

# HERTFORD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER

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# QUIZ



Saturday  
6<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm

Hertford Heath Village Hall

Bring your own drinks

Tables of 6 - 8

Tickets £8.00 per person  
including fish and chip supper

From Sue Gilkes: 589113

All proceeds to  
Guide Dogs for the Blind

## BEACON COURT NEW PROPOSALS

Following East Herts' officers recommendation of refusal of the original application, Riversmead withdrew it. The officers were concerned about the overcrowding of the site, the loss of trees, the roof line of the proposed block of flats and the blank wall facing the homes in Trinity Walk. However, Riversmead is intending to put in a revised application very shortly and indeed may already have done so.

Sarosh Dastur, their agent, explained the new proposals to a packed meeting of the Parish Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February. He advised that East Herts' planners had commented on the revised site plan (shown below) and that he would be addressing the issues they raised. He also listened to the village's concerns and we wait to see if any of our issues have been addressed.



## ALLOTMENT RENTS

These are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 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 £25, with a half plot being £15.

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.

## AUCTIONS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee has advised that there are to be monthly auctions in the Hall starting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, with further auctions on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, and 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Details will be posted as soon as they are available.

## BRACELET FOUND IN LONDON ROAD

A bracelet, believed to be gold, was found in London Road in January.

If you think it might be yours, please telephone 01992 301792.

The revised plan has addressed some of the concerns, in particular the lack of open space by Trinity Walk. This part of the revised plan has been welcomed but concerns remain.

The Consultative Working Party has been re-formed and hopes to meet with representatives from Riversmead by the end of February.

Some of the concerns raised by residents and the Parish Council were not considered planning issues by East Herts. For example, whether the water and sewerage systems could cope with the increased number of residents. The Parish Council will act as a "collecting point" for these problems. If you experience any problems with water, sewerage, electricity, etc, could you let the Clerk know the details. We may then be able to get proper responses from the various utility companies as to how these issues will be dealt with should planning consent be given.

You can read the officer's report to the Development Control Committee, the response to the new plan and the site plan on the website.

## SCAM LETTERS, EMAILS AND WEBSITES DUPE 3.2 MILLION BRITONS EACH YEAR



According to the Office of Fair Trading, one in 15 people in the UK fall victim to a scam involving deceptive unsolicited mailings, phone calls, emails or texts. The scammers will try anything to part you from your cash. Recently the Charity Commission was forced to warn consumers giving money to victims of the Haiti earthquake to be vigilant after it emerged that criminals were trying to take advantage of the public's generosity by sending out scam emails appealing for donations. The most common scam mailings sent to consumers are deceptive sweepstakes, misleading prize draws, bogus foreign lotteries, fake clairvoyants/psychics and "miracle" health cures.

Older people seem more susceptible to scam mailings. [Thinkjessica.com](http://Thinkjessica.com) was set up after the death of an old lady who had fallen prey to mailings promising her vast winnings if she sent a release fee. Having responded to the first mailing, her details were then put on a "suckers list" and sent all over the world. She refused to believe her family when they tried to explain that these mailings were fraudulent. It is estimate that she sent the scammers around £50,000 before her death five years' later. She was receiving around 30 letters a day from these criminals.

A study in the USA reveals that older people are 10 times more likely to remember false information, and believe it's true, than young adults. The combination of not remembering correctly and being unwilling to admit there is a problem can make older people especially vulnerable to scam artists.

## HERTFORD HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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



## 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Chairman:**

Andrew Crumpton  
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### **Vice Chairman:**

Bob Akers

### **Other members:**

Malcolm Bolton  
Lynn Bonner  
Jack Eames  
Trevor Goodingham  
Martin Nash  
Alison Scarll  
Dawn Sleet

### **Clerk:**

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### **Hertfordshire County Councillor:**

#### **Rosemary Cheswright**

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### **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**

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**both on 01707 354192**

### **MOBILE POLICE STATION**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**10:30am to 11:30am**

### **VILLAGE HALL FARMERS' MARKET**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**Contact: Jeremy Bartlett 586514**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MISSION ROOM**

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**7.30pm**