

# Betchworth & Buckland Society

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

## Welcome

...to the second edition of the Society's Newsletter, informing the dates of our events calendar for 2009 (overleaf) and our latest news. Could we request that members who know of new people who have moved into their neighborhood should acquaint the incomers with details of the Society and actually give a personal invitation to join– or invite them along to our events. The personal touch is so much more effective than any number of leaflets.

*Duncan Ferns, Chair*

## Capel Incinerator Rejected

The see-saw arguments for the building of the Capel incinerator continues. In October 2008 Surrey CC approved the building of the incinerator, with the potential for smoke plumes to affect our villages as well. However the Capel Action Group and its supporters have won a High Court Appeal in early February 2009 preventing the building proceeding – and though the final High Court outcome is still awaited, it is looking very positive for the campaign. We should give them thanks on our behalf– the potential impacts on us of smoke stack pollutants may have been a significant future issue for Betchworth & Buckland.

## Society wins award to develop village websites

The Betchworth & Buckland Society has applied for and been awarded a 'Grassroots' grant from the Surrey Community Foundation for a project to enhance the community websites. The work will enable:

- ?? relaunch of [www.bucklandsurrey.net](http://www.bucklandsurrey.net) with lots of new content
- ?? new pages for the Betchworth & Buckland Society
- ?? improved links to the Betchworth Parish Council website ([www.betchworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.betchworth-pc.gov.uk))
- ?? new websites for St Mary's Buckland and St Michael's Betchworth churches.

The content of the church websites will be under the editorial supervision of the Rector, with whom we are working closely. We will announce the new sites when launched in Spring 2009. The grant award covers 100% of the development costs and enables the Society to make this contribution to the community without accessing our capital funds.

## ABOUT US ...

### Our Purpose

The Society strapline 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)  
Fiona Hooper  
Nigel Husband  
Tony Innes  
John Pharo-Tomlin  
Paul Rietchel  
Dick Shadbolt  
Richard Worsley (Treasurer)

our funds from any misuse. The Constitution will be presented prior to the AGM in May, where we will seek your approval as members to work within its' guidance. In practice, it will be 'business as usual'.

However, the act of preparing the Constitution has again raised the question of whether we would gain additional advantages through being Limited by Guarantee and a registered Charity. This would provide greater protection to the Committee and members, and perhaps enable us to apply for further grants on behalf of the local community, only accessible to Charity organizations. A Sub-Committee has been established to consider the pros-and-cons for the Society, and they will report at a later date.



*Buckland in the Snow  
February 2009*

### Our 2009 Events

Add them to your Diary ...

We start the year with the Quiz night, this time returning to the Red Lion following the success of the Christmas Dinner. The price will include a hot buffet meal – and as before you can either book as a team (6 to 8 people) or come along on the night and join a team then. The quiz will include the usual 'local knowledge' rounds about our villages.

A new event for April is a 2-course informal lunch – a chance to socialise mid-week, aimed particularly at those members not rushing off to full-time jobs.

## PROFILE – Richard Worsley

*Each Newsletter will profile a member of our Committee or our community.*

*Thanks to Richard Worsley, our Treasurer & Membership Secretary for his contribution:*

"I joined the committee in 2006 because I wanted to help a key local Society succeed. The great thing about our villages are their natural unspoiled charm, yet so close to London. My outside interests (beyond running a busy sing company) are sailing and most outdoor activities. For the past few years I have steadily been learning golf, playing at Reigate Heath. I am particularly concerned about reducing the effects of traffic congestion in our villages" ✍

### Quiz night with meal.

The Red Lion

Wed 22 April 12.30 for 1pm

Members Informal Lunch

The Red Lion

Mon 11 May 8pm

Society AGM followed by

Speaker (tba)

Reading Room, Buckland

Wed 15 July 6.30pm to 9.30

Annual BBQ with Music & Car

Display – Buckland Village Green

Mon 26 October 8pm

Autumn Lecture Meeting

Reading Room, Buckland

Fri 13 November 8pm

Annual Dinner

The Red Lion

Fri 18 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 [www.bandbsoc.org.uk](http://www.bandbsoc.org.uk)