

Broadbridge Heath

Parish Council News

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the second issue of the magazine. The first publication, issued in October, was well received by the residents of the village and the Parish Council had very positive feedback. It has been a busy quarter for the Parish Council; details of some of the work currently taking place are included in this issue. At the November meeting we had three guest speakers, the Police explaining their position with regard to the Travellers on The Common, WSCC/HDC on the possibility of supplying Real Time Passenger Information at the Shelley Arms bus stop and The Street Scene Team Wardens talked about the work that they do in the community. It is, however, a shame that more residents do not attend the meetings, all of which are open to the public. Please watch the notice boards in the village for the Parish Council Agendas and come along to meetings if you can.

In the next issue we hope to provide contact details for the village organisations, if you would like your organisation listed please contact the Clerk.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Viv Edwards, Chairman - Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

BIG LOTTERY GRANT - Play Equipment and Youth Shelter

Last issue we advised that Broadbridge Heath Parish Council had been awarded a £30,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund. It has been a busy quarter for the Project Team and Horsham District Council as we have now carried out our first round of consultations with the young people in the village.

We asked pupils at Tanbridge and Shelley Schools to complete a questionnaire to give their views on locating equipment behind the Village Centre but more importantly we asked them to tell us what type of equipment they would like to see in this area. 350 pupils from the schools completed the questionnaire and the results highlighted the following:

- 70% of pupils agreed that the Village Centre was the best place to accommodate the Youth Shelter.
- The equipment that we install needs to be more challenging and include options to hang (monkey bars), climb, meet and talk to friends.

Using the results as provided by our young people, the Project Team has drawn up a technical specification and has asked 6 well know 'play equipment' contractors to provide us with designs.

★ The next stages are to complete the consultations and select the equipment.

Construction will hopefully take place Spring/Summer 2009. If you would like to make comment, please call the Clerk/Project Leader on 01403-785864.



*Wishing all residents a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*



A Christmas Message from your PCSO

Jeff Grant

T'was the week before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. Under the tree lay the gifts piled high, temptation enough to catch any thief's eye. The windows and doors locked tight as a drum, however the burglars, they're not so dumb! Down at the door with nary a rattle, the spring latch was slipped with no sound to tattle. Into the house and away with the loot, as fast as greased lightning the burglar did scoot.

Finding it easy and wanting some more, he grabbed up his tools and hurried next door. Slipping and prying he found in dismay, a shiny, large deadbolt was barring his way. Away to the window he went on the sly, tore open the screen and gave it a pry. He pried and he pulled 'til his knuckles were skinned, but no progress was made 'cause the windows were pinned. In the window he noticed a sign stating clear, Neighbourhood Watch people living in here. All the shaking and knocking the sleepers did waken, still safe in their home by the precautions they'd taken. They ran to the phone the police they did harken, telling them where the culprit was parkin'. Delayed and dejected by pickings so lean, the crook was just leaving when the cops made the scene. As they carted him off the crowd heard him say, "By good locks I've been foiled; now they'll lock me away."

It has been a good year for Broadbridge Heath with an overall reduction in Anti Social Behaviour. Next year will see a further reduction with initiatives such as the new Youth Club continuing at the Leisure Centre on Friday nights and the proposal for a new Youth Shelter and play equipment behind the Village Centre. Also next year I will be looking for new volunteers to man our Speed Indication Display (SID) to help educate drivers to stick to the speed limit through the village. The scheme is highly successful and there are already over 100 volunteers using it in the Horsham District. I will also be seeking new volunteers to join our Neighbourhood Policing Panel which is your chance as a villager to help make a difference in your community and work along-side the Police to help solve community issues. One last note is to thank Broadbridge Heath Parish Council for their support this year and to thank all those residents who have helped make the village a better place by working with me. **Have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2009 from all the staff and officers at Sussex Police.**



Christmas Crime

UPDATE ON THE WEST OF HORSHAM DEVELOPMENT

Many of you will be aware that the decision about which option should be developed in the West of Horsham has now been taken. On 8th October 2008, Horsham District Council (HDC) adopted the Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document. This incorporates the option whereby a dual carriageway bypass will be built to the south of the new development and the current bypass will be closed (although there will still be road access from the Farthing's Hill roundabout down as far as Tesco). HDC has now received outline planning applications from the developers. However, Countryside properties has submitted an application based on the alternative option.

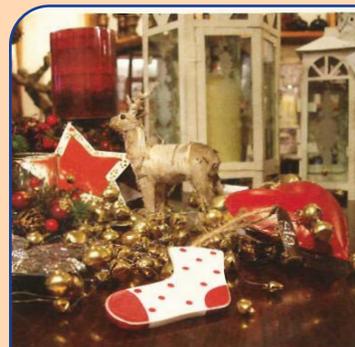
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A Message to Irresponsible Dog Owners - Please Clean up after your Dog!

When we consulted with our young people on the Big Lottery Project, we asked them what they did not like about our green areas and their number one complaint was dog fouling! Our Litter Warden, the Broadbridge Heath Junior Football Club as well as many residents have also commented on this matter; not only is it anti-social behaviour but it potentially represents a serious health issue particularly to children.

