

# Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Spring 2018

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

## Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Spring 2018 newsletter.

I am also pleased to be able to welcome another new councillor, Ian Ivatt. Ian completes our compliment of councillors in the Small Dole ward. He has a wealth of experience in the financial sector and as a councillor, having previously been a member of Steyning PC. Details of how to contact Ian and every other councillor are available on our website and in this newsletter.

Upper Beeding PC tries to be open and available to the public. Our meetings are open and we set time aside to for questions from the public. Details of times and venues are published on our notice boards and website. To keep abreast of planning applications and other matters you can follow our Facebook page.

The Neighbourhood Plan team also have a Facebook page where all of their progress reports are available. Search for Upper Beeding Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan has made good progress since the last newsletter. The site assessments, which examine sites that have been proposed for development, have been completed and checked by the consultants. They will soon be available for public examination. The NP team are hoping to hold open sessions in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall and Small Dole Village Hall for members of the public to drop in, look at the plans and make comments. Keep an eye on the usual places for announcements of dates and venues. The plans will also be on our website.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April. It will be in Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30 start. This meeting is organised for the public by the Parish Council. If there is anything you would like to be put on the agenda please get in touch. There will also be the opportunity to ask for something to be included at the start of the meeting. Parish councillors will be in attendance, as will District and County members. Invitations have been sent to the South Downs National Park Authority, Eon Rampion, the Neighbourhood Plan and Southern Transit Ltd who run the Number 3 bus service and are based at the Cement Works. We hope they will be able to make short presentations and be able to answer any questions.

Today, as I write, the sun is shining, the frogs are going mad spawning in my garden ponds and I've seen the first may blossom opening on Clays Hill. Spring is in the air at last! I hope you all enjoy the season of regrowth and regeneration as much as I do.

Best wishes,

Simon Birnstingl

(Chair, UBPC)

## Village Hall News

The Village hall committee works hard to keep the hall looking inviting for its visitors and it has a list of necessary maintenance to make sure it is an asset for the two villages. All this work requires money so the hall has a dedicated team responsible for fund raising. If you would like to volunteer to help at any of our events then please do so by contacting the chairperson Sue Albery on 01903 812450. Come along and support our events.

May Fair – 12 May 2018 from 11.30 to 3.30pm

Join us for a day of family fun. There will be a variety of stalls from cards and paintings, cakes, hats, jewellery, bags, toys, knitting wool and patterns, silk flowers and many more. There will also be a tombola and a raffle and games for all ages. Refreshments will be available. Entertainment from Sundown Ukulele Band and the Steyning Woodcraft Folk with maypole dancing and more to follow. Look out for the posters nearer to the time. There will be no charge for admission but if you would like to donate a raffle prize or tombola prize that would be appreciated.

There are also a few tables available at £6 a table contact Sue on 01903 812715 for a booking form.

AGM on 30 April at 7.30pm. The current secretary is resigning and I am pleased to say that a replacement has volunteered for the job. Come along as this is your main chance of the year to find out exactly what is happening at the hall and also find out how it operates. If you have a particular interest or would like to volunteer to help the hall then please come along.

Quizzes : Every month the hall holds a fun quiz evening. It starts at 7.30pm and usually finishes by 9.30pm. There are 8 rounds of questions with two table rounds. Cost is a modest £1 per person. There are refreshments but you can bring your own – have a look at what some teams bring ! There is also a raffle. These quizzes raise over £1000 each year for the village hall improvement fund. The next are on 21<sup>st</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> April.

200 Club : Did you know the hall operates a very successful 200 club ? It is licensed with Horsham District Council so any resident can join the scheme for £12 which entitles you to be entered into 12 draws. Currently the prize money each month is over £70 and it will increase the more people join in. Half of the monies taken are paid back in prizes. Forms are available at the Hall.

Visit our website [www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk](http://www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk) for full information on users and fund raising events.

Jean Armour-Milne

## Key Stage One bicycle experience

On a wet and windy January Monday the children at Upper Beeding Primary School brought their bikes or scooters to school to participate in a bicycle experience to launch our topic "On the Move". The playground was transformed into a busy one way street and children were shown road signs which they had to obey to keep safe. There were also traffic lights which the children had to use.

