

# Upper Beeding Parish Council News

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



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## Chairman's letter

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

for your enjoyment, we are pleased to welcome back to our sports field Upper Beeding Cricket Club for all their home games. Oh! for the sound of a crisp hit four or even a six on a hot summer's afternoon - we wish!!

If you are interested in joining, please contact Alastair Allan – email [sawfish@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sawfish@tiscali.co.uk)

Please be reminded that our excellent Football Club is adding to our choice of entertainment throughout the year with quizzes and race nights as well as excellent football. Watch out for their flyers or contact Steph Gretton on mobile 07803 191 625. Don't say there's nothing to do!

## Drought Update from South East Water

The Environment Agency and South East Water are reminding people that it's essential for everyone to continue to use water wisely, as a lack of rainfall leaves the south east in the grip of a worsening drought. We have now had below average rainfall for the last 14 months across Kent, Sussex and Hampshire. That has left groundwater levels, some river flows and reservoirs well below normal levels for the time of year.

David Shore, Director of Operations at South East Water, said: "We are facing a worsening drought crisis and, in particular, our groundwater sources, which provide three-quarters of our water supply, are still well below average for the time of year. Unless we get substantial and prolonged rainfall, significant recovery of these water sources seems unlikely. That could result in our current hosepipe ban in Sussex and Kent continuing this summer, as well as the possibility of further and more widespread restrictions. This could include applying to the Secretary of State for a Drought Order which, if granted, would allow us to introduce further restrictions on water use, such as for the watering of golf courses and public parks and gardens."

While Arlington reservoir near Berwick, East Sussex, one of the company's more robust sources, is currently 93% full, other reservoirs in the region are at much lower levels. Ardingly Reservoir, in West Sussex, which in a normal year would be overflowing right now, is only 62% full, while the southern region's largest reservoir, Bewl Water at Lamberhurst, which is owned by Southern Water but from which South East Water also take some water supplies, is only 36% full.

South East Water is continuing to work with the Environment Agency and other water companies at a regional level to manage the current water resources situation. This includes utilising the available network of water mains to move all available water around the region to secure supplies, while also pressing ahead with additional engineering schemes to provide further operational support.

The ban, which is still in force from last summer, prohibits the use of hosepipes for watering private gardens and washing private vehicles. It also prohibits the use of garden sprinklers, which use as much water in an hour as a family of six does in one day. This is the first year the company has had to introduce any restrictions on water use since 1995.

Customers can log onto [www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk) for more information on water efficiency tips for the home and garden.

# Upper Beeding Parish Council



## Annual Parish Meeting

To be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 at 7:00 for 7:30pm in the  
Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding

### Agenda

7:00pm Refreshments – Fair Trade Teas & Coffees will be served

7:30pm Welcome: Mr. John Peake – Chairman Upper Beeding Parish Council

### Guest Speaker

7:35 – 8:15pm Mr Ian Dewar – Viridor – Manager, Horton Landfill Site, Henfield Road, Small Dole

8:20pm Annual Parish Meeting

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 To adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th April 2005
- 3 Matters for reporting
  - 1 Upper Beeding & Small Dole Youth Projects
    - i Thursday evenings Youth Club - Youth Workers
    - ii Youth Projects Small Dole - Louise Sunderland
  - 2 Parish Plan - David Coldwell
  - 3 Reports from Neighbourhood Wardens Louise Sunderland & Paul Thayre and Police Community Support Officer Vanessa Bretton
- 4 Chairmen's reports  
Council: Finance & General Purposes, Amenities, Sports & Leisure and Planning Committees
- 5 Open Forum / Questions

County and District Councillors will be present.

## Have Your Say - Parish Plan

Based on extensive consultation, a Parish Plan identifies a communities' needs. It includes an action plan that prioritises the issues raised, and sets out how they might be tackled. Parish plans are an opportunity for the Parish Council and all in the Parish to have a say in how their local area and services are managed. A Parish Plan that provides clear evidence of local priorities can be a key resource for decision-makers to guide future development.

