

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Coldwell

August is frequently referred to as the 'silly season' in newspapers due to the lack of serious news and the consequent printing of stories that some might consider frivolous. It is the height of the holiday season, government is not sitting and schools are out for the month.

This is my way of telling the parish that there is little by way of news in the Parish Council; there have been successful fetes in Upper Beeding and Small Dole and I must congratulate all whose efforts made these events successful and well attended.

Whilst there may not have been much happening, I can tell you that the work to refurbish the playgrounds continues; slow progress perhaps but it does take time and effort to get all arrangements, not to mention funding, in place. Likewise the planned new changing rooms for the Memorial field in Upper Beeding is progressing; in this regard, a rumour has been circulated to the effect that the grant money has been or is in the process of being used for other projects and not what it was awarded for in the first place. Let me be clear that no grant application has been made for the construction of the new building, and no grant received for this purpose. The Parish Council did apply for and receive a grant for the planning application process, and this grant was used solely for this purpose. It is to be much regretted that such allegations are made and the credibility, indeed honesty, of council and councillors are called into question.

Looking to the future, in May next year there will be elections for the Parish and District councils. At least we hope there will be an election for the PC as there hasn't been one for some 25 years, not counting the bye-election of 2008. It is not too soon to ask councillors or the Clerk about how you can become a councillor and what it entails in the way of time and effort. More importantly, ask how you can make a difference.

At the time of writing, there have been few changes in Parish Councils in recent years; yes, there have been some of greater or lesser degree. But the programme of the current coalition government is expected to announce some extensive changes in October which will, if parliament approves, mean significantly greater powers to local councils and make the Parish Council a more exciting place to be. You can look up the proposals in the Cabinet Office web site or at <http://programmeforgovernment.hmg.gov.uk/> under Communities and Local Government.

BEEDING IN BLOOM

Although it has been a hot dry summer, our choice of geraniums and verbenas for our hanging baskets and containers has meant that these continued to look very good.

Over 70 people were welcomed by Dudley and Sarah Rushmere in their garden at "Farthings" in Henfield Road, for a cream tea, plant and cake sales. The event raised £350. During the afternoon the results of our annual garden competitions were announced. New categories were introduced this year covering a wider range of gardens and we were glad to see some new gardens being entered. The results are as follows:

"Best Allotment" 1st Jeff Dunstone, 2nd Dave Wells; "Best Novice Allotment" David Burrage. Gardens: "Cool and Calm" 1st Tony Ellmer, 2nd Phil Durden; "Hot and Fiery" 1st Brenda Emsley, 2nd Henry Comlidge; "Edible and Integrated" 1st Alan Beazley, 2nd Audrey Leazell, 3rd Julie Hammond; "Wild and Wonderful" 1st Lin and Chris Luck, 2nd Karen Bennet, 3rd Gladys Ross. Tony Ellmer was presented with the Jim Heritage Cup for the best overall garden. Mrs. Ross, who is 95, has been entering our competition for many years and she decided to make a special afternoon of it by inviting several of her family to join her for our cream tea.

We would like to thank everyone who has responded to our Sponsor a Basket Appeal this year, which raised £671. A further £71 was raised at our plant stall at the Beeding & Bramber Village Fete.

At the end of September, we will be clearing containers for winter planting, tidying up flower beds and pruning shrubs. Please spare an hour to help us. Contact either Dawn on 01903 813944 or Pat on 01903 812847.

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BRIGHTON & HOVE BUS SERVICE

Brighton & Hove Buses will be making some minor improvements to these bus services on Mondays to Saturdays from 26 September which will include a few extra buses running between Shoreham and Steyning.

In particular, the hour and twenty minute gap between buses arriving at Steyning between 1607 and 1728 on this otherwise hourly service will be filled with a new arrival in Steyning at 1704. In addition there will be an extra late bus from Brighton in the evenings leaving from Brighton at 2341 and arriving at Steyning at 0036.

