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## World War 1 (WW1)

The Parish Council will be giving the area around the Broadbridge Heath's War Memorial a face lift to commemorate WW1 (1914-1919).

The War claimed the lives of at least 6,000 men a day and more than nine million soldiers died during the fighting. Average life expectancy in the trenches was about six weeks and our memorial lists 31 WW1 servicemen who lost their lives. Work will take place over the summer and autumn to clear, landscape and re-plant a 'new look' area that will hopefully be ready in time for Remembrance Sunday. A beautiful, engraved seat will be placed there in memory of the members of the Harding family (who were brought up in Billingshurst Road). Thomas Harding is named on the memorial as he lost his life during the Second World War.



Related to this part of our village's cultural heritage, many residents will already know that the streets on the newly developed part of Broadbridge Heath have been named after people on the memorial but only the eagle-eyed will have noticed that a clerical error has meant that the road named to commemorate George Worsfold has been called "Worsfield". Despite our best efforts this could not be rectified before residents moved in and we hope this does not upset George's relatives.

## News from your Parish Council

Welcome to the summer issue of this newsletter which is delivered to every household in the Parish to keep residents in touch with matters that may be of interest, including the Parish Council's activities and forthcoming meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided an articles and feedback on our previous editions. If you have something that you would like to see in the next edition (which will come out just before Christmas) please contact the Parish Clerk (see back page for details).

## Annual Parish Meeting - Chairman's Report

Please take a few moments to read the extract from the Parish Council's Chairman's Report for 2013-14, included inside this newsletter. This highlights some of the work carried out by the Parish Council last year.



The full Report is available on our website at [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

**Chairman**  
**Mrs Viv Edwards**

## Jim parks up his barrow

After 13 or so years of early mornings and facing all the elements with a cheery smile, our trusty litter warden Jim Cate has decided to park up his barrow, kick the hi-vis jacket and sturdy walking boots into touch and enjoy a well earned retirement. Many in the village will miss seeing and chatting to Jim as he does his rounds.

The Parish Council will be presenting Jim with a gift to thank him for his service to the community and wish him well in his retirement.





# Gatwick Airport

There has been much activity of late with regard to recent flight path trials and possible changes which could include a new runway and permanent changes to flight paths.



Most recently, the Parish Council has been asked to comment on the Gatwick Airspace Consultation which runs for 12 weeks from 23rd May to 14th August. The consultation is on the specific effects of options for proposed changes and the impact on the same. This consultation seeks feedback on noise contours and noise footprints. The issues are being considered alongside design options which include Noise Preferential Routes (NPR's), realignment of runway departures, night-time respite options and general re-centring, shortening and narrowing of existing NPR's.

Full details of the consultation can be found at the Gatwick Airport website using the following link [www.gatwickairport.com/gatwickairspaceconsultation](http://www.gatwickairport.com/gatwickairspaceconsultation)

The Parish Council is aware of concerns raised by a small number of residents with regard to the changes over the last six months or so to the Gatwick airspace and the impact that this has had and may have in the future and would encourage residents to go on line, review and complete the consultation as they feel appropriate. CAGNE (Campaign Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions), a local group has advised us that there is more information about the consultation on their website at [www.cagne.org](http://www.cagne.org) and this includes guidance on completing the consultation. **Note the deadline is 14th August.**

Year one / June 2014

## CYW UPDATE

What has happened so far! / What is to come?

### Summer Fun 2013



Last summer's event was enjoyed by many young people. Games, craft, henna, photo-booth and food in the sunshine were a big hit.



### Toasties Youth Club

Toasties is run on Fridays from 6:30 till 8:00 in term time for those in school year 6-8. In the scout hall we organise games, crafts and activities each week. It is a great opportunity for young people to hang out with their friends in a safe space. We have between 20 - 30 regularly attending.

