

BuckhurstHill

Parish Council Magazine **Spring 2018**

News and views from around Buckhurst Hill



A PLANNING VIEW

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

First and foremost, it's worth saying that the Parish is not the final decision maker for planning applications. Irrespective of the way we vote on an application, we are the first (and highly important) rung, so to speak, on the ladder (excuse the construction-related pun).

As a broad stroke here's what we, at the Parish, have to consider when a planning application is presented to us:

- General design, visual appearance, and materials
- Layout and density of buildings
- Loss of daylight or sunlight to neighbours
- Overshadowing/loss of outlook (but not loss of view)
- Overlooking/loss of privacy

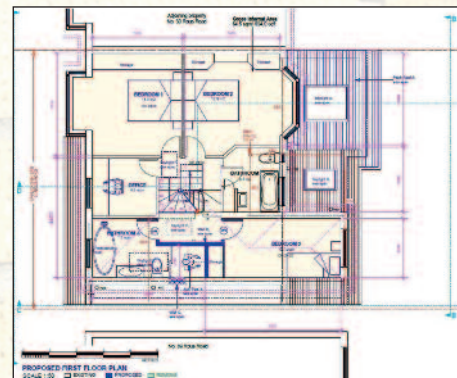
- Smell pollution (food-related activities/businesses)
- Light pollution
- Adequacy of parking
- Intrusion into the Open Countryside/ Green Belt
- Loss of important trees/ Nature conservation
- Whilst moral objections, eg to uses such as amusement arcades and betting offices are not usually part of our remit, we will consider local residents' and occupier's views in this respect

Once we have voted on a scheme, the application will be passed to either a Planning Officer at District Council if non-contentious or a Planning Sub Committee which is often referred to as "Plan South" and consists of a number of District Councillors.

At the district level, there will be further interrogation of the design plus all the matters we have considered but also to those

which fall outside our remit, including, but not limited to, drainage systems, landscaping, hazardous materials and ground contamination, as will matters relating to local, strategic, regional and national planning policies, risk of flooding, effect of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas and Archaeology. The Highways department will also have an input over vehicular ingress & egress and traffic management matters.

Once an application is approved there is further scrutiny throughout the construction process by the Building Control department at the District Council who enforce Building Regulations or other non-planning laws e.g. disabled persons access, structural stability, drainage, fire precautions etc.



It's worth pointing out there are many misconceptions of what is **not** of material consideration and these include:

- Effect on property values
- Breach of restrictive covenant
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- The level of profit a developer might make
- Personal circumstances of the applicant – a not uncommon comment might be that an extension/outhouse is being proposed for the benefit of an ageing family member. Planning considerations

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From the Chairman

Year of a Councillor!

Dear Resident,

It has been a while since I have written to you. Other than the meetings I have attended at the Parish I have had a very busy past year and wanted to share some of the events I have been involved with. Just before Remembrance Day, I was contacted by a resident who asked if we can organise a large poppy to be put up in Buckhurst hill. With the help of another resident who is also involved with running a fantastic gardening club at BHCPs, I organised large poppies to be put up at the memorial locations like the Lower Queens Rd and St James Church United Reformed Church. We hope to cover all of the memorial locations in BH for future Remembrance Days to come and once the relevant permissions are in place also the key roads of BH. The touching part was of course laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish along with the children from BHCPs and the Royal British Legion at St Stephens War Memorial on LQR, and hearing the heartfelt accounts of children sharing their family connections with the Remembrance Day.

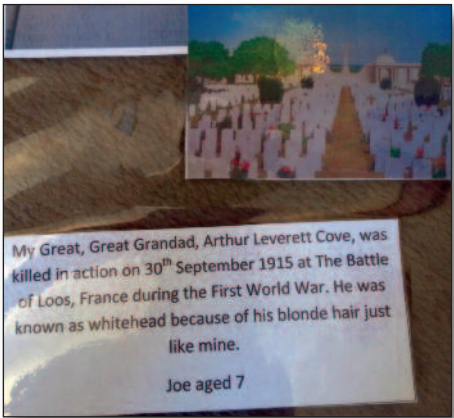
Xmas on Queens Road saw a lot of Parish councillors taking part in hosting fun activities and we were also visited by our County Cllr Valerie Metcalfe and our MP Eleanor Laing.



