

BEEDING IN BLOOM

South-East in Bloom: We did not enter this competition in 2009 and have decided not to again in 2010. Their expectations have become so high, with ever more boxes to be ticked, that they are impossible for us to achieve without more support. We feel that our main priority must be maintaining the baskets, containers and flower beds that make such a difference to our village. If more people came forward to help, we might be able to enter this competition again in the future.

Garden competitions: Our own competitions will go ahead as usual. We have come up with some exciting new categories, which we hope you will be inspired to enter:

1. *Wild and Wonderful*

2. *Cool and Calm*

3. *Hot and Fiery*

4. *Edible and Integrated*

Entries can be for front or back gardens, including baskets and containers. Allotments will have their own categories.

We are looking for at least one new committee member and some more volunteers with an occasional free hour to help us from time to time. Please contact any of the following if you are interested: Tricia 01903 812366, Pat 01903 812847 or Dawn 01903 813944.

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Join us if you are interested in the history of Beeding, Bramber and nearby villages, or want to research your house or family history. Membership is only £5 a year or £9 for two people at the same address. Join at a meeting, or contact us on 01903 812847 or at history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk. You can also read more about us at: www.west-sussex.gov.uk/upperbeeding following the link on the first page. Please see "Diary of Events" section for details of forthcoming events.

We Want You!

Do you want to ... Encourage community spirit? Increase community safety and help reduce crime? Help reduce the fear of crime. Receive crime alert bulletin messages? Develop closer liaison with your local police officers? Benefit from possible discounts on household contents insurance?

We are currently seeking co-ordinators to

set up and run new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area. (Please note this does not require a big time commitment but you will require access to email.) Interested and would like further information?

Please contact your local Police Community Support Officer Anna Giles (details below).

Neighbourhood panel:

Volunteers are being sought for a Neighbourhood panel in your area. The panel is open to anyone who has a vested interest in the community and would like to try and make a difference in Upper Beeding, Small Dole and Bramber. The meeting will be focused on deciding on three priorities that we can work together to tackle. We will meet every three months and will be a short informal gathering.

For details, please contact
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Small Dole Skate Park

ABUSE IT AND LOSE IT!

GRAB YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE CONTROL OF SMALL DOLE

The Parish Council **ARE** going to close the skate park due to the minority of users that consistently abuse it

Stand up and be heard, your voice **WILL** count! A **USER GROUP** is being set up to help the genuine youths that want to enjoy Small Dole.

IF YOU CARE YOU'LL BE THERE

Text 'interested' to 07734 387889 for details or email south.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We usually hold two shows every year in the Village Hall: a Spring Show in March and a Summer Show in August, but this year we also held a rose show at the village fete in June. In addition members can order seeds and plants at discount prices. We expect to arrange some meetings in 2010 with speakers on horticultural subjects. Membership is only £3 a year. You can join by contacting 01903 816199 or denise.rose3@btinternet.com. Read more about us at www.westsussex.gov.uk/upperbeeding following the link on the first page.

BEEDING & BRAMBER OVER 60'S CLUB

Meet at the Baptist Church every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 2pm-4pm. Everyone invited to join us for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be most welcome. We have Outings, Speakers, Bingo, Lunches Out, etc. "Come and join us". Contact our secretary Janet Snelling on 01903 815312, or just turn up.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STEYNING DISTRICT CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2009

SS Andrew and Cuthman, Steyning, Church of England

Sunday 29 November 6.30 p.m. Candlelit Advent Carol Service
 Sunday 13 December 6.30 p.m. Readings and Music for Advent
 Sunday 20 December 6.30 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service
 Christmas Eve (24 Dec.) 11.30 a.m. Eucharist
 4.30 p.m. Crib Service
 11.30 p.m. Midnight Eucharist
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 8.00 a.m. Eucharist
 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist

St James' Ashurst

Sunday 13 December 11.00 a.m. Christingle Service
 Sunday 20th December 4.00 p.m. Village Carol Service by candlelight
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 11.00 a.m. Family Service followed by Holy Communion
(Further information SS Andrew and Cuthman & St James phone 01903 812356 or 01903 813276)

Church of Christ the King Steyning (RC)

