



Buckhurst Hill

Parish Council Magazine

News and views from around Buckhurst Hill



Spring 2015

FROM THE NEW CLERK

I was highly delighted to be invited to become the Parish Clerk here in Buckhurst Hill just a few weeks ago. Previously I had been working in neighbouring Redbridge as a Senior Project Manager on the School Expansion Programme but, after a number of years in the same role, felt that I needed a fresh new challenge. When I spotted the advertisement for this vacancy and read the job description, I honestly believed that the role here was exactly what I was looking for and what is more, I felt that my skillset would enable me to be an effective Clerk. Fortunately, for me the Council agreed. So now it's time for me to roll my sleeves up and get on with the job.

If I'm perfectly honest, one of the main reasons for wanting to become your Clerk was the enthusiasm and positivity shown at my interview and subsequently by the Council Chairman and fellow Councillors for promoting the Parish and serving the community in its broadest sense. Therefore, as this is close to my

COMING SOON - COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Lego Movie Grand Budapest Hotel



Residents of Buckhurst Hill are once again invited to the Parish Council's Community Cinema in the Roding Valley Hall on Saturday 25 April.

In a first for the Community Cinema, we will be showing two films on the day. The first showing in the afternoon will be of **Lego Movie** and later on that evening we will be showing the much talked about **Grand Budapest Hotel**.

Lego Movie (Rating - U) is the 2014 Warner Bros animated comedy about a Lego mini figure called Emmet who finds himself destined to save the universe from the evil Lord Business, picking up many hilarious sidekicks along the way.

The Grand Budapest Hotel (Rating-15) is a 2014 comedy starring Ralph Fiennes. It has won a prestigious Golden Globe award and has received 9 Oscar nominations. The film is set in a famous fictional hotel in Europe in the 1930s and is about the adventures of its legendary concierge Gustave H and his lobby boy Zero Moustafa.

As we expect the first Community Cinema of the year to be popular, we would urge you to book your tickets by contacting the Parish Office (details provided below) as soon as possible. While entry is still free of charge, it is by seat reservation only and as before there will be snacks and refreshments available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8498 9933
film@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMUNITY CINEMA

2PM



8PM



Roding Valley Hall Saturday 25 April 2015

Free to all local residents but
tickets must be booked in advance

Snacks and Refreshments available to purchase

For further information and to book your tickets email
film@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk or call 020 8498 9933

Donations for the Alzheimers Society will be gratefully received

own personal ethos, I am looking forward to working with them over the short, medium and longer term.

Having only been here a matter of a few weeks now, I recognise that I have a lot still to pick-up and learn. Consequently, I do need to thank my Deputy and the other team members; all of whom have been extremely helpful (and patient) in making this process quite painless so far. Looking forward, I am confident that as a team we can contribute appreciably in helping to make Buckhurst Hill a vibrant and better place to live and work.

Over the next weeks and months I plan to get around the Parish as much as possible and hope to meet with residents, businesses and organisations in the process. That way I hope to learn more about local issues and how we in the Parish Council can play our part in addressing those matters.

So I look forward to updating you on progress in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

Kevin O'Brien



Chairman's Report

As we enter the final year of our current term, it is perhaps an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved so far and what we can continue to achieve in our fourth year as well as putting things in place for the future.

We started the term with celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics/Paralympics. The Fayre for the Jubilee in Queens Road was our first joint event with the BH Residents' Society, a relationship that we have built on for the Christmas Events in Queens Road which are also supported by the BH Town Centre Partnership. The Chairman's Tea for the Olympics/Paralympics was held in our Roding Valley Hall which had a makeover for the occasion, giving a kick start for our Halls' maintenance programme. We also ran a joint event for the Tour de France last year and a legacy from that is the planters along Queens Road which with assistance from the Residents' Society, Town Centre Partnership and traders we are making a permanent enhancement. To further support local businesses we have allocated some car parking bays at the Roding Valley Hall for shoppers.

We have worked closely with the BH Leisure Gardens Association who run the Allotment sites on our behalf and have funded maintenance of gates and fences. We continue to maintain our Open Spaces which includes paying for grass cutting and we have commissioned a Tree Survey to identify trees on Parish Council land which need attention, some of this work has already been carried out.

The Council takes part in the Salt Bag Scheme and the 'free' salt is for use on public roads and pavements. We have also arranged that in severe weather additional gritting is carried out on priority roads not gritted by Essex County Council.

In August 2013 we relocated the Parish Offices to Buckhurst Hill Library. The sale of the old offices has enabled us to clear the loan on the old office/Information Centre and given a capital receipt of approximately £100,000 for use towards future major projects in the parish.

A new venture has been the Community Cinema which takes place twice a year in the Roding Valley Hall and is free to Buckhurst Hill residents. Another first is the installation of an Outdoor Gym on the site of the disused Hornbeam Road playground; we continue to

maintain the Playground at Kings Place, and the Playground and Ball Court on the Recreation Ground

On your behalf we have responded to the District Council's Local Plan which sets future planning policy and we await the next consultation. We will also be putting together a Neighbourhood Plan which will become part of local planning policy and we'll need your help.

