



The Hartley Herald



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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2010 AT 7.45p.m AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH CENTRE, ASH ROAD

Your Parish Councillors invite you to attend the Annual Parish meeting which this year will be held on Friday 14th May. At the meeting, there will be a report from the Chairman of the Council and the accounts for the past year will be available. Several guest speakers have been invited and we are pleased to confirm that Dr Gerald Cramp has kindly agreed to attend, to give a talk and display recent archaeological discoveries from All Saints' Church. David Brazier our County Councillor, the local MP and representatives from the Police will also be attending. We hope that you will come along to listen to what they have to say and to ask any questions that you may have. This is your opportunity to review the work of the Parish Council and to receive reports from the Chairmen of Council and various Committees. It is also an opportunity for you to express your concerns on local issues to our guests.

NORTHFIELD HORSE RIDING ROUTE

The 'Northfield Ride' is now in its fourth year and continues to be popular with local horse riders. The ride has been closed since November to preserve the route and will re-open again on **Saturday 27th March 2010**, weather permitting.

Details of how to become a member are available on the Hartley Parish Council website or alternatively you can contact Ash Green Sports Centre on 01474 707164 for more details.

POLICE SURGERIES

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team, PC Perkins, PCSO Rowbottom and PCSO Vincent, will be holding Police Surgeries at Wellfield Community Centre between the hours of 10.30a.m and 11.30a.m, on the following dates: Thursday 25th March, Thursday 29th April and Thursday 27th May. If you have any concerns about local policing issues, please call in and discuss them with the team. No appointment is necessary as residents will be seen on a first come first served basis.

QUALITY PARISH STATUS

We are delighted to announce that Hartley Parish Council's recent application for re-accreditation under the Quality Parish Scheme met all the necessary criteria and as a result, the Parish Council's Quality Parish status has been confirmed and will remain effective until 17th December 2013. The Parish Council first achieved Quality Parish status in September 2005 and it is a requirement of the scheme that re-accreditation must be applied for every four years. Achieving Quality Parish status demonstrates that a council has met certain minimum standards expected from an effective, representative and active parish council. Our application was described as "an exemplary submission".

KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

Kent Highway Services (KHS) looks after roads, pavements and cycle ways. If you find anything that is damaged or needs repairing, for example potholes, or uneven pavements, you can report these issues to Kent Highway Services, 24 hours a day, using the online reporting form at www.kent.gov.uk/highways or by calling 08458 247 800. After a fault has been reported you can also track the status of your enquiry.

Alternatively, contact the Parish Council and we will notify KHS of your concerns.

HAWK—HARTLEY YOUTH CLUB

Are you aged between 13 and 19? Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in your area? If so, come along for a game of pool and a chat at **Hartley Social Club**, every **Thursday** evening between **7p.m. and 9p.m.** Entry is **FREE**. Pool is 50p per game and soft drinks can be purchased from the bar.

PARISH PLAN

The Hartley Parish Plan has now been printed and will be distributed free to every household in the parish. If you have not already received your copy, please look out for it as it will be coming through your letter box very soon!

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Alan Barnett, Jane Burns, Robert Coates, Penny Cole, James Gaywood, Steffan Granger, David Graeme, Jonathan Minns, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay and Vince Sewell. They can be contacted via the Clerk, Julie Hoad at the Parish Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Kent, DA3 8EL, by e mail: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by phone: 01474 709441

COMMUNITY DAY AT HARTLEY LIBRARY . . .

Hartley Library is holding a Community Open Day on Wednesday 7th April from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to this event and find out about what's available in your local community to support your safety and wellbeing. Come and have a cup of tea and a chat. Why not join the library while you are there? Borrow some books or use the internet...it's free. Or for a small fee you can hire a DVD. We will have fun items to give away but hurry whilst stocks last. The day has a serious message but will be fun too. We will be running a competition for children to design an original safety superhero character poster. Posters will be judged at the end of the day. Winning entries will win a prize and will be displayed at the library.

We are delighted that many professional organisations have agreed to come along to offer help and advice to all. Here are some of them:

Community Wardens will be on hand to offer information about a wide range of council services and tips about how to avoid bogus callers and scams. Kent Police's local PCSO will be there to offer advice and information. It will be a great opportunity to come along and ask all those questions that you never have time to... Bring your bicycle or scooter along to have your postcode indelibly marked for free. North Kent Crime Prevention Panel will be there with a range of safety gadgets and purse chains as well as advice about keeping yourself safe. Want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch? Members of the local scheme can offer advice and promote the scheme to local residents.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 7th April.

INSPECTION AND TESTING OF MEMORIALS IN HARTLEY BURIAL GROUND

Hartley Parish Council has made arrangements for the inspection and testing of the memorials at Hartley Burial Ground, which will commence with an Open Morning on Wednesday 7th April 2010, between 10am - 12 noon, to demonstrate the methods to be followed during this process. The Parish Council has adopted a Memorial Safety Programme and Testing Policy which sets out how this will be achieved. Copies of the Policy document are available, on request, from the Parish Council Office. Alternatively, the document may be viewed on the Parish Council's website. If any member of the public requires further information or advice, they should contact the Clerk at the Parish Council Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Parish Council holds a Surgery on a bi-monthly basis, to enable you to come along and discuss any issues that you may have, with two of your Parish Councillors. Surgeries are held in the Parish Office between the hours of 11am and 12 noon and future dates are: **Saturday 13th March 2010** and **Saturday 15th May 2010**. There is no need to make an appointment, just come along. Past Surgeries have not been well attended so we can only assume that Hartley residents are happy residents!

THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD

The Pavilion at Manor Field is available to hire and is an ideal venue for a weekly or monthly meeting place or for children's parties.

There are kitchen and toilet facilities and plenty of off-road parking.

For further information on availability and hire charges please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on 01474 709441 or email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk

REFUSE AND RECYCLING SACKS



A roll of 20 black refuse sacks and a roll of 25 clear recycling sacks are delivered to every household in the District every 20 weeks. Delivery dates for 2010 are weeks commencing: 22 March, 9th August and 27th December. If you require additional sacks, these can be purchased from the Parish Office at a cost of 50p for a roll of recycling sacks and £1.50 for a roll of black refuse sacks. Garden waste is collected fortnightly, on the same day as your ordinary refuse. The next collection date for Hartley will be during the week commencing 15th March. Garden waste sacks are also available to purchase from the Parish Office at a cost of £5.50 for 12 sacks.

REPORT FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Neighbourhood police officer PC Karen Perkins has been responding to what residents who live in the roads surrounding Hartley Primary School have said about inconsiderate parking in the area at the start and end of the school day. One resident reported nearly being hit by a vehicle that mounted the kerb to find a way around the parked cars.

PC Perkins, a member of the Swanley neighbourhood policing team, was on duty in the area on Friday morning (12 February) as children were dropped off at school to monitor the situation and speak to motorists and pedestrians. While there PC Perkins issued two fixed penalty notices in respect of vehicles that were causing an unnecessary obstruction and she spoke to several people and advised them about their parking. PC Perkins said: 'It might mean parking a little further away from the school but I would ask motorists to park considerately and in such a way that pedestrians, including parents with buggies, are not inconvenienced and can walk along the pavements safely.'