The next official engagement I enjoyed was giving a Bible reading and singing carols along with our Cllr Neville Wright and Cllr Steven Neville at St James' United Reformed

It is a little disappointing to have to start my report with the unhappy news that Val Evans, our long serving **Deputy Clerk**, will soon be leaving us to concentrate more on her voluntary work and time with her husband, Brian. Val has been with the Parish Council since 2010 and twice stepped-up to serve as Acting Clerk, following the departure of the then Clerks to pastures new. Val has been a great stalwart of the Parish Office Team throughout and a great support to Councillors, past and present. Whilst, we will all miss her undoubted wisdom and wicked laugh, we do wish her every happiness and best wishes for the future.

On a much more positive note. Everyone



Church. It was a really lovely evening, complete with mince pies and mulled wine served by Kevin and Val our Parish Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

I was impressed to see so many of our residents brave the wet weather and attended the Chanukah Menorah lighting ceremony organized by Chabad Buckhurst Hill which took place on upper Queens Road. Thank you to Rabbi Odom for the invitation and allowing me the privilege of lighting one of the candles. This was a first for me and Cllr Sam Clark who was also able to join in the celebrations.

Very sad to have to say goodbye to our amazing Responsible Financial Officer and Deputy Clerk Val Evans but also very happy for her to begin a new phase of her life outside of the BH Parish. She will no doubt be hard to replace.

Cllr Wright and I carried out a whole



would agree that speeding traffic is both prolific on our local roads and is having a detrimental impact on Buckhurst Hill. The Parish Council has been working very hard behind the scenes with other agencies, such as Essex Police and Essex County Council, to address this problem. One measure that will no doubt help greatly and be a very visible example is our participation in the **SpeedWatch** scheme. I am delighted to be able to inform you that teams of volunteers will soon be taking to our streets as part of that project locally. We hope that the impact of this scheme will soon be felt and will prove to be a valuable asset in tackling

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day of interviews along with our office staff for a new RFO/Deputy Clerk. While it was going to be a challenge to replace Val we were amazed by the calibre of applicants shortlisted for us to interview. It is not possible to mention the new appointment at the time of writing this article but all will have been revealed by the time you have read this.

I would like to end by reminding all residents to please take an active part in the community in any way you can to carry on making BH the best community hub around. If you haven't yet completed the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire delivered to you then please complete this online on the Parish website. Please keep your comments & suggestions coming which helps us focus on issues that are important to you.

Cllr Smruti Patel, (smruti4BH@gmail.com)

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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speeding cars. We very much appreciate the volunteers who have stepped forward so far to join our SpeedWatch team but can never have too many volunteers. So if you can spare a few hours on a regular basis, why not volunteer to be part of our SpeedWatch team. If you would like more information contact us on 020-8498-9933 or email to office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk.

Just prior to last Christmas, Epping Forest District Council published their **Local Plan** (Submission Version 2017) for a period of six weeks. Along with other Parish and Town Councils we were invited to make comments on the document prior to it being submitted to the Secretary of State for independent inspection. Our full response can be found on our website www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk but in essence we continued to make the point that each of the three proposed development sites in Buckhurst Hill had significant problems associated with them. We also pointed-out

that each of the sites was non-compliant with the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 and also failed the soundness test with regards to their selection. We will have to wait and see if there are any amendments resulting from our comments and those of many others. Notwithstanding, we will continue to press our opposition to these three selected sites in Buckhurst Hill.

If you have been in the neighbourhood of Beech Lane and the High Road recently you will no doubt have noticed the extensive re-landscaping work that has taken place on the open space known as **Stacey Gardens**. The area, which had been maintained by the District Council on behalf of the Parish Council, had become significantly overgrown and a regular source of complaint by residents. Consequently, Councillors took the decision to renovate the whole area and make something of a feature of the space. The first stage of the renovation work was completed just after Christmas and more improvement work is planned for later this year. Feedback so far has been nothing but

positive and full of praise.

Last December's **Christmas on Queens Road** event was yet another resounding success. Literally hundreds of families turned up to witness the switching on of the Christmas lights and to enjoy all the festivities taking place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Buckhurst Hill Residents Society and the Buckhurst Hill Village Forum, our partners in staging this event, for all their efforts in helping to make the event such a triumph.

