

Upper Beeding Parish Council

For the Parish of Upper Beeding, Edburton and Small Dole

Newsletter Autumn 2017

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

Chairman's Message

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. The council year is almost halfway through and we are preparing for our annual budget round, setting our spending plans for 2018-19.

We have had to increase some of our spending as we have taken on work such as grass cutting normally carried out by the County Council. We have had to do this in order to maintain the good appearance of our villages.

Rather than tackling every grassed area affected we opted for a more cautious approach and selected a number of areas we thought were most prominent. Please let us know whether you think this has worked or whether we should consider other areas for more frequent cuts.

Another service normally carried out by the County Council is street sign leaning. The Parish Council has surveyed and cleaned all the street signs in our area. Of course these new tasks will have cost implications and may result in a small increase in our precept for the next financial year.

If you are interested please come along to our meetings or look at our website. The budgeting process is fairly lengthy, starting with a draft in early autumn and finishing with a completed budget and precept decision in January.

I am pleased to be able to report that the refurbished skate park in Small Dole has been well received by street sports enthusiasts. Radian Ramps have done an excellent job in redesigning and building the new features.

The park is now more suitable for a wide range of skill levels and age groups. It's located in Mackley's Field, access via the village hall car park.

Finally, I must again appeal for volunteers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to do all of the things we would like to do as a council. We only have half the number of councillors required.

If you have a little time and any interest in helping to develop and promote the community we live in then PLEASE get in touch or come to a meeting!

Simon Birnstingl
Chair, UBPC

Village Hall News

The village hall has had a lot of improvements done during the last six weeks. These have included:

- Installing a new sound system and induction loop for hearing impaired. Our thanks to The Wilson Trust for generously donating the money for this wonderful system without their help the hall would not have been able to make this important improvement for all the users.
- The large room has been refurbished with the pipes being covered and the whole room decorated, together with the new chairs which were an addition in June this is really a good place to have smaller parties and meetings.
- The doors to the main hall have been a problem by banging when closed. These have been replaced with soft close doors also three other doors in the main hall have been replaced so that they all match. The hall is now more attractive for that special event that you may want to celebrate.
- The amount of electricity used during the year has been a concern so the toilet areas have had new lights fitted which come on when movement is detected and they automatically switch off afterwards. The time delay is approx.. 5 minutes so there should not be a case of " Oh dear what can the matter be "

Naturally all these works cost money . The hall has various fundraising events planned throughout the year. The **monthly quiz** on the third Wednesday is a fun way that residents can help the hall. The next one is on 20 September followed by 18 October, 15 November and 20 December. Our thanks to the quiz setters, we try to have a different person each month. There is a raffle as well as refreshments but you are allowed to bring your own. The quiz costs £1 per player with teams of up to 6 people and it starts at 7.30pm with a finish 2 hours later. New faces are welcomed.

The hall runs a **200 club** with 12 monthly draws. It costs £12 a year to join. Half the monies are returned in prizes which at the moment is £63 . The whole scheme is licenced as a lottery with Horsham District Council. Forms are available at the hall.

They are back !! Patcham Silver band will be returning on Saturday 14 October for Beeding's version of **Last Night at the Proms**. Tickets will be available locally. Previous versions of this event have been a sell-out so please make sure you get your tickets early. For more details please see the posters or our website.

Other fundraisers are The Christmas fair on 25 November and the Carol evening on Tuesday 19 December with Lancing Brass band.

The Hall's secretary will be resigning at the 2018 AGM . A replacement is needed. If you are interested in filling this vital position please contact our Chairman, Sue Albery on 01903 812450 or the current secretary Jean 01273 493184

Our website has been re-written, you can access it on www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk

BEEDING & BRAMBER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 October when Ian Everest will be giving a talk on Shepherds of the South Downs.

On Wednesday 1 November Geoffrey Mead will be talking about Sussex Industrial History.

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

We are hoping that our booklet about Beeding and Bramber in WW2 will be available in late November.

Pat Nightingale, 01903 812847 drpnightingale@mypostoffice.co.uk

Brilliant Results for Local Cricketers!

Steypning Cricket Club's U16 team, which features residents of Upper Beeding and the Parish, won the Sussex Junior Cricket Festival Bowl for the fourth year running.

The competition is played over 5 days, consisting of 5 individual 80 over matches with two divisions competing from across Sussex. The division winners then play a 90 over final. Steypning won the division and then faced Lindfield in the Final at Horsham. Put into bat, Steypning recorded 262 for 4 from their 45 overs, with the openers each scoring a century. Lindfield, in reply, were bowled out for 107 in 32.3 overs. A great display capping off 4 years of **undefeated** Festival cricket for these boys!

And for good measure, they won the League for the third year on the bounce!

We wished them good luck in the Summer Newsletter - looks like it paid off!



