



HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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ALLOTMENTS

At long last SDC are in a position to hand over the land at Beldam Haw to the Parish Council for use as allotments. The Parish Council has already started to get in quotes for clearing the land. It is nearly 4 years ago since we first asked parishioners to register their interest in an allotment. It is entirely likely that some of those people will now have lost interest, and some may even have moved away.

So, if you are interested in having an allotment at Beldam Haw, please contact the Clerk on 534881 or clerk@halsteadparish.org.uk. Even if you applied for an allotment before, please contact the Clerk again to confirm your interest.

In addition to clearing the land, there is still plenty of work for the Parish Council to undertake before the allotments are ready, such as making the site secure, putting in a car park, making water available to all the plots, putting in pathways between plots, etc. We have set a target of the end of the summer to complete this work, so it is likely to be the early autumn before any new allotmenters can get their hands dirty.

THE OLYMPIC TORCH

The route of the Olympic Torch Relay in the Sevenoaks District has been made public.

On Friday, **20 July 2012** local people will be invited to line the streets and celebrate the achievements of the inspirational Torchbearers when the flame passes through Seal, Sevenoaks, Riverhead and Bessels Green.

Shortly after 12 noon, the Torch will travel along Seal High Street, turning left at Bat & Ball, up St John's Hill towards Sevenoaks town. In the town, it will turn right onto Pembroke Road then right onto London Road where it will continue to Riverhead, then left along Worships Hill and through to Bessels Green from where it will turn onto the motorway on its way out of the District.

To keep disruption to a minimum, short-term, rolling road closures will be in place with Kent Police stopping traffic at junctions to allow the torch procession to pass through.

For further details about the exact times, viewing points and community events en route, visit the Council's website www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/2012torch or call 01732 227000 nearer the time.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

The response to the questionnaire was extremely good with 249 households returning completed forms.

An enormous volume of data has been assessed and preliminary results will be available for parishioners to view at two meetings, prior to preparing the final plan document. Members of the CLP Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have at both of these sessions.

The meetings will be in the **Pavilion, Station Road** on :

Wednesday, 16 May from **8 pm to 10 pm**
and

Saturday, 19 May from **10 am to 12.30 pm.**

VILLAGE CLEAR UP

The next clear up will be on **Saturday 14 April**. Please assemble in the Pavilion car park at 9.30am. All volunteers will be welcome. Gloves, yellow jackets, litter pickers and black sacks will be provided.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held on **Monday, 30 April at 7.30 pm** in the **Pavilion, Station Road**. The meeting is open to all and hosted by the Parish Council.

Cllr. David Taylor, Parish Council Chairman, will give a resume of the year and there will be short reports from the chairmen of the Amenities & Highways, Finance and Planning Committees and the chairman of the Local Community Plan Committee.

A **Kent Police Officer** will also be present.

The **Guest Speaker** will be **Jean Peel, Chairman of the Halstead Jubilee Committee**. Jean will speak on the planned events plus all the work that has gone on in the background for the last six months.

The evening will close with wine and cheese and conversation.

EASTER FUN DAY

The VSU Youth in Action fun bus will visit the **Recreation Ground on Tuesday 3 April**. It will be a day of fun and excitement for all youngsters.

The events will run from **11 am – 3 pm** and you are asked to bring a packed lunch. The children can practice their circus skills, try out arts and crafts, join in organised games and much more.

The cost per child will be £2.50 and parents or carers must remain with their children. There is no need to book in advance but if can it is useful.

For full details see posters or email Alex Duncom – alex.duncom@vawk.org.uk

GARDEN SACKS AND WASTE SACKS

These are now available from Hancocks Stores.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS ARE WANTED

to welcome visitors and assist spectators during the **Torch Relay on 20 July** and at the **Paralympic Games on 5-8 September**. This is open to everyone aged 18 or over.

A uniform and training is provided. Call 01732 227000 or visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/2012stewards .

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