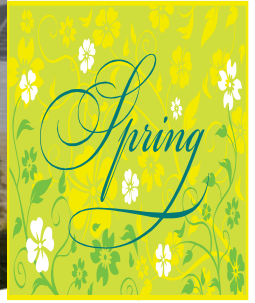


Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Spring/March 2014

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



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

There's been a lot of water under the bridge since the last newsletter. Quite literally. What a winter! Those of you who remember the big floods of 2000 will probably have noticed that, despite more rain, the floods this year were generally less severe than back then. We have the efforts of the Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency to thank for protecting our houses from some very challenging conditions.

In our emergency planning for this winter the Parish Council followed the advice of the Environment Agency and treated flooding as a low risk. However we have decided to review our flood protection plan by investigating which areas are most at risk of allowing flood waters into our settlements and then planning how to improve them. That means that we don't plan to offer sandbags to individual householders as it is neither an efficient nor effective way to protect properties. We would encourage anyone who feels that they are at risk from flooding to make their own plans. There is advice available online, including Horsham District Council's website:

http://www.horsham.gov.uk/files/Emergency_Guidance_Leaflet.pdf and the Sussex Resilience Forum: <http://www.sussexemergency.info>

The Internal Drainage Board I mentioned above is facing closure later this year. The responsibility for maintaining drainage ditches and other important water management features will fall to the riparian landowners, generally farmers.

Responsibility for oversight will remain with the Environment Agency. However given that flooding is now a hot potato politically we might see these plans change.

We will be keeping an eye on how the changes progress.

We have always felt some concern when presented with plans to build on floodplain. The new acronym for developers in sensitive areas is SUDS, meaning Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems; we are now being told that technology will allow developments on floodplains. In fact we hear that proposed amendments to the Draft Local Plan at Horsham District Council include 500 new homes in the Beeding, Bramber & Steyning area. If this goes ahead some may well be on ground that floods. Adding to our concern is the plan to build a 10, 000 house new town called Mayfield (<http://www.mayfieldtowns.co.uk>), centred around Twineham east of Henfield and covering 1200 acres (see also <http://lambs.org.uk>). SUDS or not, with every drop of water falling in the Adur catchment having to pass under our bridge, we are very concerned.

I would like to finish by inviting you all to our Annual Parish Meeting on the 24th.April where we will be discussing our Neighbourhood Plan and have representatives from Horsham District Council and South Downs National Park to help answer any questions you may have. This will be your chance to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan Team for our Parish, get feedback on the recent Questionnaire and allow you to tell us what it is you would like to see in the Plan. Details of the event can be found within the Newsletter.

Simon Birnstingl

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Send any feedback on the Newsletter to Sean:

teatum@btinternet.com

For latest news and updates:

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

By now you should all be aware of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) that the Parish Council is beginning to produce which covers Upper Beeding, Small Dole, Edburton and Truleigh Hill. You can find out more from <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>. Our progress since December has been:

- Questionnaires distributed, returned and first analysis produced
- Formal notification of NP Area received from HDC
- Initial request for £3,000 funding submitted and received from HDC
- Youth Questionnaires distributed.
- Working with Henfield PC re: Small Dole
- New Focus Groups agreed
- HDC & SDNP reps to attend NP Session at Annual Parish meeting 24th. April

New Groupings

(E&C) Environmental & Countryside (built and natural environment, open spaces, conservation areas, allotments and community gardens/open spaces. Owner Simon Birnstingl & Chris Warren

(C&I) Community & Infrastructure, (existing facilities and assets, new facilities, centres, health, education, roads, utilities, IT, social and leisure). Owner Juliet Hindson & John Rowland

(LE) Local Economy, (employment, retail, businesses, tourism, sites and locations) Owner Mike Bray & Neil Bird.

