



Hilltop News

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Come and join us at these informal, friendly social events at the Community Hall, New House Lane

HILLTOP COFFEE MORNINGS

on the last Thursday of every month, 10-30am - noon

HILLTOP CRAFTY GIRLS

on the second Tuesday of every month, 2 – 4pm

You do not have to participate in the craft side;

you can join us for a good chat and a cup of tea

Come along, all are very welcome.

Hilltop Newsletter Editor News

I am standing down as the newsletter editor and passing this on to Katherine Richardson. Please make sure you provide her with lots of material to fill your newsletter.

The deadline for the next newsletter is 21st July, and Katherine's e mail is

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Bonnie Tillotson

Letter from your Chairman

At long last Spring has arrived, all the blossom is coming out and another winter is behind us. This now has been my first full year as your Chairman and I feel that the trustees and members of the Main Committee are all working well together moving forward.

If you would like to come on the Main Committee you are most welcome. Come along to any of our Main Committee meetings and join us.

It is a year since we set up our Facebook page, new website and HCA 'Community' e-mail list. We have 95 residents on our e-mail list, please let us know if you'd like to be added.

Our Facebook page gets looked at about 250 times per week and we now have over 100 followers. The website is also doing well with 'clicks' per week. We run a website advertising slot for local businesses and currently have 10 businesses advertising which is bringing in much needed extra revenue. There are more slots available if you wish to place a notice.

The Hilltop Calendar is becoming a regular publication raising extra revenue. The theme for 2019 is linked with our annual photography competition run by Carole & Cheryl.

We are always putting more events on and trying new things like boot fairs and different types of quizzes. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please bring them to our attention.

Andrea has taken over the role of lead for the Christmas Fair and Tracey & Marion likewise for the Easter Fair and I thank them all for taking on these events with the invaluable assistance of all their helpers. Cheryl & Chris last year started up the yearly bat 'n trap and boules event which proved to be a great success. It will be held again this year so thank you to them.

For the coming year we will be concentrating efforts on the building and refurbishment plans. There is a sub-committee responsible for overseeing this project with myself, Terry Maple, David Sackett, Terry Davis and David Smith. Also working alongside the subcommittee will be David Bush in conjunction with Sarah Guest who will be in charge of seeking funding through grants etc. So I am looking forward to another good year ahead of us.

Finally, I would like to welcome David Bush to the board of Trustees his tasks ahead, as stated above, will be a very challenging.

Sadly, Bonnie our Secretary and, Editor of the Hilltop Newsletter, has decided to stand down after 3 years. I would like to thank her on behalf of the Trustees and Main Committee for all her hard work and contributions over the years. Joanne Bush is going to take over as secretary.

That's about it for now - Enjoy the summer

John Richardson

Chairman

On behalf of the Trustees

Diary of Events

Monthly Events:

Crafty Girls Meetings afternoon 14:00
Second Tuesday of month. All welcome
Coffee Morning 10:30
Last Thursday of month. All welcome
Wellness Clinic
Wed 9th May 10:00 & 19:30
Wed 13th June 10:00 & 19:30
Wed 11th July 10:00 & 19:30
Evening Church Services
Sun 6th May at 18:00
Sun 3rd June at 18:00
Sun 1st July at 18:00

Forthcoming Events:

Main Committee
Wed 30th May at 19:00
Trustees meeting
Wed 27th June at 20:00
Curry 'n Quiz night
Fri 25th May at 19:00
Bat 'n Trap and Boule Competition
Sun 10th June from 14:00
HCA Summer BBQ
Sat 30th June at 15:00
Quiz Night
Sat 14th July from 19:30

Hilltop News deadline 21st July 2018
To book the hall please contact
Terry Maple on 01227 761329



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

**The CLOSING DATE for
the Photographic Competition is**

Wednesday 5th September 2018

**5-30pm to 7-30pm at the Community Hall
not as previously advertised**

CATEGORIES

ADULTS "In and Around South East England"

CHILDREN "I Spy something beginning with L"



Easter Fair 2018 (see photos opposite and below)

We decided to hold our Easter Fair at St Faith's a week before Easter this year, and fortunately it turned out to be a dry day, with no sign of rain or snow thank goodness! The Easter Bunnies were up bright and early arranging and decorating the Hall with Springtime Bunting and pretty Bows! All of this was done well before our volunteer stallholders arrived, to create their wonderful displays for the stalls and games. I think you'll all agree with me they all did wonderfully well – as they always do at our Fairs!

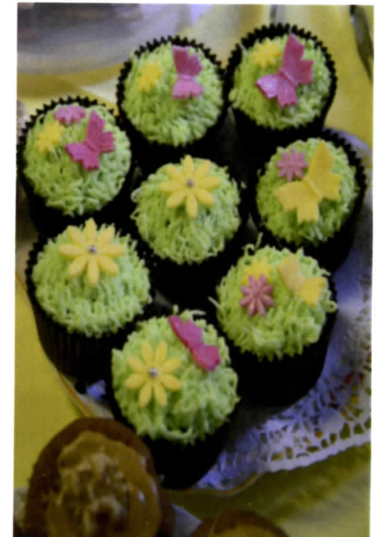
As the Fair was so close to Easter this year, we decided to offer a slice of buttered Hot Cross Bun loaf with a mug of coffee or tea. This certainly went down well in the Hilltop Café. We almost sold out! I think our ladies did an excellent job serving us all with much needed refreshments! We also had a huge range of beautiful, and delicious Cup Cakes, Pastries, Savouries, a huge variety of different types of larger Cakes, and some homemade jams were available for sale. These were all generously donated by members of the Hilltop Community, and displayed on the Hilltop Patisserie stall, by our stall holders. These ladies have a huge task, as no sooner have they set the stall up, then the goodies are snapped up pretty quickly – It always pays to get to the Patisserie early to purchase your favourites...! ;o)

