

Upper Beeding Parish Council News

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



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Neighbourhood Warden Scheme

The new scheme started on 17th November. After an initial training period, our two Wardens Paul Thayre and Jason Pumfrey will get to know the villages and residents of Beeding, Edburton, Small Dole, Bramber and Steyning. It is anticipated that the scheme will be fully operational towards the end of January.

Mobile Youth Café

The Mobile Youth Cafe will visit Upper Beeding from Wednesday January 14th and also for the following 5 Wednesdays. It will be based in the car park off the High Street on Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9pm. The café is an informal meeting place for young people. Tea, coffee and baked potatoes will be served! Nearer the time, notices will be displayed in the village.

Saltings Field News

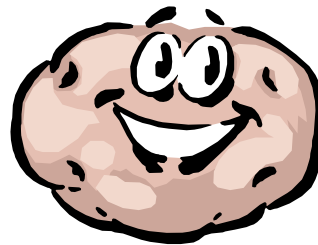
Now we are coming to the end of another year in the field we can look back with some satisfaction to what we have achieved. The central hedge planting along the footpath is now reaching a size where it can start looking after itself.

We should be able to clear the remaining bramble, and plant hedgerow to complete the line towards the southern boundary. A start has been made to clear the undergrowth along the southern drainage ditch which will give more light and encourage water plant growth.

A very successful 'Bug Hunt' in September, led by Dr John Paul, taught us to identify a large variety of crickets and grasshoppers. The many children that came along found plenty of creepy crawlies.

Winter activities will continue with events in the village hall: so look out for our notices and come along and join us for some interesting talks and discussions.

Since we started, our bird expert, Nigel, has been our mainstay on the identification and monitoring of our 'feathered friends' in the field. He is leaving the village soon and we will be sad to see him go. We urgently need a replacement! Can anyone help please?



Volunteers wanted

The Mobile Youth Cafe is looking for volunteers to help out with serving tea, coffee and baked potatoes. Please contact the Clerk, Ingrid Caygill, on 01903 810 316 if you would like to help.

Beeding & Bramber over 60's Group

Do you enjoy coach outings, cream teas and meeting friendly people on regular occasions? If your answer is 'yes' then why don't you join the Beeding and Bramber over 60s Social Group? We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month (except January) from 2pm until 4pm at the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. A varied programme of events suits all tastes. Several outings are arranged, which this year included a full day's trip to the Isle of Wight, an afternoon at Fishbourne and an afternoon trip to Bentley Wild Fowl / Motor Museum. We also had a mystery tour round West Sussex. Shortly we will be off to Newhaven. Most tours include a cream tea.

A full day for Christmas shopping is always a 'must' as is our usual Christmas dinner.

Still interested? Then contact our secretary Janet Snelling on 01903 815 312 or our Chairman Terry Coyle on 01903 814 976. You will be very welcome.

Upper Beeding Primary School

Community links: the children have visited the two local churches, Saltings Field, Bramber Castle and many other places in the village to increase their knowledge of their local area.

The harvest festival is a very special event. Local elderly residents are invited to share in our harvest thanksgiving and are given tea and harvest gifts by the children. This is much appreciated by the lovely letters and cards we receive.

The school has also given to St. Patrick's Trust to help provide food for the homeless.

The school again took part in the 'Beeding in Bloom' poster competition. The winning posters, designed by the children were used to promote the event throughout the area.

Children in Year 5 took part in a Junior Citizens morning as part of our citizenship programme. They gained a wealth of information about first aid, keeping safe and the emergency services. All the children who took part were awarded a certificate.

To find out more about our primary school, then log on to www.upperbeedingschool.uk.org

Upper Beeding Short Mat Bowls Club

Upper Beeding Short Mat Bowls Club invite you to try the sport. Come along to the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons between 2:30 and 4:30 or Tuesday or Friday evenings at 7:15. We have all the equipment – just bring yourself and thick socks or a pair of flat shoes! Tuition will be given. We welcome all ages from 12 years upwards.

The Club plays league games and enters local competitions, but if this is not what you want then come and join some of our social bowlers who come for an afternoon or evening out with no obligation to play formal matches.

