

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Winter 2017

Website: <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/>

Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter.

The Parish Council has had some early gifts this year. Three people have come forward to give us their time and talents by joining the council. I was very happy to welcome our first Councillor from Edburton, Tom Kardos. Tom is a civil engineer currently working on Crossrail. Also joining us is Chris Verney from Beeding, a retired HR manager with wide experience in voluntary work. Last but by no means least we welcome the return of Joyce Shaw with her huge experience of council work.

There are still council vacancies if you are interested in joining us. Small Dole in particular remains under-represented with only one Councillor out of its allocation of two.

At the time of writing I have been trying to come to terms with the terrible news of the death of Terry Townsend, a man I was proud to consider a friend. Terry inspired me in many ways. We had a shared interest in endurance sport and often shared training tips and tales of past exploits. He managed to be cheerful even when I knew he was under the weather, usually because he was injured and couldn't enjoy his running. He set a great example in many ways and I know he was very popular. Terry will be sorely missed by many.

People like Terry set an example, having time for others and bringing a bit of light into people's lives. It's an instinctive community spirit, and I'm proud that we seem to have plenty of it in our parish. It permeates the community, showing itself especially when we come together in our sports clubs, pubs, societies, churches and especially at the school summer fair. It's an essential part of why this is such a great place to live and makes representing the community as a Councillor an easier, more enjoyable task.

Thank you to all for making this a special place, and Seasons Greetings from all of us at Upper Beeding Parish Council

Simon Birnstingl
Chair, UBPC

On the 11th September, Year 5 and 6 children from Upper Beeding Primary school experienced a day in the life of a child in World War Two! After arriving at school dressed as evacuees, they were led into their classrooms, where they were met by the deafening drone of air raid sirens echoing around the corridors of the school building! Children spent their morning creating Morrison shelters to protect them from oncoming German bombs. Children later experienced three sessions learning about the Home Front. They learnt about rationing through baking traditional wartime recipes, creating 'eggless' sponges and carrot cookies. In another session, they learnt what it means to 'Dig for Victory' by planting their own vegetables in the school garden. Finally, they made resourceful use of spare materials in a 'make do and mend' session, where they learnt the value of re-using cloth on the Home Front, creating purses by hand. The children have not stopped talking about their day in role as a World War Two child, and now know exactly what to do in the event of an air raid!



Welcome to Upper Beeding Primary School's New Starters in Reception!

We hope your first term has been exciting and fun!

More Good News for Local Cricketers!

Following on from the report in the last newsletter about the success of local resident players in the Steyning cricket club this season, there is more to report!

One of the Steyning players, Elliot (back row, left), from Upper Beeding, has recently been selected for the England Physical Disability Cricket Team Lions, after representing Sussex Disability Cricket this season.

The Lions are a group of 9 (eight pictured right) players from across the UK. The aim of the Lions is to feed into the main England physical disability team as opportunities present themselves. To assist this, the squad have monthly training camps and support from the England coaching team in their schools and clubs. There is also the exciting chance of selection for a training camp in Spain next Easter.



Well done and good luck to the Lions and congratulations Elliot!

Village Hall News

Internally the village hall has had nearly £20,000 spent on it in the last six months. The main hall has had a new sound system installed complete with a hearing loop for those who wear hearing aids. New doors have been put into the main hall and on the large room, which has also been redecorated and had the pipes boxed in. Our thanks to The Wilson Trust for paying for the sound system.

The hall's secretary gave notice at the beginning of the year that she would not be continuing after the 2018 AGM which is on Monday 30th April. Is there anyone in either Upper Beeding or Bramber or Small Dole who would be interested in taking over. There could be a job share until the AGM. If you are interested please contact either Jean on 01273 493184 or the Chairperson Sue Albery on 01903 812450. The next Management meeting is scheduled for 15th January at 7.30pm so do come along and listen.

New User : Yoga classes are starting on 8th January on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00 to 11.00. The cost is £8 for those who "drop in" or £42 for a six week pass. The first class is FREE. Contact Carol on 07927 114258 for more details.

On Tuesday 19th December the hall welcomes back Lancing Brass band for its Carols Evening Tickets are Adults £4 and Children £2, they are available from Sue at the Newsagents. This is a very good evening where you can show how well then people of Beeding & Bramber can sing !

The Christmas Quiz will be on Wednesday 20th December. Cost is £1 per player with teams of six, if you come on your own we can put you into a team. There is always a raffle, tea/coffee are available at half time. Bring your own refreshments to nibble throughout the evening. The quizzes are hosted by a variety of quiz masters. Come along and try it !

Have you thought of supporting the hall by being a member of its 200 Club? It is a registered lottery with Horsham District Council. The cost is £12 for the year, this enables you to be entered into 12 monthly draws. Half the monies received go into prizes which are currently £65 each month and the remaining amount goes into the hall improvements fund. Entry forms are available from any user.

BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



We do hope that you will continue to support the Society by joining or renewing your membership for 2018. We held two Shows in Spring and Summer this year, and in 2018, as usual there will be a Spring and Summer Show,

together with a Coffee Morning in March – so watch out for posters nearer the time! You may also wish to visit our new Facebook page.

On **Saturday 27 January 2018** we shall be having our Coffee Morning (with cakes and a raffle) and AGM at the Beeding and Bramber Village Hall (large back room) – so do come along from 11.00 a.m. We always need members and volunteers, both old and new, and we are very happy to hear from anyone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm who are able to help the Society in any way, by either joining as a member, giving a spare hour or so of your time to assist in setting up or helping to man our stalls at our events, putting up posters, or even joining the committee!

For further information about the Society please email Pat Nightingale drpnightingale@mypostoffice.co.uk or Ian and Mary Ivatt ianivatt.tax@btinternet.com (Secretaries).

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meet at the village hall every **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30. New or experienced bowlers are welcome to join us. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that play, tuition can be arranged. Bonus! **The first session is FREE.** We have social bowlers as well as more competitive ones.

At the moment we play in the top league of the County but, to date, we have not had brilliant results this season. Having said that most of our games have been away from home so fortunes could change in the New Year. We have progressed to the second round of the Knockout Cup and play Horley in January.

Bowls is gentle exercise for players and the social side of meeting others is a good thing. Come along and try it.

Contact Jean on 01273 493184 for more details.

BRAIN STORMING EVENT

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP STEYNING AND DISTRICT HEALTHY

*January 17th 7.00pm The Steyning
Centre*

A CALL FOR IDEAS from the very many community organisations and societies in Steyning and District, and all residents, on how to work together with Steyning Medical Practice to help improve the health and well-being of vulnerable people.

Dr. Rainbow from the Steyning Medical Practice will lead an event, which will involve participation from all local Parish Councils, the Community Partnership and the Patient Participation Group. All groups and societies and local residents are welcome to add their ideas to the discussion, and to the Development of a future Local Community Network.

BEEDING IN BLOOM

Our summer planting in the containers did so well that we hadn't the heart to take them out until the frost came.

We have planted polyanthus in all but the broken planter. We hope this can be repaired next spring.

By the time you read this we will have tidied up our flowerbeds in Dawn Close and the one near Nisa.

We would like to say thank you and Seasons Greetings to everyone who has helped and supported us this year.



STEYNING HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday,

13 December 2017

STEYNING CENTRE,
SAXON ROOM, 7.45 P.M.

**"History of the
Evening Argus"**

By Paul Green

Visitors welcome - £3.00

Tea, coffee, cake, or biscuits
in the Interval

Ian Ivatt, Chairman, Steyning History Society



Poster design by
Mary L. Ivatt

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

By the time you read this, our series of lectures for 2017 will be complete.

We begin our meetings in 2018 on Wed. 3 January in the Village Hall with a talk by Simon Stevens on "The Archaeology of Death and Remembrance". Sounds morbid? Just think of cromlechs, burial mounds, Viking ship burials, the pyramids of Egypt, etc. and you will see what a fascinating subject this could be – and no talk by Simon is ever boring!

On Wed. 7 February, John and Jeannette Simpson bring us a repeat of their exciting presentation of "Lords of Bramber" (the de Braose family who built Bramber Castle and the original churches of Beeding and Bramber).

All are welcome; the entry fee for non-members is £3. Membership for the coming year is £8 per person and £15 for two people at the same address, payable at any meeting. Further information from Pat Nightingale, at drpnightingale@mypostoffice.co.uk or tel. 01903 812847

LET US NOT FORGET

432755 Private Herbert Ernest Samuel Keywood

Labour Corps (previously G/13535, Royal Sussex Regiment)

Herbert, a gardener by trade, was born in Bramber in 1888. He was the son of James Keywood, a carpenter, and his wife, Emma Jane, née Woolgar. He married his first wife, Annie Hoare, in 1908. She, however, died the following year, possibly in childbirth, or soon after giving birth to a daughter Annie Louise, who also died in 1909. He married his second wife, Ellen Mary Body, apparently whilst serving in the army in the Hastings area of East Sussex.

Details of Herbert's army service are very unclear due to his service record not having survived. It appears from the information held by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that he was transferred to the Labour Corps. Such transfers happened quite often when a man was found to be physically unfit for active service. His death certificate shows that he died, aged 29, on Sunday, December 16 1917 of ulcerative colitis in The Borough Sanatorium, Preston, Brighton. The certificate shows that he was stationed in Guestling (near Hastings) whilst serving as a Private in the 7th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment). It appears that Herbert, who is commemorated on Bramber War Memorial, didn't serve overseas and, thus, didn't qualify for any medals. Herbert and Ellen are buried together in St Nicholas Churchyard, Bramber. Their grave is close to the western end of the church, quite near to other family members. Several of his mother's relatives are also buried in the churchyard.

Four of Herbert's brothers also served in the First World War and were fortunate to survive.

