



# HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



## Newsletter – Easter 2019

### **Message from the Chairman**

It is my pleasure to welcome spring with our Easter newsletter!

The Annual Parish meeting is on the 1st April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We will discuss various topics concerning the Parish, including work that we have done on the Parish Plan. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome. We really look forward to seeing you.

District and Parish Council elections are on 2nd May. If you are interested in standing, please contact the Parish Clerk. I encourage you to give serious consideration to serving your community. Please contact me or the Parish Clerk if you wish to discuss what is involved in this commitment.

Volunteers! 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.

Some dates for your diaries: The Annual Fun Run will take place on the 7th April. The village clean-up on the 13th April, Coleman's Hatch Vintage Fete at Trinity Hall on May 11th. Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society Summer Show will be held on Saturday 27th July and the last of the summer fetes, Hartfield Village Fete on the Town Croft on the 7th September 2019.

Finally, I would like to welcome a new councillor, Philip Norman who joined the Council in March.

Happy Easter to all.

***Giles Horner***

### **Grants**

The deadline for Parish Council grants is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Please see the website for application forms and for further information.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Hartfield Scouts**

The Scout group are in urgent need of a storage facility for their camping equipment in Hartfield – A single garage size shed which is dry and easily accessible in the parish would be perfect – Please contact the Clerk if you are aware of anything available.

### **Stiles, footpaths and gates.**

Footpaths and stiles are the responsibility of the landowner. ESCC can provide landowners with a subsidised stile kit which costs £60 including VAT and delivery and consists of all the materials plus instructions that they need. They can also request a dog latch and this is included within the price. This ensures some consistency in the amount the County Council pays to landowners, as well some assurance that the resulting stile will be suitable. ESCC can also provide a contribution of 25% for gates up to a maximum contribution remains £100. ESCC web pages do have comprehensive information about landowner responsibilities

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/>

Members of the public should email any issues to [ESCC Rights of Way rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ESCC_Rights_of_Way_rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk) You can also call the Highway Contact Centre on 0345 60 80 193..



### Great British Spring Clean

The Hartfield Parish Council are planning a litter pick event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean campaign. The litter pick will start at 9am and run through to 12 noon and we will meet at the Pavilion. The plan is to collect rubbish, sweep pavements, clean signs and generally give the village a tidy up.

We would be really grateful if the Hartfield community could continue to support us with this event – and hopefully with lots of volunteers in three hours we can really make a difference. If you already own a high viz jacket please bring it along and we would suggest you also bring a pair of suitable gloves, sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. Further details are available from Councillor Barbara Maude on [barbara@hartfieldonline.com](mailto:barbara@hartfieldonline.com)

### Goods Yard House

The Council has been busy trying to resolve the issue of water ingress at the Parish Office for the last few years. We are pleased to report a scheme of work has now been agreed by the insurers and will now commence in the next few months. During this time the Clerk will be contactable as normal but meetings will be in the village hall and other alternative locations so please check agendas for meeting locations. The work is likely to take 6 months and we apologise in advance for any disruption to residents and users of the Parish Council car park.

### Dog Walkers

The number of dog waste bags that are being utilised from the four dispensers within the village has been extremely encouraging. However, there are still just a few irresponsible and totally inconsiderate owners that have no social conscience whatsoever. The churchyard is still experiencing owners not picking up after their dogs, even though all owners are now required to keep their dogs on leads. The Croft is experiencing a high rate of instances where owners are not being considerate and there have been instances where the pavement in the High Street has also suffered. It only takes a few irresponsible owners to cause a problem for other people within the village. We have plenty of waste bins in the village and a good supply of waste bags so there is no excuse. Dog faeces are extremely unpleasant when left behind and is unhealthy to humans and other animals alike. Please continue to report instances of dog fouling to Wealden District Council so that action can be taken

Cllr. Stephen Howard.

### **Hartfield Fun Run Sunday 7th April 2019 – See website for details**



### **RUDE MECHANICAL THEATRE - Saturday August 3rd picnics from 6pm -Save the Date!**

This year The Rude Mechanicals return to the Croft with one of their favourite productions, IKARUS ... set in the 1950s this classic story unfolds through live music, dance, mime and the company's rich hectically hilarious but often poignant storyline, enhanced by colourful creative costumes by the highly talented energetic professional performers in Italian Pantomime style The Rude Mechanicals have a huge following across the south east and beyond drawing on established and new audiences at each show . last year Hartfield was a sell out on a lovely warm evening with the gas lights creating a magical experience. Contact Caroline Tully 01892 770730 for more information or search the company website to find details of venues and show details.



