

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007

JUDGES' VISIT THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

Three judges visited the village on an overcast June afternoon. They were met at the Village Hall by Mary Bourne, Chairman of the Parish Council, who said a few words before the judges were taken on a tour of the village. The main organiser, Martin Nash, had arranged for two cars to take the judges on different routes. One car load visited the Wildlife Meadow and learned of the difficulties experienced following the sudden closure of our Post Office. The other car saw the Playing Field, East Herts Equestrian Centre and the Internet Access Point at the Silver Fox.



Back at the Village Hall, the judges looked at the displays of events that had taken place in Hertford Heath since their visit last year and also saw the Parish Council newsletters, the various walks devised by Clive Gillingham (available on the website), the programmes for the various Hertford Heath Football Club home matches, and other information on the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and the Friends of Holy Trinity. Of great interest were the poems written by children at Hertford Heath Primary School which will appear in the newsletter from next month.



The WI had laid on a wonderful spread for the judges and the many representatives who had come to talk to them.

Mary Bourne opened the proceedings by outlining all Bob Akers' activities on behalf of the village. He has been nominated by the village for the Peterkin Award.

Headteacher Janice Smith had brought along two members of the School Council who spoke about how the pupils get involved in village life - from having a stall at the Village Fete to using the roads to gain their cycling proficiency badges. One pupil read out her poem to great applause.



Representatives from the Ladies Circle, Carpet Bowls, Horticultural Society, Trinity Tots, the WI, the Village Hall Management Committee and Hertford Heath Rangers Netball Club all spoke about what they do and how they enjoy village life. The Rev Nick Sharp and District Councillor William Ashley spoke about their work for the village.

The results of the competition will be announced on 28th June at County Hall. We all have our fingers crossed for a great result. Watch the noticeboards for details.