contributions to help support Ashdown Forest with the management of our amenity spaces and car parks.

The Conservators of Ashdown Forest are a non-profit making organisation and need to raise funds for this and for other charitable purposes.

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East Sussex County Council 0345 60 80 190 Offices at County Hall St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE

For grass or highway issues please contact East Sussex County Council on Phone: 0345 60 80 193 or Email: customer@eastsussexhighways.com