From "The People of Beeding and Bramber in the Great War" by Pat Nightingale



Neighbourhood Plan Update Winter 2018

I thought I would remind you what NP is all about, it gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. (Extract www.gov.uk)

Some other websites worth visiting if you would like some more detail are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvAHhrKNVt0>

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-glossary/>

Since my last update we have been working hard to get our Draft Plan finished and for HDC to carry out a healthcheck before making it available to you for consultation and feedback before we submit it to HDC formally. Unfortunately we had hoped to have this available by December but due to longer lead times required by AECOM to deliver its Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and Site Assessments we are unlikely to be able to start public consultation until late January. This will take the form of publicising the Plan on our website, making hard copies available at the PC office and other public places and holding public meetings in UB and Small Dole so as to allow you to raise any comments, queries, changes etc. so that we can consider to take on board and add or amend the Plan before submitting to HDC.

The key points from AECOM's HNA was the need for 200+ dwellings (13 a year) over the next 16 years to satisfy the housing requirements for UB and Small Dole, in particular providing within this number sheltered and affordable homes. This number is based on unconstrained demand, (lack of sites for development, SDNP, flood risk etc. not taken into consideration). The HNA is available on the UBPC website <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

The sites we have asked AECOM to assess (doesn't mean these automatically get chosen) are:

1. Strip of land Smugglers Lane
2. Land East of Pound Lane
3. Little Paddocks
6. Land at Greenfields Henfield Road
11. Oxcroft Farm South End Small Dole
16. Valerie Manor Henfield Rd
17. Church Farm UB Adj. Caravan Park
18. Riverside Caravan Park
19. Burrells Henfield Road, Small Dole

We hope to have the results of these assessments in December and be able to input those recommended and agreed by the PC into the Draft NP for consultation.

Affordable Homes on Garages idea is not progressing well. The Hyde Group who use to build these has taken a strategic decision to withdraw from the development of housing in rural locations, the owners of 54 of the garages is not supportive of the idea due to the level of disruption and lack of parking during the build and HDC cannot pursue as they do not have the resource to develop this independently. Any ideas welcome

continues...

If you want to advertise a not-for-profit service or an event in the Spring newsletter, due out in early March, please email the details to

editor@beeding.plus.com

by 15th February 2018

Our Green Spaces being proposed for the Plan are:

- Hyde Street Green
- Pepperscombe Lane
- Priory Fields Green
- St Peter's Green & floodplain
- Saltings Field
- Small Dole Playground

Some Aspirational Policies / Plans being considered are:

- Additional parking improvements and enforcement to increase safety levels for children, pedestrians and cyclists and improved access for buses and school children
- Additional enforcement of dog fouling regulations.
- Max speed limit of 30 mph in all Built Up Areas of the Parish and 20 mph near higher population densities.
- Introduce infrastructure needs assessment for every construction proposal.
- Introduce Flood Prevention work based on rolling 50 years. To include government estimates of construction requirements, traffic and climate change.
- Improve access to Hyde Lane from the High St. and look at widening the road to reduce congestion.
- Protect the old school buildings to stop them being converted or knocked down for housing.
- Protect our shops that support our community.
- Supporting Green Tourism to enable local employment opportunities
- The cement works redevelopment and alignment with the emerging SDNP Local Plan policy and area action plan.
- Supporting the redevelopment of garage blocks as and when they become available for affordable housing
- Redevelopment of the sports hall and improvement of the storage and changing facilities on the Memorial Playing Field
- Cycle Lane between Upper Beeding and Small Dole
- Cycle and Pedestrian Crossing on the A283 to provide safer crossing on the Southdowns Way
- Improved footpaths and bridleways, notably Windmill Hill, access between Beeding & Small Dole and the Beeding side of the river to Dacre Gardens.
- Riverside Park along the deeper section of the riverbank by Adur View, extending to Dawn Crescent footpath.
- Enlarge the public orchard planting in the Hyde Street Open Space and possibly Priory Field,
- Review the state of our bus shelters and the need for one by Small Dole PO
- Provide outdoor gym equipment if a suitable location can be found

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December 2017	5 th	Planning Committee Council	
January 2018	9 th	Planning Committee Council	<i>Slipped one week to allow preparation after the holiday period</i>
	23 rd	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee	<i>Slipped one week consequent to previous meeting slippage</i>
February 2018	6 th	Planning Committee Council	
	20 th	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee Emergency Committee	
March 2018	6 th	Planning Committee Council	<i>At Small Dole Village Hall</i>
	20 th	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee	

Police & Crime

The local PCSOs and Wardens for Small Dole and Upper Beeding are:

PCSO Tina Dunning: tina.m.dunning@sussex.pnn.police.uk Mobile: 07884475331

Warden Paul Conroy paul.conroy@pnn.police Mobile: 07734387889

Contact Sussex Police via the non-emergency number 101 to report an incident. **Call 999 immediately if** crime is being committed, the offender is still nearby, people are injured, being threatened or in danger.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL SEASON'S GREETINGS

Please send to the editor: editor@beeding.plus.com

Any article / contribution / questions by 20th February 2018 for our Spring Edition