

# Upper Beeding Parish Council News

The Magazine for the Parish of Upper Beeding, Small Dole and Edburton



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## From the Chairman

### Doggy Business

I was delighted to receive a letter, quoted in full and as written below, from Lucy Norman, who lives in Manor Road, and a poem which Lucy posted in Smugglers Lane. Lucy has given me permission to print her thoughts in this newsletter.

*Dear Mr. Coldwell,*

*My name is Lucy Norman. I am 9 years old. I walk down Smugglers Lane everyday. I am disapointed that a lot of people don't clean up after there dogs down there. I thing there should be another bin for dog waste halfway down the lane. I have put a poster up in the lane and sent a copy to you but I also think there should be more posters up as well as mine.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*L. Norman*

And the poster:

*Doggy Business*

*Their alright to do their business  
So please don't leave all this silly mess,  
Owners please don't leave there,  
Just leave this lane nice and fare.  
The lane is bad because of poo  
So please don't leave it as a loo.*

I am sure that all will agree with me that Lucy is showing a great civic spirit and wants to see that the environment is improved. The issue of dog mess is one that comes up time and again and can only be solved by owners taking responsibility for their dogs.

The Council will arrange for the dog bin as asked for by Lucy; dog owners please use it.

Thanks again to Lucy.

### VILLAGE SIGN DESIGN COMPETITION

The Parish Council are considering commissioning a new village sign, and are opening a competition to design the sign. It may be painted, carved in cut metal, or carved in wood.

The submission should include an outline design, an indication of its likely cost in labour and materials, and of how long it is likely to last (bearing in mind that lead-based paints may not be used).

If you wish to have a design considered, please submit your proposal to:

**The Parish Clerk, Upper Beeding Parish Council, r/o  
6 Hyde Square, Upper Beeding, BN44 3JE, by  
31 October.**

**Please include your full name, address, contact telephone number, and email address if you have one.**

## Affordable housing

The Council has set up a small group to look at the provision of affordable housing. The Parish Council's role is simply to assist in identifying potential sites, and any further work would be done by Horsham District Council and their preferred contractors/managers. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what affordable housing actually is, as there may be certain misconceptions about the subject.

Two surveys in the last ten years have identified the need for a number of affordable homes, 13 in each survey although there may well be a slightly bigger requirement. Affordable housing is essentially for people with a connection with the Parish, for example those people currently living with their parents or in-laws, or people who work in the Parish but who cannot afford to buy even on today's falling market. The properties developed may be rented to the tenants by the Housing Association or, as I believe more common, joint ownership, by which some of the rent paid by tenants is converted to a share in the property thus promoting a stake in the house or flat. Although not really applicable to our parish due to the lack of space for larger developments, it is interesting to note that such large developments are actually required to provide a substantial number of affordable units. The main point of affordable housing is essentially to benefit people with a definite connection to the parish; only if there are no such people would the units provided go to others. The PC is aware that there are concerns about traffic and other services and will do what it can to influence these issues.

*David Coldwell*

## Thursday Club

The Upper Beeding Thursday Club meets alternate Thursdays at Beeding Village Hall to take part in various activities, inside and outside the hall and be entertained by a variety of speakers.

Why not join us and enjoy convivial company, tea/coffee and a free raffle as well as the main evening event?

We break for the summer, but reconvene in September. There is no annual subscription, just £2.50 per night (but to keep us solvent we ask for a 50p retainer if you cannot make any evening).

Find out more from our Chairman, Marion Emery on 01903 813014.

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The Hall invites you to enter a team in our Quiz on Thursday, 25 September, starting at 7.30 p.m. Teams of up to six people at a cost of £5 are needed. Refreshments will be available but if you want to bring a bottle and glasses, then fine. Please contact Sheila on 01903 813813 to book your place. Watch out for the posters giving details.

We are holding three Indoor Boot Sales on 20 September, 18 October, and 15 November: sellers from 9.00 a.m. to set up and buyers from 10.00 a.m. Tables cost £5, but if you book for all three sales, there will be a reduction in the cost. Refreshments will be available.

Remember Len Sanford? The Hall was left £700 by Len. It is being used to refurbish the Large Room, which will be named The Sanford Room. We hope to carry this out with volunteers help. Please telephone 01273 493184 if you can spare a couple of hours to help.

