

# BuckhurstHill

Parish Council Magazine **Winter 2017**

News and views from around Buckhurst Hill



## Neighbourhood Plan

Firstly thank you to all of those who replied to our first survey last autumn. The replies we received form the basis of a second questionnaire which you will soon receive. What we would like to do now is to gather a bit more detailed information on the key points that came through last time. In turn this will help to inform our initial draft plan document, which we will look to start preparing after Christmas. We would hope that you will complete the questionnaire and return to us as soon as possible. A version of the questionnaire will be available on our website also, if you would prefer that format. The final date for returning questionnaires will be January 12th, 2018.

From the last questionnaire, the seven most quoted issues under the heading of "What don't you like about Buckhurst Hill?" were (in no particular order).

**Parking Issues.** The questionnaire section on Parking looks to delve further into this issue.

**Speeding Cars/Traffic Congestion.** The Parish Council are currently in discussions with various agencies regarding traffic calming measures in Loughton Way and the questionnaire section on Speeding and Traffic Congestion looks further into this issue.

**Lack of Police Presence.** The Parish Council have a strategy in place to address this issue and more information for residents should be available in the near future.

**Accelerating Urbanisation/Property Development.** The questionnaire section on Housing and Development looks further into this issue. Other issues within this heading are looked at in the questionnaire section on Open Spaces and Leisure.

**Poor Maintenance of Roads and Pavements.** This is generally outside the powers delegated to the Parish Council but we are always pressing for improvements through both Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council – Highways.

**Lack of variety of shops in Queens Road.** Although outside the remit of the Parish Council we are actively working with all shop owners and prospective owners to broaden the variety of shops available.

**Oversubscribed Schools.** We are discussing this with Epping Forest District Council in relation to the additional development that may be forced on us through the Local Plan. We are also looking at possible over subscription at GP Surgeries and Dentist's Clinics.

BUCKHURST HILL RESIDENTS' SOCIETY  
& PARISH COUNCIL PRESENT



## CHRISTMAS

AT THE TOP OF QUEENS ROAD

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.00-7.00PM**

★ **FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!** ★

**We would urge you**  
to complete the questionnaire  
and thereby enable us to  
develop a Neighbourhood  
Plan that will help to shape  
Buckhurst Hill in the future.

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## From the Chairman

Christmastime is rapidly approaching now. It's a hugely popular holiday celebrated by some 2 billion people worldwide and is universally recognised as an important time for celebration, fun and catching up with family and friends. In the run-up to Christmas many of us will be attending

Christmas workplace parties, lunches etc. and whilst we would want everyone to enjoy themselves, we would ask people to act responsibly and considerate to others so that everyone can have a really good time. We would also ask people not to drink and drive and remember you may still be over the limit the morning after a big night out.

It's generally acknowledged that more car crashes occur in the run-up to Christmas than at any other time with December 17th regularly being the worst day, when crashes are on average twice as likely to occur. So please be mindful of this. For our part in Buckhurst Hill we are working with other agencies to address the question of speeding vehicles generally. This edition of the Parish Magazine has come just a little early for us to confirm to you all the measures that we are endeavouring to set in place but you will notice that there is a recruitment poster and some information on becoming a Police Special Constable elsewhere in the Magazine.

There's only one thing worse than being surrounded by your relatives at Christmas and that's not being surrounded by them. A survey carried-out for the BBC in 2014, showed that an estimated four million people spend Christmas alone and about half a

million of those would be over 75. Whilst a great many people actually choose to be on their own, there are a good number who either feel that they will be a burden on family and friends or simply have no close friends or family. So, should you know of someone who might be alone and would appreciate a little contact time over the festive period, please consider spending a little of your valuable time brightening-up their Christmas.

On Friday December 1st, we will be co-hosting the annual "Christmas in Queens Road" event with our regular partners the Buckhurst Hill Residents Society. The event starts at 3pm with the switching-on of the festive lights and over the ensuing four hours there will be lots of fun activities for everyone to participate in. There will be some old favourites like the "Lucky Dip" and "Hook a Duck" as well as some new surprises. All proceeds on the day go to my chosen charity for this year, namely Carers UK. There might also yet be a further surprise, so keep looking out for information on our website, noticeboards etc.

