

The Hartley Herald

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PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HARTLEY

In the next week or so, a leaflet will be delivered to all residents to consult about a proposal by the Parish Council to launch work on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hartley.

The reasons for this will be explained in the leaflet and on the Parish Council's website but, briefly, a Neighbourhood Plan is written by the Community, the people who know and love their area, to influence future planning policies in the Parish. These Plans are supported by the Government and will have legal powers.

Residents will be asked whether they support the proposal and volunteers will be encouraged to take part.

The leaflet will include a questionnaire to be returned to the Council and links to the Council's website for additional information.



CENSUS DAY—21ST MARCH 2021

The census is coming. By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as schools, doctors' surgeries and bike lanes.

It is important that you fill in your census questionnaire because the information you share affects the life of every single person living in England and Wales.

Because these things matter to us all, everyone needs to complete the census.

Do not worry, your information is protected by law. That means government officials dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it.

Census Day is **Sunday 21 March**. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let The Office for National Statistics (ONS) know.

If you need help, you can visit www.census.gov.uk where there is a wide range of support services available.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Sheila Bennett, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Lesley Driscoll, Fiona Hughes, 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

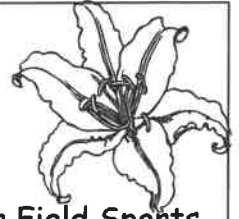


HARTLEY BURIAL GROUND

Please note that Hartley Burial ground is now full and there is no space for any more burials.

Future burials will be in Manor Field Burial Ground which is situated by Manor Field Sports Pavilion, adjacent to the existing burial ground.

The interment of ashes will still be permitted in the NEW garden of remembrance but the OLD garden of remembrance is now closed.



HARTLEY WALKS

The following information has been kindly provided by Jackie Rye who, under normal Circumstances, organises the weekly walk from Hartley Library. There are 17 walks so far and they cover virtually every footpath starting from Hartley Library. (More may be added over time).

The walks are stored on DropBox which is a free Microsoft service. You do not have to be signed up to DropBox to be able to view the walks which are in the form of PDF files.

You can also access them on your mobile phone and you can, if you wish, download the DropBox App to improve that.



To get to them you will need to do the following:

- Click on the following Link

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cp4l9httuxs75w5/AABRtDWSJvJcZJSNm_y-5DBha?dl=0

- That will bring up a list of the walks for you to look at.
- Click on any walk to have a look at it and if you want to do it just print it off for yourself otherwise click on other walks to find one you like.
- If you do not have a printer, once you have chosen your walk either copy the PDF and insert it into an e mail to someone who does or just forward this e mail to them and tell them which walk you want printed - they are numbered 1 to 17.
- To get into the website at another time you either need to keep this e mail and follow point 1 above or, when you first get into the website, save it as a 'Favourite' on your PC which will make it easier.
- If necessary, due for instance to diversion of paths, the directions will be revised so it is best to go to the website each time you want to do a walk so you have the most up to date information.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints regarding parking on the pavements. Vehicles parked on pavements can cause particular problems for people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and those with pushchairs. If you drive your children to school, please consider local residents and those who walk to school, by parking safely.

We would ask you ALL to park with consideration for others



MESSAGE FROM JACKIE WEST, OUR COMMUNITY WARDEN:

I am sometimes approached by community members who ask for scam advice and support.

Please see some general advice that I hope may help.

Remember these ten golden rules to help you prevent fraud and beat the scammers.

1. Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
2. Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
3. Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
4. Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
5. Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
6. Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
7. Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
8. Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
9. If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help.
10. Don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

If you think you have uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam, or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Call 101 if you know the suspect or they are still in the area.

Reporting crime, including fraud, is important.

Your information may form part of one big jigsaw and be vital in completing the picture.

For further information or support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jackie West
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NORTHFIELD HORSE RIDING ROUTE

The Northfield Ride will be re-opening soon (weather permitting). The exact date will be posted on the Council's noticeboards and website, nearer the time. Membership costs just £20 for the first year, then £5 per year thereafter. Details of how to apply for or renew membership can be found on the Parish Council's website or obtained from Ash Sports Centre Tel: 01474 707164.

TO FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

WE MISS YOU ALL !!!!!

Hard to believe it has been a year since we all gathered for lunch and I know the club is missed by many.

Although times remain challenging, a distant light flickers around normality at last, with many having the jab or are about to have it soon. Until widespread vaccination is completed normality stays on the back burner and opening up again may be feasible.

Both Laurie and I have met many of you out and about the village, but our thoughts have often turned to those who have been housebound for such a long time. Even I have been going stir crazy.

I know that our brilliant Community Warden Jackie continues her support locally, making sure many of you are linked up to necessary services, whilst many of you have been supported by good neighbours as well.

We wanted to assure you all, that once we can hire the hall under their terms and conditions of use, with restrictions lifted on the use of the kitchen, making it possible to serve meals in a safe way; distancing rules are lifted; and all of our guests and volunteers have been vaccinated; then and only then will we think of opening up again. So, no fixed dates for a return.

There are lots of things to get back in place, least of all volunteers, the chef, and all of you. Everyone's safety must remain paramount.

So, there's lots to consider. Just watch for announcements and notices locally like the newsletter, church magazine and local community platforms a little later in the year (at this point likely late summer/autumn).

Let's begin to have positive thoughts so we can look forward once again to meeting up with friends over lunch and making new friends along the way.

Best wishes to you all and both Laurie and I, along with the volunteers hope to be welcoming you again soon.

Dorothy Vesey

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

As we are spending more and more time outside enjoying the countryside, please remember some of the key points of the Countryside Code:

Respect other people.

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Follow paths but give way to others where it is narrow.

Protect the natural environment.

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home.
- Keep dogs under effective control and use bags to clear up after your dogs.
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures.

