

# HARESFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30, Haresfield Village Hall**

Haresfield Parish council – Welcome by **Charlotte Tilsley, chair.**

**Apologies:** Lisa Gibbs, Rachael Bacon, Jenni Entrican

*Refreshments*

## Reports followed from representatives of the village as follows:

- **Book Club** – Sue Thorpe. There are 10 regular members with several others who occasionally attend. There is a box in the phone box in which donated books can be deposited. For those who wish to borrow books, the swap shelves can be accessed via the key lock to the right of the hall entrance. Code available from Sue, any member of the PC or the clerk.
- **Grass Rota.** Lisa Gibbs via email “Once again the grass at the village hall looked lovely for most of the year, I would like to thank the many people who did take the time and made the effort to cut the grass and keep the village hall looking tidy and loved. “
- **St. Peters Church** - Caroline Segelov. The church retains its close links with the school, and holds joint services at Christingle and on Mothering Sunday amongst others. Church wardens are Alec Jeakins and Caroline Segelov, Alec regularly puts Church news in the Herald, notifying of services and church activities. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Rev. David Bishop will be installed as vicar of cluster C churches: Stonehouse, Haresfield, Whitminster, Standish and Selsley. He will be based in Stonehouse Steve Harrison remains as rector overseeing all 15 parishes.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Haresfield Brownies** - Brownie Leader Chris Long has run the pack for over 30 years, together now with Julia and most recently, Sue Thorpe as helper. Activities this year have included map reading, baking, a narrowboat trip, treasure hunt and visit to Fairford Air Show. They have had 10 hours of training on the new national Brownie curriculum which was introduced in July 2018 and have plans for a Brownie Pack sleepover. Chris thanked the village for their support and refurbishment of the village hall. The pack currently have 12 brownies, so have some capacity, they meet on a Tuesday in term time.
- **Craft Club** – Maddy King. Various and varied activities have been attempted, each led by a member of the club. Christmas decorations have become an annual December event, with other crafts including Tie-dying, mosaic, sugarcraft, felting and crocheting. The group meets in the village hall at 7pm on the second Monday of each month and welcomes all – as participants or to lead the group with a craft.
- **Merryfield Trustees** – Paul Barton explained that the Merryfield is a Recreational Trust and is a registered charity. In 1983 they were granted a 99 year lease and meet quarterly, with recent concerns being identified as deterioration of the concrete plinth and dog fouling. The two other Trustees are Jenny Knight (Chair, rep. Parish council) and John Mitchell (rep. Parochial church council) with Paul representing Haresfield School.
- **The Beacon & Railway Inn** – Fiona Bevan rep. Steve Lockett. The pub regularly hosts music nights, tribute nights and has plans for other events throughout the summer. The new manager, Gareth Walling-Johnson has taken residence in the pub, along with his family. Gareth plans to form stronger links with the PC

- **Village Hall committee** - Charlotte Tilsley. A working party weekend is planned for April Future refurbishment priorities have been identified as an upgrade to the heating system and installation of lagging to the roof.
- **Haresfield Church of England School.** Exciting events so far this year include: Mini Marines in school; a local wildlife photographer came into school to inspire the children and to talk about his job; a bubble day to generate ideas and inspire poetry writing. Several fundraising events included World book day + second hand book sale raising money for International Book Aid – the children all looked amazing and the staff all dressed up too. Christmas jumper day raised £86.00 for save the children.

Events in conjunction with St. Peters Church included Harvest festival; Christingle – the school were joined by family and friends at St Peter’s church to celebrate Christingle, we even had a child dressed up as a giant Christingle to help explain the meaning of this festival. The bishop’s visitor came into school and was very positive about what she saw, the Christian distinctiveness of the school and the links that the school were developing with other countries. Mrs Smout is starting to develop links with a school in Nepal.

There has been a very wide variety of clubs over this year so far :- craft, drawing, slime making, lego club, film club, country dance, street dance, golf, table tennis, running, football, netball, cookery, coding and sewing clubs. The children have also competed in many sporting events and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county in a touch rugby festival – we were all very proud!

If there is anyone who could volunteer just 45 mins to come into school to help run a club we would be very very grateful, it is always a pleasure to welcome new faces into school and I am sure there are many talented people in our community who could help.