(T&T) Transport & Traffic (public transport, parking, cycle paths, footpaths, bridleways). TBA

(H&D) Housing & Development (mix of housing, design control, potential sites, land,) Owner Sean Teatum & Sally Novell-Baker

These Groups would expand the results from the questionnaires and run smaller meetings with residents and businesses to engage more understanding and requirements to go forward in the plan.

Review of Survey Results

We had 209 questionnaires returned with 335 responses, 281 responses from UB, 51 responses from Small Dole and 3 from Edburton. Approx. 10%. Details attached to this Newsletter and on the UBPC website.

The number of residents in the Parish is 3,763, of which 1828 are male and 1935 are female, there are 626 people aged between 0-14 years and one over 100. (2011 Census)

- ***89% are satisfied or very satisfied with the local area as a place to live only 1.5% weren't***
- ***98% feel safe at home and walking the streets***
- ***Responses to what most needed improving were:***
 - 73% Cement Works
 - 47% Traffic Speed
 - 37% Activities for Teenagers
 - 26% Public Transport
 - 26% Affordable Housing

With regards to the Cement Works we are in communication with SDNP as to how the feelings of local residents can be best represented and action taken to progress improvements.

Some other data produced from the 2011 Census shows that:

- We have 1,627 dwellings of which 1,576 are occupied.
- 435 are detached, 536 are semi detached, 393 are terraced, 156 are flats, 12 are bedsits and 44 are caravans/mobile homes
- We have 2,636 cars in the Parish and 87 households have 4 or more.
- People in good health are 3,186

More information from the 2011 Census can be obtained from the National Statistics website:

<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk> insert UPPER BEEDING and choose Parish



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE CONTINUED

Next Steps

- ❖ Continue our Community Engagement & Involvement.
- ❖ Analyse the results of our Questionnaire
- ❖ Advertise / Distribute the results of Questionnaire
- ❖ Establish and agree ownership of our agreed Focus Groups
- ❖ Formulate a programme of community engagement (Identify Events)
- ❖ Identify local partners and stakeholders (local businesses, landowners, minority groups, educational establishments, health and social care, owners of key sites or organisations)
- ❖ Set Up some day / evening events both in UB & Small Dole where residents & businesses can drop by to see us and talk to the Focus groups re: their concerns and aspirations. **24th April will be one.**

Next Meeting will be 12th March at 7.30 The HUB at the Baptist Church UB. ALL WELCOME

BRAMBER & BEEDING VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Phase 1 of the improvements to the main hall has been completed. The new ceiling together with the acoustic tiles and panels has made things quieter as well as brighter and cleaner. The lights have also been replaced with more energy efficient ones. The next stage is to change the hall floor as the present one which was put in nearly 30 years ago is showing signs of wear and tear. Our ideal would be a new wooden floor but the cost may prove to be too much.

All of the money required for improvements comes from our fundraising efforts.

There are monthly quizzes on the third Wednesday at 7.30pm. Teams of 6 players but individuals can come along and will be added to another team. The cost is £1 per player plus raffle. You can bring your own refreshments but tea and coffee are available.

Events for your diary:

Saturday 5 April; Easter Fair with Easter Egg Tombola & an exhibition of a working model railway.

Saturday 17 May; 'Polygon 66' return by popular request for a Sixties evening.

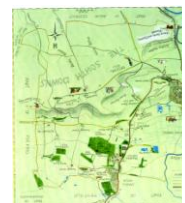
These are just two of the events planned for 2014.

Please support your Village Hall come along to **the AGM on 28 April at 7.30pm.** We would welcome new members for the Management Committee or Fundraising Committee. If you are not a committee person perhaps you would like to give some of your time to helping at events.

Contact Jean Armour-Milne on jean.a.milne@btinternet.com for more information

AN APOLOGY

Apologies to the Beeding & Bramber Local History Society for using their Map of the Parish in our recent communication of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey. This had been previously used for the Parish Plan in 2007 and those previously involved hadn't made known that it was the property of the History Society. Original copies are still available from the Society and can be purchased for £1 from Pat Nightingale on 01903812847 or email: history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk.