Sunday 20 December 11.00 a.m. Family Mass
 Christmas Eve (24 Dec.) 11.30 p.m. Carols and Readings - Leading to Midnight Mass
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 11.00 a.m. Family Mass
 Sunday 27 December 11.00 a.m. Family Mass
(Further information phone 01273 452654)

Steyning Methodist Church

Saturday 5 December 4.00 p.m. Christmas informal Cafe Service
 Sunday 20 December 10.30 a.m. All Age Nativity Service
 4.00 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 11.30 a.m. Christmas Day Celebration
 Sunday 27 December 10.30 a.m. Christmas Communion Service
(Further information phone 01903 744984)

Beeding Baptist Church

Sunday 13 December 10.30 a.m. All age Family Nativity Service
 Sunday 20 December 6.30 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service
 Christmas Eve (24 Dec.) At St Peters Upper Beeding for Children's Service
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 10.00 a.m. Family Celebration
(Further Information phone 01903 815944)

Convent of the Blessed Sacrament Upper Beeding (RC)

Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 10.00 a.m. Mass
 Saturday 26 Dec. 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
(Further information phone 01903 812185)

St Peter's Upper Beeding (Anglican)

Sunday 20 December 5.00 p.m. A Christingle service for all. Come to Gladys Bevan Hall from 4.30 p.m. onwards to make your Christingle and join us in St Peter's.
 Wednesday 23 Dec. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist followed by Stations of the Nativity
 Christmas Eve (24 Dec.) 5.00 p.m. Crib Service for all the family (with a real donkey, we hope)
 Christmas Eve/Day 11.30 p.m. Midnight – Mass
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 10.00 a.m. Family Service (non Eucharistic)
 Sunday 27 December 10.00 a.m. Eucharist. (There will be no Evensong tonight)
 Friday 1 January 10.30 a.m. The Hangover walk. Meet at St Peter's and Gladys Bevan Hall for a glass of bucks fizz or similar and on for a walk for an hour or so, pub, dogs welcome.
 Saturday 2 January 10.00 a.m. Epiphany Coffee Morning at Brenda Emsley's 13 Deacons Way. Be amazed at all the decorations you didn't know existed
 Sunday 6 January 7.30 p.m. Epiphany Service – "From Darkness to light"

St Nicholas' Church Bramber Castle (Anglican)

Tuesday 22 December 7.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols – with Shoreham Chamber Choir and our children's choir
 Christmas Day (25 Dec.) 8.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
 Sunday 27 Dec. 8.30 a.m. Eucharist
 Friday 1 January No Service. See St. Peter's listing.

St Botolph's Church, Botolphs (Anglican)

Sunday 3 January 4.00 p.m. Plough Sunday at St. Botolphs, 2nd Sunday of Christmas in the morning
(For further information for the "Three B's" Phone: 01903 810265)

The Ministers and People of Churches Together in Steyning District
 wishes everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas

UPPER BEEDING

parish council newsletter

BEEDING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall has recently had loft insulation and cavity wall filling installed, this has been able to go ahead with a grant of £2100 from Horsham District Council and £1100 from Hall funds. Hopefully this will help the Hall cut its carbon footprint and keep its users in comfort during the winter months.

The Management Council of the Hall are always striving to improve the facilities; these are usually funded from our own efforts. It is vital that you, as the community that benefit from the Hall and support the efforts of the fund raising committee. The quizzes on the third Wednesday of every month are one way you can help. At the moment we have a regular set of people who support them. Cost is £1 per person with a maximum of 6 in a team. You can bring along your own drink and nibbles to make the evening into a really good social event. If you cannot raise a team yourself then come along on the evening and we can accommodate you into one of the other teams. Volunteers are required to help with the tea and coffee as well as selling and donating raffle prizes.

For those members of the villages of Bramber & Beeding that have not been to the Hall recently and are therefore not familiar with the facilities we have a main hall that can seat 100 people comfortably, two back rooms that can be hired, the larger one being able to take 40 people. There are two kitchens that can be used. All areas of the Hall can be accessed by wheelchairs and there is a toilet for the disabled as well as the usual toilets. Contact our booking clerk on 01903 816790 if you wish to book the Hall.

The Hall has operated without a Chairman for the last year, if there is anyone out there who would be willing to consider being our Chairman please ring 01273 493184 to find out more about the job.

