

Hermitage Parish Council Update

- ❖ On Sunday June 23rd Hermitage is once again taking part in the Great Get Together (inspired by the MP, Jo Cox). An historical walk will start at the White Horse at 2pm or it can be joined at The Fox at 2.30, finishing at the village hall where tea and cake will be served from 3pm. Everyone is welcome to take part in the walk or just enjoy the refreshments. This is a village event sponsored by HPC and the village hall community group and is free of charge.
- ❖ A big thank you to the Hermitage residents who pick up litter and try to keep our village tidy and looking cared for. Your contribution to the community is most welcome.
- ❖ You may be delighted to know that, according to the Newbury Weekly News, road improvements and routine maintenance will be carried out over the next 18 months in Hermitage. This will include Chapel Lane, Colyer Close, Deacons Lane, Pond Lane, Slanting Hill and Marlston Road.
- ❖ Fly tipping is illegal but it's become apparent that fly tipping, including of builder's waste, is taking place in the woods of Hermitage, particularly Roebuck Woods. Tipping grass cuttings over the fence smothers the wildlife, damages or modifies the habitat and kills off wild flowers permanently. If you do not have a green waste bin please use a compost heap. It should also be remembered that these woods are private property.
- ❖ A training session is being held for emergency life skills. Would you know what to do if someone collapsed suddenly. Heartstart, the organisation that provided our two defibrillators, is offering free training at the school on Saturday (date) at 10am? You don't need training to operate a defibrillator, but people collapse for many different reasons. This could help in the vital early minutes before professional help arrives. Contact the Parish Clerk for more details or to sign up.
- ❖ Southern and Scottish Electric (SSE) will soon be carrying out major works to update the electricity network in Hermitage. To do this some areas of the village will have the power cut off. At the moment information is sparse such as where and when though SSE says that everyone affected will receive a letter at least four weeks before hand.

It is important that residents who would suffer during the power cuts are made known to HPC and SSE so that special arrangements can be made. If you are, or know anyone who would be vulnerable in this situation please contact SSE or the Clerk to the council so that they can be put on the register. This should include anyone elderly, infirm or disabled, with a new baby or who in any way relies on electricity throughout the day.

- ❖ The date of the next parish council meeting is Thursday June 20th. All monthly meetings are held in the Adelaide Room at the rear of the church and begin at 7.30pm. Agendas, minutes and information about the council are posted on notice boards throughout the village and on www.hermitage.org.uk.
- ❖ Hermitage Parish Council can be contacted through the clerk, Nicky Pierce, by emailing hermitagepc@outlook.com.