Finally, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Cllr. Neville Wright*



## Cllr Jane Forker-Clark

Hi everyone. At the time of writing this it is early autumn (mid-October) – the sun is still shining and the weather is unduly mild. Have to say I love it!

I am Jane Forker-Clark and was elected to be a Parish Councillor for Buckhurst Hill East in May 2016. More than a year has passed and I am still enjoying the privilege. Being a Parish Councillor involves giving up a lot of your free time to sit on committees to promote and enhance our community for all residents.

I am a member on the Planning and Environment Committee, Recreation and Community Committee, as well as more recently Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan and also Buckhurst Hill Representative to the Roding Valley Nature Reserve Committee. As most of the titles suggest I am very committed to using our location to its best advantage for the enjoyment of the local population. One of my pet projects is to try and secure a play facility at the Hornbeam Road playing fields on the original site or very close by – progress is slow, but you have to keep trying. Also on the Agenda is a

notice board for Hornbeam Close – a very well trodden path/access route – that would give the advantage of local residents being kept up to date with Parish matters. There is a second questionnaire concerning the Neighbourhood Plan to follow this magazine. It would be great if as many residents as possible could return a completed questionnaire or fill it in online so that the Parish Council can start assessing the future requirements for our area.

Looking forward to seeing as many residents as possible at the Christmas Fair at the top of Queens Road on Friday 1 December, I'll be based in the car park. There will be a "Neighbourhood Plan" stall as well as all the fun attractions available for residents to view.

*Cllr. Jane Forker-Clark, Buckhurst Hill East*



On Sunday, 15th October, I completed a charity skydive in support of Shelter – an organisation helping those who are homeless or in poor quality housing.

Despite my fear of heights, I felt it was important to try and do something worthwhile to help those in a more precarious situation than myself. My scare of heights had always meant that I had avoided attempting a Skydive until now but the thought of raising money for charity gave me the motivation to just get on and do it.

If you would like to make a donation towards this valuable cause, my fundraising website is

**[www.doitforcharity.com/samforshelterskydive](http://www.doitforcharity.com/samforshelterskydive)**

or enquire with the Parish Council office to get in touch with me directly.

*Cllr. Sam Clark, Buckhurst Hill East*

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

## 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)  
 Cllr Mrs S Patel (Vice Chairman)  
 Cllr Mr S Clark  
 Cllr Mr B Nagpal  
 Cllr Mr S Neville  
 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

## From the Clerk

Well autumn has well and truly arrived now and for the Parish Office Team that signals an especially busy time ahead.

We will soon be embarking on a fresh round of consultations in connection with our Neighbourhood Plan. The first element of which is a fresh, more targeted questionnaire. You will find much more information on this elsewhere in the magazine but I would like to encourage you to respond to the questionnaire and ask you to get your neighbours to do so also. Your responses will help us to influence what Buckhurst Hill will look and feel like in years to come.

Currently, the Parish Office Team are preparing for events that will take place throughout December and the festive period. Our biggest event being the annual "Christmas in Queens Road" event on December 1st. Although it is very hard work for all of us getting everything in place for the day, it is well worthwhile because of the enjoyment the activities generate. So please make a date in your diary and come along between 3pm and 7pm. All the proceeds collected on the day go to the Chairman's charity, Carers UK.

I regret to say that we are still operating from our temporary accommodation and at the time of writing a return to the Library could be some months off yet. Notwithstanding, the volunteers continue to oversee the "Self-Service" provision on Mondays and Wednesdays and a member of the Parish Office Staff is also available on these days.

Finally, may I offer you the very best of wishes for the Festive Season from all of us here in the Parish Office.

