

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Spring 2017

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

Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. I'm writing this in February just as the weather has finally changed and Spring seems to be finally starting. It's a huge relief when the cold and wet stops and the early flowers emerge. I've been delighted to see snowdrops, hellebores and daffodils flowering in my garden and frogs appearing in my pond.

Council business continues at its own pace through the year. You might remember we asked your opinion on a blanket 20mph speed limit for Beeding village some time ago. The paperwork finally reached the top of the relevant in-tray at West Sussex County Council so we hope to see some plans soon. If they are ready in time they will be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Our County Councillor, David Barling, writes more on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

I mentioned the Annual Parish Meeting. It will be in Thursday 27th April in Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, 7pm arrival for a 7.30 start. Refreshments will be available.

The Parish Council is arranging speakers for the meeting and your councillors and wardens will be there to answer questions. There will be reports on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Twinning Scheme and a speaker from Neighbourhood Watch, plus more to be announced.

If there is anything you would like to discuss please let us know and we'll put it on the agenda. If there's someone you think we should invite to speak then similarly let us know: while the Parish Council organises the meeting it belongs to you, the public.

Last year the Small Dole skate park was in the news when plans to close it were published. There was an outcry from many skaters and concerned parishioners. As a result of work by councillors and members of public the ramps were redesigned and repaired.

I'm pleased to report that there will be an official opening of the skate park at Easter, though full arrangements have not yet been made. Keep an eye on our notice boards and local social media for further details.

The other big thing happening in local government this spring is the election of County Councillors. For some people May 4th is Star Wars Day. For the County Council it's Election Day! You can decide which is most exciting but if you want to enjoy both you need to register to vote immediately. You can do this via <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> or call Horsham District Council on 01403 215126 if you have any questions.

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at and we hold committees on the third Tuesday. Generally we meet in Beeding & Bramber Village Hall though twice a year we meet in Small Dole Village Hall. The meetings are open to the public who are welcome to ask questions and observe. Our full meeting schedule is on our website and meetings are advertised on our notice boards.

Simon Birnstingl,
Chair UBPC

Village Hall News

The **AGM** of the Hall is on Monday **8 May** at 7.30pm.

This is when the managing trustees report to the residents of Upper Beeding and Bramber on what has been happening at the hall during the previous twelve months and their plans for the future. Comments are regularly made that the hall is financed by the Parish Councils, this is not true. The hall is a separate entity and the day to day running is financed by the hire of the facilities all improvements are normally financed from the fund raising that the trustees organise. The Parish Councils of Upper Beeding and Bramber can make grants to help with certain projects.

By the time this article is read the outside pathways should have been resurfaced and this means the refurbishment of the garden area will be complete. The two parish Councils have made grants towards this project. Attention then turns to the inside of the building. On the list for attention but in no particular order are: new chairs for the large room; a sound system for the main hall which will include an induction loop for the hard of hearing and a PA system; CCTV; repainting and possibly replacing the water heaters in both kitchens.

Fund raising events planned for 2017 include the **200 club** which is £12 for a year, this allows you to enter 12 monthly draws with half the money being allocated to prizes. Application forms are available from the hall.

There are:

- **Monthly quizzes** on the third Wednesday with the next ones being 15 March, 19 April, 17 May. See the banner for more details.
- Saturday 29 April is a **Spring Fair** for all the family , food, entertainment, fancy dress etc. etc. See the posters for more details.
- Saturday June 17 there will be **live music** with local band Desperate Measures, this should be a really good evening.

Other events later in the year are:

- Saturday 14 October Last Night of the Proms with Patcham Silver Band.
- Saturday 25 November Christmas fair and finally
- Tuesday 19 December carols Evening with Lancing Brass.

Put all these dates in your diary and support the events!

Beeding & Bramber Horticultural Society

Our Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 25 March** in the Village Hall.

It will be open to the public from 10.30am to view the flowers, photography and other exhibits, admission 50p. There will also be refreshments, plants and a raffle.

If you would like to enter something in the Show, you will need a Show Book, which gives details of all the different categories, and you will need to bring your entry to the hall and put it on display by 9.30am. Show books are available by phoning 01903 812847.

