

# Upper Beeding Parish Council News

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



My last report started with a reference to the state of the economy; we are now told that some 'green shoots' of recovery are being seen. Whether the economy is recovering or not is beyond my ken, but what is not in doubt is that the green shoots, and many other colours, of spring have arrived. Lovely to see all the spring flowers and the blossom on the trees after what has personally seemed a long winter. In the last issue I referred to the fact that the precept on Horsham District council had not changed and was soon after taken to task by a sharp eyed reader who noted that the Parish Council element of the council tax for the year had actually gone up. He was quite right, but that does not alter the fact that the money that the Parish Council requests has not changed. The rise results from the final calculations by the district Council and which are outside the PC's control.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 22nd April with a turn out of about 40 people; there were short presentations from Rev. John Challis, newly appointed Rector of St. Peters and Mandy Johannsen, again relatively recently arrived as Head of the Upper Beeding Primary school. Additionally Andy Sharpe and Juliet Hindson gave a fascinating presentation on the Baptist church supported educational project in the Pokot region of Kenya.

The Annual meeting, regrettably not publicised in our last issue, gives the opportunity for you to set the agenda for the meeting. There were few questions notified before the meeting but one raised in the open forum did give rise to some discussion. The Sports Hall costs the parish more than it earns and has done for many years. At the meeting it was described as an eye-sore as well as a drain in finances. The Parish Council is currently in the midst of a project to re-build the changing rooms as the first part of a two stage strategy, the second being the hall itself. On the changing rooms we expect to have the final approvals in the very near future and then the process of finding the necessary funding.

The sports hall itself is a more complex issue and will be very much more difficult to resolve. At present the usage of the hall does not generate enough income to cover costs. The Council will have to work out what facilities will be required in a new hall in order to increase the time the hall is in use. I am aware that many gave their views when we did the Parish Plan questionnaire and this document will inform the decision making process.

Full meetings of the Parish Council are held on the first Tuesday of every month except August, and the committees meet on the third Tuesday of the odd-numbered months. These meetings are open and time is allowed for questions to be put to the respective Chairmen. Whilst I realise that there are many more interesting, even exciting, ways of passing an evening it is a good opportunity to see your council at work and to question it.

*David Coldwell, Chairman*

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There has been some confusion about the parish precept, as it appears on the Council Tax bills. As the Chairman stated in the last edition, our precept is unchanged from last year, at £115,000. However, the bills show an increase in the parish element of 1.4%. The figure quoted on the bill is called the "Band D Equivalent".

This figure is based on a complicated formula laid down in the Council Tax legislation. As well as the actual precepted charge, the Band D Equivalent takes account of such things as:

- The number of properties in each tax band. This is affected by, amongst other things, the number of new properties built during the year, the number demolished, and the number whose band has changed as a result of successful appeals to the Valuation Tribunal against the banding.
- The number of properties in each band subject to deductions/allowances. This includes those which attract single-occupier allowance and empty property allowance.
- The estimated collection rate. This is the amount of the total assessed tax which the District Council estimate (based on previous experience) that they will be able to collect successfully.

Clearly, all these factors are variable from year to year, and this explains the increase this year in the tax per property for the parish element from £75.62 to £76.67.

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Our next event will be the Summer Show on Saturday 29 August in the Village Hall. With more new allotment holders joining our Society, we are hopeful that they will have a go at entering something! There will be various categories for fruit and vegetables, photos and handicrafts, cooking and preserves, for both adults and children. You can see what to enter and how by obtaining a Show Book from 812847. Membership of the Society is only £3 per annum and entitles you to an annual seed order at discounted prices. We would also like to arrange some meetings with speakers on horticultural subjects.

## SALTINGS FIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

Hopefully, some of you would have come along to either or both the A.G.M. and Early Morning Bird walk we held in April and learnt something more about this important Field. The three mounds, which we keep mown on a regular basis during the season, are classified as Ancient Monuments, being Salterns and a relic of the once busy saltmaking industry of the Adur Valley. Salt was all important in the 13th-15th centuries mainly for food preservation. The Adur Valley had approximately 168 of these mounds but most if not all have been ploughed up or are overgrown so 'our' three are very rare. Please enjoy your visits to the Field where you can appreciate the mixed flora and fauna - indeed, a plant survey last August revealed 92 different plant/grass types. But PLEASE, dog walkers clear up after your pet and use the dog bin by the main gate which is regularly emptied by H.D.C. every Thursday morning. We shall have a stall at the Village Fete on Saturday, June 27th next - do come in and give us a call.

*David Geere*





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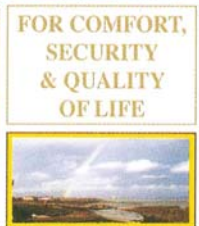

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- be a driver, meals-on-wheels volunteer or travel friend.
- help with activities, prepare lunches or help with gardening and D.I.Y. tasks.
- assist with conservation and environmental projects in the West Sussex area.

Many local organisations rely on volunteers without whom they could not maintain the range and quality of services they are able to offer to the community. For information, advice and introductions please contact Horsham Volunteer Centre on 01403 232100, email [horshamvolunteer@btconnect.com](mailto:horshamvolunteer@btconnect.com) or visit [www.hacvs.org/volunteering.htm](http://www.hacvs.org/volunteering.htm) which is linked to the national Do-It website.

  
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As Cars become increasingly difficult to steal with the introduction of immobilisers, thieves are now resorting to obtaining the keys in order to take cars. To do this they will enter a property to find the keys and then drive off in the car parked outside. Many people place their keys on a hall table when they return home so they are ready for when they go out again. This makes them easy for thieves to find who may even just poke a wire through the letterbox to reach them. Please make sure your car keys are well hidden in your home and ensure you always keep your doors locked, even when you are in.

#### News Around The Area

The Horsham South Neighbourhood Policing Team has continued to work closely with the community and their professional partners over the last three months. Steyning, Upper Beeding/Bramber: There are two new PCSOs in these areas, Charlotte Whittaker and Anna Giles. The girls are settling into their new roles and are concentrating on their priorities; in Steyning they are: - Anti social driving, underage drinking and dogs, and in Upper Beeding/Bramber: - Anti social driving, Criminal damage and anti social behaviour.

**If you witness an emergency, incident or crime in progress, ring 999 immediately. For crimes not in progress or any other non-emergency matters ring 0845 60 70 999**

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

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 19th "The future of Shoreham Port" by Peter Davies  
Steyning Society Steyning Centre 7.30pm
- 21st Steyning in Bloom  
Afternoon Garden tour & tea  
Contact 01903 813938
- 24th Steyning & District Flower Club  
"Natures Montage" Debbie Dann  
Steyning Centre 7.30pm info 01903 816095
- 27th Beeding & Bramber Summer Fete.
- 27th Steyning Horticultural Society  
Coach trip to St. Albans and visit to  
Royal National Rose Society's Garden
- 28th Steyning & Ashurst Conservation Group  
Meet Fletchers Croft 9am finish 1pm  
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### JULY

- 2nd Ashurst Parish Council Meeting  
8pm Village Hall
- 8th Local Walk & refreshments  
3B's Women Group. 01903 810478
- 11th Steyning Horticultural Society  
A guided tour of Nymans Gardens
- 19th Steyning & Ashurst Conservation Group  
Meet Fletcher Croft 9am finish 1pm  
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Open Gardens Event  
Tickets Beeding News or Towers Convent
- 22nd Steyning & District Flower Club  
"Inspiration" Elaine Middleton  
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### AUGUST

- 6th Visit to 6 acre Prairie Garden Henfield  
Steyning Horticultural Society
- 15th Small Dole Horticultural Society  
Summer Show Village Hall
- 16th Steyning & Ashurst Copnservation Group  
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- 29th Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society  
Summer Show Village Hall Beeding

### SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Beeding & Bramber Local History Society  
"Secrets of the Royal Pavilion"  
Village Hall High Street 7.45pm
- 3rd Ashurst Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall 8pm
- 5th Autumn Show Steyning Centre 2.30pm  
Steyning Horticultural Society
- 23rd Steyning & District Flower Club  
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Please support the Hall's stalls at the Fete on Saturday 27 June; we will have a huge tombola. If you have any gifts for this stall please drop them in to the Hall. The Hall committee and users are also helping to man the BBQs at the fete. On that day remember to visit, and have a sausage as well as a beef burger. Again if you could donate a bit of your time to helping out on the day do let one of the committee know or phone 01273 493184 or 01903 813813.

The A.G.M. will have passed by the time you read this article, but we always welcome new expertise to our ranks. Are you a handy person who can help with the numerous D.I.Y. jobs that need doing or do you have good ideas for fundraising? Remember the Hall belongs to you, the residents of Beeding & Bramber and not to the "Council"; all improvements are funded by the Hall's own efforts so the more people involved the better it is for everyone.

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**BEEDING IN BLOOM SUMMER EVENTS**

**VISIT OUR STALL AT THE SUMMER FETE ON SATURDAY 27 JUNE**

Plants and other garden items for sale. Contributions welcome - ring Tricia on 812366.

**OPEN GARDENS EVENT ON SUNDAY 19 JULY (12 - 5 PM)**

Don't miss this chance to visit some of our best local gardens. Tickets available from Beeding News or in Towers Convent Car Park on day.

**ENTER OUR ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION** This year the categories will be:- "Best Front Garden", "Best Container Display", "Best Neighbourhood Award" for three or more adjacent gardens; "Best Allotment" and "Best Newcomer's Allotment (under two years)". Entry forms available from Beeding News.

**PLEASE HELP BY SPONSORING A BASKET IN 2009**

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 of any amount, please enclose it with the slip below, marking envelope "Beeding in Bloom". Thank you so much for your help.

**WE DESPERATELY NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HELP US WITH PLANTING OR WEEDING. PLEASE CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OCCASIONALLY TO HELP US?**

Telephone Pat on 812847.

*Beeding in Bloom Committee*

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We had some excellent speakers in the first part of the year. In the coming months we have some summer outings and walks for members and their guests. In September we will be back in the Village Hall at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month for our Autumn programme. Non-members are always welcome to attend for £2.

**Wed. Sept. 2nd** Secrets of the Royal Pavilion  
by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs

**Wed. Oct. 7th** The Wealden Iron Industry  
by Jeremy Hodgson

**Wed. Nov. 4th** The Dig at Titnore Lane,  
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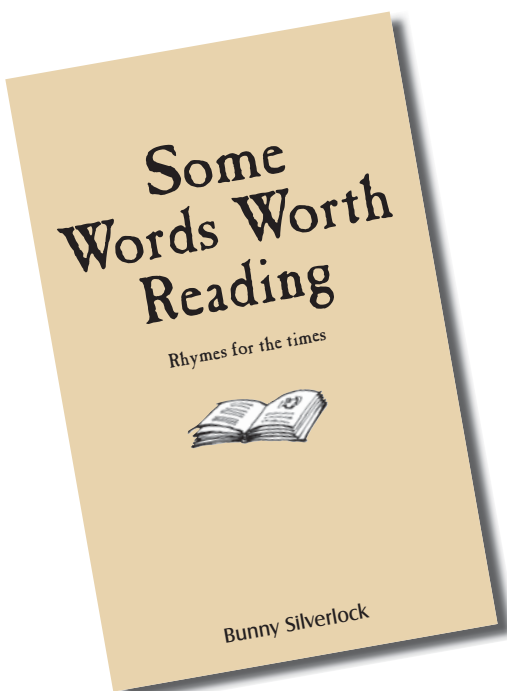
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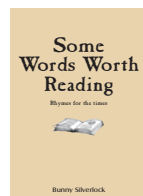


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Join us at **Breast Cancer Care's Petworth House & South Downs Ribbon Walk** taking place **27 June**. We want everyone to come together to support people affected by breast cancer. Whether you've had breast cancer yourself, plan to walk for family or friends, or just want to enjoy a fun day's walk in stunning countryside, this is a day to celebrate, be moved and inspired. To enter and for further details please visit [www.ribbonwalk.org.uk](http://www.ribbonwalk.org.uk) or call 0870 145 0101.

**THURSDAY CLUB**

Upper Beeding and Bramber Thursday club continue to meet on alternate Thursday evenings during term time from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm 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 can be obtained from our Chairman Marion Emery, by ringing 01903 813014.

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