A Parish Plan should be more than a survey of housing needs. It can cover everything of relevance to the people who live in the Parish focussing especially on social, economic and environmental issues. It addresses the needs of the entire community and everyone should have an opportunity to participate in its preparation.

A Steering group of parishioners has now been created; the Chairman is David Coldwell, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, and the Secretary (and Vice Chairman) is Alan Beazley. The Group has had a number of meetings to work out how the Plan is to be created and how you will be involved in the consultation process. Ultimately there will be a quite detailed questionnaire which will address all aspects of living in the Parish and which will be developed through consultation with all segments of our society – all age groups, clubs, businesses and special interest groups.

An early opportunity to participate will come at the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May at 7.00pm at the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. In the meantime if you wish to take a more direct approach to the creation of the plan, please contact David Coldwell on 01273 495808 or by e-mail: [david.coldwell@btinternet.com](mailto:david.coldwell@btinternet.com)

### Small Local Businesses

My name is Simon Yorke-Johnson, I have lived in Upper Beeding with my family for 16 years. I have recently set up a business providing private, one to one tuition for children in this area. I operate from Hyde Square, Upper Beeding where I have a classroom. In addition I offer daytime tuition for home tutored children as well. I offer KS1/2/3 support in Maths and English.

I have nearly 20 years teaching experience having spent the last 10 years as a Deputy Headteacher at a local primary school. I have a current CRB disclosure and also work part-time as a youth worker in Lancing.

Contact me on e-mail [simon@learn-2.co.uk](mailto:simon@learn-2.co.uk) or telephone 01903 813133

### Small Dole WI Programme for 2006

4<sup>th</sup> April - Wild Life & VSOs work in Zambia

9<sup>th</sup> May - Resolutions

13<sup>th</sup> June - Anecdotes of Head Teacher

4<sup>th</sup> July - Mongolian Evening

8<sup>th</sup> August - No W.I. meeting

12<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Time

14<sup>th</sup> November - Behind Close Doors

12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party

Meetings start at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in Small Dole Village Hall. Sub-groups: Walking, Swimming, Indoor Bowls, Knitting, Lunch Club. For more information please tel: 01273 494 947

### Neighbourhood Wardens

Paul Thayre 0773 438 7888 and Louise Sunderland 0773 438 7889 or at the office (message taker) 01903 813 236.

Our **Police Community Support Officer** is Vanessa Bretton and you can contact Vanessa on e-mail [vanessa.bretton@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:vanessa.bretton@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or by phone 0845 60 70 999 extension 20242.

### Spring Show

The Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Spring Show will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall between 10:00am and 4:00pm.



### Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of Beeding & Bramber Village Hall is due to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006, starting at 7:30pm in the Hall. Everyone from the two villages is welcome to attend.

We need a volunteer for each of the honorary positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council of Management. This Council is responsible for the running and administration of the hall, meeting four times a year. Contact Lorna Crutchlow on telephone number 01903 741 404.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – contact Pauline Kentell. Telephone number 01903 812 022. The Police non-emergency telephone number is 0845 60 70 999

## Summer Fete

The Summer Fete will be held this year at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The usual attractions will be found – BBQ, beer tent, tea/coffee, craft stalls, music, entertainment for all ages.

The Fund Raising Committee of the hall organise raffle, tombola, plant, cake and book stalls. Any contributions to these stalls would be most gratefully received.

We have a small team of helpers who always turn out to set up and manage the fete, but we urgently need assistance with these tasks from anyone who would be willing to support us. Contact Sally Norvell-Baker on 01903 812 484.



## Saltings Field Conservation Group

There will be an 'Early Bird' conducted walk round the Field with Keith Noble / RSPB on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Meet at 6am at the main gate. The walk is followed by an optional Breakfast (£6) at the Castle Hotel in Bramber. Admission to the walk is free. Please contact David Geere on 01903 813 814 by Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April to book breakfast.

The Saltings Field Conservation Group AGM will be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm (doors open 7:15pm) in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall. The AGM will be followed by refreshments and an illustrated talk by Alison Noble about her 2 years voluntary work experience in Zambia.

## Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Village Hall. It will be open to the public from 10:30am to 1:30pm, so come along and see all the beautiful narcissi and other spring flowers.

If you would like to enter some of your own flowers or a floral arrangement, you can do so on the day by coming to the hall between 8:00am and 9:30am. Remember you will need to give yourself enough time to stage your exhibit and leave the hall by 9:30. A show book, detailing all the classes that can be entered in both the Spring and Summer Shows is obtainable, price 50p from John Tompsett, 10 Pound Lane, Upper Beeding.

## Diary dates:

### Football Club

Quiz night 9<sup>th</sup> April, Duck race 11<sup>th</sup> June from 1:30pm

six-a-side junior / senior tournament 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> July from 9:30am

Presenting of Awards and dinner / dance – 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm – 1:00am, Berkley Hotel, Worthing. Awards will be presented by Mr. J Peake, Chairman of the Council.

### Cricket Club:

Start of the cricket season - the first game is on 26<sup>th</sup> May on the playing field. See you there !

## A History Of Beeding

### Geology

I have been asked to write a series of articles on the history of Beeding. I decided to make a start as far back in time as possible, because the forces at work then, millions of years ago, determined the shape of our land, its rocks and soils and rivers. These in turn influenced early man and his decisions where to live and how to use that land, eventually producing the landscape we know today.

In the Jurassic period, 140 million years ago, southern England lay under a vast shallow sea, in which layers of silts, sands and gravels were deposited. Between 100 and 70 million years ago, in the Cretaceous period, various sea creatures and algae lived and died in these seas. This resulted in layers of chalk being laid down in which nodules of flint also formed. In the Tertiary period, massive forces across the world pushed up the Himalayas and the Alps. Lesser ripples spreading across Europe caused the area between the present English Channel and the Thames to be uplifted into a great dome. Over time, the top of the chalky dome eroded away leaving the northern and southern edges to form the North and South Downs and exposing the sands and clays in the Weald.

The extreme south of England was not covered by ice in the last ice-age, but the land would have been frozen and the sea-level lower than it is now enabling rivers like the Adur to cut down through the land to reach the sea, depositing more silts and gravels along their valleys.

These events explain the varied soils of our parish: the chalk Downs to the south, a strip of upper greensand and gault clay at the foot of the steep, north-facing slope where springs emerge and settlements like Edburton have been built, the lower greensand stretching to our northern boundary with Henfield and the river valley cutting through them all.

Next time: the arrival of humans after the last ice-age.

Ref.: Geology chapter by Rendel Williams in "An Historical Atlas of Sussex" edited by Kim Leslie and Brian Short.

Pat Nightingale, March 2006

### Beeding In Bloom



The continuing water shortage and hosepipe ban means that many In Bloom Committees will not be putting up hanging baskets this year. In our area we understand that Horsham, Storrington and Henfield will not be doing so. We are trying to find a way in which we may be able to have some baskets but we will Only do so if we are able to use grey water instead of mains supply. However we are going to plant up our various containers using drought-tolerant varieties and intend to make these as colourful and interesting as possible.

We have entered South East in Bloom and the Village will be judged sometime between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Although it is possible we may be without hanging baskets, we intend to impress the Judges with our containers, areas of permanent

planting, the high standard of villagers' gardens and the overall tidiness of our Village. Ashley Dawe Property Maintenance is again generously sponsoring our Children's Poster Competition which is organized with the help of Upper Beeding Primary School.

Our AGM, which will include a plant sale, will take place at the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall early in May - see posters on the Village Hall board and press for details. We hope many of you will be able to join us as we will be displaying the Children's Poster Competition entries and also giving out details of our Village Garden Competitions which are judged in the early part of July. We will also be having a stall at the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall Annual Fete on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### Henfield Area Response Team

Henfield Lacemakers would like to ask for your support in helping them to raise funds for HART (Henfield Area Response Team). We are only a very small Group so any support you can give would be greatly appreciated. We are making a tablecloth in Bobbin Lace.

