



# News

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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*Viv Edwards  
Chairman  
Broadbridge  
Heath  
Parish Council*

## Chairman's message

(Excerpt from the 2017/18 Annual Report)

The past year has been one of several changes for the Parish Council in terms of staff and councillors. However, all seems to have settled down and we now have an excellent team working on behalf of our community. Jo Ball joined us in October as our new Clerk and in February Lucinda Edwards was appointed as the Assistant Clerk. They both bring a wealth of valuable experience from their previous roles and are full of enthusiasm and ideas to improve the village.

We also have two new councillors, Ian Blunnie and Philip Turner who joined us following the resignations of Jonathan England and Matthew Gaffer last summer.

Broadbridge Heath continues to change with the new dwellings and care home north of old Guildford Road and the flats and houses on the site of former garages at Swann Way and Sleets Road. These have all brought their own challenges which councillors have tried to address working in conjunction with developers, statutory authorities and local residents.

The initial stages of the long-awaited traffic calming (necessary because of the impact of the new developments on our local roads) have been installed and it is hoped that when all the changes



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We are currently working with the Village Centre Management Trustees on the project to improve the Village Centre in Wickhurst Lane in order to provide a building that is more suited to the expanding village. We are hoping to link this in with improvements to the recreation area behind the Centre and have some exciting plans for rejuvenating the play area.

Throughout this period of change it is important that the village works together and retains its identity. It is hoped that the opening of the Neighbourhood Centre and the downgrading of the current bypass, scheduled for next year, will help with this process.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, in particular Geoff Clark – Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Committee, David Trangmar – Chairman of the Finance and Establishment Committee and Terry Oliver, Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

Finally, thank you to Jo and Lucinda for all their hard work and commitment to the village over the last few months.



# Hello from your Parish Clerk



The past 8 months have flown by, since I joined the Parish Council last October. It is a privilege to work with the Councillors, who give, voluntarily, significant amounts of their time to the

village and are dedicated to making Broadbridge Heath a great place to live.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the newest member of our team, Lucinda, who joined us in February and has already made a significant impact. Lucinda has carried out a review of the playparks and made recommendations for improvements, which will be progressed by the Parish Council in the coming months.

The new playparks at Wickhurst Green are due for delivery in June and should be installed and ready to use for the summer. Additionally progress is being made with the allotments and the first one should be ready in early 2019. There is a waiting list for the allotments, if you would like to add your name to the list please email [asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk).

A team effort was made, including councillors and residents, on the 22nd of April with a litter picking event, collecting 10 bags of litter and hopefully making a difference. John, our environment officer continues to do an excellent job keeping the older



Wild flowers at Top Common

part of the village tidy. This is a service that the Parish Council will take on for Wickhurst Green too in 2019 when some of the areas are adopted by the Parish Council.

The Top Common is looking lovely with the wild flowers in bloom, many butterflies and birds can be seen there and it is well worth a visit to the area to take a look.

Councillors have just agreed to purchase 2 picnic tables, one for Charrington Way Park and one for the Ducky, hopefully they get lots of use.

This week we have had our financial audit and received good feedback from the auditor about the processes and controls we have in place.

If you have any ideas or suggestions of things we could do to make Broadbridge Heath an even better place to live, please do email me at [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk), I look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you a lovely, sunny, summer,

**Jo Ball, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**  
Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

Bring your family for an afternoon full of fun and games!  
- FREE ENTRY -

## Summer Fete

# BBH

FACE PAINTING

FOOD & ICE CREAM VANS

BEER & PIMMS TENT

FAIR GROUND RIDES

ENTERTAINMENT ARENA

STALLS

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 2 - 5 PM

BROADBRIDGE HEATH COMMON

BOUNCY CASTLES

CRAFTS

CARES

SPECIAL GUEST

WIN A BMX

Sponsored by  
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Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre

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## GDPR

As many of you are now aware, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) comes into effect on 25th May 2018. You have probably been contacted by many organisations that you had forgotten even existed, as well as being asked by the Doctor's Receptionist, your Dentist and the volunteers at the local charity shop, to confirm your information is accurate and up to date and that they have your permission to hold your personal information on their computer system.

All organisations, including charities and councils that hold personal information about you, must be GDPR compliant or face potentially large fines. An independent audit can be carried out at any time.

Your Parish Council is working to ensure their own compliance with GDPR and supporting parish organisations / charities to be compliant. More information will be published in the coming months from the Parish Council about this work.

