



The Hartley Herald

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on **Sunday 14th November 2021**, commencing at **3.00p.m.** at the **War Memorial**. Following the Service, refreshments will be served in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, by the Hartley W.I.

Please join us to remember those who died for their country in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Plans are being made to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in Hartley on **Thursday 2nd June** and **Saturday 4th June 2022**.



At approximately 9pm on the 2nd June the beacon at Manor Field will be lit as part of a chain of beacons across the UK. The event, which is expected to last for approximately 1 hour, is open for Parishioners to attend.

The main celebrations will take place from 6pm on **Saturday 4th June** and will include live music, entertainment and refreshments concluding with the lighting of the beacon and a firework display.

Entry to both events will be free so pencil the dates in your diary. Further information will be available in due course

KCC CONSULTATION - KCC HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES BOOKING SYSTEM

Kent County Council has launched a consultation 'Booking a visit to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).

The consultation seeks views on the continuation of a booking system to visit KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres.

The 6 week consultation is available until **Thursday 30 September 2021** and you are invited to comment.

The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Lesley Driscoll, David Graeme, Fiona Hughes, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, 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 LIBRARY RE-OPENS

Hartley library is now open again with the following opening hours:

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 09:00-12:00 13:00-17:00
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 09:00-12:00 13:00-16:00
Friday 09:00-12:00 13:00-16:00
Saturday 09:00-13:00



The library are hoping to re-start group activities soon so keep an eye on their website and the Parish notice boards for more information.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR HARTLEY

Following the resignation of Cllr Mr Matt Mohr earlier this year, a vacancy arose for the position of a Parish Councillor on Hartley Parish Council. Applications were sought from eligible people who have a keen interest in their community. We are delighted to report that at the Council meeting held on Monday 12th July, Members voted to co-opt Mr Brian Ramsay on to the Council. The Parish Council would like to welcome back Mr Ramsay as its newest member and wish him every success in his new role.

HARTLEY - PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has met on 2 occasions and is currently preparing a consultation questionnaire to secure residents views on what they think about Hartley and what changes they would wish to see in the future. The purpose of the consultation is to establish the key issues for inclusion in the Plan and to help develop policies for meeting the aspirations of the Community.

Your views, whatever they may be, are very important and we would ask all households to complete the questionnaire

This questionnaire will be delivered by volunteers, to homes, businesses and landowners in the Parish during the Autumn and everyone is requested to look out for the document, complete it and return it to the Parish Council Office by the deadline stated. If there are different views and opinions within a household, additional copies of the questionnaire will be available.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Do you know where your nearest defibrillator is located ?

One unit is positioned outside Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road, one is in Hartley Country Club and there is a third unit complete with paediatric pads positioned at The Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

These units can be used without training.



GRASS VERGES

The cutting of grass verges is undertaken by Kent County Council. If you have any concerns, comments or suggestions, please contact them directly on
03000 418181





KEEPING UP WITH THE (DIGITAL) TIMES

During the Coronavirus pandemic, it became very clear that having access to the Internet and understanding how to use Information Technology, was essential to help us live as normal a life as possible during extremely restricted and abnormal times.

We wanted to keep in contact with loved ones and friends, do our shopping, order prescriptions, manage benefits, look for jobs, maintain interests and hobbies, learn new skills and reduce the threat of loneliness, isolation and depression.

The Internet and Social Media became a lifeline to millions.

However, a lot of people of all ages, find it difficult to cope with IT, or are anxious or worried about 'pressing the wrong button', or don't realise just what the Internet can offer. Others may be keen to learn, but don't have access to internet or suitable equipment to learn and practice.

However, help is at hand from Compaid.

For 35 years, Compaid has been supporting people in and around Kent both at its dedicated Training Centre in Paddock Wood and also in the local and wider communities.

As part of a new and rapidly expanding project, Compaid is offering free, one to one IT learning sessions to help individuals living in the Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells Council District areas, get the best out of a computer, tablet or smart phone.

It doesn't matter if there isn't a laptop, tablet or broadband at home, because we can loan an Amazon Fire Tablet, and a mobile internet data box for the duration of the course, which will provide access to the Internet.

These are 'live' sessions. The clients' dedicated trainer works only with the client, who would be learning at their own pace. There is no pressure to 'keep up'.

The sessions can be conducted 'remotely', via a video link, with the client learning from the comfort of his or her own home.

We are also currently offering a very limited number of face to face sessions at designated locations although this option depends upon any future Covid or other pandemic restrictions.

Whether the sessions are remote or face to face, there are up to 8 sessions, once a week. Each session is for up to two hours, morning or afternoon, with as many breaks as needed during that time.

They are aimed at what the client feels that they would like to learn and achieve. The client will receive full support to do so in a relaxed and supportive environment.

There will be lots of opportunity to talk to the Trainer about aims and goals throughout the course.

So, if you or someone you know, might be interested and would like to know more, do get in touch - the course is proving to be popular and there may be a wait for places. We will do our best to answer any questions you may have and help you to decide whether you would like to take up this free, no obligation opportunity.

We will look forward to meeting you

VAL SPROTT

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Following the huge success of the Family Fun Day held on the 10th August at Woodland Avenue Recreation Ground, we would like to thank the local residents who completed a litter pick after the event.

Can we remind everyone that when attending this or similar events to please use the litter bins provided or to take their rubbish home with them if the bins are full – thank you.

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

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER—BAG IT, TIE IT, BIN IT

The Parish Council is still receiving many complaints about dog fouling in the village and surrounding areas. Dog fouling is unpleasant, unsightly and a potential health risk. Please clean up after your dog and then dispose of the bag in ANY waste bin.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS TIED TO TREE BRANCHES OR AT THE BASE OF TREES.

Designated Bins are situated at: Manor Field, Northfield, Billings Hill Shaw, Rectory Meadow, Woodland Avenue, Longfield Hill Recreation Ground, the junction of Brambledown & Hawthorns, the junction of Church Road and Manor Drive and Hartley Wood next to the footpath leading to the subway but ANY waste bin can be used.

THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD

The Pavilion at Manor Field, Church Road is an ideal venue for family gatherings, regular or one off hiring or as a venue for children's birthday parties.

HARTLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall located on Ash Road is also available to hire for regular or "one off" events. For further information and details of availability at either venue, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on Tel: 01474 709441 or Email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Ash Green Sports Centre and Gym
01474 707164 email: info@ashgreensportscentre.co.uk

Conveniently situated on the Milestone Academy site, we are more than just a gym - we have been helping keep the community fit for over forty years.

Request a personalised programme when you attend a Free induction with our qualified gym instructors. This will suit your needs and abilities to help you discover a healthier, more inspired you. No unnecessary gadgets and fad workouts. What we offer is simple, effective and safe.

Did you know that we offer badminton, squash, racket ball, tennis and table tennis? When playing with juniors (under 16) the junior rate is charged for the court hire.

Call our friendly staff for more information.

