

# BuckhurstHill

Parish Council Magazine **Summer 2017**

News and views from around Buckhurst Hill



## Annual Parish Assembly

A joint recruitment process involving Buckhurst Hill Parish Council and Essex Police is to take place to bring a Special Constable to Buckhurst Hill.

News of the initiative – which follows failed attempts by the parish council to get a dedicated Police Community Support Officer for the parish – was reported at the council's Annual Parish Assembly.

Vice-chairman councillor Bobby Nagpal, giving the chairman's report in the absence of chairman councillor Neville Wright – said the appointed Special Constable would patrol the area on a regular basis and establish links with schools and local organisations.

The chairman's report also highlighted the council's response to Epping Forest District Council's Draft Local Plan to which the parish

council had given a "vigorous response" regarding the three sites in the parish considered suitable for housing.

The parish council had responded to the public consultation by detailing "significant problems" with each of the locations.

The parish council's Community Cinema screenings and the library volunteers scheme have been a great success.

Three Waitrose staff are among the volunteers who provide a friendly and helpful service for library visitors.

Anyone interested in becoming a library volunteer should contact the parish council.

Fundraising by the parish council during the past year raised £1,074 for Carers UK.

Dee Brecker, the charity's director of communications and fundraising, spoke about the history and work of the organisation, which was founded in 1965 "by carers, for carers"!, before receiving a cheque from the council. She said: "Thank you massively for your contribution. We simply couldn't do what we do without you."

Thursday's Annual Parish Assembly also heard reports from local organisations – Buckhurst Hill Community Association, the Buckhurst Hill branch of the Royal British Legion and Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society.



Councillors with Dee Brecker and the Vice Chairman



Presentation of cheque to Dee Brecker by the Vice Chairman

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS

# COMMUNITY CINEMA

3.00PM 7.00PM

Steve Carell  
**DESPICABLE ME**

The world's richest playboy

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Dudley Moore  
Liza Minelli  
John Gielgud

**Roding Valley Hall**  
**Saturday 2 September 2017**

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

Snacks and Refreshments available to purchase

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Donations for the Chairman's Charity - Carers UK will be gratefully received

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## From the Chairman

The months following our last Parish Magazine certainly have been eventful on the National Stage with the outcomes of County and General Elections but more poignantly in terms of terrorist attacks and the tragedy of the Grenfell House fire. Consequently, I feel that it is fully appropriate to add our voices of sympathy to those who have lost family and friends in Manchester and in more recent events here in London.

Notwithstanding, we continue to make progress on a number of initiatives that I hope will make more positive reading in our autumn edition.

Our main disappointment is that we are still needing more volunteers to come forward to enable us to get our own SpeedWatch scheme up and running here in Buckhurst Hill. Currently we have not reached the minimum number of volunteers required by Essex Fire & Rescue (who are now responsible for SpeedWatch in Essex) for a scheme to be set up and training to be given. It does seem somewhat strange that one of the regular issues that residents draw to our attention is that of speeding cars, yet our recent appeal for volunteers to help set up a local scheme has been met with a somewhat underwhelming response to date. I do so hope that more of you will step forward. If you'd like to volunteer or want more information please contact the Parish Council Office on 020 8498 9933 or [office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk).

Work is also currently under way on our new Parish Council website. We feel that when it is up and running later this summer/early autumn, that residents will find it visually more appealing and the links and content much more informative.

We are still working on aspects of our Neighbourhood Plan. We have recently had positive discussions with the District

Council regarding progress to date and we have also met with the Rural Community Council for Essex (RCCE) who have agreed to assist us on a couple of the specialist areas of the Neighbourhood Plan's development.

We have also made significant progress with Essex Police regarding acquiring our own Special Constable and we believe that the recruitment campaign will begin in a few months' time.

I would also like to promote the "Play in the Park" scheme that will be operating in the Roding Valley Recreation Ground during the school summer holidays (see poster on page 11). This is a joint venture with EFDC.