There are even categories for children, so do encourage your children or grand-children to take part. For example, under-16s can enter some cress grown in a decorated egg shell, or a wild-life conservation poster they have designed. There are even some cups and monetary prizes to be won.

This **may be the LAST Spring Show EVER**, so please help make it a success and maybe we can keep them going.

Pat Nightingale

Short Mat Bowls

The competitive season is coming to an end and at the moment Upper Beeding are top of the league and also in the knockout cup finals. We have a small group of bowlers who enjoy the more competitive side of the game and we are always looking for more to join us. If you have some bowls experience, it could be long mat or outdoors then why not pop in one Tuesday evening at the Village Hall and meet us. The sessions start at 7.30pm arriving 15 minutes earlier would help so that we can organise the evening.

The Club also has a non-competitive group of members who meet Tuesday and Friday afternoons for two hours and they thoroughly enjoy themselves playing bowls, having a chat and generally socialising with each other. The summer months April to September are ideal for anyone to come and learn the basics of this game. All you need to bring are yourselves and a pair of smooth soled shoes to change into. The rest is available from the club. Better still the first session is free of charge. The afternoons start at 2.30pm again arriving at 2.15pm would help us to organise things.

Come and try it !!

Jean Armour-Milne

Putting Our Village on the Map



What everybody should know about Upper Beeding.

The Parish Council is planning to increase awareness of the special attractions of our village by installing 'Information Boards' in a few strategic locations.

We are seeking your help by asking you, please, to let us know what it is that you feel is important to point out about Upper Beeding to both visitors and residents. What makes Upper Beeding special? Of what should hikers on the South Downs Way, visitors crossing the bridge from Bramber, or canoeists along the Adur, for example, be made aware about the points of special interest of where we live?

We would also like help with the design. If you are a designer or have experience with this kind of thing please get in touch.

Please write down and pass to the Parish Clerk (Steve Coberman upper.beeding@btconnect.com) your suggestions for places and matters of interest, thoughts about the wording of the information that should



BEEDING IN BLOOM

This year we are having to replace all the poles which take our hanging baskets as the original ones have deteriorated. We hope to get the work done well before we have to put up this year's baskets.

We are planning to hold our popular OPEN GARDENS event this year. Please contact us if you would like to join our regular owners by opening your garden this year.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with tidying flowerbeds and clearing/planting up containers. Please help if you can!

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 contribution towards one, please enclose it with this form in an envelope marked Beeding in Bloom and hand it in to Beeding News in the High Street. Cheques should be made out to Beeding in Bloom. Thank you so much.

Name & Address Donation.....

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

(For more information on any of the above please contact Tricia on 812366)



Neighbourhood Wardens Helping to Reduce Social Isolation

Local neighbourhood wardens for the Steyning, Upper Beeding and Bramber areas have been engaging with older residents in the communities, as well as working with organisations and voluntary groups, to help reduce social isolation.

Wardens Paul Conroy and Michael Pearce run a weekly club at Dingemans Court and arrange quizzes, indoor sports sessions, afternoon teas and trips to garden centres and theatres.

Paul and Michael also attend the monthly Vintage Years Club meetings at Steyning Community Centre, giving out safety messages to older people, helping with transport and getting to know the local residents.

Paul said: "This is definitely one of the most rewarding parts of our role as neighbourhood wardens. Working with older people in the community gives us the opportunity to make a difference in their lives by interacting with them on a social level. Our club has been running for over two years now and we have got to know the members very well and consider them as our friends."

Michael added: "We are also hoping to build upon our existing relationship with the Upper Beeding lunch club and will be seeking ways to socially include a greater number of residents from across the three parishes in the coming year."

Paul and Michael have started running monthly 'surgeries' so local people can meet with them to discuss any issues or concerns. The next one in Steyning is on Wednesday 8th March in the Steyning Centre from 11am – 12 noon. There will also be a surgery at Upper Beeding Hub on Friday 24th March from 11am – 12 noon.

