

# Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Autumn/October 2012

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

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

A really very mixed summer has passed since the last time I wrote to report what has been happening with the Parish Council. All the usual routines have been followed with regard to repairs and maintenance, and trying to keeping the parish clean in spite of the usual stream of litter, much of it dropped from vehicles of all descriptions.

As many of you know, the Neighbourhood wardens have been doing an excellent job for some years now and incidences of anti-social behaviour including graffiti, have been much reduced; there was a time when the Council was spending about 10% of its money cleaning and repairing damage in the area and this is now down to minor amounts. For the past 15 months or so, the Wardens have also been running a Friday night drop-in session at the Sports Hall for young people. This project has been supported by the Council with some equipment and all the signs are that this is a well-respected and received service.

The question of youth services and clubs is one that has been keeping me busy through the summer; you may know that as part of its cost cutting measures, the County Council is to make big cuts in the funding for youth services and this will include the youth club based in the Cuthman Centre at Steyning plus the occasional use of the Upper Beeding sports hall and other venues. You might also be aware that provision of youth services was high on the wish lists in a recent resident's satisfaction survey.

There does appear to be a link between the levels of anti-social behaviour and the services provided for the younger people in any area. This is not to say that all young people are not good citizens - on the contrary most are a real credit to the community and their families. But the fact that the services are to be withdrawn has persuaded the local Parish Councils to examine what could be provided by way of replacement activities.

Upper Beeding has been in extensive discussions with Steyning, Bramber and Ashurst, the Churches, other voluntary organisations, and Horsham District Council. The latter providing us with great support and assistance in what we believe will be a valuable service to the younger people of the 4 Parishes. Essentially the proposal is that we jointly employ a qualified youth worker, with qualified part time assistance and volunteers as required to provide the sort of service which the County currently supplies. The advantage of the parish councils being involved is that the services provided can be tailored to local needs and support for users will be provided by locally based people. I personally would hope that this initiative would bring an enhanced sense of well-being and spirit to the community.

There is a cost to this and at the time of writing this is not known pending the outcome of various funding applications that are in progress and which will be known in the near future. I am confident however that the cost, which will be covered through council tax, will not exceed £6 per house per year.

You will soon be receiving a short consultation document asking for your views on this proposal and it is important that the PC knows what the parish is thinking; it is very easy to be negative or indifferent to something that may not affect an individual, but this does have an impact on everybody, not least because there is a small cost involved. So your views are important, positive or negative.

I wish you all well, David Coldwell

### Changes to our Comms

We are pleased to inform you that we are in the process of launching a new web site for the Parish and the Council: <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/> . The site is live and work is in progress to update, amend and add to. The website was produced by Joss Cowan in collaboration with graphic designer Chloe Boxall who did a sterling job designing the banner for the site. Both ladies live in the village so hopefully have added a local feel. We will be producing pages for the Sports Hall and the Village Hall and looking at providing a booking system for the Sports Hall, plus other pages representing the activities and interests at the heart of our villages. Any extra ideas are welcome please send / contact Sean Teatum.

### Cuts to 106 Bus Route

Another service affected by WSCC funding cuts is the various bus routes. These routes are often subsidised by the County and locally the subsidy for the 106 service has been cut; the net result being that the service is reduced and the Saturday service was to have been withdrawn until the parishes affected by the cut stepped in to provide funding to maintain the service at least until next March. The PC would like to hear from readers if they do use the bus on Saturdays and if they want the service continued. Other views of course may be expressed and sent to the Clerk



