



**EWYAS HAROLD GROUP
PARISH COUNCIL**

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NEWSLETTER

Colour edition in honour of a major gift to the village

Butterfly heaven

A new nature reserve—Ewyas Harold Meadows—was officially opened by the Butterfly Conservation Society's Chief Executive, Dr Martin Warren on Sunday 17th May. It is the generous gift of an anonymous donor.

Heavy rain did not deter about thirty people who gathered to celebrate the Society's first nature reserve in Herefordshire.



Location: Walk up Dark Lane towards the Common. Cross the cattle grid and take the small track to the left up the hill onto Ewyas Harold Common. Grid reference: SO385294

The Reserve will act as a "nursery" for these rare butterflies, so you may find them anywhere—maybe in your garden! **If you love butterflies, join Butterfly Conservation! Find out more on their website.**

www.westmidlandsbutterflyconservation.org.uk. Or by contact David Jackson, BC West Midlands Branch Chairman, Tel. 01902 344716

A large patch of flowery meadow situated alongside Ewyas Harold Common, the reserve is the perfect habitat for the nationally scarce Pearl-bordered Fritillary. Other uncommon butterflies to be found here include the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, the Dark green Fritillary, Grizzled Skipper, Green Hairstreak, Common Blue, Marbled White and Six-spot Burnet Moth.



Grizzled skipper



Dark green fritillary



Common blue



Small pearl bordered fritillary

Temple Bar re-opens

After months of closure, local tippers piled into the Temple in mid May to meet new landlords Kevin McCall and Beverley Stevenson and to celebrate the re-opening of a much loved pub. Kev and Bev have plans for "good English food". And they want to make the Temple a centre for local activities.

"We won't charge local groups for use of the meeting room above the bar." said Kev. **"Just ask."**



Kev and Bev at the Temple Bar

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TWINNING WITH SEGONZAC

Do you like French wine? Want to speak French better? Like to holiday in France?

Following a meeting on 19th May, Peterchurch is set to join Ewyas Harold in the move to twin the Golden Valley with Segonzac in France. It's a unique opportunity to get to know a very friendly and welcoming community which is famous for producing the best Cognac in the world!



La Mairie—Segonzac town hall

Ewyas Harold primary school is making contact with Segonzac school. Twinning allows all ages to form new friendships; to learn and speak the French language better, and to learn about European culture. It promises to be huge fun.

We will find out how their communities are run, and exchange ideas. We will create business links and share the benefits. We will go on holiday there and share family life, forming liaisons with like-minded people.

The Way Forward:-

As always, we need volunteers to get this project going. We also need to include other villages and organisations in the Golden Valley.

If you are interested please contact
**Maddy Bradley Tel: 241108 or email:
willandmaddy@homefarmdulas.co.uk**

Dangerous footbridge closed

The bridge over the Dulas Brook on EH18, between Great Walkmill Farm and the village is closed for six months, awaiting repairs. The bridge is in a dangerous condition so please use the alternative route along the EH19 bridleway.

OTHER FOOTPATH NEWS Three new gates have been inserted on popular routes, replacing styles to make the footpaths more accessible.

FOOTPATH PROBLEMS? Call the Footpath Officer: Peter Overstall Tel 240122

Wheelie bins are coming

Herefordshire Council is planning to introduce recycling bins in November 2009. Residents will automatically receive a standard size 240 litre bin. If you would like a smaller size bin, or require assistance with your collection or have any queries, please contact

Herefordshire Council Tel 01432 260051 or complete the recycling bin selection online form at:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish_and_recycling/1516.asp



Affordable Housing News

On Friday 1st May, officers from Herefordshire Council walked around Ewyas Harold with colleagues from Herefordshire Housing Limited to establish if there was any land deemed suitable for developing affordable housing.

A number of sites were looked at and Planners have confirmed that two sites could be potential sites for affordable

housing.

Herefordshire Housing Limited will now be in contact with the owners to see if they can negotiate some of the land.