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CRICKET

Short Mat Bowls

The Club has been in existence at the Village Hall for 27 years but with any society or group new members are vital for its survival. The Bowls Club is no exception. There are vacancies in all three of its sessions.

Tuesday and Friday afternoon sessions from 2.30 to 4.30pm are probably the best ones for newcomers to try out this friendly and sociable sport. All we ask is that you bring some flat soled shoes to change into. Tuition is provided as well as all the equipment. A bonus ! Your first session is free and that also includes a cup of tea or coffee.

Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm would be ideal for those who have some experience of bowling. There is not too much difference between indoor long mat bowls and also outdoor bowls. During the winter months this is an ideal way to carry on with your hobby.

The club is a member of West Sussex County Association and takes part in its league (you may have read the article in the last newsletter. We are the Champions !), Knockout Cup and competitions.

Do come along and support one of your local clubs.



Please help us to recycle more

We need to reach the national recycling target of 50% by 2020

Here in the Horsham District we currently recycle 44% of our waste. We are proud to say that this is highest in West Sussex. However we need to reach the national recycling target of 50% by 2020. With your help we know that we can.

Recent research has shown that 20% of what we currently throw away in our green-top (household waste) bins can be put into our blue-top recycling bin.

In total a staggering 57% of the waste that we currently throw away can be reduced, reused or recycled!

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE – TOP TIPS

Take a look at Horsham District Council's dedicated webpages for tips on how to reduce, reuse or recycle the waste in your green-top bin. This includes a useful A-Z list of what can and can't currently be recycled here in the District.

www.horsham.gov.uk/bins/thinkbeforeyouthrow

Please make sure your blue-top (recycling) bin only contains items that can be recycled and that the items are clean, dry, and loose. Only recycling put inside your bin will be collected. Please close the lid. Thank you.

BEEDING & BRAMBER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society held their annual Summer Show on Saturday 26 August in the Village Hall. The number of entries was down on those of recent years, mainly because some of our long-standing supporters were either ill or on holiday. However it was very pleasing that there were several new entrants, some of whom were the proud winners of cups to carry home at the end of the day.

It was disappointing that no-one entered the classes for floral art, and no children took part. However, children need the support of their parents or grandparents to take part, so look out for details of our Spring and Summer Shows next year and see if you can encourage your children or grand-children to enter.

If you would like to join the Horticultural Society, please contact Pat Nightingale on 01903 812847 or drpnightingale@mypostoffice.co.uk.

Membership is usually encouragement and £3 per annum, but only £1 for the remainder of this year. This will entitle you to a Dobies catalogue and 50% off the cost of seeds by ordering as a Society member.

BEEDING IN BLOOM

We would like to say thank you to the following:-

Everyone who sponsored our baskets.

The owners of the 16 gardens who worked hard to make their gardens look so good and who made all the visitors on our Open Gardens Day so welcome.

The Parish Council for replacing all our basket poles.

Ferring Nurseries for keeping all our baskets looking great this year.

All those villagers who lend us a hand when needed.

But we don't thank the gentleman who drove his car into one of our concrete planters!

However five out of six isn't bad!!



Neighbourhood Plan Update Autumn 2017

Following on from my report in June I can now confirm that we have been granted £6,000 from Locality <http://locality.org.uk/> plus Technical Support to carry out a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and Site Surveys by AECOM <http://www.aecom.com/> to enable us to progress our Plan. This will ensure we meet the tighter requirements being imposed on Neighbourhood Plans by Councils, Developers and the Planning Inspectorate.

We received the first draft of the HNA in August and are in the process of reviewing the 66 page document with HDC, our consultants, AiRS and the NP Team before the final version is published. The document states that Upper Beeding, Small Dole, Edburton and Truleigh Hill are all very desirable places to live (as if we didn't know that). The number of houses identified that we require over the next 15 years, based on unconstrained demand, which we will tailor to our particular constraints (lack of sites for development, SDNP, flood risk etc.) are 189 of which 63 need to be affordable. Once the document has been agreed we will make it available on the Parish Council website for all to view.

Other NP News:

- HDC have launched a new website to share info on NPs across the District - Yammer <https://www.yammer.com/horshamdistrictneighbourhoodplanningforum/#/home>
- Met with Ed Carr to discuss his Arts and Culture ideas for the Cement Works
- Met with Norman Kwan (HDC NP Officer) to carry out some site assessments.
- Meeting with the Small Dole (SD)Village Hall Team to discuss NP on 27th. September
- Henfield PC have distributed NP questionnaires to all SD residents
- Could our Garages be used for Affordable Housing (AH)
- The Cement Works has been in the news again and I have been in communication with Steve Dudman, Ed Carr <http://www.southdownproject.com/> and Bill Dunster <http://www.offgridbreak.com/> It is still very unclear what Steve Dudman intends to do with the site. South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) are considering an Area Action Plan(AAP) with more detailed guidance and elaboration on the broad planning principles within their Local Plan for the site. This proposal follows detailed advice from Planning Inspector(s) and is considered legally robust and will include community engagement and input. This is planned to start in September.
- Next NP Team Meeting is possibly 20th, Sept at the HUB UB, will confirm on the PC website along with more NP News <http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Sean Teatum Chairman of the UB NP Team email: teatum@btinternet.com