Kevin O'Brien





## Cllr Steven Neville

At district we have been dealing with the Local Plan: two more sites have been added to the list in Buckhurst Hill to be assessed and may be added to the three sites that were allocated in the draft Local Plan. One of them is Victoria House in Victoria Road and the other is a plot of land at the bottom of Lower Queens Road, which was part of a bigger site rejected before. In all the meetings I go to I press the need for there to be infrastructure to meet current and future need. I say no to any development without this being in some way secured. EFDC are basing their infrastructure plans on contributions from the developers but it is clear the developers find ways of not paying as much as they should do and can't be guaranteed to deliver the sort of infrastructure we really need. Essex have made clear that any increase in housing in Buckhurst Hill will not see an improvement in our bus services and there will only be a small improvement to services in areas of much bigger developments not in Buckhurst Hill. EFDC say they want a step change

in our mode of transport by moving us away from using the car onto using walking, cycling and public transport but without commitment from Essex to vastly improve public transport, working with TfL, then that is an empty promise that will not be delivered. The Local Plan is having its timetable stepped up after the announcement by the Department of Communities and Local Government that Epping Forest is to include 4000 extra affordable homes into its Local Plan and this would see an extra 9000 dwellings in the plan (which would see an overall increase in the number of homes in Epping Forest by 20,000 instead of 11,000 in the period 2011 – 2033). We have been told the only way to get out of this is to have our Local Plan in by March 2018. The plans are already unpopular and giving us this ultimatum seems like a slap in the face.

Fly Tipping is on the increase. I have had to report and follow up on several cases. Essex are refusing to take the blame for any of the increase but wait and see is all I can say.

I regularly have meetings with the Police, and have pressed the need for action to do with the selling of drugs in Blackmore Road and the Chestnut Avenue/Hornbeam Road area and am glad to report that 6 arrests have been made. I have also made the police aware of similar activity in Lower Queens Road.

*Cllr Steven Neville, Buckhurst Hill East Ward*

## Cllr Gavin Chambers



Photo: Epping Forest District Council

Residents,

I want to hear from you about your concerns in Buckhurst Hill. Many of you have emailed me about the approaching Local Plan. This is the most important issue facing us in Buckhurst Hill at the moment on the District Council.

I continue to hold quarterly surgery and many of you are also excited about the possibility of the upcoming protection of St. John's area as a conservation area.

I have been working on this Conservation project for some time and remain hopeful that in early 2018 we will have a final decision. Nothing happens over night as consultation and heritage reports take some time.

I am still the Chairman of Plan South for another year and I am very pleased to report that many inappropriate developments have been turned down at district level. I am also pleased to see the hard work that Cllr Ken Williamson is doing on chairing planning on the Parish Council.

The most recent application at time of writing this article was the proposed new design of Braeside School which would have seen a real increase in pupils but a real increase in traffic issues for the residents of Westbury Lane.

We also need to be careful when driving this winter. Accidents on the roads involving deer increase during this time of year in the district and motorists should take extra care when driving through the forest and rural parts of the district.

The rutting season has begun and goes on until late November. Deer are particularly active at dawn and dusk. Unfortunately this coincides with commuting hours which are often the busiest times of the day on our roads.

You only need to take a stroll in the early morning through Lords Bushes and Knighton Wood to see the increase in deer this year.

Please get in touch with me if you have any issues at [office@chambers-training.com](mailto:office@chambers-training.com).

Regards, Cllr Gavin Chambers (Buckhurst Hill West)



## EPPING FOREST ReUSE

**A registered charity and not for profit  
Social Enterprise supporting people in need  
in Epping Forest District and surrounding areas.**

- selling furniture, white goods and household items to the general public at affordable prices, to those on income based benefits at a discount and in some instances we provide for free.
- working with a wide variety of agencies and seeking to help those who are struggling to help themselves.

No shareholders or anyone else profits from the operation  
Donations and grants welcomed

Bower Hill Industrial Estate Bower Hill Epping CM16 7BN

**[www.eppingreuse.org.uk](http://www.eppingreuse.org.uk)**



## BH Community Association

Having celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2016/17, BHCA's 2017-18 programme of over 90 day, evening, and 1-day classes is now well under way in its Autumn Term, but most classes still have places available and can be joined at any time.