During the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the Henfield Garden & Arts weekend, we will be demonstrating lacemaking in the Free Church Hall in Henfield. Come along and see work in progress on the tablecloth. Draw tickets will be on sale around the village. Every penny we make will be going to HART. We will also be at the Small Dole Horticultural Show on 12<sup>th</sup> August, but more about that in the next issue of the Parish News. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Jane Martin on 01273 493 924.

## Planning for an Emergency

In an emergency, the Parish Council will take charge until the National Emergency Services arrive.

The remit of the Emergency Committee is to deal with a disaster, occurring locally, in the period between the accident and the arrival of units of the national emergency services; then to assist them with local knowledge. Accidents are not always isolated incidents, and if the village is cut off from the outside (flood, snow, ice, fallen trees) it may be necessary to provide support to distressed residents by evacuation from the homes to other local safe areas.

The events the Emergency Committee is most likely to encounter and deal with are a major aircraft crash – we live below a flight path and an aircraft holding area (remember Lockerbie..); but there is also the possible danger of a tanker delivering petrol to the garage and catching fire; the risk of flooding is always with us, with a nuclear attack the most remote.

Residents involved in any of the foregoing disasters may need to be evacuated from their homes to the Village Hall, Sports Hall or The Towers School. If undamaged, the Village Hall is the first choice. An Emergency Committee member will need to man the door of the chosen centre recording the name of each person entering the centre. This list will be available to relatives, friends and services searching for survivors. It will also be necessary to post volunteers in affected areas to prevent looting (licensed shotgun holders if possible). The Emergency Committee has a full list of the electoral role and census returns.

Flooding: sandbags and sand are available to villagers, under Emergency Committee supervision, at Riverside: 200 sandbags and one ton of sand. A petrol driven water pump is available plus can of petrol, to pump out flooded properties – priority will be assessed by the Emergency Committee.

A nuclear attack is unlikely in an armed conflict, but remember, several nuclear power stations are clustered on the north coast of France. Any one of those, in an accident scenario, may release 'fallout'. We are only 70 to 80 miles downwind from these (prevailing winds are from the south west). If a warning is given to us, residents are advised to draw a store of fresh water and stay indoors blocking off all chimneys and any other places fallout may enter. Wait for Government instructions via TV and radio.

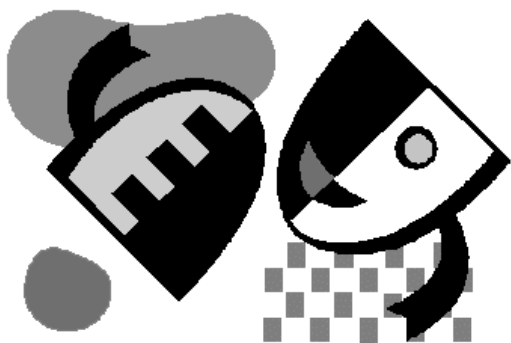
There are several means of alerting the Emergency Committee. These are either by

- 1 – telephoning the Parish Council on 01903 810 316 or the Chairman on 01903 815 362;
- 2 – mobile phone 0779 070 6703 Keith Nethercoate-Bryant; or by
- 3 – CB radio on channel 35 or 37 (our call sign is HM8 = Hotel Mike Eight);
- 4 – through Horsham District Council or the Environment Agency; or by visual reports from residents.

Emergency Committee members plus any available, able bodied, Emergency Volunteers and Councillors are requested to assemble, in the first instance, at the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall or alternatively at the Sports Hall or the Towers School.

### Emergency Volunteers are:

Mark Munns, Saltings Way; Duncan Fish, Truleigh Road; David Kennett, Monks Walk; Darren Jordan, Manor Road; Phillip Grace Hyde Lane; Steve Gretton, Pound Lane; Alastair Allan Manor Road; Simon Birnstingl, Manor Road; Steve Cowley (builder with heavy equipment); Tiggy Dale, Henfield Road, Small Dole.