Work is also progressing well on preparations for the Older Persons Winter Warmers Event set for November and the "Christmas on Queens Road" event on December 1st. In addition a charity event in aid of "Marie Curie" is in the planning stage and will be held at the Roding Valley Hall during October this year. Details will be made available via our usual media outlets in the near future.

I am delighted to welcome a new member of staff (Liane Davies) to our Parish Office team. Liane will work closely with the Clerk on key projects.

Finally, may I wish you all a really pleasurable summer.

*Cllr. Neville Wright*

## Annual Meeting 2017

The Council's Annual Meeting (like an AGM) took place on Monday 25 May. Elections and appointments of councillors' duties for the current year were decided as well as the approval of the previous year's accounts (see website and notice boards). Cllr Neville Wright was re-elected as Chairman of the Council and Cllr Bobby Nagpal as Vice Chairman. Committee Chairmen: Finance & Establishment, Cllr Bobby Nagpal; Planning & Environment, Cllr Ken Williamson, Recreation & Community, Cllr Joanne Share-Bernia; Accommodation, Cllr Smruti Patel; Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Jane Forker-Clark; Personnel Committee, Cllr Neville Wright. Full details on Committee Membership and Representatives to Outside Bodies are on page 3.



Councillors with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk

## From the Clerk

Last time that I wrote to you, we were very much at the planning stage of our year. That now seems such a long time ago because since then so much has happened on all fronts. Work has progressed on all the key projects, large and small and you will find more detail on these as you read through the Magazine.

We are still operating from our temporary accommodation and I regret to say that we are still waiting for the remedial works to be completed in the Library that would enable our return. Notwithstanding, the volunteers continue to oversee the "Self-Service" provision on Mondays and Wednesdays. A member of the Parish Office Staff is also available on these days.

Finally, on a personal note, I am delighted to welcome a much needed new staff member (Liane Davies) to our team. Liane will spend much of her time working in support of myself on many of the projects mentioned throughout this publication.

*Kevin O'Brien, Parish Clerk*

# THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/2018

**Council Chairman: Cllr Mr Neville Wright    Council Vice Chairman: Cllr Mr Bobby Nagpal**  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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

### 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 N Wright

### ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

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

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

### CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Mr Kevin O'Brien

### RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

Mrs Val Evans

### RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

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

### 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](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk) If the matter is urgent please contact the Parish Office.

## COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2017/2018

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Larger Local Councils' Forum	Chairman, Parish Clerk
Local Councils' Liaison Committee and Essex Association of Local Councils (Epping Forest)	Chairman, Parish Clerk, Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Buckhurst Hill Community Association	Cllr Mr K Williamson
Buckhurst Hill Village Forum	Cllr Mr S Neville, Cllr Mrs S Patel, Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia
Passenger Transport	Cllr Mr S Clark, Cllr Mr N Wright
Police Liaison	Cllr Mr S Neville, Cllr Mrs G Reynolds, Cllr Mr N Wright
Roding Valley Nature Reserve	Cllr Mrs J Forker-Clark
Rural Community Council of Essex (AGM)	Cllr Mr B Nagpal
Standards Committee with EFDC	Cllr Miss S Watson



## A year as a Parish Councillor

Since I wrote last the Local Plan consultation has concluded.

It does not seem possible that I am already at the end of my first year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being one of your Parish Councillors. Last year I joined the Finance, Recreation & Community, Planning, Accommodation and Personnel committees to gain as much experience as possible and this year I will continue with these same committees. The majority of my year was being involved with Planning meetings, Christmas on Queens Road and some of the parking issues we face. As chair of the Buckhurst Hill Village Forum and a business owner on Queens Road, I am also very interested in all the local business areas.

I have particularly been impressed by how well run the Parish Office is and what a great team we have in all our councillors. We are very lucky in Buckhurst Hill to have such a variety of skills and expertise amongst our Parish Councillors. Having great support from both the District and County councillors also makes our roles easier. We all have a common goal to improve living and working in Buckhurst Hill and we are always delighted to hear from any residents who would like to discuss any local issues.

