

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The magazine for the parish of Upper Beeding, Small Dole, and Edburton

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Coldwell

Since I last wrote the bitter cold of winter has passed and today we are basking in beautiful late spring sunshine with higher than average temperatures – not before time too! In the last few weeks the parish council has hosted the Annual Parish Meeting when we had an array of very interesting speakers but a rather sparse audience, with only about 15 people who were not parish council members. Despite the low attendance, it was a lively meeting with questions raised about the sports hall and the lack of printed copies of the news letter. In fact there were about 80 hard copies placed in various outlets; as a result of the comments made, the Council has agreed to re-visit the decision to go to an electronic version and will discuss the subject at the June meeting.

Playgrounds As many of you will know, a programme of refurbishment is under way; the swings at the Bramley play area having recently been replaced. The next steps will involve the creation of adventure type equipment for the same area; this will be perhaps more suitable for the older children but can also be used, as my grandchildren have demonstrated many times, by some of the younger ones too.

Dog Fouling The vexed subject was raised yet again at the annual meeting. This is a problem which will not go away unless and until some owners of dogs learn to clear up after their animals. It is quite clear to all that these irresponsible owners know that they are creating a nuisance and a health hazard because the wardens have noticed that whenever they appear, all dog walkers are picking up the droppings. In an effort to reduce the scale of the problem, the council has agreed to put some additional bins in place but I have to say that I feel that a bin every 10 feet will not stop the persistent offenders who seem intent on polluting the environment for all residents.

Now that summer almost here, I hope that we all have a good one – it is overdue.

BEEDING AND BRAMBER VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 26 JUNE

All signs are that this year's Beeding & Bramber Village Fete will be bigger and better than 2009 although we were very pleased with the outcome then, both with turnout and financial results. Again, we shall have our large marquee for refreshments and a band or two has been booked to keep you entertained. Out in the Memorial Field, we have the popular dog show so why not bring along your pooch to see whether it can win a prize. For the youngsters, the children's fun fair has agreed to return plus there will be items of interest put on by the Primary School. We have rearranged the layout to bring the stalls more central and together so if you are interested in acquiring a space, it's not too late to contact Michele Stubbs on 816978. Our line up of stationary engines, buses and classic cars looks as if it will be stronger this year once again - the contact here is David Geere on 813814 who looks after this section, together with the model engineering display. Entrance is free and we shall be open from 11.00 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. but there will be a BBQ with band and a bar all during the evening. That also is a must for all the family.

BEEDING AND BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On Saturday 26 June the Society will have a stand at the Beeding and Bramber Summer Fete at which we will be displaying some of our photographic collection and selling books.

The Local History Society usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except May to August) at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall for illustrated talks on a variety of subjects related to our local area. These meetings are open to all, with a charge of £2 for non-members. In the summer months outings are arranged to places of historic interest for members and their guests.

Programme: Wednesday 1 September: Sylvia Endacott will give an illustrated talk on the History of Bognor Regis.
Wednesday 6 October: Linda Wilkinson will tell us about the past, present and future of the Chichester Canal,
Wednesday 4 November: John Funnell will fill us in on Recent Digs in Sussex.

For Diary of Events: see page 6

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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, just £2.50 per meeting, which includes tea or coffee with biscuits, and a FREE raffle. We do ask for a 50p retainer when members cannot attend.

For further details contact: Marion Emery, Chairman, 01903 813014.

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING SCHEDULE - 2010

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are held at the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

June	1 st	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	15 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee	<i>Only if required</i>
July	6 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	20 th	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee	
August	31 st	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	<i>At Small Dole Village Hall</i>
September	21 st	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee	
October	5 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	19 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee	<i>Only if required</i>
November	2 nd	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	16 th	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee	
December	7 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	21 st	7.00pm	Planning Committee	<i>Only if required</i>

**STEYNING (& DISTRICT)
CHAMBER OF TRADE**

The Chamber has members not just from Steyning, but also Ashurst, Bramber, Partridge Green, Small Dole, Upper Beeding, and Wiston.

The Chamber of Trade organises two major events in the year, the Steyning Country Fair, held on the May Spring Bank Holiday and the Steyning Late Night Christmas Shopping event. There is also the local Farmers Market held on the first Saturday of the month in the Steyning High Street car park.

If you would like further information, please contact Robin French on 07796 607542, or 01903 812077.

BEEDING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At the AGM in April Joyce Shaw was elected Chairman with Sheila Worgan Vice-Chairman, Jean Armour-Milne Secretary and Rod McBeth Treasurer. The Hall had a successful year showing a small profit but there are several gaps in the bookings that could be filled by new activities. Weekends could be used to have a party, you do not have to use the main hall there are two other rooms available. The rates are very competitive.

