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NOTICE

100 Club subs (£ 24) collection will be taken at the Christmas Fayre on No-vember 26th.

This is to avoid volunteers walking around the community in the cold and dark in December collecting money.

Please remember to bring your subs with you to the Christmas Fayre to pay for next year.

Unfortunately there are no available places for the 100 Club at present but if you wish to join the waiting list please speak to a trustee.

Letter from the Chairman

How time flies: One minute it's summer and now here we are already heading into winter and looking forward to Christmas!! To bring you up to date, we have had the photo competition which made £121. A big thanks to Carole Davis & Cheryl Ives along with their helpers for all the hard work. They hope to continue with this competition again next year so let's all do our very best to support this fun event.

If you came to the recent fish & chip quiz night I hope you enjoyed it. We raised a fantastic £227.90 and would like to make this another one of our annual events.

The next dates for your diary are the ever popular Wine & Wisdom quiz night on Saturday 12th November 7.30, followed by our Christmas fair on Saturday 26th starting at 11.00am. We have been told that Father Christmas is making a visit and will be in his grotto on the day. So make sure you bring the little ones to meet him.

Another bit of news: We are going to be selling a new Hilltop Community calendar at the Christmas fair with the theme of memories. If you have any ideas for the 2018 calendar, please let me know.

We launched our own HCA Facebook page three months ago and this is proving a big hit with everybody as we can advertise our events, spread Hilltop news and share photos with each other. So far we have had over 60 likes and regularly reaching about 100 people. Please take time to check in and also get your friends to like us!

Behind the scenes we are working on our brand-new website with lots of new features. We hope to launch this on Jan 1st. Finally, we have got some good news to cheer about: We have now got the new plans drawn up for the hall which have been drawn up by Terry Davis, the plans are in the hall if you want to have a look. Terry is going to be submitting these to the city council for approval. Once this is received we can then go out to tender sometime in the new year to get some prices. The next stage will be to start to look at funding or part funding through available grants. All this could never have happened without all the hard work over the past years that a lot of people have been working for, from getting the lease to the well-being of a great community hall that we should all rightly be proud of.

Thank you once again for your support and look forward to meeting you all at our upcoming events.

John Richardson, Chairman

Diary of Events

Monthly Events:

Craft & Chat afternoon 14:00

Second Tuesday of month. All welcome

Coffee Morning 10:30

Last Thursday of month. All welcome

Wellness Clinic

Wed Nov 9th 10:00 & 19:30

Wed Dec 7th 10:00 & 19:30

Evening Church Services

Sun Nov 6th at 18:00

Wed Dec 14th at 18:00

Forthcoming Events:

HCA Main Committee

Wed Nov 16th at 19:00

Trustees meeting

Wed Nov 16th at 20:00

Wed Dec 21st at 20:00

Wine and Wisdom Quiz

Sat Nov 12th at 19:00

Christmas Fair

Sat Nov 26th at 11:00

Hilltop News deadline Sa

To book the hall please contact

Terry Maple on 01227 761329



Nature Notes Autumn

In August a neighbour noticed a pair of buzzards circling at some height above Larkey Valley woods and then over New House Close. They are beautiful birds to see especially when sailing with wings fully extended and tail closed. The pattern of dark and light plumage is fairly constant. Buzzards prey on earthworms, beetles and mice as well as other small rodents. The call is a frequently uttered high "Wheew." It is not that common to see buzzards this far south or east.

A swarm of flying ants was seen to invade the phone box area again in August. I'm glad that I was not there to see this!

Driving home one night along Stuppington Lane, my head lights picked up a couple of large badger waddling along the road. When they realised that I was behind them they lumbered on to the grass verge and through the hedge.

In early September I noticed an attractive solitary evening primrose plant in full flower, self sown on the corner of New House Close. The petals were a shiny lemon yellow. It will be interesting to see if it comes up next year, somewhere near by.

Autumn seems to be later this year. It is always an attractive time as the leaves are gradually beginning to turn into blending colours of red, orange and yellow greens. Some of the hedges are festooned with trailing travellers' joy with rose hips, hawthorn and the occasional spindle berries providing a welcome contrast.

Jan

If you notice anything interesting, please contact me on 761204, or e mail jan@jarmishaw.freeserve.co.uk



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100 Club Winners

Prize	Aug	Sep	Oct
£50	Colin Smith	Louise Richardson	Andrea Williams
£30	Dave Sackett	Gary Port	L Pimm
£20	Gary Port	Colin Smith	Mike Hart
£10	Richard Gambell	Ian & Mel Dachtler	Barry Drew



HILLTOP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 26 November 2016.....11.00am - 1.00pm

at Hilltop Community Hall

BUMPER CHRISTMAS DRAW

**(£100 Hamper / £100 cash/ £50 M&S Voucher
and many more prizes)**

Father Christmas will arrive approx. 11.15am

**Refreshments, Home-made cakes, Tombola,
Festive Goodies Stall, Lucky Boxes, Sweetie Table,**

New Hilltop website coming in the New Year!!!!