*Cllr. Glenys Reynolds*





# News from County Cllr Valerie Metcalfe

First, I want to thank those residents who supported me in the county elections in May, and together with your district and parish councillors, I will continue to ensure that the interests of everyone in Buckhurst Hill remain high on the agenda.

As I write, the sun is shining and the skies are blue – and I am sure we are all looking forward to a good summer. The trees and flowers are out and everywhere looks glorious, including so many radiant gardens in our residential roads – but Highways problems are always with us. We still have the difficulty of persuading Essex Highways to repair some of our potholes, including the disgraceful ones in Queens Road, and the re-surfacing of some of our roads which were promised earlier this year, such as Hawsted which is more pothole than road. I continue to pursue these issues relentlessly and feel nearly as frustrated as many residents must.

The demand for more residents parking zones continues and we need to find a simpler and quicker way to get these in place. At the moment, all these schemes are sent up to the North Essex Parking Partnership, working from Colchester, and they are overwhelmed with similar schemes across the region that they do not have the resources and capacity to keep up with demand. I still say we need to find another way to fund them

and persuade NEPP to let our own Epping Forest District Council deliver local schemes.

In the meantime, please contact me if you have any particular county issues that I can help with – and I look forward to catching up with many of you in the coming weeks and months.

cllr. valerie.metcalfe@essex.gov.uk

## LOCAL COUNCILS

### WHO DOES WHAT?

There are 3 levels of local councils serving the parish of Buckhurst Hill – **Essex County Council**, **Epping Forest District Council** and **Buckhurst Hill Parish Council**. Each has specific areas of responsibility and some overlap! Here is a list of what each level does. The list is not exhaustive and seeks to focus on the requirements of Buckhurst Hill; further details are on the websites.

**Essex County Council**   [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)   [contact@essex.gov.uk](mailto:contact@essex.gov.uk)   0345 743 0430

- Arts & Heritage
  - BITE cards
  - Births, Ceremonies & Deaths
  - Blue Badge Scheme
  - Bus Passes
  - Bus Routes and Timetables
- Bus Shelters
  - Bus Stops
  - Commons Registration – Common Land and Village Greens
  - Education & Schools
  - Essex Record Office
- Essex Youth Service
  - Fire & Rescue Services
  - Footpaths & Bridleways
  - Health & Social Care
  - Libraries & Archives
  - Police

## Name the Green?

You may recall that in our Spring edition, we asked residents to suggest names for the open green space on the corner of High Road and Beech Lane. We did receive a surprising number of suggestions over subsequent weeks but we were astonished to receive an email from a former resident who advised us that this Green Space already has a name. Following up on information that we were provided at the time, we were able to verify that this Green Space is in fact called “Stacey Gardens”, after a wealthy local family who bequeathed the land for residents of Buckhurst Hill to enjoy.

At our recent Recreation & Community committee meeting, the whole matter was discussed and Councillors firstly agreed that the name of Stacey Gardens should be respected and promoted. However, they equally felt that there were some extremely merit worthy suggestions submitted in response to our “Name the Green” request and that these should also be recognised in some way. Consequently, over the next few weeks the Parish Council will be contacting some of the contributors to discuss with them some of the ideas that we have to respect their suggestions and we aim to report on this in our next edition. “Stacey Gardens” will still receive a makeover later this year.

**Epping Forest District Council**   [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk)   [contactus@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)   01992 564000

- Anti Social Behaviour
  - CCTV
  - Council Tax
  - Countrycare
  - Crime & Safety
  - Elections
  - Electoral Register
  - Environmental Health
- Epping Forest Careline
  - Heritage & Conservation
  - Housing
  - Licensing
  - Local Plan
  - North Weald Airfield
  - Planning (decisions) & building
  - Roding Valley Recreation Ground
- Sports centres & pools
  - Street cleaning
  - Street lighting
  - Tree preservation
  - Waltham Abbey Museum
  - Waste collection

