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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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Beeding in Bloom

A big thank you to all those who contributed towards the cost of hanging baskets for the village this year. The cost of keeping the baskets watered has increased once more, so your contributions are vital.

In the South-East-in-Bloom competition in 2004, Beeding was awarded a glass plaque for being judged the best large village in the South East region of the country, plus a silver-gilt certificate; this was the result of lots of local participation and help.

The village has again entered the competition; judging will take place on Wednesday, 6th July at 10am, although the judges may also inspect the village unannounced in advance. As well as good floral displays, there should be no litter, no dog-mess nor any graffiti.

This year there will be more planters in Hyde Square which local shopkeepers have agreed to look after.

There will be an Open Gardens Day in the village for those who would be prepared to show off their splendid gardens on Sunday afternoon, 17th July. This will be followed by the village's own garden competition. Look out for further publicity!

Beeding in Bloom Committee are planning an 'Open Gardens Day' on Sunday, 17th July between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Please contact Pat Nightingale for further details email – drpnightingale@btinternet.co.uk

Saltings Field report 2005

Another year has passed without any major developments being undertaken or needed. Our committee has overseen the maintenance of the field to a satisfactory standard allied to a minimum cost. To this end the Green Gym of Portslade has greatly assisted us on a regular basis keeping growth in check. The hedge is now in a better overall condition than it has been for many a year. The new whips are growing rapidly now and birds should be nesting in them before long. The Salterns have been regularly mown by Mark Streeter and during summer months are quite distinctive. Very favourable comments from the judges of South East in Bloom helped towards high marks and an overall win for the village in last year's competition.

We organised four well attended events, a butterfly walk last summer, an indoor event last February, when Sheila Wright of Steyning brought along a couple of bats, and currently we are planning a talk by Keith Noble on the birds of Zambia. Keith again led our popular Early Morning Bird Walk at the end of April.

A scare last summer prompted us to install additional security to the entrance to the Field when the threat from travellers appeared to be real. Temporary concrete rings were initially placed before the posts were put in position. It was hoped that Horsham District Council would help with the cost but this suggestion evaporated.

Mike Sharp attended meetings at Worthing to argue the case for inclusion in the proposed National Park. The subject seems to have gone quiet, but we are watching.

We had some dead elms cut by Seeboard when it appeared their boughs might threaten the overhead power lines.

Again we are grateful to the Parish Council for the financial support received and to the Clerk for providing photocopy facilities from time to time.

The Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society Summer Show will be held 27th August, in the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall.



A small group of residents would like to form a tennis club. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Clerk – 01903 810 316.

U3A – University of the 3rd Age

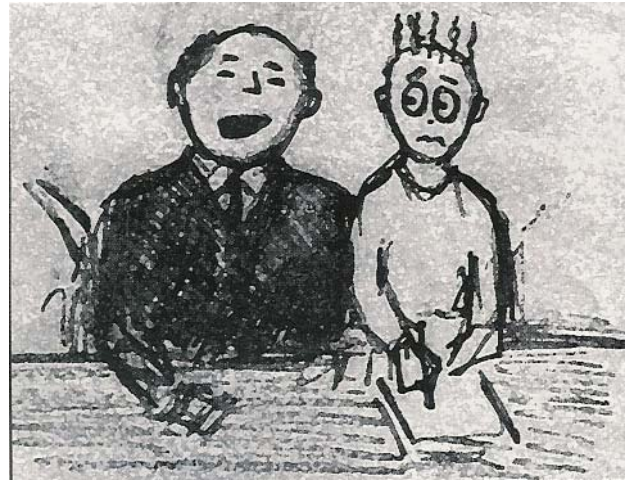
'Steyning and District U3A', University of the Third Age, has started successfully. This organisation is aimed at people aged 55 or over who are retired or work part time. No qualifications are needed and none are given.

There are fourteen interest groups with a wide range of subjects, and more pending.

The membership fee is £10 per annum.

You can attend as many groups as you like. Groups meet in the day. Guests of members are welcome at our monthly meetings, which take place on Mondays at the Steyning Centre from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Dates for the next meetings are 11th July and 22nd August. For more information about the speakers or the U3A please contact Rita on 01903 814 285.



We're all agreed then – the Clerk serves the ASBO on the illegal travellers!



Tottington Woodlanders

Why not buy your garden products from the Woodlanders? Not only do they look great but the purchase of these products also supports your local Nature Reserve.

Below is a basic price list for our products.

Some items such as bird tables or trellis can be made to order – just let us know what size you would like or if you would like to commission a particular design. This year there is a new item in the range – plant labels. Why not buy a bundle of wooden labels, either 5 or 10 inches long, which are both substantial and look nice?

If you are interested in buying or ordering anything, and don't forget the charcoal produced by the Woodlanders, please contact Chris Burchell Collins on 01273 495 026.

Bean sticks	£3.50 per bundle
Pea boughs	£2.50 per bundle
Garden stakes	£20p each
Charcoal	£3.50 per bag
Plant labels	£1 per 10
Planters	from £3.50
Mini hurdles	£5 each, or 5 for £20
Mini-gate hurdles	from £3.50
Bird feeders	small £3, large £3.50
Trellis	prices depend on size.