## Henfield Theatre Company

**'Calamity strikes Henfield'** – but not in the way you may think!

Climb aboard the Deadwood Stage for a whip-crackin', gun-totin' evening when the Company presents the lively Western musical **"Calamity Jane"** on **17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Take a trip from the Black Hills of Dakota to the windy city of Chicago and back. 'Calam' is a hard-bitten heroine who tries to behave like a man but can't help loving like a woman. She dresses, speaks, rides and shoots like a man, but groomed in proper feminine fashion, she is revealed as a beautiful girl in a startling transformation.

This exciting show with its superb songs is definitely not to be missed, so enter it in your diaries now. Early booking is strongly advised, given the recent success of Snow White. The box office opens on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Henfield Furnishings, High Street, tel: 01273 492 204.



## Beeding and Bramber Cricket Club

We play traditional Sunday afternoon village friendly cricket. The return to our home at the Memorial Ground, Upper Beeding is not far away; the first home match is on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The Club is still interested in anyone who wishes to participate – either as a player, umpire, ground staff, tea provider, fan or even cheerleaders!

Winter net practice has now started at Christ's Hospital School (near Horsham) on Saturdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Pitch preparation will now be Sunday mornings from 10:30am.

Please contact Alastair on 01903 815 993 or 07966 400 042 or Tony on 01903 814 726 or 07816 918 506.

### Match Fixture

Sun 16/4/06 East Hoathly 14:30 Away  
Sun 23/4/06 Coleman's Hatch CC 14:00 Away  
Sun 30/4/06 Lindfield CC 14:30 Away  
Sun 7/5/06 East Preston 14:30 Away  
Sun 14/5/06 Summerdown CC 14:30 Away  
Sun 21/5/06 Roffey II CC 14:00 Away  
Sun 28/5/06 Bells Yew Green CC 14:30 Home  
Sun 4/6/06 Steyning Rebels 14:00 Home  
Sun 11/6/06 Staplefield CC 14:00 Home  
Sun 18/6/06 Laughton 14:30 Home  
Sun 25/6/06 Ifield 14:30 Home  
Sun 2/7/06 Horley II CC 14:00 Away  
Sun 9/7/06 Poynings 14:30 Home  
Sun 16/7/06 Loxwood 14:00 Away

Sun 23/7/06 Uckfield Anderida CC 14:00 Home  
Sun 30/7/06 Solent Nomads CC 14:00 Home  
Sun 6/8/06 Clarendon Spartan CC 14:30 Away  
Sun 13/8/06 Arundel Castle Estates CC 14:30 Home  
Sun 20/8/06 Seaford CC 14:00 Home  
Wed 23/8/06 Buxted Park CC 14:30 Home  
Sat 26/8/06 Little Chart CC (Kent Tour) 14:00 Tour  
Sun 27/8/06 TBA Tour  
Mon 28/8/06 Mersham Sports CC (Kent Tour) 14:00 Tour  
Sun 3/9/06 Brighton & Hove CC 14:00 Away  
Sun 10/9/06 West Chilington & Thakeham CC 14:00 Home  
Sun 17/9/06 Brighton & Hove Crescent CC 13:30 Away  
Sun 24/9/06 Chailey CC 13:00 Away

### The Amenities Committee - Chairman: Simon Birnstingl

The Amenities Committee is part of your Parish Council, and looks after allotments, play areas, trees – any visual amenity in the parish, emergency provisions, Saltings Field, Beeding in Bloom, grass / hedge cutting contracts, parish maintenance and parish footpaths.

The biggest single item on the Amenities agenda is probably 'Play Areas'. We're tidying them up for Spring but we have bigger plans. Some of the play equipment is getting old, there are swings missing and the surfaces are poor or unsuitable. In the Bramley Play Area, of course, there's the big gap where the wire slide went too. We are planning to replace old and broken equipment and concrete paving and find something new for the wire slide area. Naturally funding is the problem, it costs thousands to install a piece of play equipment. We're setting some money aside for long-term works. As soon as we have the money we'll begin work. Of course, children and carers will be given a say when we know what we can afford.