So please spare a thought, don't leave home without poo bags (Tesco's do a great value range nappy bag for a few pennies) and at this time of year pop a torch in your pocket too! Place dog litter in the bins provided around the village (not in hedgerows) or take it home and put it in your bin.

Your should be aware that the Parish Council has asked Street Scene Team Wardens to patrol the village; they have the power to issue a fixed penalty fine for dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs!

Broadbridge Heath Gala Association - FIREWORKS 2008

 A big, big thank you to everyone who braved the wind, the rain and the mud on Saturday 8th November to watch the fireworks. It was a great evening despite having to scale down the bonfire due to strong winds. Once again Aurora did us proud with another spectacular display of pyrotechnics, thanks very much to Dave and his team.

The Scouts did a wonderful job again, battling with the elements to serve up their wonderful burgers and hotdogs. Help, on the night with marshalling and clearing up, from St John's Church, the BBH Junior FC and many other villagers made the whole event run smoothly. As a committee we really do appreciate it.

Lastly the committee is always eager to welcome new members to join the Gala Association. Many hands make light work of all the jobs involved in running the bonfire so if you'd like to get involved ring Viv Edwards (240414) or Judith Jones (250296). Look forward to seeing you all there next year.



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Council meetings take place in the St. John's Community Hall. Planning Meetings are subject to cancellation if there are no plans to discuss. Visit our website at www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk for agendas and minutes of previous meetings or view the notice boards at the One Stop Shop, Billingshurst Road or The Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane.

JANUARY 2009

Monday 5th Planning Committee, 7.30pm - Full Council, 8.00pm
Monday 19th Planning Committee, 8.00pm

FEBRUARY 2009

Monday 2nd Planning Committee, 7.30pm - Full Council, 8.00pm
Monday 16th Planning Committee, 7.30pm - Recreation, 8.00pm

MARCH 2009

Monday 2nd Planning Committee, 7.30pm - Full Council, 8.00pm
Monday 16th Planning Committee, 8.00pm

CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Clerk: Mrs Mary Burroughs: Tel: 01403-785864 Mobile 07733-359479.
Address: PO Box 315, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9XX. Email: clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk Website: www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk If you would like to talk to The Clerk in person, she would be happy to meet with you in the village, please make contact to arrange an appointment.

Clerk for Strategy & Development: Mrs Helen Dayneswood Tel: 01403-790175

Chairman: Mrs Viv Edwards: - Tel: 01403-240414

Police: Please contact the Police on the non-emergency line 0845-60-70-999 for information and advice or to report a crime. Alternatively you can contact the police by e-mail by accessing their website www.sussex.police.uk Please note it is important to report incidents, even if no immediate action is warranted. Otherwise, the police don't build up a picture of trouble hotspots, and will not address issues until a portfolio of events has been reported.

Emergencies - Always dial 999 - If life is threatened, If people are injured, If offenders are nearby, If immediate action is required or if you are witnessing criminal damage. Our PCSO is Jeff Grant and he can be contacted on 0845-60-70-999 (Ext 19135) and you can also see Jeff's blog on the Sussex Police website to catch up on matters relating to the village.

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TRAVELLERS ON THE COMMON Update November 2008

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Inspector Stephen Keeler from Sussex Police attended the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd November 2008 to outline Police powers with regard to Section 61 (Direction to Leave Land and the Power to Arrest) and 62 of the Public Order Act 1994. A pack of information was given to members present that included a letter from the Chief Superintendent served on people who trespass which highlighted unacceptable locations for the travelling community to reside on, these locations included a recreation ground or village green. It was noted that this letter was not issued to the trespassers in July 2008. Inspector Keeler apologised on behalf of The Police as he felt that they had not used their powers appropriately and that the community should have received a better service.

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In the New Year a group of parents who have survived parenting their own teenagers will be starting a weekly Parenting Teenagers course from Wednesday 4th February. It will run weekly on Wednesday evenings through to 11th March. Contact Adrian Hawthorn on 01403-267797 for details. Tea and Fellowship will meet as usual at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of January. Open to all elderly folk in Broadbridge Heath. Contact Christine Billington on 01403-265536.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th Dec - Village Centre Social Club - Xmas Meat Draw 8.30pm
20th Dec - Shelley Arms Pub Carol Service - 6 to 6.30pm

- 20th Dec** - Village Centre Social Club - Xmas Draw 8.30pm
- 21st Dec** - St John's Carol Service - 7pm (mince pies and mulled wine to follow)
- 22nd Dec** - St John's Pre-School Carol Services - 10.30am and 2.30pm
- 23rd Dec** - Village Centre Social Club - Xmas Quiz 8.30pm
- 24th Dec** - Village Centre Social Club - Christmas Eve - Live Music 8.30pm
- 24th Dec (Christmas Eve)** - St John's Christingle (4pm) and Midnight Communion (11pm)
- 25th Dec (Christmas Day)** - St John's Family Celebration

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