

BuckhurstHill

Parish Council Magazine **Summer 2016**

News and views from around Buckhurst Hill



Chairman of the Council



Vice Chairman and Chairman

New Term

At the first meeting of our newly elected councillors on 19 May, Cllr Neville Wright was elected as Chairman of the Council for the current year and Cllr Bobby Nagpal as the Vice Chairman. We welcome and congratulate all councillors newly elected or returning for another 4 years.

Further details are contained within the magazine on council committees, public attendance at meetings and how you can join in to shape the future of the Parish. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.



Councillors – Ken Williamson, Joanne Share-Bernia, Glenys Reynolds, Smruti Patel, Bobby Nagpal, Neville Wright, Sam Clark, Steven Neville, Jane Forker-Clark

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan

The Buckhurst Hill Parish Council is embarking on the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. The process was kick-started with an official launch on Friday July 15th.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan will give our community direct power to develop a shared vision for Buckhurst Hill over the next twenty to thirty years. We will have a say in where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built and what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. Neighbourhood planning provides

a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that we get the right types of development for our community where the ambition of the parish is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

What can a Neighbourhood Plan be used for?

We can set planning policies through our Neighbourhood Plan that will be used in determining planning applications and have an input into how and where strategic development takes place in Buckhurst Hill.

What are the benefits to Buckhurst Hill of developing a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to set out a positive vision for how we want our parish to develop

over the next twenty years to thirty years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. We can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision.

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HALLS FOR HIRE

Our two community halls are available to hire for a range of uses including Parties, Meetings, Groups and Wedding Receptions.

RODING VALLEY HALL

A traditional 1930s hall with a sprung wooden floor and stage. Its maximum capacity is 185 people with parking for 39 cars.



Cllrs Patel, Clark, Forker-Clark, Sparrowhawk

Transport for London consultation regarding route 167

I have lived in Buckhurst Hill all my life and ever since I can remember, the 167 bus route has ran from Debden tube station to Ilford. Anyone who knows me or any of the other Buckhurst Hill Parish Councillors will know that we are strongly opposed to the reduction of the service planned by TFL.

The TFL proposals look at ending the bus service at Loughton station cutting off children who travel to Davenant Foundation School and Debden Park High School, not to mention services like Loughton Leisure Centre in Traps Hill and the NHS physio clinic in Rectory Lane. This is even more of a lifeline for the elderly who will be cut off from family and friends.

Some will point to the fact the 20 bus route will still run but this only serves the minority who are within walking distance of the High Road.

I would urge you all to take part in the TFL consultation at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/167> and reject this proposal outright so that TFL knows we want to protect this vital transport link.

Cllr Ryan Sparrowhawk

WOOLLARD CENTRE

A large hall with a maximum capacity of 225 people. It has two other rooms, each with a capacity of 25, and parking for 10 cars.



More details: www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk 020 8498 9933

HALLS AVAILABILITY

Our 2 community halls currently have the following slots available for regular hire:

■ Roding Valley Hall ■ Woollard Centre (main hall)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Woollard		Roding
Thursday	Roding	Woollard	Roding
Friday		Roding Woollard	Roding Woollard
Saturday		Roding	Roding Woollard
Sunday		Roding Woollard	

Woollard Centre Meeting Rooms: Available Tuesday to Saturday



From the Chairman

This is the first edition of the magazine since the Parish Council elections and the Annual Council Meeting in May. At the latter I was very proud to be elected Chairman of the Council for 2016-17.

I have lived here in Buckhurst Hill for the last 12 years with my wife and daughter and hope to have many more happy years living here. In 2007 I was appointed as a Local Magistrate and now sit in Chelmsford. Being a Magistrate has given me a great insight into law and order all over Essex and a real insight into the many social and economic challenges in the district; especially here in Buckhurst Hill. I hope to become a chairman on the magistrates' bench next year and with it will come fresh new challenges.

In 2009 I stood as an Independent in the County Council elections. I was driven by what I saw as a need for good leadership and a need to work towards better local services. Shortly after that I successfully stood as a Conservative candidate in both the Buckhurst Hill East Ward of the District Council and the Buckhurst Hill Parish Council.