The allotments are now almost fully let, so if you want one you had better get in touch without delay. Once all plots are allocated we have to wait until we have seven people on the waiting list before we can re-open the other half of the site. The Parish Council agreed to allow sheds on allotments and the use of hosepipes for irrigation. Because allotments are classified as agricultural land they are exempt from the hosepipe ban.

Trees are part of the business of Amenities. We have re-shaped the limes in Hyde Square to let in more light and prevent vandalism. The poplars in the recreation ground have been pollarded again and we are looking at all the trees on verges around the village to see if they need any work. If there is a tree near you that is damaged, diseased or needs pruning please let us know. Remember they are public property and you might be committing an offence if you damage a tree by doing the work yourself.

Restoration of the War Memorial has been on our agenda for some time. It's very difficult to find what is appropriate as we are very concerned not to do any damage. While the memorial has a patina of age that many find beautiful others would rather see clean stone. Also the whole structure is slightly leaning and there is some weathering around the plaques. We would like to hear from Parishoners, especially relatives of those commemorated, to see what people would like us to do.

Finally, I am looking around the village for bits of green here and there that we could improve. If there is a site near you that you think would be suitable for a few more trees or a seat please let us know.

# Avian Flu (Bird Flu) Outbreak

## Central Government advice to the public includes -

- \* Current scientific advice is that avian flu does not pose a food safety risk to UK consumers
- \* If you come across dead birds use the following criteria before notifying DEFRA of your concern
  - one or more dead swans, ducks, geese, or
  - more than 3 dead birds of the same species, or
  - more than 5 dead birds of different species
  - callers will be asked to provide details of the finding and location

Telephone 08459 335 577 or 01737 242 242 to report your suspicion to DEFRA

\* Do not touch dead birds. If, by accident you have touched a dead bird, wash your hands with soap and water as quickly as possible afterwards. If you need to remove a dead bird use disposable plastic gloves or a plastic bag to avoid touching it, and again, wash your hands with soap and water as quickly as possible afterwards.

Some frequently asked questions:

**What is bird flu?** Avian flu is a disease of birds caused by avian flu viruses. There are many types of viruses, the vast majority do not cause disease and occur naturally in birds. However, these non-disease-causing viruses can occasionally mutate with domestic birds eg poultry and cause high levels of bird mortality.

**How is infection spread?** The usual route of spread of infection is by the movements of infected domestic birds, their products or objects contaminated with their faeces.

**Can the disease be spread to humans?** If a human becomes infected with a bird virus this usually cannot be passed to another person. All reported cases to date, have involved persons in regular direct contact with poultry.

**What should I do if I find dead birds?** Birds die all the time for all sorts of different reasons, and you are likely to come across them from time to time. Try not to touch any dead birds - or any other animals - that you find.

Remember, even large numbers of birds found dead together could have died from poisoning, pollution, other diseases, or even just because of cold weather - it doesn't necessarily mean they have died of bird flu.

**Do I need to report single dead birds?** No.

**What should I do about the dead birds?** Should I move them or collect them? You should not handle carcasses unless it is essential to do so.

**Am I at risk from touching dead birds? What should I do if I or my children have touched a dead bird?**

Try to avoid handling but if inevitable, use disposable gloves, or plastic bags to contain the carcass and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water as soon as possible afterwards.

**Is it safe to eat poultry or game?** On the basis of current scientific evidence, the Food Standards Agency advises that avian flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers. This is because for people, the risk of catching bird flu is from being in close contact with live poultry that have the disease and not through eating cooked poultry, game or eggs.

Further information is available on the Foods Standards Agency website [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

**Should I stop feeding wild birds in my garden or ducks on the pond?** No.

**What will West Sussex County Council do if there is an outbreak?** There is a rehearsed contingency plan in existence.

DEFRA have issued guidance on their website for the public in relation to dead wild birds. Log on to [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) and click on animal health and follow the trail to notifiable diseases in wild birds.