As the Council's Chairman I am often privileged to attend events on behalf of the Parish such as the lighting of the Menorah at the top of Queens Road and attending the wreath laying and Remembrance events around the Parish. At this year's wreath laying ceremony at St Johns, a new memorial plaque was dedicated that had been jointly funded by this Council and the BH Royal British Legion.

My Chairman's Charity has been the Alzheimer's Society and so far we have raised over £2000 from people's donations at events. This interest led to the Older People's Forum from which a new U3A group has started in Buckhurst Hill. A number of Dementia Action Alliance sessions have been held and we plan to offer further sessions for 'Dementia Champions' later this year.

The Council has moved positively forward these last 3 years however, a personal frustration of mine whilst I have been Chairman has been the limit of the remit of the Parish Council. Cllr Hale Wheeler wrote an article in the previous edition of the magazine detailing the services within our control. I would like to see the Parish Council having a greater presence within the Community, contracting a much larger array of services and being the 'go to' organisation to make things happen. However whilst the vision is great in reality we function only on monies collected from the precept (local council tax), revenue generated from our two community halls and grants that we are eligible to apply for.

So we as a Council have focused on becoming more efficient while at the same time freezing the precept and increasing the reserves to allow the council to consider future projects. Our remit has already increased with the Cinema and Older People's Forum – small things can make a difference. We are also looking at contracting our own Police Community Support Officer for Buckhurst Hill and I hope to update you on the progress of this soon.

I am very proud that the 2 Christmas events have brought the community together working with volunteers and businesses. The budgets for these events were small and it must not be forgotten that it was volunteers gave their time freely that made these events happen. The Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society and the Town Centre Partnership are two examples of local voluntary organisations and I ask, if you want to support future events and serve your community; why not join these organisations and others in the locality to make more things happen? There is a real sense of community within Buckhurst Hill and we must not forget the part we each play in it.

I am keen to hear your thoughts about the Parish in general and in particular what you would like to see the Parish focus on in our final year of office. Please email me, patelaniket17@yahoo.co.uk with your thoughts

Finally I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Cllr. Aniket Patel



Budget 2015-2016

Councillors have set the budget for the next financial year with an anticipated expenditure of £471128 and anticipated income of £79466. This covers maintenance of halls, playgrounds, ball court, allotments, open spaces; magazine, cinema, events and staffing, and allows for the funding of a PCSO for the area, a Neighbourhood Plan and a Youth Project in conjunction with local organisations. By using its reserves the Council has ensured that there is no increase for an average Band D household which will pay 68.89 to the parish council for the third year running.

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL YEAR 2015/2016

Council Chairman: Cllr Mr Aniket Patel

Council Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs Hale Wheeler

FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Miss S Watson (Chairman)
Cllr Mr N Cohen (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Miss L Bacon
Cllr Mr A Patel
Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Cllr Mrs H Wheeler
Cllr Mr N Wright

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia (Chairman)
Cllr Mr A Patel (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Miss L Bacon
Cllr Mr N Cohen
Cllr Mr R Taylor
Cllr Miss S Watson
Cllr Mrs H Wheeler
Mr N Wright

Councillor's Surgery –

if you would like to see a councillor, they are available before meetings by appointment. To arrange an appointment, please contact the Parish Office: 020 8498 9933 / office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

If the matter is urgent please contact the Parish Office.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL & RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Mr Kevin O'Brien

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Miss L Bacon (Chairman)
Cllr Mr R Taylor (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr V Chavda
Cllr Mr N Cohen
Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Cllr Mr A Patel
Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Cllr Mr H Ulkun
Cllr Miss S Watson

RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs H Wheeler (Chairman)
Cllr Miss L Bacon (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Cllr Mr A Patel
Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Cllr Mr R Taylor
Cllr Miss S Watson

BUCKHURST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION at BEDFORD HOUSE

Bedford House, Westbury Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5NW

Our local centre for life-long learning

For nearly 70 years Buckhurst Hill Community Association has been providing day and evening classes for the local area – why not come along and join us?

The 2014-15 programme offers 80 different classes and one-day workshops, and places are still available in a number of them. With a wide variety of courses from **Aerobics** to **Sculpture**, and from **Art** to **Yoga**, there's something for everybody at Bedford House...

Although other courses include **Bridge**, **Guided Walks**, **Line Dance**, **Piano** etc, the Association has, since its foundation by painter and London Transport poster artist Walter Spradbery, been noted for its classes in the arts and crafts, including not only painting and drawing but also **Calligraphy**, **Pottery**, and **Printmaking**.

Every year there is a **Summer Exhibition** of students' work, which has developed into a Garden Party including music and cream teas. This year there will also be a sale of art books. **The Exhibition is open to all, on Saturday 27 June from 10.00 -4.00**, so do come along to enjoy the day, pick up a 2015-16 Brochure, see what the Association does, and even become a part of it!

As well as running its education programme, BHCA provides Bedford House as a venue for many other groups and activities, including **Leigh Language School**, the **Chigwell Art Society**, **Buckhurst Hill Antiques Club**, **Bedford House Bridge Group**, **Buckhurst Hill Wine Club**, **Hey Diddle Diddle** pre-school music group, **Slimming World** and the **National Childbirth Trust**. Bedford Hall and rooms in Bedford House are also available to hire for other groups or individuals, with children's parties particularly popular.

