

**HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 2005 MEETING**

BONFIRE NIGHT

The Parish Council warmly thanked and roundly applauded Richard Jacobs and his great band of helpers for arranging such a wonderful evening's entertainment on 5th November. The fireworks seemed to go on for ever and many said that it was the best display they had ever seen.

The Council also thanked every one who contributed to the "firework fuse fund" and to the various sponsors.

Vicky Lambert sent me a glorious selection of photos of the fireworks which can be seen, together with the posters the children at the JMI produced, the guys and the bonfire itself, on the village website - www.hertfordheath.com

POLICE REORGANISATION

The Home Secretary has informed all forces and authorities in the Eastern Region that only three core options could be developed further and that no force in the Eastern Region could stand alone.

The three options are:

- A regional force made up of the six police forces
- An east/west divide - Herts/ Beds/Cambs & Essex/Norfolk/ Suffolk
- A north/south divide - Herts/ Beds/ Essex & Cambs/Norfolk/ Suffolk

Further information, including a copy of the questionnaire that has to be returned by 2 December, can be obtained from me or from www.hertfordheath.com.

"POLICE 10 MOTORISTS 0"

This is the title of PC Scott's report to the Parish Council! On 7 November and in only an hour and a half, he stopped ten motorists for excess speed in London Road and issued ten tickets.

Remember - the speed limit in the village is 30mph and PC Scott plans to use the laser gun on a regular basis.

EAST HERTS INTER-PARISH QUIZ

This is to be held at Wodson Park on 4 February 2006 to raise money for the East Herts Fund for the Future. The cost is £8.50 per person and includes supper.

If you are interested in putting up a team of 8 or being a member of a team, please contact me.

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

The Parish Council was dismayed to hear that the parking situation at the school was as bad as ever. Parents are reminded that the landlords of the Goat and the Townshend Arms are happy for cars to be parked in their car parks whilst children are being taken to or picked up from the school.

The matter will be raised with the village's new Police Community Support Officer, Neil Major, to see what can be done to solve the problem.

EGG ON YOUR FACE?

It would seem that a number of homes and cars were pelted with eggs at Halloween and a number of plant pots were broken by a small number of hoodies. (It's curious how close that word is to hoodlum.) The damage has been reported to the police and will be raised with the PCSO.

"MARY'S MERRY MEN"

Mary Bourne would like twelve strong men and true willing to help with village activities, etc. She already have one or two definites and several possibles!! Contact Mary on 500946 if you would like to be part of this volunteer task force.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Mary Bourne will be organising Community Carols again on the Village Green (in the Mission Room if wet) on Friday 23 December at 6.30pm. Bring a torch and a candle!

She will be raising funds for Khandel light, a registered Charity, which was created in June 2000 by Dr Peter Gough, following his first visit to Khandel, Rajasthan. Dr Gough, who has surgeries in Barley and Royston, formed a committee of ten volunteers providing a broad range of skills and expertise, who felt certain that together they could make a difference to the quality of life in this desert region, one of the poorest in India.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Parish Council is very grateful for all the support you have given it over the past year and wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 5 December in t he Mission Room, starting at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are always welcomed.

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