DIARY OF EVENTS: 2009/2010

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| 8 December | Small Dole Tuesday Club, Christmas Party, 7.30 p.m. Small Dole Village Hall. |
| 9 December | 3B's Women's Group. 8.00 p.m. Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding, The Christmas Party. |
| 9 December | 6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. Late Night Christmas Shopping, Steyning High Street. |
| 16 December | Quiz Nite, Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. |
| 6 January | Beeding & Bramber Local History Society, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall, Janet Pennington "Shops and Shopping". |
| 13 January | 3B's Women's Group. Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding. 8.00 p.m. "Riding for the Disabled." Jen Dowell. |
| 18 January | Beeding & Bramber Village Hall Council of Management. |
| 20 January | Quiz Nite, Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. |
| 3 February | Beeding & Bramber Local History Society, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Hall, Jeannette and John Simpson on the "Lords of Bramber". |
| 10 February | 3B's Women's Group. Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding, 8.00 p.m. "Life as a Social Worker." Sophie Littlejohns. |
| 17 February | Quiz Nite, Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. |
| 22 February | Beeding Village Hall - Fund Raising Committee. |
| 3 March | Beeding & Bramber Local History Society, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Hall, AGM followed by Chris Taylor "Smuggling". |
| 10 March | 3B's Women's Group. Gladys Bevan Hall. 8.00 p.m. "The South Indian Community Trust." Barbara Deane. |
| 13 March | Beeding Village Hall – Easter Fair. |
| 17 March | Quiz Nite Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. |
| 21 March | Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society Spring Show, Beeding Hall, 10.30 a.m. Display of flowers and floral decorations, plus refreshments, cakes, raffle and plant stall. |

SMALL DOLE VILLAGE HALL...

The village hall provides a valuable facility to a number of organisations in the area. But there is a real need for volunteers to help in keeping the Hall going. The current management committee is small and getting smaller. At the present rate it is possible that in a few years there will be nobody to look after the building and that it might have to close.

We need people who can give just a few hours a year – it is not much and the effort required will be rewarded with the knowledge that the Hall will continue. Contact David Coldwell on 01273 495808.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This newsletter will quite possibly be the last one to be delivered to your door; this comes about due to problems we have had in producing the letter, the last one not being printed at all but which can be found on the Parish Council's website. The problem initially arose because I started my notes with an apology for the lateness of the issue which was caused by problems beyond our control. Whilst the editor was happy with this remark, the publisher was upset, and refused to allow it to be published.

We, the editor, council and I, believed, and still believe, that we could not allow any form of editorial control to a third party and insisted that the comment remain whereupon the publisher basically sacked us.

As an interim measure the council has agreed that we pay for this issue, and that in future the newsletter will be published at quarterly intervals, on the Parish Council web site at www.westsussex.gov.uk/upperbeeding. If you do not have a computer, do not despair; a number of printed copies will be available at shops throughout the parish.

If you have access to the internet, you may wish to know when the newsletter is available and you can do this by e-mailing the Parish office upper.beeding@btconnect.com to register your interest; thereafter you will receive an e-mail with the required link to the website for the letter. The e-mail addresses will be kept confidential and secure.

The Youth Council has not met for some six months or more. There have been rumours that the Parish Council has "pulled the plug" on the Youth Council. This is most definitely not the case and the Parish Council has recently (September council meeting) committed itself to regeneration of the Youth Council. It will be started again early in the New Year and I hope that this note will generate some interest amongst those who are eligible to be councillors, 13 to 18 years.

The Youth Council did some good work on bike ramps and was unfortunate in that some of the suggested sites presented significant difficulties on the planning front. The council would like to see the new Youth Council look at more than a single issue and has agreed that the Youth Council should be mentored and/or trained to a greater degree than was the case. Recruiting will start early next year but we would be happy to have names put to the Parish Clerk at any time.

The skate park at Small Dole was opened in the summer and appears to have been well received by users from the parish and surrounding areas. Unfortunately, to a degree expected, litter has become a problem. The Parish Council has organised a large waste bin which has been placed in the village hall car park in the hope that it will be used by skateboarders and others. Litter generally is a problem in all areas and, as always, there is a monetary cost attached as well as the cost to the environment. If you are, or know of, users of the park then care in the disposal of rubbish will be appreciated.

