

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 2008

BONFIRE AND FIREWORK NIGHT ON SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Despite the appalling weather, a large number of villagers turned out for what proved to be the best fireworks display ever.

The rain meant that the amazing display of witches had to be judged in the tent and so no photos are available. The bonfire took a long time to get started but once it did, it provided a welcome source of heat!

The Bonfire Group led by Paul Walker, ably assisted by Pam Kimpton, Steve Finch, Ben Parker, Simon Dorken, Bob Frost and Bob Akers, organised the event with help from willing volunteers including Geoffrey and Dianne Yarwood, Richard Jacobs, Petrea Papworth, Richard Allen and Shirley Whitbread on the night who helped collect donations from the public and by acting as stewards. Keith and Marlon Phypers of Greendays Garden Services kindly removed the turf from the green in readiness for the positioning of the bonfire. Fireworks were let off with kind permission from the back of Brian Walsh's property. Safety measures were met with a first aid post and a fire engine on standby. The Goat very kindly provided the electricity.

Planning for next year's event has already started. If you want to help, contact Paul at fireworks@rosemaryctg.co.uk.

BUS TO PRESDALES

Some very good news for some parents. The County Council has realised that for some girls, Presdales is their nearest school. As the walk to Presdales is not safe, the County has to provide free transport. They say they are contacting the parents of eligible girls but if you wish to check whether Presdales is your nearest school, contact the County's Customer Service Centre on 01438 737500.

I also understand that if there are spare spaces on the bus the County provides, then other girls may use the bus (for a fee). As soon as I know anything further, I will let parents know – by email if possible. If you would like to be kept up to date, could you let me have your email address. The Council's is hertfordheath@aol.com.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Nick Sharp has taken on the running of this popular event. Bring your lanterns and candles to the Green on Friday 19th December at 6.30pm. Thanks to the generosity of Trevor Goodingham, there will be a Christmas tree and, if I can lay my hands on them, some solar tree lights. A collection for Khandel Light will be made as usual.

CHANGE TO SPEED LIMITS

I am sure you will have noticed that the speed limit from Hertford is now 40mph all the way until the Townshend Arms when it reduces to 30mph. PC Neal Dyton has been out with his speed gun and has caught a number of drivers who ignore those limits – so be warned.

DOG MESS

The complaints about dog mess being left on pavements and on the Playing Fields continue. It is an offence not to pick up after your dog, so please avoid causing problems for children and walkers and avoid incurring a fixed penalty by clearing up after your dog.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Below is the poem by Amy Beadle:

“WHY I LOVE MY VILLAGE”

*After school I can't wait
To go out and play with my mate
Out and about on my bike
Our village is to like
With our wonderful church
Our terrific woods with plenty of trees from Oak to Birch.*

*In the middle of our village is a little School
The brilliant sweetie shops are so cool
All the different styles of cars parked on the drive way
I love to go out and play
Our village is the best place
You will never leave and pack your case.*

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th December in the Mission Room at 7.30pm – note the change of date from the usual first Monday in the month. Please also note that the Parish Council will not be meeting in January 2009.

Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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