

# Upper Beeding Parish Council Newsletter

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

September 2009



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First and foremost, apologies for the late delivery of the last newsletter, caused by circumstances wholly beyond the Parish Council's control.

August is generally a quiet month for councils, because meetings are not normally scheduled unless in case of urgent business. The planning committee will often meet during the month due to the requirement that planning applications must be handled within a certain time limit; and so it proved in this month.

On the subject of planning applications, I would like to correct a popular misconception; the planning authority is the District Council and it consults the Parish Council as a matter of routine. The Parish Council itself cannot approve or reject any application, and can only respond to the council to the effect that it 'sees no reason to object' or that it objects, giving its reasons for the objection, which must be based on local knowledge and sound reasoning.

Again on planning matters, most of you will be aware that large parts of the parish will be included in the new South Downs National Park; this by itself will not have a huge impact on the Parish Council but the National Park Authority (NPA) will become the planning Authority for those parts of the parish in the park. It remains to be seen if the NPA will deal with the detail of planning issues or delegate the work to the district whilst retaining the final authority, which it seems cannot be delegated.

The National Park boundary maps can be seen on the Natural England website, in case you are interested. Consultations are under way at the moment as to the composition of the NPA and I expect that your council will be making its views known after the September meeting.

As some of you will be aware, there have been many discussions about affordable housing within the parish. Housing surveys were done and a definite need was established. The process has made good progress although there is a stumbling block ahead regarding the pricing of a potential site. A reminder – affordable housing is not the same as the older council housing concept; in the case of affordable housing, the properties are usually reserved for local people and are part owned by the customers who are purchasing a share in the property from the housing association involved. We will report in more detail at a later date and will indeed need to consult all parishioners in a public meeting if and when we have a viable project to put forward.

Although August is, as I mentioned, a quiet month, September is usually quite busy and the council starts working up its budget for the year 2010/2011 with the aim of finalising the process by November and setting the precept in December or latest in January. We (more especially Mr. Coberman, the Clerk) will be working towards gaining the Quality Council status which will allow the council to do more in the parish than is permitted at present.

Finally from me, what about the Barbeque summer that made the headlines a few months back? My own sense is that the summer has in fact not been too bad, certainly better than last year. I hope that you had a good one.

**David Coldwell.**

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### STUART CHRISTIE – DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TREE

A tree has been planted in Small Dole, opposite the green, to commemorate the 30 years of service that Stuart gave as parish councillor to Upper Beeding, Small Dole, and Edburton, up until his death last year. The tree and commemorative plaque will be dedicated on **Saturday 26 September 2009 at 3.00 p.m.** Everybody is welcome to join the parish councillors, and other members of the public, to give thanks to his memory, and to remember all the hard work he did for the benefit of the community.



### SMALL DOLE TUESDAY CLUB

Meetings are held in Small Dole Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. New Members and Visitors are very welcome, just come along to any of the below meetings.

- 8 September     Social Evening with Supper.
- 13 October      Talk - Pills, Potions and Patients by Peter Hills.
- 10 November   Film\Slide Show "Road to the Isles - A Hebridean Odyssey" by Peter Turner.
- 8 December     Christmas Party.



## SMALL DOLE VILLAGE HALL

**HELP!** The management committee needs a few people to assist in running the hall. Time required is as little as 4 hours per year or about 20 minutes per month – not much but the future of the hall will be in doubt unless we can get some assistance. **Contact David Coldwell on 01273 495808.**



## BEEDING IN BLOOM

We have had a busy summer, starting in May, when we planted up all our containers and worked on the flowerbeds in Dawn Close, in the car park and the one next to Costcutters. The hanging baskets were put up and we hope you agree that these, our containers and flowerbeds have all looked a picture this year. Apart from this, we also try to raise funds to supplement the amount we receive from the Parish Council. In June we had a plant stall at the Beeding & Bramber Summer Fete, which raised £88.50, and in July we held our third Open Gardens Event. A big thank you to the 13 garden owners who gave a warm welcome to a total of 94 visitors and helped us raise £515. As well as the marvellous gardens, there were wildlife photography and watercolour paintings on display, music played on harp and acoustic guitars, a varied selection of plants and pots to buy, and refreshments to enjoy. All those who came said how much they had enjoyed the day. We would also like to thank all those who have “sponsored a basket” this year; so far you have donated £402. It is not too late if you would like to do so – just put your donation in an envelope marked “Beeding in Bloom” and hand this in to Beeding News in the High Street.