For those looking to improve their fitness there are Aerobics, Aerotone, Line Dance and Yoga, while for the more sedentary there is the well-established range of art, craft, and leisure courses including new additions Learning to Draw and Poetry Appreciation.

Starting in January will be courses in Local History, Glass Pendants, and Garden Design.

**Workshops** include 5 sessions in Gardening, and also in Psychology, both of which can be taken separately or as a series.

Stand-alone 1-day workshops coming up this and next term include: Glass Xmas Tree Decorations (19/11); Exploring Monoprints (19/11); Botanical Skin Care (25/11); Watercolour – J S Sargent (2/12); Xmas Wreaths (9/11); Paint like Turner (20/1); Calligraphy – Illuminated Letters (20/1); Print on Clay (27/1) Greetings Cards (24/2); Puppet-Making for Children (3/3); Portrait Painting (3/3); Art Lecture – A Point of View (10/3); Watercolour – B Rae (24/3).

BHCA is your local centre for lifelong learning, so why not come along and join a class to get fit, learn a skill, or exercise your talent, all in the friendly and informal setting of Bedford House?

For more information pick up BHCA's brochure at the library or contact us on 020 8504 6668, [www.bedfordhouse.org.uk](http://www.bedfordhouse.org.uk) or email [office@bedfordhouse.org](mailto:office@bedfordhouse.org)

## Buckhurst Hill U3A...

...is an extremely friendly group of retired, or semi-retired, people which was founded in January 2015, and continues to expand and thrive. As of October 2017, we have 21 interest groups and 190 members. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for all our members to share friendship, knowledge, skills and experiences, whilst at the same time having a lot of fun.

We meet at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at Roding Valley Hall (RVH), Station Way, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 6LN (car parking is available on-site).

If you require further information please visit our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/buckhurst-hill>, or e-mail [buckhillu3a@gmail.com](mailto:buckhillu3a@gmail.com).

If you are not online, please write c/o Flat 23, Greenhill, High Road, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 5SH.

## 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 Countryside	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
<a href="http://www.willowscentre.org">www.willowscentre.org</a>	
Affiliated to CARE Confidential –	
National Helpline	0800 1214898
<a href="http://www.careconfidential.com">www.careconfidential.com</a>	
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 561 666
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

### 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 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)	0871 266 3333
Kentish Bus & Coach (Arriva)	0191 520 4000
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	020 3225 5460
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 8508 6600
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 IG9 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

#### BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held at Buckhurst Hill Library, 165 Queens Road

##### ■ THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Full Council

##### ■ THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

##### ■ THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

##### ■ THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2018

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Personnel

##### ■ THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

##### ■ THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018

7.00pm Recreation & Community Committee  
8.00pm Full Council

##### ■ THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018

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

##### ■ THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee  
8.00pm Accommodation Committee

##### ■ THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2018

7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

##### ■ THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

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

##### ■ THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018

7.00pm 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

Singing for the Brain Buckhurst Hill  
Further information - 01279 427522 (Office opening times: Monday-Friday, 09:00-17:00) [eppingforest@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:eppingforest@alzheimers.org.uk)  
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 or  
[Volsessex@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:Volsessex@alzheimers.org.uk)

#### BUCKHURST HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Palmerston Road/Westbury Lane. Lighthouse Coffee Shop open Monday – Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm, Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Sunday Morning Service 10.30am with children's activities  
More events on the website [www.bhbc.org.uk](http://www.bhbc.org.uk)  
General enquiries: 020 8559 0222

#### 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 [bhbltc.co.uk](mailto:bhbltc.co.uk) or 020 8504 4057  
Tennis – Brigid Leworthy [bhbltc.co.uk](mailto:bhbltc.co.uk) or 020 8554 6528  
Website: [www.bhbltc.co.uk](http://www.bhbltc.co.uk)  
See also page 11

#### BUCKHURST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Your local centre for lifelong learning – over 80 classes in art, craft, and leisure activities. See article on page 5 for more information and dates of workshops. Brochures 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