Would you like to be the first to see our new website?

**E mail a trustee with your name and house number to receive the link to the new
Hilltop Community website**

Editor's message

Many thanks to those who have taken the time to write contributions for this newsletter. It would be lovely if we could find some more local residents who are willing to contribute to this publication. Any articles you would like to have published please send through. I would love to hear from new contributors to the newsletter.

Alternatively if you have something to say but are not sure how to word it please get in touch I am more than happy to talk ideas through for the newsletter.

Please remember to contact me if you would like to advertise in the newsletter. There are 120 copies printed and distributed out to the community, so information reaches a considerable audience locally.

Through the trustee meetings I have been asked to make a request for volunteers for future Hilltop Community events. There are a number of very dedicated and hard working individuals who make many events possible in the community and it would be nice to see some new faces willing to help out in the future. If you would like

to give some time to set up or help clear away at the end of an event please get in touch with one of the trustees.

Alternatively if you have an idea for a Hilltop event please contact a trustee who will be very happy to discuss this with you further and hopefully put your ideas into practice.

I am looking forward to seeing our new website which will go live at the beginning of next year and expect this will offer an alternative means of accessing information about our community and of supporting each other in our community events. Please remember to e mail a trustee so you can be e mailed a link to the new website when it goes live.

The trustees will make a collection for the 100 Club at the Christmas Fayre on 26th November. This aims to avoid volunteers walking around the community in the dark in December collecting money for subs. Please remember to bring your 100 Club payments (£24 for the year) to the Christmas Fayre.

Many Thanks, Bonnie (bmted@live.co.uk)

HILLTOP PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2016

The above competition took place throughout the summer, reaching the climax in September, when all entries were submitted. Entries were subsequently judged by three people, Ollie Knight a professional wedding photographer, Julian Hart a professional photographer and Cheryl Ives a professional artist. Their decision was final with the winners being announced at the Award Ceremony Afternoon at the St Faiths Hall on Saturday 22nd October. Adult Category :- Aspect of Transport. Winner, Lyn Gregory with a photograph entitled "Memories of a bygone era". Children :- Something beginning with "C". Winner Georgia Williams with a photograph entitled "Corky the Carp". Apparently it was extremely difficult to choose, the standard being so high with excellent quality, clarity and subject matter. Well done Lyn and Georgia and many thanks to the judges. There were also certificates, Highly Commended and Commended given to others, again very hard to determine which photographs should receive these awards. Well done to all participants and thank you for entering. The prizes and certificates were presented by Anita Rubins, having been introduced by Cheryl Ives who gave an insight into the things that were looked for by the judges. The refreshments of homemade cakes and tea went down a treat, marmalade sale good and generously donated were lovely prizes for the raffle including a Hand-made Cake depicting the two categories in its decoration, made by Anita Rubins. The afternoon had a very good atmosphere and was attended reasonably well considering it was Half term [the organiser's error – a note for next year!] However, I would like to say it was delightful to have more children take part but unfortunately there was a considerable drop in the adult entries. It will be organised again for next year, but really will need more entries to make it a viable proposition as there are quite a lot of expenses to cover the prizes, printing, etc. We did however manage to raise £121-00 for the Hall Funds which is much appreciated, it does all help!! Please, please dig out your camera and be ready for the categories which will be announced in the New Year.

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to all the helpers on the Awards Day and particularly to Cheryl Ives for her invaluable support in producing certificates, printing and designing, also taking charge of putting all the photographs on the display board in the Hall, where they will remain until the New Year for you, the community to peruse.

Look forward to our 4th Competition in 2017, with lots of entrants an early Happy Christmas to you all.

Carole Davis [organiser]

HILLTOP RESIDENTS' WONDERFUL SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY

Local residents Chris, Cheryl and Natasha Ives held a Fund-raising Tea Party at Hilltop Community Hall on Saturday 8 October from 2-4 pm to promote awareness of World Mental Health Day (10 October); the work of the national charity Rethink Mental Illness, and also their local carers' support group. As well as a Rethink Information stall, and refreshments, there were home-made cakes to buy and fresh produce from Chris' and Natasha's allotments; a superb raffle; games such as Guess the Teddy's Name, Guess the number of Smarties; 2 table top quizzes and a small gifts stall. Some of our Hilltop residents baked fantastic cakes to sell at the event and many helped on the day alongside some of the carers from the local group. Chris, Cheryl and Natasha would like to thank every-one who helped or donated in some way, and also many thanks to all the lovely people from the locality who turned up to support the event. You really helped a very good cause and an amazing £290 profit was made that afternoon, half of which will go to the national Rethink Mental Illness charity, with the other half going to the Canterbury & Coastal Rethink Carers' Support Group.

If you would like to know more about Rethink Mental Illness, go to www.rethink.org or for information about the Canterbury & Coastal Rethink Carers' Support Group, please phone Chris & Cheryl on 01227 760707