The Neighbourhood Warden Scheme aims to provide a reassuring presence in the community. Wardens can deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour and dog fouling; they offer advice on crime prevention; liaise with vulnerable residents and refer crime incidents to the Police, acting as professional witnesses. They are not, however, a replacement for the Police, nor are they an emergency service.

If you would like to get in touch with the neighbourhood Wardens, you can call Paul on 07734 387889 or Michael on 07734 387888 or via twitter @HorshamWardens.

Neighbourhood Plan Continues to Progress

Lots has been going on since the start of the year with meetings with the new HDC NP Officer Norman Kwan and attending an NP Workshop. Notes from these can be found on the NP section on the Parish website under

<http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/latest-news-documents/>

We are currently waiting for HDC to respond to what we have produced so far before we continue with production of the Draft Plan. We will be presenting more at the APM in April. Our next meeting will be in early March check out the date on the website as not yet agreed or drop me an email to: teatum@btinternet.com for any further info.

Sean Teatum
Chairman of the NP Team

Many thanks to the dedicated team that prepare the Beeding cricket pitch to a standard unrivalled in Sussex and many surrounding counties!



Cricket is coming!

Very best of luck to the members of the parish that represent the area in local teams.

Some good cricket played by **Beeding & Bramber Cricket Club** on a Sunday.

And a shout out to our youngsters that play for **Steyning Cricket Club** and wishing the mighty U16s in particular another brilliant season!

Beeding & Bramber Local History Society

Meetings of the Local History Society are held in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

Membership is £8 per year for an individual and £15 for two people at the same address. Non-members are welcome to attend for £3.

The New Year began with two excellent talks, the first in January by Janet Pennington on Steyning Scandals, the Secrets of a Sussex Market Town, followed by John and Jeanette Simpson in February telling us about the Princess of Dreams – the Life and Times of Lydia Yavorska, and how she came to be buried in the churchyard of St Nicolas, Old Shoreham.

After our AGM on March 1, followed by a talk from Chris Tod on Discovering the Past at Steyning Museum, our next meetings will be:

Wed. 5 April, Gary Baines on the History of Shoreham Fort and
Wed. 3 May, Bill Gage, Going off the Rails

For further information tel. 01903 812847 or email drpnightingale@mypostoffice.co.uk

You can also find us on the Upper Beeding parish council website under “Community”.

We are now researching life in Beeding and Bramber (including Botolphs, Small Dole and Edburton) in WW2, so please let me have your memories, or stories your parents told you, at the contact address or telephone number above.

20mph for Upper Beeding?

I have been working closely with the Parish Council, in the interests of road safety and at long last, West Sussex County Council will carry out a formal consultation with the residents of Upper Beeding to see if they would like the speed limit throughout the whole of the village reduced to 20mph.

There are only three entrances to the Village so this would have to be done as one complete zone rather than piecemeal roads.

Very little if any, engineering works will need to be done so we are mainly talking about signage on the three entrances to the Village and roundels on roads. I believe the police will have no objection to the proposal.

The formal consultation will start shortly and be advertised on street sign notices, in the local press and on the Parish Council website. It is essential that as many residents as possible indicate whether they do or do not support such a proposal.

If there are no objections the Traffic Regulation Order reducing the speed limited to 20mph will be made by West Sussex County Council quickly. If there are more than five objections then the matter will be subject to an appraisal by highway officers who will send a report to the County Local Committee (the four local county councillors for Henfield, Storrington, Pulborough and our area) and I will be very much be guided by the Residents' opinions one way or the other, in informing and making my own decision.

We look forward to hearing your views.

David Barling
County Councillor
Bramber Castle Division

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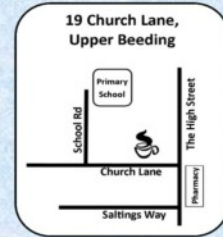
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March 2017 <i>All At Small Dole Village Hall</i>	7 th	Planning Committee Council
	21 st	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee
April	4 th	Planning Committee Council
	27 th	Annual Parish Meeting
May	2 nd	Planning Committee Council
	16 th	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee
June	6 th	Planning Committee Council
	20 th	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee Emergency 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 A WONDERFUL SPRING

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

Any article / contribution / questions by 20th May 2017 for our Summer Edition