### **'Proud to be British'**

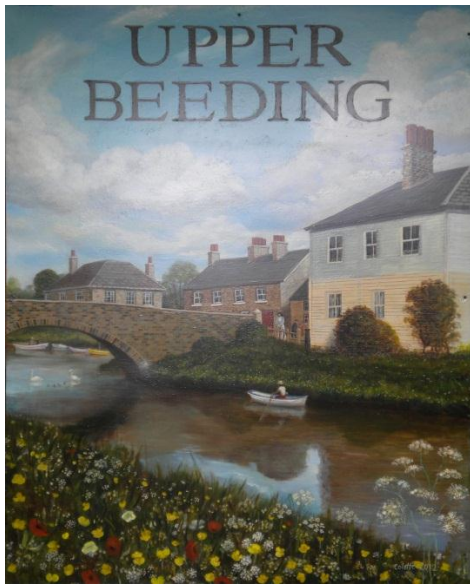


The Summer Celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics & Paralympics brought our community together, whether it was through pageantry or sport there were many tears of pride and joy. Our villages celebrated the Jubilee in a number of ways starting with the Children's Tea Party on 2<sup>nd</sup> June for 250 children where we not only found that Beeding has talent in our Talent Show but there are also some very creative bakers amongst us! However the competitive Olympic streak came out when the Tug of War started, the winning team 'The Leftovers' apparently having God on their side!! The rows upon rows of children waving their flags and tucking into a sumptuous tea was a sight to behold! Next there was a communal BBQ in Bramber, a Hog Roast and local live bands at the Rising Sun on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, culminating in a rousing 'Last Night At The Proms' in the Village Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> June with music from the fantastic Patcham Silver Band who had us all creating a sea of Union Jacks and singing our hearts out. Not only did we find some great talent, fantastic cake makers a Tug a War Team but also raised £1000 for Help for Heroes (donating £140 to Chestnut Tree Hospice and £100 to Bramber & Beeding Scouts from remainder raised) as well as getting the Parish Councils, local businesses and you the people of the village involved. What a great way to enjoy oneself and meet new people, let's hope it's not another 10 years before we do it again.

*Big Thanks to all those who contributed to the Children's Jubilee Party (Bramber & Upper Beeding PCs, Beeding Newsagents, UB Primary School, The Towers, The B&B Village Hall, The Rising Sun, Beeding Post Office, Lighthouse Car Centre, Gina Citroni at Amplicon, Steve Franklin & Sons, Beeding Barbers, Marston Renovations, Steve Cowley & Sons, Southern Water, St. Peter's & the 3Bs and The 1<sup>st</sup> Bramber & Beeding Scouts. Sean Teatum*

### **HENFIELD ROAD SPEED REDUCTION**

Work continues to raise awareness with West Sussex County Council for the need to reduce the speed limit on the Henfield Road (A2037) between Small Dole and Upper Beeding, especially the stretch on the entry to Upper Beeding and leading to The Towers School. Highway Officers have visited the road and met with Derek Deedman and Sean Teatum but it still remains just outside of the 'priority roads' to be considered and have action taken to reduce the speed limit. It is clear that a speed reduction alone will not resolve the issue without education and engineering work to the road to resolve. However Derek & Sean will continue to pursue this issue. If you wish to help email [cdb.s.rural@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cdb.s.rural@westsussex.gov.uk) & [Adam.Bazley@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Bazley@westsussex.gov.uk) with your concerns and frustrations. Sean Teatum



### HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW VILLAGE SIGN

At last we have our sign back and guess what we've got two for the price of one (Summer view shown). Yes that's right, just opposite the BP garage we have a view of Summer on the way into the village and a view of Winter leaving the village.

What do you think? We have also incorporated the new art work into our web design.

Big thanks to Chris Warren and his involvement of local artist Colette Simeons.

### UPPER BEEDING FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU

Upper Beeding Football Club is keen to encourage more people in the area to play football. They already run three successful men's teams and junior sides. They welcome new players and would be particularly interested in anybody who would like to become involved in managing a side. They are able to provide funds for those interested to gain their FA coaching badges. **Anyone interested please contact:** [ronpatmore@ubfc.co.uk](mailto:ronpatmore@ubfc.co.uk)

### BEEDING & BRAMBER CRICKET CLUB

Beeding and Bramber CC have had a somewhat unusual season. We started by setting the Square Out in early April, following Pythagoras' Theorem, with potential for a long hot, dry Summer! Well, from April to mid - August the weather ranged from poor to awful. Home & Away matches were cancelled with regular abandon. However, the Summer Square Maintenance roster continued apace: Tuesday evening sessions, Mow, Roll and Repair from the previous match are tasks incorporated in this weekly roster. The programme ran for 25 Tuesdays, and only 3 were lost due to rain.

At the end of September there is a Club Maintenance Day. Members volunteer to undertake a myriad of tasks: Rip up this season's Square; pre-seed and fertilise it; over-seed it; top dress it, and simultaneously mount the Square Protective Fence (SPF) around it, for the winter. Our Sussex CCC trained Grounds Manager's has a well-deserved month off in October, but he re-starts in November to prepare the Square for next season.

During the winter months we run our own, very popular, indoor cricket league 'The ICL'. Although we play in a league format the rules are written so that each member of the 6 man team gets the opportunity to contribute with bat and ball. We play at Lancing College and have a 4 team league playing each other on a round robin basis. Each one hour game is normally a very fast, close and enjoyable affair. The ICL starts in late October and runs through to early February. **New players are always welcome, so please contact our Chairman Michael Gurd at [bbccchairman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bbccchairman@hotmail.co.uk).**

We are in the progress of organising a 'Cricket Festival' for the Bank Holiday at the end of May 2013. The exact format of the weekend is still under discussion but we are hoping to have matches on the Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. In addition, we are also hoping to arrange food, drinks and some entertainment on one of the evenings. Our aim is to encourage village residents to engage with our club, pick up new members, raise some funds and have a thoroughly good time! We hope to make this an annual event if it proves successful. So, mark your calendar/diary and PLEASE come along. **WATCH OUT FOR THE POSTERS** for further details.