A key project that the Parish Council are embarking upon is the Neighbourhood Plan. I won't go into too much detail here as there is plenty of space already dedicated to that elsewhere in the Magazine. However, neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community. So I would urge you to complete our questionnaire delivered with this magazine and help us plan carefully and considerably for the future of Buckhurst Hill.

The Buckhurst Hill Village Forum does terrific work in support of local businesses and retailers who are all working towards one common goal – to maintain a vibrant, attractive, prosperous, safe and clean village centre, for its visitors, workers and its local people. As Chairman of the Parish Council

I was delighted that we were able to work with them in promoting the celebrations on Queens Road to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Despite the poor weather, the whole event was still a great success and as a consequence we look forward to working with the Buckhurst Hill Village Forum on other projects in the future.

I am also very pleased to be able to comment on the success of the new four-way crossing at the junctions of Palmerston Road/Loughton Way/Albert Road and Roding Lane. I was one of the team of Parish and District Councillors, supported greatly by County Councillor Valerie Metcalfe, which was successful in securing this crossing and am pleased to say that it is already improving traffic movement at this crossing.

I am passionate about highlighting the immeasurable work that Carers do, unpaid, for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They face great challenges and need improved support, services and recognition for the caring that they do. The Carers Trust is a major charity for, with and about carers. They work with a UK wide network of quality assured independent partners, to help carers get the extra help they need to live their own lives. This can be of great help and significance to those who live in Buckhurst Hill. As a consequence, I am delighted to name them as my Chairman's Charity for this year and the Parish Council's fund raising this year will be dedicated to them.

As the new chair I would also like to encourage all Buckhurst Hill residents to attend Parish Council meetings if they have issues to sort out, whether they are planning, housing or leisure etc. The meetings usually take place on a Thursday evening and details can be found on our noticeboards and on the Parish Council Website.

As the Chairman of the Parish Council, I have tasked myself at the end of my term of office, to leave Buckhurst Hill a better place than I found it. There is much to do from fixing bus shelters to managing halls. As well as these day-to-day tasks, over the next twelve months there are three main priorities for the Parish Council. Namely, the continuance of developing the library as a community hub; progression of the neighbourhood plan; and engaging with the community on the future use of the Council's two halls. I am proud of the current Council and its diversity of age and ethnic background. Over the weeks and months ahead, I hope you will help us identify your priorities for Buckhurst Hill and understand how the Council can help achieve them.

Neighbourhood Plan

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What are the next steps?

The Parish Council has already established a Neighbourhood Plan Committee to develop our Neighbourhood Plan. The first step in the process will be the distribution of an early engagement questionnaire to residents and businesses. In conjunction with the questionnaire we will be holding workshops to help identify the issues and priorities of our residents. Once we have carried out this work, we will produce an issues and options paper and consult residents again.

We will use this early engagement questionnaire as an evidence base to develop planning policies for Buckhurst Hill that actually reflect the aspirations of our residents. By implementing a plan we also ensure that 25% of the new community infrastructure levy (which is designed to largely replace section 106 contributions based on the size of developments) comes to the Parish Council, enabling us to invest in better local facilities for residents.

How can you help?

Our Neighbourhood Plan will be based on your views and will address your priorities and concerns. We want residents to take ownership of the plan and get involved with helping us to shape it.

A Neighbourhood Plan only becomes part of local planning policy if it can secure the consent of local people in a referendum. If it does, Epping Forest District Council must implement it and it will be used to determine planning applications in Buckhurst Hill with the same weight as policies in the Local Plan.

If the Neighbourhood Plan is published after the Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan policies take precedence over Local Plan policies if there is a conflict. However our intention is to work closely with Epping Forest District Council to ensure that as far as possible, our plan will strengthen and enhance the overall plan for the District rather than be in conflict with it.

Finally

Please do participate in this process. It is a real opportunity to contribute to the future development of Buckhurst Hill. Please keep a vigilant watch on our noticeboards, website etc for information on our future workshops and consultations.

