

Upper Beeding Parish Council News

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



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Kids Bored?



Would you like somewhere safe and fun for them to meet?

Then why not support the newly forming Upper Beeding and Small Dole Youth Project

An Inaugural meeting will be held on 23rd February 2005, 7.30 – 9.00pm, at the Upper Beeding Village Hall – ALL WELCOME

Agenda will include a presentation by the Purple Bus Youth Service and Election of Officers

Volunteers are needed for the management committee and to work with the young people – Years 5-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11+ (Free training and support will be available)

Let's make it happen – Without you it won't



Purple Bus

The Purple Bus will be re-visiting Upper Beeding from Wednesday, 12th January until Easter and will be followed by the Mobile Café on 19th April to 24th May .



Make the Commitment campaign

What is 'make the commitment'?

Make the commitment is part of West Sussex County Council's strategy to reduce speed related casualties. It encourages drivers to make a personal pledge to drive within the speed limit. Make the commitment is part of the long term campaign designed to make speeding as socially unacceptable as drink driving.

Make the commitment – brief history

Make the commitment was conceived in 1994 and launched in early 1995, initially in Suffolk. The campaign rapidly gained popularity. In turn Hertfordshire, Essex and Cambridgeshire adopted 'make the commitment'. It was piloted in Norfolk and taken up by Luton Borough Council, Thurrock Council and Peterborough City Council. Away from the eastern region, 'make the commitment' has been launched by East & West Sussex Council, Brighton & Hove Council and North Yorkshire Council.

How 'make the commitment' works

It's simple. The motorist is asked to make a written commitment to try to drive within the speed limit at all times. The form is on a leaflet which is available from Gill Starkie, West Sussex County Council,

tel: 01243 027 0025

e-mail gill.starkie@westsussex.gov.uk

or write to: Road Safety Unit, Northern Area Office, Worthing Road, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 3LZ.

Planning applications

It has been agreed with Horsham District and Steyning Parish Councils that following the closure of the West Sussex County Councils offices in Storrington, planning applications including those for the areas of Bramber, Steyning and Upper Beeding Parish Councils may be viewed by the public at the Steyning Centre.

Campaign for the protection of rural England (CPRE)

CPRE have launched a new website where you can find out about affordable housing and planning in your area – www.cpre.org.uk

Comments are invited.

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society

5th Jan – Peter Longstaff-Tyrrell: 'The artefacts of World War II in Sussex'

2nd Feb – Trevor Povey: 'Where the Green meets the Sea'

2nd Mar – AGM: Speaker to be confirmed

6th Apr – David Tait: 'Bungalow Town & early cinema in Shoreham'

7th Sept – Ian Gledhill: 'Volk's Railway'

5th Oct – Tony Pratt: 'The Wey and Arun Canal'

2nd Nov – Alison McCann: 'The Garland Collection of rural photos'

All talks are held in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall and start at 7.45pm.

For further details please contact Pat Nightingale e-mail dpnightingale@btinternet.com

Your Council – Roles and Responsibilities

The Clerk and Proper Officer

The Clerk is employed by the Council (under section 112 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972) to provide administrative support for the Council's activities. Any other staff, although employed by the Council, answers to the Clerk who is their manager and is responsible for their performance.

The Clerk's primary responsibility is to advise the Council on whether its decisions are lawful and to recommend ways in which decisions can be implemented. To help with this, the Clerk can be asked to research topics of concern to the Council and provide unbiased information to help the Council to make appropriate choices. The Clerk has a wide range of other responsibilities which are set out in the job description.

The Clerk must recognise that the Council is responsible for all decisions and that he/she takes instructions from the Council as a body. The Clerk is not answerable to any individual councillor – not even the Chairman. The Council must be confident that the Clerk is, at all times, independent, objective and professional.

The 'Proper Officer' is a title used in statute. It refers to the appropriate officer for the relevant function. In town and Parish Councils, the proper officer is normally the Clerk. In financial matters, the proper officer is known as the Responsible Financial Officer.