As always, we had a number of games to play. Some with a new twist like the Go To Work On an Egg game, The Easter Egg Treasure Hunt game and the fun in Naming the Hilltop Duck! And of course we had the old favourites, a splendid Raffle and the much loved Tombola stall! This year we decided to introduce a Painted Egg Competition. It was free to enter, and I was absolutely amazed at the number of entries we had - and the creativity of them all too!! They were all so brilliant - It must have been an extremely difficult job for the judges! But a winner had to be found for each of the categories, and I'm pleased to announce the following Children/Adults were awarded Easter Egg prizes on the day.

Painted Eggs Under 10 years - Ella Gurden
Over 10 years - Louisa Williams
Adult – Cathie Payne

Easter Egg Hunt Game 1st – Geoff Porter
2nd – Georgia Williams
3rd – Geoff Porter

The Hilltop Duck was named Sonic Duck by Mrs Jowl



Raffle Results

1st prize Giant Teddy Bear – Pam Sherwood
2nd prize Basket of Fruit – Summer Lane
3rd prize Thorntons Easter Egg – David Sackett
4th Prize Humpty Dumpty Cake – Maralyn Porter

Go To Work on An Egg Game - There were 209 eggs on the Breakfast Tray - Alyson Buontempo guessed the number of eggs closest to the 209 on the tray.

Well done to all the prize winners and a HUGE thank you to all you lovely residents of Hilltop . With all your donations, generosity and support we raised £463.14 Such an amazing amount, which will go towards the upkeep of the Hall and refurbishment! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our local Morrison's store for the donation of three large Easter Eggs and also The King's Head Public House in Wincheap, for their donation of a bottle of Prosecco – Every little helps! Tracey Smith



100 Club Winners

Please contact: jackiegreenbush@sky.com

Prize	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
£50	Ian & Melissa Dachtler	Andrea Williams	Colin Smith	John Cornish
£30	Kate Cornish	Clive Church	Joyce Burt	Jeremy & Hilary Spon
£20	John Cornish	Brian Robinson	Chris Ives	Jan Armishaw
£10	Carole Davis	Alan Clapson	Iris Purdy	Tony Pringle

Cloisters 2 Oysters

Chris and Cheryl Ives had a lovely surprise on Saturday afternoon. Local family, Charlotte, Daisy and Albie Port called on us with a donation for Chris' sponsor form for the Cloisters 2 Oysters Bike Ride. Seemingly they had wanted to ride as a family but are unable to this year. Nothing daunted, young



Daisy, aged 11, decided to hold a cake sale at school with 3 of her friends and raised a grand total of £14. 40.

The photo shows Chris receiving the donation from Daisy with brother, Albie, looking on. Needless to say we were very touched by Daisy's thoughtfulness.

There is still time to sponsor Chris, if you haven't already done so. He lives at no.36 New House Close or go to his Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christopher-ives5> "

Parish Council News

There is not much to report for this Newsletter.

The Parish Council along with other groups are continuing to object to the several large-scale housing developments in the area.

It is felt that none of these developments have considered correctly nor have allowed for the serious impact they will have on the community as a whole, particularly with regards traffic flow and the resulting pollution. Simply – the current infrastructure, as we who live here are all patently aware, is totally inadequate for any increased input.

The Parish Council have concerns on the current pollution levels and have arranged for a pollution monitoring system to be installed in our Parish to record the levels.

On a continuing basis we monitor and report on the sad state of the highways in our area and inform the authorities hoping that repairs will be carried out.

We continue with our regular programmes of keeping several verges in our Parish cut and kept tidy.

We are notified of all planning applications and are asked for our recommendations prior to them being submitted to the planning committee for determination.

Our meetings are generally held on the second Monday of each month and you are most welcome to attend to see what goes on.

If you have any questions or perhaps points you feel need reporting at Parish Council Meetings please ask one of your South Ward Councillors: Cllr Terry Maple or Cllr Terry Davis

Enjoy the Summer

Nature Notes April 2018

Well we have had so much cold miserable weather but at last some sunshine and a bit of warmth. In January however I was finding some surprising plants in flower for example the garden daffodil, herb Robert, violets, scentless mayweed, red valerian and herb bennet.

In March my husband raced me to it and saw a couple of blue bells in flower and recently, the first half of April, the woods were laced with beautiful wood anemones and the elusive moschatel.

Wasn't the snow a spectacular sight, festooning the winter branches and caking our grass verges?

My friend along New House Lane has provided me with some interesting bird news. She has seen several field fares in the fields at the back of her house and a couple of wagtails behaving very aggressively. Sparrow hawks and buzzards have been seen and before the end of March robins were seen about to nest.

Jan (written in Sicily)

