

Sports 100 Club

The "Sports 100 Club" is a fund raising venture open to anybody over the age of 16. It is a simple and easy way to help raise money towards the running costs of the Catsfield Community Pavilion whilst also standing the chance of winning in the monthly draw.

For just an annual subscription of £12, payable by 31st March each year, you will be eligible to enter the 12 monthly draws for £25 and an additional special draw in December of £100.

100 numbers will be available and issued on a "first come, first served" basis. You will receive your own unique number, which will remain yours for as long as you stay in the draw, no matter how long that may be (minimum period 12 months) so long as you pay by 31st March each year.

The first draw will take place in April 2011.

If you wish to join the "Sports 100 Club" please contact one of the following:-

Scott Lavocah - 07808572310

Carol Hodgson - 01424 893526

By email - clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings in 2011

Parish Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Hermon Cottage.

The public are always welcome to come and listen to the proceedings and to contribute too. Your views are important to us.

2011 meeting dates are : 6th April / 11th May / 1st June / 6th July / 3rd August
7th September / 5th October / 2nd November / 7th December

Annual Parish Assembly date : Thursday 28th April 2011

CONTACT WITH YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at www.catsfieldpc.co.uk
Email your comments regarding any Village matters to: clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk
Write to Parish Council at **The Village Hall, Church Rd, Catsfield, East Sussex. TN33 9DP**
Read the information on Parish Council's **notice boards**
Phone the Parish Office on **01424 893526**
Speak and have your say at a **Parish Council meeting**, - **1st Wednesday of each month**

FINALLY.....If you would like to receive future Newsletters by email please forward your email address to the Clerk at : clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk

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The Catsfield Flyer...

A message from the Chairman Councillor John Overall



I would like to welcome all the Parishioners of Catsfield to the first Parish Newsletter which we hope will be repeated at three-monthly intervals. It was an objective of our Local Action Plan to improve communications along with our website www.catsfieldpc.co.uk. Your Council will continue to act to improve village life. Projects for the next year are beginning with a plan to upgrade our street lighting. We have yet to see the effect of Rother District Councils plans to cope with the reduction of their grant from Government. We will strive to make sure that if we do take on extra responsibilities at parish level we won't end up paying for services we have already paid for through our Council Tax. We have managed again this year to keep the Parish precept at the same level. I would like to thank all the Councillors for the work they do for the Parish and also to Carol Hodgson our Parish Clerk.

Councillor John Overall

Catsfield Parish Councillors :

Cllr. John Overall - Chairman
Cllr. Beryl Bodey - Vice Chair
Cllr. Peter Josling - Member
Cllr. Chris Thomas - Member
Cllr. Julian Goodliffe - Member
Cllr. David Scott - Member
Cllr. Jan Auer - Member

County Councillor :
Cllr. Kathryn Field

District Councillor :
Cllr. Angharad Davies

The Clerk and RFO :
Mrs Carol Hodgson

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2011 Elections

Thursday 5th May 2011 is the local election date. There will be seven places to be filled and the persons elected will serve for 4 years. We are looking for people who are interested in their community to summon up the courage to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council. Yes it does involve standing up and taking responsibility and you will have to justify what you say and do, but if you really want to improve people's lives in the village, being a member of the Parish Council is the best place to do it.

So what does your Parish Council do? It has an overall responsibility for the well-being of the village with its work falling into three main categories:

Representing the local community

Delivering services to meet local needs

Striving to improve the quality of life in the local area

For example, Parish Council provides, maintains or contributes to the following services:

Bus Shelters, Cemetery, Community Pavilion, Festivals and Celebrations, Footpaths and Bridleways, Grants, History Centre, Litter and Dog bins, Playing Field, Planning, Open Spaces, Road Safety, School Crossing Patrol, Street Lighting and more!

The Parish Council works with the District and County authorities, Sussex Police, the Environment Agency and local organisations and businesses to ensure the effective delivery of services to the village. It is the seven elected / co-opted Parish Councillors, helped by the Parish Clerk, who identify local needs and ensure that delivery happens.

Most residents are qualified to stand for election but there are a few rules. You can only stand for election if you are over 18 years old and you are a British, Irish, Commonwealth or European Union citizen, You also need to have a local connection, e.g. have lived or worked or be entered on the electoral register for the Parish. You cannot stand for election if you are bankrupt or have served a prison sentence of three months or more within the last five years. Further details of what you would need to do to stand for election will appear on our village notice boards etc. in due course.



Parish Council Precept

Parish Council, sensitive to the current economic circumstances, has voted to maintain the 2011/12 precept at £26,000 for the fourth consecutive year, which in turn mean's no increase in the Parish Council element of your final Council Tax bill.

Parish Council precept is the annual amount of money claimed from the District Council, and funded by Council Tax, to cover the Parish Council's net costs for the coming year. After careful consideration Parish Council believes it can maintain its services while at the same time not increasing the precept.

The 2011 Census

Your 2011 Census Questionnaire will arrive in March. It's vital that you complete your confidential Census Questionnaire as the statistics are used to make decisions about our community. Our area receives funding from government, based on the number of people living here, funding that can be used for schools, hospitals, transport and refuse collection. Everyday facilities like play parks, water pipes and even where your local supermarket branch is located, are based on census statistics. It's all confidential, so no one will see your personal information.

Find out more at www.census.gov.uk

Reminder to Dog Owners

Please help to keep Catsfield's open spaces and footpaths free from unsightly and unpleasant dog mess, by disposing of it responsibly. The Dogs Act 1996, requires that all dog owners must clean up after their dog if it fouls in a public place, as it is not just an eyesore but also a health hazard.

If you are one of the few owners who refuse to clean up after your dog, you could be issued with an on-the-spot fine of £50 each time an offence occurs. With sufficient evidence against a persistent offender, or those who refuse to pay the on-the-spot fine, the District Council will not hesitate to prosecute. This could lead to a fine of up to £1,000.



Please clean up after your dog.