



**YOUR LOCAL CIVIC SOCIETY**

**November 2013**

### **Hartford Community Autumn Fayre 19th October 2013**

At 12 noon Alastair Purves, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, declared the 6th annual Community Autumn Fayre open. He thanked the Fayre Committee for the hard work they put into organising this event. Many of the stalls had a very Christmassy look with cards, decorations, decorated bags and boxes, fabric bags and jewelry. There was a selection of homemade jams and preserves which proved as popular as ever, books, bric-a-brac, knitting demonstrations with knitted and crocheted items for sale. Hartford Art Group put on an exhibition and sale of their work. Hartford Village W.I. provided sandwiches, homemade cakes, tea and coffee for the hungry shoppers throughout the afternoon. Other local groups had stalls, Hartford All Saints Church Mothers' Union, Hartford Conservation Group, UTree (Celebrate Ancestry) and local knitting groups.

The bumper raffle made for some very happy shoppers with prizes from The Barley Mow, The King of the Belgians and many other fabulous prizes. 'Name the Teddy' competition was won by Derek Colbert, who correctly named the bear 'Bruno'. Nick Roberts won our 'Guess the weight of the Cake' competition (made this year by Ruth Butler). The winners went home with Bruno and a beautiful fruit cake.

The organising Committee would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for once again offering the Hall as the venue for the Community Fayre. Stall holders gave donations to this year's nominated Charity, Hartford All Saints Church Tower and all proceeds from the Raffle and Competitions made a total of £306 to the Fund.

Betty Trevett

### **All Saints Hartford - Church Tower**

Thank you to all Hartford residents and visitors to the Community Fayre. Their support has helped raise

£306 towards the fundraising for the repair of the Church Tower. The Parish Treasurer reports that "Urgent emergency repair work to stabilize the tower and ensure the area around the tower was safe has been undertaken. This was funded from Church funds, generous donations and fundraising. The major part of the work for the long term preservation of the structure is still required. Detail costings have not yet been provided but an indication of the scale of the costs was given by the architect following completion of the emergency work. The total cost is likely to be in the order of £110,000 to £130,000. Work is being undertaken to apply for grant funding but any help with fund raising is very much appreciated."

### **Annual General Meeting October 2013**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 in the Village Hall. The President, Gerald Gibbs, welcomed Members and residents of Hartford then introduced the Chairman, Angela Owen-Smith. The Minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted and signed, and she then presented her Report for the previous year. James Fell presented the Treasurers Report. At this point the Committee stood down and the President took the Chair for the election of the Chairman and Committee for 2013/14. Claire Dutton did not stand and the Chairman invited Members to join the Committee as there were vacancies. The Chairman (Angela Owen-Smith) listed plans for the coming year which included asking Members of the Group to try to sign up at least one new Member during the year. Subscriptions remain at £6 for a full Member and £10 for 2 full Members in the same household. Proposed visits to Denny Abbey & Farmland Museum and Huntingdon Library Archives were announced.

Mike Humphrey, now Vice-Chairman, showed our new 'Hartford Architectural Heritage Board' which will be displayed on the wall of The Barley Mow. The Heritage Board incorporates the updated logo of Hartford Conservation Group. Information on the Heritage Board will be available in leaflet form in the

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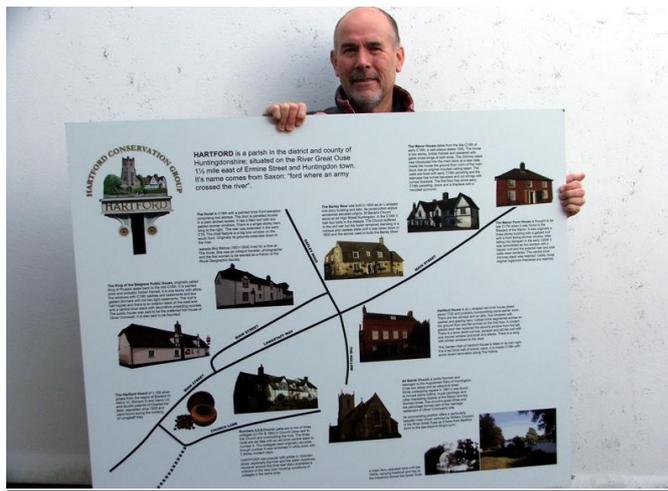
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near future and it is hoped to set up a website.

The History Board presented by Mike Humphrey



The Meeting was then closed and the Chairman introduced Sue Samson, Senior Archivist at Huntingdon Records Library who gave a very interesting illustrated talk about the records held and some of the various means by which they have been acquired. Documents include King John's Huntingdon Borough Charter of 1205, also for Godmanchester dated 1212, which gave the right to hold a weekly market. Family records donated by the Duke of Manchester when he left Kimbolton to live in Kenya, the Montagu family of Hinchingsbrooke, also Church Records, School and Prison Records and photographs to name just some. Artefacts and objects cannot be stored at the Library. Local Groups are able to store their records in the Library Archive.

The Chairman gave a Vote of Thanks on behalf of those present for a very interesting talk, saying how much we are looking forward to our visit.

Betty Trevett

### **Your new committee 2013-14**

**President** – Gerald Gibbs

**Chairman** – Angela Owen-Smith

**Treasurer** - James Fell

**Vice-Chairman** – Mike Humphrey

**Secretary** - Gilly Perry

**Publicity Officer** - Betty Trevett

**Members** –

Kath Carr

Mary Clubb

Bernie Froggatt

**Membership Secretary** – Peter Gibbins

### **Minutes of Meetings**

Meetings follow the standard agenda

Apologies

Declaration of Interest

Minutes of previous meeting

Matters arising

Treasures report

Correspondence

Planning applications

Newspaper cuttings

Membership Secretary's report

Neighbourhood Watch

Report from Town Council representative

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The Minutes are not recorded in full in the newsletter but are available if requested. Residents submitting planning applications are welcomed to the meeting to discuss the application. Phone 458678 to arrange this. The planning subcommittee does meet between meetings of the full committee if necessary.

### **Notes from meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October**

The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> September were accepted. Mary Clubb stated that she was willing to continue on the Committee but did not wish her name to go forward for Vice-Chairman for 2013-14

**Treasurers Report** the annual accounts for 2012-13 had been prepared for the AGM and had been audited by Peter Gibbins. The current account balance was £821.35.

**Planning Applications** It was noted that approval had been given for the new development at WATA. Other applications were discussed

**Heritage Board** further information has been requested by HDC Planning Department.

### **CONTACT US**

Please send us suggestions and comments on this newsletter, other matters you would like included, activities or visits you would like us to organise, speakers for future meetings or other matters relating to Hartford. Would you like to attend a committee meeting? Would you be able to write a report, a story or a poem on Hartford to include in the newsletter?

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