#### BUCKHURST HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

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

#### BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday 5th February 2018 'Vegetable Growing' by Mike Abel.  
St. James United Reformed Church, Palmerston Rd. Buckhurst Hill.  
Time – 7-30 to 9-30pm. Refreshments included. Free entry for members, £1 non-members. Good parking facilities  
See also page 10.  
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, Monkham, Palace Gardens and River Housing (Boxed Close) Contact Marcia Levan-Harris email: [bhallotments@gmail.com](mailto:bhallotments@gmail.com) tel: 07789 003284 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:  
Emails: [enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)  
Facebook: @bhresidentsociety Twitter: BHRS2016  
Website: [www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](http://www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)  
Correspondence: c/o Broomes Newsagents, 34 Queens Road IG9 5BY



## BUCKHURST HILL 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.

## BUCKHURST HILL U3A

Meets at 2.00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at Roding Valley Hall (RVH), Station Way, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, IG9 6LN (car parking is available on-site).

<https://u3asites.org.uk/buckhurst-hill> or email

buckhillu3a@gmail.com or

write c/o Flat 23, Greenhill, High Road, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 5SH.

## BUCKHURST HILL VILLAGE FORUM

For traders and stakeholders in Buckhurst Hill. See also page 5.

@buckhursthillvillage 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.

## NATIONAL TRUST WOODFORD GREEN CENTRE

Further information from Miss Janet Collins Tel: 020 8504 9982

[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 [www.rodingreelclub.com](http://www.rodingreelclub.com)

## ST JAMES' UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

See article on page 9. Palmerston Road. Sunday Morning Services – 9:00-10:00 Roman Catholic worship (provided by St Thomas of Canterbury) 10:30-11:30 Church worship with coffee/tea afterwards. All welcome.

[www.forestgroupurc.co.uk/buckhurst-hill-urc.html](http://www.forestgroupurc.co.uk/buckhurst-hill-urc.html)

## 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  
Trodat Academy – 07900 162 515

#### Tuesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617

Swing & Sway 07770 382011

Toddler Sense – 07715 305471

Ichthus After School – 07946 322835  
Trodat Academy – 07900 162 515

#### Wednesdays

Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617

RCCG Good Success Assembly  
Bonsai Tai Chi – 07967 666 794

#### Thursdays

Adventure Tots Soft Play –  
07889 876143

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  
Community Playgroup

Ichthus After School – 07946 322835

#### Saturdays

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

CA (Cocaine Anonymous) –  
07833 096318

Information correct at time of going to press. We would remind readers to contact organisations to confirm precise details. Please mention the Magazine when contacting organisations.

Organisations – are your details correct?

If not, let us know on 020 8498 9933/office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

# 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			
Wednesday	Woollard		Woollard		Roding	
Thursday			Woollard		Roding	
Friday	Woollard		Roding	Woollard	Roding	Woollard
Saturday	Woollard		Roding	Woollard	Roding	Woollard
Sunday	Woollard	Roding	Roding	Woollard		

Woollard Centre Meeting Rooms: some availability Tuesday  
Enquiries for single hire – eg parties – always welcome



## The Essex Lottery is here for your community

The Essex Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery which has been set up by Essex County Council to give local charities and good causes an easy and effective way to raise extra funds. In total 60p from every £1 ticket sale goes to the good causes – more than double the National Lottery.

To be part of The Essex Lottery, good causes need to be based in Essex and provide a service which directly benefits Essex residents. 50p from every £1 goes straight to the good cause which is chosen by the lottery player and a further 10p goes into a central fund to benefit smaller good causes.

With the first weekly prize draw taking place on 25th November, if you are involved with or know of a local charity or good cause it's time to register or get in touch. Registering is free of charge and help is given with raising awareness among supporters. To register your good cause or to buy tickets from the middle of October, see [www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)

**Support 4 Sight is the first charity to successfully register for The Essex Lottery**

The charity runs services for over 4,000 blind and partially sighted children and adults across Essex to help them be active and manage their daily needs.





If you happened to be calling in to St. James URC at the top of Palmerston Road recently you may have noticed the giant pumpkins standing sentry outside their entrance door. These were donated by an allotment grower from the Lower Queens Rd site and heralded the Barn Dance and Harvest Festival which took place over the weekend 23/24th September there.