**Your Village Hall** is a Charity and relies on its bookings to cover the day-to-day running costs. We need to fund raise to improve the facilities that are on offer. The heating system had a new boiler last year, and this summer the radiators and pipe work are being replaced. Your support of fundraising events at the Hall is vital if we are to carry on making these essential improvements.

**Jean Armour-Milne**

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Do you have a cast-iron fireback in your hearth and want to know more about it? We have had an enquiry from someone who is compiling a catalogue of English fireback types and designs. If you have one, he would like to measure and photograph it. He will ask permission before using any photographs in his book and will not reveal the location.

For further information contact:  
history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk or telephone  
01903 812847.

### Events for the 3B's Women's Group

**8 October.** Gladys Bevan Hall 8.00 p.m.

"Teaching Today." A talk by Jacqui Dommett and Sue Pilfold.

**12 November.** Gladys Bevan Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"My Work as your Neighbourhood Warden." A talk by Kylie Calder.

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## Short Mat Bowls Club

Are you an outdoor bowler? Would you like to keep your bowling skills going during the winter? Then Short Mat Bowls is your answer.

Upper Beeding SMBC meets at the Village Hall, Upper Beeding, on Tuesday afternoons (2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.), Tuesday and Friday evenings (7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.).

Tuesdays are for residents of the two villages, and their surroundings to play the game, with the evening session being for club members as well. Friday is for club members.

If you have never played the game, we will provide tuition and equipment. Please arrive fifteen minutes before the starting time; this allows us to organise the session. Please bring a pair of flat, smooth soled shoes to change into. Experienced bowlers are also welcomed.

The Club caters for both social players and the more competitive and tries to organise social activities for members. It also fully supports the Village Hall's fund raising activities. We are members of the County Association and take part in their league and competitions, to play clubs from all over the country.

What is Short Mat Bowls? It is played on mats 45 ft. long and 6 ft. wide. There is a wooden block in the centre of the mat that must not be touched by the bowl as it passes on its way to the jack. It is a skilful game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

For more details, please contact our secretary, Jean Armour-Milne on 01273 493184.

### Editor's note:

This is my first edition of the newsletter as your new Editor, and I would like to include plenty of local information from clubs, societies, and organisations in Upper Beeding, Small Dole, and Edburton in the future. Please contact me if you feel you have an article or any information you would like to pass on. Articles (not exceeding 300 words, if possible) should be submitted by email, to reach me **before 31 October 2008**, for inclusion in the next (November) quarterly newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you.

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### SEPT

- 10th Steyning History Society  
"St. Mary's Bramber- Return to Splendour"  
Steyning Centre 7.30pm
- 13th St. Mary's House 7.30pm 01903 816205  
Autumn Piano Recital – Rachel Fryer
- 14th Community Day Picnic 12.30 – 4pm  
Steyning Downland Scheme  
Rifle Range Field Mouse Lane
- 20th Indoor Boot Sale 10am-noon, sellers 9am  
Beeding & Bramber Village Hall
- 21st Steyning & Ashurst Conservation Volunteers  
Meet Fletchers Croft car park 10am, finish 1pm  
Marlene Carman 01903 813938 for details
- 25th Quiz Beeding & Bramber Village Hall 7.30pm  
Phone Sheila to book 01903 813813

### OCTOBER

- 1st Beeding & Bramber History Society  
"Amberley Working Museum"  
Village Hall 7.45pm info 01903 812847
- 2nd Ashurst Parish Council AGM  
Village Hall 8pm
- 4th The Shakespeare Ladies Club 7.30pm  
St. Mary's House Bramber 01903 816205
- 8th Steyning History Society Steyning Centre  
"Muckraking in the Monasteries" 7.30pm  
Steyning Museum "Big Draw Event"
- 11th Blood Donor Sessions Steyning Centre  
2 – 4.30pm & 5.30 – 8pm
- 15th Indoor Boot Sale 10am-noon, Sellers 9am,  
Beeding & Bramber Village Hall
- 18th Steyning & Ashurst Conservation Volunteers  
Meet Fletchers Croft car park 10am, finish 1pm  
Details 01903 813938