**Buckhurst Hill Parish Council**   [www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](http://www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)   [office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)   020 8498 9933

- Allotments – managed by Buckhurst Hill Leisure Gardens Association
  - Ball Court/Multi Use Games Area – Roding Valley Recreation Ground
  - Benches
  - Bus Shelters
  - Christmas card competition
  - Christmas gifts for seniors in the parish
- Christmas in Queens Road – in partnership with BH Residents Society and BH Village Forum
  - Christmas lights
  - Community Cinema
  - Community Halls – Roding Valley Hall and Woollard Centre
  - Library Self Service – in partnership with Essex County Council
  - Magazine
- Neighbourhood Plan
  - Notice Boards
  - Open Spaces
  - Parish Office in the Library
  - Planning (comments)
  - Planters
  - Playgrounds – Kings Place and Roding Valley Recreation Ground
  - Salt bins
  - Website

## Useful numbers

### COUNCIL, SUPPORT & ADVICE SERVICES

Buckhurst Hill Parish Council	020 8498 9933
Epping Forest District Council	01992 564 000
Buckhurst Hill Library	0345 603 7628
Education/Welfare	0345 606 1212
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages	0345 603 7632
Social Services	0345 603 7630
Essex County Council	0345 743 0430
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	0345 6060265
Samaritans	116 123
Child Line	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Age UK	01245 346 106
Rape Crisis Centre	01296 392 468
Epping Forest Careers Centre	020 8508 4110
Epping Forest Volunteers Bureau	01992 564 424
Epping Information Centre	01992 564 288
Epping Forest Countrycare	01992 788 203
NHS	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 121 4898  
[www.willowscentre.org](http://www.willowscentre.org)  
Affiliated to CARE Confidential –  
National Helpline 0800 1214898  
[www.careconfidential.com](http://www.careconfidential.com)  
Red Cross 0300 456 1155  
FloodLine 0345 988 1188  
Essex County Fire & Rescue 01376 576 000

**LOUGHTON STROKE CLUB**  
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (except August) at 2.00pm 020 8508 0054

**MOTOR NEURONE**  
Meetings held at the Woollard Centre  
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED  
National helpline 01604 250 505  
– for people with MND and their carers

**ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY** 01279 427522

**HOSPITALS**  
St Margarets 01992 902 010  
Princess Alexandra 01279 444 455  
Whipps Cross 020 8539 5522  
King George 0330 400 4333  
Newham General 020 7476 4000  
The Holly Private Hospital 020 8505 3311  
Roding Spire (private) 020 8551 1100

### GP's

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 Surgery	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	<a href="http://www.chabadonthehill.co.uk">www.chabadonthehill.co.uk</a>
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

Non-emergency	101
Emergency	999
Chelmsford (HQ)	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 405 100
TFL Customer Services	0343 222 1234
National Railways Enquiry Line	03457 484 950
City Link (bus & coach)	08712 663 333
Kentish Bus & Coach (Arriva)	01274 681 144
Metrobus	01293 449 191
National Express	0871 781 8181

### ANIMAL WELFARE

Palmerston Veterinary Group	020 8505 1435
RSPCA (Veterinary Advice Line)	03001 234 999
Chestnut Cat Sanctuary	01992 560 510

### UTILITIES

British Gas	0800 048 0202
Emergency Line	0800 111 999
Thames Water	0800 980 8800
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 564 564
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
Sadlers	020 8505 1111
Chingford Radio Cars	020 8524 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 IG6 5AZ  
tel: 020 8498 9933 email: [office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)  
web: [www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](http://www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)



Dates

for your diary

...and local organisations

BH PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held at Buckhurst Hill Library, 165 Queens Road

■ THURSDAY 27 JULY

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Full Council

■ THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

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

■ THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Full Council

■ THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

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

■ THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Accommodation Committee

■ THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

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

■ THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Full Council

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](http://www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)

