

Village Hall

Catsfield Village Hall and Hermon Cottage can be hired for private functions – children's parties, anniversaries, one-off meetings, etc. and for regular groups – dance and exercise classes, groups for education or pleasure for young and not-so-young!

For bookings or further information please contact:

Jim and Sarah Campbell - Catsfield Village Stores, The Green. T 01424 893498 or

Email: sjr.campbell@virgin.net



Community Pavilion and Playing Field

Catsfield Community Pavilion and Playing Field can be hired for private functions etc.

For bookings or further information please contact:

The Clerk—Mrs. Carol Hodgson T. 01424 893526 or

Email: clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk



Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings take place 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 : 3rd August / 7th September / 5th October / 2nd November / 7th December

Police Notice board

Sussex Police now have their own notice board on the Village Hall - next to Parish Council's. This is where PCSO Maureen Baker will be keeping in contact with Catsfield. There are details and information about the PCSO's, Farmwatch, Horsewatch, Neighbourhood watch, Operation 'Crackdown', Crimestoppers, Immobilise etc. Please go and take a look.

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**

Would you like to receive Newsletters by email ?

Please send your email address to The Clerk at : clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk

**Catsfield Parish Council, The Village Hall, Church Road, Catsfield, East Sussex. TN33 9DP
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The Catsfield Flyer...



Welcome to our second newsletter.

During May the District, Town and Parish Elections took place. All seven serving Councillors were re-elected for a further term of four years, in an uncontested Election.

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was the Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2011. The Chairman and Vice-Chair were elected and Members agreed their responsibilities for the forthcoming year as detailed below.

Position	Councillor	Responsibility
Chairman	Cllr. John Overall Tel: 893431	Chair of Standards Sub-Committee Footpaths Representative for RALC Representative for SALC
Vice Chair	Cllr. Beryl Bodey Tel: 773225	Chair of Planning Sub-Committee Member of Playing Field & Pavilion Committee Representative for Village Hall Com. Representative for History Centre
Member	Cllr. Peter Josling Tel: 892440	Member of Planning Sub-Committee Member of Standards Sub-Committee Dog Warden Parish Council's Website
Member	Cllr. Chris Thomas Tel: 892990	Chair of Playing Field & Pavilion Committee Member of Planning Sub-Committee Hedges and Verges Pond Warden
Member	Cllr. Julian Goodliffe Tel: 892965	Member of Playing Field & Pavilion Committee Member of Playground Sub-Committee
Member	Cllr. David Scott Tel: 893606	Member of Standards Sub-Committee Open Spaces Transport / Traffic Calming Police Liaison
Member	Cllr. Jan Auer Tel: 893655	Member of Playground Sub-Committee

Parish Council Audit

Each year the Council's Annual Return is audited by an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2011 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to The Clerk—Mrs. Carol Hodgson commencing on 27th June 2011 and ending on 22nd July 2011.

Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:

- The opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts. The auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose on 25th July 2011 and after that date will be available at the address given below until the audit has been completed; and
- The right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Parish Council.

The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice. Your audit is being carried out by:

[Mazars LLP, Regency House, 3 Grosvenor Square, Southampton. SO15 2BE](#)

Street Lighting

Have you noticed a change in our street lights? One of Parish Council's responsibility is to maintain all the street lighting in the Parish. As from 2012 under the EU Directive, our mercury vapour halogen lamps would no longer be permissible in street lighting. Manufacturers have already stopped making them. As many of the street lights were in need of replacing or repairing Parish Council agreed it was the right time to replace all 13 with 32w fluorescent sodium lamps. This work has now been completed.



Speed Watch

During May you may have noticed our Parish Councillor's appearing around the village in Hi-Vis jackets and armed with our shared Speed Indication Device (known as SID). This was all part of Sussex Police's 'Speed Watch' week.

With the help of the new Battle Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Paul Masterton and our PCSO's, a total of 20 speeding tickets were issued — 9 at The Stream and 11 at The Green.

We are aiming to do our own regular speed checks but need more volunteers. It takes at least two people to man the 'SID' and take a note of vehicle descriptions/registration numbers.

If you are interested in getting involved to help stop the speeding traffic through our village, then please contact our Clerk. We will firstly arrange some training for you and then it's 'off into action'.



Annual Summer Flower Show and Village Fete

It's that time of the year....Catsfield Horticultural Society are busily preparing for the annual Summer Flower Show and Village Fete, so please make a note in your diaries.....

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST at Catsfield Playing Field — gates open at 1.30pm

.....continuing on into the evening there will be a Barn Dance from 8 to 11.30pm.

The fete has been raising money for many years for the benefit of our local community and groups such as....the new School hall, the Community Pavilion, the Church organ fund and Catsfield Under Fives, to name but a few.

As always they rely upon your generous donations for tombola prizes, books, bric-a-brac, cakes and any other items.

If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Matt 893790 or Vanessa 844363.

.....did you decorate a 'bra' last year?well this year you'll have a chance to show-off your 'fig leaf', all in the name of charity.....watch this space.....!

Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Catsfield's local organisations and clubs have formed a Committee to plan a weekend of celebrations to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in June 2012. Official Jubilee celebrations will centre around the first week in June (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th) after the Government announced plans for a special four-day Jubilee weekend which will allow communities time to come together to celebrate and commemorate the events of the last 60 years. This has entailed putting back the late May bank holiday to Monday 4th June and adding an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Tuesday 5th June.

If individuals, clubs or groups have ideas to share / would be willing to volunteer to help organise an event, then please contact the [Chairperson Mrs. Ann Davey - T 830477](#) or [Email: madavey19@homecall.co.uk](mailto:madavey19@homecall.co.uk)

Reminder to Dog Owners

We have been contacted again by residents frustrated at the amount of dog mess they see through the village, particularly on the open spaces and footpaths. The open spaces are used extensively for recreation and sports events. Dog fouling is a serious health risk and must be cleaned up to prevent the spread of infection and further distress to residents. You must clean up after your dog in all publicly owned open spaces and highways except woodlands, marsh and agricultural land. Dog owners who fail to comply can be prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75.

If you would like to make a complaint about dog fouling please phone Rother District Council on 01424 787000 or complete an on-line complaint form at www.rother.gov.uk

Parish Council has recently purchased two additional dog waste bins at a cost of £800. One will be positioned in Broomham Lane on the 1066 footpath and one opposite Catsfield School. They will be emptied weekly by Rother District Council. Please make use of these facilities and help keep our village paths and verges 'dog poo' free.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT
IF DOGS CLEARED UP AFTER
THEMSELVES?



But it's up to you
Please clean up after your dog