



Peasmarsh Periodical



September 2013



We've got the key !!!

Peasmarsh Memorial Hall Management Committee took possession of the newly rebuilt hall on Friday, August 30th 2013. Before long you will all have a chance to visit and explore this wonderful community building, built for 21st century Peasmarshians. There is still work to be done so that it runs smoothly for those who wish to use it so please be patient, but the first quiz will be on Saturday, September 7th. and the Committee and the Parish Council plan a formal opening on Saturday October 12th. Meanwhile you can make your enquiries or bookings on the website www.peasmarshmh.org.uk or contact the caretaker, Jackie Brooks on jacqueline@brooks68.orangehome.co.uk or 222654 (evenings only please.)

Sing for Fun

This will start on Wednesday 18th September from 2pm – 3pm in the Memorial Hall back rooms. All ages, singers and non-singers very welcome. Come and enjoy yourselves with Yvonne. See www.peasmarsh.org.uk or phone 01797 230693.

Bell-ringing.

Did you know there is a team of bell-ringers from Beckley and Peasmarsh who ring every Sunday in one or other of our churches for the 10am service ? They also ring for weddings and funerals if requested.

This is a fascinating pastime which is not such hard work as you might think and is suitable for all ages. Bell practice is on a Wednesday evening (usually at Beckley, but occasionally at Peasmarsh). Visitors are welcome to come along and find out what it is all about.

Call Diane Marsh, the Secretary, on 260596

Churchyard Working Party

There has been a lot of hard work going on in the churchyard. We are grateful to all those who have found time to spend helping to clear it, and also to those who are unable to "lend a hand" but have responded with generous donations which make it possible to tackle more tasks.

The next working afternoon will be on **Sunday, September 8th**. Please come and join in if you can. (Yes, we will have tea and cakes again !) You do not have to be a member of the church to enjoy the beauty and the peace of this wonderful ancient building and the land which surrounds it.

The comments in the Visitors' Book bear witness to the many who really appreciate our church.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the charity box at Jempsons' the Hall fund has benefited from another generous cheque towards the cost of the hall.

The Recreation Ground Sub-committee

ordered a replacement goalpost for the young people to use during the summer holidays. Sadly, there was a glitch in fulfilling the order and it only arrived last week. It should be up and ready for use by the end of this week..



Parish Council

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd. and will be taking place at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the management of Flackley Ash Hotel for the use of their lounge for council meetings since last October, and would like to thank all the staff for their unfailing courtesy and kindness.

No progress yet, as far as we are aware, with the speedwatch project. We hope it will soon be up and running.

Nor have we seen the promised road repairs in Tanhouse Lane and Mill Lane.

Now that there is a dedicated website for the Memorial Hall which is incorporating various other village activities (see p.1.) the old website (www.peasmarsh.org.uk) will shortly be changing to deal only with parish council and local authority matters. We hope that this will make it easier for residents to find the information they need..

Little Choir

A small group of children of primary school age from Beckley and Peasmarsh have been singing together for the past year, taking a leading role in the parish family services in both churches, and learning how to ring handbells.

We are looking for some new members who enjoy singing and would be willing to attend church about once a month.

Members need to be able to read simple songs and hymns fairly fluently.

Contact Father Bill (260203) or Jennifer Als (230324)



The Playspace

A recent Safety and Risk inspection of the Skatepark and the Playspace reveals that although there are no high risk areas in our recreation grounds that require urgent attention, many of the pieces of equipment in the Playspace are now showing signs of wear and tear due to age. It is possible to replace the worn parts and spruce up the area by painting the equipment and re-laying some of the ground surface material. The question is, would the money be better spent on a new and more modern playspace?

The RG committee is seeking the views of parents of the young children who use this space, and would like to hear any suggestions they have to put forward.

Previous suggestions that a new playspace could be linked to outdoor adult exercise equipment were received with enthusiasm. We need a group of interested residents to work with the RGC to decide what the next steps should be.

A Taste of Handel ?

The performance of Handel's Messiah the Friends of Peasmarsh Church were expecting to offer on November 17th as part of their "Music in Peasmarsh" programme has been cancelled.

Instead, we plan a "Scratch" performance of Part 1 of Messiah (the Christmas part) with the possible addition of the Hallelujah Chorus. Guest organist, conductor and soloists are being invited, and we hope that a great number of enthusiastic choral singers from the surrounding area will want to come and experience the thrill of singing in Peasmarsh Church with its wonderful acoustics and newly completed organ.

A rehearsal schedule will be offered for those who don't know the work well, or want to join in for the first time.

For more information, watch the notice board or Village Voice.