

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

As might have been expected there was no election for the parish council as there were too few candidates for the number of seats available; that there was no election was not a surprise - it is some 25 years since there was one here - and doesn't make this parish stand out. In the District there were only seven contested Parish Council elections and this seems to have been quite normal across the country. I am told that there are a number of Parishes where there were no candidates at all for election.

I have to confess to some disappointment that there were so few candidates in Upper Beeding, eight for the fifteen seats on offer, because the lack of elected councillors could prevent the council from taking advantage of the provisions of the Localism bill currently going through parliament.

The Parish Annual Meeting was held on 27th April with several notable speakers and a number of parishioners stating their views on anti-social behaviour which, especially in the very fine weather at the time was a significant problem for them; basically the rowdy behaviour and foul language used by a small number of the Upper Beeding village youth population was making certain areas, notably Hyde Lane and Hyde Street, very uncomfortable for local residents.

The council had thought that CCTV cameras might help in identifying the culprits but has since been persuaded by the police that cameras will, at best, only move the problem on rather than preventing it in the first place. So a new set of answers is required, one which will hopefully remove the problem. At this time we are considering a series of initiatives, recognising that we need to take positive action at an early date; these initiatives are:

- To get the Youth Council going again - we tried once before and it failed through being allowed to focus on a single issue - this time around a much greater degree of training and guidance will be involved.
- To see if we can fast-track refurbishment of the bandstand in the memorial field as a youth shelter.
- To generate more youth oriented activities by involving any or all of Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council.
- To get locally affected people involved in these projects working alongside the Neighbourhood Wardens. Police and PCSO's and the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is currently in contact with interested parties but cannot provide solutions by itself - we need local involvement and so some local residents will be contacted in the near future for assistance; but if you think you can help please register with the clerk.

David Coldwell,
Chairman,
Upper Beeding Parish Council

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have an article, or any information for inclusion in the next Quarterly Parish Council Newsletter (September) then please send this to me at the email address below, at the latest, by Tuesday, 23 August 2011.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary French

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UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING SCHEDULE 2011

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings are held at the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

June	7 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	14 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Cemetery annual inspection Cemetery Committee	
	21 st	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee	Only if required
July	5 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	19 th	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee	
August			No meetings	
September	6 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	At Small Dole Village Hall
	20 th	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee	

Meetings of the Emergency Committee are arranged on an ad hoc basis.

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SUMMER VILLAGE FETE – SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2011 – UPPER BEEDING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friends of Upper Beeding School (FUBS) P.T.A. invite you all to come and join us at our **SUMMER VILLAGE FETE**, open between **11:00 am and 4:00 pm**, which features a Dog Show, displays by local groups in the arena area, stalls, BBQ and a bar. There is also a café serving cream teas (with home made scones), a cake stall, a Gladiator Joust, an inflatable Pirate's Galleon, and much more, including representatives from local emergency services – come and see the Steyning Fire Engine! We also hope to have a display up in our lovely Victorian Building of 'School Times from Days Gone'. Why not come along and re-live a few old memories.

From **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** we have entertainment especially for the children and from **7:00 pm to 10:00 pm** the **Evening Party** takes place – jacket potatoes, Hog Roast, bar, party games, and live music by local musicians.

There is no entrance fee to the Fete or the Evening Party, but we have a 'Green Theme' at school - having just achieved Bronze Eco Award status, and are working hard on our allotment kindly donated by the Parish Council! We would welcome donations of items that we can recycle. Please bring along clothing, shoes, bags, belts, bedding, curtains, blankets, textiles, soft toys, used ink cartridges, old mobile phones (with or without charger), DVDs, CDs, and Nestle Box Top cereal tokens. There will be 'donation station' points around the Fete. The school actually collects these items all year round, so please think of us before you throw anything away. We can collect too if you have too much to carry. Just call 01903 812288 during school hours and ask for Lou Trott (FUBS Treasurer) - or we accept cash or even cheques, made payable to FUBS!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The A.G.M. of the Hall was held on 9 May 2011. Officers elected for the year are: Chairman, Joyce Shaw, Treasurer, Rod McBeth, and Secretary, Jean Armour-Milne. The position of Vice Chairman was not filled, so if there is anyone in the two villages who would like to be considered for that position please contact either Joyce or Jean by ringing 01273 493184. There are four Council of Management meetings a year as well as the A.G.M. The Hall is run by volunteers with the lettings paying for the day to day running of the hall and the improvements funded by the various events arranged by the fund raising committee.