AGE CONCERN BH

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

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Thursdays 10am – 12.30pm Keeping Active...Together  
Thursdays 1 – 3.30pm Active Minds  
The Quakers Meeting House, Hemnall Street, Epping  
Local dementia support team: 01371 872658

BH BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Palmerston Road/Westbury Lane. Lighthouse Coffee Shop  
open Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm, Friday 8.30am-2.30pm.  
Sunday Morning Service 10.30am with children’s activities  
More events on the website  
General enquiries: 020 8559 0222 [www.bhbc.org.uk](http://www.bhbc.org.uk)

BH 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 [bowls@bhbltc.co.uk](mailto:bowls@bhbltc.co.uk) or 020 8504 4057  
Tennis – Brigid Leworthy [tennis@bhbltc.co.uk](mailto:tennis@bhbltc.co.uk) or 020 8554 6528  
Website: [www.bhbltc.co.uk](http://www.bhbltc.co.uk)

BH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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](mailto:office@bedfordhouse.org.uk) or visit [www.bedfordhouse.org.uk](http://www.bedfordhouse.org.uk)  
Registered Charity No. 301268

BH FOOTBALL CLUB

More information: [www.buckhursthillfootballclub.org.uk](http://www.buckhursthillfootballclub.org.uk)  
[@buckhursthillfc](https://www.facebook.com/buckhursthillfc) or [www.facebook.com/buckhursthillfc](https://www.facebook.com/buckhursthillfc)

BH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

More details on page 10.  
Further information from Maureen 020 8504 8436 or Jill 020 8257 8996

BH LEISURE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

The Association manages local allotments on behalf of the Parish Council  
at Lower Queens Road, Forest Edge, Monkham’s,  
Palace Gardens and River Housing (Boxted Close)  
Contact Marcia Levan-Harris  
email: [bhallotments@gmail.com](mailto:bhallotments@gmail.com) tel: 07789 003284 for availability of plots.

BH 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](http://www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)  
Correspondence: c/o Broomes Newsagents, 34 Queens Road IG9 5BY

BH 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.

BH U3A

2nd Thursday of every month at Roding Valley Hall, Station Way.  
Membership Secretary Christine Slade: 020 8505 1005  
<http://u3asites.org.uk/buckhurst-hill/welcome>

BH VILLAGE FORUM

For traders and stakeholders in Buckhurst Hill. See also page 5.  
[@buckhursthillvillage](mailto:@buckhursthillvillage) [Buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 Roger Pearce 020 8281 1386.

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.

HAZELWOOD CHILDREN’S CENTRES

Delivers services to children and families of under-5s across Waltham  
Abbey and Buckhurst Hill. We work out of the Buckhurst Hill Library and  
the Woollard Centre offering 1:1 family support, storytime sessions, baby  
groups, baby yoga and massage. Please contact us on 01992 809059 or on  
[www.spurgeons.org](http://www.spurgeons.org) or search Hazelwood Children’s Centre on Facebook.

NATIONAL TRUST WOODFORD GREEN CENTRE

Join your local centre for £10 per year and enjoy talks  
and outings. Visitors £3.00. Enquiries 020 8508 9541  
Evening meetings at Trinity Lower School, Sydney Road IG8 0TB  
Afternoon meetings at All Saints Church, Inman’s Row IG8 0NH  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://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  
For more details [www.rodingplayers.co.uk](http://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.  
[patsdharvey@btinternet.com](mailto:patsdharvey@btinternet.com) [www.rodingreelclub.com](http://www.rodingreelclub.com)

ST JAMES’ UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Palmerston Road. Sunday Morning Service – 10.30am  
All welcome. [www.forestgroupurc.org.uk](http://www.forestgroupurc.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](http://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](http://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

One of the leading amateur orchestras serving East London and  
South-West Essex. It was formed in 1963 and this friendly group of  
musicians has presented public concerts on a regular basis ever since.  
The Orchestra rehearses every Thursday between 7.45pm and 9.45pm  
in the Dining Hall of Roding Valley High School, Loughton. New  
string players welcomed.  
[www.WSOchestra.org.uk](http://www.WSOchestra.org.uk) or telephone 020 8924 9370/020 8519 6491

