



Haresfield Herald

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING AND COFFEE MORNING

This is planned, social distancing rules permitting, for

12 September
in the Village Hall



**The Children's
Society**

making childhood better

A final decision will be taken at the beginning of September and will be sent out via the mailing list.

About the box scheme: the idea is to keep a collection box at home, and use it to collect loose change over the year. Once a year you bring your box to the Box Opening, which is usually a fun occasion at the Village Hall. If you haven't got a collection box, please contact Caroline Segelov (Tel 728387). The Children's Society works with children who are affected by poverty and neglect, and Haresfield has been supporting it for many years.

If you are unable to attend, please would you deliver your collecting box to Caroline Segelov at 2 Beldair Villas. Donations for Raffle Prizes to Maddy King at the Forge.

Join the Great British September Clean

We still need you to be part of the pick

**11 - 27
SEPTEMBER 2020**

Register your support [keepbritaintidy.org](https://www.KeepBritainTidy.org)
#GBSpringClean

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER - VILLAGE CLEAN UP
Meet at 10 am at the Village Hall to collect equipment.

CLOSURE OF BEACON LANE.

Temporary Traffic Order of 6 August from GCC says the closure order "shall come into operation on the 13th August 2020 and shall continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months".

[The exact meaning of this is not clear. Ed.]

The Beacon and Railway Inn is taking part in the **EAT OUT TO HELP OUT** scheme. From 3rd August to 31st August, Monday to Wednesday.

From 12noon to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm

To book a table, ring 01452 728884.

Live music will resume shortly and will be advertised at the pub and on the corner.

Eat out to help out

Look out for local restaurants, cafes and pubs that have registered with the 'eat out to help out' scheme.

This new government scheme will run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 - 31 August.

You can get a 50% discount, up to a maximum of £10 per person, for food or non-alcoholic drinks.



Minutes of July 2020 Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held via Zoom on Monday 20 July 2020 at 7.30

Present: Charlotte Tilsley, Sue Thorpe, Nikki Stoneman, County Councillor Stephen Davies

Clerk Madeleine J King email: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Apologies: Cllr Jenny Knight

County Councillor's Report: Stephen Davies reported that Covid has been incredibly disruptive for the Stroud District Council. But services are now planned to resume. £1.4 million has been spent around the district so far. School allocations have all been made and communicated to parents. There is talk of a new secondary school being built for the district, the reason behind this is because of shrinking catchments meaning fewer children are getting their preferred choice.

There have been a few cases of Covid-19 in the area which is concerning because this may lead to a potential outbreak in the future. SDC have created a Management plan to address this potential situation, which has been used as a benchmark nationally

Cllr Davies also reported that Mark Heywood has requested that the proposed Hunts Grove allotments (which will not be available to Haresfield residents) should be moved to the Haresfield side of the railway bridge (not the Hunts Grove side as was originally agreed.) This would necessitate the flow of traffic over the motorway bridge remaining two-way, although it has been agreed with Gloucestershire Highways and at a parish council meeting, that the road will be one-way only.

With the increase in traffic, a number of complaints have been made about the M&S/McDonalds A38 roundabout and that it is likely that there will be traffic lights installed at some point.

District Councillors report: Councillor Mossman is unwell and we send him our best wishes at this difficult time.

Network Rail: A letter has been received about proposed work on the line later in July which could cause some disruption and/or noise at night.

Flooding: Sue and Neal Thorpe are in the process of preparing a grant application to assist with the ongoing flooding issues on and down Beacon Lane. The following is their report:

Report on Severn Trent Grant Application Re Langet Covert

Meeting with Neal Thorpe, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) Richard Spyvee, Steve Coates Farmer and Darren Prosser Contractor.

Meeting took place on Wednesday 15th July to discuss works to improve drainage and waterflow down Beacon Lane in high rainfall which causes flooding.

Pipework previously installed into Steve's field was looked at, as past work to install a pipe off Beacon Lane into Langet Covert via his field had never been completed. This would be part of the project.

Highways would also need to be approached to review the camber off the lane to ensure water flowed into the pipe.

GWT confirmed that if funding became available, they would install up to 10 leaky dams within Langet Covert to slow water flow thereby reducing the flow down Beacon Lane. Steve agreed to this work taking place on his land.