Hayley Crane
Housing Development Officer
Herefordshire Council
Tel (01432) 261919

Temple Dogs win Herefordshire Pub Quiz Trophy

Ewyas Harold's formidable pub quiz team won the coveted Herefordshire Trophy at a tense play-off hosted by the Barrels in Hereford on 22nd March. The local team has triumphed for the second year running!

The Temple Dogs, consisting of David Bishop, Mark Jones, Matthew Engel and Peter Overstall, were for many years based at the Temple Bar. Following the closure of the pub, the team were warmly welcomed by Cass at the Dog. Thus the name.



Cass and the Temple Dogs

Direct Action on Potholes!

Last winter was a particularly bad one for our roads it seems. There are potholes everywhere. Some people blame years of neglect and poor quality road repairs.

Whatever the cause, we want you to know that the GPC has been making detailed requests for repairs every month for the last two years or more.

Until this week, the response from HC has been frankly disappointing. At long last a few holes have been filled in but there are still many repairs outstanding. You can

contact the Clerk (see back page) if you want to report a pothole. Or you can alert Herefordshire Council directly—either by writing to Cathy Berkeley, the Manager of the Parish Initiative Highway Team at cberkeley@herefordshire.gov.uk

Or by using the useful new website www.communityfix.co.uk

Don't forget to tell your District Councillor Berris Williams. He's Vice Chair of the Council at the moment.

Your District

Councillor

Berris Williams

Court House,

Rowlestone, HR2 0DW

Tel: 01981 240944

Email:

jbwilliams@herefordshire.gov.uk



Medieval Pageant

SATURDAY

JULY 4TH

**2pm Black Powder Canon opening!
Historical Re-enactment: storming the castle
Archery, Falconry, Story-teller,
Fancy-dress competition. Hog roast & Bar**



EWYAS HAROLD CASTLE

Adults £2—children free

Memorial Hall News

Can you spend a little time to support the Memorial Hall?

The Committee is short of officers to help with the day to day operation of running the Hall.

Perhaps you could lend a helping hand with the maintenance?

Maybe your skills lie in writing letters.

You might like to chair the meetings or flex your mathematical brain.

Perhaps you would like to contribute ideas and help make decisions?

We are in the process of renovation and are looking for good Ideas to raise money and help with Grant Applications.

The more people on board, working together to keep the Hall open, the less there is for everyone to do.

JOIN US?

Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday every month at 7.30pm so please come along or contact Chris on 240416.

Booking Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall

Contact Carey Godwin on 01981 240416 in the first instance. Carol Jenkins is no longer taking bookings.

Collection of the Hall key: Robert Watts, 5 Callowside, Ewyas Harold.

In emergency only: Ray Harris 01981 240 095 or Mark Ponting 01981 240 583

Why not have a party in August? The Hall still has some spare dates!

CAP Computer help

Find the Community Access Point at:

The Memorial Hall : Tuesday 6.30 – 9.00pm & Saturday 4.00 – 6.30pm

The Dog Inn: Any time the pub is open apart from Tuesday and Saturday, when the computers are at the Memorial Hall.

Ewyas Harold General Stores: Any time the shop is open.

The Youth Club (High Voltage) at the Memorial Hall every Sunday 3.00 – 5.00 pm.

CAP needs helpers. **Call Chris on 01981 240416**

Help save the Parish Freighter Service

The GPC is getting “mixed messages” from Herefordshire Council which has declined to offer any more dates for the attendance of Parish Freighter Skips. We know that this service is highly valued by villagers.

Please help us ensure that HC continues to provide skips by telling your District Councillor, Berris Williams, (Vice Chair of the Council) how useful they are!

In the meantime your GPC will continue to lobby on the Parish's behalf.

Your District

Councillor at

Herefordshire

Council

Berris Williams,

Court House, Rowlestone, HR2 0DW

Tel: 01981 240944

Email: jbwilliams@herefordshire.gov.uk



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Questions for Ewyas Harold at the end of the film season

The Flicks in the Sticks season in Ewyas Harold ended on 24 April with "I've Loved You So Long" It was an excellent film, widely publicised, but sadly only attracted 33 people! This seems the right moment to reflect on the last 3 years that we have been screening films in the Memorial Hall.