On Mondays to Fridays there will be an extra peak hour bus from Steyning to Brighton and return on Service 59. It will leave Steyning at 0717 arriving Brighton at 0813, returning from Brighton at 1712 to be back in Steyning at 1801. On Saturday nights the N98 Night Club Bus leaving Brighton at 0305 will also be diverted to Steyning arriving at 0406.

Full timetables will be available from Brighton & Hove Buses in early September.

**UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL:
MEETING SCHEDULE 2010**

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

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>

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UPPER BEEDING VILLAGE HALL

Upper Beeding based recording artists **The Bud Whiteman Duo** are playing a fundraising event at the Village Hall in support of Hall funds on **Saturday 2 October**. Doors open 7.00 p.m. Bud Whiteman (Roy White) and Eileen D. will be playing a selection of Blues, Country, Jazz, Pop and Old Time songs from the past 60 years as well as a couple on tunes from their latest album. "There's a song for everyone" said Bud Whiteman" and we intend to make it a nice, relaxing evening for our audience." Bring your own food and drink and there will be chances to win prizes during the evening from the raffle event. So bring your dancing shoes and enjoy the evening whilst supporting a good cause – tickets at £5 per adult, under 16s go free with accompanying parents; available at the Upper Beeding Newsagents, High Street, Upper Beeding, or call 01903 813058. Please support your local Hall; you'll never know when you'll need it.

Quizzes continue on the third Wednesday of the month, the next one is 15 September at 7.30 p.m. Bring your own refreshments and learn about some weird and wonderful things! Last month we all learnt about Edith Piaf as well as animal heartbeats.

Is there anyone who would like to have a stall at our **Christmas Sale** on **20 November**? Charities are welcome to take part in this event as well as craft stalls. Tables cost £5 each and the sale starts at 11.00 a.m. going through to 3.00 p.m. Food, tea and coffee are available on the day. This is your chance to buy that special Christmas present.

Village Fete: It is now two months on and we wait to see how much money was made but what a brilliant day!!! Yet again the sun shone and everyone has commented on how good it was that the Village came together to enjoy another fabulous event. This was a busy, busy day for the organisers, and all those who had stalls – a huge thank you to all those who contributed in any way to make fete day superb. Thank you to the Parish Council for letting the fete organisers have the Playing Field for the day. Come along to the A.G.M. which will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 30 September at 7.30 p.m.

UPPER BEEDING FOOTBALL CLUB

Upper Beeding Football Club would like to thank everybody who helped with the Dudman Group 6-a-side Tournament held in July, it was a huge success with 130 teams and nearly 1,200 players taking part, and an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 people attending over the course of the weekend. Special thanks go to all the local companies who provided services and/or advertised in our tournament programme.

Unfortunately some "youths" have wrecked the goals that our junior teams use on the school pitch. All they managed to achieve is to cost the Football Club money that we can ill afford, to replace them. The Police are investigating, but it really is frustrating when all we are trying to do is to provide sport and recreation to the kids of the village.

All our teams are gearing up for the big season kick-off on the weekend of September 4/5th, for the coming season we will have teams in the following age groups, Under 8, U10, U13, U16, U18, and seniors. Any players interested in joining, or parents willing to help, can check out our website www.ubfc.co.uk where there are contact details of Club Officers and each of our team managers. We would love to hear from you.

BEEDING AND BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

We took two stalls at the summer fete for the sale of plants and produce and our rose and posy competitions, Winners in the competition for one specimen rose were: First: Joan Hornsby, second: Barbara Rachett and third: Jen Dowel. Winners of the children's competition for a posy of garden flowers were: First: Rebecca Starley, second: Lily and third: Heather Wells.

By the time you read this we will have held our Summer Show on 28th August. We hope that the drought this summer will not affect the number of entries too much.

Our next event is our A.G.M. in the Village Hall on Friday November 12th at 7.30 p.m. when all are welcome. About this time members will be ordering seeds and plants through the society at discounted prices. You can join by contacting 816199 or denise.rose3@btinternet.com. Read more about us at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/upperbeeding following the link on the first page.