The vision of the church members was to think about Harvest in a new way- not just gathering in the gluts of fruit and vegetables to decorate the church, but to share that abundant harvest, not only amongst ourselves but with those locally who are struggling to make ends meet week by week. So members of St. James set about growing fruit and vegetables back in the Spring, sharing their seedlings and growing tips amongst each other. The Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who hold their meetings at St. James also started growing vegetables all in preparation for the Harvest weekend.

Finally the weekend arrived and a Barn Dance was held on the Saturday night. A traditional live barn dance band led by caller Jane Pfaff and her musicians from the "Let's Dance Band" immediately got everyone's feet tapping and from 2 years to 82, the dancers joined in with enthusiasm. During the interval while the dancers enjoyed locally grown and cooked harvest food, Heather Scholer, manager of Epping Forest Foodbank outlined the need in our area for the Foodbank. Rev. Richard Mortimer, one of the ministers of the Forest Group of URC's presented Heather with a cheque for the Foodbank as a result of the evening's success. Further dancing followed until everyone was exhausted!

Then on the Sunday the church filled with families of the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers while Rev. Ulrike Bell led a service full of music and praise for the Harvest. Gifts of food parcels were donated by everyone and were taken to the Loughton Foodbank to distribute to people there in need.

"This has been a year in the planning, one of sowing, cultivating and finally reaping", said Margaret Minoletti, Elder at St. James and the main organiser of the event. "After all the doubt and uncertainty in growing anything, it is such a joy to see the fruits of all the work- the smiles on people's faces as they danced, the joy of being together and then the chance to share so much with Epping Forest's Foodbank made this a very memorable and meaningful Harvest indeed".

St. James plan to organise more seasonal events- look out for Maypole dancing in the Spring!



**BUCKHURST HILL**  
village forum

*supporting business & residents*

## **Buckhurst Hill Village Forum**

Our focus this past year has been on how we can help improve communication in our community. Given the modern age we are living in we have paid particular attention to how we can use social media to support the life that goes on in Buckhurst Hill – highlighting, for instance, the diversity of businesses we have across our various shopping areas. We are also keen to support less visible businesses and community events – we make no charge for posts highlighting a business or event, it just needs to be something in Buckhurst Hill. If you have something you want to let others in our community know about please email us at [buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com](mailto:buckhursthillvillageforum@gmail.com)

We are also sad to announce that our long-standing treasurer, Sandra Seman of Sanjo has stepped down from the committee after many years of service to our community. She will continue to support the aims of the BHVF from her perspective as a successful business owner and we wish her all the best.

If you could spare some time or have a perspective you'd like to share about creating a more vibrant and thriving Buckhurst Hill, please get in touch with us via our email address above. We're also in need of volunteers and expertise regarding web design, marketing and content creation so please contact us if this is something you could help us with.

## BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As Summer comes to an end, we look back with satisfaction at our three Shows which were well attended and enjoyed by our members and residents of Buckhurst Hill.

During the Winter we arrange a programme of talks which began in October with an entertaining talk from Mr Brian Carline entitled 'Soil, Sweat and Tears' which has got us in the mood for next year's gardening. This was followed by 'Growing exotics in Woodford' by Nina Lewis on 6th November when we also had our AGM.

**The next talk will be on**

**Monday 5th February 2018**  
**'Vegetable Growing' by Mike Abel**

Time 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: St. James United Reformed Church,  
Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

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

If anyone is interested in joining the Society  
and would like more details please contact

**Maureen – 020 8504 8436 Email: mbriggs@uwclub.net**  
**or Jill – 020 8257 8996 Email: jill1998@btinternet.com**  
**or visit our website [bhortsoc.co.uk](http://bhortsoc.co.uk)**



Our new year officially starts in January,  
but you can contact us at any time.  
We look forward to hearing from you.

