

HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

Onyx will be considering the Council's application for a grant at its Board meeting on 26 January. The Board has a recommendation before it to make a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the multi-play system.

As this piece of equipment costs over £8,000, further fundraising work will have to be done before the Council's ambitious plans can come to fruition.

"REFUSE, REUSE AND RECYCLE"

OLD WELLIES

REUSE: Old wellies can be cut down to use as slip-ons or you can plant things in them. If you cut the tops off and bury them in the garden, they will contain the roots of invasive plants such as mint.

RECYCLE: Donate them to charity shops - in pairs!

Old PVC wellies can be recycled by Dunlop and should be sent to:
"Old Wellies"

Mr R Harrington (Recycling Dept)
Dunlop Footwear Ltd
Hazeldene Road
LIVERPOOL
L9 2BA

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

It looks as if those who so successfully arranged the bonfire and the fireworks display last November are willing to continue as a working party of the Parish Council and make Bonfire Night a regular village event.



Isabel Hospice

100 MILE ENDURANCE SWIM

Join us in our second year of the Isabel Hospice 100 Mile Endurance Swim. An incredible £26,000 was raised last year - a very hard act to follow!

We need you to help - Swim part of 100 miles non-stop with us on 26th February 2006. The more swimmers the easier the challenge. To be held at Haileybury swimming pool in Hertford Heath.

We need individuals, families, school and company teams to take part. All team members will swim in one lane at the same time. Individuals may have up to three others in their lane at the same time. Each team must swim at least 16 lengths between them (1/4 mile). Each individual, not swimming as part of a team must swim at least 16 lengths (1/4 mile).

No age limit at all - timed slots will be allocated. We are aiming to raise £100 per mile or more.

For more details, registration and sponsor forms please contact:

Julia Skinner or Pam Shepherd on 01707 376782

or

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SEARCH IS ON FOR SMARTEST BRAINS IN THE PARISHES

East Herts Council Chairman Derek Mayes is organising an inter-parish quiz in aid of the Chairman's charity - the East Herts Fund for the Future. The fund provides cash for community groups who may need a financial boost to ensure their survival.

Why not get eight members of your society or organisation together as a team.

The quiz is on Saturday, February 4 at Wodson Park Sports Centre, Ware in the Trackside Room and Bar. Tickets cost £8.50 which includes supper and you can buy drinks at the bar.

Councillor Derek Mayes said: "Lets find a champion quiz team of the East Herts district and perhaps they can challenge the Brain of Britain."

If you'd like any further information or to enter a team, email joanne.welch@eastherts.gov.uk

MESSAGE FROM PC PAUL SCOTT

Could I remind the residents about bogus callers who are still on the prowl mostly pretending that they are water board officials or meter readers. Challenge any callers and ask for id this will usually deter a criminal as genuine callers all have good quality id. Call in any suspicious activity or persons on either 0845 33 00 222 or 999 in an emergency - we would rather come out to several genuine concerns that are nothing than miss one which could be real.

The mobile Police station will be on the Village Green by the Church on 15th February between 10.30 and 11.45.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN



Once again, this proved to be a very enjoyable event.

About 200 people gathered around a brazier provided by the Beavers on the Green on the Friday before Christmas to sing well-loved carols and to listen to them played by local musicians, including Nick Sharp.

Nearly £200 was collected for Khandel Light, the Charity created by a local GP, Dr Peter Gough, following his first visit to Khandel in Rajasthan, one of the poorest regions in India.

HERTFORD HEATH VILLAGE HALL

In December we were hit by what seemed a very serious blow: Mick and Paula Allen who had been caretaker and bookings secretary for several years, told us that their circumstances had changed and they would like a break from the work. Without them, it looked as though we faced a real problem. Luckily, after a few weeks over Christmas of sounding people out, Paul and Wendy Cousins volunteered to help. They are ideal as they live near to the Hall. Mick and Paula left us with goodwill on all sides and, in a stroke of genius, donated the mobile phone used to take bookings, so the arrangement has not changed: 07810 352338 between 6pm and 9pm.

As we now know who owns the contents of all of the cupboards in the kitchen, we shall start on refurbishing it. We have not been able to secure a grant so will not be able to afford to do the whole thing in one sweep. It really does need doing and so we shall do as much as we can using voluntary labour. If you are a hall user who will need the kitchen over the next few months, please let us know so that we can make sure that we do not, for example, throw the cooker out before your annual lunch.

And, of course, we are going to need to raise the money to buy the new equipment. The first fund raiser of 2006 will be a Casino Night on 25th March. The last one went very well indeed and we shall ask the same team to organise this year's event.

In April we are hoping for an Elvis night and in June The Quiz, but those two still have to be confirmed.

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INTERNET CAFE IN HERTFORD HEATH

Martin Nash is continuing to look into this idea. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact him on 587259 or at 12 Portland Place

FARMERS' MARKET

The next Farmers' Market will be held on Sunday 19th February from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the Village Hall.