REGULAR HALL HIRERS

For further details please contact the hirer direct

Roding Valley Hall

Woollard Centre

Mondays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617  
Weight Watchers –  
0845 602 7076

Sing & Sign 07834 728415  
Ichthus After School 07946 322835  
Tro dai Academy 07900 162 515

Tuesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617

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

Wednesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617

RCCG Good Success Assembly  
Bonsai Tai Chi 07967 666 794

Thursdays

BH U3A 020 8505 1005

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

Fridays

BH U3A 020 8505 1005

Ichthus After School 07946 322835

Saturdays

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

CA (Cocaine Anonymous)  
07833 096318

Sundays

Roding Valley Church

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Organisations – are your details correct?  
If not, let us know on 020 8498 9933



# 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.



## 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](http://www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk) [office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto: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	Woollard	Woollard	
Tuesday		Woollard	Roding
Wednesday	Woollard	Woollard	Roding
Thursday	Roding	Woollard	Roding
Friday	Woollard	Roding	Woollard
Saturday	Woollard	Roding	Woollard
Sunday	Woollard	Roding	Woollard

Woollard Centre Meeting Rooms: Available Tuesday to Saturday  
Enquiries for single hire – eg parties – always welcome



## Animal Agents, Summer Reading Challenge 2017

15 July to 2 September

Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is called Animal Agents this year. Children will be invited into the world of detectives, sleuths and solving puzzles.

Animal Agents will inspire reading on a grand scale and place newly discovered authors under the microscope. Children will explore new titles and discover facts, characters and stories across the best contemporary children's writing.

Children will be encouraged to read any six books of their choice to collect stickers in their Animal Agents folder; there are other exciting rewards along the way and, when they complete, they will receive a medal and certificate.

In each library children will be able to hunt out the Animal Agents and join in with wild activities. Animal Agents is aimed at children aged 3-12 with a special early years version for babies and toddlers.

## Buckhurst Hill Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club

Buckhurst Hill Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club (BHBLTC) is delighted to announce the recent appointment of Inga Ziemina, the club's new head coach.

Inga has worked within the tennis world for the last thirteen years in a range of coaching roles, including the last ten years in the UK.

Her style is creative and fresh and she is keen to develop a coaching programme to suit all levels and abilities. Inga is patient, extremely approachable and possesses a great passion for the fabulous sport of tennis.

Inga will be leading an exciting weekday Summer Camp at BHBLTC from 24th July – 11th August for children aged 5-10.

Children will have a blast joining in at this fun Summer Camp with lots of tennis activities and games, whilst learning new skills and making friends. BHBLTC is a popular local club, with four recently refurbished courts.

BHBLTC location: 72 Epping New Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5TX.

For more information, please visit: [www.focus-tennis.co.uk/summer-camps.html](http://www.focus-tennis.co.uk/summer-camps.html)



## Chabad Jewish Centre – the place for joyous occasions with a marathon running Rabbi:

The Chabad Jewish Centre has continued to grow and live up to its name as a constant hive of activity and warmth. Rabbi Odom Brandman and his wife Henny, together with an extremely committed group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, work ceaselessly to ensure that their base on the Epping New Road is constantly buzzing with something for everyone.

The three main pieces of news from the Centre relate to the huge numbers of celebrations being held, the fantastic

monthly Ladies Activity Groups and the fact that their Rabbi ran the London Marathon!

Over the months of April, May and June, 9 Bar & Bat Mitzvahs have been celebrated, busier than some of the much larger Synagogues.

The monthly Ladies Evenings have continued to be as popular as ever, led by Henny, last month 37 ladies joined a Cheesecake making evening. Other events have been Canvas Painting and various other Cookery demonstrations.

Rabbi Brandman ran the London Marathon. With 7 children and a growing community, finding time to train was not easy, but he was ecstatic to complete the 26 miles in a respectable time, just over 5 hours and raised over £9,000 for Chabad's activities.