Thank you to all who helped or supported our recent May Fayre, which raised a much needed £565. Those of you who did not attend really missed a good event. The school are having their fete in June, and the Hall is supporting it by having a giant Tombola; we look forward to meeting you there.

The monthly **quizzes** continue on the third Wednesday of the month – there are spaces available to new teams as well as individuals. These are fun evenings with monetary prizes. Dates are: **15 June, 20 July, and 17 August.**

THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club continues to meet in Upper Beeding village hall fortnightly (on Thursday evenings 8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.) A very eclectic programme allows us to make visits to places of interest and enjoy a wide range of speakers and activities in the hall.

When this group began it was to allow young women to spend an evening just being themselves with others who also valued a little time away from commitments and family. Although the average age is somewhat higher than in those days, our meetings still offer all ladies the chance to meet in a friendly environment.

If you are interested and would like more details, please ring our Chairman, Marion Wilson on (01903) 813014.

STEYNING (AND DISTRICT) CHAMBER OF TRADE

Please look out for posters in local shops for details of our forthcoming fund-raising Concert Evening/Talent competition around July or August time – to raise funds for the Chamber of Trade's "Steyning Christmas Lights Appeal". For Membership enquiries, etc. please telephone Robin French (your local contact) on 07796 607542 or (01903) 812077.

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We will have a stand at the Primary School Fair on 25 June selling our books on the history of Beeding and Bramber and other second-hand books. We will also have a display about Saltings Field where there are scheduled ancient monuments in the form of salterns – places where salt used to be made. You will be able to see photographs of the dig that took place there in 1995 and the items found. The field is also a nature reserve and you will find information on the wildlife found there and how you can help preserve it.

The Society can offer help to those studying their family or house histories. When we had a table at the Village Hall Fayre on May 21st we were pleased to meet a couple from Horsham researching their family history. They were very pleased to find that we had written about his great-great-great grandfather in our book on the History of Beeding and could tell them where he used to live.

We are also affiliated to Worthing Archaeological Society, which means that our members can participate in their meetings and events, including excavations.

Membership is £5 per annum or £9 for two people at the same address. To join the Society, send a cheque for the relevant amount, made payable to Beeding and Bramber Local History Society, to the Treasurer at 53, Newland Road, Upper Beeding, BN44 3JJ.

Our **next meeting** in the **Beeding Village Hall** will be at **7.45 pm on Wednesday September 7th** when Ian Gledhill will be telling us about the History of the Tram, including the ones that ran in Brighton.

HISTORY OF UPPER BEEDING, PART 19 THE PARISH REGISTERS

In 1837 it became a legal requirement for births, marriages and deaths to be registered but for centuries churches kept their own records of baptisms, marriages and burials. In many places, some of these were lost, mislaid or destroyed but we are fortunate that Dr. Bloxam, vicar of Beeding from 1862 to 1891, made his own copy of the surviving Beeding parish registers. The baptismal register begins in Anno Domini 1544, Hen. 8. reg. 36, the 36th year of the reign of King Henry VIII; only a year before his death. At intervals we are reminded of a new King or Queen: Edward VI in 1548, Mary in 1553 and the first Queen Elizabeth in 1558. At first the register gives only the name of the baptised person, the first entry being Jane David on 8 Sept. 1544. After 1561, the father's name is often given and occasionally the mother's. In what was perhaps a sign of the turmoil in religion at the time, in 1556 the vicar notes "that this year being the fourth of the reign of Queene Mary there began duly to be noted also the names of the godfathers and godmothers which I omitted as superstitious." It is 1673 before the names of both parents are regularly noted. If the mother was unmarried her child would be recorded as "baseborn son (or daughter) of ..." Sometimes several children from one family were baptised together, such as the children of James and Ann Best, baptised in 1828 before the family migrated to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). This reminds us that not everyone was baptised as a baby, or even in childhood, so the baptismal register is not a reliable guide to the year of birth. Other helpful information sometimes given in later years is the father's occupation, which could be vagrant, traveller or tramp, as well as yeoman or Sergeant in the Royal Marines, but more often shepherd, farmer, butcher or bargeman. To the bargemen, St. Peter's was Beeding River Church and often used for their family baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Next time we will look at the marriage and burial registers.