### 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 16 February 2018**  
delivery planned  
for week commencing  
**Monday 19 March 2018**

### Promote Your Business or Event by Advertising 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**

## 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)

Citizens Advice Epping Forest District is a registered charity  
Charity registration number 1118465



### 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



## BH Residents' Society

Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society's Committee is very happy to be at work in planning and preparing this year's Christmas Fair with the Parish Council. While tackling local issues such as step free access at the station, pot holes and keeping our Greenbelt is always challenging, the work involved in preparing the Christmas Fair is always fully rewarded by the sense of community. This community is created by school and church carol singers, BHCA and local clubs running stalls, the businesses in Queens Road providing everything from lighting to cups of tea for volunteers on the day and of course the crowds of residents bringing children to see Father Christmas, who has been a member of BHRS for more than 25 years!

**Keep Friday 1st December 3.00 – 7.00 free to come along**

Check Facebook for updates!

*(There is no expectation of a Society member to take part in the preparation of an event.*

*Just being a member is all that is needed!)*

Further information from

Emails: [enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)

Website: [www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk](http://www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk)

Facebook: @bhresidentsociety NEXTDOOR

Twitter: BHRS2016



Christmas Fair organisers: Val, Kevin, Margaret, Glenys, Margaret, Jenn



### Buckhurst Hill Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club

Set in idyllic surroundings, our friendly Bowling and Tennis club is located at 72 Epping New Road, Buckhurst Hill.

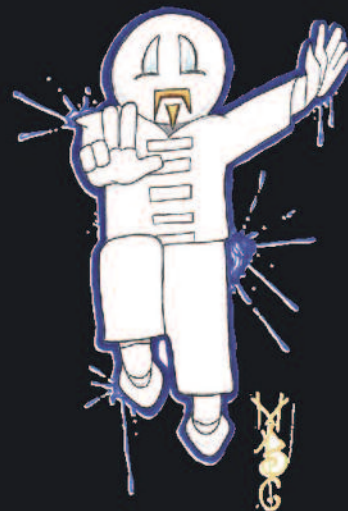
Our Tennis club plays all year round on 4 brand new floodlit synthetic grass courts. We offer:

- A friendly, relaxed and fun environment with lots of weekly social tennis sessions
- Take tennis lessons to improve your game
- Full junior term-time programme (ages 3-15)
- Holiday camps for children (October, Easter & summer holidays)!

To find out more or to get in touch, Google 'Buckhurst Hill Tennis' or email: [tennis@bhbltc.co.uk](mailto:tennis@bhbltc.co.uk). Find us on Facebook: @BHLTC. For coaching queries, visit: [www.focus-tennis.co.uk](http://www.focus-tennis.co.uk) or call Coach Inga Ziemina on 07824 726838. Hope to see you soon on court :-)

## Tai Chi Chuan

The perfect exercise at  
The Bonsai Tai Chi Academy



Fun Fitness and self-defense  
Every Wednesday at The Woollard Centre

Call John on: 07967 666794

Email: [john@bonsaitaichi.eu](mailto:john@bonsaitaichi.eu)

[www.bonsaitaichi.eu](http://www.bonsaitaichi.eu)





## Police Special Constable for Buckhurst Hill

A Buckhurst Hill Community Special Constable will:

1. Be integrated into a Community Policing Team
2. Start and end their duty as close to their community as possible, potentially from another agency's premises
3. Spend the majority of their time within the council area's neighbourhoods.
4. Be visible and accessible in local communities on uniformed, foot or cycle patrol.
5. Help address local issues and priorities as informed by the local council and police intelligence-led tasking.
6. Patrol hot spots identified through intelligence or which have been deemed to be priority areas.
7. Respond to police-related incidents within the council area.
8. Engage with local communities and support further recruitment of Specials.
9. Attend suitable local council meetings where available to do so.
10. Have regard to the Council's aims and objectives in their voluntary service.

So if you're interested in really looking after your little piece of the world go to [www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/buckhurst-hill-community-special-constables/](http://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/buckhurst-hill-community-special-constables/)

# 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).



## BUCKHURST HILL RESIDENTS' SOCIETY & PARISH COUNCIL PRESENT



# CHRISTMAS

AT THE TOP OF QUEENS ROAD

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.00-7.00PM**

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**