

Historians Wanted

Did you enjoy the fantastic exhibition at the Village Centre in March 2006?

If so why not join your local Historians group? The Group are hoping to work on publishing a new book and YOU could be part of this great and worthwhile venture. The group meet on the second Tuesday of each month in St Dunstan's Church Hall. For more information please contact the Chairman Mrs Gwen Shuttleworth on 01342

Ashurst Wood



Parish

April 2007

NEWSLETTER

Housing Needs Survey

As responses to the village plan have shown people are having trouble finding suitable accommodation to buy or rent in the village at a price you can afford?

Do you know anyone who has had to move away from the village because of high house prices?

Would you support a small development of affordable houses in the village for local people?

In certain circumstances it is possible to obtain planning permission to build affordable housing on the edges of a village on land that could not otherwise be developed. Such "exception sites" are not large – typically between 2 and 10 units - and could include units for rent and shared equity. The accommodation would be reserved for people with a local connection.

With the support of Mid Sussex District Council we have commissioned Action in Rural Sussex to carry out the enclosed housing needs survey. This will provide detailed information about the type of housing needed in the village and help us establish whether there is sufficient demand for affordable housing to justify proceeding with such a project.

Your views are important to the future of the village. Please complete and return the survey, even if you have your own home and are not looking for affordable housing yourself.

Don Sinclair
Chairman

www.ashurstwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

This is the Parish Council website with information on the work of the Council and local organisations. If you are a local group and wish to add your details please contact Susan, the Parish Clerk.

Don't forget- vote on May 3rd 2007

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2007

The next elections for Parish Council will be on May 3rd 2007. This is your opportunity to elect the people who will represent you on the Parish Council for the next four years.

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Village Plan

Look out for the action plan which has been drawn up as a result of the questionnaire which was sent out last year. Every household in Ashurst Wood should receive one. If you do not get yours by mid May please contact the Clerk on 01342 823770

Traffic - Parking and speeding

This must be the issue that the Parish Council receives the most complaints about and the majority of the culprits live in the Village. PLEASE consider others when parking, don't obstruct the pavement, there are people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs who have to go into the road just to get by.

Speed in the village is also a great concern, especially as there are not pavements on all roads- don't just keep to the speed limit, please drive at a speed that is suitable for the conditions.

thank you in advance.

Handyman or woman wanted

Up to four hours a week. For varied duties around Ashurst Wood
Pay £8 per hour

Please contact Susan Wellerd Parish Clerk for more details and application form.

Would suit newly retired active person interested in helping their community.

Telephone 01342 823770 email: parishof@supanet.com

Closing date for applications: 11th May 2007

Ashurst Wood Conservation Group

These past 4 months we have been working down in the 'Old Cellars'. We have been thinning out the Silver Birch which has taken over from where the Beech trees once stood (before the hurricane). Our aim is to restore these Woods to their former glory or as close as we can.

Our leaflet has just been designed which you all should hopefully have. Please become a member – your support counts or better still come out with us as a volunteer as well. We meet 1st Sunday of the month (not August).

We have been lucky with our grants that AWPC / MSDC / WSCC / BTCV Chestnut Fund have given us. We thank them all.

In May we are having a Bird Song ID walk with RSPB members from EG branch doing the ID-ing. **Limited numbers**. Also in May we will hear if we have been successful in our 'Breathing Places' grant from the Lottery to create a Wild Meadow and a Damp Meadow areas in John Pears Field. Fingers crossed! If you would like to know more please phone Tanya on 824431 or Ceri on 327123

Recycle and help the environment

Mobile phones can be sent via the Parish Council to BTCV - this is the conservation charity which have given our local group a grant and provide ongoing information and support.

Empty printer cartridges can also be recycled via the Parish Council who will send them to the Tree Council who promote the planting and conservation of trees and woods in the UK. (n.b. not Epson compatibles)

These items can be left at the Parish Council Office

Tennis in Ashurst Wood

Are you interested in reviving the Tennis Club in Ashurst Wood? If so come along to one of our open days on 13th or 20th May 2007. Juniors from 1pm to 2pm Adults 2pm to 5pm (subject to demand)
Fun for all the family, refreshments will be available. Nominal cost- £2 for adults £1 Juniors. John Pears Field Ashurst Wood.