

# HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER

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### Help save Balls Wood

The Garage Sale organised by Jean Bawcutt raised nearly £800 and the quiz at the Silver Fox added over £325.

With these and other fundraising activities, the Wildlife Trust is hopeful of reaching its target of £150,000 by the end of March. If you would like to make sure that Balls Wood is saved, please let the Trust know your donation is coming by contacting Clare Gray at [clare.gray@hmw.org](mailto:clare.gray@hmw.org) or on 01727 858 901 (ext.234).

### ALLOTMENT RENTS

These are now due and should be paid to the Allotment Manager, Bob Akers at 65 Trinity Road or to Lynn Bonner at 61 London Road who has volunteered to assist Bob. The rent for a full plot is £15, with a half plot being £10.

If you do not intend to keep your plot for the coming year, could you let Bob or Lynn know as soon as possible please. There is still a waiting list.

### VILLAGE OF THE YEAR POEM

*Here is the poem by Ryan Davis:*

#### *WHY I LOVE HERTFORD HEATH*

*I love my village because  
It's where I have lived since my birth  
Also I have freedom to go many  
different places on my own.*

*I love my village because  
It's where most of my family live  
And I can visit them  
And there is a lot of my friends that live  
here  
So I can visit them too.*

*I love my village because  
I have got a big playing field to play  
football.*



Hertfordshire Constabulary are calling on neighbours to look out for suspicious behaviour in a bid to reduce distraction burglaries. The call comes as part of a new initiative which detectives hope will help tackle the problem. Residents are being asked to display new 'burglar beware' window stickers in their homes and cars.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Williamson, from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "Distraction burglary means quite literally that a criminal will attempt to distract a person in their home while they or a colleague carry out a burglary. They tend to target the elderly and more vulnerable people in our communities and can be very convincing."

"We rely on immediate information from residents to be able to apprehend these criminals and this is the main focus for the new initiative. We're asking everyone to look out for their older and more vulnerable neighbours and report suspicious behaviour to the police immediately with as much information as possible, such as descriptions or car details."

If you would like a sticker, please contact your local safer neighbourhood team. Contact details can be found on [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk).

Distraction burglaries account for a small proportion of burglaries in the county. However, Hertfordshire Constabulary gives the following advice to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of distraction burglary, or bogus callers:

#### **Rule One: If a stranger calls – Not sure? Don't open the door!**

If you are not expecting anyone and you don't recognise them, don't let them into your home. Be aware, bogus callers can be very convincing and will often pretend to be representing a utility company; a genuine caller won't mind coming back at a time when you can arrange to have somebody you trust with you.

#### **Rule Two: If you are expecting a caller:**

Only open your door when you are happy that you know the person. If you can't see who is calling and need to open the door, use your door chain and ask for identification or a pre-arranged password before you let them in.

#### **Rule Three: Never keep large amounts of cash at home**

If you ensure that large amounts of money are securely in a bank or building society account and any valuable jewellery is safely and discretely locked away then, even if a criminal cons their way into your home, there is nothing of value for them to steal.

More advice and information about can be found on [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk).



## PROPOSED YOUTH CLUB

A group of people have been meeting since January to make plans to launch a youth club here in the village.

We hope to run two sessions a week: one for a younger age group: school years 4-6; and the other for school years 7-9. We are hoping to use the village hall, and, all being well, to launch in early July. Look out for us running a stall at the village fete, to raise some publicity.

This is still early days, and if our ideas don't seem right, we will make changes if we feel it is appropriate, once we see who is coming regularly and what their needs are.

We would like to have at least 16 volunteers, and then we would be able to run a rota of one week in four, so the commitment won't be too great for anybody. So – if you feel this is something you would like to get involved in, please speak to me.

Nick Sharp  
01992 589147  
nicthevic@gmail.com

If you have not yet sent back your questionnaire, there is still time. Please let Nick have it as soon as you can.

### HERTFORD HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	away to	Wormley Rovers
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	home to	Buntingford Town
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	home to	Sandridge Rovers
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	away to	Bedmond S & S Club
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	home to	Lemsford

**Come and support your local team**

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



### GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009

Want to do something different? Want to help people with spinal cord injuries live full and independent lives? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting seven friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 extension 229, visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk) or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk).

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Chairman:**  
Bob Akers  
65 Trinity Road  
01992 420340

**Vice Chairman:**  
Andrew Crumpton

**Other members:**  
Lynn Bonner  
Jack Eames  
Trevor Goodingham  
Martin Nash  
Alison Scarll  
Dawn Sleet  
One vacancy

**Clerk:**  
Carolyn Morgan  
97 London Road  
SG13 7RJ  
01992 581994

#### East Herts District Councillor:

**William Ashley**  
01992 511313 (tel)  
01992 511695 (fax)  
[william.ashley@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:william.ashley@eastherts.gov.uk)

#### Hertfordshire County Councillor:

**Mike Tucker**  
01920 464826 (tel and fax)  
[mike.tucker@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:mike.tucker@hertscc.gov.uk)

**Highway Fault Reporting:**  
01438 737320 or  
[www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults](http://www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults)

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

**PC Neal Dyton**  
[neal.dyton@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neal.dyton@herts.pnn.police.uk)

**PCSO Neil Major**  
[neil.major@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:neil.major@herts.pnn.police.uk)  
Both on 01707 354192

#### MOBILE POLICE STATION

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
10:30am to 11:30am

#### VILLAGE HALL FARMERS' MARKET

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**9.30am – 12.30pm**

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MISSION ROOM**  
**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**7.30pm**