To finish on another positive note, I am delighted to report that for the sixth year running the Parish Council has been able to freeze the **Precept**. Councillors recently unanimously agreed to do this meaning that the Parish Council's share of a Band D Council Tax Bill remains unchanged at £68.89.

Finally, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole Parish Council, to wish all residents a **Happy Easter** and look forward to writing to you again in our Summer edition.

Cllr. Neville Wright

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

A PLANNING VIEW

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are based on the long-term use of a proposal and not just how it will be used in the short term.

- Land/boundary disputes, damage to property, private rights of way, covenants etc. These are private matters between the two parties – the applicant and affected neighbours.

- Matters relating to Highway safety issues, Traffic generation and Vehicular access fall under the remit of Highways and are not usually considered by the Parish. These include problems arising from the construction period of any works, e.g. noise, dust, construction vehicles, hours of work etc. That said, we can suggest restrictions be placed on working hours and vehicular routes for heavy goods vehicles so as to cause as little impact on the community as possible.

None of the above is a concise and exhaustive list but serves only as an outline. One thing that must be said is that the Parish is here to support and defend its highly valued residents & occupants, everyone who lives, works and enjoys our wonderful surroundings. The committee members, like you, live locally and have the same concerns as you do.

It would be easy to fill this magazine with articles on the topic of planning but there's so much more to share with you (especially in this edition), so, I'll sign off for now. Before I go I would like to say that if any residents or business owners are concerned about a planning application please do make the effort to engage with the Parish. Our planning committee meetings are held every other Thursday, dates/timing of which are available from our office and on our website, and we would welcome all to come and connect with us.

Cllr Bobby Nagpal, Vice Chairman of the Council

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 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	Late afternoon	Evening
Monday	Woollard	Woollard		
Tuesday		Woollard		
Wednesday	Woollard	Woollard	Roding	Roding
Thursday		Woollard		Roding
Friday	Woollard	Roding Woollard		Roding Woollard
Saturday	Woollard	Roding Woollard	Roding	Roding Woollard
Sunday	Roding Woollard	Roding Woollard		

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

Cllr Joanne Share-Bernia



As some of you will know, I am Chairman of the Parish Council Recreation and Community Committee, and amongst my other duties I am concerned with ensuring that the environment

continues to improve for our residents in Buckhurst Hill. The current project which we are so proud of, is the improvement at Stacey Gardens. These gardens on the High Road were donated in 1964 for the pleasure of residents by Mr and Mrs Stacey who owned a large Victorian house next to the gardens. In recent times this area had become overgrown and vandalised. Some money was put in the budget and has been spent on major landscaping and planting, removing the derelict bench, and severely cutting back the trees to generate more light. I hope you will agree that this is a vast improvement and has helped to create another beautiful open space for residents. Do let me know if you think there are other areas which might benefit from this type of rejuvenation.

joshare@dircon.co.uk

Cllr Jane Forker-Clark



Spring is on its way. The January RSPB birdwatch has passed and happy to say Buckhurst Hill still has a thriving birdlife collection.

A big thank you to those residents that

sent in a response to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, the results of which are currently being collated by the Parish Council office. Between 400 and 500 responses were received – a relatively small number for the size of our Parish, but no doubt they will be very revealing as to how local residents see the future of Buckhurst Hill.

Two issues, not directly related to the plan, but which we can all affect and help our community in small ways. Litter is a growing problem which is largely under the control of the local population. I am proposing to set up a programme of keeping our limited green areas greener and more

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CLLR JANE FORKER-CLARK (cont'd from p.4)

pleasant to use. In the past, periodic litter picks have been carried out by a councillor supported by local volunteers. I know most residents have busy, hectic lifestyles but I am willing to reinstate the good work carried out previously – particularly in my local area of Buckhurst Hill East and specifically along the Monks Way and surrounding area. Other areas are covered within the EFDC scope. All that is required are some happy volunteers. Please leave your name and contact number with the Parish Office if you can spare just an hour or two – probably once every 6 weeks. A day and time to be agreed. It is also a good way to make friends and have regular contact in the community.