The Chairman

The Chairman is elected by the members of the Council at the Annual Council meeting and serves for twelve months (Section 15 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Chairman's main role is to run Council meetings. The Chairman can suggest the content and design of the agenda, but as legal signatory, the Clerk has the final say. The Chairman is responsible for ensuring that effective and lawful decisions are taken at meetings of the Council, and, assisted by the Clerk, guides activities by managing the meetings of the council. The Chairman is responsible for involving all councillors in discussions and ensuring that councillors keep to the point. The Chairman summarises the debate and facilitates the making of clear resolutions and is responsible for keeping discussions moving so that the meeting is not too long. The Chairman has a casting vote. The Chairman's first vote is a personal vote as a member of the Council. If there is a tied vote, the Chairman can have a second, casting vote.

The Chairman will often be the public face of the Council and will represent the Council at official events. The Chairman may speak on behalf of the Council in such circumstances and should express the agreed views of the Council and not personal views. The Chairman cannot legally make decisions on behalf of the Council.

Dates for your diary

Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society

The Spring Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 19th March and the Autumn Show on Saturday, 27th August.

The AGM will take place on Friday, 28th October in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall.

Young Drivers' Skills course

The first students of the young drivers' skills course spent a day at Goodwood Racetrack with five times Le Mans winner Derek Bell. The courses give 17 to 25 year olds the chance to improve their driving skills.

For more information on young drivers' skills courses ring the Hotline on 01243 753 800.

The Acorn scheme & collections calendar – for your copy of the 2004/05 collection calendar, download from the Horsham District Council website www.horsham.gov.uk or phone 01403 215 995.

The Prince's Trust – helping young people into rural business

The Trust is the largest youth charity in the UK with the main target group being termed 'disadvantaged young people' including young people who are unemployed or under-employed, educational under-achievers; offenders and ex-offenders; and those in or leaving care. The Trust wants to help young people (aged up to 30 years) in rural areas succeed.

The Trust hopes to do this by developing local links and networks to promote self-employment as an option for 18 to 30 year olds: encouraging them to participate in the rural economy and use local rural skills and products. Building on these community based links, the Prince's Trust will be seeking to support young people who may be at risk of rural isolation and/or social exclusion, into successful start-up businesses. The Trust can offer soft loans and long term mentoring support.

For more information contact tel: 01273 72 33 99 or e-mail bussuss@princes-trust.org.uk

Rail Passenger Council

From October 2004, there is one national point of contact to offer help and advise on issues that affect rail passengers. Contact details are –

Tel: 0453 022 022; fax:08458 501 392; e-mail info@railpassengers.org.uk

text/phone: 08458 501 354; web www.railpassengers.org.uk Or write to Rail Passenger Council, FREEPOST WA1521, Warrington, WA4 6GP.



Small Dole WI

Why not come along and visit Small Dole WI? We meet at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month in Small Dole Village Hall.

Our programme for 2005 –

- 11th January – Do you speak Sussex? – David Tate
 - 8th February – Sri Lanka slides and talk – Nanette Buck
 - 8th March – The Campbell Singers
 - 12th April – Confessions of a telegram boy – Ray Butler
 - 10th May – Resolutions
 - 14th June – Fabric dyeing and quilting – Diane Whitehead
 - 12th July – Trading Standards Service – a talk
 - August – to be arranged
 - 13th September – Harvest Quiz
 - 14th October – Annual meeting
 - 8th November – Fish and chip supper
 - 13th December – Christmas party
 - Sub-groups – walking; swimming; knitting; lunch club
- For more information contact tel: 01273 494 947

Beeding Thursday Club

Thursday 20th January, Peggy Weeks will be presenting 'Beating the Blues' – musical instruments and lots of laughter. On Thursday 3rd February we have another amusing speaker – Mr Wedgbury – on 'Life's little mysteries'.

We meet every other Thursday in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. Visitors are very welcome. For more information, please phone Daphne on 01903 814 178 (daytime).

Saltings Field Conservation Group

There will be an illustrated talk on 'bats' on Thursday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall. Phone 01903 813 814 for more information.

