



The Hartley Herald



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Northfield Ride

Despite the vandalism and attempts to prevent the Ride for Horses going ahead it has been a successful start to this latest facility on Northfield. All the riders have enjoyed the ability to exercise their horses in very pleasant surroundings.

Other users of Northfield have also expressed their pleasure in seeing horses using the open spaces. The vandalism to marker posts (no longer in place), signage and locks has cost the Management Committee and therefore residents about £500, not to mention the health and safety risk created when the padlock was 'super-glued', nor the time committee members have spent repairing and replacing signs and re-marking the route. The police are kept informed and are taking this criminal damage very seriously. The ride will remain open as long as the ground and weather permits.

We would be pleased to hear any suggestions or comments which should be given to the Parish Clerk at the office. More information and answers to FAQ's can be found on the parish website.



Fairby Lane

A reminder that the private part of Fairby Lane previously accessed via Ash Road is now closed to vehicles. Anyone wishing to gain vehicular access to Fairby Lane should do so via Chantry Avenue or Conifer Avenue.



Police Surgery—Hartley

Neighbourhood Police Officer Ali Roberts is shortly to move onto another position within West Kent Police and therefore, the Police Surgeries due to take place at Hartley Library on 15th September and 13th October have had to be cancelled. It is hoped that once a replacement has been found for PC Roberts, the Surgeries will be resumed.

In the meantime, look out for Hartley's new PCSO who will be joining us at the beginning of September.

A new school term begins.

At the start of the new school term we ask that those who do drive to our schools consider the local residents and those who walk to school, by parking safely and considerately i.e. not on the pavement or blocking driveways. Please also remember that Stack Lane is a private road and should not be used by those dropping children off at school.

Next Council Surgery Date

You can call in to the Parish Office in Hartley Library, Ash Road on Saturday 13th October 2007 between 10 a.m and noon. Two Parish Councillors will be on hand for you to discuss any local issues that are causing you concern.

Warning to dog owners.

Unfortunately Adam Osborn our Community Warden has advised us that there has been a spate of dogs being taken from outside the Cherry Trees shops. These thefts are being investigated but in the meantime please do not leave your dog unattended. If you notice anything suspicious please report it to Adam who can be contacted on 07773 397135 or phone Crime Stoppers free on 0800 555 111.

Remember if your dog poops you scoop! Help keep Hartley clean and use the dog waste bins provided.



Your Parish Councillors are:

Larry Abraham, Chris Alfred, Alan Barnett, Jane Burns, Penny Cole, James Gaywood, David Graeme, Stefan 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 mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by phone 01474 709441

Getting to know you!



Penny Cole is 43, married with two children. She was born in Dartford and spent her childhood years in Bexleyheath. She moved to Dartford at the age of 18 and spent the next 18 years living in West Dartford and then Stone (East Dartford), where she was a Parish Councillor for four years. She moved to Hartley in 2000.

On leaving school Penny worked in London for the BBC, RTZ (a British mining company) and then a small publishing company. For the last 10 years she has spent most of her time bringing up her children, but currently works part-time now they are at school.

She is currently a member of Fawkham Primary School's PTA and helps the church with general administration and the Summer Fete.

Penny's main interests are reading, music and sports. Until recently she played an active role in a local drama group in which she now retains an interest by being its treasurer.



Charlton Comes to Hartley

As reported in the last edition of the Hartley Herald, Charlton Football Club has been running weekly football skills sessions at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground on Monday evenings from 6.00p.m. - 7.30p.m. The sessions, which ran for 6 weeks, have been well attended with 20 - 30 young people turning up to train and play mini tournaments. The course was provided free of charge by the Charlton Football Club Community Team.

It is hoped to enlarge the program to provide some involvement for girls to include ladies soccer, dance/aerobics and health and beauty. The Parish Council will be liaising with Charlton Football Club to try to achieve this in the future.

In the Zone

In the Zone, the holiday activity scheme operated by Sevenoaks District Council for young people aged 8 and above, visited the Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground on 7th August 2007. The event was attended by 89 children, taking part in activities including "massive art" painting on a grand scale using mops, wheels etc. as paintbrushes, sports and games, face painting, circus skills and arts and crafts.

Feedback forms from parents gave the following comments: 'A great variety of activities for across the age range' - 'Brilliant idea' - 'Couldn't be better! Thank you for another lovely day' - 'Kids enjoyed themselves. Nice day.'



Neighbourhood Watch

West Kent Police Neighbourhood Watch currently has many active schemes within the area but it is always looking to increase its numbers. If you are interested in joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, the contact details are as follows:

Carey Amor, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer: 01892 502042
Public Safety Unit, Police Station, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2LT
To report a crime (non-urgent but Police required): 01732 771055
To report a crime (non-urgent and Switchboard): 01622 690690
Emergencies: 999

Voter Registration Forms

From 10th September voter registration forms are being sent to households throughout the area by Sevenoaks District Council. Details can once more be confirmed by using the popular freephone service and certain changes made online either of which saves bringing or sending the forms back to the Council. A simple help sheet that explains how to use either of these services and answers the most frequently asked questions, is enclosed with the registration form.

Please don't delay in responding to the form, whether by phone, online or by sending the voter registration form back to the Council Offices in Argyle Road, Sevenoaks - only those people whose names are on the register will be able to vote at future elections. Households that have not received a form by late September, or have any questions about completing the form can e-mail elreg@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone the helplines on 01732 227188 or 01732 227243