We have shown a total of 25 films and have been included in the "Borderlines Film Festival" in March/April 2008 and 2009. The best attended film was "Brick Lane" on 28 March 2008 when 89 people attended and earned a box office profit of nearly £150.

We need a minimum audience of 26 people to break even and recover our costs. Over the last 3 years we have had an average attendance of 50 people at each performance giving a box office profit of £45 per screening. As we look ahead to the 2009/10 season, a number of questions arise.

Will Arts Alive, the organisation behind "Flicks in the Sticks" be able to continue subsidising the Borders Film Programme?

Should we, in Ewyas Harold, aspire to self-

sufficiency and mount our own village film programme. (We already possess most of the necessary projection equipment).

Should we include some films that cater specifically for children and teenagers?

Perhaps most important question to ask is whether a modest average attendance of just 50 people per film justifies the considerable time and effort to run the programme.

If we are to carry on, we need to know how Flicks in the Sticks is valued by the community. We need new volunteers to offer help; to develop and sustain this initiative. It's up to you!

**If you have views or ideas, the Newsletter is keen to print them.
Or you can contact me, Derek Harries (Local promoter) on 01981 240936**

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Response Policing

PC Roger Bradley Email: roger.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PC Shirley Peters shirley.peters@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



Could YOU help determine the future of Hereford Hospital?

The NHS touches everyone, our families and our friends, from the beginning of our lives to the end. Hereford Hospital Trust, in common with NHS Trusts nationwide, is applying for Foundation Trust status. A Foundation Trust is not directly accountable to the Government but instead is accountable to local people like you. Foundation Trusts are still part of the NHS. If we are successful in our application, it will help to ensure that Hereford's hospital services continue to be managed locally rather than being controlled by another organization based outside the county. The success of our application depends on a number of factors, including having a membership representative of the population we serve and particularly those with an interest in healthcare provision.

At present, the Trust has 2,234 public members, 200 of whom are actively involved in Focus Groups. We are seeking to double our membership in 2009 in order to inform people about our services, increase representation and involve them in the development of the

Foundation Trust. We want all our members to enjoy their involvement with the hospital. This may be nothing more than receiving information we send you and perhaps coming to our public meetings. The choice is yours how actively involved you wish to be.

We are asking you to help secure our future and show that local people really are interested in their local hospital by signing up as a "member" of the Trust. Please join via our website www.herefordhospital.nhs.uk or contact me for an application form. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Janette Ward
Foundation Trust Programme
Support Officer

Hereford Hospital NHS Trust, The
 County Hospital, Union Walk,
 Hereford, HR1 2ER.
 01432 355444 Ext. 5111

**Foundation
 Trust
 members
 needed**

Recent Planning Applications

To object in confidence, contact a Councillor to have your objection noted.

It is more effective to write to the Planning Officer at Herefordshire Council, sending relevant photos or drawings. Then your letter MUST be included with other information which is put before the planners and the planning committee

Ewyas Harold Primary School
 DCSW2008/2534/CD (Amended)
 Demolition of mobile classroom and erection of new double mobile classroom. EHGPC - No objections. HC - Permission granted.

Ewyas Harold Village Store
 DCSW2009/0313/F
 Ground floor extension and internal alterations. EHGPC - No objections. HC - Permission granted.

Land east of Elm Green Farm
 DCSW2009/0813/E
 Installation of new additional Tee pole and repositioning of the exiting 11kv line with a tolerance of 30m either side of the route. EHGPC - No objections. HC - Pending

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Ewyas Harold Recreation Ground

The main gate will be kept locked at night and unlocked at 9am daily. Keys will be held at Mailes, the Butchers and by Mr Graham Sprackling at Hillside, Prill Lane.

Protect the Recreation Ground from Vandals!
If you see anything suspicious, ring the Police:
PC Christine Griffiths on 07855 785 080
or the West Mercia switchboard 08457 444 888
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Who are your councillors?

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Newsletter Editor NEEDS LETTERS

I need FEEDBACK to run your newsletter. If you would like to write a letter or article, take a photo or help with any aspect please email me:
lizoverstall@medicaleducation.co.uk

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