The following is extracted from the annual report that goes to the Charity Commission: The Hall continues to be welcoming, clean and inviting. During the year cavity wall filling and loft insulation has been installed at a cost of over £3000 so the heating bills should be reduced and the Hall's carbon footprint reduced. A new screen and projector have been installed; these are being used in the quizzes and in the films which will be a new project. The list of maintenance jobs seems to be never ending; a new notice board is needed to replace the old one that fell down due to old age. The outside grounds require attention during the summer months. Volunteers are essential if we are to keep down costs. Renovations and improvements cannot be done without money and the fundraising committee have worked hard to raise the necessary money to fund projects.

Please remember that the Hall is self supporting and is a registered charity that is accountable to the Charity Commission. We do not have any money from your rates for the day to day running of the Village Hall.

You can help: support the quizzes on the third Wednesday of each month; support the Tombola at the village fete; attend the films when they start; volunteer some of your time to help with the grounds – watch the notice board for dates; hold an event at the Hall – contact our booking clerk on 01903 816790; come to the Christmas Fair on 20 November; bring yourself and your children to the Party on 28 November.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Upper Beeding bowls club is in dire need of competitive players who would like to play in League and Knockout Cup matches. The Club has both social and competitive bowlers but there is just a small nucleus of players who enter competitions. The Club has been in the County League and Knockout Cup from the very beginning and after 20 years it would be a shame if this side of our activities came to an end. We meet at the Village Hall and would welcome new players on Tuesday or Friday evenings, these sessions start at 7.15 p.m. (to organise the evening) and finish at 9.30 p.m. There is also a Tuesday afternoon session from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

This year we have been relegated from Countywide Division 1 and will be playing matches against Storrington, West Chiltington, Ashington, Comptons and Crablands. Most matches are played in the afternoon at a weekend, quite often on Sundays.

The Club is fully supporting the Fete on 26 June with several helping out in the Hall's Tombola stall and the Fete's raffle tent.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have an article or any information for inclusion in the next Quarterly Parish Council Newsletter (September) then please send this to me at the email address below at the latest by 22 August 2010.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary French

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BEEDING IN BLOOM – SPONSOR A BASKET APPEAL

Each basket costs £12 to plant up. It is only with your help and support that we can continue to make our village a beautiful place to live. If you can sponsor a basket or make a donation towards one, please enclose it with this form in an envelope marked "Beeding in Bloom" to Beeding News in the High Street, Upper Beeding. Cheques should be made payable to "Beeding in Bloom". Thank you so much for your help.

Name and address:

..... Donation:

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH WALKS

All welcome to guided, **free**, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn-up at the start point (if you are new to our scheme please arrive 15 minutes before the start time for registration). Programme booklet containing over 250 walks is available by contacting the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 or by downloading from the website (enter Horsham DC Walks on a search site, e.g. Google). Beginners are recommended to contact the Walk Leader to discuss suitability. Forthcoming walks in the **Upper Beeding** Parish and neighbouring areas are as follows:

Tuesday, 1st June, 11.00 am: Steyning, 2 mile circular walk, various routes taking in parts of the village and its outskirts. Can be a few stiles and small inclines. Meet at the **Steyning Health Centre, Tanyard Lane**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1¼ hours. **Leader Keith 01903 813381**

Sunday, 6th June, 10.30 am: Poynings, 4 mile circular walk, steep climb over Saddlescombe giving excellent views, returning through Newtimber Woods. Meet at **Royal Oak pub, Poynings**. Dogs allowed on a lead. **Leader Darren 07914 091261**

Tuesday, 15th June, 11.00 am: Steyning, as for 4th May above.

Tuesday, 15th June, 1.00 pm: Small Dole, 3 mile flat circular walk (six stiles) over farmland and along the Downs Link following the River Adur. Can be muddy in places. Free, just turn-up at the **bus stop** at the end of **Sands Lane**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1½ hours. **Leader Darren 07914 091261**

Thursday, 24th June, 6.45 pm: The Countryman Inn, Shipley, all welcome.

4th ANNUAL MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WALK & BBQ & MUSIC A shortened version (four miles, two hours) of our usual flat circular walk (5 stiles) through farmland, Shipley village and Knepp Park where we hope to see Fallow Deer, Tamworth Pigs, Exmoor Ponies and Old English Longhorn Cattle followed by a pub BBQ at £10 per head as the last 3 years with The Southdown Ramblers band live in the pub garden. No dogs. Please advise Bill before 18th June if you wish to participate. **Leader Bill 01403 256248 & Geoff 01403 258180**

Wednesday, 30th June, 7.00 pm: Bramber, 6 to 7 mile circular walk for the more experienced walkers who crave the excitement and satisfaction of covering this distance at pace over difficult terrain. A history of socialising has developed after the walk, strong boots and a sense of humour required. Meet at **Bramber car park**. (TQ 188105) No dogs. 3 hours. **Leader Geoffrey 01903 744881**

