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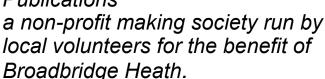
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First Broadbridge Heath Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had another eventful year and are looking forward to the summer break. From fun to fundraising, each unit has provided an engaging and enriching programme of activities for its young people.



The Scouts had an evening discussing gender equality, gained their mechanics badges, made origami animals, discussed environmental issues, lit open fires and cooked sausages on them and made war hammer figures. They also enjoyed an evening of FootGolf at Rookwood Golf Couse. Two Scouts also achieved their Gold Awards this term, which requires them to have achieved six activity badges as well as the nine challenge awards. Many congratulations to those two young Scouts for their commitment and hard work.

The First Broadbridge Heath Scouts stand at the Village Fete on 15 June was very popular with villagers. Young visitors to the stand got to have a go at archery and cooked marshmallows over a fire bowl. We were delighted to be able to participate in a fantastic event that brought the whole village together.









2nd Broadbridge Heath Guides

Over the summer the Guides attended a 'Swallows and Amazons' themed summer camp at Herons Wey. The girls learnt how to send messages using morse code and semphore as well map and compass skill trails. The Guides cooked all their own meals on a mixture of gas stoves, hay

box ovens and alter fires. We also enjoyed time on the River Wey raft building and kayaking where three of the Guides made their promise on the water. Other activities included archery, zip wire, making their own charcoal and learnig a few words in Mandarin. Great time was had by all and we are already looking forward to our next summer camp.





More photos of the 2nd Broadbridge Heath Guides summer camp...













We had perfect weather as we sipped Pimm's at our annual Garden Party in July before tucking in to a magnificent cream tea and, on the subject of food, the Village Fete seems like a distant memory but thank you for coming to see us. We sold out again this year so we hope you enjoyed our produce as much as we enjoyed making it all.

Broadbridge Heath WI is 70 this year so we're having a party. With 70 as our theme we'll be eating our way through

cakes that were in vogue in each of the last 7 decades and testing our skills with an 'Events over the last 70 years' quiz. There will also be competitions - with vintage prizes, and a local choir will be there to entertain us as we welcome the other WIs who'll be joining us to celebrate our special anniversary.

Scrapbooks (going right back to 1949) will be on display with examples of the crafts and activities we have enjoyed. They are a wonderful history of our WI and, as well as providing a record of our achievements, they show how things have changed for us and our village.

August is an important month for us as it's when we plan our activities for the next year, so here's a taste of what's in store in 2020: We've been asked to repeat our painting masterclass, as it was such a huge success last time, and we'll have another film afternoon. But we're also planning a craft day, 'gardeners question time', radio 'bloopers' from a BBC producer, as well as some interesting visits, including a house and garden and a vineyard.

Of course, if you'd like to join us, you'll be very welcome. Our contact details are on the back cover.



The Broadbridge Bombshells have had a wonderful summer this year... We've had the nostalgia of the village fete, we've been energetic with the BBH Stoolball team, we've been crafty with our old books and enjoyed some banter during our very popular quiz night

What have you been doing with your old books we hear you all ask.... Well, apart from reading them and then letting them gather dust on your shelves, there is another thing that you can do with your books, and at our July meeting we found out what exactly what that was when

we learnt the art of book folding and making book roses.





Our very own Secretary Jo hosted the meeting. Jo is self taught in this talent and admitted that she learn it from the internet. It was such a success that some of us plan to meet up to have another go!

It really was an enjoyable craft that wasn't at all difficult, although obviously practice makes perfect. Her creations were amazing and we had some great results as you can see from the pictures above.



In June it was a privilege to be invited to BBH Cricket Club by our speakers from the BBH Stoolball team. The facilities really were excellent, and its location right in the middle of the countryside was a beautiful spot to enjoy our picnics before the meeting really got going. There is so much history about the sport, which until recently I had not heard of.

There is thought that the game originated from Sussex and was a

invented by milk maids. However it is documented through the ages as a male dominated sport and one with quite a bad reputation with it being banned from being played in churchyards. The earliest record of the game being played regularly is 1450 and it was even mentioned in a Shakespeare play. In the 17th century the game became popular with women and to the present day it is fairly female dominated. It's resurgence in popularity can be attributed to a Major Grantham who saw that the game could be a distraction and rehabilitation tool for wounded soldiers of WW1, it being gentler and less strenuous than cricket or tennis for men who had lost limbs. It is now played all over England.

