

Hanslope Parish Council

September 2009 Newsletter

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Street Fayre

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped to make this year's Street Fayre such a successful occasion. So many stallholders and helpers worked hard all day. It was encouraging to see parishioners of all ages coming along to support the event. The day was rounded off with a wonderful Fireworks Display which could be seen from all corners of the village. Thankyou to The Friends of Hanslope for organising such a worthwhile event.

Hanslope Parish Council Income and Expenditure 2008-2009 in £

Item	Expenditure	Income
Precept		31500
Recreation Ground	16420	1330
Allotments	796	704
Highways	2340	
Newsletter	396	
Donations	425	
Administration	2612	
Insurance	1558	
Salaries	5456	
Projects		
Astro Court resurface	5766	
5 a side goals	550	
VAT reclaim		4551
Totals	36319	38085

Woodlands Children's Centre

Woodlands Children's Centre based at Hanslope Primary School is now running a Dads & Kids group for children aged 0 -5 years on the 3rd Saturday of each month between 10am and noon. For more information on this and other sessions please contact Michelle on 07534960124 or Jackie on 07947 316 370.

The next sessions are on the 19th September and the 17th October.

Introducing Our New P.C.S.O.

Hi. My name is Michelle Morgan and I am the new PCSO for this area. I have previously worked for two years on the North of Milton Keynes in areas such as Great Linford, Conniburrow and Stantonbury, which I am sure you can appreciate, are very different from Hanslope! I am starting to find my bearings now, having been here two months and have also passed my Police Driving Authorisation, which means I will be able to get to the village more often. My role predominantly involves solving issues such as parking problems, neighbour disputes, dealing with vandalism or anti-social behaviour, as well as engaging with the community wherever possible.

As always, I am hoping to get involved with as many events as possible so that I can get to know the residents of Hanslope. If you have any events you would like me to attend, for example, youth or sports clubs, scouts or hobby classes, please let me know and I will do my best to come and join in.

I can be contacted on 0845 8 505 505 or by e-mail michelle.morgan@thamesvalley.police.pnn.uk (this e-mail address cannot be used to report crimes). I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Village Hall

Dear All,

Very well done to everybody who helped to prepare and decorate the Main Hall. In the event only 4 volunteers came from Abbey so extra help from village helpers was critical to getting the painting done. A very, very big thank you. I hope the village at large appreciate your efforts.

I fear there are still a lot of things to do and I would like to keep the working parties going if possible (obviously less often) and if possible add to the number of people who are involved. To list the urgent and less urgent things to be done:

The main beams in the large hall still need a top coat of paint. We have to clean up the floor which has an awful lot of paint splats on it. We need to find a home for all the paint and equipment which is currently in the small hall. We need to put up the shelves which were taken down from what is now pre-school's store. Some of these can go up in our store above the tables and could possibly be where we store the spare paint, brushes etc. These four items need to be done as soon as possible.

The outside store needs shelves putting up (or racking) and sorting out so it can be accessed from the inside store. In the near future I would like to get the small hall prepared and decorated to the same standard as the main hall. Abbey may or may not be assisting with this! We are setting up a Fabric Sub-Committee to be chaired by Robin Pratt to co-ordinate and plan future projects. Ideas and manpower to sit on this committee would be welcome. I'd like to get these projects moving within weeks.

Longer term:

We need to weed the fire exits and tidy up the edges of the car park. Longer term the fire exits need membranes and more gravel. We need to draw up specs for sorting out our car park drainage and re-surfacing so we can go out for tenders with a view to applying for grant aid. Expertise with this would be appreciated. We want to rationalise and re-shelve the cleaning cupboard – the ladies of the committee “have a plan”. Gutters and similar need cleaning out. A lot of stuff has been dumped out the back which needs sorting and removing to a tip. There may even be room for a shed which could store the outside trestles when they are not at the Eventing Centre. I could go on! Please let me know if and when you could help. I really am so grateful for everybody's support and help.

Dr John Sorrell

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Allotments

There are still allotments available.

If interested in “growing green”, please contact the Clerk of the Council.

Tennis

The AstroTurf court on the recreation ground is a multi-purpose area, being suitable for football, basketball and tennis. The Parish Council has had several enquiries from people expressing an interest in using it to play tennis. However, in the past when times have been reserved for the playing of tennis, it has been underused and has eventually reverted to being used mainly for football.

If anyone is interested in playing tennis on a regular basis, it needs some organisational structure; a group needs to be formed that would take charge of the putting up and taking down of the net and that would feed back to the regular recreation group users' meetings. These take place about every two months, the next being on Monday 16th November in the pavilion on the rec.. If there is anyone interested in forming a tennis users' group, they should contact the parish clerk and then try to attend this meeting.

Bus Timetables

These have now arrived. Free copies are available at the Butcher's Shop, the Newsagents and the Gold Street Store.

Open Meeting

The next Open Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th October at 8pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

Parish Council Vacancy

This has been advertised for the statutory length of time by M.K. Council.

Any parishioner who is interested in applying, should submit a written resumé to the Parish Clerk. This should include personal history, experience and reasons for wishing to join the council.

Applications close at noon on the 12th October 2009.

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