Secondly, it is increasingly necessary for all of us to be as responsible as possible in relation to the amount of waste that we generate. A few handy hints:

Reinstate the use of a local milkman and purchase milk in glass bottles. These are re-used approximately 40 times before being fully recycled. There are numerous benefits to doing this that may outweigh the potential extra cost i.e. the milk tastes better; may help discourage burglaries – very often the milkman delivers during the early hours, when the lights are off etc; and likewise may notice if something is amiss at a residence. Since reverting to this service 12 months ago my average recycling bags has dropped by 2/3 bags per two-week period just on plastic waste alone.

If paper bags are available for produce in a supermarket – fill them up not just with mushrooms but with other produce that can be sourced in loose format. Just like the old days!

Much fuss is being made on the single use of plastic straws. This may be an issue in commercial premises but in our own homes, why not rinse them out and re-use as long as possible. Paper straws are a good alternative but currently are expensive to buy and are not available in all supermarket outlets.

Hopefully, good use has been made of the recent rainfall and water butts should be full ready for the gardening season. Happy 2018.

Cllr. Jane Forker-Clark, Buckhurst Hill East

An RFO is having a hard time sleeping and goes to see the doctor. "Doctor, I just can't get to sleep at night." "Have you tried counting sheep?" "That's the problem – I make a mistake and then spend three hours trying to find it."



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 branch)	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

Cllr Samuel Clark

It has been a busy few months at Buckhurst Hill Parish Council.

We have been busy battling with the Local Plan and its potential impact on Buckhurst Hill. It looks to decimate our local area by imposing extra housing on the most densely populated area in Epping Forest, Buckhurst Hill, while taking away local amenities and services for local people.

Whilst this has been going on, we have finally had the news that – after many years of hard campaigning by a whole range of local groups – the entrances to Buckhurst Hill Underground station on Queen's Road and Lower Queen's Road will finally be reopened. Even though I have a concern regarding the impact on parking locally, which is already in chronically short supply, hopefully this will help make the station more accessible to the less able in the community.

I am well aware of the general poor state of the roads across Buckhurst Hill, with a particular concern for subsidence on Station Way and condition of the road surface along Oak Rise. I have raised these issues on numerous occasions with both the Parish as matters of concern and with Essex Highways. Unfortunately, my efforts have yet to materialise into results.

I have been discussing and researching, with the help of other Councillors, the status of Luxborough Lane Lakes – located on the boundary between Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell – in my capacity as a local resident.

I went to Buckhurst Hill Community Primary School and for as long as I can remember it has frustrated me that we in Buckhurst Hill do not have access to the lakes. Recently, I proposed it be considered whether the Parish could help in some capacity to support local initiatives to open the lakes to Buckhurst Hill residents. And recently it made it on the agenda of the Parish Council and I hope that in due course the Parish will be able to support my dream of getting Luxborough Lane Lakes opened for the people of Buckhurst Hill.

So, lots is going on in your Parish, even if it is not always obvious. We are facing some of the current challenges, including the Local Plan, but also working to achieve a more optimistic future for residents.

If you would like to raise any local issues of concern with me, please contact: office@buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

*Cllr Samuel Clark,
Buckhurst Hill East Ward*



Cllr Steven Neville

Since my last article the **Local Plan** has been through a 5 hour Full Council meeting in which we were told that any small change to the Local Plan would mean more work for the team of officers and a strong chance of going over the end of March deadline to submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate. So we

withdrew a motion to get one of the sites withdrawn from the local plan and its numbers reallocated elsewhere. The threat, from the Department of Communities and Local Government, was that if we did not submit the plan by the end of March they would enforce an extra 9000 houses on the district to be part of the Local Plan. It has taken a very long time to get to this stage with the Local Plan and this has made us vulnerable. I along with the Parish Council, other councillors and members of the public have submitted my objections regarding the sites in Buckhurst Hill in the Local Plan. The next stage is for the Planning Inspectorate to have hearings in the autumn which I will attend and make my case.

I am working with officers on the **litter** problem near Hornbeam Close; some bits of land may not be owned by EFDC and some are. There was a similar problem a few years back which I got sorted but it appears the current litter problem is not on land that should be cleaned as part of the current contract. There will be a general **Buckhurst Hill litter pick**, organised by myself, probably in June and then every two months going into next autumn. Watch this space!