NEWS & GOSSIP AROUND THE VILLAGES

- **Flooding in and around Upper Beeding & Small Dole.** Although there has been some minor flooding on some roads across the Parish it would seem that the flood plains have saved us from any major disasters. It is felt though that although we have escaped any major disasters improvements could be made as to how the PC and local community would respond to such a disaster. We have asked the Environmental Agency to identify the key risk flood areas in the Parish and once known the PC will arrange for defences to be reviewed and also have a full scale test of our Disaster Plans in case of such an emergency.
- **20mph Zone.** We have assessed the voting via our website, removed votes which had been made by the same computer more than 3 times and show that the vote is 2: 1 in favour of reducing the speed limit. The Parish Council have taken the decision to pursue the introduction of a 20 MPH zone within the village from the boundaries of the Bridge in the High Street, the roundabout at the Rising Sun and the junction of Manor Road and Henfield Road. David Barling has written to WSCC on our behalf to ask how to take this forward and what preliminary work can be done. This will be on the agenda for the CLC meeting on 5th March at the Steyning Centre plus reducing the Henfield Road to 30 MPH. ***Go and support this action***
- **Beeding Bridge Open.** Now you all know what it would be like if we lost our bus services through the village!! Luckily the work was completed sooner than expected and everything seems to be back to normal
- **Small Dole Village Hall.** Has been awarded £2,000 for repairs from the Big Society fund.
- **Downs Link A283.** Proposed underpass being tabled for approval at the Right of Way committee and could mean work will start in the Summer to resolve the safety issue for walkers and riders.
- **Steyning Showcase.** The event held on 8th. February highlighted the amount of Community driven organisations we have access to in and around the Parish. The event hosted 50 organisations (including UB Parish Council) from Tennis Clubs to Bowls, U3A to Chanctonbury Chorus, Good Neighbours Association to Horsham Matters and lots more. It was even visited by Nick Herbert MP.
- **Parish Precept.** The Council agreed to keep the precept at the 2013/14 figure of £125,000 for 2014/15.
- **Beeding Post Office Future Uncertain.** There is concern that possible changes in how Post Office Ltd fund their small POs and changes to opening hours will leave our Beeding PO in a position of having to close or re-locate. The Council are in discussion with the current Postmistress Tracey Bognar to see how they could help in resolving any closure. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 4th. March.
- **Possible Development Smugglers Lane.** There have been rumours regarding proposed development of land near Smugglers Lane currently owned by WSSCC and a private landowner. The PC have investigated this and to date cannot find any substance to the rumours. Ways of managing this and future developments in the Parish are one reason for getting involved in the Neighbourhood Plan. Check out our website.
- **South Downs National Park Local Plan Options Consultation.** This document describes the main planning issues faced by the National Park and sets out options for how the Local Plan could address these issues. They are looking for views from people in and around the National Park on which options they would prefer. Such as what policies will best protect landscape character and wildlife, how far should they encourage change of use of historic buildings, how can they deal with water resources, should there be minimum space standards for new houses etc. Beeding Cement Works !!! If you would like to be involved and find out more go to www.southdowns.gov.uk/planningpolicy
- **Calling All Under 12s.** Can you design a Logo for our Neighbourhood Plan that represents our Vision and includes those elements that are important to us all such as the South Downs, the Adur River, historical and natural beauty spots. See more info on page 7 for more details.
- **Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 2014 in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall 7 PM.** This meeting will discuss the Neighbourhood Plan being produced for Upper Beeding, Small Dole, Edburton and Truleigh Hill. As well as all the Parish Council being in attendance there will be 2 Guest Speakers; Laura Bourke HDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer and Andrew Triggs the Neighbourhood Planning Officer for Southdowns National Parks. Come along and discuss redevelopment of the Cement Works or affordable housing on the Memorial Playing Fields.
Best 6 Logos for our Neighbourhood Plan will be voted on and winner of the Competition announced.
- **Got any news or gossip let me have it by 24th May for June/Summer Edition send to Sean: teatum@btinternet.com**