To enroll, or for further details of classes, activities, and venue hire, contact:

BHCA Office, Bedford House, 4 Westbury Road, IG9 5NW



GET FIT CLOSER TO HOME

With the brilliant news that Buckhurst Hill's first outdoor gym will receive a County Council grant of £6,500 towards its planned construction in the Spring, it seems that people are realising the benefits of finding ways to keep fit closer to home.

It has been found that outdoor gyms installed in neighbouring London boroughs and other parts of Essex are used by a greater variety of age groups and also people who would not necessarily have the means or inclination to go to a more conventional gym.

Of course there are also obvious health benefits to exercising in the open air and residents of Buckhurst Hill are lucky in that they have lots of opportunities for getting fit without having to take on an expensive gym membership.

More and more people are taking advantage of the scenic walking and cycling routes that are available locally, some of which are described in the useful link below:

City of London – Where to go in Epping Forest – Knighton Wood and Lord's Bushes:

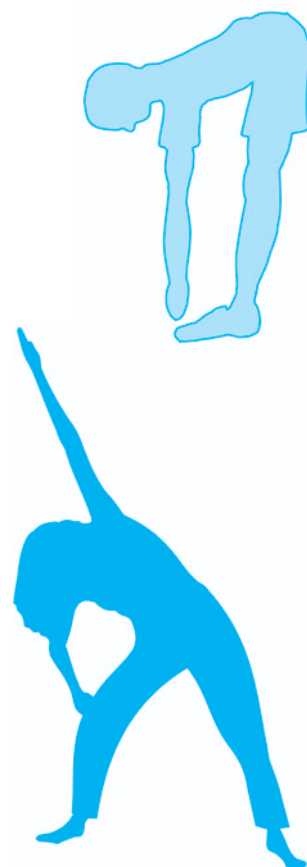
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/visitor-information/wheretogoinneppingforest/Pages/knighton-wood.aspx>

Residents can also take a look at the Parish Council's website which has useful information on local green spaces and facilities:

<http://www.essexinfo.net/buckhurst-hill-parish-council/>

The Parish Council is always interested in hearing residents views and experiences and would welcome any comments or suggestions on facilities for keeping fit in in Buckhurst Hill. Please contact us on office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk.

Cllr Hale Wheeler



Useful numbers

COUNCIL, SUPPORT & ADVICE SERVICES

Buckhurst Hill Parish Council	020 8498 9933
Epping Forest District Council	01992 564000
Buckhurst Hill Library	020 8504 0810
Education/Welfare	0845 6037632
Registrar of Births,	
Deaths & Marriages	01992 572789
Social Services	0845 6037630
Essex County Council	0845 7430430
London Borough of Redbridge	020 8554 5000
London Borough of Waltham Forest	020 8496 3000
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 2571909
Department of Work & Pensions	0845 8500293
Samaritans	08457 909090
Child Line	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 8005000
Age UK	0800 169 6565
Rape Crisis Centre	0808 802 9999
Epping Forest Careers Centre	020 8508 4110
Epping Forest Volunteers Bureau	01992 564424
Epping Information Centre	01992 564288
Epping Forest Countrycare	01992 788203
NHS	111 111
The Willows Centre	
(Counselling room at St Stephen's Church, Alfred Rd)	
Support for unplanned pregnancies, free pregnancy testing,	
confidential care and advice, free counselling	
For advice and appointments	0800 1214898
www.willowscentre.org	
Affiliated to CARE Confidential –	
National Helpline	0800 0282228
www.careconfidential.com	
Red Cross	01992 585978
FloodLine	0845 9881188
Essex County Fire & Rescue	01376 576000
LOUGHTON STROKE CLUB	
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday	
of the month (except August) at 2.00pm	020 8508 1100
MOTOR NEURONE	
Meetings held at the Woollard Centre	
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	
National helpline	08457 616262
– for people with MND and their carers	
ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY	01992 717676
HOSPITALS	
St Margarets	01992 902010
Princess Alexandra	01279 444455
Whipps Cross	020 8539 5522
King George	0845 130 4204
Newham General	020 7476 4000
Holly House (private)	020 8505 3311
Roding Spire (private)	020 8551 1100

GPs

Kings Medical Centre	020 8504 0122
Taylor & Partner	020 8504 1552
River Surgery	020 8504 7364

CLINICS

Buckhurst Hill Clinic	020 8504 0405
Marie Stopes Fairfield Clinic	020 8505 4641

DENTISTS

Gill, Patel & Anand	020 8504 9393
Queens Dental Practice	020 8505 8008
Valley Dental Practice	020 8504 5787
White House Dental Practice	020 8504 9393

NURSING HOMES

Forest Place	020 8505 2063
Queens Court	020 8559 0620

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Chabad Lubavitch –	
Jewish Community Centre	020 8554 1624
Details: Rabbi Brandman	www.chabadonthehill.co.uk
Ilford Hindu Centre	020 8553 5471 or 020 8478 6049