*Best Wishes from Beeding and Bramber CC.*

## Police & Crime Commissioners

I hope it has not escaped your notice that the election for Police & Crime Commissioners takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Government information and publicity has been very limited for such a radical and influential position that will have an impact on the lives of all residents in our county. The new Commissioners will replace the Police Authority in Sussex with the following very significant responsibilities vested in an individual:

- Setting out a 5 year Police & Crime Plan and determining the policing priorities in conjunction with the Chief Constable
- Setting the annual precept and the force budget [ £200m Surrey, £256m Sussex ]
- Appointment and dismissal of the Chief Constable
- Holding the Chief Constable to account
- Making community safety grants to a wide range of organisations

We will try and get some more information for you and make it available on: <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/>

## Halloween - Trick or Treat

The Community Safety Partnership is currently in the process of planning for the Halloween and Guy Fawkes period. This year as part of the plan they have produced copies of the "No Trick or Treat" leaflets for householders to display in their windows together with an information poster which can be displayed locally.

Advertisements are planned for the local press for people to cut out and keep but in order to reach the maximum number of people we will be providing a copy on our website for people to download. Hard copies will also be available from our local PCSO.

### SGN WORKS IN THE STREET BRAMBER START ON MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

STEYNING END OF THE STREET BRAMBER WILL BE UNDER 2 WAY TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR 4 WEEKS.

COMPLETE ROAD CLOSURE WILL BE FOR 1 WEEK, CLOSING THE ROAD IN 2 HALVES WHILST MAINTAINING ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK AT ALL TIMES. THIS WILL START MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER, DURING HALF TERM SO THAT SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS.

WHILST THE ROAD IS CLOSED BUSES WILL BE UNABLE TO COME INTO BRAMBER / UPEER BEEDING AS THERE IS NO ROOM TO TURN AROUND. THE NEAREST AVAILABLE STOPS WILL BE AT THE BOTTOM OF CLAYS HILL AT THE STEYNING SIDE OF THE STREET AND AT THE RISING SUN PUBLIC HOUSE AT THE UPPER BEEDING SIDE.

THE THIRD PHASE WILL CONTINUE UNDER TWO WAY TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT.

SGN WILL BE SENDING OUT INFORMATION AND CONTACT NUMBERS TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BRAMBER AND UPPER BEEDING.

MORE INFO CAN BE FOUND ON [WWW.SGN.CO.UK](http://WWW.SGN.CO.UK)

### Library Service Restructuring & Volunteers

The Library Service has had to reduce their budget by £650,000, and make hard decisions about how to achieve this. As the majority of the budget is spent on staff one impact has been to reduce staffing levels. Therefore to keep all libraries open, and not reduce opening hours, they are introducing self-service kiosks across the County. To support this they will be looking for volunteers locally.

The first batch of libraries will implement these changes in early October. The programme to install self-service is moving forward, and the kiosks, which are very user-friendly are generally being well received. There will be further dates when staff changes are made in December and in March.

Recruitment for Community Library Support Volunteers has now begun although different libraries across the County will be working to varied timescales, the local Library Manager will know the exact times when they are going to start advertising.

*Henfield Local manager Avril Roberts/Jo Moeller  
Steyning Local manager Avril Roberts/Jo Moeller*



**Horsham  
District  
Council**

All welcome to guided, **free**, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn-up at the start point (if you are new to our scheme please arrive 15 minutes before the start time for registration). Programme booklet containing over 200 walks is available by contacting the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 or online at [www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk](http://www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk).

### **UPPER BEEDING SPORTS HALL UPDATE**

So is it going or staying!!! A meeting held in the Village Hall in April gave a resounding YES that the villagers would still like a Sports Hall in the village but with some changes. These ranged from demolition and starting again, re-decoration, better marketing, better booking system etc. etc. So what's next?

A sub-committee has been formed and is looking to get more people on board who are interested in promoting the Sports Hall and identify more activities and a wider market to increase its use. Some necessary maintenance work is currently being undertaken and when completed it is planned to hold a launch event in late October.

***If you are interested to join the Sports Hall sub-committee then get in touch with Bob Harber.***

Sean Teatum

### **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**The Hall** committee would like to thank everyone who attended the September sale and enjoyed the cream tea. All proceeds from fundraising events are used to pay for improvements to the Hall which is over 80 years old so there is always something that needs to be done. We are lucky in Upper Beeding that we have such a lovely hall which is very reasonable to hire and is surrounded by well-kept gardens. All the rooms have access to the garden area.

The next main event is the **Christmas Sale on 1<sup>st</sup> December** which starts at noon and includes craft stalls where you can buy that Christmas present with a difference. On offer that day will be homemade soup and a roll as well as the usual teas with cake. Father Christmas has agreed to be an early visitor to the hall so children can visit him and let him know their wish list for later in the month. The Model Railway people will have a display in the Large Back Room. This will be a working railway system. Look out for the posters!

