



The Hartley Herald



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HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday 12th May 2008 in the Pavilion at Manor Field. At the meeting Councillor James Gaywood was re elected Chairman of the Council and Cllr Malcolm Harris was re elected Vice Chairman. The membership of the Committees and Working Groups are as follows:

COMMITTEES

Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Cllrs Barnett, Mrs Cole, *Gaywood, Graeme, Granger, *Harris, Mrs Oxtoby and Sewell,

Burial Grounds and Gardens of Remembrance Committee

Cllrs Barnett, Mrs Burns, *Gaywood, *Harris, Minns, Ramsay and Mrs Oxtoby

Communications Committee

Cllrs Abraham, Mrs Burns, *Gaywood, Graeme, *Harris and Mrs Oxtoby

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllrs Abraham, Alford, Barnett, Mrs Burns, Mrs Cole, *Gaywood, *Harris, Ramsay and Sewell

Highways Committee

Cllrs *Gaywood, Graeme, Granger, *Harris, Minns and Sewell plus the local County Councillor (co-opted)

Planning Committee

Cllrs Abraham, Alford, Mrs Cole, *Gaywood, *Harris, Minns, Mrs Oxtoby and Ramsay

Special Projects Committee

Cllrs Alford, Barnett, *Gaywood, *Harris, Minns, Mrs Oxtoby and Ramsay plus Chairmen of the following Committees: Amenities & Open Spaces, Burial Grounds & Gardens of Remembrance, Finance & General Purposes and Planning, as ex-officio members

Youth Committee

Cllrs Mrs Burns, *Gaywood, *Harris, Ramsay and Sewell

Northfield Management Committee

Cllrs Barnett, Brown, Mrs Brammar, Gaywood, Glover and Mrs Oxtoby

Northfield Management Committee was set up to manage the public open space at Northfield in partnership with Ash-cum-Ridley PC. Membership consists of 3 members from each Parish Council.

* Ex officio

WORKING GROUPS

Standing Orders Working Group

Cllrs Alford, Gaywood, Harris and Ramsay

W.I Hall Working Group

Cllrs Abraham, Harris and Ramsay

WOODLAND AVENUE RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council is looking at the possibility of refurbishing the play equipment at Woodland Avenue. We would like to create a more adventurous playground to encourage children to develop their physical wellbeing.

Several companies have been approached, and have produced ideas that will fit in our space. We have also consulted with children at both Hartley Primary and Our Lady of Hartley RC school. They all would like to see more interesting, imaginative play equipment with which they will not be 'bored'.

The Council will be seeking grants to help fund this plan as we will need to spend about £40,000 to install the best activity pieces. If you have any ideas about the type of equipment to include or if you know of any funding sources please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office.

REFUSE SACKS



Are you in need of additional refuse sacks? Sacks can be purchased from the Parish Office at a cost of £5 for a pack of 12 garden waste sacks, £1.50 for a roll of black refuse sacks and 50 pence for a roll of recycling sacks.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Alan Barnett, Jane Burns, Penny Cole, James Gaywood, Steffan Granger, David Graeme, Malcolm Harris, 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.

ANTI - SOCIAL MOTORBIKE ACTIVITY

Residents are reminded that the riding of motorbikes/mini motorbikes and similar vehicles is not permitted on any of the Council's open spaces, which include Woodland Avenue, Chantry Avenue and Longfield Hill playgrounds, Hartley Wood, Gorse Wood, Rectory Meadow, Billings Hill Shaw and Northfield.

The riding of the above vehicles in any of these areas is classed as anti-social behaviour. If you see anyone riding these vehicles illegally you can report it to PC Pauline Patching on 0780 734 0040, PCSO Charlie Maycock on 0798 999 2172 or PCSO Lisanne Fry on 0777 222 6041. Failing this, you can call Swanley Police Station on 01622 690 690.

HARTLEY DE SALES FC

There were 4 teams playing at Manor Field this season, ranging from under 13's to senior. Overall the season was a success with the senior side going on to win their division and the under 13's, 14's and 15's finishing well in their respective divisions.

Both the under 14's and 15's reached semi finals of cup competitions and were unlucky not to progress to the finals.

The Club is looking forward to next season and of course, always have vacancies for players looking to join.

For further information visit the Club's website at www.hartleydesalesfc.org or contact Guy Flint on 0787 9643236.