**Councillor Ian Blunnie**



## Bunting

The Parish Council have purchased some bunting to use for special events. If you / your community group would like to borrow it for an event in Broadbridge Heath, please contact Lucinda at [asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

## Football Club

The season is now behind us and what a dreadful year we had weather wise, for some reason it's clear that Zeus the God of Rain is not a football fan, every Friday and Saturday morning he would send a deluge of water to earth leaving our football pitches saturated and unplayable and disappointing the many followers who play, manage, coach and support our teams but despite his efforts we did somehow manage to complete the season.

The senior teams had mixed fortunes:- The first team started well and even led the division for a spell early on but after Christmas we lost several key players to injury which led to a decline in results and we ended the season in 15th place. The team excelled in cup competitions going further than we've ever gone before in the Sussex Senior Cup and in the FA Vase when we lost to a very good Thatcham Town side who went on to reach the final which will be played at Wembley on the 20th May. The team also reached the semi-final of the Sussex RUR Cup before losing in a close game to Chichester City.

The Reserves had a mixed season, they started well but then lost a few players to other clubs, we then had a change of management but the results didn't improve and after a few months there was another change of management but we finished the season strongly and reached the League Cup-Final where we played Pagham. Having already beaten the Lions twice in the league we had a real chance of ending the season with some silverware, unfortunately though the opposition chose to play seven first team players in their starting line-up and won the game quite comfortably, their action was not against the rules of the competition but certainly not in the spirit of the game.

The Under 18s ended their season in 4th place, a little disappointing to be honest because they have some very talented players in their side and we felt they really should have been challenging for the title. On the plus side eleven of the team also represented the first and reserve teams during the course of the year.

The juniors teams continue to thrive they ran eleven sides for players from 6 to 16, the Under 13 Sunday side who play in a very competitive division in the Sussex

Sunday Youth League reached their cup semi-final and just missed out on promotion to the top division in the play offs, had they not been harshly deducted points for a minor administration error before the season had started, they would have won automatic promotion.

Elsewhere the Under 9s won the Plate on finals day played at the Leisure Centre and they also picked up the Sportsmanship trophy which is a nice award to win and proves the management, players and supporters are respected by their opposition.

## New facilities update

The Clubs new headquarters on the land south of the Leisure Centre is coming along nicely with the pavilion due to be completed week commencing 6th



New pavilion under construction

## Cricket

Since our last news, the Club decided at its AGM to try and continue with two adult teams this year. After a huge amount of hard work by Chairman Tim Wells, his small Committee and the two captains (Tom Endacott and Ian Stocker) the season is up and running and both teams have had a successful start to the season, remaining unbeaten – all that and a new sponsor too: Rock Insurance. The Club also had a successful winter in the Indoor League – all backed-up by some fabulous indoor nets at the Hove County Ground for club members. However, as ever with most local sport nowadays, player availability is key as sports clubs battle with 7-day-week working.

**BROADBRIDGE HEATH CRICKET CLUB**

Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club welcomes new players for the 2018 season.

We are a very friendly Club playing a good level of local Cricket. Juniors from 9 to 14 years, and Senior players interested in Saturday League and midweek T20 cricket.

Adult outdoor nets on Thursdays from 6pm  
Junior outdoor nets on Wednesday (u11s) & Friday (u14s) evenings

Contact: Tim Wells 07740 101983 or timbo66@btinternet.com

www.acb.co.uk

## Stoolball

A sport that dates back to at least the 15th century, originating in Sussex and traditionally played by milkmaids using their milking stools as a wicket. Our ladies Broadbridge Heath stoolball team plays in the Chanctonbury League and is now in its 7th season. This year we have a new sponsor from the Village "Barnetts Barbers" with new updated kit – see photo. We train each Friday evening from 6.15pm at the cricket club and all new players are welcome – if only just to have a bit of fun on our training night. League games are played on Monday evenings. This year we will be supporting the BBH Gala day in June by holding a "Crockery Shire" & also running 2 Wednesday morning taster sessions on 1st & 8th August from 10.30am-11.30am for all ages from Reception to year 6 to have a go. For further details please contact sallybooker1@btinternet.com or www.stoolball.org.uk/broadbridgeheath



## Tennis Club

The new season has got off to a great start with the Club planning on building a path from the lay-bys in Byfleets Lane to the courts, extending the Top Common Nature Area. This has been made possible by the donations from both Broadbridge Heath and Warnham Parish Councils who are donating money to top up what was raised by our successful quiz night in January.