UPPER BEEDING FOOTBALL CLUB

The Men's Teams have generally had a good season so far. The First team started the season with mixed results but have picked up since a change in management in October. The team is now managed by Josh Baldock, a local player associated with the club since a boy, and Mike Davies, an assistant with considerable managerial experience, most recently with Steyning. The side is currently lying below mid-table in the West Sussex Premier League but should avoid relegation. Our Reserve team is now being managed by another long standing club player – Matt Rowland. The team is having great success this season and are top of their league despite having games in hand. This is very pleasing as the side nearly folded last season due to lack of players. The Sunday team, which has been going only 3 years, is placed third in its league, but also has a number of games in hand. There is every chance that they could win a second successive promotion. Encouragingly the team won the award for the most sporting team across the whole Worthing Sunday leagues last year and are targeting getting the same award again. Overall the men's club seems to be doing well with many young local players in the team and morale good. The pitch has again been very good and we are greatly appreciative of the work that the Parish Council has put in to keep the drainage good.

Youth and Boys Teams: The picture for our youth football is less rosy. Mirroring the situation across the country, participation in football among young boys has been falling. 12 years ago we probably had 10 junior teams – we now have just 3. Sadly our Under 13 team has folded after a series of heavy defeats. Our Under 16s had done well to get promoted into the A division last season, but have yet to win a league game this season. However there are a number of talented young players who in a couple of years will be challenging for our Men's teams. The Under 11s have been enjoying their football, but have not had a lot of success – probably being in too strong a league for their skills and experience. We did not have enough players to run an Under 10 team. The Under 9s are a stronger team with some talented players and a skilled coach. We are hoping to get some Under 7s in next season, but it requires parents who are committed enough to run a team.

Sadly I believe Upper Beeding, like much of the country, is experiencing a vicious circle in junior football – fewer teams - leading to fewer volunteers - leading to fewer relationships with future volunteers - leading to fewer future teams – leading to higher average costs for participants – leading to fewer participants. Many of our volunteers have been involved in the club for several decades and we are on the lookout for new blood to give the junior club some impetus. Anyone interested please contact: ronpatmore@ubfc.co.uk or Nick Dungay nd@limetrees99.f2s.com

NICK DUNGAY

BEEDING & BRAMBER CRICKET CLUB Another successful Summer has come to an end but still lots to do in these Winter months. **New players are always welcome; please contact our Chairman Michael Gurd at bbccchairman@hotmail.co.uk.**

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PROGRAMME FOR 2014

We meet on the **first Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.** (See PC website for more details) All are welcome and non-members can attend for £2. Membership of the Society is only £5 a year, or £9 for two people at the same address. Contact history.beeding@mypostoffice.co.uk. Read more about us on the Upper Beeding Parish Council website or that of Steyning Museum or telephone 01903812847 for further information from Pat Nightingale -

- Wednesday March 5th AGM followed by Recent Excavations in Chichester by Diccon Hart
- Wednesday April 2nd Sussex in the Great War by Kevin Gordon
- Wednesday May 7th The Lost Village of Tidemills by Joanna Wilkins
- Wednesday Sept. 3rd Movies and Memories by Matthew Jones
- Wednesday Oct. 1st Steyning Grammar School, 400 years of Education by Janet Pennington
- Wednesday Nov. 5th Bonfire in Sussex by Sue Djabri



BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Beeding and Bramber Horticultural Society is a thriving local organisation, always willing to accept new members. Our membership of about 180 comes not just from Upper Beeding, Bramber and Small Dole, but also from other nearby towns and villages. To rent an allotment, contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Coberman on 01903 810316 or Email: upper.beeding@btconnect.com. For the Horticultural Society or the Allotment Holders Association contact Denise Rose on 01903 816199 or Email: denise.rose3@btinternet.com

