



# Peasmarsh Periodical



July 2012

**WANTED!**



## **2 Owls, One Brown Owl, One Snowy**

18 Peasmarsh Brownies meet once a week on a Monday evening, 6.30 pm – 8 pm during term time at Peasmarsh Memorial Hall. Their Brown Owl has reached Brownie leader retirement age and their assistant leader is also retiring after 30 years as a Snowy Owl !! But we still will be available to help out when needed. We must find new leaders by September. If we don't we will sadly be forced to close. Come and meet us now, get to know us, work with us till the end of term.

Training is given at District and County level. The comradeship of leaders is great and Brownie Guiding is both rewarding and fun.

Ring Pam on 01797 224739 for details.

### Allotments at the Maltings

A couple of the allotments may shortly be available for rent. If you are interested apply to have your name added to the waiting list. Contact the Parish Clerk at [peasmarsh.pc@virgin.net](mailto:peasmarsh.pc@virgin.net)  
Or call 01424 752698

Have you lost a low folding garden chair (green and yellow stripes) ? Somebody kindly brought it to the Recreation Ground for the Jubilee Fete but left it behind. Call Jenny Als on 230324.

IS YOUR HOME OR YOUR OIL SUPPLY AS SECURE AS IT CAN BE ? THE POLICE WILL COME AND ADVISE YOU ON HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE SECURITY IF YOU ASK THEM. CONTACT PCSO BECKY UNICOMBE ON 07810 055744 or [rebekah.unicombe@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rebekah.unicombe@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

## **peasmarsh Revived**

Peasmarsh Memorial Hall  
Refurbishment Project

By the end of this month we should hear whether or not we have been successful in our bid for funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

Meanwhile the fund-raising efforts and donations from the village continue and the Memorial Hall Committee acknowledges with thanks a generous donation of £50 from the Cock Inn and the proceeds from the Jubilee Tea Party at the Horse and Cart – a welcome £135.

Both of our pubs lend ongoing support to the Hall project and we are very grateful.

The Jubilee fete was never intended as a fund-raiser – rather as an opportunity for the village to come together and celebrate without having to spend a lot of money. As it was, thanks to the generosity of some of our star turns (The Dog Show, the School and the Hastings Twirlers among them) we made a tiny profit of £10.66, which will also go to the Hall Fund.

Thanks again to all the unsung heroes who made the day a success.

*To all Local Ramblers –  
Are you a local Rambler? Rother Ramblers are encouraging village groups to get together as volunteer bodies to keep a watchful eye on footpaths and stiles to ensure they are maintained in a safe condition and remain open to all. There have been instances recently of walkers being "warned off" public footpaths and locked gates. Is there anyone who would lead such a group?*

We would like to draw to residents' attention the Jubilee Avenue of Lime Trees recently planted by Viscount Devonport at School Lane - this is a generous gesture to ensure that there is a lasting memory of the Jubilee for Peasmarsh and is much appreciated.

### **Take the weight off your feet !**

The Parish Council is aware that the only remaining public seat in the village (at the top of Flackley Ash) is broken. Steps were already being taken to place a new durable bench at the bus stop by the Memorial Hall, and once the Council is satisfied that the new one serves its purpose well a second one will be ordered. Memorial Dedications from the old benches have been saved, and will be fixed to the new ones.



**FOOTBALL NEWS**

It was sad to learn that the Sunday football team will no longer be active next season. Not only is there a shortage of players. There are no longer enough teams in the league to make matches possible.

The good news is that a new Saturday Team will be starting up, led by Troy Sharp. Troy and his committee have been very busy and have received good support from the village and we understand there will be some "friendlies" played as soon as August.

More good news is that the annual "Veterans' Match" will take place as usual next year. This charity match in memory of two of the greatest supporters of football in our village was under threat and we are all pleased that it will continue. Also we shall be welcoming the Beckley under-15s to play their matches at Peasmarsch.

These are all good reasons to make sure our pitch stays in good condition. There is plenty of space for everyone in our Recreation Grounds. Please respect the pitch; keep your dogs off the playing field; pick up your rubbish and either take it home or put it in the bins provided.

*To give everyone a chance to see the Jubilee pictures we are planning an evening at the Hall (probably in August) when everyone can come and look at them and enjoy some food and drink. Watch Village Voice and the August PP.*

We are still waiting, impatiently, for the VAS at the west end of the village to be completed and activated. The latest problem is that the pole which is expected to provide the power needs to be replaced. This kind of operation on an arterial road now requires a road closure ... which requires notice .... Perhaps we shall have our sign by 2013 !

### **Peasmarsch Churchyard**

There are always people in the churchyard at Peasmarsch; people tending family graves, people walking their dogs, rambles, foreign visitors, or just those seeking a quiet time in an ancient and beautiful building.

Since the retirement of our three noble grass-cutters (the "Last of the Summer Wine" – where's that picture you promised, Derek?) it has been difficult to keep the churchyard under control.

After the mower was fixed in May, Ben set to work to get the grass cut but now the brambles and daisies and long grass are making it difficult to see where some of the graves are.

Visitors set off into the "jungle" in search of the grave of the Rev Liddell, grandfather of Alice (in Wonderland).

It is our heritage. It is beautiful. We must take care of it.

Here are two suggestions:

1. That we have a churchyard afternoon soon when all those who care about it come with their trimmers and clippers and hedgecutters and tackle the overgrown corners (and enjoy tea and sandwiches and good company ?)
2. That those who care for graves or bring flowers identify the part of the ground that they are looking after so that if they are ill or unable to do so for some reason someone else can make sure it gets done.

If you like the idea, get in touch.

Jennifer Als