We are a club that has the majority of its members from the villages of Upper Beeding, Bramber and Steyning and one or two from outside this area. This is a Club for the local community. Please support us! Phone 01273 493 184 or 01903 812 416 for more information.

Garden Bonfires

What's wrong with them? Pollution! Annoyance! Safety! What's the alternative? **Composting and Recycling.** For more information phone NSCA 01273 878 770



South East in Bloom – some comments made by the Judges

Floral displays: Most impressed with - the main thoroughfare was particularly colourful; the residential gardens in general, and especially the Countryside Farm Park open gardens were of a high standard; the willingness of residents to assist and support.

Areas to be improved - more residential gardens could achieve higher standards.

Permanent landscaping: Most impressed with - the area around the village entrance, including the verges, was welcoming and pleasing; the Health Centre and almshouses were excellent Areas that could be improved – the car park standard did not live up to the general standard of the village; some planting around the brick bus shelter would soften its appearance.

Local Agenda 21: Most impressed with – Saltings Field was saved for the future as an open space and is well used for recreation and education.

Areas that could be improved – would have liked to see a school with relevant projects

Local Environmental quality: Most impressed with – the village was exceptionally clean and free from litter and graffiti

Areas that could be improved – the car park standard did not live up to the general of the village

Public Awareness: Most impressed with – the display of posters & children's painting competition for the Bloom was very well publicized; media coverage had been arranged for judging day and there had been good publicity for the work of the Bloom.

Overall impression: Despite the very hot weather, the plantings had been regularly watered and were in good shape. Some outstanding support was given by the commercial sector especially Beeding Florist and the Rising Sun PH and resident volunteers maintained some verges and edges. The floral aspects achieved impressive results. However, not much evidence on community involvement with Agenda 21 and waste recycling projects. The community at Countryside Farm Park was a model of its kind of high density living and sharing.

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society - Programme for 2004

Talks

7th January	'The history of the Cement Works'	Ron Martin
4th February	'The history of Sussex Inn signs'	Janet Pennington
3rd March	AGM followed by 'A walk down Church Lane'	Sheila Wright
7th April	'A nest of hornecks'	Moira Bonnington
5th May	'Sussex windmills'	Peter Hill
6th October	'The dig at Ropetackle'	Simon Stevens
3rd November	'Village in West Sussex'	Alan Readman

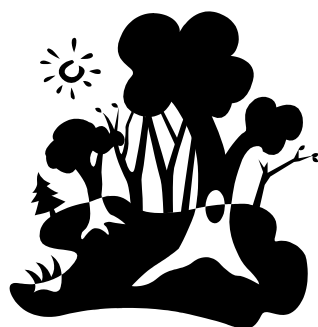
December Christmas Social

Outings

6th June	Jill Windmill & Clayton Church	
4th July	A walk around Shoreham	Trevor Povey
8th August	Visit to Storrington churches & museum with tea	
September	Visit to Rupert Toovey & Co Auction Rooms	

Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society Spring Show will take place on Saturday, 20th March in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall. Further details from drpnightingale@btinternet.com

Small Dole Horticultural Society Spring Show on Saturday, 13th March in the Small Dole Village Hall, Henfield Road, Small Dole. Contact Frank Whitehead 01273 492855.



Tottington Woodlanders need your help!

Tottington Woodlanders are a woodland conservation group based in Small Dole. We manage a 13-acre area of woodland using a range of traditional crafts. Our main focus is on cutting coppice, although we do engage in some charcoal burning and other woodland activities.

Our winter work programme started in October and continues very Sunday until 28th March 2004. We will have a two week break on 21st and 28th December.

Tools are available for all of our activities, and on site training is provided at each session. All levels of ability (both skill and physical strength) are catered for. We generally have a small fire to bake potatoes and boil a kettle of water (both provided).

If you would like to join us in making a real difference to your environment, whilst keeping fit, then phone Malcolm Knight on 01273 493316.

Crime Watch

Illegal parking puts people's lives in danger. The Fire Brigade is keen to try and stop the situation from getting worse. Inconsiderate parking and illegally parked cars may stop fire engines and other emergency vehicles from getting to the scene of incidents and accidents. Selfish parking prevents the emergency services from doing their job, and puts life at risk. That life could be yours.