Transport for London came before EFDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January. We discussed the **bus services** that run cross-border; this included the 167, 20, 549 and 397. We were told there is unlikely to be any major changes to the 167 and 549 until the contract needs to be renewed and that won't be until 2022. I again expressed my extreme disappointment with how the consultation went on the 167 and how some of the responses given by TfL looked like 'cut and paste' jobs. Mark Hart (TfL) said he would go back and check. I asked did the number 20 now have more passengers from Loughton to Debden since the truncation of the 167? He replied he did not know and would find out. He said the contract for the number 20 comes up for renewal in 2019 which means it could be under threat. I also complained about the lack of consultation on the changes to the 549 timetable and how making the bus once every 70 minutes means it would not be the same time every hour and thus become less consistent. Mark Hart replied that the 549 changes were to make the bus more reliable but this had failed. I said with the 549 being less reliable and less consistent less people would use it and this may mean the service will be reduced further. His reply was that was not the intention. It may not have been the intention but the natural outcome of reducing services.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Cllr Steven Neville, Buckhurst Hill East Ward



Cllr Valerie Metcalfe

My email box continues to be full as usual with residents telling me about their parking issues.

Whether it is Stag Lane, Scotland Road, Epping New Road, Stradbroke Grove, Palace Gardens, Amberley Road, Westbury Lane, Princes Road, Knighton Lane and many others, I understand the difficulties and

concerns that residents are experiencing with inconsiderate parking and people (not all from outside Buckhurst Hill) using our residential roads within walking distance of the underground station, or on the other side of the High Road, the constant demand from Holly Hospital and local businesses, for instance.

Everyone tells me "something must be done" but sometimes we

struggle to find a solution that doesn't just push the problem into someone else's roads. Should I be pressing for an entire area of controlled parking zones where residents then require permits? But then I find there are many residents who are happy with their existing situation who would object to having to pay for residents' permits. So we continue to try to deal with this piecemeal. I have a number of petitions on the go, which have to be referred to the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP), which appears to be overwhelmed with the demand from across the whole of Essex. To get any priority a potential scheme has to be reviewed and "scored" on a points system, which, amongst other concerns, looks at displacement and priority.

My attempt to solve this includes persuading Essex County Council and its Highways Department to understand that, in the overall scheme of things, these individual small schemes, or perhaps double yellow lines for junction protection and so on, should be dealt with at a more local level. I believe that Epping Forest District Council and our Local Highways Panel, would be better placed to know what our residents need. I hope to see these powers and regulations devolved more locally and that is my current challenge.

I am always pleased to receive your views – but I don't always have all the answers!

County Councillor Valerie Metcalfe



County Cllr. Metcalfe and District Cllr. Chambers in Knighton Lane



Cllr Gavin Chambers

Dear Residents,

I usually update you on planning issues as I am Chairman of the South on the District planning but I thought some of you may like an update on the Epping Forest District council Liaison group.

The Epping Forest Local Liaison Group has been established by the City of London Corporation, as a means of improving understanding between the Council and the Corporation with regard to the importance and continuing management of Epping Forest, the largest open space within the district. This meeting was set up in late 2016. I was appointed to represent Buckhurst Hill.

There are various issues discussed at this meeting. To give an example we received an update on the Open spaces Bill and the regular works that take place within the forest. One of the concerns at the moment is Ramorum Disease and the works that take place to mitigate this problem. This is no easy task to eradicate such a disease. Joint working with EFDC is imperative to the Forest wellbeing and the EFDC dog order controls is just one example. These orders have now changed its name to Public Space Protection Orders. The forest warden have also recently ticketed people who have been parking in the forest car park on knighton Lane for work purposes . This type of behavior spoils the enjoyment of the forest for us all. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any issues.

Best wishes, *District Cllr Gavin Chambers (Buckhurst Hill West)*

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London Borough of Waltham Forest	020 8496 3000
Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 477 0808
Department of Work & Pensions	0345 6060265
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Child Line	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Age UK	01245 346 106
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NHS for urgent medical concerns	111
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www.careconfidential.com	
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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 – for people with MND and their carers