**Calling all Owners of Hartfield Village Hall! (Yes that is ALL Hartfield parishioners reading this!) it is managed on your behalf by a small group of Trustees. Please come and join us for the briefest of AGMs followed by drinks & nibbles and chat about future improvements to your hall 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.**



## SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WITHIN HARTFIELD PARISH

Attending a Wealden Parish Conference, I was struck by a very moving presentation by one of the speakers on the topic of healthy towns and villages. East Sussex is at the forefront of an ageing population with Wealden itself having one of the oldest age profiles in the county. In particular is the issue of loneliness and how it affects the elderly and the detrimental effect it has on health. This made me think about the services and facilities that we have here in Hartfield and I have been keen to see if we can do more to promote

and publicise the extensive services on offer in our community.

Working with Linda Graham, I have compiled a brief summary of some of the current services available. If we have missed anything out, then please feel free to let me know and we will include it in an updated leaflet that will be coming out later in the year.

### **Current services include for example:**

- Trinity Café – Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Trinity Hall behind Coleman's Hatch Church from 9.30am to



12 noon. Contact Sheila van Maurik on 01892 770273

- Hartfield Lunch Club – A monthly social lunch that takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £4 and includes a two-course meal and a drink. Contact Linda Graham on 01892 770487 Hartfield Social Group hosted by Linda Graham at 5 Rectory Field which meets for tea and conversation at 2:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Contact details as above.
- Older and Active Exercise Class – Fun movement and dance classes held at the Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10:30am to 11:30am. £4 per class. Contact Linda as before.
- HATCH (Hartfield Action Together with Coleman's Hatch) Short-term help from volunteers - for example: to look after a housebound child or adult to relieve a carer for a few hours; transport to doctors' surgery or hospital appointments; shopping for the housebound; or someone to pop in for a coffee and a chat. Contact 01892 771331 to speak to a Duty Officer between 9.30am and 11.30am on Monday, Wednesday or Friday or leave a message on the answerphone but please remember to give as much notice as possible.
- WEALDLINK – a community transport charity based in Hartfield serving residents throughout North Wealden who need help with shopping, enabling them to have greater independence. Regular door to door transport by minibus is available to Crowborough, Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne. Ring 01892 771332 for more information.
- Silver Swans - ballet classes for the over 55s held in the Hartfield Village Hall, Fridays at 10.15am. Contact Lucy on 07920 181454
- Fit to Walk? Walk to fitness by way of 30-minute guided walks, for those that may have mobility or post-operative issues or just wishing to improve their general well-being. The walks are accompanied by a qualified physio that take place on a Monday, Wednesday and a Thursday morning from 9.30am. Cost is £50 for a 5-week block of sessions and includes on a Wednesday a social get together after the walk. Please contact Penny Savage on 01892 861601 for further information.
- For those that have a diagnosis of dementia or mild cognitive impairment there is access to a range of community initiatives and the closest are based in Crowborough and include:  
Memory Café, held in Meeting Room 1, Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough TN6 1FE every Friday from 1.15pm to 4.15pm; Exercise Class, held at Crowborough Leisure Centre, TN6 2TN every Thursday from 1pm to 2pm; Musical Moments Choir, held at the Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough TN6 1FE every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am. Please contact Groombridge & Hartfield Medical Group for more information on these particular activities.

**Remember, to maintain the activities that take place in the Parish we need volunteers so if you are able to spare any time to help the existing, dedicated but overstretched team of volunteers please do make contact with either myself or Linda.**

CLlr Barbara Maude [barbara@hartfieldonline.com](mailto:barbara@hartfieldonline.com)

## Ashdown Forest

Ashdown Forest is a unique and very special place for residents, local communities and visitors - 6,500 acres of protected heathland and woodland, paths, rides and trails, hidden gardens, waterfalls, streams and magnificent views to the North and South Downs.

Due in part to ever decreasing budget and grant cuts we are piloting a new fundraising scheme asking visitors to contribute voluntarily to support Ashdown Forest and help with the preservation of our amenity spaces and car parks.

### **Car Stickers**

Our 2019 car window stickers are now available at the Ashdown Forest Centre and online at [www.ashdownforest.org](http://www.ashdownforest.org) Please donate £25 Bronze, £50 Silver or £100 Gold; we are hoping to raise £30,000 annually.

The most recent Visitor Survey estimated that there were 4541 visits per day to Ashdown Forest with just a small staff team, supported by teams of volunteers, who work to 'manage the forest as an amenity and place of resort and to conserve it as a quiet and natural area of outstanding beauty.'



### **Text Donations**

Donate via TEXT/SMS: ASHD001 to 70331 to give £3 ASHD001 to 70970 to give £5 ASHD001 to 70191 to give £10



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

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