Our Annual Garden Competition was judged on 2 July by Beryl Vincent. The Winners were as follows:

Best Allotment	1 <sup>st</sup> David Wells	2 <sup>nd</sup> Geoff Dunstone
Best Newcomer Allotment	1 <sup>st</sup> David Burrage	2 <sup>nd</sup> Geni Reckless
Best Front Garden	1 <sup>st</sup> Carole Symons	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lynda Piper
Best Hanging Basket and Container Display	1 <sup>st</sup> Brenda Emsley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Henry Comlidge
Best Neighbourhood Award	St. Peters Green	

The Jim Heritage Cup for best overall garden was won by Carole Symons.

The Shield for best commercial property was won by the Rising Sun, with Beeding News second.

After all the good news, we are sorry to report that the container which is provided in memory of Cecily Moorhouse was damaged overnight on 22 July, and will now have to be replaced. It looked as though someone was attempting to take it away, but, as it is cemented in place and very heavy, they only succeeded in breaking it. Now some of the recently earned funds will have to be spent on a replacement.



## (Extracts from) Summer 2009 CRIME WATCH

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The newsletter of the Horsham South Sector Neighbourhood Watch



### **Don't Help Thieves to Help Themselves**

Now that summer is with us many people are now out and about in their gardens. But have you thought about the security of your garden, garage and shed? The value of property stored in these areas is often much more than you may imagine. Lawnmowers, power tools, ornaments, sports equipment, cycles and toys are amongst those items most often taken by thieves. Most burglars enter at the rear of premises. They are lazy and are looking for easy ways to get into a house or garden. They will often use tools from sheds or garages to break into a house.



## Buy With Confidence

Don't get caught by rogue traders! During July this year, Trading Standards is launching its first Buy With Confidence **Approved Trader Directory**. The publication includes details of over two hundred and fifty traders that have been approved by Trading Standards. The publication should be available as a download from the County Council website now. Alternatively, if you would like to request a free copy then please telephone: - 01243 642124 or if you have e-mail write to [trading\\_standards@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:trading_standards@westsussex.gov.uk)



## Police Updates in Brief

There is to be a new Chief Inspector for our area. Mark Trimmer will take over from Chief Inspector Steve Biglands on 6th July. PCSOs have had a lot of success with reporting untaxed cars. PCSO James Josling has helped the DVLA to prosecute and recover fines and costs of around £2,000 so far this year! If you become aware of any untaxed vehicles on the road then please contact your local PCSO. Steyning PCSO Charlie Whittaker has managed to secure a vehicle from Toll House KIA. It is a cream coloured Kia 'Soul' and is marked with the Sussex Police logo and makes reference of sponsorship from Toll House Kia. It will be used at Fetes, Street surgeries and will be available for all officers to use for non-emergency transportation. It will also help overcome the difficulty of getting PCSOs out to some of the remote areas of the district.

**Please visit the Neighbourhood Watch website for further information**



## **SALTINGS FIELD CONSERVATION GROUP**

With so much rain during July, growth seems to have been rapid in the Field and the grasses are higher than I have seen in my 22 plus years association. The hedge also looks more abundant than ever. It is difficult to imagine that it was not that many years ago we had to grub out about a third of it as it had been overgrown by brambles. About 200 'whips' were purchased from a grower in Bury and brought back by car and planted by our committee members. These whips looked like sticks with a suggestion of a bud or two and we thought they would not survive the dry summer. But with a little TLC and water and add a few years, look at them now. Supporting more wildlife and looking great.

Our ongoing problem is, to put it bluntly, dog mess which seems to be on the increase. We have a dog bin at the main gate entrance which is regularly serviced by H.D.C. every Thursday but still this seems to be ignored by a few. We are hoping to engage the support of the Horsham District Council warden who have suggested she could keep an eye out for the offenders and noted there is an on the spot fine that can be issued. We are looking to see whether there are plastic gloves and bags that could be hung from the dog bin and if this is so, there will be no excuse to perpetuate this nuisance. Enjoy the Field but be careful where you tread!

David Geere



## **BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

At this year's summer fete the Horticultural Society's competition for the best specimen rose attracted numerous entries. The winner was Joe Parsons, with Joan Hornsby coming second and Barbara Pratchett, third. In the children's competition for a posy of garden flowers, Bethan Duffield was the winner, with Lucy Grimes and Rebecca Starley, coming second and third. The allotment-holders' stall selling plants and produce did a roaring trade, raising £140 for the Society's funds.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our next event, the Summer Show, will be over, and so will be reported in the next issue.



## **BEEDING VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Our major project is to install loft insulation and cavity wall filling. This should save the Hall a lot of money and make the rooms warmer, especially in the cold weather when the heating system works to its maximum. The Hall committee thank everyone who supported and helped with their Tombola at the Village Fete. This raised £390 for funds.

The fundraising efforts continue with **Table Top Sales** on 19 September, 17 October and 21 November. Tables cost £5 and if you support all three sales the third one will be free. Sellers can gain entrance from 9.00 a.m. with the sale being from 10.00 a.m. to noon. Refreshments will be available. Entry will cost nothing. Book your table now by phoning 01903 813813 or 01273 493184.

The **Monthly Quizzes** continue on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. We have a regular bunch of people who participate; the noise level has gradually increased along with the laughter! Recently a team of Cambridge undergraduates took part in their first quiz and to their embarrassment came last. A team is up to 6 people, the cost is just £1 per person. New teams are welcomed. It is not just for Village Hall users but for the whole village to participate in. There is a raffle and refreshments but if you prefer to bring your own food and drink then you can but please make sure you take your stuff home at the end.

Watch this space and the Noticeboard for details of a **Children's Party** on **29 November**. Entertainment, face painting etc., Food available and lots more. Parents please keep this date free for your younger children (not teenagers).

Finally, the Hall requires a person who is willing to be its **Chairman**. This means running 4 meetings a year and being available between meetings. It is not an arduous task. Are you interested? Please contact either of the two phone numbers given above.



## **AIRS' HEART OF THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN**

**AirS** stands for Action in rural Sussex. It has started Heart of the Village Campaign with three main aims:

1. To raise awareness about the vital role fulfilled by community buildings in rural areas in delivering services and providing the focus for social and community activities.
2. To celebrate and provide additional support to volunteers who are playing a crucial and time consuming role in managing and running these buildings in each community.
3. To highlight the real need for funding to help keep these buildings open and fit for purpose.

Its **Key Messages** are:

1. A community meeting place is at the heart of the community, essential to maintain the vitality and vibrancy of rural communities. The public sector must support this unique feature and role.
2. The people running community buildings are the heart of the community, undertaking work to keep the community building functioning and fit for purpose against a background of increasing legislative requirements. More people are needed to assist with this task.
3. AirS run a community building support service that is essential to local management committees.
4. Rural community buildings will not survive without a dedicated national support programme.
5. Parish Councils should raise funds through the precept to fully support the building and the work of the community building committee.

**For more information visit [www.ruralsussex.org.uk](http://www.ruralsussex.org.uk)**



## **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.**



## **BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

We had some excellent speakers in the first part of the year. We also took a stall at the summer fete where we presented a display of photographs from our archive illustrating the Shoreham to Steyning railway line. During the summer we had a guided tour of Lewes Priory with Helen Poole, a walk round Fulking with Tony Brooks and another around the old parts of Hangleton with Trevor Povey.

In September we will be back in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month for our autumn programme. Non-members are always welcome to attend for £2.

2 September Secrets of the Royal Pavilion by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs  
7 October The Wealden Iron Industry by Jeremy Hodgson  
4 November The Dig at Titnore Lane, Worthing by Chris Clarke

The Society holds an archive of material that can help you research your family or house history in the Beeding and Bramber area. For details, contact 01903 812847 or [beeding.history@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:beeding.history@mypostoffice.co.uk)



## **SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

Upper Beeding SMBC is a small club that would welcome new members. We are members of the West Sussex County and take part in their competitions, including the League. We play other clubs in the County. Although we are competitive we also cater for those who wish to play on a social basis. If you have played outdoors during the summer months and would like to keep on playing during the winter then now is the ideal time to come along to one of our three sessions.

For those of you who would like to try this activity for the first time then Tuesdays are the best sessions to attend. We have two qualified coaches and you can have one-to-one help. We provide all the equipment, all we ask is that you have a pair of flat-soled shoes to change in to when you arrive (when the club first started a lot of our members played in their slippers). The sessions are at the Village Hall from 2.30 to 4.30 Tuesday afternoons, 7.30 to 9.30 Tuesday and Friday evenings. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that everyone can be accommodated. At the moment cost is £2 a session for members and £2.50 for non-members.