01604 250 505

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

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

BH Community Association

The new term at Bedford House is well under way, but there are still spaces in a number of classes, most of which can be joined at any time, at a pro rata fee. From Aerobics to Watercolour, and Creative Writing to Yoga, there's something for everyone and all ages, including an After-School Art session for 8 – 11 year olds on Mondays, and a new Ballet for Over-50s class on Tuesday afternoons. Saturday workshops coming up include Watercolour Techniques of Barbara Rae (24 March); Get to Know Your Digital Camera (5 May); Book-Folding (12 May); Meditation/Music/Art (20 May); Basket-Making for Beginners (9 & 10 June); Painting/Drawing Butterflies and Others (16 June); Taking Portrait Photographs (16 June). There are also two Psychology workshops: Emotions (19 May), and Who Am I? (23 June), and two half-day Gardening workshops, Pricking Out and Planting (25 March) and Wildlife, Pests and Diseases (9 June). Places are still available on all these workshops.

As well as the usual programme, the Association will be holding its annual Summer Exhibition on June 30th, displaying art and craft work by students in its classes. There will also be a sale of art books, and of art materials. With music and cream teas also on the menu, it's a date to put in your diary. There will also be more to enjoy this summer, as BHCA is collaborating with Epping Forest Museum in a celebration of artist Walter Spradbery, one of the founders of the Association. EF Museum will have an extensive exhibition of his work, while Buckhurst Hill will see a number of special events still in the planning stage, but hoping to recreate the community spirit that Spradbery embodied. Watch this space!

For more information about BHCA classes and events, pick up a brochure at the library or contact us on 020 8504 6668, go to www.bedfordhouse.org.uk, or email office@bedfordhouse.org.uk



Useful numbers

GP's

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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	www.chabadonthehill.co.uk
Ilford Hindu Centre	020 8553 5471 or 020 8478 6049

SCHOOLS

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

NURSERY SCHOOLS

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

ADULT EDUCATION

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

ESSEX POLICE

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	0808 169 7031
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)	01947 602 146
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 565 670
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
web: www.buckhursthillpc.gov.uk

Dates

for your diary

...and local organisations

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held at Buckhurst Hill Library, 165 Queens Road

■ **THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018**
7.00pm Full Council

■ **THURSDAY 5 April 2018**
7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ **THURSDAY 19 April 2018**
7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee

■ **THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018**
7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm PARISH MEETING (Residents' Meeting)

■ **THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018**
7.00pm Planning & Environment Committee
8.00pm Recreation & Community Committee

■ **THURSDAY 31 MAY 2018**
7.00pm Annual 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

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 (Office opening times:
Monday-Friday, 09:00-17:00) email: essex@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

BUCKHURST HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Palmerston Road/Westbury Lane. Lighthouse Coffee Shop
open Mon 9am-4.30pm, Tue-Thur 8.30am-4.30pm, Fri 8.30am-2.30pm.
Sunday Morning Service 10.30am with children's activities
More events on the website www.bhbc.org.uk
General enquiries: 020 8559 0222 info@bhbc.org.uk

BUCKHURST HILL BOWLING AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB
Great for exercise and fun. The outdoor bowls season extends until early October and the tennis courts are in use all year round.
Coaching for all ages is available.
For further details contact
Bowls – Madeleine Davis bowlbtlc.co.uk or 020 8504 4057
Tennis – Brigid Leworthy tennis@bhlbtlc.co.uk or 020 8554 6528
Website: www.bhlbtlc.co.uk

BUCKHURST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Your local centre for lifelong learning – over 80 classes in art, craft, and leisure activities. See article on page 7 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 or visit www.bedfordhouse.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 301268

BUCKHURST HILL FOOTBALL CLUB
More information @buckhursthillfc or www.facebook.com/buckhursthillfc

BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
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's, Palace Gardens and River Housing (Boxted Close) Contact Marcia Levan-Harris email: 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
Facebook: @bhresidentsociety Twitter: BHRS2016
Website: 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

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

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

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

ST JAMES' UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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

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

WEST ESSEX RAMBLERS
As a member of the Ramblers' Association, our Group offers a wide range of facilities. We are a friendly group. Come along on some of our walks to see if you would like to join.
Contacts: General Enquiries – John Francis 020 8527 3938 or John Juchau 020 8502 1628
Membership Enquiries – John & Frances Fogelman Tel: 020 8529 1129
www.westessexramblers.org.uk

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

WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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 or telephone 020 8924 9370/020 8519 6491

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

BUCKHURST HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As we say goodbye to Winter we remember the enjoyable series of talks we had including 'Growing exotic plants' and 'the Gardens of Copped Hall'. Now we look forward to our Shows.
The first two will be held in the **spring** and **summer**.