SCHOOLS

Buckhurst Hill County Primary	020 8505 7300
St John's C of E School (Primary)	020 8504 2934
Braeside School (Private)	020 8504 1133
The Daiglen School (Private)	020 8504 7108
Loyola Preparatory School (Private)	020 8504 7372
Chigwell School (Public)	020 8501 5700
Bancroft School (Public)	020 8505 4821
West Hatch High School	020 8504 8216
Roding Valley High School	020 8508 1173

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Buckhurst Hill Baptist Pre-School	020 8505 9299
Asquith Nursery	020 8501 1085
Queens Pre-Nursery	020 8505 0005

ADULT EDUCATION

Buckhurst Hill Community Association	020 8504 6668
Epping Forest College Loughton	020 8502 0186

ESSEX POLICE

Neighbourhood Policing	07968 354021
Springfield (HQ)	01245 491491
Non-emergency	101
Loughton Police	01279 641212
Harlow Police	01279 641212

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Air Training Corps	020 8505 3353
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803
Gatwick Airport	0844 335 1802
Heathrow Airport	0844 335 1801
Luton Airport	01582 405100
TFL Customer Services	0343 222 1234
National Railways Enquiry Line	0845 303 3100
City Link (bus & coach)	0141 332 9644
Kentish Bus & Coach (Arriva)	01474 321 300
Metrobus	01293 449191
National Express	08717 818178

ANIMAL WELFARE

Palmerston Veterinary Group	020 8505 1435
RSPCA (Veterinary Advice Line)	0300 1234 999
Chestnut Cat Sanctuary	01992 560510

PUBLIC UTILITIES

British Gas	0800 048 0202
Emergency Line	0800 111999
Thames Water	08459 200800
Leak Line	08459 200800
EDF Energy	0800 056 7777
Emergency Line	0800 028 0247

SPORTS FACILITIES

Bancroft Rugby Football Club	020 8504 0429
Buckhurst Hill Cricket Club & Lacrosse	020 8504 5652
Buckhurst Hill Bowling & Lawn Tennis	020 8504 0780
David Lloyd Centre	020 8559 8466
Epping Sports Centre	01992 564564
Essex School of Swimming	01206 282000
Loughton Leisure Centre	01992 564574
Roding Valley Cricket Club	020 8506 1001
Roding Valley Tennis Centre	020 8505 4008

MINI CAB SERVICES

Mason Car Services (Woodford Green)	020 8504 1685
Mayflower	020 8502 1111
Buckhurst Hill Cars	020 8505 1111
Woodford Radio Cars (Chingford)	020 8559 1111

CHURCHES

St John's/St Stephen's	020 8506 2150
Buckhurst Hill Baptist	020 8559 0222
St James United Reform	020 8505 0300

BUCKHURST HILL TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

020 8504 6611

Buckhurst Hill Parish Council

165 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5AZ
tel: 020 8498 9933 email: office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk
web: www.essexinfo.net/buckhurst-hill-parish-council.gov.uk

BHRS looks forward to seeing you at our Spring Events – all are welcome!

All are held at 7.30pm at St James United Reformed Church Hall unless indicated otherwise.

Wednesday March 11th

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT –

French Films, French cheese/wine Ooh la la!*

Tuesday April 14th

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

including his local connections – Maggie Radcliffe*



Sunday May 3rd at 2pm

Walking the boundaries of Buckhurst Hill

starting from the Roebuck Heights, North End (where the Roebuck Hotel stood).

There will be a short stop at the Monkams Inn, sometime after 3.30pm. Estimated length of Walk: five miles, approximately three hours walking excluding the stops.

The Walk can be left at various points if needed. The terrain is over fields, pavements and Forest land.

There are several kissing gates over which pushchairs would probably need to be lifted, and a flight of steps over the Railway.

Please bring water, suitable field and Forest footwear, sun hats and sun block/waterproofs.

*Denotes £3 entrance fee to cover refreshments.

Please check our website for further information and details of events for later in 2015

Anyone for Bowls?

When the long winter months eventually end and Spring is in the air your thoughts may well turn to venturing out for some fresh air and exercise.

Buckhurst Hill Bowling Club is the ideal venue for local bowlers, whatever their skill or age, and for those who would like to try their hand at a new sport. The Club has a well appointed pavilion and superb greens in a lovely setting at 72 Epping New Road (opp Glyn Hopkin) and actively welcomes new members.

Beginners are offered free tuition in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Whilst the bowling season begins in mid April and runs until early October, the Club runs a varied programme of social events throughout the year. Our **Public Open Day** is being held on **Saturday 25th April** between 10.30-4.00 p.m., so if you are interested please just turn up and you will be sure of a very warm reception.

Bowling is fairly unique in that you don't have to have a playing partner, so members can just come along any afternoon for a roll-up and be sure to find others to bowl with. So what have you got to lose, start bowling, make new friends, and enjoy some healthy outdoor exercise.

See our website for further information: www.bhbtlc.co.uk or e-mail: buckhursthill.bowling@gmail.com

We are also holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 18th April**

from 10.30-12.00 and everyone is welcome.

£1 entrance fee includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society
Representing Buckhurst Hill since 1963

Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society

Supports Buckhurst Hill's unique Character & Heritage

Campaigns for improvements to the area

Organises community events

JOIN US

www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk

COPY CLOSE DATES FOR FUTURE EDITIONS

Items are welcomed from local organisations, subject to space and may be edited.

