



YOUR LOCAL CIVIC SOCIETY

September 2014

UNVEILING THE HERITAGE BOARD



The Heritage Board was unveiled by the Mayor Councillor Bill Hensley during the Village Day celebrations on Saturday June 21st. It is on the wall of the Barley Mow Public House.

Mike Humphrey, Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Group reported that the Village Fun Day was judged a success. Sunny weather brought out visitors of all ages to enjoy the street stalls, fun dog show, river trips and hospitality. Teas and cakes were provided by the WI in the Village Hall and the Hartford Conservation Group had a promotional stall with photograph albums, newsletters, press cuttings and leaflets promoting the heritage trail.

Monies raised from the events were donated to the selected charities – Parkinson's UK and the Ladybird Trust.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Have you seen the Hartford Conservation Group Notice Board? It is on the wall opposite the Barley Mow Public House. It was designed and built by John Ballantyne, first secretary of the Conservation Group in 1992. It has been vandalised twice and the glass has now been replaced with an unbreakable material. Over the years new coats of paint have been added. However it has, recently, been in need of more care

and attention. Mike Humphrey, Vice Chairman, and his wife have fitted it with new backing cloth and repainted it with preservative. It also has new signage on the front. The notice board contains copies of the newsletter and notices of activities taking place locally. Do have a look at it.



HARTFORD OPEN GARDENS

2013 was the first year when 8 gardens were on display across Hartford over a glorious weekend in July. This year was a rest year but the Open Gardens Weekend will be back in 2015.

A meeting has been arranged for all those who would like to take part in this on Wednesday 17th September in the Church Room at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY FAYRE

Saturday October 18th in the Hartford Village Hall. Come along and support this great fundraising event. Buy early for Christmas and support our local charities. Donations for sale on the Hartford Conservation Group stall would be very welcome. Please contact any member of the committee.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday October 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Entrance will be £1.00 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

All members will be sent full details nearer the time and these will also be on the notice board

The Committee for 2013-14 is

Officers

President	Gerald Gibbs
Chairman	Angela Owen-Smith
Vice-Chairman	Mike Humphrey
Treasurer	James Fell
Secretary	Gilly Perry
Publicity Officer	Betty Trevett
Membership	Peter Gibbins

Members

Kath Carr, Mary Clubb, Bernie Froggatt

The meeting will follow the usual format. All papers will be circulated to members in advance and copies will be available.

AGENDA

Minutes of the meeting held on October 22 2013

Chairmans Report

Treasurers Report

Election of Officers (nominations previously received)

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Appointment of Independent Examiner (Auditor) 2014-15

Future Plans – close of Official Business

The business meeting will be followed by a presentation on the Transport Strategy and the Local Plan to include the proposed new river crossing by the Chairman of the Economy and Environment Committee and a member of Transport and Infrastructure Policy Unit

Nominations for the Officers and committee members must be received in writing by 14th October. Please let any member of the Committee have nominations and let us know if you would be interested.

www.hartfordconservation.org.uk

This is our new website which is still in preparation. Do have a look at it. Let us know if you have any photos or other things of interest relevant to Hartford which we should include,

CIVIC VOICE
info@civicvoice.org.uk

The next few years will be key for the civic movement. English Heritage is being split up, conservation and planning departments will continue to be eroded and the impact of the Government's planning changes will continue to be felt. Opportunities exist for communities to take control and help shape the area they live in. The work of the civic movement has a key part to play in this. It is only with your work on the ground that help keeps our village distinctive and creates places we can be proud of. One way to do this is by

BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership is £6.00 per person or £10.00 for two members in the same household. A regular newsletter and information from Civic Voice the umbrella organisation of Civic Societies is sent to all members. Regular meetings and visits are arranged. Support your local neighbourhood. Contact the Membership Secretary Peter Gibbins on Huntingdon 412398. We look forward to seeing you. Encourage your friends and neighbours to join us too.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS 2 JUNE, 7 JULY

- Huntingdonshire District Council have been contacted about the upkeep of the lane known as the Kinnel from Longstaff Way to Church Lane. This area is overgrown with weeds and difficult to pass. A reply is awaited.
- Proposed new Huntingdon bypass across the flood plain to Godmanchester was discussed. A letter of protest was sent from the Conservation Group as well as from individual members. Acknowledgement letters have been received.
- Correspondence has included copies of Civic Update and the Transport Strategy summary
- Six planning applications were reviewed. These were not controversial.
- **Treasurers report** – the current account stands at £314.76. The total cost of the Heritage Board was £712.98

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