GWT also carried out a survey for further leaky dams which they would pay for, in Steve's field below the covert to absorb further water and avoid flooding of his field at the bottom of the lane.

Access to the covert was looked at and Darren was asked to supply a quote for the above work and to provide a series of woodland steps into the site off Beacon Lane. This would need to be discussed with the school as they use the site.

Next agreed steps:

A quotation for all work to be delivered by Darren

Sue and Neal Thorpe to complete and submit application to Severn Trent for a Grant to cover some of this cost.

Depending on the outcome of the Grant, PC to agree to proceed.

Highways to be approached re Camber (GWT to make contact with highways to discuss altering camber)

School to be approached re steps.

Highways: We still await a definitive answer from Dan Tiffney regarding the village gateway sign which is located in the wrong place. Clerk has continued to chase this for correction.

An issue has been identified with the camber of Beacon Lane which exacerbates the flooding problem.

This will be addressed with Highways.

Investigations are underway regarding Haresfield joining the verge cutting scheme operated throughout many local parishes and financed through Highways.

St. Modwen: We have previously reported that many of the newly planted trees adjacent to the new warehouses on Mount Lane (planted for screening) have died. We have reported this to Cllr Stephen Davis who is in touch with the contractors about contractual replacement.

Langet Covert: The red FIRE bucket has been removed and substituted with a plastic one. In the event of a fire, a metal bucket is far safer and we ask whoever took it to please return it.

Hunts Grove Roads: Hunts Grove Parish Council was to have been instituted in May, and elections held, but because of Covid, no elections were held. Hunts Grove PC is due to have its first meeting on 30 July with District Councillors stepping to run the first meeting. It is expected that those people interested in joining the Council will be co-opted. Anyone from Haresfield can of course attend the Hunts Grove Parish Council meetings. For more information, contact Stephen Davies:

Stephen.Davies2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Village Hall: Separate meetings are now held periodically and organised by Nikki Stoneman, at which village events and similar matters are discussed. Next meeting will be **Monday 26th October**.

Village hall Committee: Financial report – Neal Thorpe Village Hall Treasurer

Neal submitted the following report to the PC at their July meeting via Zoom.

Accounts have now been brought up to date with the Charity Commission.

The village hall currently has a balance of £11,627.

To ensure the future transparent handling of all monies, Neal would like to introduce the following process to be used by all members of the Parish Council or anyone working on behalf of the village hall.

- All work carried out by a contractor needs to be quoted for and the figure agreed by the PC formally at their next available meeting.
- All expenditure needs to be accompanied by a VAT receipt or an invoice and this needs to be passed to the Treasurer who will then pay by cheque.
- A float can be issued for any event as required if arranged in advance.
- Cash raised at any events needs to be receipted to the individual running the event so that this receipt can be balanced against the corresponding entry on the bank statement. A receipt book could be left with M. King and once a receipt is issued the cash passed onto me to be paid in and recorded in the accounts.

Gigaclear: Ursula Jeakins and Sue Thorpe have independently recently contacted Gigaclear via their customer services/complaints department regarding the repositioning of the green connection box by the Millennium Monument. Both await a reply.

Flag-flying: With the recent refurbishment of the flagpole, a resident has suggested that the flag might be flown for some additional occasions of national significance. This is being further researched.

Website: We are working a new website for the Parish Council, which will meet the requirements of the National Transparency Regulations which fully come into place in September.

Finance & Clerks Report: The work on the website is now key to ensuring the parish council fulfils its obligations. The year-end accounts are to be audited by Gill Willoughby prior to submission to our external auditors PK Littlejohn. We have again signed up to the Great British September Clean which runs from 11th-27th 2020, and plan to run a clean-up in early September.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of next meeting: Monday September 21st, 7.30 via web



HARESFIELD BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We have made the very difficult decision that the Haresfield Baby and Toddler Group will not be opening its doors in September. We are very sorry for the disappointment that this may bring, but we have decided that at the moment the situation surrounding Covid-19 means that we cannot safely restart the group. We would have to deep clean the toys, hall and kitchen each week and that would be a huge undertaking. We would also have to carefully consider the provision of snacks and refreshments and we aren't sure how we would do that at the moment, except for removing it entirely.