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/2017

Council Chairman: Cllr Mr Neville Wright Council Vice Chairman: Cllr Mr Bobby Nagpal

(Vice Chairmen are elected at the first meeting of the Committee)

FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr B Nagpal (Chairman)
To be elected (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr S Clark
Cllr Mr S Neville
Cllr Mrs S Patel
Cllr Miss G Reynolds
Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Cllr Mr R Sparrowhawk

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr K Williamson (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Patel (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr S Clark
Cllr Mrs J Forker-Clark
Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Cllr Mr S Neville
Cllr Miss G Reynolds
Cllr Mr R Sparrowhawk
Cllr 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

Mr Kevin O'Brien

RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Mrs Val Evans

ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr N Wright (Chairman)
Cllr Mr B Nagpal (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Patel
Cllr Miss G Reynolds
Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Cllr Mr K Williamson

RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia (Chairman)
To be elected (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs J Forker-Clark
Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Cllr Mr S Neville
Cllr Miss G Reynolds
Cllr Mr N Wright

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs S Patel (Chairman)
Cllr Mr K Williamson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr S Clark
Cllr Mrs J Forker-Clark
Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Cllr Mr S Neville
Cllr Miss S Watson
Cllr Mr K Williamson

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr N Wright (Chairman)
To be elected (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Patel
Cllr Miss G Reynolds

From the Clerk

Is this summer??? I know it's meant to be but with Local Elections, EU Referendum, England's dire performances at the European Football Championships and seemingly continuous torrential downpours of rain, I am beginning to think that I missed it somehow; whichever day it was. However, I can say that, undaunted, we in the Parish Office have continued to work tirelessly and as a result there have been a few rays of sunshine in recent months. We have now got our Library Volunteer scheme up and running and that is proving a big success, providing a significant benefit to everyone. We also worked in liaison with the Buckhurst Hill Village Forum on the successful Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on Queens Road.

We also have a new Chairman of the Council in Neville Wright and I very much look forward to working with him and the new team of Parish Councillors on our various projects in the year ahead.

The biggest project that we have currently is the development of our own Neighbourhood Plan and I know that you will be hearing lots about that in the weeks and months to come. The Neighbourhood Plan is a real chance for us all to shape Buckhurst Hill for the future and I would encourage residents to participate in the various consultations that will take place. It is in no small way that your ideas and aspirations will be fed into our Neighbourhood Plan.

I am looking forward to updating everyone on the early outcomes from our first consultation as well as our future plans on the Neighbourhood Plan and other projects in our next edition of the Magazine.

Finally, may I wish everyone all the very best for the summer and hope that we all find the sun somewhere.

Kevin O'Brien

New Councillor

As a new member of this Parish Council I would like to thank you for electing me and introduce myself.

I have a business I run with my sister in Queens Road (Repose Studio). We have been open now for 5 years and in that time I have grown increasingly fond of this beautiful area and the people that live here so I am honoured to have been elected in May and given an opportunity to serve this community.

The committees I will be involved with are: Accommodation, Personnel, Planning & Environment, Finance & Establishment and Recreation & Community. Your concerns, feedback and opinions matter to this

Parish and we welcome you to attend the meeting and take part during public participation; dates of meetings can be found on the Parish Council website

www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk/calendar/view/

I hope to meet and get to know you in the coming year.

Cllr Glenys Reynolds



Library Volunteers go live

Last autumn we started seeking volunteers to assist us in the Public Library on Mondays and Wednesdays, when the Parish Council oversees the self-service provision. I am delighted to say that, after a period of training, on June 1st we commenced supervising the self-service entirely from our team of volunteers. I am sure that as time progresses you will get to know all the volunteers who will be delighted to assist you in any way. Pictured are 2 of our regular volunteers, Jeanette and Alison.

We are though still looking to build on our team of volunteers. So if you have some time to spare and would like to help out in the Library, feel free to contact us on 020 8498 9933 or email office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk.

Kevin O'Brien – Parish Clerk



BUCKHURST HILL

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Spring show was a riot of colour and visitors were particularly impressed with the wonderful display of daffodils.

Our Summer show was held on 9 July.

We now look forward to the



Saturday 10 September 2016 at 2-4.30pm

Remember: at the Autumn show bulbs will be on sale.

Centenary Hall, St John's Church, High Road, Buckhurst Hill

All visitors welcome, £1 for non-members.

Good parking facilities. Teas and home-made cakes.