Pat Nightingale, May 2011

BEEDING IN BLOOM CHILDREN'S POSTER COMPETITION 2011

The children from Upper Beeding Primary School did some great pictures for Beeding in Bloom's Poster Competition. There were entries from all age groups, including 4½ year olds in the Reception Class up to 11 year olds. The winners were announced at a School Assembly on Monday 16 May by Beeding in Bloom's Chairman, Dudley Rushmere. The Poster Competition was sponsored by local builder, Ashley Dawe, and the posters will be displayed in local shops.

WINNERS

Reception: **Isabelle Pink**
Age 8: **Jodie Tyler**

Age 5: **Ted Higgins**
Age 9: **Emma Neish**

Age 6: **Lily Hodge**
Age 10: **Grace Mulvaney**

Age 7: **Franck Lake**
Age 11: **Georgina Pannell**

SMALL DOLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Saturday **13 August 2011**, Small Dole Horticultural Society is holding its 67th **SUMMER SHOW**. As usual it is to be held on **Mackley's sports field** by kind permission of Mr. J. Mackley. The show runs **from 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.** with a **FUN DOG SHOW**, amusements and stalls by local charities, as well as an exhibition of entries of flowers, produce, cooking, and arts and crafts in the main marquee. We have a tea tent serving wonderful home made cakes with your drink whilst you are entertained by the Patcham Silver Band.

Schedules with entry forms for this year's show can be obtained from Small Dole Stores, Rushfields Plant Centre, and Swain's Farm Shop.

SMALL DOLE TUESDAY CLUB

Small Dole Tuesday Club meets at the **Village Hall, Small Dole, at 7.30 p.m.** on the following dates. Entrance is £2 with tea and biscuits.

- 14 June** Policing in the Community (*We are opening this meeting to the wider community, as the speaker is one of the Community Officers who look after Small Dole. If anyone wishes to come, and has questions to ask, they would be made very welcome.*)
- 12 July** The South Africa Story, with Barbara Deane
- 8 August** Skittles and Pizza at The Bull, Shermanbury

BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

The Society did a roaring trade selling plants and produce at the Village Hall Fayre on 21st May. They hope to do the same at Primary School **Summer Fete on 25 June**. In addition there will be cakes, preserves and a Tombola, so come and take a look. This will also be the venue for our **annual competition for a single specimen rose**. All you need to do is to bring your rose to our stall by 1pm and pay a 25p entry fee. Children aged 12 and under can enter a floral arrangement in a cup and saucer free of charge, so do encourage your children and grandchildren to take part. Both will have prizes of £3, £2, and £1 for first, second and third places.

The next event after this will be our **Summer Show on Saturday 27th August** in the **Beeding Village Hall**. This is open to the public **from 2.00 p.m. – 4 p.m.** with a 75p admission fee. Flowers and floral art, vegetables, cookery and photography will all be on display. If you would like to enter anything in the show, you will need a copy of our Show Book with all the details. Contact the Chairman, David Wells at 24, Monks Walk.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Club was formed over 20 years ago by the Hall committee as a means of introducing a new activity to the village. The Club plays throughout the year including the summer months. Fancy trying? Come along to one of our sessions, either Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. or Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.15 p.m. Equipment is provided and coaching and guidance is available. All we ask is you have a pair of flat, smooth soled shoes or slippers.

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL HEALTH WALKS

All welcome to guided, **free**, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn-up at the start point (if you are new to our scheme please arrive 15 minutes before the start time for registration). Programme booklet containing over 200 walks is available by contacting the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 or online at www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk Beginners are recommended to contact the Walk Leader to discuss suitability. **Forthcoming walks in the Upper Beeding Parish and neighbouring areas are as follows:**