Fingers crossed, with all being well, we are going to try to restart again after the October half-term and hope to see lots of mums, dads and carers then!

Please look out for further information in the Herald and on our Facebook Page.
Nikki Stoneman

FREE GAS BOTTLES

I have liberated two calor gas bottles (empty) from our shed, where they have been imprisoned for many years. If anyone can use them, they would be very welcome to take them.

Peter Willoughby 07973 746662



HARESFIELD JOGGERS

The interest in the village running group has been wonderful. We have had two sessions and have been thrilled with the number of people making it out on a Tuesday evening to go running with a really friendly group of people. There are two groups who go out: one who aim for about 5k and an enthusiastic bunch of 10kers. We ensure that there is always a tail runner so that nobody has to run on their own and we have had a huge range of ages and abilities attend. We have also managed to ensure that the runs take place with social distancing in mind.

If you think you would be interested in coming along then we meet on the Merryfields at 7pm on a Tuesday. If you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group chat then please contact Nikki Stoneman on 07951213011.

We are already looking ahead to the winter with some members are unsure about running in the dark and we are considering setting up a morning groups as well. Please keep an eye out for further information via the mailing list and the Herald.

WALLPAPER PASTING TABLE IN SEARCH OF A GOOD HOME.

Contact Ivor Duarte ivor.duarte@zen.co.uk

LIT WITS

Ten years in the writing, Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See* is an epic work of historical fiction. With richly detailed language and characters who are both brave and heartbreaking, Doerr weaves together the stories of a French girl named Marie-Laure who has lost her eyesight and a German orphan named Werner. As Hitler's occupied territory grows, Marie-Laure and Werner's lives and families are torn apart by the war, yet this gorgeous novel is the story of people who, against the odds, find good in one another. A truly great Book Group read and a copy can be found in the Book Swap in the Village Hall. Next month's book is *The Trustee from the Toolroom* by Nevil Shute. If anyone would like to join the group, contact Sue Thorpe on brettysue@yahoo.com.



**STROUD
MUSEUM IN
THE PARK -
FREE ACTIVITY
PACKS FOR
CHILDREN**

Summer Activity packs include a Museum colouring book by local artist Tracy Spiers, a postcard for you to send to a friend, our 'Make a Mini Museum' holiday challenge and more ... all for you to enjoy at home!

Email us at: museum@stroud.gov.uk

01453 763394 www.museuminthepark.org.uk

Stroud District (Cowle) Museum - a Stroud District Council Service

Make a Mini Museum

Summer Holiday Challenge

Enjoy making your very own Mini Museum at home this summer!

Send us a photo and your creation may be shown on our website
and you might even win a fabulous prize too!

Deadline for entries: 1 September 2020

For details see our website, email museum@stroud.gov.uk
or call us if you'd like an activity guide sent to you by post.

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Stroud District (Cowle) Museum - a Stroud District Council Service



SARA (the Severn Area Rescue Association) has been busy during lockdown with the usual mix of lifeboat callouts and searches for missing persons. However, we are facing a huge gap in our fundraising due to the Coronavirus pandemic. So far, I have had to cancel six street collections and ten other events, all of which would have brought in much needed income. We would also have been attending

many local fetes and school open days and provided first aid and water safety cover for local events. We have concentrated on keeping our essential lifesaving operations going during these exceptional times, so we are now desperately short of funds for much needed repair work to the Lifeboat Station building at Sharpness.

SARA has always relied on the support of our local communities, and never more so than in this uniquely challenging situation. Anyone residing in your area who gets into difficulty in or near the Severn may be in dire need of our attendance, so would it be possible for you to support us with a donation, please?

We can accept bank transfers to the following bank account, or cheques (payable to SARA) can be sent to me at the address below:

Account number 00365745

Sort code: 30-91-89

Account name: SEVERN AREA RESCUE ASS'N REG CHARITY NO 505504

Please use the reference SBUILD

or please post a cheque to:

Deryck Pritchard, Fundraising Officer, Severn Area Rescue Association
The Lifeboat Station, Sharpness, BERKELEY GL13 9UB