## **BEEDING & BRAMBER OVER 60'S CLUB**

The Beeding & Bramber Over 60's Club now meet at the Baptist Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Everyone invited to join us for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be most welcome. Contact our secretary Janet Snelling on 01903 815312, or just come along.





## STEYNING (& DISTRICT) CHAMBER OF TRADE

The Steyning endeavours to reduce the usage of plastic bags for shopping is now gaining sizeable momentum. We have, to some degree, followed Henfield's excellent lead, but the graphic to go on one side of the Steyning bag has been chosen from designs submitted by children from Steyning St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School, and we are very pleased to have their involvement. The scheme is now at the stage when an order for the bags is very imminent, grant funding has been secured (thanks to Horsham District Council, West Sussex County Council, Better Tomorrows group and Steyning Parish Council), and the scheme is intended to be completed by the end of October 2009. Steyning Chamber of Trade have asked local High Street shops and businesses to display an explanatory poster, the main purpose of which is to point out that a sustainable cotton shopping bag will be delivered to every house in Steyning within the next two months or so.

It is hoped that the surrounding villages including Upper Beeding, Small Dole, and Edburton will support this most worthy scheme.

Ian Ivatt, Steyning Chamber of Trade.



## 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 start time for registration). Programme booklet containing over 200 walks available from Walks Co-ordinator (01403 215269) or by downloading from website (enter Horsham DC Walks on a search site, e.g. Google). Beginners are recommended to contact the Walk Leader to discuss suitability. *Details of all our walks are on Horsham District Council website; [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)*

Forthcoming walks in the **Upper Beeding** Parish and neighbouring areas are as follows:-

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 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, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 am: Henfield**, 6 miles or more various brisk circular walks (some stiles) around the byways, twittens and lovely countryside surrounding the village, excellent views. Stout footwear necessary as it will be muddy and rutted in places. Meet in the **car park behind "Budgens"**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 2½ to 3 hours. **Leader Zena 01273 493163**

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 am: Steyning**. As on 15<sup>th</sup> September above.

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 am: Steyning**. As on 15<sup>th</sup> September above.

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 11.00 am: Steyning**. As on 15<sup>th</sup> September above.

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am: Steyning**. As on 15<sup>th</sup> September above.

*Do you like walking? Do you like meeting people and are you looking to keep fit? Do you know a little bit about your local area? Are you looking to put something back into your local community? Horsham Health Walks are always looking for volunteer walk leaders, to lead short walks where you live; days and times to suit you. Full free training is given. If you are interested please ring Jill Shuker on 01403 250511 for information.*



**Editor's Note:** *If you have an article or information for inclusion in the next Parish Council Newsletter (November) [preferably not exceeding 150 words] then please send this to me by email. I look forward to hearing from you.*

**Mary French.**

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## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

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| 2 September  | Beeding & Bramber Local History Society, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall, Secrets of the Royal Pavilion by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs.          |
| 8 September  | Small Dole Tuesday Club, Social Evening with Supper, 7.30 p.m. Small Dole Village Hall.  |
| 9 September  | 3B's Women's Group, 8.00 p.m. Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding, "Canine Partners", Gordon Tickler.   |
| 16 September | Quiz Nite, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.   |
| 19 September | Table Top Sale, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.   |
| 7 October    | Beeding & Bramber Local History Society, 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall, The Wealden Iron Industry by Jeremy Hodgson.                  |
| 13 October   | Small Dole Tuesday Club Talk - Pills, Potions and Patients by Peter Hills, 7.30 p.m. Small Dole Village Hall.                          |
| 14 October   | 3B's Women's Group. 8.00 p.m. Gladys Bevan Hall, "The Real Holy Land", Rev. John Challis.  |
| 17 October   | Table Top Sale, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.   |
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| 11 November  | 3B's Women's Group. 7.30 p.m. outside the Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding, "Meet The Bellringers", The Bellringers of St. Peter's Church.   |
| 18 November  | Quiz Nite, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.   |
| 21 November  | Table Top Sale, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.   |
| 29 November  | U8s Children's Party, Upper Beeding Village Hall.  |
| 6 December   | Quiz Nite, Upper Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.   |
| 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.   |