Plants for sale.

There will be displays of seasonal flowers, shrubs and vegetables, craft, children's and cookery classes.

For more information regarding the show or details about the Horticultural Society contact Maureen on 020 8504 8436 or Jill on 020 8257 8996.

Buckhurst Hill Community Association at Bedford House

70th Anniversary – the year 2016-17 will mark BHCA's 70th year as the local centre of life-long learning, founded in December 1946 by noted local artist Walter Spradbery and other residents to provide a centre for education and activities for the residents of Buckhurst Hill. Some special events are in the pipeline, but as usual the Association will be concentrating on its new programme of courses and workshops, beginning in September. In addition to its well-established courses (from Aerobics, Art, Ballet and Bridge to Piano, Rambles, Writing and Yoga, and all points between) there will be a variety of new classes including Basketmaking, Decorative Objects, DIY, Film Appreciation, First Aid, Gardening, Local History, Papercraft, Puppetmaking, Psychology, and a Monday After-School Art course for 8 – 11 year olds.

The new brochure with full details of the programme will be available from 25th June, and postal enrolment opens on 27th June, with a personal enrolment evening on Monday 12th September (7.00 – 9.00pm).

Contact BHCA on **020 8504 6668**, email

office@bedfordhouse.org.uk (or **courses@bedfordhouse.org.uk** for course details), or visit the website at **www.bedfordhouse.org.uk**



Buckhurst Hill Village Forum

The Buckhurst Hill Village Forum is a group of local traders and members of the local community working together to promote Buckhurst Hill. A major funder is Epping Forest District Council which helps to support local trade and community initiatives in the area; other funding coming from traders and events.



Did you know there are over 100 shops and businesses in Queens Road?

The Buckhurst Hill Village Forum has produced a map of the businesses in Queen's Road, enclosed with this magazine, to help residents and visitors to Buckhurst Hill discover more of what their local high street has to offer. There is such a broad range of products and services, including men's, women's and children's fashion, sports and fitness studios, pharmacies and perfumeries, hairdressers and salons, estate agents, legal and accounting services, a large supermarket, two post offices, two pubs and plenty of high quality cafes and restaurants. We are also working on a directory for the future which will give further information on local traders and services.

Local resident, Becca Pearce, moved to Buckhurst Hill from South-West London and says, "I was attracted by the village feel and the picturesque appearance of the area – and I am finding even now after a couple of years here I still discover a shop or restaurant I've not tried yet."

Queens Road has always been at the heart of Buckhurst Hill, and it is relatively unique for retaining so many of its historic buildings and avoiding over development in more recent times. However, local high streets are under threat from large out of town shopping centres and the rise of online shopping. To support Queens Road to thrive



and build on its traditional yet unique and quirky feel, remember that with rising rents and expensive rates, it is more important than ever to **think local, shop local and support your local community.**

While events to attract people to the area will remain part of the Forum's aim, there are other exciting initiatives such as the map. It demonstrates what a diverse shopping centre we have. As Glenys Reynolds, Chair of the Forum, said, "Helping make an area like Queens Road become busier and more prosperous, benefits everyone. We want residents and visitors to the area to make more of the local shops and services so that we can protect the independent and unique character of our high street. The Forum is here to support both businesses and the wider community and I look forward to working in partnership with more residents and businesses in the coming months".

There are regular Forum meetings for anyone with a link to Buckhurst Hill. All are welcome to join in and be part of any ongoing projects. Buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com

The recent **Queens Road Street Festival** showed just what can be achieved. Businesses all along the road decorated their shopfronts, local schoolchildren sang Happy Birthday to the Queen and a lovely, vibrant party atmosphere amongst families and friends meant that despite the downpour that arrived mid afternoon, the community's sun shone!

News from County

It was really good to see so many residents outside in Queens Road to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and I know we all appreciate the amount of hard work and effort that goes into putting on these events – congratulations to all concerned, and it was just a pity that the weather was not kinder.

With regard to the issues about which many of you communicate with me they are mainly concerns over parking, potholes and pavements. At least everyone seems to think that the major upgrade at the traffic lights at Palmerston Road, Albert Road, Roding Lane and Loughton Way is an improvement. I received a lot of anguished comments about the delays caused during the works but hopefully now that they are complete, traffic will move more efficiently and pedestrians are able to cross at this vital junction. It took well over two years to get this work agreed and implemented which just demonstrates the time that everything takes.

