



HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter – Easter 2018

Parish Council Review and Plans for 2018.

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. I am hoping that the weather has taken a turn for the warmer, after the recent cold and snow.

This is an exciting year for the Parish Council as we are looking to develop a Parish Plan for the next 8 years. You will read more about this below and there will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed areas of focus at the Parish Meeting on the 23rd April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you then, when I will give you a summary of what has happened in our parish over the last year. It is always an opportunity for us to meet to discuss various topics concerning the parish. Refreshments will be available and everybody is welcome, we really look forward to seeing you.

I would like to thank the Hartfield Fete Committee for their donation of funds towards the upkeep of the Memorial Garden. They will be holding their fete this year on the Town Croft on the 1st September. The Coleman's Hatch Flower Show will be on the 28th July. Please note other dates for your diary: - the Holy Oak service is on 13th May at 4pm, Holy Trinity hosts the Pet Service on the 5th of May at 10:30 am and the Vintage Fete on the 12th of May from 2pm and there is the forthcoming Parkinson's walk on 20th May. Our hardworking GP's will be holding their annual meeting in Hartfield Village Hall on the 28th April at 10am. The Rude Mechanicals are visiting Hartfield again this summer and their show is on Sunday 5th August. This is always a wonderful evening of high quality entertainment.

Happy Easter to all.

Giles Horner
Chairman Hartfield Parish Council

Parish Plan and Public Consultation.

Included with this newsletter is a summary of the Parish Plan that we are developing in consultation with residents. We would like to discuss this outline plan at the Parish AGM on 23rd April, but feel free to pass on any ideas or thoughts to us in the meantime.

We have identified 10 key areas that we intend to focus on, addressing each of these in our regular Parish Council meetings over the coming year or so. We would welcome residents interested in these areas to come along to the meetings to help develop our more detailed plans.

A fuller version of this outline plan is available on our website. These are our initial thoughts and we are keen to encourage the wider community to be involved in thinking through the detail on how we want Hartfield to develop over the years to come.

Waste Sites

ESCC has confirmed a budget which will likely mean the closure of the Forest Row waste site. The Parish Council has written to object to the closure as it will cause inconvenience and additional expense to parishioners, whilst adding to traffic movements across the Forest and potentially more fly tipping. There is time for people to make their views known, please visit <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Fly Tipping

What is fly tipping?

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste, including general household waste; domestic items such as fridges, beds and washing machines; garden waste; and commercial waste such as builders' rubble, tyres and clinical waste. With less availability of waste sites fly tipping is likely to increase.

WDC will remove fly tips from the following: The highway; lay-bys; bus shelters; subways; council car and coach parks and recycling centres.

To contact Wealden District Council to report fly tipping either telephone WDC or fill out the online form at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Recycling_and_Waste/Res_RecyclingWaste.aspx

10th Anniversary of the Hartfield 10k & Fun Run 2018



Sunday 8th April 2018 from 10 am The Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AD

Entry Fees £10 for 10k (6 miles) - £5 for 5.6k (3.5 miles) - £2 for 2k (1.2 miles)

On the day registration increases to £12, £6, and £3 respectively

Something for everyone. Families, Runners and Walkers. Further information from www.hartfieldonline.com click Fun Run or TEXT Eddie – 07880 518059

How young are your legs?

We are looking for someone to join the team of Fun Run organisers who is willing to manage the marking of the course, be the chief organiser/MC on the day and help dismantle the course after the event. The 10k and 5.6k courses take a morning to mark out and the 2k much less than this.

Jo Edwarde, who has undertaken these tasks in recent years, will continue to work behind the scenes on administration which starts in January through to mid- April. All we need is someone to take on the more physical aspect of this successful and enjoyable event.

If you have enjoyed the Fun Run in the past or if you are new to the idea, *please* volunteer by contacting Emma, the parish clerk, and keep this community event alive. Thank you.

Parish Clean Up

The Parish Council are planning a "clean up" event on Saturday 21st April from 9am to 12 Noon. The plan is to tackle the High Street and to pick up rubbish, sweep pavements, clean signs and generally give our High Street a thorough tidy up. We would be really grateful if the Hartfield community could help us with this event – and hopefully with lots of volunteers in three hours we can really make a difference.

