

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Summer 2018

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

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the Parish Council newsletter for Spring 2018. It's good to see the back of winter and those late, beastly easterlies. The Downs are now green and the trees are in full leaf showing our beautiful area at its best.

In April we held the Annual Parish Meeting. A full agenda gave plenty of variety for the parishioners who attended, starting with a presentation to Jean Armour-Milne, the retiring secretary of Beeding & Bramber Village Hall. Jean has volunteered at the village hall for 30 years, helping us to have this wonderful community resource. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to again express our gratitude for her services.

The first speakers of the evening were representatives from EoN Rampion. We heard that the turbines in the wind farm have now all been commissioned and their circuits were being tested, the power lines are all in place and the offshore and onshore substations are delivering power to the National Grid. During all the workings on land and at sea various items of archaeological interest were discovered. There was a special showing at Ropetackle in Shoreham but the company hope to find a site for a permanent display. Questions from the public followed, with some annoyance expressed at the time being taken to restore the Downs. We were promised that the work would be completed this year, with a ten year follow-up period to ensure the ecology is fully restored.

Horsham Matters' representative Ruth Hodgson gave the next presentation. They are a local charity that runs the Steyning, Bramber & Beeding Youth Service for the three parish councils. We learned that they provide other services such as the loneliness and isolation project and the local food bank, both in association with The Hub, Beeding.

Neil Bird of Southern Transit was the third speaker. His company are based at the Cement Works, providing local bus services including Route 3 from Shoreham to Horsham. This excellent service runs on Thursdays and Saturdays plus Bank Holiday specials. It's well worth supporting for a day out in our countryside or just a trip to a country pub: The route gives passengers access to 34 of them! Neil has recently invested in a fleet of new Citymaster vehicles to complement their veteran Routemasters. Its well worth taking a look at their website at <https://www.southerntransit.co.uk/>

The Hub at the Baptist Church in Church Lane has become an irreplaceable community resource thanks to its volunteers and the leadership of Peter Butchers. Peter told the meeting about the many services they provide for the whole community. With around 100 volunteers The Hub provides everything from tea and cake to help with loneliness and isolation, dementia support and much more. Their website is at <https://www.thehubbeeding.org/>

After a briefing from the wardens and the Neighbourhood Plan (see Sean Teatum's separate article) there was a public Q&A session. Two issues were raised by the public: The state of the roads, particularly potholes, and the number of posters left on telegraph poles. County Councillor David Barling promised to push for action on potholes. We would ask anyone putting posters up on any street furniture to remember to take them down after the event has passed.

The Parish Council unveiled the design for new interpretation boards that will be placed at entry points to the village, pointing out places of interest, shops and pubs. Councillor Chilver has worked hard on these for a long time. They will help visitors and tourists while promoting our villages and businesses.

Finally, keep an eye open for the Silent Soldier. He commemorates the centenary of the end off the Great War and will appear in a variety of places in our villages. If you see him, take a minute to contemplate the sacrifice made by so many at that terrible time. They thought it was such a cataclysm that humanity would learn from it and never repeat such folly. That's worth a few minutes' consideration.

Simon Birnstingl, Chair UBPC

A NEW SEAT IN HYDE SQUARE

A new seat has been provided in Hyde Square by the family of the late Dave Nightingale. Dave was born in Bolton and studied at Manchester University, but came to live with his wife Pat and family in School Road, Upper Beeding in 1972 after gaining employment at Ricardo & Co. in Shoreham. In 1976, the family moved to Hyde Street.

Dave loved walking and knew all the mountains of the Lake District. He soon came to love the Downs and became a footpath warden, walking the many footpaths of the parish every year and reporting anything that needed attention such as broken stiles and finger-posts. He helped Pat with her allotment, and restored an old MG which he often took to the annual FUBS fete at the Primary School.

In 2000 he helped to produce the millennium map which now hangs in the Village Hall, and was responsible for drawing the background map while Pat found local artists to provide the illustrations.

In 2003 the couple were asked by Upper Beeding Parish Council to submit the village's case for being in the proposed South Downs National Park. The couple prepared their "proof of evidence" and in 2004 appeared at the Public Enquiry in Worthing to make their case. In the end, the village itself was not included in the National Park, but the surrounding countryside was. (It was the same for Bramber and Steyning and many other villages).

After his retirement, Dave became a volunteer warden on the South Downs, joining with others every Wednesday to do such tasks as scrub clearance, repairing steps and stiles and clearing paths. He also helped to install the hand-rail beside the steps from the church to the river.

In recent years when he became increasingly frail, he frequently needed somewhere to sit down. His family hope that this seat, provided in his memory, will be a useful place for tired shoppers or passers-by to rest for a while.

Pat Nightingale, May 2018

TRIALS DAY
Saturday 23rd June

UBFC

SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

STEYNING FOOTBALL CLUB

UPPER BEEDING F.C.

Come along to our Trials day,
Adding to our Teams, 1st, Reserves & U/18's
12-2pm
The Memorial Field, Upper Beeding, Sussex, BN44 3WN

Contact: 07523-619856 @upperbeedingfc

All Welcome, Refreshments Available,

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editor@beeding.plus.com

by 15th August 2018

Naughty Bus Visit

The children in Reception at Upper Beeding Primary School were so excited when the Naughty Bus came to school. Southern Transit brought a vintage bus to school for the children as the finale of their Naughty Bus unit of work. The children had been busy over the few weeks reading the story 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. They had to make missing posters for the bus, use pastels to draw bus pictures, interview the schools premises officer to see if he had seen the Naughty bus in school grounds and writing their own bus stories. The Naughty Bus had asked for the children to help him as he had followed the rules the children had written for him and had become the 'Not So Naughty Bus'. He was desperate to grow into a big bus. On Friday morning the children were able to explore the vintage bus, receiving tickets from a conductor.