Email to office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

SUMMER – Friday 12 June
(delivery planned for week commencing 13 July)

WINTER – Friday 9 October
(delivery expected week commencing 9 November)

Dates for your diary and local associations



BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held at Buckhurst Hill Library, 165 Queens Road

■ THURSDAY 26 MARCH

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 9 APRIL

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 23 APRIL

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

8.00pm Finance & Establishment Committee

■ THURSDAY 14 MAY

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

8.00pm Parish Assembly

■ THURSDAY 21 MAY

7.00pm Annual Meeting

8.00pm Planning & Environment Committee TBC

■ THURSDAY 28 MAY

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee TBC

Details correct at the time of going to print but may be subject to change for Statutory/Policy requirements. Further information from the Parish Office: 020 8498 9933 or our website

www.essexinfo.net/buckhurst-hill-parish-council

AGE CONCERN BUCKHURST HILL

Information and advice on a variety of topics related to the elderly. Further details: Hon Secretary Mr D Lindsey 020 8262 2259

BUCKHURST HILL ANTIQUES CLUB

Venue: Buckhurst Hill Community Assn, Bedford House Westbury Road Buckhurst Hill

First Friday of the month 7.45 for 8pm prompt

Visitors welcome.

For further details of membership, telephone the BHCA office on 020 8504 6668 or the Membership Secretary: on 020 8504 7355 or email jean.james80@gmail.com

BUCKHURST HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Palmerston Road/Westbury Road

Welcome to the Buckhurst Hill Baptist Church Lighthouse Coffee Shop open Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm Friday 8.30am-2.30pm. Lovely coffee, cake and chance to chat

Friday 3.30 – 6pm – The Hub – Drop In Centre for Year 5 upwards

Sunday Morning Service 10.30am with children's activities

Evening and midweek meetings Enquiries: 020 8559 0222

www.bhbc.org.uk

BUCKHURST HILL BOWLING AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Great for exercise and fun. The outdoor bowls season extends until early October and the tennis courts are in use all year round.

Coaching for all ages is available. For further details contact John Pretty (Bowls) bowls@bhbltc.co.uk or phone 020 8505 3973

Chris Jones (Tennis) tennis@bhbltc.co.uk on 020 8505 7229

Website: www.bhbltc.co.uk

BUCKHURST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bedford House, 4 Westbury Road, Buckhurst Hill Essex IG9 5NW

See advert on page 4 for further information

Contact Details: T: 020 8504 6668 E: office@bedfordhouse.org.uk

Brochures available at Bedford House and local libraries or visit www.bedfordhouse.org.uk for more details.

Registered Charity No 301268

BUCKHURST HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

More information: www.buckhursthillfootballclub.org.uk

@buckhursthillfc or www.facebook.com/buckhursthillfc

BUCKHURST HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings take place in the lounge at Buckhurst Hill Baptist Church, Palmerston Road (entrance: Palmerston Road side door) For Information please contact:

020 8504 1799/020 8504 2844/020 8532 0593.

BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Show

Date:

■ SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2-4.30 pm

Venue: Centenary Hall, St John's Church, High Rd, B/Hill

Good parking facilities, Tea and home-made cakes and plants for sale. All visitors welcome.

Our Summer Show will be held on

■ SATURDAY 17 JULY

Details are the same as above

Further details please contact Maureen 020 8504 8436

or Jill on 8257 8996

BUCKHURST HILL LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Association manages local allotments on behalf of the Parish Council at Lower Queens Road, Forest Edge, Monkams, Palace Gardens and River Housing (Boxted Close)

Contact Mrs Mary Cowling 020 8505 5675 for availability of plots.

BUCKHURST HILL RESIDENTS SOCIETY

Meetings held at St James' United Reformed Church, Palmerston Road.

Non-members are very welcome to attend.

■ TUESDAY 14 APRIL

Lawrence of Arabia incl. his local connections – Maggie Radcliffe*

■ SUNDAY 3 MAY at 2pm

Walking the boundaries of Buckhurst Hill starting from the Roebuck Heights, North End (where the Roebuck Hotel stood).

New members always welcome. Further information from:

Website: www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk

Email: info@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk

Correspondence: c/o Broomes Newsagents, 34 Queens Road IG9 5BY

BUCKHURST HILL TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

For traders and stakeholders in Buckhurst Hill
Contact Peter Angel FCA 020 8504 6611

CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE

■ 4th - 11th APRIL – Passover Festival Celebrations

EPPING FOREST & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm
Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton.
For more details contact Keith Smith on 020 8505 5620.

GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

Tuesdays 1 – 3.30pm St James's United Reformed Church,
Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill.
Members and Visitors – £2 per session.
For more information telephone Janice Curd 020 8505 2384.

RODING PLAYERS ORCHESTRA

This enthusiastic group of musicians meets weekly on Monday
evenings 7.15 – 9.30pm during term time at Roding Valley High
School, Loughton, Essex New members welcome, especially
strings and brass. For more details www.rodingplayers.co.uk

RODING REEL CLUB

Every Thursday 7.45pm at St John's Church Hall, High Road
Friendly Scottish Dance Group. Come by yourself
or come in a group, we'll teach you to dance
For more details contact Pat 020 8529 1300.
www.rodingreelclub.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

7.45pm on the first Tuesday of each month at St James' URC
Church, Palmerston Road. For more details contact the Chairman,
Stephen Goddard on 020 8505 2570.