Great fun was had by all, who cared about the weather! The children had a wonderful experience and all rode their bikes or scooters with care and control.



# Steypning History Society

MONTHLY MEETINGS  
(SEPTEMBER TO MAY)  
ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH MEETINGS HELD  
IN  
THE SAXON ROOM, STEYNING  
CENTRE, FLETCHER'S CROFT,  
STEYNING,  
7.45 P.M. – 9.30 P.M.

13 March 2019

"Kipling's Rottingdean Years,  
1897 - 1902"

(More specific information on this nationally famous writer whilst residing in this location.)

*Peter Crowhurst*

10 April 2019

"Two Victorian Love Stories:  
Millais and Effie Gray, Parnell and  
Kitty O'Shea"

(Local interest with a Steyning/Sussex connection.)

*Ian and Mary Ivatt*

8 May 2019

Annual General Meeting  
followed by: "The Great Escape"

(A historical and archaeological view of the escape from StalagLuft III)

*Sarah Green*

Subscription £10 per person per annum  
(Plus a donation of £1 per meeting towards refreshments)

Visitors Fee £3.00 per person □

## BEEDING IN BLOOM

*Our Spring flowers are making a colourful show in our containers and flowerbeds and we have already visited Ferring Nurseries to organise our summer baskets and containers.*

*We are holding our AGM on Saturday 21st April in the Village Hall. We hope we will see many of you there.*

## BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7 March** at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, when we will hold a very brief AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Cherry Gillingham on **Images of Brighton – Seafont and Piers**. The images are of paintings and drawings.

On **Wednesday 4 April** Geoff Burch will tell us about the **Ramblings of a Railwayman**.

On **Wednesday 2 May**, Katherine Slay will be talking about **Graylingwell War Hospital**.

All are welcome to our meetings and there is a charge of £3 for non-members.

By the time you read this, our booklet about Beeding and Bramber in WW2 will be available.

Pat Nightingale, 01903 812847

[pjnightingale@outlook.com](mailto:pjnightingale@outlook.com)

## Small Dole Village Hall

**Art Group** meet every Monday 2 – 4 pm:

We are a very informal group, new members would be most welcome, £2.50 per session includes refreshment.

Just turn up or contact  
Dave Burchell on 01903-814929

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

[editor@beeding.plus.com](mailto:editor@beeding.plus.com)

by 15th May 2018

# BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society holds two Flower Shows every year. The Spring one will be on Saturday 10 March in the Village Hall, and is open to the public at 10.30am, entry 50p. If you wish to enter something in the Show, you need to bring it to the hall between 8 and 9.30am. Most of the classes are for the many varieties of daffodils and narcissi, but other flowering shrubs and spring flowers can also be entered.

There are two classes for children under 16: they can enter a decorated pebble or they can design a poster advertising the Summer Show.

In the section for floral art are three classes: an exhibit of flowers depicting 'Spring', an exhibit of foliage, and a miniature flower arrangement. There are also three classes in the photography section. You will need a copy of our show book for full details. This is free to members and membership is only £3 a year.

We need to fund-raise in order to put on our shows and there will be a coffee morning and plant sale on 19 May at 9 Dawn Crescent, starting at 10am..

The date of the Summer Show is Saturday 25 August – more details nearer the time.

For more information about the Society, Tel. 01903 812847 or look on the Upper Beeding Parish Council website under 'Community'.

Pat Nightingale

## Neighbourhood Plan Update Winter 2018

The NP is progressing well. We have had meetings with the NP Team, HDC, our Consultants and Henfield PC NP Team. This resulted in a number of queries with the AECOM Site Assessment being clarified through a follow up meeting with AECOM.

We agreed with Henfield PC NP Team that both PCs will work together on ensuring sites being proposed in Small Dole are in the best interest of the whole Community of Small Dole and maintain the level of sustainability for a small village.

In addition to the AECOM meeting we have raised some questions with SDNPA regarding impact on views from the Downs on some developments, with the EA regarding flooding and their response to Riverside Caravan Park and informed landowners currently offering employment within the Parish to consider finding sites within the Parish for this employment to move to if their sites are used for development.