Parish Council

The next Committee meetings will be on 19th July, 20th September and 18th October, all held in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall starting at 7:00pm.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Joyce Shaw	Chairman of the Council
David Coldwell	Vice Chairman
Pauline Kentell	Chairman Planning
Bob Harber	Chairman Sports & Leisure
John Peake	Chairman Amenities
David Coldwell	Chairman Finance & General Purposes

Stewart Christie

Keith Nethercote-Bryant

Peter Gilham

Frank Jones

Chris Bailey

District Cllr Andrew Purches

Parish Council meetings

The next full Council meetings will be on Tuesday, 5th July at Small Dole Village Hall and Tuesday 6th September in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall both starting at 7:30pm

WI – Small Dole

Meet at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month in Small Dole Village Hall

12th July Cathy's Bingo

August to be arranged

13th September Harvest Quiz

11th October Annual Meeting

For more information telephone – 01273 494 947

Upper Beeding Primary School

The School holds its open evening on Tuesday 19th July.

For details phone 01903 812 288

Vouchers – The Primary School is collecting the following vouchers which can be used to obtain free equipment. Please hand any vouchers into the school office...

Tesco	Computers for schools
Sainsburys	Active Kids 2005 / sports equipment
Persil & Persil Stars	Art & craft equipment
Nestlé	Books

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society

Sunday 10th July – visit to the

Redoubt Fortress, Eastbourne

Wednesday 7th September – Talk by Ian Gledhill

Volk's Railway

Wednesday 5th October – Talk by Tony Pratt

The Wey and Arun Canal

Contact drpnightingale@bitinternet.co.uk

Congratulations to Beeding School

The Headmistress of Upper Beeding Primary School, Frances Connell, has proudly announced that the school has achieved one of the prestigious Arts Council of England Artwork awards.

There are three levels of award, Artsmark, Artsmark Silver and Artsmark Gold. Out of the 1,161 schools nationwide receiving this award, the school achieved Artsmark Silver in recognition of all the work done and the high standard achieved in Art, Music, Drama and Dance. A fantastic achievement of which the school should be proud.

A Message from your Tree Warden

Would you like a tree planted on the verge outside your house? And would you be prepared to water it during hot or dry weather? The West Sussex Highways and Transport Department can usually plant two or three trees on verges in our parish during the winter months.



Although they give some aftercare, they cannot do all the necessary watering. If you would like to be considered for a tree, please

contact – Judith Steedman, 18 Manor Road, Upper Beeding – telephone 01903 814 923.



Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents of doorstep callers, particularly at the homes of elderly and vulnerable people, continue to happen.

The police and Trading Standards are eager to hear about such callers.

Please report all doorstep caller incidents – telephone **0845 60 70 999**. Descriptions of people and vehicle registration numbers are invaluable.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on

Tuesday 3rd May, Joyce Shaw was again voted in as chairman of Upper Beeding Parish Council by six votes to five. It was a closely fought contest, narrowly beating John Peake by one vote.

Beeding in Bloom's Poster Competition

was won by children from the Upper Beeding Primary School

Helen Trott	Age 10	Year 5
Phillipa Laker	Age 10	Year 5
Jilly Munnery	Age 8	Year 3
Eleanor Pope	Age 7	Year 3
Ellie Hammond	Age 6	Year 2
Charlie Townsend	Age 6	Year 1
Yasmin Reed	Age 5	Year R
Gemma Tyler	Age 5	Year R
Sam Pope	Age 6	Year 1

Memorial collection for Mary Staley

The collection made by Sue at Beeding News for a memorial to Mary Staley has closed at £580.

Trevor Staley said that he would like a fairly simple floral memorial, as Mary so loved flowers. Sue has asked Beeding in Bloom to help organise this.

A seat and flower filled container has been suggested at the corner of Saltings Way and High Street near the Pharmacy and Store which Trevor and Mary owned for many years. Any other suggestions, please contact Sue at Beeding News.

Small Dole Flower Power

In January 2004 Carol said that she had an idea. I thought "this sounds like work!!!!" And it was.....



We started to organise hanging baskets for our village. It took many months arranging for the posts and permission from the 'powers that be' to erect them. Some of our first baskets were loaned to us, already planted up, and the six Carol and I planted were very mixed. From April until late June they stayed in my garden, sitting on plant pots, being watered dutifully every day.

This year was quite different as a lot had been learnt from last year's experiences. Firstly, we thought we would increase our baskets from ten to twenty!! In January it was off to the garden centre to ask questions, after which we decided on two colours of petunia, ready for collection late March. We had to find more baskets and liners, plus buy the compost, water retaining granules and plant food - then we were all ready to go.....

A telephone call during Easter week told us that our plants were ready. We prepared the compost with the gel and the food and started planting up in earnest. However, a resounding "Help" could soon be heard. With only an 8' x 10' greenhouse and one small plastic one, I was running out of space to house the baskets. Carol lent another small plastic greenhouse, and we managed to cope - just.

