

**HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT JULY 2005**

I have been asked to report on a large number of matters this month.

The Council has decided to go back to its 'old ways' as it were and to not have a meeting in August. The next ordinary meeting will be on 5 September 2005 in the Mission Room, starting at 7:30pm. All villagers are most welcome to come.

The Council learned that it had been judged runner up in the Business Category of the Village of the Year competition. All those who worked on the entry, met the judges or ensured that the village looked as good as it could do were somewhat disappointed not to have received greater recognition. Hopefully, though, this year's experience will lead to greater things next year. In addition to the thanks given in the last Parish News, thanks go to Carol Taylor, Peter Webster and Richard Turner with apologies for not having mentioned them last month.

One result of the work behind the entry was the production of a Village Information booklet containing extracts from the website. If you would like a copy, please let me know and I will get you one as soon as I can.

The booklet was on show at the very successful Summer Bonanza. The WI organised a wonderful day which was enjoyed by all who came. It was very reminiscent of the fetes of years gone by and I believe that some residents are looking to re-introduce the annual fete. The band of local musicians provided music through the afternoon and generously asked that a donation be made to help the victims of the London bombings.

I have been told that the village will get a kerbside glass collection in addition to the paper one. This will start in August. I do not have details yet but there should be posters around the village and leaflets delivered to all households. The bins in Woodland Road will remain.

The Council has been told that the District Council may provide extra litter bins, to be emptied by the District. It has been suggested that new ones be placed near each shop and on the junction of Church Hill and Woodland Road. Can you let me know of any other sites that might benefit from a bin. I understand that there is some movement on the provision of additional dog mess bins but have no details.

The District Council is organising Summer Playschemes and activities for older children. For a playscheme information pack, contact Jo Rodwell - Play Officer on 531614 or by email to jo.rodwell@eastherts.gov.uk. To find out more about the free activities for 13 - 17 year olds, call Kay Patrick on 531601 or 07921 404235, or email her at katy.patrick@eastherts.gov.uk. (Please note that all children attending playschemes must be resident in East Herts.)

To end on a high, the District Council has approved a grant of £12,000 towards the refurbishment of the children's play area on the Playing Field as well as the provision of two new pieces of equipment for older children. The Parish Council Chairman, Mary Bourne, raised £50 at the Summer Bonanza towards the cost and I am preparing two extra grant applications. The Playing Fields Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the next steps.

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