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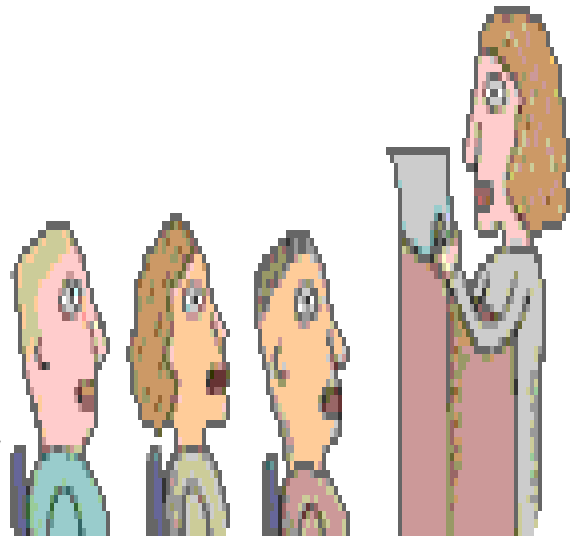
The Official Newsletter of the Parsonage Residents Association

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PRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2012
AT 3PM

TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL
(see page 5 for details)



**THE COMMUNITY HALL NEEDS REFURBISHING.....
HAVE YOUR SAY BY COMPLETING THE HALL CONSULTATION SURVEY AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE.**



PRA QUIZ NIGHT

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Dear Readers,

As some of you may already be aware the Trustees are asking all Hall Users/Hirers to complete a Hall Consultation Survey, which is available on our website. As much feedback as possible would be great as the Hall is looking its age now and is in need of refurbishment. Results will be available in the early summer edition of the Herald.

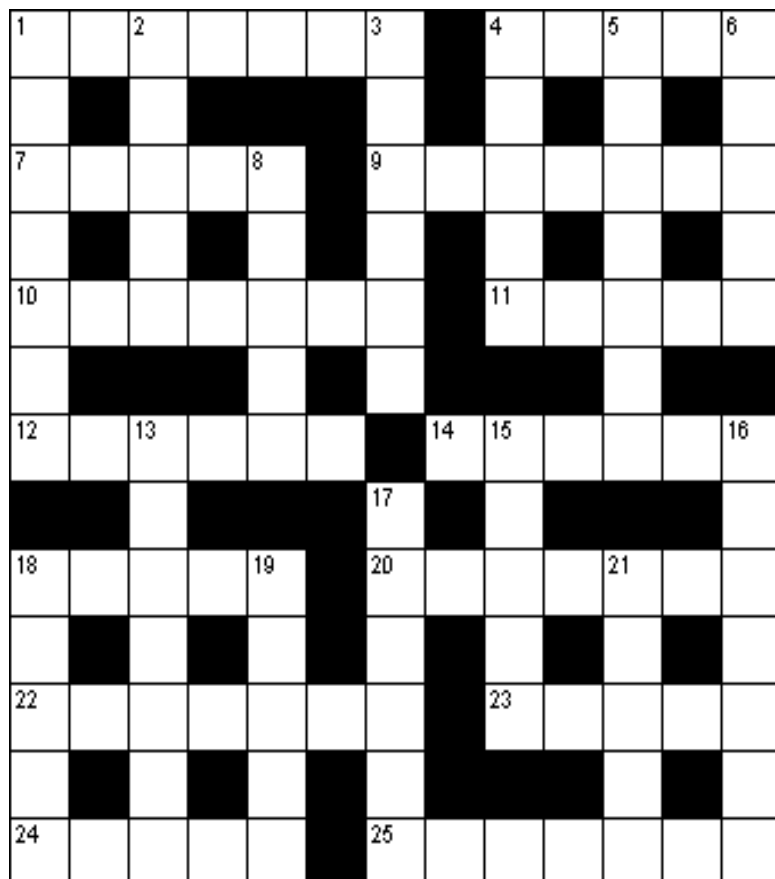
To help with funding the refurbishment the PRA has now joined TheGivingMachine. More details can be found on page 4 but it's a very quick and easy way to support us via online shopping.

The Charity's AGM is taking place on Saturday 20th April at 3pm in the Hall. Please do make every effort to attend as it's a chance to 'have your say'!