If you are able to help please email Councillor Barbara Maude on barbaramaude@btinternet.com and we can let you have further details.



The increasingly popular Hartfield Fete raises a large amount of money for parish organisations so please support this event not only by coming along and having fun but also offering to help with the many jobs on the day. Please contact our secretary Pauline Tel: 01892 770088 paulineburnettdick@yahoo.co.uk

Hartfield Village Hall.

Users of the hall will have noticed huge improvements made recently to the lighting, heating, outside decoration and repairs to the building, thanks to the efforts of the Management Committee. The Hall has been a lifesaver recently hosting all the St. Mary's Church Services whilst they carry out essential repairs and improvements to the building. We would really like some fresh blood on the committee as our Village Hall built in 1920 is owned by all who live in the Parish of Hartfield so please come along to the **very short** AGM of the hall 7.30pm Tuesday 17th April at 2018. Refreshments provided of course!



Dog Waste

In the last issue of our newsletter, it was mentioned that the use of the Dog Waste Bags had been considerable. This continues to be the case, which is most heartening, however, the anti-social behaviour of a few irresponsible and disrespectful dog owners means dog fouling is still a problem. As a result, the church now insists that all dogs are kept on a lead within church grounds.

It has also been noticed that dog waste has been left on the High Street near Hartfield Stores. This is most unhygienic, and can you imagine the consequences if it was inadvertently trodden in and walked into the store? There was also an instance where someone allowed their dog to foul on the Croft within a couple of feet of the bags provided. Please be vigilant and report all instances of dog fouling to the parish council so that we can take the appropriate action against the offenders as well as naming and shaming. We do not wish to ban the freedom of movement of dogs on the Croft, but this might be unavoidable if the few irresponsible owners do not change their behaviour.

All that glitters in a naughty world

Isn't it a shame that one should feel the need to advise people to resist the natural human instinct of kindness to others. Unfortunately, some of those *others* might not be precisely who they pretend to be.

A favoured technique used by fraudsters and burglars to gain access to your property is to come up with a sob story such as *"My car has broken down, could I use your phone?"* or perhaps they will pretend to be from a utilities company with *"there is a local gas leak/pipe burst and I need to come in to turn off your supply."* Once inside your home they (or an accomplice) will be able to burgle away whilst you are distracted dealing with their water/phone or whatever else they ask for. Call the police immediately if you have any concerns about someone who calls at your door. It may be unwarranted, but on the other hand it might prevent somebody else being robbed.

Obviously not everybody is out to cheat you, but it is better to think twice before you allow yourself to be conned by plausible crooks. How often does one hear a victim of fraud say that the person who swindled them out of their life savings seemed like *'such a nice person'*? Well of course he (or she) was nice. Let's face it the whole point of being a successful con-artist is the ability to gain the victim's confidence – nobody in their right mind would hand over their cash to someone who actually looked like a crook.

Fraud presents itself in many different ways, whether on your doorstep or via the telephone and the internet. Fraudsters are very skilful at gaining their victims' trust. They may represent themselves as police officers, bank/building society staff or employees of computer companies.

It is important to remember that genuine police officers or bank staff would NEVER ask for your bank details or PIN numbers. No genuine computer company will ever call you out of the blue to help "fix a reported problem" on your computer.

- Be sceptical of unexpected callers or email approaches.
- Never give out personal information such as your date of birth or bank details
- Don't be afraid to put the phone down on the caller if you feel that it may be a scam.
- Don't let anyone into your home who you don't know or are not expecting.
- Always ask them to show you some official identification. Genuine callers (i.e. from the utility companies will be happy to do so)

Call the police immediately if you have any concerns about someone who calls at your door. If you believe yourself to have been the victim of fraud you should report it to **Action Fraud** which is the National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre (Tel: 0300 123 2040; Email: www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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Important Dates for the diary:

Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2018 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Deadline for Parish Council grants 29th March 2018 (See website for details)

Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2018 7:30pm Goods Yard House

Parish Council Meeting 4th June 2018 7:30pm Goods Yard House