The next problem was where to hang all twenty baskets when they needed to come out of the greenhouses and before they were ready to be displayed. Alf my husband came to the rescue and put 15 hooks along the back of the bungalow. They looked extremely good hanging there but needed some TLC when we had some very unwelcome frosts. A roll of fleece which I had kept for several years came in very handy for their protection. I have to say it was not an easy job covering them each night, but we managed again of course.

Late May and the first ten baskets were hung in the village. The first week in June saw the remaining baskets put in place and we were very chuffed with how good they looked.

My bungalow looks quite bare and empty now, so time to sort out and hang my own baskets. We also think it is time to consider the Autumn baskets and so 'here we go again'..... Lots of work, but well worth it.

We would like to thank everyone who has given a donation this year. However, we are in need of some help with the watering of the baskets, so if anyone has some time to spare, please contact either myself, Iris on 01273 494 361 or Carol on 01273 492 272

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCIES FOR 3 COUNCILLORS UPPER BEEDING WARD

1. There are three vacancies on the above Council.
2. A bye-election to fill the vacancies will be held if within 14 days (not counting a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or a Bank Holiday) from the date below three electors for the parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.
3. The Address of the Returning Officer is :-
Horsham District Council,
Park House,
North Street,
Horsham,
West Sussex, RH12 1RL.
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.
5. Date: 6th July 2005
Signed: Ingrid Caygill
Clerk

Address: Upper Beeding Parish Council, Ladymead, Hyde Street, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TG

Upper Beeding Football Club

Upper Beeding Football Club is the biggest sports club in this area. We have 9 junior sides and 3 senior sides. Our junior side go from U8's to U16's and we also have an U14's girls team. We have 2 senior Men's sides and a senior Ladies side.

Our junior sides play their matches at the memorial ground, Upper Beeding Primary School and at Mackley's sports ground in Small Dole. They play in the Horsham Junior & District League. The girls play in the Sussex Girl's League on Sundays. The men's sides play in Sussex County Division 3, and the newly re-formed Reserves will be playing in the Worthing League Division 3.



UBFC employs nearly 300 people every weekend, either playing or managing the sides. We also have a very hard working Committee behind the scenes. All our teams are successful in everything they do. They play to enjoy and if they win trophies then it makes the hard work put in more satisfying. The senior ladies are entering their 4th year with the club, and in that time they have had two promotions and won the Sussex Cup against Brighton & Hove Albion Reserves. They are now in the South East Counties Premier League.

Some of our junior sides have won trophies and reached Cup Finals in the last few years. The under-11s this year came second in their league reaching the cup final. Last year the under-13s and under-15s both got to finals with the under-15s coming away with a trophy. This coming season, unfortunately we won't have an U10's side. Due to FA rules we won't have enough players to field a side.

We are at present going for 'Charter Standard Award'. This is awarded by the Football Association at Sussex and is then passed on to the FA at Soho Square.

The Charter Award means that UBFC is run in a professional way. All our junior managers are FA Level 1 qualified. We also have a Child Protection Officer. There is a Code of Conduct for players, managers and even parents. These are all needed to qualify for the award. It also means that we are allowed to wear the famous 3 Lions Badge on all kit.

The Charter Award also opens the door for funding as we need money to operate and give our members the best facilities we can.

UBFC are working hard with the Parish Council to upgrade facilities at the memorial field so that we can offer our teams better training facilities and encourage more people to join us.

UBFC are also looking for sponsorship; whether that's donations, your company's name in the match day programme, or the name of your company on our shirts. If you're thinking of maybe getting involved with our club, please contact – Steve Gretton, Chairman Upper Beeding Football Club – on 07803 191 625, or the Club Secretary – R Patmore on 07903 816 331.



Arctic Jungle – Would your child like to be a zoo-keeper for a day?

Arctic Jungle, Crawley's premier indoor play centre, has announced an exciting summer 'Hats on Holiday' competition for children, with a range of exclusive prizes.

Children who visit Arctic Jungle twice in any month until 31st August will receive a free AJ cap (while stocks last). Then, if they take their Arctic jungle hats on holiday and have their photographs taken wearing them, they can be entered into the free competition. The most imaginative photographs will be chosen by a celebrity – yet to be announced – in September.

Amongst the prizes – awarded in three different age groups – will be an opportunity to work for a day (for 9 to 12 year olds) at Drusillas Zoo as a zoo-keeper (alongside an adult keeper). In the younger age groups, prizes will include an opportunity to feed the penguins with a keeper at Drusillas, or to have a 'hands-on' session with the llamas at Ashdown Llama Park. Other prizes will be available. Full competition details and entry forms can be obtained from Arctic Jungle or from the website at www.arcticjungle.co.uk

Reporters will be invited to Arctic Jungle to see the competition entries and hear the results of the judging.

Arctic Jungle is accessible to wheelchair users. The equipment is made to accommodate parents / carers playing with their children, and 60% of the frame is accessible to children with special needs.

For more information, please contact Gill Levett or Helen Conway – 01293 614 999.