Details as follows:
Spring Show: Saturday April 7th
Summer Show: Saturday July 7th

Time 2.00-4.30pm
Centenary Hall, St John's Church, High Road, Buckhurst Hill. All visitors welcome. Free entry to members, £1-00 for non-members
Good parking facilities. Teas, homemade cakes and plants for sale, plus stalls selling a variety of garden sundries.

There is always a wonderful display of flowers, shrubs, fruits, flower arrangements, cookery and children's classes. The Spring Show is famous for the display of daffodils and the Summer Show usually has lots of sweet peas. We welcome anyone who would like to exhibit in either or both of these Shows. For help and advice contact

Maureen – 020 8504 8436
or Jill – 020 8257 8996
For more information about the Society visit our website
bhhtortsoc.co.uk
We look forward to seeing you at one or both of our Shows.

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 Trodai Academy – 07900 162 515
Tuesdays Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617 Swing & Sway 07770 382011	Toddler Sense – 07715 305471 Ichthus After School – 07946 322835 Trodai Academy – 07900 162 515
Wednesdays Tumble Tots 020 8559 0617	Ichthus After School – 07946 322835 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 BH U3A Craft – 020 8505 1005 Slimming World – 07960 603621
Fridays BH U3A Craft – 020 8505 1005	Community Playgroup (monthly) Ichthus After School – 07946 322835
Saturdays Redbridge Classical Dance Studios (Ballet and Tap classes) – 020 8488 3066	CA (Cocaine Anonymous) – 07833 096318



Chabad arranges Public Menorah Lighting at top of Queens Road for 13th year

The eight-day celebration of Chanukah was celebrated in style in Buckhurst Hill this year with a public Menorah Lighting at the top of Queens Road in the presence of Parish Counsellors and over 150 members of the local Jewish Community. The event was followed by a family and community party at Chabad's Centre on Epping New Road featuring a Candy Menorah which was enjoyed by all.

Chabad in Buckhurst Hill has traditionally created a featured Menorah for its events. In the past they have made a Pearl Menorah, Coin Menorah, Can Menorah, Recycled phones Menorah, Chocolate Menorah and probably their most famous to date was the Whisky Menorah built containing 65 litres of single malt whisky.

This year, local community members worked hard mixing icing to use to stick hundreds of sweets onto a large 6ft Menorah.

Rabbi Odom Brandman, director of the Buckhurst Hill Chabad Centre, said "Chanukah is such a happy time of year and it was amazing to see the community come out in great numbers to support these fantastic events as they do every year in growing numbers. Chanukah is a time to spread light, warmth and community spirit and these events go a long way in encouraging this spirit in people".



BH Village Forum

Buckhurst Hill Village Forum is delighted to be able to share some exciting news. A successful Town & Village Centres Opportunities Fund has been won and our Village will have a super contemporary web site developed and maintained. All

registered businesses in BH, should be able to benefit from free links to the database not just those with buildings in Queens Road. The website will enable the local residents to find out relevant information about what is available in Buckhurst Hill but also attract visitors to the area, and equally importantly, potential business owners.

We have to say a big 'thank you' to those who donated their time freely to make the bid for the funding and also to those who have promised to do the research and collecting all the data needed to make this a really dynamic and useful tool for everyone. BHVF Facebook will keep you posted and will also look forward to hearing from everyone with your thoughts to support the businesses in BH.

@BuckhurstHillVillage

BH U3A

We are a very friendly, social and learning organisation, if you are over 50, not in full time employment then you are more than welcome to join. Our membership is £20 p.a., runs from April to March, and allows you access to all our groups and events.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month, with a guest speaker, from 2pm-4pm at Roding Valley Hall, we currently have around 20 groups and organize outings on a regular basis.

For more information please email buckhillu3a@gmail.com or visit our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/buckhurst-hill>



Buckhurst Hill Residents' Society



Dear Reader
I joined.

We won't be able to produce a drenched, dashing young man from our local pond but we are able to produce another Easter Bunny Hunt, a Photography Competition, a School Market (with St John's Primary School) and *Christmas in Queens Road*.