**The monthly quizzes** continue on the **third Wednesday of the month**, the next one being **17<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm. Teams consist of up to 6 players, each paying £1 entry, players can bring their own refreshments but tea and coffee is available. If you do not have a team but would like to participate then please turn up and you will be fitted into a team. The September quiz was won by just three people so, sometimes, small is good.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

Did you know Upper Beeding has a thriving Short Mat Bowls Club? It has been playing at the Village Hall since 1990 and has three sessions: Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 and Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm. All we ask is that you arrive 15mins early so that play can be organised.

Are you an outside bowler who has just finished for the summer? Have you never played bowls? We are just what you are looking for. Tuition is given if you want it. The Club has vacancies for experienced as well as inexperienced bowlers. We have a competitive side as well as a social. New, potential bowlers should bring a pair of flat soled shoes to play in as our mats cost £700 each.

***If you have any questions to ask please contact our secretary, Jean on 01273 493184 or Ted on 01903 815557.***

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### **Changes to Council Tax Benefit**

RESIDENTS in the Horsham District are being asked to comment on changes to the Council Tax Benefit scheme. At present, Council Tax Benefit is controlled by local authorities but entirely funded by the Government but this will be changing next year.

From April 2013, this is being replaced by a local scheme which will be devised by the local authority, the amount of funding from Government lowered to 90% of the current cost.

Each council will have its own Council Tax Support scheme, which will have its own eligibility criteria. The proposal that Horsham District Council is considering for the new 2013/2014 Council Tax Benefit scheme in the District is to match the eligibility rules and award calculations of the existing scheme. This means that the benefit will be calculated in the same way under the new scheme as it was before.

Delaying any changes for a year will enable the Council to consider the impact of any changes on vulnerable people, in the light of experience elsewhere.

Residents are being asked to give their views on the changes in a consultation which will be running until Friday 19 October 2012.

The Council is asking residents if they agree with the proposal not to make changes to the Council Tax Benefit scheme for 2013/14.

A decision taking account of the consultation responses will be made at a meeting of full Council on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at Horsham District Council's offices in North Street, Horsham.

For more information about the consultation or to submit a response, visit

<http://www.horsham.gov.uk/surveys/CouncilTaxBenefit/counciltaxbenefit.htm>

### **Superfast Broadband Services Accessible Across West Sussex.**

Wouldn't it be great if we could get some of this sooner rather than later in Upper Beeding and Small Dole. Unfortunately it looks like we will still have to wait until around 2014 before we catch up with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!! The end date is to deliver all by April 2015 but it is unlikely that a supplier will be agreed until the Summer of 2013

WSCC are committed to support the roll out of this using funds committed by the County Council, BDUK (Broadband Development UK, the government department responsible for the programme) together with that expected from the private sector. In fact WSCC has been agitating BDUK to allow them to progress and last week were one of the first local authority projects to successfully complete the assurance process and have now been able to publish their OMR (Open Market Review) and send it to potential suppliers. This is good news and allowed WSCC to take a significant step forward and collect the information on which they will base a mapped assessment of the county showing where no superfast broadband services are currently available, or are planned for future investment by technology suppliers.

Watch this space and don't forget to add your name to the site below (if you can get some bandwidth) requesting faster broadband sooner rather than later in our area.

[http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/CustomerInsight/Broadband%20registration%202011/broadband\\_registration\\_online.htm](http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/CustomerInsight/Broadband%20registration%202011/broadband_registration_online.htm)

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS 2012 IN UPPER BEEDING VILLAGE HALL**

October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee	
November	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee	
December	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Planning Committee Council	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Cemetery Committee	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Planning Committee	<i>Only if required</i>

## The Upper Beeding Sports Hall

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Choirs, Painting, Educational Classes, Table Tennis, Wine Tasting,  
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£6 an hour Monday to Fridays until 6PM

£8 an hour Monday to Friday after 6PM

£9 an hour Saturdays & Sundays

Long Term Bookings negotiable

Contact Julie on 01903816790 or 07803 504199

### SMALL DOLE ART GROUP –

We meet at the Village Hall every Monday between 2 & 4 o'clock, we are an informal friendly group and would welcome new members, like to join us?

Just turn up or contact Maureen on 01273- 493728.

Village Hall Christmas Sale starts 12.00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> December

Come & See Father Christmas



Let me have your events for Christmas by 20<sup>th</sup> November so we can communicate in our Winter/December edition.

Church/Carol Services, Christmas Fetes, Parties, Village Nights, Lunches etc.

Email Sean: [teatum@btinternet.com](mailto:teatum@btinternet.com)