Apart from the litter difficulties, some deliberate damage has been done to the structure; such vandalism could lead to the facility becoming unsafe and if it continues to eventual closure pending repairs, if economical. Local residents, neighbourhood wardens, the District and Parish councils and councillors all worked hard to create this facility and all are disappointed that the facility is under threat so soon after opening. The wardens are working on getting a user group together to safeguard the park and readers can help; contact the Parish Council to find out how.

Neighbourhood Wardens have been very good for the parish over a number of years; graffiti and wanton vandalism have been considerably reduced, the junior warden scheme provides an outlet for some of the younger people and the wardens have assisted any number of the elderly. The cost of the wardens comes from your council tax, partly subsidised by grants from District and County Councils.

Due to current economic circumstances, it is possible that these grants will be withdrawn in the next financial year which will increase the cost to the tax payer by about £7500 or about £7 per household. The Parish Council is in favour of keeping the wardens, as is Steyning Parish Council, but the council also feels that you should have your say. Elsewhere in this publication you will find a form to fill and return, alternatively give your views by e-mail.

And finally from me; another year is coming to an end, where do they go and why so fast? On behalf the Parish Council, I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

David Coldwell

VILLAGE FETE...

The 2009 fete made just over £4500 which was distributed between the Village Hall, Primary School and the pot for the 2010 fete. Comments about the siting of stalls have been taken on board.

The village fete planning committee has been set up for 2010. The Chairman is Tom Duncanson (Baptist Minister), Secretary, Michelle Stubbs and Treasurer, Pippa White. Next Year's fete will be held on 26 June. Potential stallholders can contact Michelle on 01903 816978 for details. If you have suggestions that you would like to see at the fete, please contact Tom.

Please put this date in your diary, leave it free and have a jolly good day.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Short Mat Bowls Club meets at the Beeding Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm-4.30pm and also Tuesday & Friday evenings from 7.15pm-9.30pm. New members are welcome to join in. Tuition is given for beginners but we always welcome those of you that have bowling experience. The Club is a member of West Sussex Bowls Association and joins in its activities, including league and competitions. We also cater for those of you who are not competitive and like to have a social outing. Our membership is small, costing £7 a year. Afternoon and evening fees are £2 for members and £2.50 for non-members. Come and try out this sport that caters for all ages.

STEYNING (& DISTRICT) CHAMBER OF TRADE

You will probably be aware from recent press coverage that Steyning has aspired to become virtually "plastic bag free" with the issue of an alternative cotton shopping bag to residents in Steyning and Bramber, and this bag will also be available to purchase in certain shops in Steyning, including Bunce's Hardware, The Post Office, Ian Ivatt Tax Accountant, Steyning Book Shop and The Dolls House shop.

The Late Night Shopping event is, unusually this time, on the **SECOND** Wednesday in December, i.e. 9 December 2009. We do hope you will find the time to support this much appreciated year-end event. Raffle tickets will be on sale from now onwards, and there is a really splendid first prize this year, a four foot mahogany garden seat (supplied by Bunce's) together with other wonderful prizes all supplied by local businesses. Additionally, there will be the usual mix of entertainment, music, stalls, etc. on the night itself.

I must really thank all those who make this annual occasion so good. The Steyning Christmas High Street lights will be again in place this year!

Aside from that a Happy Christmas and wishes for a prosperous New Year to all in our community and beyond from the Steyning Chamber of Trade.

Ian Ivatt, Vice Chair,
Mary French, Secretary,
Steyning Chamber of Trade



TRAFFIC AT CHURCH LANE... As you may be aware, there has been a suggestion that the direction of traffic flow on the one-way section of Church Lane should be reversed. The Parish Council has no policy on this matter, and any final decision would be made by the county council, but the primary consideration will be the views of residents. Householders in the vicinity (most of Church Lane, School Road, Saltings Way, and High Street) have been individually consulted. However, if you have a view on the matter, please let me know by emailing me at upper.beeding@btconnect.com.

Steve Coberman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS SURVEY

Steyning Parish Council recently conducted a survey into continuation of the neighbourhood wardens' scheme. The current contract ends in March 2010, and we at Upper Beeding would now like to do the same.

