

# HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER

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### THE NHS IS CHANGING

The NHS in Hertfordshire is consulting on a range of options for health services. The consultation, which runs until 1<sup>st</sup> October, seeks views from everyone who uses Hertfordshire health services.

You can find out more by visiting the consultation website - [www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk/consultation](http://www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk/consultation). Those without access to the web can phone 01707 361269, email [consult@herts-pcts.nhs.uk](mailto:consult@herts-pcts.nhs.uk) or write to:

Delivering Quality Health Care for  
Hertfordshire Consultation  
Freepost 145  
Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6BR

A consultation evening is to be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, St Andrew Street, Hertford.

### VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEMS

Below is Chloe James' poem which she read to the judges when they visited and to which Mary Bourne awarded second prize:

#### "WHY I LOVE MY VILLAGE"

*Like a deep green emerald  
Is my village,  
A jewel which is hard to find,  
And often desired.*

*Like a drink of icy water  
Is my village,  
Refreshing and a blessing  
On a long, tiring journey.*

*Like a nightingale singing  
Is my village,  
Creating a warm bubble of  
Outstanding happiness.*

*Like a smile of starlight  
is my village,  
Twinkling and a reasonable size  
To satisfy your request.*

*Like a helping hand  
is my village,  
We are always here  
Come along and visit,  
We'll welcome you warmly  
In my village.*

### FREERIDE!



A FREERIDE piece of equipment for teenagers is being bought and will be sited near to the Meeting Point. With a foot stance similar to that of a skateboard or snowboard, they can really work up some speed and experience the surfing action while holding onto the double grab handles. The moulded ride board makes a comfortable seat when they just want to hang out and chat.

A reminder that bicycles are not allowed in the Children's Play area but are allowed on the field so long as the cyclists do not cause a danger to other users or cycle when the ground is very wet.

Dog mess should be picked up and put in the bin. It is not good enough to kick it into the grass. Dog mess is not just something one does not want on shoes, etc but it can be a health risk. Dogs may deposit roundworm eggs (*toxocara canis*) in their faeces, which become infectious after about three weeks and can remain so for up to two years. Anyone, but particularly children playing near to the ground, can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs. The eggs then hatch in the intestine, burrow through the intestine wall into the blood stream and pass into the body. As they say in one local council's campaign -Yuk!

### HOW GREEN IS OUR PLEASANT LAND?

England is not alone in becoming increasingly dependent on imported gas and oil. We are one of 27 oil producing nations who reported declining output in 2006. In an era of vanishing cheap oil, the best gift any individual of this generation is likely to be able to make to his or her children, will not be the extended loan. It will be the proof of not having used natural resources entirely selfishly. Passing on a home and lifestyle which contributes positively to a low carbon community may be just the proof that tomorrow's children will be looking for.

So, how do we move towards low carbon living? Well, first things first. 85% of the energy we use in our homes is used on space and water heating. The most cost-effective way to reduce this consumption is to better insulate our homes. For information on insulation grants and discounts, contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012**.

## HERTFORD HEATH VILLAGE HALL

As you can see from the photographs of the kitchen and of the main hall, the Village Hall is much improved.

The kitchen refurbishment, now essentially complete, was the work of many helpers throughout the village: Deirdre Bell gave us the curtains (which we have still to put up), Ken Bryant spent days redoing the tiling, Steve Jollyman spent two days fitting the worktops, Peter Finch provided and installed a back door mat, M & G Flooring provided and installed the main kitchen flooring, Ben Parker installed the windows, Colin Porter trimmed and decorated, Dick Trundle fitted all the cabinets and Buzz Goodingham and I did what we could without getting in the way of the professionals all of whom gave their services free of charge. We couldn't possibly have done it without them.



In the main hall, the repainting work started by Paul Cousins was continued by a working party led by Nick Sharpe the Vicar and with the help of Jan Bryant, Buzz and myself. The hall was always bright and airy, but replacing the dark green has made it even better.



Come and see for yourself either at the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> September or **The Quiz** on 13<sup>th</sup> October, tickets £7.50 from Pam 550694.

David Morgan  
Village Hall Management Committee



A distraction burglary occurred in Oak Tree Close recently.

Two men knocked and said that they were working at the rear of the house and needed to get in the kitchen. The victim told them they could not. One offender put his foot inside the door but the victim pushed him out and shut the door.

Please do remember not to let anyone into your home if you do not know them and to ring the police immediately.

## BALLOON RACE

Although the Balloon Race held at this year's Fete raised more money than last year's, the number of balloons returned so far has been far lower. This is probably due to the weather and the wind direction.

The furthest so far has been returned from Holkham in Norfolk, a distance of around 100 miles as the crow flies. We are hoping that some will be returned from Norway before the closing date of 1 September.

**Now watch your money given for the balloons go up in smoke!**

**Bonfire and Firework Night  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

## HERTFORD HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB

Tuesday 28 August	home to	Standon and Puckeridge
Saturday 8 September	away to	Bovingdon

Full details of fixtures and results can be found on [www.hsc.leaguemanager.biz](http://www.hsc.leaguemanager.biz)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Chairman:

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### Highway Fault Reporting:

01438 737320 or  
the online fault reporting service on  
[www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults](http://www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults)

**Non-emergency Police number  
0845 3300 222**

#### PC Neal Dyton

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Both on 01992 533013

## MOBILE POLICE STATION

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Village Hall 10:30am to 11:45am

## FARMERS' MARKET

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

9:30am to 1:00pm

VILLAGE HALL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Mission Room at 7.30pm