

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Autumn 2018

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

Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

Over the summer the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team held their consultation on the draft plan. Every household should have received a flyer giving details of how to view the plan and comment. Details are still available through our website at <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/>

The consultation is part of the process of making a NP. We need to have the views of the public and include them as far as possible. I want to emphasise that the plan is a vision for the future of our parish and is intended to give parishioners more of a say. It is not solely about housing, though we are required to include sites for new developments where possible.

Once the plan is complete parishioners will be able to vote on whether to approve it in a special referendum.

Currently developers can apply for any plan they want anywhere. The most likely areas for development are the sites east of Pound Lane that run along Smugglers Lane in Beeding. (The site in Small Dole south of New Hall Lane falls under Henfield parish and will be part of their plan.) If their plans are approved, which is likely, they will be able to build what they want.

If the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it will impose extra requirements on any developer. This includes the amount of affordable housing, its appearance and materials used. This is critical as we want to have more low-cost homes for local people that fit with the general appearance of our villages.

The Neighborhood Plan does not make new developments more likely, it adds to what is required in any significant planning application if it is to be successful.

Please take some time to look over the whole plan. Its worth it if you are interested in having a say in the future of our parish.

On a different topic, our clerk Steve Coberman is retiring this autumn. Steve has been an asset to the Parish Council for almost ten years. Over the summer we will be recruiting his successor and Steve will work with the new clerk for a short time to ensure a smooth handover. I would like to use this opportunity to thank him for his skillful and diligent service. On behalf of the Parish Council and the parish as a whole I wish Steve a happy retirement with many opportunities to enjoy watching England win at cricket as possible!

Best wishes to all,

Simon Birnstingl
(Chair, UBPC)

Short Mat Bowls Club

Short mat bowls was started as a sport that could be played in village halls and community centres. It was started in Upper Beeding in 1990 by the Village Hall committee as a means of having a regular booking. Horsham District Council's Leisure Link team provided the equipment and soon a regular group of players was gathered together. In August 1990 the local Club was formed and purchased its own equipment.

The game is played on 45ft mats which are 6ft in width. The Hall can easily accommodate two mats. They cost £800 each and the associated equipment another £200. It is similar to other forms of bowls except there is a wooden block in the middle of the mat which, to some extent, stops players from 'firing'. Short Mat Bowls has its own rules which are laid down by the national body, the ESMBA. Shoes need to be flat, smooth soled so that the mats are not affected when players walk on them.

Upper Beeding belongs to the West Sussex County Short Mat Bowls Association and plays in its league as well as the knockout cup. The club caters for beginners and also experienced bowlers. New bowlers are given tuition to start them off. The cost of membership is £10 per year with session fees at £2-50 or £3 for visitors.

There are vacancies for new members. We meet on Tuesday and Friday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30pm also Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that the session can be organised.

Recent Planning Applications

3 Henfield Road, Small Dole
17 Pepperscoombe Lane, Upper Beeding
13 Windmill Close, Upper Beeding
The Flat, Post House, 14 Henfield Road, Small Dole
Freshcombe and Summersdeane Farm, Truleigh Hill
Southdown Caravan Park, Henfield Road, Small Dole
Tottington Manor Farm, Edburton Road, Edburton
Knights House, Sands Lane, Small Dole
North of Adur House, Riverside, Upper Beeding
Ferndale, High Street, Upper Beeding
Riverside Park, Riverside, Upper Beeding
Four Seasons, Shoreham Road, Small Dole

<https://public-access.horsham.gov.uk/public-access/>

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

editor@beeding.plus.com

by 15th November 2018.

Thanks!

Lest We Forget

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of November 2018, it will be exactly 100 years since the First World War Armistice was announced. This cessation of hostilities, by prior arrangement (although some American army units fought on a little longer) meant no more artillery fire being heard from Flanders Fields by some residents of Southern England. Equally, no more the chatter of those deadly machine guns or the threat of mines and gas. There was, as ever in warfare, a price to be paid in terms of human life and national treasure.

The total war dead, worldwide, was in excess of 16 million of which British military deaths came to over 6 million. This was supposed to be the war that would end all wars. Looking locally at our war memorials, it can be seen that 29 men from Upper Beeding gave their lives in war, 7 fell from Small Dole, and 9 from Edburton. Tragedy struck so many families in the land, with perhaps the most undoubted effect on the Souls family of Great Rissington in the Cotswolds, where five of Annie and William Soul's sons were killed in France between 1916 and 1918, with the sixth son, the last and youngest (too young to enlist) additionally dying in 1919 of meningitis. It was said that Annie never again stood up for "God Save the King".

Britain and, to some extent her colonies of the time, fell from being one of the richest handfuls of nations, to one of the most debt-ridden countries of the world. Personal incomes had in general fallen in some cases quite dramatically. One effect of this was to lead to the break-up of landed estates where sons of the local squires and landowners, usually being junior officers in charge of army companies, had arguably suffered more than most. Employment on the land was consequently lessened considerably.

Civilian and non-combatant memories of Armistice Day itself were recorded, such as *"It was the Armistice and I was a civilian once again. I had signed on for the duration of the war in Kitchener's army and had kept the contract to the very hour and the very minute". "The Armistice was signed. The world went mad with relief. For myself there was a feeling of relief that the slaughter was over. Then the months of agonised waiting in the hope that among the prisoners of war, including those in hospital that had lost their memory, my husband would yet come home". "Everyone was out in the streets and we had a lovely band in those days and they were playing. Everyone was dancing whether they knew each other or not and the streets were covered in decorations and Union Jacks hanging out of everybody's windows."*

For nearly a year after the Armistice one million men still remained in uniform and a return to civilian life was not always as might be imagined. Many men were never to forget the horror of war, the difficulty of going back to employment or indeed finding any kind of work at all. Also, there were the returning prisoners of war and of course those who were, often permanently, affected by shell shock – a condition not effectively recognised at the time.