Fancy taking part in a Team Quiz Night? The PRA Quiz is taking place on Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm....get a team together, bring your own drink and nibbles (there is a fish/chicken supper included too) and come along for a fun and entertaining evening!

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1. Floorshow (7)
4. Spooky (5)
7. Detection device (5)
9. Vertical (7)
10. Inactivity (7)
11. Measuring implement (5)
12. Dictator (6)
14. Ecclesiastic (6)
18. Copious (5)
20. Drawn (7)
22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
23. Diadem (5)
24. Admittance (5)
25. Spiny anteater (7)

Down

1. Transported (7)
2. Emblem (5)
3. Tropical bird (6)
4. Mistake (5)
5. Dependable follower (7)
6. Go in (5)
8. Magnitude relation (5)
13. Reinforcement (7)
15. Reasoned judgment (5)
16. Musical passage (7)
17. Opportunity (6)
18. Part of a church (5)
19. Ahead of time (5)
21. Obviate (5)

[ANSWERS ON PAGE 10]

Chairman's Report

This month **I urge you to attend the Parsonage Residents Association's AGM on Saturday, 20th April.** Commencing at 3pm, we will have refreshments available, feel free to bring all members of the family, there will be activities at the back of the hall to keep youngsters amused.

I appreciate that you are ALL busy but we need to take the opportunity of an AGM to discuss the real issues – **SCHOOL PLACES, TRAFFIC, LOSS OF OPEN SPACES** and how these are going to affect the local area. It's not all doom and gloom Bishop's Stortford is a great place to live good schools, good amenities and with a few more shops opening a pleasant place to shop and socialise but this is because of the hard work long term residents have put in and it now needs those of us who have not lived in the town for 10/20+ years to stand and be counted, do we want to keep the town values similar to what attracted us to live here or do we want the town to double in size as the developers would like. It's not only the 2,600 houses developers would like to build on the ASR's, it's the mini developments 20 flats here, 10 houses there that will make the town appear penned in with no spaces, these too need to be discussed. If you can't make it please email me your views for or against additional housing, good or bad about the transport links, I'm not political and I really don't want to start knocking on doors to find out how the PRA should contribute on proposed planning.

For those that will be attending either for the first time or as regulars once the main business of the AGM is over, Councillor **Philip Demonti** will speak about the **Local Neighbourhood Plan**, from the **Bishops Stortford North Safer Neighbourhood Team** PCSO 6142 Stephen Siggers will update us on crime, our safety, street lighting & traffic enforcement and the **EHDC's local Community Safety Officer** will bring us up to date with the 'Feel Good in East Herts campaign'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Local Planning Applications

Location: The Red Cow and land to rear of, 58, Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 5HL

Conversion of the former public house and the construction of:

a three storey side extension to form 3 x two bedroom apartments **and**
office accommodation **and**
construction of 1 detached three storey, three bedroom house **and**
4 semi-detached three storey, three bedroom houses **and**
associated access, parking and landscaping

Application Ref No: 3/13/0101/FP

The Bishop's Stortford North planning application for 2,200 new homes

Application Ref No: 3/13/0075/OP

EHDC has invited residents to share their initial views on this application by **31 March 2013.**

Don't sit back, if you have concerns please take up this opportunity to have your say...

1. Quote the application reference number above and send your comments to:
Development Control
East Herts Council
Wallfields, Pegs Lane
Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG13 8EQ

2. View this application online via the 'Planning and Building' section of the East Herts website www.eastherts.gov.uk and go to the '[Comment on this application](#)' link.
3. Contact your local District Councillor to make him or her aware of your views. Find the District Councillor for your Ward by visiting www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/councillors-district.php
4. Keep in touch with Save Our Stortford by registering your email details via our website www.saveourstortford.org

Some views from Save Our Stortford....