Recycling household batteries

All Civic Amenities Sites in West Sussex now have containers for household batteries like those found in electrical appliances, toys and mobile phones, rechargeable or single use, including nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium, lithium-ion, alkaline manganese, silver oxide, zinc carbon, mercury oxide etc can be recycled by disposing of them in the 'sweet jar' looking battery containers. The majority of these containers are placed next to the car battery containers already in use.

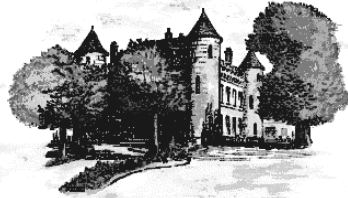
The batteries collected from the Civic Amenities Sites in West Sussex by G & P Batteries Ltd are among the first to be collected for recycling in the UK as, up until now, all household batteries collected have had to be exported. From early 2005, G & P Batteries will be operating their own battery recycling facility in West Bromwich for all alkaline batteries which make up about 85% of the batteries used in the UK

Is there any news from the independent people's republic of Edburton?



The Towers School

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Boarding



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children of all
faiths

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Girls 4 - 16 years : Boys 4 - 11 years

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MINIBUS SERVICE – STORRINGTON – WORTHING
FERRING – BRIGHTON

Forthcoming events

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

Saturday

5th FEBRUARY 2005

and

OPEN DAY

Wednesday

9th NOVEMBER 2005

10.30am

For further information about these events please contact
The School Secretary, The Towers School,
Upper Beeding, Steyning, West Sussex,
BN44 3TF
Telephone No.01903 812185
www.towers.w-sussex.sch.uk

Tottington Woodlanders

Tottington Woodlanders will be running their traditional youth days, for organised groups, throughout the winter season.

The next dates of the youth day are Saturday 15th January;
Saturday 12th February and
Saturday 5th March.

Any organised group of young people (8 to 16) who would like to join us please feel free to contact Malcolm Knight on 01273 493 316. However it is important that any group wishing to access these days provide sufficient adult supervisors.

For more information on Tottington Woodlanders' work, past and present, see the new website –

www.tottingtonwoodlanders.org.uk

If you have any suggestions for information to be included on the website, or want to provide any material for it, such as articles or digital photos, please contact Mark via the website.



Your Bobbies on the Beat

Sussex Police Horsham District – Current Local Police Contacts; Sgt Bob Trevis; PC Martin Harris and PCSO Sybil Yeo mobile 07990 715156 (Police Community Support Officer).

Offences for which the PCSO is empowered to make decisions regarding action are:

- * issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for dog fouling, littering and riding on footpaths
- * to request name & address for FPN offences, and offences that cause injury, alarm and distress to another person or damage or loss to another person's property
- * to request the name & address of a person acting in an antisocial manner
- * to request a person to stop drinking in a designated public area and to surrender containers of alcohol
- * to confiscate alcohol cigarettes & tobacco products from young people
- * entry to premises to save life or limb, or to prevent serious damage to property
- * to seize vehicles used to cause alarm and distress
- * require removal of abandoned vehicles
- * stop a vehicle for emissions testing
- * regulate traffic for purposes of escorting abnormal loads
- * stop vehicles for purpose of read check (in the presence of a police officer in uniform only)
- * maintain and enforce a cordoned area established under the Terrorism Act
- * driving elsewhere than a road for more than 15 yards (Fixed Penalty Notice or verbal warning)
- * failing to Exhibit Excise Licence (Fixed Penalty Notice)
- * unnecessary obstruction of highway (Fixed Penalty Notice)
- * Waiting where prohibited (loading & offloading) (Fixed Penalty Notice)
- * Limited waiting (Fixed Penalty Notice)
- * Parking an HGV on the Footpath or Verge (Fixed Penalty Notice)

Council meetings – start at 7:30pm

11th January Village Hall – Upper Beeding

1st March Village Hall - Upper Beeding

Committee Meetings – 18th Jan; 15th Feb and 15th March – all in the village hall – Upper Beeding starting 7:00pm