Help the Police to help you. The Police need your help in beating crime! If you see someone being attacked or robbed dial 999. If you see someone lurking around your neighbour's house or trying car doors dial 999.

If you need to report something suspicious that does not require immediate action then dial 0845 6070999. Alternatively, contact the Police via e-mail at contact.center@sussex.police.uk

Virtual Bumblebee is now being used by Police across West Sussex to reunite people with their property. Police raids across West Sussex have recovered hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of property, but a huge amount still remains unclaimed. These items are now clearly on display at the Virtual Bumblebee website which can be found via our own neighbourhood website www.nhssteyning.org

The Beeding Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator is Pauline Kentell tel. 01903 812022.

15 years ago

Beeding & Small Dole Council News - April 1988

The following 2 articles appeared in the parish newsletter.

Vandalism, graffiti and litter are usually the result of an uncaring society. The Parish of Upper Beeding is probably no worse than any comparable village in Sussex. This Council has for many years been trying to combat the growing cancer of vandalism and has achieved some measure of success if one takes note of the report from Superintendent Richard Duplock, our Police Chief, who has said that our village is the least vandalized in this area.

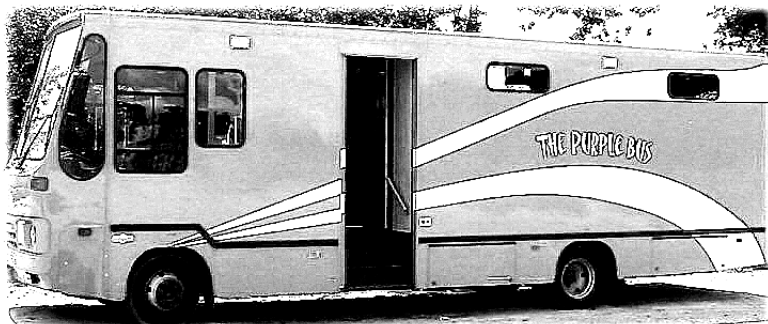
We provide many extra-mural activities for pupils here and encourage them to be involved in 'civic duties', our thinking is that if children are involved in local responsibilities and encouraged by parents and teachers, they will develop a sense of civic pride in their homes and surroundings which will result in more awareness of their environment and a wish to keep it neat and tidy, always remembering that we ourselves must set a good example.

From April this year (1988) the over 60s will be able to earn up to £15 a week without it affecting their pensions or benefits (we have already had some offers from mature residents). Up to 3 Litter Wardens could be appointed, supplied with equipment to work in the villages and regularly clear the worst affected areas on a rota so that no part of the Parish is neglected. This could be supplemented by sponsored clean-ups with supervised children or adult groups.



Rural Village Speed Limit Programme

West Sussex County Council will be addressing the new village speed limits as proposed in the programme. The sites for each year's programme are selected from a list of residential areas that have speed limits of 40mph or above which were set prior to the adoption of the new County Council speed limit criteria in 2000. The list is prioritized by the number of casualties resulting from road accidents over a three year period. For more information contact the County Council's Strategic Environmental Services.



The Purple Bus was here!

At the invitation of the Parish Council, the Purple Bus visited Upper Beeding on Wednesday evenings between 7:30 and 9:15pm from early September until mid December.

It parked in the main car park off the High Street by the sports field, operating as a mobile youth facility and information point for teenagers.

Numerous on-board activities were offered along with a wide range of information and advice on topics that affect young people.

The colourful posters that were displayed around the village helped young people to find out about the Purple Bus. It was well supported, and as many as 20 young people turned up one evening, close to the maximum capacity.

Though aimed at young people in the age range 13 to 18, most were younger teenagers, with a few pre-teenagers. The Purple Bus youth workers, Nick and Wendy, agreed to the pre-teens attending just the first hour of the session, to ensure that the teenagers had some time to themselves to discuss issues of interest.

The enthusiasm of local young people to get involved with the Purple Bus, suggested that there is a strong need for a more permanent village facility for young people. The challenge will be to identify enthusiastic and willing local volunteers to help assess the needs of these young people. Funding will be needed, and the West Sussex Rural Youth Office has indicated that appropriate support and advice may be provided.

Budget Consultation

The second stage budget consultation arrangements for the public about the budget options for 2004/05 will be covered by the January edition of 'Connections'.