



The Hartley Herald

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HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING.....

The Annual Meeting of the Council took place on Monday 11th May 2020 remotely using 'Zoom'.

At the meeting Cllr Mrs Anne Oxtoby was re-elected as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Mr Larry Abraham was re-elected as Vice Chairman.
Membership of the Committees is as follows:

Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Driscoll, Mrs Ewing, Graeme, Malham, Mohr, *Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell.

Burial Grounds and Gardens of Remembrance Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Mrs Cole, Cole, *Mrs Oxtoby & Ross

Finance Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Alford, Mrs Bennett, *Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell.

General Purposes Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Alford, Mrs Cole, Cole, Mrs Driscoll, Graeme, *Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell

Personnel Committee

Chairman of the Council, Vice - Chairman of the Council & Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Planning Committee

Cllrs; *Abraham, Alford, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Ewing, *Mrs Oxtoby, Ross & Sewell.

(Chairman & Vice - Chairman are ex officio members on all committees - Current Chairman & Vice - Chairman marked with * & shown in italics)

Standing Orders Advisory Committee

Cllrs; Abraham, Alford & Mrs Oxtoby

Northfield Management Committee

Cllrs; Mrs Brammer, Brown, Glover, Graeme, Mrs Oxtoby & Sewell

Northfield Management Committee was set up to manage the public open space at Northfield, in partnership with Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council. Membership consists of 3 members from each Parish Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Hartley Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic but a copy of the Annual Report has been produced and delivered to every household.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the report, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on the details below.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Sheila Bennett, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Lesley Driscoll, Annette Ewing, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Matthew Mohr, Anne Oxtoby, Ian Ross & Vince Sewell.

They can be contacted via the Clerk, Helen Boden at the Parish Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8EL, by email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone: 01474 709441

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As updates from the Government are received on a regular basis, we thought it would be useful for Residents to read updates from their own Parish.

SEVENOAKS VOLUNTEER SCHEME

We are fortunate to have three District Councillors serving on the Parish Council who have been working with Sevenoaks District Council to co-ordinate the Sevenoaks Volunteer Scheme. This scheme currently consists of 33 registered volunteers helping 74 residents in the Parish. This help ranges from practical help like assisting with their shopping or prescription collection, to providing someone to talk to or to ask for advice.

As this situation continues and people's circumstances change, residents can still register for help by calling Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000 or via their website using the dedicated webpage

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069142/coronavirus_covid-19

KENT'S HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLING CENTRES RE-OPEN

As at the middle of May, Kent's household waste and recycling centres re-opened.

Due to social distancing measures, a new booking system was implemented. Residents can book a slot either online or by telephone on 03000 41 73 73. You can only book one trip in any four week period.

To book your slot online visit;
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/hwrcbook>

PLAY GROUNDS

A REMINDER THAT ALL PLAY GROUNDS WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING.*

*Please refer to the Government website for updates.



CLEANING ROAD NAME SIGNS

Last year, a Community minded resident personally cleaned all the dirty road name signs in the village. As we all have a little more time on our hands at the moment, why not think about cleaning the road name sign in your road?

VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY

Due to the 'Lockdown' the Councils VE Day celebrations had to be cancelled but we wished to commemorate the day and so, on the 8th May at 3 pm, the Chairman read the names of the WW2 fallen and the poem 'The Cry for Peace' before laying a wreath on the war memorial.

Our thanks go to the WI for the bunting round the Green and to a member of the Hartley and District Flower Club for the red, white and blue wreath.



KENT COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE

The Kent Community Warden Service (KCWS) provides a public facing, frontline service for the residents of Kent whose over-riding objective is 'to create safer and stronger communities'.



A Warden's uniformed presence helps build community confidence and reassurance by reducing crime, the fear of crime, deterring anti-social behaviour, improving access to local authorities and fostering social inclusion.

The role of the Community Warden is ever evolving, prompted by the changing needs of our communities and other strategic requirements placed upon our Service. They work closely with other operational units within KCC, to address a wide range of issues, for instance: Conducting welfare visits on behalf of Adult Social Care; and, undertaking advisory visits to those identified as potential scam victims by KCC's Public Protection Team.

Common strands of work across the Kent Community Warden Service include:

- Identifying vulnerable persons and helping to arrange support in their home environments.
- Developing community amenities to help counter social isolation.
- Exploring mechanisms to build community cohesion.

Naturally, the current Covid-19 pandemic has warranted a re-alignment of operational duties for all Wardens and we wish to thank Jackie West, our Community Warden for her continued help and support in these exceptional times.





A Cry for Peace Around the World

Oyez Oyez Oyez

Citizens, one and all,

Please join this cry for peace, that you now hear from me.

Remember men & women, old & young, who died to make us free.

The women left at home did not sit and wait.

They toiled in harsh conditions before dawn to very late.

Factories, farms, other essential jobs, the women were quick at learning.

They worked, some died, to keep the home fires burning.

As we remember this special day, do not forget that every day someone needs your aid.

Do not put away your poppies, letting your memories fade.

Celebrate with the knowledge that VE Day is also a time to remember.

Beyond the solemn wreaths of the 11th of November.

Let's thank all those who have gone before, with their colours proudly unfurled.

Join us as united we say, "Peace to the world".



God Save The Queen