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PC MEETINGS IN UPPER BEEDING VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Mar. 4th	Planning Committee, Council (at Small Dole)
Mar. 18th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee
April 1st	Planning Committee, Council
April 24th	Annual Parish Meeting
May 6th	Planning Committee, Council
May 27th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee
June 3rd	Planning Committee, Council
June 17th	Planning Committee, Policy & Resources Committee
June 24th	Cemetery Committee
July 1st	Planning Committee, Council
July 15th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee
August	No meetings
Sept. 2nd	Planning Committee, Council (at Small Dole)
Sept. 16th	Planning Committee, Amenities Committee, Sports & Leisure Committee



CALLING ALL UNDER 12s

The Parish Council would like all under 12s in the Parish to enter our competition to design a logo for our Neighbourhood Plan that would depict our Vision and identify in a picture what our Community is all about.



Our Vision is 'To improve the quality of life for those who live in our Parish by improving and developing the physical environment, developing an inclusive community and enhancing work and leisure opportunities whilst protecting the historic elements and open spaces of the Parish.' It would be nice to include those elements that are important to us such as the South Downs, the Adur River, historical and natural beauty spots. Further information will be available from UB Primary School or contact Sean at teatum@btinternet.com. Closing date for entries will be 10th April 2014 and the winners will be chosen from the best 6 at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April

MOTO-CROSS COMES TO UB PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of the topic 'On the Move' Dan Beamish who co-runs Golding Barn Raceway visited KS1 children to talk about the extreme sport of Moto-Cross, bringing with him a Moto-Cross bike used in races together with the equipment worn whilst racing. He enthused the children with his explanation of the fun and excitement of racing whilst emphasising the need to keep safe, the equipment worn and the safety checks undertaken to minimise risk both on and off the track.



SMALL DOLE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall in Small Dole provides an excellent space for meetings, parties and other activities. The Hall is run by a small band of volunteers and reps of user groups but more help is needed. The committee meet quarterly and would welcome new members to contribute to managing the building. If you could help or require more information contact Janet Daly on 01273 494831 or at constancedaly@btinternet.com.

TRANSPORT WITHIN OUR VILLAGES

Remember when you need help in getting somewhere and can't afford that taxi or the buses don't meet your requirements you can always check out the following who may be able to help you.

Henfield Community Minibus

Transport service provided by Bluebird Community Partnership, including Dial-A-Ride excursions and shopping trips to anyone, regardless of age, who is rurally isolated, infirm or disabled. Covers Albourne, Ashurst, Blackstone, Bramber, Cowfold, Edburton, Fulking, Henfield, Partridge Green, Poynings, Shermanbury, Small Dole, Steyning, Upper Beeding, Wineham and Woodmancote. The minibus is also available for hire. Find out more on the [Bluebird Community Partnership website](#).



Phone: 01444 471919

Steyning Area Community Trips

Day trips for people over the age of 60 living in Steyning, Upper Beeding, Bramber, Wiston or Washington.



Phone: 01903 879297

Steyning and District Good Neighbours Association

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or call 01903814424

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

24th April 2014 from 7pm

The Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

This Year's Theme is the Neighbourhood Plan

- *Update on Where we are with the Plan*
- *Feedback on the Questionnaire*
- *Meet the Focus Groups*
- *What do you want in the Plan*
- *Winner of the Logo Competition*

Guest Speakers will be:

- ❖ **Laura Bourke** HDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer
- ❖ **Andrew Triggs** Southdowns National Parks Neighbourhood Planning Officer

Refreshments from 7pm Start Time 7.30pm



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**Coming soon some Youth Evenings contact
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**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU ALL ALONG TO OUR ANNUAL
MEETING ON 24th. APRIL, WELCOME YOU TO SPRING & WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER**

Please send Sean: teatum@btinternet.com

Any article / contribution / questions by 24th May 2014 for our Summer /June Edition

**PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE OVERALL RESULTS FROM OUR RECENT NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN SURVEY. FURTHER BREAKDOWN & DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PC WEBSITE**