



NEWSLETTER Summer 2010



Betchworth & Buckland Society

For the protection and conservation of the quality of life in Betchworth & Buckland

Welcome

Promotion and Events are important for the Society to grow our presence in the community. We have new display materials detailed below and would be pleased to exhibit at events within the village. We have had good events this year—an excellent talk on Betchworth Castle by Martin Higgins, our presence at Buckland May Fayre and the BBQ held for the first time on Golbourn Green. We welcome Jo Howitt of Rectory Lane Buckland, to the Committee. Our thoughts are with David Evans, following the loss of Wendy, his wife, after a long illness, August 2010. David has done so much for the Society—we wish him well.

Duncan Ferns

New Display Materials



We have a new, waterproof floor-standing banner and a display of 'What we do' under the four main headings of Events, Knowledge, Projects and Environment. Thanks to Anthony Eisinger and Richard Worsley for manning the stand at Buckland May Fayre. The banner is re-usable and will be present at all our future events.



Heritage Open Days—11/12 September 2010



Victorian Garden, The Bungalow, Reigate Road, Buckland (opposite Buckland Nurseries)— Open Saturday 11 September from 10am- 4pm

Buckland Windmill, Yewdells, Dungates Lane —Open Saturday 11 September from 1pm to 5pm. Only wind-powered sawmill in the UK. The garden is also open and teas available.

Broome Park Ice House (off Station Rd Betchworth) also welcome visitors, and organised tours are available at Brockham Chalk Pits (approach from Chalk Pit Lane opposite Arkle Manor Restaurant on the A25).

Full details are available online www.heritageopendays.org.uk and in the booklet published by Mole Valey DC available from local shops, libraries and Pippbrook .

ABOUT US

Our Purpose

The Society strap-line summarises our purpose— For the protection and conservation of the quality of life in Betchworth & Buckland.

We aim to deliver our purpose through four practical goals :

- To protect the natural and built environment in our villages.
- To provide financial support and advice for projects that enhance village life
- To encourage interest in the local history, culture and personalities of our villages
- To promote social events to bring together residents of Betchworth and Buckland and raise funds.

Your Committee

Stella Cantor (Secretary)
 Anthony Eisinger
 David Evans
 Duncan Ferns (Chair)
 Julie Hardy
 Fiona Hooper
 Nigel Husband
 Jo Howitt
 John Pharo-Tomlin
 Paul Rietchel
 Dick Shadbolt
 Richard Worsley (Treasurer)

Website

http://www.bucklandsurrey.net/bb_society.php

JOIN US TODAY

We need your support. You will receive future Newsletters and invitations to all our events. Please complete the form overleaf and send to:

Membership Secretary

Richard Worsley (B&BSoc.)
Greenridge,
Reigate Rd,
Reigate RH2 9RE

Lobbying on Park Pit Reclamation issues

During July 2010 Hanson applied for an extension of 4 years sand extraction and a further year for reclamation, along with changes to the terms of the reclamation. Following expert advice from CAMEL (Campaign Against Mineral Extraction & Landfill) we lobbied Surrey CC. We recognize the scarcity argument of this high-quality sand (used in glassmaking) and the fact that if the market is depressed and the sand is not sold, it is not economic to extract it—hence it stays in the ground longer. However, there are four subjective conditions which we consider important:

- Increasing the lake level by 1.5m, which will raise the water-table on Reigate Heath to better protect the Alder Carr (designate Site of Special Scientific Interest, SSSI)
- Ensuring the relocation of a Slurry plant within Tapwood pit creates no greater noise level for neighbouring residents
- Insisting on removal of ALL plan in Park Pit by 2015, removing the risk that in-situ plant is later used to justify mining laterally a Potential Mineral Zone (PMZ) areas such as Reigate Heath and Buckland

It's a Wonderful World

-an evening of readings and music

Buckland Reading Room
Monday 25 October 2010, 8pm
Wine and Snacks available

Members £5, Guests £6—for St Catherine's Hospice

New
Event
format

PROFILE—Duncan Ferns

Each Newsletter will profile a member of our Committee or our community. This time the Committee voted it 'my turn' as Chair:

In 2004 I was co-opted to the Committee as Events Secretary after showing interest in the village through writing 'Buckland 1000-2000' - the village history, published in 1999. This was an outside interest from my work, which involves advising government departments on creating efficiencies and savings.

Being able to live in a village community with such wonderful countryside on the doorstep combined with proximity to London is a great privilege. I have lots of interests—the Society, a woodland that we manage near the Ashdown Forest in Sussex, Alfa Romeo cars, a windmill, gardening—and am never sure how I find time to work. Bridget my wife is very supportive, my son is now self-sufficient, and my daughter is at University. Since accepting the 'Chair' in 2007, I hope to broaden our community reach through improved publicity (newsletters, website, exhibitions, etc) and increased support of local projects. Next job, succession management...

For a donation of just £10 per household you can become members for 12 months.

Name

Address Postcode

Email Phone

EVENTS

Remaining 2010 Calendar

Mon 25 October 8pm
'It's a Wonderful World' - an evening of readings & music.
Reading Room, Buckland

Fri 12 November 8pm
Annual Dinner
The Red Lion

Fri 17 December 6.30-9
Christmas Drinks Party
Reading Room, Buckland

Previous Events

Download the report on 5 Years of our Events from our website at http://www.bucklandsurrey.net/bb_society.php

BBO Pictures—July 2010

More Pictures at:
http://www.bucklandsurrey.net/bb_gallery.php



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We look forward to meeting you at our events