Tuesday, 7 June, 11.00 am: Steyning, 2 mile circular walk, various routes taking in parts of the village and its outskirts. Can be a few stiles and small inclines. Meet at the **Steyning Health Centre, Tanyard Lane**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1¼ hours. *Leader Keith 01903 813381*. **Sunday, 12th June, 10.00 am: Poynings**, 4 mile circular walk, steep climb over Saddlescombe giving excellent views, returning through Newtimber Woods. Meet at **Royal Oak pub, Poynings**. Dogs allowed on a lead. *Leader Darren 07914 091261*. **Friday, 17th June, 7.00 pm: Fountain Inn, Ashurst**, meet in the Village Hall car park. 5 mile circular walk through beautiful countryside. No dogs. 2 hours. *Leader Lynda 01403 711504*. **Tuesday, 21st June, 10.00 am: 5th Annual Mid-summer Walk & BBQ, The Countryman Inn, Shipley, going North**, All welcome. 5 ½ mile mostly flat circular walk (5 stiles) followed by a pub lunchtime BBQ at £10 per head as per the last four years. We will go through farmland, Shipley village and Knepp Park passing the Norman church, Knepp Castle, the beautiful Kneppmill Pond and on to the ruins of the original Knepp castle - could see Fallow Deer, Tamworth Pigs, Exmoor Ponies and Old English Longhorn Cattle. Please book your Barbie with, and pay, Gill B on 01798 872939. Meet in the **Countryman car park** (TQ 135214). No dogs. 2½ hours. *Leaders Bill 01403 256248 & Geoff 01403 258180*. **Wednesday, 29th June, 7.00 pm: Bramber**, 6 to 7 mile circular walk for the more experienced walkers who crave the excitement and satisfaction of covering this distance at pace over difficult terrain. Meet at **Bramber car park**. (TQ 188105) No dogs. 3 hours. *Leader Geoffrey 01903 744881*

SPRING 2011 CRIME WATCH

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The newsletter of the Horsham South Sector Neighbourhood Watch

Horsham South Neighbourhood Policing Team Spring update

With spring well and truly upon us there has been reports in crime which historically link in with the season. The whole of the area has experienced some OTD (Other Than Dwelling) Burglary's. These are predominantly breaks to garden sheds, garages, and storage units where tools and gardening equipment have been targeted. These types of thefts can be reduced by keeping sheds etc. locked and secure and to maintain records of equipment including serial numbers to help with identification.

Business Watch: A particular area of concern is on the industrial estates with OTD's and breaks to vehicles. A Business Watch Scheme is being introduced in a bid to deter and prevent crime on the industrial estates. The scheme is designed to be run on a localised basis and to assist companies to share information which can range from suspect persons and vehicles to crime prevention advice. A contact system is to be set up where the initiator of the information will call the police, who then will either e-mail other industrial estates and garden centres so that they can be aware of any potential problems. If you require any further information regarding this please contact any of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Vehicle Crime: This season historically sees a rise in vehicle crime as the numbers of visitors to our area increases and OPERATION FISHER is now in place. This Police operation is running throughout the summer months to combat car crime in beauty spot car parks (see more, below). **Number Plates:** There has been an increase in stolen number plates in the area believed to be due to the rise in fuel prices. The plates are stolen and used on a vehicle which subsequently is used in crime, predominantly "bilkings" (making off without payment from petrol stations). It is possible to purchase special number plate screws to make it more difficult to remove plates. **Scrap Metal:** If anyone has any suspicions of persons driving vehicles around our area looking for scrap metal please call the Police immediately. Please ensure that you record the details of the vehicle and description of the occupants as well as the place and time of the sighting. **Vehicle Damage:** There has been a spate of vehicle damage in the Pulborough and West Chiltington area with mainly windscreens being damaged. This is also happening around the Petworth area.

As always if anyone has any issues about crime or crime prevention they wish to discuss then please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team Officer.

Anne Watson
Police Constable for Steyning, Upper Beeding, Bramber & Small Dole.
On behalf of NPT Horsham South
Current Police Operations.

Operation "Airwalk: Operation AIRWALK is designed to specifically target anti social driving. The police are working with West Sussex Fire and Rescue in a joint venture to visit areas which are reportedly having problems with anti-social driving. Any drivers who are using their mobile phones, not wearing seatbelts or speeding etc. are pulled over and then given the option to accept 3 penalty points and a fine, or to watch a very strong educational video about the possible consequences of their actions. This initiative is about education over enforcement. It is currently active in the Horsham South area and comes under the scheme 'Make the Commitment'.