- There is insufficient analysis and evidence to support the Consortium's claim that, once proposed mitigation measures are in place, traffic impact from the development will 'likely be negligible'. Not enough work has been done to establish the full extent of the impact of additional traffic on Bishop's Stortford and therefore the mitigation measures proposed are likely to be inadequate.
- Approval of a development of this scale should not be separated from the provision of services and infrastructure to support it. Until there is a clear plan to demonstrate how access to services such as secondary school education and health (including A&E) will be delivered, we should not be giving the green light to a development of this size.
- The impact of this development on the future viability of the town centre will largely be determined by the success of the proposed 'Smarter Choices' Campaign, designed to encourage people to shift from car use to more sustainable modes of transport. The infrastructure for sustainable transport into and around the town centre does not exist and the 'Smarter Choices' proposals are inadequate. Therefore this development is likely to lead to more congestion with the risk of driving car dependent shoppers away from the town centre to other shopping destinations.
- Once development has gone ahead the resulting loss of countryside, agricultural land and wildlife cannot be reversed. Difficult decisions have to be made when balancing these environmental losses against the gains of new homes to help address the UK housing crisis and stimulate economic growth. However, ever increasing population forecasts will increase the pressure for more and more housing and supporting infrastructure and services in Bishop's Stortford. There needs to be debate about the point at which towns like ours reach their optimum size and should be protected from further large scale development on surrounding countryside.

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Countryside Properties are making an application to build a further **400 houses on ASR 5**

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Deborah Munro Chair - PRA

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Support your local Residents Association

The Community Hall is looking well used and tired these days and is in need of a refurbishment. The Trustees have produced a Hall Consultation Survey and would be grateful to receive feedback from as many Residents as possible. A Copy of the Survey can be found on our website at www.pra.btck.co.uk or if you'd prefer a hard copy then please contact Katie Horwood on 07845 694419.

Do you shop online? If so, you can help raise funds for the Charity by accessing all your favourite internet shops via the TheGivingMachine site. Initially you need to choose the Parsonage Residents Association as the Charity you wish to support, but once set up, every purchase you make via TheGivingMachine will earn the Charity free donations. You Do Not Pay Any Extra! All Donations received will go towards the Hall refurbishment. Go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and help support your local Community Charity.

PRA Team Quiz Night

Saturday, 20th April 2013

At the Community Hall, commencing 7.30pm

£10 per person

Price includes Fish or Chicken & Chips supper and table snacks

Teams are made up from 4 to 8 players.

The format is simple

Questions from various categories, a break for supper, complete the quiz

Prizes given and Raffle drawn

Each table can play a 'joker' to double the score for one round.

There will be a separate **Table Bonus Quiz** with Team prize

Quiz Prizes

1st A Bottle of Wine for each Team Member

2nd A selection of chocolates for the Team

Raffle prizes

Please let us know as early as possible if you want some tickets.

Don't leave it to the last minute, we need to confirm the bookings + order suppers in advance.

Choose Fish or Chicken and Chips when you order your tickets.

Please bring your own drinks as we cannot provide these.

Tickets are available from any Committee Member (see page 19)

We look forward to seeing you on the night

Parsonage Residents Association A G M

3pm on Saturday, 20th April 2013 at the Community Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes of 2012's AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of Accounts
7. Reports from Sections and Affiliated Groups
8. Election of Officers
9. Election of General Committee Members
10. Election of Auditor
11. Any Other Business

After the main business of the Meeting, there will be an 'Open Forum' and Guest Speakers

What's On at the Community Hall

Do you have young children and find it hard to exercise?

Do you like working out and long for that energy you used to have before the babies were born?

Do you long for a bit of adult company in a relaxed environment where everyone is valued and appreciated?

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muscles up and make you feel alive again!!

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To complete the class we have a cool down where your babies can join you on your mat for your final stretches!!

The first class is free and it's only £3.50 thereafter, so what have you got to lose?...only those Christmas calories!!!

See you there!!

Tuesday 11.30-12.30 Parsonage Lane Hall from 26th February

Stephanie 07538 989512

Local Links Lunch/Activity Club

The club is open to everyone and anyone with Learning or Physical Difficulties. The club is run by the young adults who attend and support can be provided for people attending once we know their needs. The club will organise lunch, afternoon games and activities and an interactive music programme through Hertfordshire County Council.

The group on Friday is for young people with Learning Disabilities and the project we are doing is called Music for a Generation so there will be lots of singing and instrument playing and we will also get out the games etc and they will be making their own lunch in the kitchen. It will only start with about 8 people but we hope to grow it and develop it.