Extract from Summer 2010 CRIME WATCH

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The newsletter of the Horsham South Sector Neighbourhood Watch

Introduction from the new Sergeant for Horsham South District: “My name is Bob Trevis and I would like to introduce myself as the new Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant for the Horsham South area. I am looking forward to working closely with the existing team of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers operating from the Steyning and Pulborough Police Stations. I have been a police officer with Sussex Police for 26 years in a variety of roles. I had early ambitions to be involved in both traffic and rural policing and after initial duties at Hastings and then on the firearms team at Gatwick, I was fortunate to be posted to the Traffic Division, (or Roads Policing to give it its up to date title). This continued for 14 years with most of my time spent at Horsham and Shoreham both of which gave me a close connection to the Horsham South area. In 2003 I was lucky enough to be posted to Steyning and was involved in response work across the area. I then had the opportunity to cross over to neighbourhood policing. I think it is safe to say that I bring a lot of experience not only in policing but also of the Horsham South area as a whole. I have a genuine enthusiasm for my new role and totally support Sussex Police's commitment to local policing. I would encourage everyone in the community to work with Sussex Police and other partner organisations to work towards keeping our communities safe. It is clear there are challenges ahead and many different issues to consider, some affecting the area as a whole and others more specific to local communities and locations.” **Sergeant Bob Trevis**, Steyning Police Station, Neighbourhood Response Team - D Section, Horsham South, Police Station, Charlton Street, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3LE.

Telephone scams are becoming more numerous and varied. They are all after one thing and that is your money. Sometimes the unsolicited callers will say you have won a large prize but they need your bank details to pay it to you. Or a recent scam pretending to be from BT threatens to cut off your phone for an unpaid bill unless you pay immediately. To convince you they even simulate cutting off your line by simply holding the call and pressing their mute button. Since scammers rely on sounding plausible to their victims, the best way to avoid being scammed is simply to doubt everything you hear. If someone calls claiming to be from your bank, ask for a phone number – a landline number – and insist on returning the call. Make sure you check the number belongs to your bank before calling back. It's the safest way to ensure you're dealing with someone legitimate. Be advised that bank security centres will sometimes call about a big purchase made on a credit card, but they will be glad to give you their phone number and let you call them back. If the caller demurs, you can be certain it's a scam.

Cannabis Factories Use of illegal drugs including Cannabis causes serious problems in our communities. Drug addiction causes young people to drop out of school, and makes parents lose interest in their children. It pushes people into lives of crime and poverty, destroys ambition and ruins lives. Drug dealing brings crime and violence to otherwise peaceful communities, and makes people feel helpless and afraid in their hometowns.

There has been a large increase in Cannabis Factories” across the country in the last two years with nearly 7,000 illegal farms and factories uncovered in 2009/10 alone, not only in the towns and cities but also in the more remote country areas.

Cannabis can be addictive; it damages the lungs and can cause irreversible changes in the brain. In particular the brains of teenagers appear to be very susceptible to the drug. Illegal Cannabis in the UK is mainly grown inside using strong lights to encourage its growth. The smell of cannabis is quite pungent, some say it is like a mixture of wet soil and burnt pine needles, but it may smell different for others. You may have a “factory” in a house near you. Look for one or more windows blanked off to conceal the lights. Are people coming and going carrying boxes or bags? Is there a strange smell near the house? If you have any suspicions please call 08006070999 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We have enjoyed two summer outings: one in May to the Marlipins Museum in Shoreham and one to Palmeira Mansions, Hove in June.

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 (see Diary of Events for details), or contact us on 01903 812847 or at history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk. You can also read more about us at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/upperbeeding following the link on the first page.

HISTORY OF BEEDING, PART 16, THE END OF THE MIDDLE AGES

The Middle Ages are considered to have ended in 1485, when Henry VII came to the throne, the first of the Tudor kings.