We have a committee of 12 enthusiastic people all dedicated to the betterment of Buckhurst Hill. We try to mix fun events with the more serious issues of concerns you may have about the part of Buckhurst Hill in which you live, protection of the Green Belt and controversial aspects of the Local Plan.

If you join the Society we don't ask for your time as a regular commitment but we do ask for your support at our events and in matters concerning the community. For example, we need you to swell the audience when we attend Parish meetings to support or question local issues. We also ask for volunteers to help with *Christmas in Queens Road*. BUT your membership alone helps BHRS have a louder voice for the challenges ahead.

Don't sit reading Jane Austen on a cold winter's night. Put away your prejudices of people who join organisations. Walk with pride in Buckhurst Hill to St James' United Reformed Church Hall for our next talk and a very warm welcome from the Committee.

www.buckhursthillresidents.co.uk
Facebook @bhresidentsociety
Twitter @BHRS2016



From the Clerk

Christmas may be a faint memory for most of us now but I can't let this opportunity to pass without referring to some



of the Christmas events that were so successful just a few weeks ago.

Firstly, the annual "Christmas on Queens Road" event, which we jointly organise with the Buckhurst Hill Residents Society. There were plenty of Christmas stalls, entertainers, carol singers, donkey rides and more, not forgetting Father Christmas of course. The whole event was enjoyed by literally hundreds of families, throughout the late afternoon and early evening of December 1st.

The previous evening the lighting of our Christmas tree at the top of Queens Road took place. We intend that this should become an annual event, after many years of trying to agree a location with Essex County Council. We hope to make even more of an event of the lighting of the Christmas tree next Christmas, so look out for details later this year.

We also want to thank Waitrose for supporting our Christmas Lights, through their "Community Matters" scheme. Our Chairman, Neville Wright gratefully accepted a cheque from Jeremy Woodcock, Manager of the Buckhurst Hill Branch just before Christmas.

Regretfully, after 8 years of service to Buckhurst Hill Parish Council, we will soon be saying a sad farewell to Val Evans our current Deputy Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Val is leaving to pursue new opportunities in the voluntary sector and to spend more time at home with husband Brian and her much beloved springer spaniels.

I have very much enjoyed working with Val these last few years and feel sure that we will remain firm friends going forward. On behalf of all the Parish Office Team, I wish Val every success and happiness for the future.

Val will very much be missed but happily, we have appointed a successor who will be joining us in March. An introduction article will appear in the Summer edition of the Magazine.

Finally, we all hope that you have an enjoyable springtime and Easter holiday.

Kevin O'Brien, Parish Clerk



ROAD REPAIRS

We all know the problems in getting potholes etc fixed. We are not alone in Buckhurst Hill and you can see from these two photos it happens elsewhere as well with some amusing takes. Councillors at all levels – County, District and Parish, the Parish Office, Residents' Society and residents all regularly pursued these. Let's hope that the continual requests produce results and that little harm is done in the meantime!



FINAL WORD

This is the last BHPC Magazine that I shall have the pleasure of editing. I've learnt a lot from all the contributors be they local organisations, businesses or our own hall hirers. This is a wonderful parish which has managed to maintain its shire character in spite of being densely

inhabited; it is full of history and has some amazing green spaces as well as notable properties. I have had a connection with Buckhurst Hill since a child and am sure I will visit in the future.

I should like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been part of the magazine over the years of my tenure: contributors, suppliers, councillors and colleagues. Long may the magazine continue to inform this community in whatever guise for the future.

I hope that you will be as generous to my successor as you have been to me.



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Val Evans

HELPING TO KEEP OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFE



ESSEX POLICE
Protecting and serving Essex

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY NOW RECRUITING BUCKHURST HILL

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/



EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Buckhurst Hill Resident Bunnies

plan to hide again in 6 shop windows in Queens Road!

Can you find them?

When you see the Bunny in the window collect a stamp or signature from the shop. When you have all 6 take your form to FINGERTIPS at the top of the hill to collect your prize.

The first 10 forms, all filled in correctly, win a £5 book voucher but don't worry if you are late as there are some treats.

Forms are on BHRS website – buckhursthillresidents.co.uk

Happy Easter!



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

For more information contact: Marcia Levan-Harris
email: bhallotments@gmail.com tel: 07789 003284

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.