A huge thank you to both councils as this will make a huge difference to members wishing to access the courts. The recently repainted courts are already being well used and the club has just introduced a new website where members are able to view court availability and book a court.

**For further information about the club go to [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/bbhtc](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/bbhtc) or contact Ann Lines Club Secretary on 07759 286434.**



August, unfortunately that doesn't mean we'll occupy the building and be ready to start playing matches the day after.

The pavilion is being constructed by Sunninghill on behalf of developers Countryside, so once it's complete it has to be handed over to Countryside, when they accept it will be handed over to the District Council before finally being handed over to the Football Club, sounds simple doesn't it but there's a pile of paperwork that will need to be exchanged at each phase and that will almost certainly take time.

Even then when the Football Club does take ownership there's internal work that we will need to do, fitting out the changing rooms, kitchen, social club and bar and most importantly getting an FA Ground Grading certificate, all this will take time so realistically the earliest we can hope to start playing matches is mid to late September, we have to be in place before October because that is when they start knocking down the old Leisure Centre so if we're not in by then the seniors will have nowhere to play.

So next season will be a real mile-stone for the clubs, our very own facilities

for the first time in the clubs history, it will also be the clubs 100th anniversary which will be something to celebrate and it will be our Chairman Keith Soane's 50th anniversary with the club, so a lot to look forward to.

If you would like to join the club as a player, coach or join one of committees then we'd love to hear from you, for more information visit our website and don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook.



## Junior Football Club

Broadbridge Heath Junior Football Club is a Standard Chartered Community FA club. With a successful season behind us

with teams winning promotion, cup final victories and two sportsmanship awards the players and coaches commitment is showing rewards. We offer football for all ages for players living within the Horsham District. In the 2018/19 season teams will play Saturday mornings as part of The Horsham and District Youth League. We also have a representative under 14's squad playing Sunday mornings in the very competitive Sussex Sunday League facing teams based all across the district and south coast. Our new clubhouse facility with stadium pitch and another 2 additional pitches is nearing completion and couldn't come at a better time. With the club expanding and groups of players wanting to join us, our focus is on player development, at some age groups we have two teams playing community and representative football catering for all types of players.

If your son or daughter is interested in becoming involved with a community football club or you would like to become a coach, assistant or designated parent helper then please get in touch with Tim Roberts Youth Development Manager. 07966-164075 or [timfootballcoach@yahoo.com](mailto:timfootballcoach@yahoo.com)

## Summer at the Top Common Nature area

**By the end of May, Spring had departed the Top Common and, with the hot Bank Holiday weather, summer flowers were beginning to appear in profusion. Garlic Mustard and Bluebells were replaced by Ragged Robin, Red Campion, Yellow Pimpernel, wild Foxgloves and a mass of Buttercups, all providing nectar for a wide range of insects.**

Among the more interesting recent insect sightings have been a Four-spotted Chaser (a type of dragonfly) and a Silver Y moth. A bright male Brimstone has also been spotted and this is the 14th species of butterfly to be recorded at the Top Common since the Nature area was created two years ago. Beautiful Orange Tip butterflies (see photograph) have been seen regularly and will have laid their eggs on the Garlic Mustard and Cuckoo Flowers

Birds are once again making good use of the nest boxes we have dotted around the site. Countless young Blue Tits and Great Tits will have fledged and made their maiden flights by the time this article appears in print! Overhead, Buzzards and, occasionally, Red Kites pay us a visit, whilst dashing Sparrowhawks often fly through the wooded areas in search of their next meal.

Do take time to visit the Top Common if you can, and let us know if you spot any interesting wildlife.

**David Bridges, Volunteer Organiser, Mobile 078 408 71755**

**Jo Ball, Parish Clerk, Mobile 07716 130 103**

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(The Top Common Nature area can be found on the outskirts of the village, opposite the cricket ground in Byfleets Lane).



Orange Tip butterflies (above female, below male)

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# First Broadbridge Heath Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Once again the village's young people have been exploring, inventing, learning and having a lot of fun through their participation in the Scouting movement.

**Our intrepid young Beavers enjoyed a session at High Places at Pavilions in the Park. Aged between five and eight, these little explorers reached dizzying heights (all safely strapped into harnesses, of course) at Horsham's tallest attraction.**



Beaver visit to High Places in Horsham

They also partnered with the cubs for another fun evening at the Colgate Scout Campsite where they all enjoyed outdoor adventures and possibly even an Easter egg or two.