If we were to look at the village of Beeding around this time we would only recognise two buildings. One is the church, which had been rebuilt in the early 14th century on the site of the original Norman church. Behind it was the Priory of Sele that had been acquired by Maudlin College, Oxford in 1459. It now stood empty after the departure of the last monk in 1480 and would later be let to a Carmelite order from Shoreham. The vicarage was a little house in Hyde Street, where Glebe Cottage stands today.

The other building that we would know, at least from its interior, was the Kings Head, the earliest part of which was newly built about the 1470s. Without later additions and the rendering on the façade, we would see it as it really is: a handsome timber-framed building with a jettied frontage. As an inn for travellers, it would have provided stables in the yard and shared accommodation upstairs.

Along the High Street were other buildings, none of which have survived. Probably some were timber-framed with thatched roofs, but some could have been flint-built, looking something like Pound House Cottage, which is only a little later in date.

The Black Death had been severe in Sussex in 1348 and our own village could not have escaped its ravages. We do know that in 1382, the former manor house, where Beeding Court stands today, was derelict and that the former medieval settlement, south of Beeding Court, was abandoned in the 14th century. But climate change could also have been a factor. The climate had deteriorated after 1300 and there are records of great tempests and floods leading to land that had previously been reclaimed along the river estuary being over-run by the sea, while in the 1450s bad weather leading to animal diseases and poor harvests caused starvation and death.

With fewer peasants to farm the land, the landowners found it more profitable to let out their farms for rent and all these and other factors gradually led to the demise of serfdom at this time.

References:

1. *The Peasants' Revolt* by Mary Price
2. *The Kings Head*, by Dr. Janet Pennington, 2005
3. *The South-East from AD 1000* by Peter Brandon and Brian Short

Pat Nightingale

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.

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.

STEYNING (& DISTRICT) CHAMBER OF TRADE

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

Everyone who visits Steyning around Christmas time will appreciate the bright festive display of lights in the High Street. The Chamber of Trade will be organising an auction event in early October to raise money towards the Steyning "Christmas Lights Appeal" – so please look out for the posters in the shops. Also the Chamber looks forward to receiving any donations towards the "Steyning Christmas Lights Appeal" and will be placing small buckets for collecting any loose change in some shops in the High Street.

If you would like further information about joining the Chamber of Trade, please ring your local contact, Robin French, on 07796 607 542, or (01903) 812077.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Club is 20 years old this year and there are a few members who have stayed loyal to the Club throughout. We were started by the Village Hall committee who saw the then new sport as a means of raising income for the Hall. They allowed the bowlers to use the facilities for a much reduced cost; this enabled the players to amass enough money to form a Club. Horsham District Council's Leisure Link came down every week with equipment (mats and woods) so that we could get established. Grant aid was given by HDC to purchase our own equipment; we were the first club in the area to obtain grant aid from the District Council.

During the years we joined West Sussex Association and have played in their league for approx 16 years. Several of our members have represented the County in matches, travelling to various parts of the country to play games. The club's first competition was in Leisure Link's pairs where we gained valuable knowledge from playing against other clubs. Eventually we as a club won the Leisure Link pairs for three years with our individuals also winning the competition. These successes led players to entering County competitions where the learning curve was steep, but gradually the Club had several successes in singles, pairs, triples and fours. We do like to have a presence at County competitions.

As players get older and some drop out our fortunes recently have been mixed. The league team needs 8 players for a match so really a group of 10 or 11 players would be ideal and the Club is looking for competitive people who would join the club and be willing to join in matches and possibly competitions. Evening sessions are Tuesdays and Fridays from 7.15 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Beeding Village Hall. New players are welcome to come and try our sport. Our A.G.M. is at the Beeding Village Hall on Wednesday 8 September at 7.30 p.m.

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 200 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, 7th 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. 1 ¼ hours. **Leader Keith 01903 813381**

Wednesday, 8th September, 7.00 pm: Franklands Arms, Washington, (TQ123129). 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 in the pub car park. No dogs. **Leader Geoffrey 01903 744881**

Thursday, 9th September, 10.30 am: Fountain Inn, Ashurst, meet in the pub car park on B2135. 4 mile fairly flat (some stiles) circular walk over farmland and through woods. Can be very muddy No dogs. 2 hours. **Leader John 01403 263661**

Tuesday, 21st September, 11.00 am: Steyning, as for 7th September above.

ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE AUTUMN GIFT FAIR, 22 AND 23 SEPTEMBER, KNEPP CASTLE, SHIPLEY

Over 70 stalls offering local produce foods, home made cakes, gifts, housewares, linens, leather bags, designer clothing and the latest swimwear.

The Preview Night, Wednesday 22 September, 6.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m., offers guests wine, canapés and background music to enjoy whilst shopping. Advance tickets from Paula (01293 447367) at £15 per person.

Fair Day, Thursday 23 September, 9.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission £5, which includes a coffee and cupcake. Free parking and disabled facilities available.

Event organised by volunteer ladies of New Horizons Appeal in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice, and the venue given free by Sir Charles & Lady Burrell. All money raised goes direct to helping the hospice that helps those terminally ill in Sussex and Surrey.

Further information: Paula Daly 01293 447367, pauladaly@stch.org.uk or visit www.stch.org.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS

8 September 2010	3B's Women's Group, "Visit to Oberammergau" by Elaine Carter, followed by planning meeting, 8.00 p.m., Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding
8 September	Short Mat Bowls, A.G.M., 7.30 p.m., Beeding Village Hall
14 September	Small Dole Tuesday Club, Pudding tasting and games ('party' night), 7.30 p.m., Small Dole Village Hall
15 September	Quiz, 7.30 p.m., Beeding Village Hall
21 September	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meetings*
22/23 September	St. Catherine's Hospice Autumn Gift Fair, Knepp Castle, Shipley
30 September	Village Fete A.G.M., 7.30 p.m., Beeding Village Hall
2 October	The Bud Whiteman Duo, 7.00 p.m., Beeding Village Hall, (<i>Tickets £5 per adult, available at Upper Beeding Newsagents, or call 01903 813058</i>)
5 October	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meeting(s)*
6 October	Beeding and Bramber Local History Society, Sylvia Endacott, illustrated talk on the History of Bognor Regis, 7.45 p.m., Beeding Village Hall
12 October	Small Dole Tuesday Club, Talk on British wildlife with Arthur Hoare, 7.30 p.m., Small Dole Village Hall
13 October	3B's Women's Group "The Meaning of Remembrance Day for Me", by Rev. John Challis, 8.00 p.m., Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding
19 October	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meeting(s)*
20 October	Quiz, Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
2 November	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meeting(s)*
4 November	Beeding and Bramber Local History Society, John Funnell, "Recent Digs in Sussex", 7.45 p.m. Beeding Village Hall
9 November	Small Dole Tuesday Club 'Frozen Limits' – The Ice Hotel, with Peggy Weeks, 7.30 p.m. Small Dole Village Hall.
10 November	3B's Women's Group, "My work as Education Officer for West Sussex Wildlife Trust," by Ronnie Reed, 8.00 p.m., Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding
12 November	Beeding and Bramber Horticultural Society and Allotment Holders Association A.G.M., Beeding Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
16 November	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meeting(s)*
17 November	Quiz, 7.30 p.m., Beeding Village Hall
20 November	Christmas Sale, 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m., Beeding Village Hall (food, tea and coffee available)
7 December	Upper Beeding Parish Council (Committee) Meeting(s)*
8 December	3B's Women's Group Christmas Party, 8.00 p.m., Gladys Bevan Hall, Beeding
14 December	Small Dole Tuesday Club Christmas Party, with games, buffet, and carol singing, 7.30 p.m., Small Dole Village Hall

* For full details see Meeting Schedule on page 2

Editor's Note:

If you have an article or any information for inclusion in the next Quarterly Parish Council Newsletter (December) then please send this to me at the email address below at the latest by 21 November 2010.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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