

## **CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES JULY 2008**

Mary Bourne has asked me to thank everyone for their notes, cards and flowers. She very much appreciates the kind thoughts and wishes.

At its last meeting, the Parish Council elected Bob Akers as Chairman for the remainder of the Council's year and Andrew Crumpton as Vice Chairman. Bob had been Vice Chairman for more years than anyone can remember and it is fitting that he should now be the "bride"!

### CALOR HERTFORDSHIRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2008

It is somewhat disappointing to have to report that the village only received a commendation in one category - that of Business. Maybe we will do better in the Regional competition but we will have to wait until December before we know. Certainly, a couple of people at this year's Hertfordshire award ceremony seemed to suggest that we had done well but we won't get our hopes up too much.

### VILLAGE FETE

Congratulations to Brenda Wilson, Alan Howard and all who worked so hard to make this year's fete the best yet. With greatly increased sponsorship and a Pimms stall which was doing a roaring trade, the net income at over £2,500 is significantly more than last year.

The bulk of the income will be distributed to village organisations as before. If you wish to apply for a grant, then please contact Brenda Wilson as soon as possible.

### THE POST OFFICE

Despite the assurances given to Mark Prisk and I, the permanent closure of a Post Office in the village is proposed with no alternative facilities being provided. The Post Office bus will cease in October too. I have posted details on the noticeboards and will include more details in the next newsletter. Please comment on the lack of provision of any Post Office facilities in the village and encourage all you know to write too.

You may find it amusing/unbelievable to learn that the Post Office managed to send the posters advertising the consultation to Wendy Cousins despite having terminated her contract a year ago! I had to chase them for the promised posters which is when we realised what had happened.

### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

The two picnic tables on the Playing Field have been smashed to pieces and the wooden fence to the Children's Play Area has been damaged in several places. This vandalism has been reported to the police. If you have any information, could you let me or Karen Broad know. We will mend the fence as soon as we are able but would have far preferred to spend the money on something useful.

### VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Here is the poem by Cameron Wilcox:

*"I like this village because ..."*

*This village is wonderful  
Because wildlife, it's everywhere  
The park is great coz you can play football with your mates,  
And the younger ones can play.  
Walking to school is cool,  
It's better than waking up an hour before.  
Walking in the woods is fun watching and listening to the wildlife  
The rustle of the leaves, the gallops of the horse, the chirp of the chick.*

## FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR 11 - 19 YEAR OLDS IN HERTFORD AND WARE

### Monday 4 August

- \* Sports Fun in the Park & Wheels Mobile vehicle - Hartham (6.30-8.30pm )
- \* Kyokujitsu Karate Club, Ware Football Club, Wodson Park  
Under 12's 6.30pm-7.30pm, 12+ 7.45pm – 9.15pm  
To book call Cathy Petch 07946 484498

### Tuesday 5 August

- \* Sports Fun in the Park & Wheels Mobile vehicle – King George Park, Ware (6.30-8.30pm)
- \* Zoo Café, Ware Road, Hertford- Pulpture Art (7.30-9.45pm)

### Friday 8 August

- \* Zoo Café, Ware Road, Hertford - Healthy cooking (7.30-10pm)

### Monday 11 August

- \* Sports Fun in the Park & Wheels mobile Vehicle - Hartham (6.30-8.30pm ) + *Free Bike Marking by Herts Police*
- \* Kyokujitsu Karate Club (details the same as Monday 4 August)

### Tuesday 12 August

- \* Sports Fun in the Park & Wheels Mobile vehicle – King George Park, Ware (6.30-8.30pm)
- \* Zoo Café, Ware Road, Hertford- Pulpture Art (7.30-9.45pm)

### Friday 15 August

- \* Bodystop Bus - Pinehurst (3-5pm)
- \* Zoo Café, Ware Road, Hertford- Healthy cooking (7.30-10pm)

### Monday 18 August

- \* Kyokujitsu Karate Club (details the same as Monday 4 August)

### Tuesday 19 August

- \* Zoo Café- Pulpture Art (7.30-9.45pm)
- \* Football Tournament (4-7pm) at Wodson Park, Ware Park, Ware.

### Friday 22 August

Pinehurst Community centre (Cooking 3-5pm)

For information about other activities taking place in East Herts during the summer holidays visit [www.eastherts.gov.uk](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk)

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September in the Mission Room starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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