Operation Fisher: The above operation targets theft from unattended motor vehicles parked up in rural, mainly beauty spot, car parks across the Horsham South area. Among others the following car parks are going to be patrolled to check vehicles for insecurities i.e. sat. navs and holders, handbags, tools or other valuables on display. The owners of vehicles causing concern will be written to with advice on steering clear of car crime: *Bostal Road, Steyning, Truleigh Hill car park, Bramber Castle, Chanctonbury Ring car park, Wiston, Washington car park, Southdowns Way, Washington, The Warren, Georges Lane, Washington, Sullington Warren car park, Water Lane, Storrington, Sullington Lane, Sullington, Chantry Post car park, Chantry Lane, Storrington, Kithurst Hill car park, Storrington, Wiggonholt Common car park, Pulborough, RSPB car park, Wiggonholt, Greatham Bridge car park, Greatham, North Stoke, Amberley, Monkmead Woods, Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington.* Police are also looking for Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers to assist in handing out car crime leaflets to people using the car parks. It will involve picking a beautiful, sunny day, sitting in one of the car parks, admiring the views and handing out leaflets. Whether it is for half an hour or 2 hours - it's up to you and the operation is running throughout the whole summer. If anyone is happy to volunteer then please email PCSO Carol Boniface for more information: carol.boniface@sussex.pnn.police.uk Any help no matter how little would be very much appreciated.



GREENING CAMPAIGN



Making money from sunshine - Does your house have a sunny roof? If so, have you thought about installing solar panels? With the new incentive schemes, this is great time to go solar. You can save on energy bills, cut your carbon footprint, and create a nice little earner on the side.

The Greening Campaign in Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding is mounting a campaign to let people know about the benefits of solar energy, and put them in touch with some trustworthy suppliers.

How does it work? There are two types of solar panels. Some produce hot water; others, known as photovoltaic or 'PV' panels, generate electricity. There are government-backed schemes for both, but the incentives for installing PV systems are particularly good – dazzling in fact! Under the new 'Feed in Tariff' scheme you get reimbursed for every unit of electricity you generate. And if you don't use it yourself you can sell it back to grid and earn even more. If you have a good roof, you can get a return of 8-10% a year, guaranteed for 25 years. It is index linked, and tax free, which is pretty impressive. **So what makes a good roof for solar panels?** Facing due south is obviously the best, but anything between southeast and southwest is good too. It needs to be largely unshaded, and not have too many obstructions, like dormer windows. **How much does it cost?** Solar panels are not cheap, but they can be a very good investment. A typical hot water system costs £3000 - £4000, whereas an average-sized PV system is more like £8,000 - £12000. If you've got some savings sitting in the bank earning peanuts, fitting solar panels could be a great way of making a 'green investment' that will keep paying back for years to come. If your savings won't stretch to this, all is not lost. There are a number of so-called 'rent-a-roof' schemes where if you have a really good roof, commercial companies will agree to install PV panels for nothing. You benefit from free electricity, while they take advantage of the Feed in Tariff. **Interested in finding out more?** If you missed the Greening Campaign's solar event on 25 May, you can find out all about it from the Steyning 10:10 website – www.1010steyning.org.

BEEDING IN BLOOM

By the time you read this, our hanging baskets will be up, our containers planted and our flowerbeds refreshed. We would really appreciate your support to enable us to continue doing this. Please help in the following ways: by contributing to our Sponsor a Basket Appeal, by joining our Working Parties for planting, weeding, pruning, etc. – just an hour would make a difference, and by supporting our fund-raising events.

Saturday 25 June: Come and visit our Plant Stall at the School Summer Fair (we would be grateful for any plants for this).

28 June: Our annual Garden Competition will be judged – you can enter front or back garden, or hanging baskets and containers in categories: "Cool and Calm", Hot and Fiery" or "Edible and Integrated". There is a separate category for Allotments.

10 July: We are holding our popular "Open Gardens" event, so don't miss the chance to walk round the lovely and varied gardens which will be open. There will be plant sales, exhibitions and refreshments. *(For more information on any of the above, please contact Tricia on 01903 812366)*

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Please return to Beeding in Bloom, C/O Beeding News, High Street, Beeding

GARDEN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM:

Name, address and telephone no.:

Category entered:

(If allotment, state Plot No. and if only held 2 years or under)

SPONSOR A BASKET APPEAL: Each basket costs £12 to plant up. We need your help and support so that we can continue to make our village a beautiful place to live. If you can sponsor a basket or make a donation towards one, please enclose it with this form. Cheques should be made payable to Beeding in Bloom. Thank you so much.

Name and address:

Donation:

I/We would like to help by: