

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 12th April 2016

Charles Dumbleton came to inform Council that the Ruby Run this year will race from Holsworthy to Hatherleigh, the date set is **Sunday 12th June**.

The War Horse Way signs are up in both Hatherleigh and Iddesleigh. The sign in the Square (paid using the DCC TAP Fund) marks the start for the walk to Iddesleigh. As the story of 'War Horse' encourages visitors to Hatherleigh it was thought that establishing a recognised walk gives a focus to help this experience. It is hoped that this attraction will also promote increased business for Hatherleigh. The opening Walk event will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday 30th May** with a synchronised start at 10.30 from each end which can include a visit to the War Horse Museum for a cream tea and/or lunch at the local pubs. Look out for posters nearer the time. It is hoped that townspeople from either end will come out in great numbers to share a few hours and exchange greetings as they pass each other mid route. There will likely be a shuttle bus operating to ferry people who can't make the return walk. It would be helpful to get an idea of numbers for the bus and so the pubs can cater the need, please call Deb 01837 810310.

Pot holes were reported again which will be forwarded to Devon County Council. If anyone wants to directly report pot holes or similar highway matters Devon County Council has a report a problem website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Council were pleased to see our new PCSO / Retained Firefighter out and about around town. And were also pleased to hear that the Fire Station has secured a new fire appliance after concerns that the vehicle may be removed because of budget cuts. Their open evening at the fire station is on 21st April at 7pm.

PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY 31ST MAY 7PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The date has now been set for the final part of our public consultation into the traffic and parking problems in town. We would urge everyone who has concerns about this situation to attend to hear what the pros and cons are for any implemented traffic restrictions. We also request that business owners and people connected with the school also attend. Key speakers representing the strategic management roles are being invited to attend, this includes Devon Highways and WDBC. This is the perfect opportunity to get any questions answered directly by the professionals! We are aware that some people are tired of this issue going round in circles, we can't help this as it is Devon County policy that steps have to be followed and ticked before they will invest the funds required for a Traffic Order. So please bear with us and share your grievances once again at the public meeting.

Sandbags are available if needed. It is a case of fill your own, the bags can be picked up from the Community Centre office between the hours of 9 -12 am each weekday morning and someone will direct you to the sand supply. An emergency number is available call Cllr Gilbert 07886 349321 or Roger Laphorn 07929 795997. We stress these numbers are for emergencies only!

Other matters of interest:

A quantity of cycle racks have now been delivered and quotes for their installation will be sought, some will be placed outside the Coop shop. If you have ideas of where others may be placed then let us know.

The flowerbed school mosaic is now completed and looking good. Thanks go to Alan Beaman and some members of his Art Group for their fine work. The time capsule will be returned with a new container as the last one is corroded, and a ceremony is being considered like last time with the school children.

By the time this goes to print the large silver birch trees in the same flower bed will have finally been trimmed and one removed (a tree order had to be submitted to WDBC as they are in the Conservation Zone). These trees were causing problems for residents in the vicinity and to the path. We have been informed of the Belvedere Tower being closed. This is beyond our control and the situation will be monitored.

It has been suggested that the Town pulls together and has a clean up for the summer. There are patches of litter returning on the Moor and around roadside areas. If there are any areas you think need a 'tidy up' then again let us know. Willing helpers are welcome to come and join Councillors on **Saturday 4th June, meet Island Park 10.30am.**

Lastly, the Council were informed that two of its Councillors Lesley Winser and Kay Stevens are stepping down due to work and other commitments. Mayor Andy Gilbert thanked them for their time and commitment over the years. This means there are now places available and if you wish to apply contact the clerk.

The next meeting will be the Council AGM on Tuesday 10th May at 7pm. This will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 6.30pm.** The Parish meeting is separate from the Council meeting and is relatively informal. This is an opportunity to share your views to the Council on areas and ideas it can improve on.

Full minutes of the meetings are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or on the Town Council website [THE NOTICE BOARD AND THIS PUMP ARE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT COUNCIL ARE DISCUSSING AND PLANNING SO ANY VIEWS YOU WISH US TO CONSIDER CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DURING THE PLANNING STAGE]. To get in touch with the Town Council, please contact Rosemary Lock, the Town Clerk, either directly on 01805 804254 or grannylockrocks@gmail.com or contact us via the Town Council website www.hatherleightowncouncil.org

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