### Socials

We ran socials during the easter and summer breaks: from film and pizza night to trips out. All advertised in our youth club and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CommunityYW](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityYW)

### Summer sports

In response to the feedback from the summer events this year we are putting on a weekly sports event running every Wednesday in August from 12:00 - 16:00.



Each week there will be a different sport to learn and develop skills, with specialist coaches to take learning forward.

The sports will be held on the Recreation Field in Broadbridge Heath behind the Social Club.

This is aimed at any young person in secondary school who are interested in trying something new or just increasing their skills.

If they like the sport then they can have the opportunity to join a local club.

The 4 sports across the summer are football, athletics, archery and rounders.

### THS

I have been going into Tanbridge House School doing a variety of different things alongside other youth workers including: getting to know young people, taking some lessons on alcohol awareness, helping with a course on self-development and getting involved in mentoring.

If you are interested in knowing more about what I'm doing or would be interested in volunteering please contact me on:

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## Don't Tolerate it, Report it

Residents often phone or email the Clerk with regard to problems around the village which she duly forwards to the relevant authority. Please be aware that problems can also be reported directly to either Horsham District Council (for matters such as dog fouling, problems with the Acorn Plus scheme, fly tipping or fly posting, full litter or dog litter bins) or West Sussex County Council (for matters such as pot holes, dangerous footpaths, hedges encroaching on WSCC's Highways, blocked drains) etc. Their contact details are:

**Horsham District Council – 01403 215100 or visit [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)**

**West Sussex County Council – 01243 777100 or visit [love.westsussex.gov.uk](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk)**







## Traffic Management Measures for the Village

Earlier this year, the Parish Council reviewed options from a traffic consultant for the village. A proposed scheme is still to be agreed by West Sussex County Council. At the time of writing the Parish Council continues to pursue West Sussex County Council.

## Part-time Vacancies

### Assistant Clerk and Environment Officer

The Parish Council has two vacancies and is seeking to appoint an organised and motivated Assistant Clerk and an Environment Officer. Candidates should be capable of working with the Clerk and Councillors to manage the day to day work of the Parish Council.

The Assistant Clerk will help manage the Parish Council assets, implement the Council's policies and comply with Government legislation. The Environment Officer will take pride in keeping the village clean and tidy and will be required to assist with the inspection and general maintenance and repair of assets.

For further details please e-mail the Clerk on [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 01403 785864.

## Annual Accounts

The accounts have been reviewed by our internal auditor and approved by the Parish Council. A copy of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2014 is on our website.

## How the Council obtains and uses community funding

### Tell us about your project

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) process requires that legal agreements, negotiated with developers during the planning stage, have to be specific about where negotiated contributions will be spent. To facilitate this, the Parish Council maintains a list of known community projects. This list is shared with HDC and used in negotiations with developers.

Last year, £27,175 from the Heath Barn development, was awarded to be used towards the improvement of the pavilion in Byfleets Lane.

So please if you would like to benefit as the Cricket Club has, keep the Clerk informed of funds needed for your community project, or for potential projects. Don't forget too that the Parish Council also has a small fund for helping local organisations. Details of our grant policy and an application form can be found on our website.

## Horsham District Council refuses the application from Gleeson to develop the Land North of the Old Guildford Road

On Tuesday 17th June Horsham District Council's Development North Committee rejected Gleeson's outline application to build up to 165 houses and a 60-bed care home on land to the north of Old Guildford Road. The Parish Council was opposed to this development and spoke to object strongly at the meeting, as did several other people from the village. Thanks to these representations and the forceful advocacy of our District Councillor Malcolm Curnock, a majority of the committee voted to refuse the application.



# OUR PLAY AREAS IN THE VILLAGE

July sees the full annual inspection of our play areas, if you are aware of any problems please contact the Clerk.



**Do not miss yet another spectacular show of fireworks from the Gala Association**

The date for your diary this year is Saturday 1st November.

