



Organisations active in Hellingly

3rd Hailsham Brownies	Mrs Jenny Beckingham	845390
Chinese Brush Painters	Wilma Shaw	01273 515452
Hailsham & Hellingly Ladies Social Club	Mrs S E Thomas	507670
Hailsham Photographic Society	The Camera Centre	840559
Hellingly Playgroup	Tracy Harper	846424
Hellingly Scouts	John Hole	843115
Hellingly Brownies	Maggie Phillips	841370
Hellingly Senior Section (Guides)	Mrs.C.Carpenter	841033
Hellingly Sports Club	Paul Vidler	841756
Hellingly WI	Margaret Bloomfield	843628
Magham Down Folk Dance Club	Elizabeth Munday	841127

Your organisation not listed? Tell the Editor!!

Village Hall

The Village Hall is very popular and is extensively used by local groups, but there are occasional vacancies. Enquire with the Clerk, as below.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications are decided by Wealden District Council. Hellingly Parish Council is invited to comment on those involving the parish, but does not have any executive power. The monthly meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee, normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Village Hall, is open to members of the public, who are always asked whether they wish to address the Committee. The detail of planning applications is available on Wealden District Council's web site: <http://www.planning.wealden.gov.uk> or from their offices in Crowborough or Hailsham.

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Matters of life and death!

The Council and its Committees have been busy during the Summer on various matters affecting the quality of life and ultimate destination of parishioners! The Planning Committee considered the options offered in Wealden District Council's **core strategy consultation**. The eventual recommendation to the Council was to support Option 3 (with suggested amendments). This Option aims to distribute the proposed 11,000 houses to be built by 2026 across Wealden as a whole focussing on the



towns and taking into account the infrastructure requirements. Hellingly was included with Hailsham for this purpose and the overall increase under this option would be 1215 properties in the combined area over the next 15 years—not ideal but probably the least worst option.

The Cemetery Committee has tackled a problem which has been of concern for some time: providing a suitable **memorial garden** for those who wish cremated remains to be strewn or buried. The agreed proposal is to use a quiet corner of the existing cemetery for this purpose (see picture).



For those readers who may not be aware, Hellingly Cemetery is in North Street, about half way between the Kings Head public house and the Village Hall. Only those who were living within the Parish of Hellingly, those living within the Upper Horsebridge Ward of the Parish of Hailsham and those who previously lived in the Parish may be buried or have their cremated remains in Hellingly cemetery. There are various options available in the new memorial Garden, including small memorials, plaques and memorial trees. Funeral and burial arrangements for Hellingly are administered by Hailsham Town Council whose offices are in the Market Square, Hailsham, BN27 2AE. Tel: 01323 841702

ESCC Bus Service Information

A new range of timetable leaflets is now available for *Rider* bus services which are funded by East Sussex County Council. These timetables have been updated following the changes made in some areas last July.

The new leaflets are available onboard buses and from libraries, tourist information centres, local council offices, and some doctors surgeries. They are also available online at: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/buses>



larger print and added town centre bus route maps.

After listening to feedback from passengers, the County Council has produced the new leaflets in a

An updated East Sussex bus map leaflet is currently in production and will be available in early autumn. A new timetable for Bexhill will also be available in the next few months, although the current one is still valid.

Rider services are operated by bus companies and community transport providers on behalf of the County Council. The County Council spent around £1.7 million on the provision of these bus services last year

Wealden District Council's Standards Committee

Members of Wealden's Standards Committee have been touring parishes and towns across the District to explain the work of the Committee and to let Councillors know how it can help.

There are 10 members of the Committee - 3 independent members of the public, 3 Wealden District Councillors and 4 parish councillors.

The Committee promotes and maintains the high standards of

councillors' and co-opted members' conduct and considers complaints of alleged breaches of the code of conduct or a local protocol either by members of the District Council or any parish or town council within the Wealden District.



There have been very few complaints submitted to the Committee to date - which makes the independent Chairman, Mr Richard King, very happy.

If you would like further information, please contact Sarah Carter, Democratic Services Administrator, Wealden District Council, Pine Grove, Crowborough TN6 1DH, Tel 01892 602435; email: sarah.carter@wealden.gov.uk

Snippets

Hellingly Community Park Trust are having their AGM in Hellingly Village Hall at 7pm on Saturday, 17th October. They hope to have an update from Persimmon Homes on the way forward. The meeting will be followed by a Buffet Supper which is open to non-members, so do please join them. The price for the food ticket is £4 - please ring 01323 844613. Bring your own wine or other drinks and they will provide glasses...**The Flood Forum** is meeting on 26th October at 7pm at the Village Hall. Come along if you have any concerns about flooding... There is still a vacancy for a **co-opted Parish Councillor**— contact the Editor for more information... **Articles of local interest** are always welcome for *Hellingly Highlights*. E-mail to the Editor... **Dog owners** are requested to keep their **dogs on leads** when at the Lower Horsebridge recreation ground and to clear up any dog mess.

IN DEEP WATER WITH UTILITY DEBTS?



will pay them, “Volunteers have many different motivations for volunteering; some people use their volunteering opportunity as a way to enhance their skills or to re-train in preparation for paid work. It’s a great way to meet people, develop confidence and improve general wellbeing. Other people do not like to feel that their time volunteering is fixed and find a few hours a week is valuable time spent away from the pressures of life allowing them to focus on something else rewarding.” According to Caroline, “Citizens Advice volunteers are about as diverse a group of people as it is possible to imagine. They may be long term unemployed, disabled or ex-captains of industry. Their chief commonality is a desire to help their fellow citizens and a willingness to work in their community.” If you are interested in volunteering with Wealden Citizens Advice please give Ann a call on 01323 440323.

Thanks to funding from Southern Water, Wealden Citizens Advice has just appointed a Utility Grants Officer to help clients who have got into arrears with their utility bills. John Mayes, who is an experienced general adviser, has taken on the role of Utility Grants Officer which means that he will specialise in helping the residents of Wealden who have utility debts, to apply for grants to help with their arrears. John has already achieved over £5,000 in grants for clients worried about how they are going to manage to pay their arrears. One client had been wrongly charged £782.00 for an account that wasn't hers and following a thorough investigation John managed to get the debt written off. Despite working on the project for such a short time John is dealing with over £24,000 of debt. If you have utility debts and are worried about how you

climate, however, there are many other issues that clients come to the bureau with such as job loss, relationship breakdown, employment issues and homelessness. And, whilst the charity is making every effort to increase access to its service by opening on Saturdays and extending its opening hours by opening earlier at 9.15am, it is becoming increasingly difficult to offer its current level of service with the number of advisers available. Volunteering at a time when the economy is in recession can offer some stability and Wealden Citizens Advice is currently looking for volunteers to train as general advisers and receptionists. Said Caroline Mack, Chief Executive of Wealden Citizens Advice,