HDC submitted some corrections to the Site Assessment Document which AECOM have now amended following a review by Locality. The Document has now been accepted by the NP Team and will shortly be published on the NP PC website.

Whilst the Site Assessments were being finalised there was a suggestion made to consider whether the Old School House could be used for Housing Development. The old building is permanently used for year 5 and 6 classes

- A large area is used for computers.
- There are 2 more permanent buildings on what was the playground by the hall due to increase in admissions
- If the building is to be used further or the site better utilised it would be to increase the size of the school for future admissions if we provide new homes.
- Covenant in the deeds states the school must be retained for educational purposes

**SITES RECOMMENDED BY THE PC TO GO FORWARD IN THE NP ARE:**

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE OLD SCHOOL CAN'T BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Site Ref.	Location/description	Site area (ha) <u>[1]</u>	SHELAA Ref.	NP Recommendation	Current land use
Site 1	Strip of Land, Smugglers Lane	0.66	SA055	Developable	Agriculture, grazing
Site 2	Land East of Pound Lane	1.09	SA483	Developable	Agriculture, grazing
Site 3	Little Paddocks	2.17	SA488	Developable	Agriculture, grazing, paddocks
Site 4	Land at Greenfields,	0.32		Developable	Highways Depot
Site 5	Oxcroft Farm, Small Dole	1.31		Developable	Farm, agriculture, grazing
Site 6	Valerie Manor	0.44		Developable with SDNPA support	Greenfield within the grounds of Valerie Manor
Site 7	Church Farm adjacent to Caravan Park	0.56	SA629	Not Developable. Assecc and Historic Buildings issues	Greenfield, scrub
Site 8	Riverside Caravan Park	0.22		Developable with EA support re:Flood Risk Issues	Holiday caravan homes
Site 9	Land west of Henfield Road, Small Dole	2.32		Not Developable	Residential, agriculture

All Landowners or their Representatives have been updated on the recommendations and advised that further meetings will be set up with them.

We are now trying to finalise the Draft Neighbourhood Plan by early March when HDC will carry out a health check on the document which could take up to a further 6 weeks. Once this has been completed the document will be available for all the Community to Review (this will be a 6 week consultation period and meetings will be set up with the Community in Upper Beeding and Small Dole to discuss and input to the Document). A summary of the document, dates of meetings and where the document can be found will be sent to all households, hard copies will be available in public buildings around the Parish and available on the PC website.

Sean Teatum UBNP Team Chairman  
teatum@btinternet.com

## LET US NOT FORGET

374414 Gunner Frederick John Holden

122<sup>nd</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Frederick John Holden was born in Brighton in 1883, the son of John and Ellen Holden. The 1901 Census shows him aged 17, living with his parents and working as a postman. He married Grace Violet Coe, daughter of Annie Pointing by her previous marriage, in Brighton, in 1907. The 1911 Census for Brighton shows Frederick still working as a postman and living at 37 Shanklin Road, with Grace, and a 3-year-old son, William John.

Frederick enlisted, or was conscripted, in Brighton and was killed in action, aged 35, on March 23 1918. Having no known grave, he is commemorated on panel 10 of the Pozières Memorial (to the missing), Somme, France, and is also remembered on the Small Dole and Upper Beeding War Memorials.

Frederick was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal, which would tie in with his having been conscripted as a married man in 1916 or 1917. His brother-in-law, Leslie Pointing was killed in action just six months later; a double tragedy for the family.

*(An extract from 'The People of Beeding and Bramber in the Great War', by Pat Nightingale and Ken Wilson-Wheeler)*

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March	6th	Planning Committee Council	Small Dole Village Hall
	20th	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Liesure Committee	
April	3rd	Planning Committee Council	
	26th	Annual Parish Meeting	
May	1st	Planning Committee Council	Annual Meeting
	15th	Planning Committee Sports & Liesure Committee Amenitiesd Committee	

### Police & Crime

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

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Warden Paul Conroy [paul.conroy@pnn.police](mailto: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](mailto:editor@beeding.plus.com)

Any article / contribution / questions by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for our Summer Edition