ST JAMES' UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Palmerston Road. Sunday Morning Service – 10.30am
www.stjamesurc.org.uk

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

High Road, Buckhurst Hill.
Sunday services – 8.45am and 10.45am
7pm informal worship. Everyone welcome!
For further information, telephone 020 8506 2150. www.sjbh.org.uk

SENIOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Second Tuesday in every month at St John's Church, High Road
12.00 noon – 14.30pm 2-course hot meal. Speaker.
New members welcome (retired or near retirement age).
For more details contact the Secretary, Derek Hall on 020 8505 1884

THE NATIONAL TRUST – WOODFORD GREEN CENTRE

Contact Miss Janet Collins Tel 020 8504 9982
Further information is available at www.nationaltrust.org.uk

WEST ESSEX RAMBLERS

As a member of the Ramblers' Association, our Group offers
a wide range of facilities. We are a friendly group. Come along
on some of our walks to see if you would like to join.
Contacts: General Enquiries – John Francis 020 8527 3938
or John Juchau 020 8502 1628.
Membership Enquiries – Keith Wenden, on 020 8529 6265.
www.westessexramblers.org.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings 3rd Wednesday in each month (2nd Wednesday
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A Planning View

It probably sounds a little odd saying it now, but Happy New Year to all our readers. This is, after all, the first Parish publication for 2015. Let's start by saying we must all make this year one to really remember. One that we can all look back on positively when we review it next year. Whatever you had been procrastinating

over, make a concerted effort to get up and get that thing started. Great journeys start with one small step.

As a local Councillor, one of my seats is with the Parish Council Planning & Environment Committee. I thought it be useful to demystify what factors are taken into account when considering a planning application (and equally what are not).

First and foremost, it's worth saying that the Parish is not the final decision maker for planning applications. Irrespective of the way we vote on an application, we are the first (but important) rung, so to speak, on the ladder (excuse the construction-related pun). As a broad stroke here's what we, at the Parish, have to consider:

- General design, visual appearance, and materials
- Layout and density of buildings
- Loss of daylight or sunlight
- Overshadowing/loss of outlook (but not loss of view)
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Noise and disturbance from planned use
- Smell pollution
- Light pollution
- Highway safety issues
- Traffic generation
- Vehicular access
- Adequacy of parking
- Loss of important trees
- Nature conservation
- Intrusion into the Open Countryside/ Green Belt
- Hazardous materials and ground contamination
- Disabled persons access
- Whilst moral objections e.g. to uses such as amusement arcades and betting offices are not usually part of our remit, we will consider local resident and occupier's views in this respect
- Previous planning decisions which the Parish has been involved with
- Building Regulations or other non-planning laws, e.g. structural stability, drainage, fire precautions etc are not usually considered by the Parish, but we may highlight

aspects which are cause for concern which are then looked at in more detail further down the line.

Additional factors which are considered further up on the rungs of the ladder include:

- Local, strategic, regional and national planning policies
- Government circulars, orders and statutory instruments
- Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)
- Risk of flooding
- Effect of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas
- Archaeology
- Landscaping

There are, however many misconceptions of what is **not** of material consideration and these include:

- Effect to property values
- Breach of restrictive covenant
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- The level of profit a developer might make
- Personal circumstances of the applicant (in most cases). A, not uncommon, comment might be that an extension/outhouse is being proposed for the benefit of an aging family member. Planning considerations are based on the long term use of a proposal (and not just how it will be used in the short term)
- Private issues between neighbours e.g. land/boundary disputes, damage to property, private rights of way, covenants etc. These are private matters between the two parties.
- Problems arising from the construction period of any works, e.g. noise, dust, construction vehicles, hours of work etc. That said, we can suggest restrictions be placed on working hours and vehicular routes for heavy goods vehicles so as to cause as little impact on the community as possible.

None of the above is a concise and exhaustive list, but serves only as an outline. One thing that can be said, is that the Parish is here to support and defend its highly valued residents and occupants; all those that live, work and enjoy our wonderful surroundings. The committee members, like you, live locally and in many respects are just like you.

It would be easy, but unfair, to fill this magazine with articles appropriate to the topic of planning. And with that in mind, I'll sign off for now. In the next edition of the Parish magazine, we'll go further into how local Councillors can help, what happens at meetings and how you can get involved. Till then, bye for now.

Cllr Bobby Nagpal

COUNTY UPDATE

Highways matters are one of the areas that I receive most comments about and I guess this will always be the case. However, I am pleased to report that some progress has been made in some areas. It is really good to see that after such a long campaign, we have eventually got the speed table implemented at the crossroads of Forest Edge, Farm Way and Station Way. This came at a cost of about £73,000 but let's hope it does improve safety.

We continue to look at the difficulty for pedestrians at the crossroads at Palmerston Road, Loughton Way, Roding Lane and Albert Road. This is a very difficult area with a great volume of traffic.