Yet what did all this mean – the result of the Peace Treaty of Versailles bedevilled by those who simply wanted Germany "to pay", those who totally blamed Germany anyway and wanted to "hang the Kaiser" (now secreted away in Holland) and those who simply wanted their old pre-war jobs back. The question was what would happen to those women who had "taken" men's jobs when the men were away fighting. These issues and requirements were commonplace and widespread for the returning soldier. The reality of being a civilian again was not an easy transition; what would the Prime Minister Lloyd George, do about all of this? The Treaty itself concluded in 1919 was, in reality, a cobbling together of the victorious Allies' ambitions and hopes, essentially centred on nations boundaries and their peoples' languages and backgrounds. Historians still argue over the peace terms, even today, and whether the Allied victors were too harsh upon the defeated Germany – and indeed what might happen next.

The lesson in history that we should learn from past mistakes was simply brushed aside but the survivors, descendants and family members had photographs, even diaries to serve as a reminder of what a horror it all was. We should never forget – indeed lest we forget let the Silent Soldier timely displayed on our parish village signpost be our constant reminders.

Ian Ivatt,
Upper Beeding Parish Council.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall continues to thrive with a mix of regular users. This summer has seen the refurbishment of the corridors with new doors being fitted to the hallway, kitchen and toilets, together with redecoration and painting.

Brenda Carrick took over the role of secretary in April when Jean Armour-Milne retired after a number of years in the post. We thank Jean for her hard work and dedication- she has been paramount in the smooth running and development of the hall over the years and we wish her a restful retirement. A number of activities are planned for the Autumn:

QUIZ EVENINGS take place on the third Wednesday of the month namely;

19th September, 17th October and 21st November 7.30-9.30pm

The September meeting will mark the 10th anniversary of the quiz which has been run efficiently firstly by Rod McBeth and now by Jean Armour-Milne. Each year the quiz raises over £1000 which is used for improvements to the hall. Teams are up to 6 players and costs £1 per person. There is also a raffle. Tea and coffee are available but contestants can bring their own refreshments if they wish.

Do pop along and join in the fun.

STEYNING CAMERA CLUB AUTUMN EXHIBITION 3rd and 4th November

This is an opportunity for members to show their images and for members of the local community to see, and possibly purchase, some stunning prints. Steyning Camera Club use the Hall for their regular meetings so this is also an opportunity for the club to support the Hall through this fund raising event.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 24TH November 11.30am - 2.30pm

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto, mooch around the Model Train Exhibition or browse around a variety of stalls to find some early Christmas presents. There will also be our own popular preserves stall, a Tombola and raffle. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

CAROL EVENING WITH LANCING BRASS BAND Thursday December 20th

200 CLUB

The hall runs a 200 club with 12 monthly draws. It costs £12 a year to join, with half the monies returned in prizes. The whole scheme is licenced as a lottery with Horsham District Council.

The next **Council of Management Meeting** is on Monday September 10th. This is open to visitors so do come along and see what we get up to!

Full coverage of all our activities can be found on **the website**:

www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk

Neighbourhood Planning

Hopefully you have seen the information around the village on our Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Regulation 14 Consultation. We distributed flyers to all households in June; we had stalls at the FUBS Summer Fair, the 3Bs Annual Garden Party, the Small Dole Summer Fair and walk in sessions at the UB Village Hall and SD Village Hall. We also had hard copies of the Plan in a number of public places across the villages, Steyning and Henfield. We also had banners and posters around the Parish advertising the Plan and asking you to read and comment by the 13th. of August. I realise that with all this advertising some people still missed the information on the Plan and the opportunity to comment and add your views. This is a great pity but I don't know what else we could have done to bring this to your attention. The information is still available on the PC website but unfortunately it's too late to send in any responses.

<http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/a-draft-np-reg-14-documents-to-consider-for-consultation-25th-june-2018/>

We received around 50 responses which is less than 2% of our over 18 year olds in the Parish, I'd love to think that 98% of you thought the Plan was so good that there was no need to comment but I think that may be too much to believe !! Perhaps some of you don't have an opinion on what happens to the Parish or feel that whatever you say nobody takes any notice. We had a large number of responses that didn't like the Plan because of the sites identified in Pound Lane. This is a shame as there are a lot of other benefits in the Plan as well as these sites and at least 25% of those responding supported the Plan. Anyway we tried our best to share our Draft Plan with you but can't make you read it or respond.

So what happens next? All the responses received are being logged and typed up for us to review along with those received from WSCC, SDNP, Bramber PC, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Southern Water. These will all be made public along with our response to them and action taken. This may take a few months to complete but I will update you all in the next Newsletter and put them on the PC website.

Once we have completed our actions and made any recommended changes to the Plan it will then be sent to HDC to review.

Sean Teatum
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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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| September | 4th | Planning Committee Council | <i>At Small Dole Village Hall</i> |
| | 18th | Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Liesure Committee | |
| October | 2nd | Planning Committee Council | |
| November | 6th | Planning Committee Council | |
| | 20th | Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee | |
| December | 4th | Planning Committee Council | |

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 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 AUTUMN

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

Any article / contribution / questions by 15th November 2018 for our Winter Edition