All three units participated in a fundraising event at Marks and Spencer in Horsham over Easter weekend.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all packed shopping bags in the food hall to raise money for Broadbridge Heath Scouting and other charities. Their efforts really are a credit to the village and the leaders who so generously volunteer their time to run Scouting. It was one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year and, as far as we know, not a single egg was broken!

Our young people also did us all proud when they took part in the annual St George's Day parade through town on Sunday 22 April. All three units were generously represented, with grown-up helpers admirably volunteering to help marshal the route. Turned out in full uniform, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined 1,500 friends in Scouting from units across Horsham to march in the spring sunshine.

After all that celebrating, it is with sadness and much thanks that we bid an extremely fond farewell to our beloved Beaver leader, Polly Clark. Polly has been the smiling face who has welcomed many a Broadbridge



Annual St George's Day parade

Heath child into the wonderful world of Scouting and will be greatly missed.

With Polly's departure there is a vacancy for a Beaver Leader in the village. Beavers meet from 5-6:15pm on Tuesday evenings.

**If you'd be interested in getting involved, please email our Chair, Paula Flack at [Paulaflack63@gmail.com](mailto:Paulaflack63@gmail.com) for more information.**

# Earth Day Community Cleanup

Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April. The theme for Earth Day this year was 'End Plastic Litter', and several community cleanups were organised worldwide on this day. In Horsham, our group of volunteers collaborated and came together with Broadbridge Heath council for a plogging event (jogging or walking to pick up plastic litter) around Wickhurst Green. We picked up bottles, plastic wrappers and takeout boxes along the way while being out in the fresh air. The event was part of Earth Day cleanups organised by Ahimsa Eco Ambassadors. Ahimsa Eco Solutions is a Canadian startup raising awareness in environmental issues and giving solutions on how to use less plastic and to create less waste. According to them, "Earth Day is every day."

**Mari Myllykoski, Founder of Yoga Buddies and Ahimsa Eco Ambassador**



# Your Parish Council

For further information visit the  
Parish Council website  
[www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

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## Forthcoming meetings 2018

**Full Parish Council Meetings –  
Monthly on the first Monday of the  
month where possible, all starting  
at 7.45pm**

Tuesday 2nd of January

Monday 5th of February

Monday 5th of March

Tuesday 3rd of April (Monday the  
2nd of April is Easter Monday)

Tuesday 8th of May

\*Annual Meeting of the Council\*  
(7th of May is a Bank Holiday)

Monday 21st of May

\*Annual Parish Meeting\*

Monday 4th of June

Monday 2nd of July

August \*Summer Break\*

Monday 3rd of September

Monday 1st of October

Monday 5th of November

Monday 3rd of December

**Finance and Establishment  
Committee – Six meetings, bi  
monthly, all starting at 7.45pm**

Monday 29th of January

Monday 26th of March

Monday 11th of June

Monday 16th of July

Monday 17th September

Monday 19th November

**Recreation Committee – Four  
meetings, one per quarter, all  
starting at 7.45pm**

Monday 26th of February

Monday 23rd of April

Monday 10th of September

Monday 17th of December

**Planning Committee – Four  
meetings, one per quarter all,  
starting at 7.45pm**

Monday 22nd of January

Monday 19th of March

Monday 9th of July

Monday 22nd of October

### Assistant Clerk:

Lucinda Edwards  
[asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

### Environment Officer:

Mr John Pilkington is out and about  
in the village most week days. If you are  
concerned about an area in the village  
that needs John's attention, please call  
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contact the Clerk.

### Chairman: Mrs Viv Edwards

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## Parish Council Meetings

Opposite are the upcoming Parish Council Meetings for 2018. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are reserved for members of the public to express a view or ask a question on matters relating to that agenda. The agendas are posted on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards by Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting. Please do try and come along to a meeting when you can, it's your chance to be heard and to see the good work the Parish Council does. All meetings take place at St John's Community Hall from 7:45pm (unless otherwise stated on the agenda).

### John Newton

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## Useful Numbers

### Sussex Police

Call 101 or email  
[HorshamNPT@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HorshamNPT@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

## Don't Tolerate it, Report it

Please be aware that problems around the village can 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.

### Horsham District Council:

01403 215100 or visit  
[www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)

### West Sussex County Council:

01243 777100 or visit  
[www.love.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.love.westsussex.gov.uk)

### West Sussex County Council Highways:

01243 642105