

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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QUESTIONNAIRE 2007

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Thank you to all who have returned their questionnaires. These will be analysed and put onto the website. All suggestions, comments and criticisms will be considered by the Parish Council over the next few months and all decisions will appear in future newsletters.

REMINDERS

Driving and parking on the Village Greens is illegal and damage caused to the Greens must be repaired by the culprits. Please inform the Clerk if you see anyone damaging the Greens.

Allowing dogs to foul the footpaths, Village Greens, Playing Field and other open spaces and not picking up the mess is also illegal. The District Council's Animal Warden is the person to contact with information.

ISABEL HOSPICE BIG FUN WALK Sunday 9th March

Once again the North London Hospice has invited Isabel Hospice supporters to participate in the beautiful eight mile Big Fun Walk across the parks of London. The walk takes in Cherry Tree Wood, Highgate Wood, Parliament Hill, Belsize Park, Primrose Hill, Regents Park, Green Park, St James Park and finishes at Westminster for tea and Jazz.

If you are interested in taking part, call Renee Friend on 01279 755320.

Check in is at East Finchley Tube Station forecourt from 9.15am to 10.15am with the first departure at 9.30am, then leaving at 15 minute intervals until 10.15am. If anyone wants to walk with the Isabel Hospice Group, we are leaving at 9.30am.

DOGS WELCOME



HELP THE POLICE CATCH DISTRACTION BURGLARS

A number of distraction burglaries have taken place in Hertfordshire targeting the elderly and the vulnerable. Hertfordshire Constabulary is committed to catching those responsible for these crimes but is asking for help from members of the public.

We are urging all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately. If we get a call while a crime is in progress there is a better chance we will catch the offenders.

We also need information about what these people look like and the vehicles they use. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very useful for us to gather intelligence, as are descriptions of any suspects.

Hertfordshire is a safe county, but you can help to make it even safer. You can help by:

- If you see or suspect anything suspicious, or if you've had or seen a suspicious caller ring us straight away on 999.
- Ring us on 0845 33 00 222 if you have any information about burglars.
- You can also ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to give information anonymously.

We'd rather you report it and the activity turns out to be innocent than not reporting it at all.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Here is Katie Beadle's poem:

OUR VILLAGE

In the spring you like to smell the flowers and make daisy chains and dance and prance and leap and watch all the animals and their babies play.

Everybody likes to get their work done so they can go out on the Village Green and have some fun like water fights and tree climbing in the summer sun.

In the autumn we run through the leaves and hear the leaves crunching on the ground. Everybody starts to get their gloves, hats, scarves and big thick coats out from the dusty cupboards.

*The winter's much better you can sing around the fire and watch all the lovely decorations hanging there with their glory.
The lights shine leading you home with their shining colours.*



Book Sale

The Village Hall
Saturday 1st March

2.00 pm

Admission 50p
Contact Buzz 554293 or Pam 550694
to donate books



The next meeting of the WI will be held in the Mission Room on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm. (The WI always meet on the second Tuesday of every month.) Our speaker in February will be 'Penny' and her talk is entitled 'Women at Risk'. Do come and join us. We have a full and varied programme for 2008 with a variety of speakers and craft evenings. We have a group meeting in June when our speaker will be Olga Powell who was nanny to Princes William and Harry. A trip to the theatre at Sonning (which includes an excellent lunch prior to the play) has been arranged for 31st May. We shall also be having a mystery tour in August.

If you would like to know more about the WI, please contact our President Pat Webster on 01992 551237 or email her at pat.webster@sky.com

CALCULATE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Web based Carbon Calculators can help us move from agreement on climate change to action. To use one, simply enter details of your annual energy use and travel, then watch the calculator translate this into estimated carbon dioxide emissions.

Once you have your estimate, you can use the calculator to test the impact of doing things differently. Newer calculators allow you to compare your emissions against the national average and UK targets. These are great for getting some perspective on the size of the challenge ahead. Examples include <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/index.html> and www.nef.org.uk/actonCO2/carboncalculator.htm

The UK government is currently committed to a 60% reduction in CO₂ emissions from 1990 levels by 2050. That means that the 1990 per capita UK emissions of 10 tonnes will need to fall below 4 tonnes per annum by 2050.

Carbon Calculators usually come with advice. You might opt to insulate your home, switch to a green electricity tariff, or buy only energy efficient appliances. Generating solar hot water or electricity may also be an option for some households.

For more information, contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012

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MOBILE POLICE STATION

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Village Hall

10:30am to 11:45am

FARMERS' MARKET

Apologies to all – the January Farmers' Market was cancelled and at time of publication, it is not certain that there will be a market on 17th February

Best to check the Mercury

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

The Mission Room at 7.30pm