The club house was the location for our President Rowena, who in her role as an Emergency Nurse Specialist, Clinical Trainer and Advanced Life Support Provider, gave a training session on how to use a Automated External Defibrillator (AED). There are several AED's located around the village; St John's Church, the Village Centre, Tesco and Tanbridge School

Last Tuesday of the month, 8pm. Check out our website and Facebook page for details of meetings. Website: www.broadbridgebombshellswi.co.uk

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It has been lovely meeting some of you over the last few months. If you are over the age of 50 and would like to meet some new people come and join us for a 'Cuppa and Chat' at the Shelly Arms on Tuesday 3rd September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.



If you would like to contact me please do so by calling our offices on 01403 260560 or by emailing me HayleyD@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk

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COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

"Lone Wolf Country Music Club meets 2 or 3 Sunday evenings a month, at Broadbridge Heath Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane, RH12 3LY. All are welcome to come along and enjoy an evening of country music, performed by top British artists - 7.15 - 10.15pm. There is a

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For details of dates, entrance fee etc., please contact Phil on 07895 914147 or Pam on 07796 672066".

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE.

8th September - String Trio plays Mozart

13th October - Piano Trio plays music by female composers

17th November - Piano and violin music by a selection of composers



These are free events, starting at 3pm.

Over the past year The Space Arts Trust have been welcoming some of the surrounding area's most talented classical musicians to come and share their love of playing Chamber Music together, in a really informal way. Sometimes the musicians are meeting for a 'one-time-only' chance to play an iconic piece which we all know, but don't often get to play. Other times we're giving a fly-on-the-wall opportunity to observe a more established group in rehearsal.

Some of the events are more like concerts, but still allowing for plenty of informality and interaction between players and listeners. Children are very welcome, however young, and if they're interested, they can sit extremely near to see what's going on. Whether you know something, or nothing about Classical Music, please feel free to come along. There will be cake!! Rachel Ellis

BBH Mag Sport

News from local sports clubs.

If you would like to publish your sports news in this magazine please contact the Editor by email: bbh.mag@gmail.com

FOOTBALL

Broadbridge Heath Football Club. The Club finally took ownership of our new facilities and collected the keys on Monday 1st August just a day before our first ever match, a home league game against Loxwood. In the end we were quite grateful to Countryside for allowing club members into the

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pavilion a few weeks before the official transfer so we could start work furnishing the changing rooms, social area and bar and outside many hours of work were put in by volunteers to get the main pitch ready for the first game.

In the end despite all our concerns we did meet our obligations to the league and the game went off relatively smoothly, there is still a lot of work to be done behind the scenes but we're getting there gradually. An official date for the opening of the new pavilion, which is named after a former player, manager, committee member, parish councillor and district councillor Malcolm Curnock, without whose dedication this may never have happened, will take place on Friday 11th October; 100 years and 1 day after the club was formed.

On the field the first team's season started on the 3rd August with a heavy 5-1 defeat at Langney Wanderers but since then we've drawn twice and won 1-0 against previously unbeaten Alfold. The biggest match so far though has been the 1-0 win away to Punjab United in the FA Cup, a match that was televised live by the BBC on iPlayer and the Red Button and after that victory we have the proud record of never having lost a match when we've been shown live on the BBC, not many teams can say that. In the next round of the FA Cup though we face a very difficult away match against Hasting United but we only have to win about another 10 matches in the competition and we could be at Wembley in May, although realistically we'd be happy if we're still in the Cup come September.

Our next matches at the Countryside Stadium are as follows: 3rd Sept Home v Loxwood, League Cup, Kick Off 7.45 7th Sept Home v Lingfield, Kick Off 3.00 10th Sept Home v Hassocks, Kick Off 7.45

Entry is Free to all Broadbridge Heath Junior Managers, Coaches and Players wearing their Club Tops. Website at https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc

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Broadbridge Heath Highway Improvement – Progress Update

(NOTE: This information was correct at the time the magazine went to press)

Opposite the Shell garage construction is now completed on the centre of the roundabout, this involved removing the original kerb line allowing new gullies, kerbs and kerb drains to be re-laid in a new alignment. In addition a service lay has been constructed within the roundabout which will allow for maintenance access. Illuminated signs and cables have been relocated. Works will continue in this area over the A24 Bridge during August.

During recent weeks works have been focussed on the verges near Hendy Ford and outside the Shell garage. This has involved laying new kerbs and excavation works in preparation for the new widened footpaths in the area to be constructed along with changes to adjacent traffic islands. Once the works to lane 2 of the southern bridge are completed construction of the new footpath construction will be scheduled anti-clockwise around the roundabout.

Unexpected services and inclement weather conditions have proved challenging during the installation of new drainage on the C622 shared route. This work continues heading from the Tesco roundabout towards the Farthing Hill roundabout.

Construction of the off-road combined footway and cycleway linking Newbridge roundabout to Tesco is well underway.