Saturday, 14th August: Horsham Riverside. Everyone welcome to our special charity walk to celebrate 10 years of HDC Health Walks and to help raise funds for the BHF. Flat circular walk, partly on surfaced footpaths, through woodland, pastures and farmland, going clockwise completely around Horsham. Various starting/finishing points and times providing distances between 2 and 12 miles as follows:-

* **Horsham Rugby Club**, Hammerpond Road, leaving at 10.00 am, 2.6 miles to

St Mary's Church, The Causeway, leaving at 11.15 am, 3.4 miles to

* **Holbrook Club**, North Heath Lane, lunch available at 1.00 pm, leaving at 2.00 pm, 4.3 miles to

* **Leechpool/Owlbeech** Woods car park, Harwood Road, leaving at 4.15 pm, 1.8 mile to the **Rugby Club** arriving at 5.00 pm for tea/coffee and cake.

* Free parking. No dogs please. Frequent bus service between town and Holbrook Club. Free transport provided back to other starting points. Please ring 01403 215269 or 250511 to let us know you will be walking or for further information. **Optional donations on the day to British Heart Foundation please.**

UPPER BEEDING FOOTBALL CLUB

UBFC are a Charter Standard Club providing players between the ages of five and adult from Beeding and the surrounding areas the opportunity to learn and play football. We have just had a successful season with our Under 15's winning promotion, Under 18's reaching a Cup Final, our Reserves winning promotion from the West Sussex Football League Division 4, while our First Team had a successful season in the WSFL Premier Division.

We have a new Under 8's team joining the Horsham & District Youth League next season and they are looking for more players who will be in school year 3 next year. Peter Gardner, an FA level 1 Coach, is managing the team and can be contacted on 01903 815511. Our Under 10's (school year 5 next year) are also looking for players and a coach to work alongside Dan Beamish, Dan can be contacted on 07714 233346.

We are always looking for volunteers, players, managers, referees etc. and are currently looking for someone to run our bar and provide refreshments for the players for three hours on a Saturday afternoon, and a Groundsman to help pitch maintenance and to mark the pitches out once a week. If you are able to help us offer this great opportunity to the local youngsters, and those not quite so young, please contact Alastair Smith on 01903 813557.

Watch out for our six-a-side tournament on 10/11 July. This is our main fundraiser of the year and attracts over 1,000 youngsters to the Village for a festival of football. Why not come along, have a beer, and watch the joy of the children as they take part!

HISTORY OF BEEDING, PART 15

Salt-making

The climate in Britain was not warm enough for salt to be made by the evaporation method used on the continent. Written accounts from other parts of the country and archaeological evidence from salterns in the Adur Valley, show that salt was made here by the boiling of brine.

In the Middle Ages, the River Adur was not confined between high banks as it is now. It was a wide estuary, so at each high tide, salty water covered the valley floor. At low tide, mud flats and the silty shoreline were exposed. This silt became impregnated with salt. In summer a thin layer could be skimmed off the top and carried above the high tide mark. It was then placed in troughs lined with rushes or straw and washed with fresh or sea water, producing brine. To show when sufficient washing had taken place, an egg was floated in the filtered water. If it sank, the water was no longer sufficiently salty. The unwanted silt was thrown onto heaps, resulting in the mounds that we can see in Saltings Field and elsewhere in the Adur Valley. As the mounds of silt grew higher, these were often the best places to process the salt, as they would have been dryer than the surrounding land. Sometimes a little building called a salt-cote was erected on top to provide shelter and a raft of flints laid down on which to make a fire.

The brine was boiled in lead pans over a wood fire to make the salt. Getting this right was quite a delicate operation. During boiling, a scum formed on the water which had to be removed. Various substances were added to make this easier, such as dog fat, cattle blood, egg white or ale. If boiled too long, impurities in the water, known as bitterns, could make the salt bitter and unsuitable for food preservation. This was less of a problem if fresh water was used for the washing process. If the pan boiled dry, the lead could melt. Fragments of lead were found when the salterns on Saltings Field were excavated. Finally the salt was dried and stored or sold for local use.

References:

1. Salt-making in the Adur Valley, Sussex, by E.W. Holden F.S.A. and T.P. Hudson, M.A. Ph.D.
2. Salt, by Alison Noble in Beeding, History of a Village, edited by Alison Noble.