I am still striving to get all the potholes repaired in Queens Road and insisting to Essex Highways that although this is not a bus route it is the primary high road for Buckhurst Hill and should be treated as such.

I have managed to get approval for a dropped kerb in Victoria Road near Pegasus Court which will help buggies and wheelchairs cross the road, and I am also still looking at various residents parking schemes across different roads in Buckhurst Hill. I am encouraging Epping Forest District Council to see if we can take back more control from the North Essex Parking Partnership in Colchester. Wish me luck !

County Councillor Valerie Metcalfe



Valerie Metcalfe with Mrs Eleanor Laing, talking to "The Queen" in Queens Road.

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 6032200
Registrar of Births,	
Deaths & Marriages	01992 572789
Social Services	03457 430430
Essex County Council	0345 7430430
London Borough of Redbridge	020 8554 5000
London Borough of Waltham Forest	020 8496 3000
Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 477 0808
Department of Work & Pensions	0845 8500293
Samaritans	116 123
Child Line	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 8005000
Age UK	01245 346106
Rape Crisis Centre	01296 392468
Epping Forest Carers Centre	020 8508 4110
Epping Forest Volunteers Bureau	01992 564424
Epping Information Centre	01992 564288
Epping Forest Countryside	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 1214898
www.careconfidential.com	
Red Cross	0844 871 8000
FloodLine	0345 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

01279 427522

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
Palmerston Road Surgery	020 8504 1552
River Surgery	020 8504 7364

CLINICS

Buckhurst Hill Clinic	020 8504 0405
Marie Stopes Fairfield Clinic	0345 300 8090

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	101 ex 313603
Springfield (HQ)	01245 491491
Non-emergency	101
Loughton Police	01279 641212
Harlow Police	01245 491491

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	03457 484950
City Link (bus & coach)	0871 2663333
Kentish Bus & Coach (Arriva)	01274 681144
Metrobus	01293 449191
National Express	0871 7818181

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	0800 714 614
Leak Line	0800 714 614
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	0345 129 6783
Epping Sports Centre	01992 564564
Essex School of Swimming	07772 108855
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 VILLAGE FORUM

(formerly Town Centre Partnership) 020 8559 0529

Buckhurst Hill Parish Council

165 Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5AZ

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web: www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

Dates

for your diary

...and local organisations

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held at Buckhurst Hill Library, 165 Queens Road

■ THURSDAY 21 JULY

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm Finance & Establishment Committee

■ THURSDAY 28 JULY

7.00pm Full Council

■ THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm Recreation & Community Committee

■ THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

7.00pm Full Council

■ THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm Accommodation Committee

■ THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm Neighbourhood Plan Committee (tbc)

■ THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Finance & Establishment Committee

■ THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Full Council

■ THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

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.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

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

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB 2016

Tuesday 23 - Friday 26 August 10:00am-12:20pm

All pirates and pirateses aged 4-11 years come, join the Landlubbers as they set sail at Buckhurst Hill Baptist Church! Eye patches provided!

Enrolling now, download the application form from our website:

<http://tinyurl.com/zd7tdxj>.

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

Bowls – Madeleine Davis bowl@bhbltc.co.uk or 020 8504 4057

Tennis – Brigid Leworthy tennis@bhbltc.co.uk or 020 8554 6528

Website: www.bhbltc.co.uk

BUCKHURST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

Your local centre for lifelong learning – over 80 classes in art, craft, and leisure activities. Brochures or further details available from the Parish

Office, local libraries, or BHCA itself: 020 8504 6668, email

office@bedfordhouse.org.uk or visit www.bedfordhouse.org.uk

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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

AUTUMN SHOW

■ SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016

2.00-4.30pm

More details on page 5

Further information from Maureen 020 8504 8436 or

Jill 020 8257 8996

BUCKHURST HILL LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Association manages local allotments on behalf of the Parish Council at Lower Queens Road, Forest Edge, Monkhamms,

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. 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 U3A

<http://u3asites.org.uk/buckhurst-hill/home>

BUCKHURST HILL VILLAGE FORUM

For traders and stakeholders in Buckhurst Hill. See also page 6.
Contact: Buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com

CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE

Chabad Buckhurst Hill is a Jewish Community Centre and Synagogue serving the local community and wider West Essex
For more information or to contact the Rabbi – see www.chabadonthehill.co.uk

EPHING 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.

NATIONAL TRUST WOODFORD GREEN CENTRE

Further information from the local Hon Secretary Tel 020 8508 9541
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

RODING PLAYERS ORCHESTRA

This enthusiastic group of musicians meets weekly on Monday evenings. 7.30pm at Roding Valley High School, Loughton, Essex
New members welcome
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
All welcome. www.stjamesurc.org.uk

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

High Road, Buckhurst Hill. Sunday services – 8.45am and 10.45am
7pm informal worship. Everyone welcome!
Regular Events & Community Life: Church Lunches, Friday Coffee Mornings, Senior Men's Fellowship, Men's and Ladies' meals, Ladies Social, Pre-school Children and their Carers, Mothers' Union, Bereavement and Support Group
For further information, telephone 020 8506 2150. www.sjbh.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: John & Frances Fogelman Tel: 020 8529 1129
www.westessexramblers.org.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings 3rd Wednesday in each month (2nd Wednesday in December) 7.30pm St. James's United Reformed Church, Palmerston Road
For more information contact the Secretary Elizabeth Stearn 020 8504 6634

WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The WSO was formed in 1963, over fifty years ago, and for all that time this friendly group of musicians has been giving at least three public concerts each year in Redbridge, together with invitation concerts within and beyond the borough. Rehearsals are held at Roding Valley High School, Loughton on Thursday evenings.
Enquiries: 020 8504 7783 chairman@wsorchestra.org.uk
www.pnms.co.uk/wso

REGULAR HALL HIRERS

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Weight Watchers –
0845 602 7076

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Trodai Academy 07900 162 515

Tuesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617
Karate 07967 482602

Toddler Sense 07715 305471
Ichthus After School 07946 322835
Trodai Academy 07900 162 515

Wednesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617

Good Success Assembly
Tai Chi 07967 666 794

Thursdays

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Baby Sensory 07753 605 850
Ichthus After School 07946 322835
Slimming World 07960 603621

Fridays

Creation Station –
0789 625 5126

Ichthus After School 07946 322835

Saturdays

Redbridge Classical Dance
Studios (Ballet and Tap
classes) – 020 8488 3066

M E A D (Miss Elizabeth's
Academy of Dance)
07913 667340 / 07986 909398

Sundays

Roding Valley Church

Good Success Assembly

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Pupils from Buckhurst Hill Community Primary School officiating at St Stephen's War Memorial on Armistice Day as they plan to do every year from now on.

Royal British Legion, Buckhurst Hill Branch

Major events in the last twelve months for the Buckhurst Hill Branch of the Royal British Legion



Member and ex Japanese POW Edward Peak meets the Duchess of Cornwall on VJ Day in Westminster.

The EFDC staff who do our litter picking on the whole do a good job but there are areas where they cannot get too that become litter hot spots. If you know of any please

contact me: cllrstevenjsneville@gmail.com or 020 8504 5325. As I have for the last two years, I am arranging a Litter Pick on 6th August starting at 10am. Please meet at Buckhurst Hill Station. Equipment will be provided. The following one will be on 15th October. Please put them in your diary.

Best Wishes, Councillor Steven Neville, Buckhurst Hill East Ward
Epping Forest District Council and Buckhurst Hill Parish Council

LITTER PICK

**Saturday 6th August
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The Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth, Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, performs Consecration and Official Opening of the new extension to Chabad Buckhurst Hill, the Essex Jewish Centre serving the neighbourhood and wider

The Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Centre of Buckhurst Hill, established in 2005 by Rabbi Odom & Henny Brandman to serve the local and wider community has just completed an extension to its premises on Epping New Road to cater for the growing demand and popularity of its programs and services. They were delighted and honoured to have welcomed the Chief Rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, to officially open and consecrate the Synagogue extension on Thursday 7th April 2016.

In 2005 Rabbi Odom & Henny Brandman moved to Buckhurst Hill to found a new community and begin building in an area where there are significant numbers of Jewish People living but no Orthodox infrastructure to service their religious and spiritual needs. They moved as a young couple, married for just under a year, without children and full of energy and enthusiasm to reach out to the community and bring people together. They started by renting a home in which to live and start a small Synagogue. By 2016, they now have a family of 6 children, with their 7th due in June, a large 3 storey building on Epping New Road which houses a Synagogue, Meeting Rooms, Offices, Storage, Class Rooms, Kosher Kitchen and a huge host of activities and programs engaging hundreds of people throughout the community.

What has been the secret of their success? Perhaps a conversation with Rabbi Brandman would reveal all...

Established as a branch of Chabad North East London and Essex, which is directed by Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin, the Buckhurst Hill Centre and its activities were supported for their initial 2 years by the Gants Hill Centre. After those 2 years, Rabbi & Mrs Brandman have been responsible for their own fundraising and covering their own budget, in addition to directing the Centre and all its activities.

In these past 11 years, the Chabad Centre in Buckhurst Hill has built up a database of over 600 local families, many unaffiliated to other communities and runs a host of activities including a Synagogue with up to 70 attendees on a regular weekend and over 150 on special occasions, weekday Cheder Hebrew Classes for Children teaching over 20 boys and girls each week, Adult Education classes, Kids Cookery Clubs, Ladies Evenings, One-on-One learning, Pastoral care, Kosher Restaurant Nights and In-house catering in addition to catering to the needs of many who come for assistance in an array of situations.

As the local Rabbi, Rabbi Odom Brandman goes into all the local Buckhurst Hill Schools to talk about Judaism and his role as a Rabbi and hosts annual educational visits from some year groups of other local schools. The Jewish Centre has provided hundreds of Jewish families with a vibrant and inclusive community in which they are unequivocally accepted and embraced.

The Chabad Jewish Centre has grown tremendously over the past few years in many ways moving from a house in Russell Road, to the Daiglen School Hall and then onto Princes Road where they spent 5



fruitful years really expanding programs. In fact, the Centre has become a victim of its own success always looking for bigger premises as it has quickly become known as “the place to be”. The previous facility on Princes Road could no longer accommodate the growing demand for Hebrew School students, holiday participants and those wishing to join the ever growing roster of activities and services.

In response, Rabbi Brandman had been searching for a more suitable premises. “Just as our next step” he says enthusiastically, “the long term goal is to find some land and build our own purpose built facility”.

In August 2013, Chabad moved onto Epping New Road, to a premises more than 5 times bigger than they had on Princes Road. For the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, just a few weeks later, the place was already bursting at the seams and it was clear that something had to be done to expand further.

A longer lease was secured and building started to create a large multipurpose room downstairs, which would allow for disabled access and open up many new opportunities to cater for larger functions and welcome more people to services.

This extension is now complete and the Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis accepted an invitation to come and Officially Open and Consecrate the new Synagogue and Community Centre room.

Rabbi Mirvis is Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth. Chief Rabbi Mirvis was born and raised in South Africa, following which he studied in Rabbinical Colleges in Israel, where he received his Rabbinic Ordination. He has served as Chief Rabbi of Ireland and Rabbi of the Marble Arch and Finchley communities.

As well as being the 11th Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, Chief Rabbi Mirvis is also the Associate President of the Conference of European Rabbis and President of the London School of Jewish Studies. He is a frequent contributor to radio, television and the press around the world and in 2015 he received the Freedom of the London Borough of Barnet.

The local community were extremely humbled and honoured that the Chief Rabbi made time in his busy schedule to come out to Essex and be part of this special milestone and occasion for the community. The community sees the visit as real appreciation and recognition for their efforts to cater to the wider Jewish Community.

The Chabad Jewish Centre is not funded by any central organization rather all its running costs are met by local donations. It's a real community, by the community for the community project and Rabbi & Mrs Brandman are always open to help, suggestions and available to give help, guidance or advice.

To get in touch with the Brandmans you can see their website: www.chabadonthehill.co.uk or email rabbibrandman@chabadonthehill.co.uk





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