Recently there was an alteration to the bus only route on Billingshurst Road at the Newbridge roundabout. This has enabled excavation works to start on the new connector road, once the required formation level is reached and new drainage installed the connector road will be built and new kerbs laid.

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St John's Church, Broadbridge Heath

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Wednesday 11 September

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Wednesday 18 September

Village Lunch 12 for 12.30 pm. Cost £4. Menu Chicken

Jamaica followed by Cheesecake. To book please

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Thursday 5, 12 19 & 26 September Kinderoo Baby & Toddler Group 10-11.30 am. All pre-school children and their carers are welcome. Entrance fee is only £2 per family which includes refreshments.



Parish Point of View



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Well, here we are — it's Autumn again — the time to start new series of Bake off and Strictly Come Dancing; time for children (and teachers) to go back to school, or maybe off to school for first time, or to university. September is a month of change — and for my husband John and me it's time for a change for us too. We are leaving Broadbridge Heath for 3 lovely villages in the west of the county where I am going to be licensed as Priest in Charge.

We've been here since May 2016 – and since my introductory letter our own family has grown, with 2 more grandchildren, and a new daughter in law too! My original letter talked about growing into new things – as I was ordained and became Reverend Kate – which is how I'm known by the children at Shelley School. John and I have made many friends here on the Wickhurst Green estate where we live, and across the village – and further afield. Roads have opened and closed and things around us have changed. We now have the play parks open, but still the roads haven't been finished. Our gardens have grown and matured – and even that thin layer of turf has become a veritable sward which needs to meet the lawnmower on a regular basis. Our football team has a new home – and even played in the first preliminary round of the FA cup – well done team!

And St. John's church has changed too. We have had people leave and new people join us. We have seen a wedding, baptisms, funerals, memorial services and many other things during this time. Last year our vicar Paddy retired, and we are still waiting for a new vicar to be appointed. But no matter what happens, we can know that God has been with us, guiding us forward as we have sought to do His will here. Life is always full of negative and positive — but the more we focus on the positive rather than the negative, the better our lives will be.

No matter what you may be facing this coming Autumn, I pray that you will be able to focus on the positive in life. I pray that you may come to know the grace and power of God in your lives. I pray that you will continue to be a wonderful village, loving and caring for each other no matter what happens.

God bless you all. Reverend Kate Bailey

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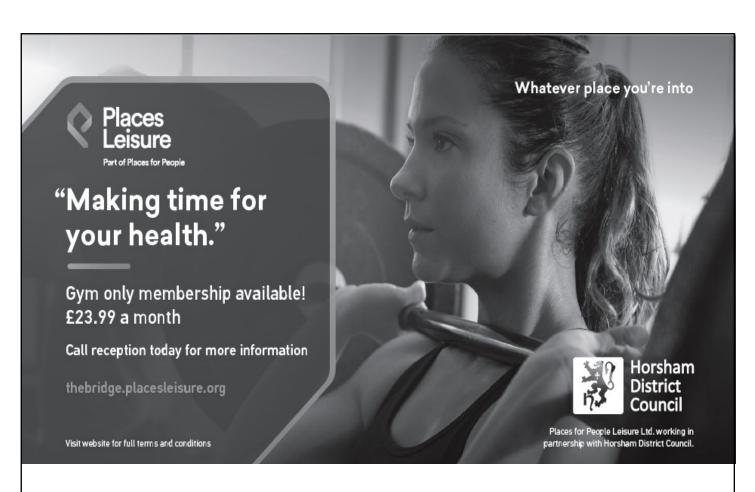




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Karen MacDonald

The Financial Fairy Godmother of Broadbridge Heath



Where have the last 3 years gone?

As Brexit remains topical, I thought an update would be good. I thought all would be clear by the end of March, I doubt many people believed we'd still be in the dark in August.

But what impact is this having? It's been reported that a leading international estate agent stated that fewer houses were sold in the UK in the first half of 2019 than at any point since the first half of 2009. However, I don't think Brexit is only to blame for this as changes occurred regarding 'Buy to let' properties just prior to the famous 'Leave' vote.

On a positive note, in south-east England average rent dropped from £879 to £854 over the past year. It has been reported², "With rents generally falling, and average wage growth above inflation, this is positive news for renters concerned about affordability,"

What about the financial markets? On 11 December 2018 the FTSE 100 was at 6,721.54, reached over 7,800 on 21 May 2018 but opened on 14 August 2019 at 7,250.90. The pound has also dropped to a ten-year low, unfortunate timing for the holiday season.

As the political situation is still largely unresolved, I do hope that by the end of October we will have some certainty.

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