Pat Nightingale

Extract from Spring 2010 CRIME WATCH

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The newsletter of the Horsham South Sector Neighbourhood Watch

Spring means there are different crime prevention measures to be put into action. The opportunity to get out into the garden means that we may get careless and leave our garage or shed open or unlocked. A thief finds garden equipment very tempting and every year at this time there is a spate of this type of theft. Please follow the following measures to help secure your property: ♦Never leave a garage or shed open or unlocked. ♦Fit an alarm or strong padlocks to shed/garage doors and make sure the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in. ♦Lock ladders, tools and garden furniture inside your garage or shed to stop a thief using them as a means to break into your property. ♦Consider having lockable steel boxes fitted to the floor to store your tools in. ♦Mark garden furniture and tools with your postcode using a UV pen or borrow the property marking kit from your Area Co-ordinator. ♦Check the boundaries of your property, a low or sagging fence, or a back gate with a weak lock is easily accessible to a thief. ♦A thorny hedge and a thickly laid gravel path act as good deterrents. ♦Make sure that any bushes or trees in front of your house are well maintained so that a burglar can't work without being seen. ♦Consider installing automatic security lighting.

The scourges of our area are bogus callers. These people can take many forms. Their main disguises are as bogus officials e.g. Gas board, Water Board, Council Officials and many others. They could just be casual callers, asking directions. "My car has broken down, can I use your phone" is an excuse often used. Tarmac gang, men offering to mend your roof, or tend your garden. If they say they are from an official body then demand to see their identification. If they cannot produce it do not let them in and phone the police. Also if they are casual callers and you are at all suspicious do not allow them into your house and call the police - 08456070999 or 999 if you feel threatened. Don't forget if you need a tradesman get a recommendation from a friend or neighbour or ask Trading Standards for their list of approved traders.

Graffiti and mindless damage to both public and private property costs us all a lot of money and worry. It is mostly caused by a small minority of youths living within our villages. The first step to stop vandalism is to identify the culprits and report them to the police on **0845 60 70 999**. You can do this anonymously if you wish by calling Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. Remember the police can't help us unless we help them!

BEEDING AND BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society puts on two annual shows in the Village Hall and a smaller one at the village fete. Subscriptions from members and fund-raising help to pay for these. Seeds and plants can also be ordered through the Society at a discount. Membership is only £3 per year and includes a section for allotment holders.

On **Saturday 26 June** the Society will have a plant and produce stall at the Beeding and Bramber Summer Fete. As last year we are also putting on a **mini-flower show** with only two categories: Anyone can enter a single specimen rose. Simply turn up at our stall at the fete with your rose, complete an entry form and pay 25p per entry. Children can enter a posy of garden flowers at no charge. Judging will take place at 2.00 p.m.

Our Summer Show will be held on **Saturday 28 August** in the Village Hall. There will be categories for flowers, fruit, vegetables, photography, cookery and handicrafts for adults and children. These are listed in a show book which can be obtained from any committee member, or by phoning the secretary on 816199. The show book also explains how and when to make your entries. The Show is open to the public from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m., admission 75p. There will be plants and produce for sale, a raffle and refreshments.

DIARY OF EVENTS

9 June	3Bs Women's Group, Outing to Truffles Bakery, Small Dole. Contact Marion Earl on 01903 812478
26 June	Beeding and Bramber Village Fete, Memorial playing field and school field
7 July	Beeding in Bloom - Judging of Garden Competition (see article for competition details)
10/11 July	Upper Beeding Football Club, six-a-side tournament
14 July	3Bs Women's Group, Circular Walk from Red Lion, Ashington. Contact Yvonne Bamforth on 01903 812139
18 July	Beeding in Bloom – 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Cream Tea and Giant Plant Sale, Farthings, Henfield Road, Beeding. Garden Competition winners announced
14 August	Summer Show, Small Dole Horticultural Society
28 August	Beeding and Bramber Horticultural Society Summer Show, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Beeding Village Hall
1 September	Beeding and Bramber Local History Society , Sylvia Endacott, illustrated talk on the History of Bognor Regis, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall
6 October	Beeding and Bramber Local History Society, Linda Wilkinson - a talk on the past, present and future of the Chichester Canal, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall
4 November	Beeding and Bramber Local History Society, John Funnell, "Recent Digs in Sussex", 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall

BEEDING IN BLOOM 2010

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS:

Saturday 26 June – Beeding & Bramber Summer Fete – we will have a plant stall (plants for this please).

Wednesday, 7 July – Judging of Garden competition. You can enter your front or back garden in one of the following categories. "Wild and Wonderful", "Cool and Calm", "Hot and Fiery", or "Edible and Integrated". There will be other categories for allotment holders.

Sunday 18 July (2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.) Cream Tea and Giant Plant Sale will be held at Farthings, Henfield Road, and the winners of the garden competitions will be announced.

BEEDING IN BLOOM 2010 - GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM:

Please return to Beeding in Bloom, C/O Beeding News, High Street, Upper Beeding.

Name, Address & Telephone number :

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.....Category entered: