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Upper Beeding Parish Council News

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

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The cost of vandalism

Your council has spent **£6,418.14** of **your money** on the repair of deliberate damage from May 2004 to January 2005.

Damage has included –

refilling the holes dug by vandals in the Small Dole play area

replacing public notices from Upper Beeding allotments and play area

removing graffiti from the old toilet block

supplying and fitting a new chain and padlock to the vandalised metal gate on the playing field

refitting the vandalised street sign in Church Lane

repairing the seat in in Saltings Field

clearing vandalised tree branches from the playing field

installation of new bollards at the entrance to Saltings Field

supplying new laminated glass to the vandalised bus stop in Small Dole (but the frame was vandalised before the new glass was fitted)

repair to the fence in Hyde Street open space

removing graffiti from the ladies and gents toilets in the Sports Hall

fitting new posts and sign in New Road

replacing glass - vandalised main Sports Hall door

On a note of welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Stephen Harper, Sub-Postmaster and Dr Alan Robinson, Pharmacist, who after having successfully run an inner city pharmacy in Manchester for many years have taken over the Beeding Pharmacy, Post Office and Store on Saturday, 5th February. We wish them every success in the future.

Saltings Field

Activity during the dull and damp winter months has been restricted to general maintenance with most of our efforts being devoted to keeping the brambles at bay in the ancient hedge. Apparently, this hedge appears in very old maps of Beeding and when our committee first took over looking after Saltings Field, it was getting in a pretty poor state through the ingress of brambles. Their rapid growth was strangling the indigenous shrubs and trees and in two or three areas, we had to completely grub out whole sections and start again with new whips which will support birds nests in a few years time.

The volunteer group Green Gym, which is affiliated to the B T C V, are signed up to help us again this year on a regular basis and their efforts in keeping the hedge in trim and other tasks is invaluable. We have a contractor to cut the Salterns which are now possibly unique in their accessibility. There were once 168 in the Adur valley – all evidence of the once bustling salt making industry of the 13th to 15th century. Our three remain whilst the rest have been ploughed over, have trees growing on them or have just disappeared.

On Thursday, 24th April, we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting in the Beeding & Bramber village hall commencing at 7:30pm. All will be welcome to hear the Saltings Field Committee report and should anyone wish to join in our efforts, please make yourselves known. Following a refreshment break, Keith Noble of the RSPB will be giving an illustrated talk on the wildlife in Zambia where he recently went to join his wife Alison. Keith's talks and illustrations have in the past been excellent and this is not one to miss. Entrance is free.

Keith will be leading our Early Morning Bird walk on Saturday, April 30th and those of you wishing to participate in this regular and now established event should be at the main gate off Saltings Way at no later than 6:00am.

Following a two hour stroll, we will finish at roughly 8:00am at the Castle Hotel, Bramber where there will be an optional full English breakfast available at £6 but you must book in by Wednesday, April 27th telephoning 01903 813 814.

Neighbourhood Watch

Nearly 500 people in Upper Beeding are involved in the Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) costs you absolutely nothing, and is run solely by volunteers who do an absolutely splendid job. You know who you are and you all deserve a big thank you!

The aim of NHW is mainly crime prevention; making us more aware of protecting ourselves and our property, and looking out for each other.

How often do we read in the local press of events that took place a week or two weeks previously? One of our aims is to inform people as quickly as possible of potential crimes and also of problems that have occurred. For example, of burglaries that have occurred very recently – descriptions (if any) of possible suspects – details, of items stolen – how the property was entered. It may be that the police have asked us to look out for certain vehicles. There was, recently, a rash of bogus callers and NHW has issued many warnings of these callers; especially looking out for the vulnerable members of our communities.

Neighbourhood Watch is free, give me a ring - Pauline Kentell tel: 01903 812 022

Emergency Data Link

Do you remember the launch in May 2000 of the Emergency Data Link Service? Upper Beeding was one of the pioneers of this scheme. It is a very simple but effective service that is sponsored by the NHW Federation. Do you remember those notices asking you; "Has your fridge got the message?", and wondered what it was all about? Let me explain, it's for people who live alone or for someone who has an illness and could collapse, alone at home or for those who have not been seen by neighbours for some time - the emergency services are called to rescue and treat these people. All the information about these people can be provided, on the spot, by the Emergency Data Link. A small film cannister has a form in it which you fill in giving vital time and life-saving information about yourself. The cannister is stored in the fridge.

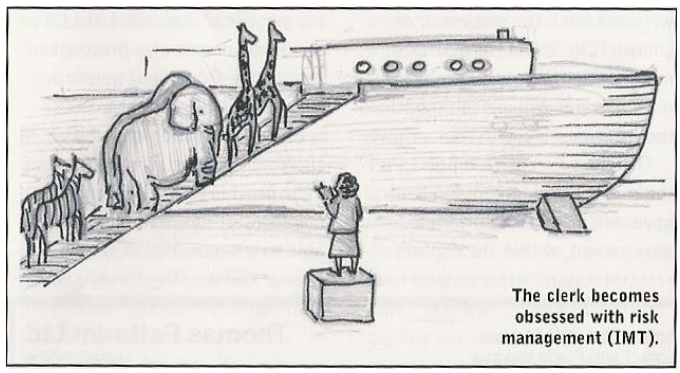
Why the fridge? Well in the event of fire, the fridge's contents are found to be safe. The canister has a green cross label on it clearly displayed. A similar sticker is put on your front door with a green cross on it, and also on the door of your fridge, indicating that the cannister is inside the door.

The green cross is recognised by all the emergency services in Sussex.

Such a simple idea, that is free, could save a life. Interested? Give me a ring - Pauline Kentell tel: 01903 812 022

Dates for Council Meetings

All Council meetings start at 7:30pm – Tuesday, 3rd May in the Village Hall, Upper Beeding; Tuesday, 5th July in the Village Hall, Small Dole; Tuesday, 6th September in the Village Hall, Upper Beeding; Committee meetings start at 7:00pm – Village Hall, Upper Beeding; Tuesday, 19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July.



The clerk becomes obsessed with risk management (IMT).

Your Council – Roles and Responsibilities

Individual Councillors

Parish Councillors are elected by the electors of the parish (section 16 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972) every four years. A councillor may also be returned by bye-election, co-option, appointment by the district or by return after a successful election petition.

All councillors are required to complete a declaration of Acceptance of office and to provide a written undertaking that they accept the Council's Code of Conduct.

Individual councillors work together to serve the community and to help the Council to make decisions on behalf of the local community. Councillors contribute to the work of the council by suggesting ideas, engaging in constructive debate and by responding to the needs and views of the community representing their constituents.

Councillors comment on proposals to ensure the best outcome and vote to enable the council to make decisions. Councillors must accept the decision of the Council as a whole even if they do not agree with it. In such circumstances a councillor may ask for a vote against a resolution to be recorded.

Councillors are required to behave in an ethical way and to declare an interest when necessary.

The Mobile Café will visit Upper Beeding on Tuesday evenings from 19th April to 24th May 05 and will park in the car park off the High Street. The vehicle will be on site from 7:30 – 9:30pm.

Upper Beeding

Upper Beeding is so fine
Probably the nicest people you'll ever find.
Perhaps a stroll along the river bank
Every tourist loves it here.
River ripples slowly as ducks and swans float by.

Beeding in bloom is the best,
Even better than the rest!
Every garden is superb.
Dingy races are absurd.
Interesting outfits are unique
No other village is so great.
Going to the park is so much fun and
having a picnic with a chum.

by Grace Williams
Upper Beeding Primary School

Events at Upper Beeding Primary School

Thursday, 5th May: FUBS Film Show at 3:30pm
Saturday, 14th May: FUBS car boot and plant sale 9:00am to 12:00
Thursday, 23rd June: Junior production of 'Oliver'
Friday, 1st July: FUBS Fun Night & BBQ 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Planning Applications

Planning applications for the Parish will be available for viewing at the Steyning Centre from the end of March.

Tottington Woodlanders

Get gardening, think green, buy local ~ a reminder that we have various types of products for the garden available to buy, for example, bean sticks, pea boughs, planters, trellis, hanging baskets, mini hurdles and flower stakes. If we do not have the size or style you want, please ask and we will try to have them. These products are very environmentally friendly and help to support your wood and our vital work in protecting it! Prices start from as little as 20p for stakes up to a few pounds for planters or trellis.

Charcoal for sale ~ remember last summer? Weeks of warm, sunny weather – many evenings outside!! What you need is locally produced charcoal which the Woodlanders are able to produce on a large scale.

The Woodlanders' Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th May at 7:30pm in Small Dole village hall.

Have you ever seen a Stag Beetle? If so (dead or alive) please let Pat Nightingale know e-mail **dpnightingale@btinternet.com**

Snap U17 Dance Nights

Held at the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, 7:30 to 10:30pm; for ages 13 to 17.

27th May, 15th July, 30th Sept, and 25th Nov 2005.

Tickets £4 in advance, £5 on the door from Pavilion in the Park Reception and the Capitol.

Box office tel: 01403 750 220.

Beeding Newsagent is arranging a collection for a planter opposite the pharmacy in memory of Mary Staley who passed away in December. Mary, who together with her husband, managed the 'Beeding Store and Pharmacy' for many years. Please contact Sue at the Beeding Newsagent for details.

Small Dole WI

12th April – Confessions of a telegram boy: Ray Butler
10th May – Resolutions
14th June – Fabric dyeing, quilting: Diane Whitehead
12th July – Trading Standards Service: a talk
For more details phone 01273 494 947

Beeding & Bramber History Society

6th April – David Tait: 'Bungalow Town and early cinema in Shoreham', held in the Village Hall, Upper Beeding, starting 7:45pm.

Summer outings are arranged between May and August. Please contact – **dpnightingale@btinternet.com** for details.

Beeding Thursday Club meets every other Thursday in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall. For information, please phone Daphne on 01903 814 178. Peggy Weeks' "Beating the Blues" evening on 20th January was good fun (with audience participation) and a great success!

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Action Plan 2005-06

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is now consulting others on its draft IRMP. Risk management planning is at the heart of good governance and it is seen as an important element in modernising the Fire & Rescue Service. Essentially, the plan is about putting people first and bringing about significant reductions in deaths and injuries from fires and other emergencies through a bigger emphasis on community fire safety.

You can have your say by completing the feedback form found on the website – **www.westsussex.gov.uk** and following the links to West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

Should you have any difficulties in accessing the questionnaire on the website, please contact the IRMP consultation team on 01403 213 261.

Village Facilities

Beeding & Bramber Village Hall
(bookings 01903 816 790)

Sports Hall & Tennis Court
(bookings 01903 816 790)

Sports Hall hire charges ~
Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 6:00pm – £5/hour; 7:00pm to 10:00pm – £7/hour

Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00am to 10:00pm £8/hour

Tennis Court hire charges ~

Adults £4 per hour per court for up to 4 adults

Juniors (under 16s) £2 per hour for up to 4 juniors

Allotment gardens – there are still some plots available, rent is 10p per square metre per annum. Please contact the Clerk for details.

If you want to comment on the South East Plan, log on to the website – **www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan** or phone 01483 555 208 and have your say before 15th April.

Do you like living in the parish of Smalldole & Edburton?

What do you like about it? Do you think it could be improved?

Do you want more houses? If so what size and type should they be? Affordable – low rent – half buy – half rent – low cost to buy – 2 bedrooms – 3 bedrooms – or larger?

Is there a traffic problem – speeding – parking – abandoned vehicles – untaxed vehicles?

Are you satisfied with childcare in the parish?

Should there be a 'walking bus'?

Do you think there are enough facilities for young people?

What about recreational facilities – sport, walking, riding, public transport to get to further facilities?

Is there anything which could be done for the retired? Could the facilities be improved? What about a Good Neighbours scheme?

What about the disadvantaged? How should they be helped?

Do you feel safe living here? Is there enough being done to combat crime? Could we extend the Neighbourhood Watch?

Are you satisfied with Neighbourhood Wardens and Community Safety Officers?

Is there enough being done for conservation?

Is the parish clean enough? What about grass cutting? Do we need more trees in the parish?

Is there a problem with footpaths? Drainage?

Could there be more help for businesses in the parish?

What other facilities would you like to see in the parish?

Do you think the parish needs to develop long-term plans for the future?

Come along to the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall on Wednesday 25th May 2005 at 7:30pm and have your say on these topics and any other subjects that you think could be beneficial to the parish.

Rubbish to Resource

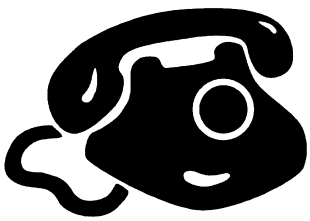
For better tomorrows discover better ways to deal with your rubbish. Prevention is better than cure, and there are three areas where you can make a real difference day in and day out. They are food waste, composting of garden waste, and the use of real nappies **not** disposable nappies.

Changing your approach to these means you'll be making a change for the better that everyone can appreciate.

Contact Daphne Brown at West Sussex County Council on tel: 01243 777 572 or e-mail **daphne.brown@westsussex.gov.uk** for details.

West Sussex Waste Prevention Adviser Scheme is a partnership project between West Sussex County Council and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

To find out more, tel: Julia Fraser on 01243 81 44 81 or e-mail – **fraser@btcv.org.uk**

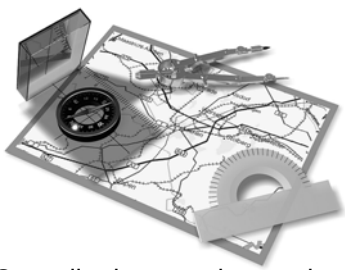


Useful Telephone Numbers

Neighbourhood Wardens: Paul 07734 387 888; Jason 07734 387 889; Office 01903 813 236; Police 08456 070 999 (non urgent).

Ring the Wardens to report any incident or anti-social behaviour. Without your help, anti-social behaviour, much of which still goes unreported, cannot be tackled effectively.

Millennium Maps



The millennium maps of Beeding and Bramber have been attracting international interest from Italy.

West Sussex County Council planners have also been discussing the maps with EU planners. The millennium maps were the first maps in modern times to have been drawn up by local people showing places of historical and local interest.

The maps have also been shown in an exhibition at Genoa University where they aroused special interest.

West Sussex Learning Links

2005 is the year of the volunteer! Buddylinks – get out and have fun!

Would you share some of your leisure time to accompany an adult with a Learning Disability twice a month to a leisure activity of their choice and interest to you?

The activities we are wanting to promote are: swimming, going to the cinema, ten pin bowling, walking, picnics in the countryside, trips to the theatre, going to a gym or a café for a drink, visiting a local attraction.

Many of us take our leisure time for granted and look forward to a trip out, ranging from a walk in the countryside to visiting the bowling alley or the cinema. A person who has learning difficulties also looks forward to their free time but in a lot of situations their choices are limited to staying at home due to a lack of extra care support and isolated living.

If you would be interested in volunteering with this new project we would be delighted to hear from you or perhaps you know a friend or relation who would be interested in sharing some of their free time? We are able to cover mileage, entrance fees and car park costs by way of appreciation of your help and time and offer training and support you in your role as a Buddy.

For more information please contact – Buddylinks Team, Twyford Lodge, Huffwood Trading Estate, Partridge Green, Horsham RH13 8AU

tel: 01403 713 528, e-mail: **buddylinks@onetel.com**

Road Works

The West Sussex County Council's Highways Works 2005/06 and Forward Programme is including the following work to be carried out in Upper Beeding and Small Dole during the financial year 2006-2007:

* Henfield Road, Small Dole outside 'The Burrells' – drainage improvements

* Upper Beeding and Hyde Lane West and Sele Gardens footway – footway reconstructions

* Hyde Street junction with New Road – drainage improvements.

The Annual Parish meeting

The annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th April at 7:30pm in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall.

Small Dole Flower Power

H E L P ! Small Dole Flower Power was formed last year to bring some all-year-round colour and interest to the village. The group is very small and we need, therefore, some extra 'hands' to help with the watering of the hanging baskets. To this end we would ask if anyone has any time to spare, however little, kindly ring Iris Banfield on 01273 494 361.

Also, donations towards the cost of providing the wonderful displays throughout the year would be most gratefully received. Your help will ensure that we can carry on providing displays which have, so far, prompted kind and encouraging comments. Thank you.

Iris Banfield and Carol Elliott, Small Dole Flower Power

Small Dole Flower Power

Name:

Address:

I / we would like to make a donation and enclose £

Alternatively, I/we would like to help with watering / with planting up

Beeding in Bloom Committee

Would you be prepared to sponsor one of our hanging baskets again this year? The cost to plant up each of these is £10.

With your generous help and support we were able to win last year in the South East in Bloom competition a Silver Gilt certificate for 'Overall winners of the large village category of the in-Bloom competition'. We are keen to repeat this success this year.

If you are able to sponsor a basket or make a donation towards one, please enclose it with the slip below and deliver it to one of the addresses below.

(Cheques should be made payable to 'Beeding in Bloom')

Thank you

Tony Sullivan
Chairman
Southdown House
High Street
Upper Beeding
Tel / Fax: 01903 816 585

Tricia Tow
Secretary
Falcons
High Street
Upper Beeding
Tel: 01903 812 366

Beeding in Bloom Committee

Name:

Address:

I / we would like to sponsor a basket and enclose £

Alternatively, I/we would like to help by