



# The Hartley Herald

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Parish Councillors wish everyone in Hartley a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. In the spirit of goodwill to all and as the winter nights draw in we would ask that everyone keeps an eye out for their neighbour. Christmas is a time when many people fall victim to the opportunist thief so remember to lock up when you leave your home and when you are out and about to keep your purses and wallets out of sight. Shopping and valuables are best hidden, out of sight in the boot of the car out of temptations way.



### Notice of Confirmation of Byelaws

Notice is hereby given that the Hartley Parish Council intend after the expiry of the period mentioned below, to apply to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council for the protection of the Rectory Meadow Local Nature Reserve, Hartley.

Copies of these byelaws will be kept at the offices of the Council at The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8EL and will be open to public inspection without payment on any week day during the usual office hours, for one month from the date of the publication of this notice.

Any representations about the confirmation of the byelaws should be made by letter addressed to the Secretary of State at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, European Wildlife Division, Zone 1/12, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB, and should quote the reference NSBY 20.

### Surgery Dates

The next surgery will be held on Saturday 12th January in the Parish Office from 10 am to 12 noon. If you have any points to raise or questions to ask your Parish Councillors please come along, no appointment necessary!

### Ref use & Recycling Sacks

Most of us produce more rubbish over the Christmas period so if you need more black or recycling sacks you can buy them from the parish office. Garden waste sacks are also available.

### Northfield

A request has been made for a football pitch on Northfield, and the Northfield Management Committee is exploring the possibility of creating one on the play area adjacent to the Milestone School.

Advice is currently being sought as to whether planning permission would be required, and the necessary works are being costed.

Northfield Management Committee would like to seek the views of residents from both Hartley and Ash-cum-Ridley parishes. If you would like to comment on this issue please write to the Clerk at the Parish Office or alternatively email the Clerk at mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk.

### Model Code of Conduct

Hartley Parish Council recently adopted the new Model Code of Conduct for Town and Parish Councils. Copies of the revised Code of Conduct are available for inspection by members of the public, at the Parish Office between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. on Monday - Thursday and between 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m and 2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m on Friday.



Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Alan Barnett, Jane Burns, Penny Cole, James Gaywood, David Graeme, Steffan Granger, Malcolm Harris, Jon 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 hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by phone 01474 709441

## Hartley Remembers

The annual remembrance service was held at the War Memorial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was an opportunity that many took to join local groups and organisations to openly remember those from Hartley who had made the ultimate sacrifice. It was good to see residents from every age range present. As usual the service was attended by our local clergy and for the first time Father Alex the new Parish Priest at St Francis De Sales Roman Catholic Church.

Once again we offer our thanks to the bugler from the Salvation Army who played the Last Post and Reveille.



## The Pavilion

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party or perhaps a regular weekly or monthly meeting place? Look no further, the Pavilion at Manor Field is available for hire for only £7.50 an hour. It has kitchen and toilet facilities as well as the advantage of off road parking. For more information contact the Parish Office on 01474 709441.

## Trim Trail

Northfield Management Committee is investigating a proposal to erect a trim trail on Northfield and is seeking residents' views. A trim trail would provide an exercise circuit for adults at all levels of physical ability. It is proposed that it will be constructed of wood to blend in with the rural nature of Northfield and be located adjacent to the southern boundary. If you have any views or opinions please forward them to the Parish Office by letter or e-mail.

## Lisanne Fry

Hartley Parish Council is very pleased to announce that we now have a dedicated PCSO. Lisanne can be contacted on 07772 226041 or by e mail, [lisannefry@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisannefry@kent.pnn.police.uk). Lisanne hopes to continue with the surgeries run by our former PC in the library. More information to follow in our next edition.

There appear to have been a spate of burglaries and attempted burglaries recently. Please be vigilant and remember to lock windows and doors when you go out. If you are interested in joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch contact Carey Amor the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer on 01892 502042.

## Hartley Library Update

Lisa is still performing her Bounce & Rhyme Times with babies and toddlers every two weeks and an exciting time has been had by all. The next get together is 13<sup>th</sup> December when we will have a Christmas theme. After that our next sing song session will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Lisa also ran a Halloween-related craft session in the half-term holidays which enjoyed a good attendance.

Frank continues to deliver books to your door every month if you are unable to get out. If you would like to

take advantage of this scheme then just give us a ring.

Free Coffee & Chat on Tuesday mornings [opening time onwards] has grown in numbers, new faces are always welcome - see you soon?

The Police resume their 'surgeries' in the near future. Dates will be displayed on the notice board within the library.

The Volunteer Centre continue to hold "drop ins" on the third Tuesday of each month, next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December.

A representative from Sevenoaks District Council is here every Wednesday afternoon 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm to answer your benefit queries.

In the summer our local children took part in the reading challenge and a big thanks to all who took part and helped us achieve a 98% completion. The completers enjoyed putting their names on a leaf for THE FINISHING TREE for all to see.

The W.I. cabinet donated in 1965 has been resurrected and will now proudly display any collection that the children of Hartley want to share with the public. If you have a child who wants to share please talk to Linda or Robert. We are at present compiling a waiting list.

Looking for Gift ideas? Pop into the Library! We have an exciting display of Fair-trade items for sale at very reasonable prices - well worth a visit. Not forgetting our Jute Bags at the give away price of £1.85. Described as the bag to have this year!

Are you free the first Thursday of each month? Come and join in our reading group from 9.30 am onwards. Meet like minded people and enjoy lively discussion around chosen books.

Seasons Greetings & a Happy New Year to you all!

Linda and Robert