For more information please contact Yasemin Hassan or Amanda Fox on 01279 755875 extensions 229 and 221, this is Local Links With Us

There will be a £5 charge for the club day



Street Lighting

Police are reassuring residents and businesses that crime across Hertfordshire continues to fall and has one of the best detection rates of any police force in the country.

Since the start of the county council's roll out there has been no increase in incidents or any change in crime patterns that might relate to street lights being switched off between midnight and 6am.

Crime has continued to fall across the whole of Hertfordshire during 2011/12 and the Constabulary continues to monitor crime on a daily basis, adjusting patrol patterns and using policing and crime reduction techniques in reaction to incidents as required and as appropriate.

Parsonage Surgery Patients Participation Group. (PSPPG)

At the January meeting we were pleased to welcome Dr. Takhar who joined us to update those present of any important relevant developments in our area.

There was one item raised by the Practice Manager that concerns every patient who is referred by their GP to a specialist consultant at a local hospital.

Following that referral to the hospital or consultant, until the patient is discharged, all details regarding follow-up appointments and consultations should be obtained direct from the hospital department concerned. The surgery is not made aware of the progress of any procedures until the patient is discharged, therefore considerable time can be absorbed by the surgery staff endeavouring to extract the necessary information and then relaying it back to the patient.

I know you will all appreciate that whilst the staff are dealing with lengthy problems like the above it prevents them dealing with their day-to-day tasks.

It is fully appreciated that there will always be the odd occasion when it is necessary to glean information from the surgery staff, but, as general rule direct contact with the hospital staff will produce very satisfactory results. (Note:- Having previous relevant paperwork to hand is also very helpful.)

Please remember any information can be supplied to the surgery in complete confidence.

Finally if any patient wishes to become involved in the PPG please get in touch with the receptionist at the Parsonage Surgery and they will take the necessary action.

Geoff Lay (Chairman)

Discount for Local Residents

For those using Stansted Airport it is now possible to apply for a 'express set down local residents discount card' by submitting an application to Empark UK Limited.

The application form can be found on the PRA's website, www.pra.btck.co.uk. Full terms and conditions and where to send the application form are all detailed on the application form.

An Extract from Two Tramps In Mud Time (1936)

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.

by Robert Frost (1874-1963)

STORTBUS Town Bus Service

Getting to the Herts and Essex Hospital or across town to Thorley has now been made a lot more simple. Stortbus, the Bishop's Stortford Town Bus, now runs every weekday around the Parsonage Estate to the Hospital and then on to the Town Centre, Havers and Thorley.

The service has been set up to serve people who have previously had no option but to call for a taxi so that they can attend a hospital appointment. Stortbus costs £1.50 for a single journey and £2.00 for an all-day hopper ticket. Compared to a £12.00 taxi fare this represents extraordinary value for money. Every morning there is a carer on-board to help elderly or disabled people.



The bus is available for all users, not just the elderly. Mums and children or those who choose not to pay for petrol and parking all use the service as it makes previously complex routes involving two buses much more simple. As with all new ventures we continually hear people say that they have never heard of Stortbus. We have however done our best to advertise the service. 20,000 leaflets, three newspaper stories in the Herts and Essex Observer and articles in residents newsletters have only just begun to reach people.



For that reason Anne Shirley, Bus Administrator, and John Barfoot, Project Director are knocking on doors around the parsonage area to spread the word. I am pleased to say that this is having a good effect as bus usage is increasing daily.

How can you help? Please tell your neighbours and friends, especially those who risk becoming isolated, that there is a bus service set up to serve them. For advice and information please call Anne Shirley at the Town Council office who will be only too pleased to help you. 01279 712146



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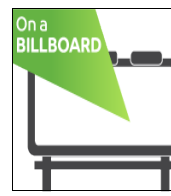
ParentPort is a website, set up by seven of the UK's media regulators, to set and enforce media standards to protect children from inappropriate material.

Has your child/ren see something inappropriate on TV or online, a film, an advert, a video game or something in a magazine? Then ParentPort can give you straightforward information on what you can do and how your views can be heard.

Children of today are embracing technology from a very young age and keeping them safe can sometimes be a challenge. ParentPort has brought together key tips and safety advice and put them all in place.

Did you know there are search engines designed specifically for children? Sites like Yahoo! Kids, Ask Kids, KidsClick, AOL Kids, display results which have been vetted as suitable for children.

