

CORRESPONDENCE for 13 May 2009 meeting from 15.03.09 to 05.05.09

(All letters will be brought to the meeting if you wish to have further details)

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

1. 'Tooth and Claw' – living alongside Britain's predators. Art exhibition Hfd Museum and Art Gallery 21 March to 17 May (closed Mondays and Good Friday) 10-5pm ; 10-4pm Sundays
2. Information about the Sustainable Communities Act: all organisations are asked to come up with suggestions for telling the government how to stop the decline of your area. 2 criteria must be fulfilled a) it must promote sustainable communities eg through local economy, environmental protection, social inclusion and b) must be something that only central government can do.
3. European parliamentary Election Thursday 4 June. If you will be unable to vote in person, ask for a postal vote.
Information at The Swan, Ross or tel: 01432 260107/260191; or www.herefordshire.gov.uk/elections

HALC (Herefordshire Association of Local Councils)

1. Emergency cover for a Parish Council temporarily without a clerk
2. Power of Wellbeing – one of the criteria in order to access the new power is to have at least 80% of PC councillors to have received training on the subject. In house training available at £100 per evening.
3. CrimeMapper - a new way for public to find out about crime in their local area: www.westmercia.police.uk
4. Hfd Volunteers of the year 2009 Award: suggestions for volunteer team, young volunteer, good neighbour, fundraiser, sports volunteer, inspirational volunteer. Prizes for all categories. Complete a nomination form by 21st April
5. Hereford Voluntary Action – Market Walford Village Hall 16th May. **Do we want a stall?**
6. Funding opportunity for 'Awards for Bridging Cultures'. Contact: www.bridgingcultures.org.uk
7. HALC now working with new print and design company-Reprodux. Quotes available
8. **Parish Emergency Co-ordinator required to be key point for planning and response to a community emergency.** (NB WPC already possess a Major Incident Emergency Plan -Jan 2008-probably needs revision- with cllrs' contact names and any relevant equipment such as tractors/boats, and giving suitable places of refuge (village halls etc). **Is there a councillor who would volunteer as co-ordinator ?**
9. Disabled? Public consultation through May. Complete survey on-line at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/disability or contact Hfd C Corporate Diversity Team at 01432 260216 .Public meeting 11th May- contact to reserve space.

LOCAL

1. Letter from chairman of Walford Parish Residents' Association asking about progress on the projects outlined in the Parish Plan 2006. Replied (after April mtg) explaining about up-dating and other revision before asking for formal adoption from Herefordshire Council
2. Wye Valley Society – copy of letter written to Hereford Council objecting to the unauthorised expansion of plastic ground cover and workers' caravans at Coleraine Farm, Coughton

MISCELLANEOUS

1. QPSMR are offering a Parish Action Plan Survey (PAPS) to include layout of questionnaire, provision of data entry software, data checks, topline summary, analysis for £399 plus VAT
2. Wye Valley AONB- magazine and programme of coming events
3. Dogs Trust – canine care card- free service of care for your dog after your lifetime
4. Equality and Human Rights Commission. Forthcoming Equality Bill will harmonise the existing three public sector duties into one equality duty (end 2011). We are to pay 'due regard' to race, disability and gender and now to age, gender identity, religion/belief, and sexual orientation. Details at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/publicsectorduties
5. Village News (local magazine covering local villages inc Bishopswood and Walford)– would anyone like to take over editorship of this publication?