

Bepton Parish Council

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



Bepton War Memorial

A few months ago the Council decided that its contribution to commemorating the end of the First World War should be to restore the War Memorial in St Mary's churchyard. We applied to Chichester District Council for a grant and were very grateful to receive £250. Bepton Parish Council engaged the services of Mark Butler of Marks of Respect to carry out the restoration and we are delighted with the result.

A short re-dedication service at the War Memorial, followed by refreshments in the church, has been organised by Mrs Sheila Ryan for 4pm on 11th November. We would welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

Parish Council Elections

There will be Parish Council elections in 2019 and we would like to encourage anyone wishing to join the council to stand for election. Details about how to do this will be on the Chichester District website, but, in the meantime, anyone interested could talk to any of the Councillors.

Bepton Walking Group (Linda Sadler)

A beautiful sunny morning on Saturday 3rd November saw the first walk for the newly formed Bepton Walkers - approximately 5 miles in stunning countryside around Redford, followed by refreshments at a local hostelry. Next walk: Saturday 1st December, starting in Bepton. If you would like to join us please contact Linda on 815535 or 07766494007 or email clbsemc@hotmail.com. Everyone would be very welcome.

coldAlert Service

Now that the cold weather is upon us, residents might be interested in a new service. **coldAlert** is a **free** service for Sussex residents that alerts you to severe cold weather events before they happen. **coldAlerts** are sent directly to you 24 to 48 hours before the cold weather event is expected. You can choose how you receive coldAlerts: either via mobile App, text, automated voice message to your home phone or by email. Receiving an alert can help you prepare for the cold snap by prompting you to heat your home, to stock up on supplies of hot food and drinks and medication and to wear extra layers when going outside. Carers of elderly relatives or friends, parents of young children or people who have health conditions that worsen in cold weather could all benefit from this service. Simply download the airAlert App (from the App Store or Google Play), register at www.coldAlert.info or telephone: 01273 484337.

Green Dog Walkers

Chichester District Council has introduced a new initiative offering a proven, non-confrontational and friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling and to encourage responsible dog ownership across the district. To sign up to become a Green Dog Walker please go to the website www.chichester.gov.uk/greendogwalkers.

Winter Maintenance Plan

The Parish Council has prepared a winter maintenance plan for 2018-19. A copy of it is on the Bepton website (bepton.org).

Scam Mail

Royal Mail is seeking to raise awareness of scam mail in our local community. It states that it never knowingly delivers scam mail and understands the distress it can cause to recipients. This type of mail is illegal and targets the most vulnerable and Royal Mail wants to put a stop to it. If you or someone you know is in receipt of scam mail please contact Royal Mail by: writing to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL enclosing any suspected items; calling the Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0900 0113 466; or emailing scam.mail@royalmail.com

Midhurst Mobile Banking

Since the closure of its Midhurst branch last year, the NatWest Bank mobile branch comes to Budgens Car Park every Wednesday from 10.55–11.55.

Following the closure of its branch on 3 October this year, Lloyds Bank has announced that there will be a mobile branch in the near future. The bank is yet to publish details of the service.

News from St Mary's Church (by Sheila Ryan)

Looking back

Once again Bepton residents were the mainstay of the Church Fete held at Cocking on 1st September. Many thanks to our new helpers on the Cake stall, Sue Balmforth and Tessa Craddock, who would have liked more cakes to sell. So Bepton cooks please note for next year that a contribution from you will be most welcome. Experienced stallholders are all warmly thanked for their efforts on Books (Joan and Matt Smith and Mike Balmforth), Toys (Carey Bower), White Elephant (John and Linda Sadler, Ann Baker and Sarah Fennell), Bathroom (Ruth Wilkinson and Jenni Rigby), Plants and Produce (Susan Ryan and Janice Sayers). It was a lovely day so a lot of money was spent on ice-creams (over £100) and possibly less than usual on other stalls. But overall St. Mary's received a half share of £1,378 which is most acceptable. Subsequently the decision has been made not to have a White Elephant stall again as most of the donations were not of good quality and they created a major problem of disposal after the fete. Any reader with ideas for new stalls please get in touch.

Looking forward

Remembrance Sunday 11th November

The Bepton War Memorial in the churchyard looks splendid after the restoration work commissioned by Bepton Parish Council. In appreciation of this there will be a short service of re-dedication at the Memorial at 4pm on Sunday, 11th November followed by refreshments in the tower area of the church. Many of the Bepton Councillors and their spouses will be attending. The occasion is open to everyone so do come along if you can in order to pay your respects to Bepton men who died in two World wars.

Carol Service, Sunday 9th December at 3pm

Please note the date in your diary. Everyone is welcome to this popular parish event. The church will be decorated ready for Christmas but we need you to sing the carols so do come along. Sweetmeats will be served at the end of the service and if anyone is willing to make some small cakes or mince pies etc it will be much appreciated. Please let Sheila Ryan know if you can help (tel: 01730 813971).

The Country Inn

The band Waggon Wheel will be playing live at the pub on 29th December and Kathy is hosting a Christmas themed Quiz on 5th January.

Midhurst Yellow Bus

The Yellow Bus leaves Bepton Road\Severals Road at 10.39am on a Thursday and returns by 12.30pm. For further details please go to the Midhurst Yellow Bus web site at www.midhurstyellowbus.org.uk/bus.

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