Visit www.parentport.org.uk for more information.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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www.facebook.com/HertfordshireCharityEvents



Letters to Editor

Dear Editor

Over the past year a fox has appeared in our garden in Parsonage Lane with an egg in its mouth on maybe 6 or 8 occasions. Egg shells are left behind as evidence.

I'm intrigued to know who the fox is burgling and whether any chickens have been hurt in the committing of these thefts.

Diana Griffin

Dear Editor

I recently hosted a 'Cliff Tribute Night' at Birchwood High School. Once again the evening was a huge success with a total of £2,322.00 raised, This amount is to be shared equally between Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Kisses4Kids charities.

Many thanks to those who supported the event—watch this space for next year.

Joyce Cripps



The next TUBS meet is on
Saturday 11th May 2013
For further information please visit
www.tubs12.info

Contributions & Advertising

Letters and editorial contributions are always welcomed from anyone. If you wish to contribute any such items, or if you wish to advertise in the Parsonage Herald please contact the Editor

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20th May 2013**

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Across

1. Cabaret
4. Eerie
7. Radar
9. Upright
10. Inertia
11. Ruler
12. Despot
14. Cleric
18. Ample
20. Haggard
22. Sporrán
23. Crown
24. Entry
25. Echidna

Down

1. Carried
2. Badge
3. Toucan
4. Error
5. Regular
6. Enter
8. Ratio
13. Support
15. Logic
16. Cadenza
17. Chance
18. Aisle
19. Early
21. Avoid

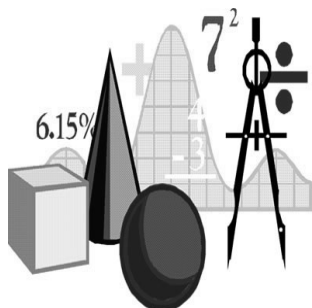
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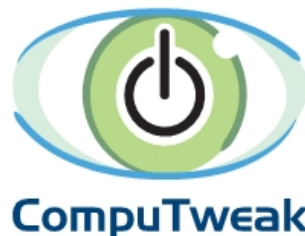
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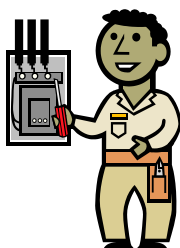
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	A.A Meeting	Kathleen Robertson	01371 873659	12.00-1.00pm
	French for Children aged 2-4	Catherine Cusick	505887	2.15-3.00pm
	French for Children aged 5-7	Catherine Cusick	505887	3.20-4.05pm
	Soccer Development	Tim Moylette	306118	4.30-5.15pm
	Ballroom/Latin Dance	Donna Smith	657836	7.30-9.30pm
T U E S	Twins Club	Paula Mothersole	07999 159811	9.30-11.15am
	Dance Workout	Stephanie Hudson	315437	11.30-12.30pm
	Stay & Play	Karen Buffham	696853	1.15-2.45pm
	Slimming World	Emma Evans	506890	5.30-7.00pm
	Aerobics	Sarah Fach	507895	7.00-8.00pm
	Tae Kwon-Do	Colin Mowatt	420724	8.00-9.00pm
W E D S	Beginners Adult Tap/Jazz Dance Class	Tracey Walker	501532	9.10-10.10am
	Heathrow Over 60's Club	Joyce Waterman	466312	1.45-3.45pm
	Rainbows/Uniform Shop	Sue Halliwell	505007	4.30-6.45pm
	Circuit Training	Cathy Jones	461221	7.00-8.00pm
	Line Dance	Dawn Bond	01787 460274	8.15-10.15pm
T H U R S	Tumble Tots (trial class is free upon joining)	Lynn Martin	01371 853059	9.00-2.00pm
	Stage/Disco Dance	Annice Osborne	656050	3.45-4.30pm
	Brownies (age 7-10)	Julie Herbert	659086	5.00-6.30pm
	Karate	Robert Fresco	07951 309914	6.50-7.50pm
	Adult Dance & Fitness Class	Annice Osborne	07778 382216	8.15-9.15pm
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	Local Links Lunch/Activity Club	Yasemin Hussain/Amanda Fox	755875 ext229	12.15-3.15pm
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