

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

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“BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH”

Pam Kimpton and Mary Bourne have asked for all questionnaires and photos to be given to them by the end of the year. If you need assistance in doing so, Pam (550694) or Mary (500946) will be only too pleased to help.

Mary has said that they have received a great deal of very interesting material. Putting it all together should be very exciting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

3/04/2203/FP
Rear of 103 – 111 London Road
(and rear of 15 Woodland Road):
Construction of four 3-bed
houses, four 2-bed flats and two
1-bed flats, together with roads,
parking, sewers, and all ancillary
works

3/04/2191/FP
Redlands, The Roundings:
Detached garage and store

3/04/2176/FP
5 Church Hill:
Loft conversion and rear single
storey extensions

3/04/2083/FP
4 Portland Place:
Single storey rear conservatory

3/04/2058/LB
3/04/2059/AD
The Goat:
External signage and lighting

RUSH GREEN ROUNDAABOUT

Are traffic lights the answer?

County Councillor Nigel Copping is seeking residents' views as to ways to alleviate the safety problems at this roundabout. Plans were put forward for traffic lights but officers were asked to reconsider. This does not mean that lights have been ruled out, however.

The Parish Council heard at its last meeting that in the three years to 2002, there had been 57 casualties from accidents on or approaching the roundabout, five of those being suffering serious injury. Whilst the cost of providing traffic lights seems high at around £350,000, that has to be set against the cost of each accident which is calculated to be £80,000.

If you would like to give your views to Nigel Copping, you can find his details over the page. Alternatively, you can pass your views to the Clerk who will forward them to Councillor Copping and to Parish Council members.

PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

The Parish Council is in the early stages of reviewing the Playing Field and its various uses, and drafting an overall plan for improvements, subject to the availability of adequate funding.

The Council feels that the fencing of the field needs improvement, both for safety reasons and to keep motor cycles and quad bikes out. The Council is also hoping to provide a practice basketball hoop and upgrade all the children's equipment.

As part of its application to move into the County League, the Football Club needed to show that it could provide parking for 12 cars. The plan is for the scrub land adjacent to Harrington Court to be cleared and hard standing provided for the days the Club plays County League matches.

If there are improvements you would like to suggest, do let the Clerk or a member of the Council know.

EHDC MATTERS

William Ashley writes: "The Licensing Act of 2003 is shortly coming into force, with important changes, aimed at making the Act less complicated and "de-regularising" licensing. The main changes are that the local Council, rather than local magistrates, are no in charge of licensing, that licences should be granted unless opposed, and that licensing hours are flexible and can be all day.

There are worthy objectives, like "the prevention of crime and disorder" and "public safety". A statement of licensing policy is required every three years. With the best will in the world, I cannot see changes in the licensing laws doing much to modify Saturday night hooliganism in Hertford. Unless, of course, they shut all the pubs. We shall see."

The consultation on East Herts Council's Licensing Policy ended some weeks' ago. The Parish Council made no comments on the policy which set out how East Herts intends to balance the positive aspects (such as increasing the leisure industry, community provision and enhancing the attractiveness of the area) with controlling the negative impacts (such as noise, anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder).

The transitional period starts on 5 February 2005 when East Herts will start to consider applications for conversion to the new licence. Sometime in November 2005, all existing licences will cease to have effect and the new licensing regime begins.

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HERTFORD HEATH VILLAGE HALL

Schedule of Rates

Weekday sessions

9.00 am to 12.30 pm or 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

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| Non-commercial organisations: | £6.00 per session |
| Commercial organisations | £15.50 per session |

Weekday evening sessions

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| Non-commercial organisations: | £18.00 per session |
| Commercial organisations | £27.50 per session |

Weekend sessions

Morning or afternoon session

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| Non-commercial organisations | £30.00 per session |
| Commercial organisations | £50.00 per session |

Full day Saturday or Sunday

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| Fund raisers for village organisations | £50.00 |
| Non commercial hires by village residents | £85.00 |
| Hires by non village residents & commercial hires | £100.00 |
| Regular Commercial hires | £93.50 |

Children's Party Special

any day, times by arrangement £20.00

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Hertfordshire Travel Information:

Timetable information:
0870 608 2 608

Non-emergency Police number:

0845 33 00 222