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 2017

LET US NOT FORGET

18430 Private Fred Hill, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards



Born in Westhampnet on March 25 1881 Fred was the son of George Hill, a policeman, and his wife, Harriett, née Stevens. The family subsequently lived in various places, presumably where George's police service took him. At the time of the 1901 Census, Fred was living and working as a gardener in Saddlescombe, in the parish of Newtimber. He married May Dean, an Upper Beeding girl, in Henfield Parish Church on December 21 1901. The couple had three children: Fred, who was born in Pulborough on November 21 1904; Mabel, who was born there on May 17 1909; and Frank who was born in Steyning District on March 31 1913. The 1911 Census shows the family living in Castletown, Upper Beeding, so that may be where Frank was actually born. Fred worked as a gardener at a nearby house called 'The Knells', in Hyde Street, Upper Beeding, which became the Convent Junior School after the Second World War.

As a married man with three children Fred did not initially volunteer for army service, but with conscription looking likely to be inevitable in 1916, he attested for military service under Lord Derby's recruitment scheme on November 12 1915 in Hove, giving Castletown as his home address and his occupation as a gardener. He was called up in June 1916 and joined the Coldstream Guards. After several months of training and service in the United Kingdom he joined the 2nd Battalion of the regiment in France on 5 January 1917.

Fred was killed in action on August 1 1917, the second day of the Third Battle of Ypres (more usually known as Passchendaele), when his battalion advanced across the Yser canal, securing the crossing of the Steenbeck. Whilst the battalion achieved its objectives, its losses that day were heavy: 4 officers killed, 4 wounded and 175 other ranks, including Fred, killed, wounded, or missing in action. He has no known grave and is, therefore, commemorated on panel 11 of the Menin Gate Memorial (to the missing) in Ypres (now known as Ieper), West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also remembered on Upper Beeding War Memorial and was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. May was given a memorial plaque, for which her son Fred made a carved wooden frame when he was old enough.



May had to take in washing and lodgers to make ends meet. She always resented the fact that her husband was conscripted, whereas her lodgers were single men who worked at the Cement Works. Fred Junior was still a schoolboy when his father was died and he had to take a school-leaving exam to show that he could read and write before being allowed to leave school and help support the family by starting work as a boy porter on Bramber Station. A directory of 1936 shows May Hill still living at 6 Castletown, Upper Beeding.

An extract from "the People of Beeding and Bramber in the Great War" by Pat Nightingale and Ken Wilson-Wheeler.

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5547 Sergeant Alfred Edward Finch M.M.
12th (Service) Battalion, Sherwood Foresters
(Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment)

Alfred was born in Steyning in 1876, the son of George Finch and Elizabeth Finch, née Wintle, of White Horse Lane. He married Rhoda Brooker, a Henfield girl, in 1899. At the time of the 1901 Census they were living in Upper Beeding High Street but the 1911 Census shows them at 6 Castletown, Upper Beeding, with their two young sons, George and Alfred, not far from the home of Fred Hill and family. It also shows that Alfred was a chalk quarryman, so he presumably worked either at the Cement Works or in Castletown Chalk Pit - just across the road from where he lived.

Alfred answered the call to serve king and country and enlisted in Hove, serving in France from August 29 1915. In 1916 Alfred was awarded the Military Medal "For Bravery In The Field". This was promulgated in *The London Gazette* of October 11 1916. Unfortunately the citations for that medal were discarded many years ago and it is, thus, now impossible to find out what his brave deed was. Alfred was killed in action in Belgium, aged 41, on September 1 1917 and was buried in grave I. G. 36 in Voormezeele Enclosures Cemetery near Ypres (now known as Ieper), Belgium. His family arranged for the following inscription to be added to his headstone: THE LORD KNOWETH / THEM THAT ARE HIS / 2 TIMOTHY CH 2 19 V

Alfred was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal and is commemorated on Upper Beeding War Memorial.

Rhoda later lived in Violet Cottage, Church Lane, Upper Beeding, but by 1939 had moved to Durrington Lane, Worthing.

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September	19 th	Planning Committee Sports & Leisure Committee Amenities Committee
October	3 rd	Planning Committee Council
	17 th	Planning Committee Policy & Resources Committee Emergency Committee
November	7 th	Planning Committee Council
	21 st	Planning Committee Amenities Committee Sports & Leisure Committee
December	5 th	Planning Committee Council

Meetings at Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

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 20th November 2017 for our Winter Edition