I believe there is some refurbishment in the pipeline and we are hoping to use that to ensure greater provision for pedestrians, and hopefully improve the situation for cars turning right, particularly out of Albert Road where there is often an unacceptable queue of traffic at busy times of the day.

We have been trying to get some double yellow lines painted in some areas for junction protection or to prevent unsuitable parking which should then improve visibility for car drivers. We are also trying to remove some lines which go too far up side roads and restrict parking for residents. I am hoping that this work will take place in late spring.

On another matter, I am delighted to report that from September we are now getting back sixth forms into our local schools including Roding Valley High School and Debden Park High School. This has taken a long time to achieve but I think it will make a difference both to standards in the schools and to help students with stability and continuity after they have taken their GCSEs. So from September this year, whilst students can still choose to go elsewhere, parents will not have the stress of worrying about whether there is a place somewhere else for their 16 year old children. I am really pleased that after 5 years of campaigning for this, it is at last going to happen.

If you have any issue you want to raise with me please feel free to email me at Cllr.valerie.metcalfe@essex.gov.uk or ring 020 8508 6608 to leave me a message.



BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring will be here very soon and the garden is bound to need attention, so why not visit our Spring Show for some good ideas. Details below:

Spring Show: Saturday April 11th 2-4.30pm

Centenary Hall, St John's Church, High Road, Buckhurst Hill
Good parking facilities • tea and home-made cakes and plants for sale • all visitors welcome

There is usually a wonderful display of daffodils, spring bulbs, flower arrangements, photography competition and children's classes. There will be a wide variety of plants for sale as well as horticultural sundries. Anyone can enter the various classes – you don't have to be a member. If you would like to try why not give it a go. It's good fun.


Our **Summer Show** will be held on **Saturday July 11th**. Details are the same as above but this time sweet peas and summer flowers take precedence and also a craft competition

We are one of the few remaining Horticultural Societies in the area and have been in existence since 1904. We want to keep going but we need new members to join and support us.

The subscription is only £5-00 per year for the whole family. We have 3 flower shows per year, winter talks, outings to gardens in the summer months and entrance to the trading depot of Woodford & District Horticultural Society on Sunday mornings throughout the year.

Do please give serious consideration to joining us

For help and more details contact Jill on 8257 8996
or Maureen on 8504 8436



MISSING BUS SHELTER

As many residents will be aware the bus shelter outside the Bald Faced Stag went missing some months ago when contractors were carrying out works nearby. Council Officers have carried out investigations and have had a protracted correspondence with Essex County Council's Highways to establish who took the bus shelter and arrange for its replacement but all to no avail. A replacement bus shelter would cost this Council approximately £7000.

As this has been going for so long without resolution and we are sorry to say had such an effect on residents, particularly senior residents, councillors have written a letter to the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and we are awaiting a response as we go to press.

HAVING YOUR SAY ON WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY SHOULD LOOK LIKE:

All too often people will find themselves worrying about the changing face of their community and wondering how those changes have come about.

With more and more people staying put because of the cost of moving, extensions to homes are common place and most of us will have experienced building work of this kind close to where we live or have carried out this kind of work ourselves. New homes are being built to accommodate the growing population in Buckhurst Hill, as in other parts of the country.

Whilst it is difficult to see how this kind of development can be avoided, it is equally important that people realise they can have a say in the development going on in their neighbourhood through various means, particularly if they are concerned about the impact of any proposal on their own home, street or local area more generally.

The weekly lists of planning applications made in Buckhurst Hill are available on the Parish Council's website and on the notice boards around the Parish; and because the applications are

made to Epping Forest District Council, fuller details (including plans) can be found on their website at <http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk>.

If residents wish to comment on a particular application they can send their comments into the Parish Council or indeed attend the Planning Committee meeting of the Parish Council at which the application will be considered. The dates of the meetings are available on the website and posted on the noticeboards.

Residents should note that the Parish Council does not make the final decision about planning applications but can pass residents' comments and objections on to Epping Forest District Council, which will make the final decision. Subject to notifying the District Council, residents are also free also to attend any meeting about the application at their offices. *Residents can also make a request for their Parish Councillors to speak on their behalf at any relevant planning meeting held by the District Council, at which the application will be considered.*

The District Council will deal with comments that are relevant to planning

law but the right of residents to comment on planning applications is an important one and gives them a real opportunity to have their say on changes to the appearance of their local area.

Neighbourhood Plan

In further pursuit of having influence over the changing face of Buckhurst Hill, the Parish Council has taken its first steps towards preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Its application has been submitted to Epping Forest District Council and can be viewed on their website:

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

Having a Neighbourhood plan should enable people in Buckhurst Hill to help shape how their community will look in the future by reference to issues such as where new homes can be built, what new buildings should look like and what green spaces must be protected.

Residents should look out for further information on the Neighbourhood plan, as everyone affected will have the opportunity to have their say.

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Dear Resident

Just a short
update.
Many of
you know that
I left the Parish
Council in
May 2013 to
concentrate

on my duties as a District Councillor. I was
happy knowing that the Parish was in safe
hands, especially with the hard working
Chairman, Cllr Aniket Patel, driving it
forward. I am pleased to hear that with
prudent budgeting the Parish Council has
frozen its precept for another year.