**Venue:** Village Centre Playing Fields.

## Funfair on the Common

Showtime Amusements will once again hold the funfair on the Common this year as it continues to be very popular with families in the village. The fair will be here on the weekend of Friday 18th through to Sunday 20th September 2014.

## Grounds Maintenance

Your Parish Council looks after the grounds, trees and play areas behind the Village Centre, the Common, Singleton Road, Charrington Way as well other small pieces of land such as the area around the war memorial and the triangle at the cross roads of the Old Guildford and Billingshurst Roads.

Unfortunately our current contractors have struggled to keep up with the grounds maintenance work required so at the time of writing, the Parish Council is actively looking to appoint another contractor to do the work for the remainder of this season and into 2015. It is hoped that we will see improvements in July and August.

## The Boing has gone



"What is a boing?" I hear you ask. A boing is a piece of play equipment mounted on a spring that can be sat on and rocked. We have several springers in Broadbridge Heath and they are particularly popular with small children. The yellow boing at the Recreation Ground play area was broken but disappeared before it could be collected for repair. If you know of its whereabouts please contact the Clerk – we are hoping that repair will be much cheaper than buying a new one.



# Extract from Chairman Viv Edwards Report 2013-14

This last year has seen many changes in and around the village with the housing development to the south coming along apace together with the integral new road layout and landscaping, a new Pegasus Crossing on the existing bypass, improvements to the bridle way, a new garage on the Billingshurst Road and an even bigger one in the process of being built on Farthings Hill roundabout. To some extent, the Parish Council (PC) has been involved in all of these issues keeping us busy on your behalf.

Councillors are updated monthly on the developments in and around Wickhurst Green and are regularly invited to site visits to see how work is progressing and raise any concerns. Welcome packs, which are a joint initiative between the PC and Countryside Properties, are given out to all new residents to introduce them to the village and provide details of local activities and organisations.

The new Leisure Centre and development of the Broadbridge Heath Quadrant are hot topics of debate at the moment. The outline proposals that have been put forward are quite innovative and we will be interested to see more detailed plans in the future.

The current plans for the Quadrant include 200 flats and together with the outline planning application that has been submitted for the area north of the Old Guildford Road, we could soon see our village swamped with new development. With Wickhurst Green alone, our village is nearly doubling in size. Is it fair that we be expected to accommodate any more new homes? How will the new road system cope? There are many questions that still need to be answered before the Parish Council can support any further development!

Discussions about traffic calming are still on going. Our primary aim is to prevent traffic using the Billingshurst and Old Guildford Roads as a short cut when the new bypass is open, but we are also keen to introduce measures to slow down the cars and motor bikes that currently speed through the village. With help from traffic consultants and input from West Sussex County Council (WSCC), we are considering some different options but frustratingly this is still work in progress. We will be keeping you informed and asking your opinion, through our meetings, the newsletter, notice boards and the website.

Last year I mentioned that Broadbridge Heath PC had formed a partnership with Slinfold and Warnham Parish Councils to employ a shared Community Youth Worker for our young

people. Dan Fairchild has now been in post since last August and has been working closely with youngsters in the villages and local organisations to develop a range of appropriate services and support. A new youth club (Toasties) has opened at the Scout Hut on a Friday evening and is proving to be very popular.

We have several green spaces and recreation areas in the village which the PC own and manage for the benefit of the community. We try to ensure that these are regularly maintained to a high standard and have an ongoing program to replace and improve the equipment. As you may have noticed, we had some hiccups last summer with our grass cutting contractors but these problems have now been resolved and it seems that, weather permitting, normal service will be resumed this year.

This August marks the centenary of the start of World War One. To commemorate this we will be re-landscaping the area around the war memorial in the village and a local family, the Hardings, have kindly donated a very impressive wooden seat to replace the one that is currently there. We will also be sprinkling some poppy seeds around the edges of the Common and the field at the Village Centre.