CHARLTON COMES TO HARTLEY

Charlton Football Club will once again be running weekly football skills sessions at **WOODLAND AVENUE RECREATION GROUND** on Tuesday evenings from 5.00p.m.—6.30p.m. starting on 1st July 2008.

The sessions will run for 10 weeks and are aimed at the 8—19 year old age group.

The sessions will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE** so why not come along. No need to book.

For Further information call Dan (West Kent Co-ordinator) on 07904 965816



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL'S HANDYVAN AND HOMESAFE SERVICES

The Handyvan and Homesafe services are financially supported by Kent County Council and provide security services to households across the County. These services are generally provided free of charge, although in some cases a small charge will be made.

The Handyvan service delivered in partnership with Help the Aged is primarily aimed at the over 60's, on low incomes where no charges are made for labour or products installed. The range of products currently installed includes: smoke alarms, door chains, mortice locks, window locks, door viewers and mortice bolts.

To arrange an appointment with your local fitter or for more information please telephone 01255 473999 or email: handyvan@hta.org.uk Website: www.helptheaged.org.uk

The Homesafe service aims to help people feel safe in their own homes by carrying out security works and minor aids and adaptations. If you have been a burglary victim, or if you know someone who has been burgled or been a victim of a rogue trader, please ring 08458 247 247 for further advice and assistance. This service is also helpful to those with minor physical disabilities, enabling them to cope better at home and remain independent

REMI NDER TO DOG OWNERS

A gentle reminder to all dog owners to please dispose of any 'deposits' that your dog may make whilst walking around Hartley. There are a number of dog bins provided to enable you to dispose of any dog waste responsibly. Dog bins are located for your convenience at the following sites: 1 at Manor Field, 3 at Northfield, 1 at Billings Hill Shaw, 2 at Rectory Meadow, 1 at Longfield Hill Recreation Ground, 1 at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground and one at the junction of Brambledown and Hawthorns.



KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

Kent Highway Services looks after roads and pavements, but problems can arise in between their regular inspections. If you find anything that is damaged or needs repairing you can report issues online at www.kent.gov.uk/highways or by calling 08458 247 800, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you know of any potholes that need repairing, these should also be reported to Kent Highway Services, as above.

ROADSIDE HEDGES

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that there is no danger to pedestrians from trees and hedges overhanging footpaths. The Council receives a number of complaints at this time of year and therefore residents are asked to ensure that their trees and hedges are regularly trimmed back.

HARTLEY WOOD

An application for village green status on the Southwark owned section of Hartley Wood was made to KCC last year.

A meeting was held on 7th May to inform and raise support for the application. It was attended by over 130 people. They listened to a presentation by Councillors outlining the position Hartley is in with regard to the Application. They heard that after 2 panel meetings held by KCC, where both Hartley and Southwark Councils were represented, it was deemed that the matter should be resolved at a non-statutory Public Inquiry to be sure that any decision was legally safe.



The Inquiry is due to start on Tuesday 30th September 2008 and will be held at All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road. The Inquiry may last for up to 4 days, but for residents unable to attend during the day, an evening session will be held on the first day from 6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.

The great majority of those who attended the May meeting were in favour of the application and signed a petition to that effect. We have also received over 100 evidence forms, over 230 signed slips returned from the previous newsletter, photos, and other useful information to support our application should it be needed at the Inquiry.

The Parish Council's legal advisor is seeking, at Southwark's request, to try and resolve the matter with them before the Inquiry takes place, as this will obviously save everyone a lot of money.

The Parish Council is determined to ensure that Hartley Woods will remain accessible to Hartley residents in perpetuity.

POLICE SURGERY DATES

The Police hold surgeries in Hartley Library between 10.30a.m and 12 noon on a Saturday. Future dates are 19th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 15th November and 13th December.

There will also be a Police surgery on Friday 18th July, between 8.30a.m.—9.30a.m. in the IT Suite at Hartley Primary School.

COUNCIL SURGERY DATES

The next Parish Council surgery will be held on Saturday 19th July in the Parish Office from 10a.m. to 12 noon. Two Parish Councillors will be on hand for you to discuss any local issues that are causing you concern.

Please come along, no appointment necessary.

RECTORY MEADOW



Rectory Meadow is an area of chalk grassland and woodland owned and managed by Hartley Parish Council, which has been designated as a Local Nature Reserve. The Meadow covers an area of 2 hectares and provides a habitat for a diverse range of flora and fauna.