### NOVEMBER

- 1st Victorian Pottery & Porcelain 01903 816205  
St. Mary's House Bramber 3pm
- 5th Beeding & Bramber History Society  
"Coasting along Sussex"  
Village Hall 7.45pm info 01903 812847
- 8th Music for Saxophone, Clarinet & Piano 7.30pm  
St. Mary's Bramber 01903 816205
- 12th "Victorian Lantern Slides"  
Steyning History Society Steyning Centre 7.30pm
- 15th Indoor Boot Sale 10am-noon, sellers 9am  
Beeding & Bramber Village Hall.
- 16th Steyning & Ashurst Conservation Volunteers  
Meet Fletchers Croft Car Park 10am Finish 1pm  
Details Marlene Carman 01903 813938
- 19th "Christmas Delight" Steyning Centre 6.45 for 7.30pm  
Steyning & Dist. Flower Club 01903 816259  
£8.00 numbered ticket incl glass of wine.
- 22nd Ashurst Church Christmas Fair  
Village Hall 2pm
- 24th Steyning Horticultural Society AGM  
Steyning Centre.
- 28th "Meet your M.P Nick Herbert." Steyning Centre 1pm  
details Matthew Jones 07946 231372

### DECEMBER

- 4th Late Night Shopping Steyning High Street
- 10th Steyning History Society Steyning Centre 7.30pm  
"Sussex Villages on Old Picture Postcards"
- 10th Beeding & Bramber History Society  
Christmas Social  
Village Hall 7.45pm info 01903 812847
- 13th Christmas Cracker Highlights 3pm & 7.30pm  
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William the Conqueror needed to know how much his new country was worth so that he knew what taxes he could exact. He therefore sent commissioners out into all parts of the country to record the following:

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2. How many hides (a hide was about 120 acres) and how many ploughs there were
3. How many villagers, cottagers and slaves and how many free men
4. How much woodland, meadowland and pasture, how many mills and fishponds
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## History of Beeding continued

The people called it the Domesday book because they likened the assessment to the Day of Judgement.

From this record, which was in Latin, we can find out quite a lot about our village and surrounding manors, both before and after the Conquest. The English translation says that in Burbeach Hundred in the Rape of Bramber:

“William de Braose holds Beeding (*Beddinges*). King Edward held it in his revenue. Then it answered for 32 hides. It did not pay tax. Of these hides William of Warenne has 10 hides in his Rape (*Lewes*); William of Braose holds the others. Land for 28 ploughs. In lordship 4 ploughs; 62 villagers and 48 smallholders with 24 ploughs. 2 churches; meadow, 6 acres; woodland, 70 pigs; 20 pigs from tribute; 2 sesters of honey. “Before 1066 it paid one day’s revenue; value £95 5s 6d; later £50, now £40. The whole of this land pays hearth tax.”

“William, a man at arms, holds Truleigh (*Trailgi*) from William. Belling held it from Lord Godwin before 1066. Then it answered for 4 hides, now for nothing. Land for 2 ½ ploughs. In lordship, one plough; 3 villagers and 6 smallholders with ½ plough. 2 mills at 65d. Ansfrid holds ½ hide of this land. He has ½ plough. Value of the whole manor before 1066, £4, later 60s; now 70s.”

“William himself holds Tottington (*Totintvne*) in lordship. It lay in (the lands of) Findon (*Fintune*). An outlier. Harold held it before 1066. Then it answered for 6 hides; now for 1 hide. Land for 5 ploughs. In lordship 1; 3 villagers and 7 smallholders with 2 ploughs. Meadow, 4 acres. One William holds 2 hides of this land. He has 3 villagers with 1 ½ ploughs. Total value before 1066, later and now £6.”

We also learn that Aldrington (*Eldretvne*) lay in the lands of Beeding, King Edward’s manor, but is now held by William of Braose.

In Streat Hundred in the Rape of Lewes, it says that: “Hugh also holds 3 virgates from William in Beeding which William de Braose holds. The villagers held it before 1066. It never paid tax. In lordship 1 plough; 15 villagers and 3 smallholders with 5 ploughs. Land for 5 ploughs. Meadow, 2 acres, woodland at 10 pigs. Value before 1066 and later 15s, now 30s.”

Though we may not understand all the above, it is interesting to note some of the detail: the two churches at Beeding (was one the former Saxon church and the other a new Norman one?), the two mills at Truleigh (probably watermills using streams starting at the foot of the Downs like the one at “Springs”), the pigs and honey but no mention of sheep and cows (oxen would have pulled the ploughs) and the number of different Williams!

Ref: *Domesday Book of Sussex*, edited by John Morris.