Our County Councillor, David Sheldon, acts as a liaison between the PC and WSCC and I would like to thank him for his knowledgeable advice and support. David has recently been helping some local residents sort out parking and flooding issues.

We also have close ties with Sussex Police and I am pleased to welcome our new PCSO Alex Griffey. Alex will be providing us with monthly updates as to what is happening in the village and we look forward to working with him.

Unsafe and anti-social parking on verges are two of the main problems being reported to us at the moment although overgrown hedges, potholes and dog fouling are not far behind. We pass complaints onto the relevant authorities, but I would stress that in many cases it is quicker to report issues directly by either making a telephone call or logging the problem on a local authority website e.g. West Sussex County Council's website [love.westsussex.gov.uk](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk) provides a simple, quick and efficient way to report any issue concerning roads or verges.

The remainder of the report which includes an update from the various committees together with acknowledgements can be found on the PC website.



## Overhanging Vegetation

As the bird-nesting season comes to an end, please take a look to see if your hedges or trees overhang a footpath or road. Think about footpath and road users and ensure that your hedges and trees are regularly trimmed back. Footpaths and roads can be dangerously narrowed by overhanging vegetation.

Please spare a thought for the elderly, blind, wheelchair and pushchair users on footpaths and ensure that your hedgerow is regularly trimmed, so that they are not forced to walk into the road.

You run the risk of formal notice from the County Council if you fail to keep overhanging vegetation under control, and could even face legal action from an injured member of the public.

## PCSO report



**I am PCSO Alex Griffey, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the local officer for Broadbridge Heath.**

I am responsible for dealing with local issues in the village, and am your point of contact for local policing matters. You can talk to me if you are concerned about things like graffiti, rowdy behaviour, burglaries or other things in your neighbourhood that matter to you. I also

deal with things like anti social behaviour, anti social driving and more.

My current priorities for Broadbridge Heath are speeding on the Billingshurst Road, setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the new housing development, and supporting existing Neighbourhood Watches.

Speeding in Broadbridge Heath is a problem that has been brought to my attention by the Parish Council and a number of residents, and there is a long term plan to combat this anti social driving. There is a speed gun available which I will be receiving training on soon and I will then hope to conduct a 100 vehicle check on one of the problem roads in Broadbridge Heath, which should reveal the average speed of vehicles using the road. Dependent on those results there are a number of options I can consider regarding speeding issues. This could include a community speedwatch where volunteers will be trained and able to use a speed detection device to identify speeding vehicles, which has been a very successful method for reducing speeding issues in other areas.

**OPERATION CRACKDOWN** is another great way of combating speeding issues. It empowers local residents to report anti socially driven vehicles to the police, which usually results in them being sent a letter with advice from Sussex Police. To get started, visit <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> and follow the simple instructions.

More to follow but in the meantime, you can contact me in a number of ways: By email – [alexander.griffey@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alexander.griffey@sussex.pnn.police.uk); By mobile – 07717 700893; Or by landline – 101, and asking for me by name.

## Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings 2014

Monday 07/07/2014	Parish Council
Monday 21/07/2014	Planning and/or LDC as required
Monday 01/09/2014	Parish Council
Monday 22/09/2014	Recreation
Monday 29/09/2014	Planning and/or LDC as required
Monday 06/10/2014	Parish Council
Monday 20/10/2014	Finance & Establishment
Monday 03/11/2014	Parish Council
Monday 10/11/2014	Planning and/or LDC as required
Monday 17/11/2014	Recreation
Monday 17/11/2014	Finance & Establishment
Monday 01/12/2014	Parish Council
Monday 15/12/2014	Planning and/or LDC as required
Monday 05/01/2015	Parish Council

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## Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and the press (who have a right to attend) and are preceded by a session for public comments. Council meetings take place in the St. John's Community Centre. Planning Meetings are subject to cancellation if there are no plans to discuss.

Visit our website at [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://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. Start times can vary but usually are from 7:30pm.