The Parish Council wishes to promote Rectory Meadow as a useful educational resource to local schools and community groups, and encourage its use as an outdoor classroom where nature can be studied, appreciated and enjoyed

The Parish Council recently commissioned a leaflet advertising the merits of Rectory Meadow and it is intended that this leaflet will be distributed to the wider community to encourage local people to visit the Meadow.

The Parish Council would be delighted to arrange guided tours for interested groups, which could be extended to incorporate Northfield.

The wild flowers are now in bloom and the meadow is looking its best. If you would like to arrange a tour, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on 01474 709441.

IN SHAPE MAGAZINE

Sevenoaks District Council produces 'In Shape', a 24 page magazine which is posted to nearly 50,000 homes and businesses 3 times a year. An audio version of the magazine is also available. If you would like to receive the audio version of In Shape please call Alison Walker at the District Council on 01732 227177 and state whether you would like it in cassette or CD format.

IN THE ZONE SUMMER PROGRAMME



In the Zone, the holiday activity scheme operated by Sevenoaks District Council, will be back at the Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground on **Friday 29th August 2008**.

The fun will start at 11.00a.m. and finish at 3.30p.m. There will be party fun and games for children, alongside circus skills equipment, arts and crafts and games. First Class Football will also be providing some football coaching and mini tournaments for the slightly older children who want to come and join the fun.

Children should bring a packed lunch if planning to stay all day. All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied and supervised by a Parent or Carer aged 18 or over, at all times.

This scheme is offered **free of charge** so why not come along?

WEST KENT XTRA SUMMER PLAY DAYS

Children and young people can have **fun for free** this summer with 4 Play Days on offer in Hartley this August. These Play Days are totally free, and all children aged between 8 and 15 years old can come along for the day, with younger children also very welcome as long as their parent/s/ carers stay and play too! No need to book, just come along on the day.

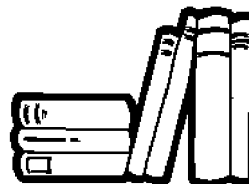
You will find a variety of sports, games and activities, arts, crafts, dance and drama, special guests and lots of different things to play with.

The days run from **10.30a.m.—3.30p.m.** and whilst free drinks and snacks will be provided, those staying all day will need a picnic lunch. Old clothes are suggested as you may get messy!

The Play days will run on **Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground**.

HARTLEY LIBRARY UPDATE

Please remember our fantastic selection of DVDs at a really competitive hire charge - only £1.00 or £2.50 for a whole week. We are sure you will not get a better deal anywhere else! Due to the increase in DVD rentals we are now receiving "Premier" titles so keep up the good work and pop in to see our selection.



Since our last update we have had several competitions for the children including the popular "Hunt the Chick" and also "Name the Lamb" whose name happened to be Lilly.

Tuesday morning Coffee and Chat is still proving popular. There is a constant supply of tea and coffee and certainly a lot of chat - not to mention laughter! Anyone can join us from 10 o'clock each week - it is always good to see new faces and it is all free. However, donations of biscuits, cakes, etc. always welcome!

The WI cabinet has had a new lease of life being used to display collections by our younger members, 8 to date as follows: -

Ethan Harman - Yu Gi Oh, Joseph McDermott - Ninja Turtles, Ella-Mae and Samuel White - Stamps, Samuel Head - Scout memorabilia and badges, Leo Warren - Cars & Hotwheels, Lauren Mersh - Fairies, Amy Rowe - Shells and Oliver Payton - Pokemon.

There is a waiting list to display any collection your children may have. Just give us your name to get in the queue and we will let you know when to bring in your goodies.

Dates to remember: - Lisa is running free Craft Sessions between 2pm - 4pm on Tuesday 29th July, and 5th, 12th, 19th August. Children must be accompanied, so come along and join in the fun. She is also continuing with Baby Rhyme Time throughout the holiday period. If you have older children who would like to listen to a story bring them along.

Team Read is the name of this year's reading challenge for the children's school summer holidays - starts 19th July - come in to the library and ask for details!

Look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Best Wishes, Linda & Robert

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL—FREE SATURDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

Dates for the free Saturday refuse collection operated by Sevenoaks District Council, are as follows:

Saturday 26th July, 11th October, 20th December 2008 and 14th March 2009, at Wellfield between 9a.m.—10a.m. and St Johns Lane between 10.15a.m.—11a.m.

The Council regrets that it cannot accept large items such as fridges, freezers etc. but a paid for bulky waste collection service is provided for items not accepted by the free service. For more details or to obtain a quote, call Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000.