Pat Nightingale  
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Unfortunately, the helicopter carrying the "celebrity" to open the Fete got lost somewhere en route - however Helen Appleyard did a superb job of declaring the Fete open.

There were lots of interesting stalls, classic cars, music, a refreshment marquee, ice creams, face painting, a bouncy castle, dog shows, a gymnastic display and a hog roast in the evening.

Upper Beeding Primary School sang songs from their current production of Joseph, and there were also performances from the Upper Beeding Baptist Church Jazz Band, and Leonardo the Magician performed.

At about 10.00 p.m. many tired but happy people made their way home and not a single scrap of litter was left! As predicted, a truly wonderful day. Many thanks and congratulations to the organisers, and here's to the next one.

*Pauline Kentell*



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The service will be in the Fletcher's Croft car park on Saturday 6th & 20th September, 4th & 18th October, 1st, 15th & 29th November 9am - 3.30pm.

**STEYNING AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the First Annual General Meeting of

Steyning and District Community Partnership Limited will be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 2nd October 2008 in the Committee Room at the Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning, West Sussex for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive any apologies for absence
- 2 To Receive a Directors' Report from the Chairman
- 3 To Receive a Report from the Treasurer including approval of the Accounts for the period 15 May 2007 to 31 August 2008
- 4 To Elect/Re-elect Members of the Management Committee
- 5 The Members of the Management Committee will then elect the following: i) Chairman ii) Treasurer iii) Secretary iv) Grants Administrator
- 6 Any Other Business

**Peter Byfield, Company Secretary 14 August 2008**

This meeting is open to all residents of the local community including villages adjacent to Steyning itself. We will be pleased to see as many of you as possible and particularly welcome anyone prepared to become a member of the Management Committee or otherwise to become more involved with our work.

**Beeding In Bloom**

As many of you will already know, Tony Sullivan sadly died on 26 May. Tony had been an early committee member and later Chairman of Beeding in Bloom until he retired in May 2007. He was always encouraging us to "go for gold" when preparing for the South East in Bloom judging each year. Although we never managed gold, under his leadership we were awarded "Best Small Country Town" in 2001, and after a change of category, "Best Large Village" in 2004. He was a great character and we will miss him.

South East in Bloom judged us on Monday 30 June and we had some interesting things to show them. Highlights from a packed 1½ hours were Saltings Field where the judges met Mike Sharp and Brianne Reeve, who explained about the conservation work and the various wildlife recorded in that area, meeting with our Tree

Warden, Judith Steedman, who told them of all the trees that have been planted around the village over the last four years, and particularly meeting Paul Sweeney, Kylie Calder and the Junior Wardens in Manor Road where they have enthusiastically cleared and created a small garden area as well as litter-picking and cleaning off

graffiti in the village. The Junior Wardens were not the only children praised by the judges, who were also impressed by all the schoolchildren who had done posters and our local Brownie Pack who plant up and help water three containers at the top of Church Lane.

Community involvement is paramount in making our village look its best for everyone. It is not done just for the South East in Bloom Competition, but for all of us to enjoy the whole year. The children have shown us they are prepared to give up a bit of time to make a difference to our Village, so how about you? **Are you able to spare an hour occasionally to help us – then join our register of volunteers by contacting Tricia on 01903 812366 or Dawn on 01903 813944. We really need your help.**

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### **BLOOD DONORS**

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Croft will be on:

Monday 8th September and  
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### **NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

Our Neighbourhood Wardens have been with us for some years and have made a considerable difference to the three communities. This may not be apparent to many of the residents as the Wardens, like many of us, are slow at communicating their successes. They just get on with the job. What they can and cannot do, what is expected of them and the status of all their current projects, is very well explained on their new website. [Http://sbsubwardens.squarespace.com/welcome/](http://sbsubwardens.squarespace.com/welcome/). Please visit the website. If you do not use the Web then contact the Wardens for any information.

The Wardens can be contacted by:- Email [south.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:south.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Telephone: Office 01903 813236 Kylie 07734387889 Paul 07734387888

**PLEASE NOTE THE WARDENS ARE NOT THE POLICE, IF YOU ARE AWARE OR INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENT FOR WHICH YOU WOULD NORMALLY CONTACT THE POLICE THEN PLEASE DO SO BY EITHER USING THE NON URGENT 0845 60 70 999 OR IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY 999**

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