At the District Council I am currently
the Chairman of Planning Services Scrutiny
Panel and also Chairman of the Standards
Committee. I serve on the local area
Planning Sub Committee and try my best
to prevent unsuitable developments in our
beautiful area.

I am also on the Highways Panel where
I work closely with our County Councillor,
Cllr. Valerie Metcalfe, to improving traffic
management, tackling congestion,
implementing minor improvement schemes
and making our roads safe within
Buckhurst Hill. We are keen to hear you
views on any improvements that are
required on the above.

I am especially keen to ensure the
area around St Johns Church is made
a Conservation Area to protect its natural
beauty and have been pushing this
application forward at District Council.

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Christmas on Queens Road

The 2014 event organised by the Parish Council and Buckhurst Hill's Residents' Society raised over a £1000 for the Alzheimer's Society. A big thank you to all those who contributed and an opportunity to remember some of the day.

Children from Daiglen School opened the event with their super carol singing as the Christmas lights were switched on. The music continued throughout the evening with carollers from Braeside, Loyola, St. John's and Buckhurst Hill Community Primary Schools as well as St John's and St James' church choirs. The fabulous Becontree Brass Band filled the Market with that traditional Christmas sound, while Roding Players entertained in the library. Accordionist, Hugh Bardwell and Buckhurst Hill's answer to Neil Diamond, Gary provided by Fingertips also ensured that the sound of Christmas was everywhere.

Magic Shows, Pony Rides, card-making activities from BH Baptist church and a Lucky Dip entertained children. Father Christmas had come to see everyone, naturally, and Jebb, the Stilt Walking Juggler, sponsored by the Town Centre Partnership, amazed everyone with his tricks as well as causing groans at his jokes. He told the community police man that he'd always wanted to join the long leg of the law!

Stalls, roundabout and candy floss apart what made this event really special was the great spirit of community. Families had great fun and really seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Children from the local schools had joined in supported by their teachers and families. The Green Owl Café who came up the hill to join the fun, Adelfia Restaurant had free tasters and Sanjo made a free prize draw. In addition to that Il Bacio offered free mulled wine during the evening as well as bringing welcome drinks to the teams setting up during the day, including members of the BHRS at 6am! The pony rides were made possible thanks to neighbours allowing their drive to be used and as well as hosting the face painters during the evening, Repose Studio provided all the electricity for lighting the market! That's team work.



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Residents in the affected areas have been consulted and I hope to update you soon on its progress.

As the Local Plan moves into its final stages, I will fight to ensure that it is scrutinised so that Buckhurst Hill gets the best possible deal.

If you would like help dealing with a particular issue or have a local concern please contact me, by email, on gavin.chamberstraining@gmail.com.

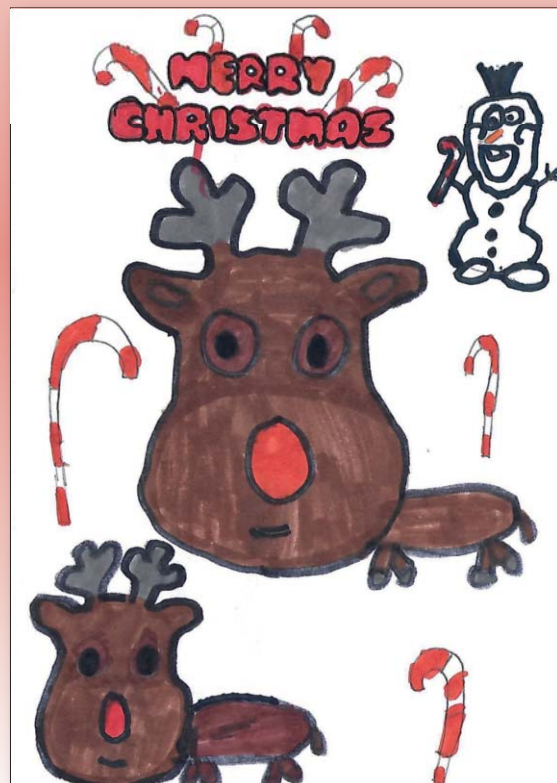
Cllr Gavin Chambers

Christmas Card Competition 2014

We were very pleased at the entries for our competition from Loyola, Daiglen and BH Community Primary schools – thank you to all who took part. After much deliberation and consideration by the judges, Cllr Nagpal, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Watson, the Winner was announced as Henry Moore and the Runner Up Ronan Padhiar, both from Loyola who each received a WH Smiths voucher. The winning card was sent out as the Parish Council's Christmas card.



Left:
Winner –
Henry Moore



Right:
Runner up –
Ronan Padhiar

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Volunteer Litter Pick

Saturday 21st March 2015

Buckhurst Hill East Councillor Steven Neville will be organising a Litter Pick to clean up some parts of Buckhurst Hill. This follows the highly successful one on 22nd November 2014 where 12 bags of litter were gathered. The new one will take place on 21st March 2015 from 10am to 12 noon. Meeting at Buckhurst Hill Station. Steven would like to thank Buckhurst Hill Parish Council for providing the equipment and for their support.



If you are coming please contact District Councillor Steven Neville on 020 8504 5325 or email cllrstevenjsneville@gmail.com.

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