The Parish Council supports in principle the renewal of the contract in recognition of the excellent work carried out by the wardens, particularly in helping to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area. However, it is ultimately the council tax payers who fund the scheme, and we therefore would appreciate your input to the debate.

Currently the scheme costs each elector approximately 10p per week, and this may increase in the next few years to 15p per week.

Please let us know your views, either by emailing me at upper.beeding@btconnect.com or by returning the tear-off slip below.

Steve Coberman,
Clerk to the Council

To: Clerk to the Council, Parish Council Office,
r/o 6 Hyde Square, Upper Beeding, BN44 3JE

Name: _____

Address: _____

I support continuation of the neighbourhood warden scheme

I do not support continuation of the neighbourhood warden scheme

THURSDAY CLUB . . .

Upper Beeding and Bramber Thursday Club continue to meet on alternate Thursday evenings during term time, from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in Beeding Village Hall. The group enjoy a variety of speakers and activities, mainly inside but sometimes outside the venue. There is no annual subscription to pay, just £2.50 per meeting, which not only includes tea/coffee and biscuit, but also a FREE raffle. We do ask for a 50p retainer when members cannot attend. The past year has seen our membership increase but there is still plenty of room for others to join us, and be most welcome. Further details from Chairman, Marion Emery, 01903 813014.

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH WALKS

A programme booklet containing about 200 guided, free, sociable walks varying from 1.5 to 6 miles, all led by trained volunteers, some in the Upper Beeding Parish and surrounding areas, is available by: Contacting the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 Or by downloading from the website: www.horsham.gov.uk/leisure_and_tourism/leisure_2102.asp

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL - Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month with committees held on the third Tuesday of each odd numbered month. (Full details on the website, and posted on the village notice boards.)



106 Bus Service to Worthing – Use it OR Lose it!

By County Councillor Derek Deedman

The latest figures from Compass Travel, the bus company that operates the 106 bus service, show that unless there are more passengers the service will have to stop at the end of March 2010.

The original once per day Monday to Friday shopping service was expanded earlier this year to a two-hourly service between Worthing and Henfield via Upper Beeding, Steyning and North Lancing, operating every day from Monday to Saturday. This improved service was in response to requests from local people for a regular direct bus service throughout the day to Worthing, and was supported by the Parish Councils along the route, including Upper Beeding Parish Council. In addition to passenger fares the service is funded by a one-year subsidy from planning development money and a contract for transporting school children to/from Steyning Grammar School.

Although it may be possible to extend the school contract after March next year, no further subsidy is available, especially in view of the worsening financial situation for the County Council, and so to continue to operate after that date many more passengers are needed to use the service on a regular basis.

So why not think about using the 106 now? It is really a service for everyone.

Are you 60 or over? Then with your concessionary bus pass (obtainable free from Horsham District Council) it won't cost you anything to use the 106 bus to get to Worthing Hospital or

any of the shopping and leisure/sporting facilities in Worthing. (E.g. M&S, BHS, restaurants & cafes, cinema, theatres, swimming, ten-pin bowling, bowls, walking along the prom. etc. and no car parking charges!).

Are you under 19 and still in full-time education? Then with your 3 in 1 bus pass (free from West Sussex County Council) you can travel at one quarter of the adult fare to within walking distance of some of the colleges' campus (including Northbrook College at Shoreham Airport). The pass is also available any other time during the days, when not at college or school, to use those other shopping, leisure and sporting facilities mentioned above.

In between those ages? Well you have to pay the bus fare, but this could still be cheaper than car parking charges, and you could enjoy all the above-mentioned facilities in Worthing without having to worry about the traffic queues on the A27 or the A24. And if you have young children, the Brooklands Pleasure Park is also on the route for them to enjoy.

Have to work during the day? This service is just the job if you work in the centre of Worthing, or on the Lancing Business Park, or just as good if you work at the Small Dole or Henfield Business Parks. And you can use bus on Saturday to go to work or go to Worthing shopping etc.

Of course by not going by car you will be doing your bit to slow climate change. Convinced yet? Perhaps you should give it a go – let the bus take the strain!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have an article or information for inclusion in the next Parish Council Newsletter (February/March) [preferably not exceeding 150 words] then please send this to me at the email address below. I look forward to hearing from you.
Mary French

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