Upper Beeding Celebrate Book week

The week beginning Monday 26th February saw the children and staff of Upper Beeding celebrating reading with a own school book week. The week commenced with the well known author and poet Brian Moses coming to launch our book week which had a focus of poetry and performance.

Brian entertained the school with his performance poetry before working with children in Key Stage 2 inspiring them to write their own poems. He was so impressed with the work of the children that he asked to publish two children's work on his website.

Thursday 1st March was World Book Day and all children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book characters with prizes given for the most original characters. Teachers had themes and Key Stage One entertained the school with their rendition of "What the Ladybird heard!"

West End in School visited on Friday to ensure that Book week finished on a high with their Jungle Bungle show. A show centred round books.

There were lots of other interesting activities for the children – caught reading prizes, golden tickets, storytelling lunchtimes, pass the story to name a few.

It is proven that children that read for pleasure are more likely to stick at it and be successful and whilst at Upper Beeding we have lots of emphasis already on promoting enjoyment of reading; a whole school book week really raises the profile of reading.



BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite the poor weather, our Spring Show went ahead and we managed a good display, although there were fewer entries than usual.

Our Summer Show will be on **Saturday 25 August** in the Village Hall, open to the public from 2-4pm, admission 50p.

There are many different categories that can be entered including some for children: flowers, vegetables, cakes and other cookery, floral arrangements, photography and handicrafts. A new class last year was for the largest sunflower head, which produced some whoppers.

Can you do better? For more information about how to take part, and to obtain a Show Book, Tel. 01903 812847.

BEEDING IN BLOOM

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE - SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

We will be supporting our local school by having a stand to sell plants. Please visit our plant stall. (Plants for this please)

SUNDAY 15th JULY - (3pm - 5pm) "AFTERNOON TEA"

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER EVENT which will be held in the lovely garden at "Cattle Copse" in Pound Lane. (top end before stables) Homemade cakes plus tea and/or cold drinks.

There will be plants for sale and a Raffle.

SPONSOR A BASKET APPEAL

Each basket costs £13 to plant up. We need your help & 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 in an envelope marked Beeding in Bloom and leave it with Beeding News in the High St. Cheques should be made payable to "Beeding in Bloom".

Thank you so much.

Name & Address.....Donation.....

I/We would like to help by.....

(For more information about any of above ring Tricia on 812366)

Neighbourhood Planning

Since my last update we finalised the Draft NP and associated documents and sent them to HDC for a Healthcheck in March. During April we responded to additional queries and requests from them for additional information.

HDC have now sent us their response to the Healthcheck. Nothing too serious to resolve and we are planning to meet with them w/c 14th. May to clarify any points and update the Draft NP based on their recommendations. Hopefully we can finalise this by the end of May and start the Consultation process.

I produced a presentation for the APM on 26th April and booklet for distribution. No real questions or comments from the floor but a few people I spoke to on the NP stand still questioned why we are trying to develop the Pound Rd sites. I explained "only sites that can provide some housing"

The Next Steps as I see them are below:

Received HDC feedback on Healthcheck of Draft NP, meeting planned w/c 14th May and hopefully the Draft NP will be available by end of May.

- Publicise start of NP Consultation with the Community, other Statutory Consultees (WSCC, SDNP, HDC, Southern Water, Natural England, Historic England, Environment Agency etc.) This will hopefully be by the end of May.
- Consultation is a minimum 6 week period where all consultees have an opportunity to record any comments / make representations on the Plan
- The Draft Plan will be available on our website, hard copies will be placed in public buildings and there will be sessions held in UB and SD where members of the NP Team will be available to explain the Plan in more detail, dates TBC.
- The consultation process will be undertaken (by UBPC) in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan Regulations
- All comments will be reviewed by the NP Team & PC and possible changes made to the Draft before being submitted to HDC. HDC will review and carry out its regulation 16 consultation – also a minimum of 6 weeks.
- An independent Examiner will be commissioned by HDC to undertake an examination of the plan against the Basic Conditions. All representations will be sent directly to him/her for consideration and he/she will produce a report which will hopefully recommend the plan proceed to referendum (possibly with modifications in order to meet the basic conditions).
- The Examiner will recommend if the plan should proceed to referendum but the final decision will be with HDC. The examination and referendum will be arranged by HDC.
- Referendum could be late 2018 but more likely early 2019

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BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Following a summer break, these are the remaining meetings of the year:

Wednesday 5 September, Helen Poole will give an illustrated talk on Elizabethan Sussex

Wednesday 3 October, Stewart Angell's talk is on Subterranean Sussex

Wednesday 7 November, Mark Perry-Nash will tell us about Life in the Castles of Sussex.

Meetings are held at 7.45pm in the Village Hall with an interval when refreshments are available. All are welcome and there is a charge of £3 for non-members.

Our booklet about World War Two in Beeding and Bramber is now available, price £6 from Beeding News, or directly from me, and I can also supply our books on the History of Beeding, price £7.50, and Beeding and Bramber in the Great War, price £12.

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June	5th	Planning Committee Council	
	19th	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Liesure Committee	
July	3rd	Planning Committee Council	
	17th	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee	
August		<i>No Meetings</i>	

Police & Crime

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

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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 A WONDERFUL SUMMER

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

Any article / contribution / questions by 20th August 2018 for our Autumn Edition