For more information and to get involved, please see the centre's website:

[www.chabadonthehill.co.uk](http://www.chabadonthehill.co.uk)



## BH Community Association New Programme

Postal Enrolment is now open for the 2017-18 programme of classes held by BHCA at Bedford House.

Added to the variety of longstanding classes in art, craft, fitness and leisure pursuits are new courses in Garden Design, Film Noir, Poetry Appreciation, and Public Speaking, while among the nearly 40 one-day workshops are new classes in Book Folding, Botanical Skin Care, Christmas Tree Decorations, Meditation/Music/Painting, Pet Portraits, wicker Halloween Lanterns for children, puppet-making for children, and five different workshops on aspects of psychology such as anxiety, relationships, and emotions.

There is a Personal Enrolment evening on Monday 11 September ( 7-9pm) and the Autumn Term starts on Monday 18 September.

To enrol, or to find full details of all the 2017-18 courses and workshops, get the new 2017-18 brochure from the library or from the BHCA Office: phone 020 8504 6668 or email [office@bedfordhouse.org.uk](mailto:office@bedfordhouse.org.uk) Registered Charity 301268



## Buckhurst Hill Village Forum

I joined the BHVF committee a year ago. In that time I have learned so much about what Buckhurst Hill has to offer and I am keen to find ways to help other residents and potential visitors to the area appreciate what we have. Getting to know the business owners in the area has helped me feel part of a community; the Forum can strengthen that further so we can collaboratively address the challenges that our shopping areas face.

I have realised how easy it is to criticise something you see, or wish for something better – and how hard it is to actually make changes. But we know we are talking to more people than ever through our Facebook page, and we have some exciting plans in the pipeline with support from the Parish and District Council.

Buckhurst Hill has such potential to become a far more thriving and vibrant area to live in and to visit – a place with predominantly unique and independent shops and restaurants, and plenty of historic character.

I'd love to see more of our community supporting each other and to hear from anyone that would like to get involved in the work we're doing.

Sarah Jupp dos Santos  
[Buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com](mailto:Buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com)  
FB: @buckhursthillvillage



## BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Spring and Summer Shows have been and gone and there is one remaining show to look forward to...

### AUTUMN SHOW Saturday 9th September

Time 2.00-4.30

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

Free entry to members, £1-00 for non-members  
Good parking facilities.

Teas, home-made cakes, plants for sale,  
stall selling a variety of garden sundries including  
a wide selection of bulbs. All visitors welcome.

This is always a popular show where we usually have  
a wonderful display of flowers particularly dahlias,  
pot plants, vegetables, floral arrangements,  
cookery and children's classes.

We welcome anyone who would like to enter  
any of the above sections.

You don't need to be a member of the Society.  
For help and information please contact

**Jill: 020 8257 8996 or**

**Maureen: 020 8504 8436**

**or visit our website: [www.bhhortsoc.co.uk](http://www.bhhortsoc.co.uk)**

### COPY CLOSE DATES FOR NEXT EDITION

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

Email to  
[office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)

#### WINTER –

Copy close:

**Friday 13 October,**  
delivery planned  
for week commencing  
**Monday 13 November**

## When can I get advice?

Access information 24 hours  
a day at [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

	50A Hemnall Street Epping	Loughton Library Loughton	Town Hall Waltham Abbey
Mon	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	09:30 am to 1:00 pm	Closed
Tue	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	09:30 am to 1:00 pm	09:30 am to 1:00 pm
Wed	Closed	09:30 am to 1:00 pm	Closed
Thu	Closed	09:30 am to 1:00 pm	09:30 am to 1:00 pm
Fri	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Closed	Closed
Sat	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun	Closed	Closed	Closed

**citizens  
advice**

Email: Currently we do not give advice by email  
Phone: 0344 477 0808  
Mon-Fri 10.00-4.00  
Website: [citizensadviceEFD.org.uk](http://citizensadviceEFD.org.uk)

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### Advertise in the Parish magazine

If you would like to find out more about advertising in  
this magazine, please contact the Parish office on

**020 8498 9933**

[office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk)

Prices start from as little as £30

## BH Residents' Society



BHRS successfully won a modest bid for some funding from EFDC's Town & Village Centre Opportunities Funds to set up a project that would combine encouraging awareness of our local businesses alongside some super learning opportunities for children in Buckhurst Hill. The bid relied on money being match funded by 18 of the businesses in Queen's Road who all generously committed their time to help.

Children from St Johns interviewed the businesses about their work, sales, equipment and time. They had certainly prepared some interesting questions! They then took on the challenge to both create advertising for the shop they had worked with but also to produce products to sell!

On the afternoon of 16th June on Queens Road there was a buzzing market filled with the stalls created by the children, supported by their fantastic staff, parent helpers and BHRS volunteers, and hosted by the businesses they have very much adopted. What a lovely community we have in Buckhurst Hill.

The event has proved to be so much fun for all as well as such a great way of learning BHRS has been asked to work with the school to organise this again next year! Look forward to seeing the young businesses in 2018!

**Do join BHRS – [www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](http://www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)  
Follow us on Facebook: @bhresidentsociety**



**Summer 2017**

**Roding Valley Recreation Ground**

**Rouse Road playground, Buckhurst Hill**

**Tuesday 25th July,**

**1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August**

**10.00 -12.00**

'Play in the Park'

is all about playing and having fun outdoors

The Play in the Park Team bring along a range of sports equipment  
and arts and craft resources for children and young people to enjoy  
and can help organise activities and games

Best of all it's **FREE**



For further information please contact either  
Lucy Eales Community Engagement Officer  
Tel: 01992 564363  
Ezra Folan Community Engagement Officer  
Tel: 01992 564363



### SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS for kids! at Buckhurst Hill LTC



Come and join in for a fun summer camp  
with lots of tennis activities,  
tennis related games, learn new skills and make friends!  
Bring a water bottle, hat, sun cream, snack or lunch  
(racquets can be borrowed if you don't have one)! :-)

**DATES** July 24th-28th,  
July 31st-4th of August,  
August 7th-11th

**TIMES AND COST**  
half day camp 9am-12pm (£15)  
full day camp 9am-3pm (£25)

**AGES**  
For children aged 5-10

Contact **Inga**  
for more information:

[inga@focus-tennis.co.uk](mailto:inga@focus-tennis.co.uk)  
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# Library Volunteers

Come and help visitors to the Library on the Parish Council's 'Self Service' days. Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on our community and there are so many benefits for you too –

**Learn and develop new skills**

**Gain a sense of achievement and motivation**

**Boost your career options**

**Discover new interests and hobbies**

**Live new experiences**

**Meet new people**

A regular commitment would be required but there is **flexibility** as long as you are willing to make a regular contribution

Find out more by contacting us on 020 8498 9933

or [office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk).



**interested in taking an allotment?**

## Buckhurst Hill Leisure Gardens Association

You can enjoy the benefits of growing your own fruit and vegetables. Nothing tastes better than food that you have seen grow from a tiny seed to a full grown plant bearing the fruit of your labours.

We have vacant plots at our three main sites near the Hornbeam Close, River Roding at Boxted Close and Lower Queen's Road. There is water supply and plots are generally 125 or 250 sq. metres in size.

You don't need a lot of tools or knowledge to get started, just a willingness to get stuck in and a desire to eat really fresh and tasty fruit and vegetables. Enjoy exercise in the open air and make friends.

Visit our website: [www.buckhursthillallotments.co.uk](http://www.buckhursthillallotments.co.uk)

For more information contact: Marcia Levan-Harris  
email: [bhallotments@gmail.com](mailto:bhallotments@gmail.com) tel: 07789 003284

## BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMUNITY CINEMA

3.00PM

7.00PM



**Roding Valley Hall  
Saturday 2 September 2017**

**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](mailto:film@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk) or call 020 8498 9933

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