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Faye White MBE, England Football Lioness: full story on page 3.

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FOOTBALL

Local footballing hero is honoured in our village



Faye White MBE at The Bridge with Cllr Tony Hogben

Faye White MBE, an England Football Lioness legend associated closely with the village, was honoured at The Bridge Leisure Centre in Broadbridge Heath as a plaque commemorating her achievements was unveiled.

Faye remains the longest serving England ladies captain and has achieved a commanding presence on the football scene over a number of years.

In her early career she trained on the pitches at Broadbridge Heath and played for in Broadbridge Heath Ladies FC and Horsham Ladies FC before being selected for Arsenal FC and then the national side.

Horsham District Council Deputy Leader Cllr Tony Hogben commented:

“On behalf of Horsham District Council I would like to say that we are extremely proud of Faye and all that she has achieved for our local community and for football. It is only fitting that her considerable achievements are being recognised today at The Bridge Leisure Centre in Broadbridge Heath where she used to train and where she played her first football matches.”

CRICKET

Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club



The cricket season is in full swing, much like the bowlers. Broadbridge Heath CC has been able to field two strong XIs so far, with strong results to show. The first XI are in second position in Division 7, whilst the second XI are in fourth position of Division 11, the healthy starts bolstered by the brilliant weather over the past few months. The next set of fixtures see the first XI face top of the table Himani CC (Away), whilst the seconds play Crawley Nayee (Home). There is plenty of cricket to play this summer!

In other news, the cricket club is planning on hosting a gala event in late July, details will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for any related news!

SCOUTING AND GUIDING

1st Broadbridge Heath Rainbows



Since Easter the evenings have been getting lighter and we have been able to take the girls out and about. We have been to our campsite on a mini beast hunt and laying and following trails. The Rainbows had a great evening at Warnham Nature Reserve pond dipping and found many water creatures including water fleas, a dragonfly nymph, small fish and water snails.

2nd Broadbridge Heath Guides

The guides have been very busy since Easter. Some of our activities have included a challenge for the guides to lay and light a fire with only 2 matches and an evening playing capture the flag at our campsite. During May the girls enjoyed a weekend camp at our campsite. A few guides took part in our annual county regatta at Southwater Country Park. On our last meeting before half term we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with an afternoon tea. We have a spaces available for girls aged 10 -14 in our unit please contact Sharon Newman bbhguides@gmail.com for more information on how to register your daughter on the girlguiding website.



1st Broadbridge Heath Scout Group

The Group has had a busy summer term, taking advantage of the good weather to do backwoods cooking, hikes and other outdoor activities. Our Beaver colony is expanding and we have been delighted to be able to welcome new Beavers who are enjoying learning new skills under the guise of games and cooking! Our Cubs are looking forward to their first overnight camp in a long time and the Scouts are in full planning mode for their week of camping in the summer holidays.

We have received a very kind offer from a local resident to pay the subs for a year for any child who has arrived from Ukraine in the current crisis – if you are aware of anyone who would wish to do so, please do let us know as we would be delighted to do so.

We are always on the look out for volunteers to join our friendly team on Committee or as Group Leaders – if you would be interested, even in a very small role, please contact our Group Scout Leader James (gsl1bbh@horshamscouts.com). We are particularly keen to find a Beaver Leader and can offer support from the Committee and parents to anyone who would be able to take on the role.



News from police in the village.



PCSO Michael Gamble: *moving along there ...*

The popular BBH village bobby, Michael Gamble, has told the **BBH Mag** that he is no longer a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and he is currently in training to become a full Police Constable. '**BBH Mag**' wish him all the best in his new role.

If your matter is an emergency please call 999 or if your matter is not urgent please call 101 .



What a wonderful time we had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were joined by other local WI members and even HRH put in an appearance!

Our speaker was Royal Historian, Sarah Slater, who wore one of her beautiful costumes as she told us historical tales you would not have learnt at school!



After hearing all the secrets, scandal and gossip from the Royal Court between the years of 1660 -1830, we enjoyed some socialising over tea and cake.

Our WI member, Mandy (pictured above on the left and just behind the Queen) made this magnificent Jubilee cake and just to be sure there was plenty to choose from, members made various other cakes, including some that were gluten free, and the Queen's favourite chocolate biscuit cake.



We'll soon be baking again with more cakes and goodies in time for the Village Fête on Saturday 2 July, so do stop by and say hello. We've all missed our fête, so we're really looking forward to seeing you there.

Later in July, we'll be holding our annual Garden Party so, if you'd like to join us, do get in touch: **Broadbridge Heath WI**
 Email: BBHWI@uwclub.net ..or phone Jacqui on 01403 754718 or Maureen on 01403 268963 Make a note in your diary to come and say hello to us at the BBH Summer Fete on 2 July! There'll be cake!



BroadbridgeBombshells WI

Our last meeting was in celebration of the UK not coming last in the Eurovision Song Contest and of course of The Ukraine winning! We met for a really fun social evening, listening to all those Eurovision entries over the decades. We all bought something to snack on, or drink... the only rules being that is was from one of the Eurovision entry countries. There was Italian wine, German Battenburg cake, Polish Walnut liqueur, a wonderful spread from Greece including Baklava, Tzatziki, Taramasalata and Houmous, and much more to sample.



We are always pleased to welcome new members to our friendly group, so if all this sounds like your idea of fun, then please check out our website and Facebook page or email our President Rowena for further information

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May and June have been busy months for the Parish Council and the village. The Annual Parish Meeting and Community Showcase were held at the new Parish Office on the 26th of May, where guest speakers were able to answer resident's queries. It was also attended by County Councillor, Christian Mitchell (*pictured below right, with WSCC Highways, Area Manager*).

The Chairman, Terry Oliver, shared his **Annual Report** at the meeting; this can be found on our website, so please do have a read.



4 the Youth (pictured above)

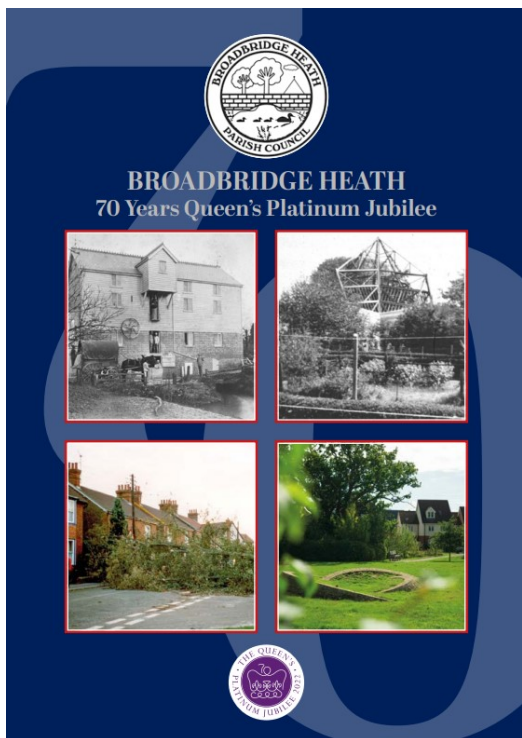
We are pleased to share that a new Defib has been installed at the Parish Office and is registered with The Circuit.

This is the second Defib the Parish Council are responsible for in the village; the other located outside at the Church Hall.



Despite some changeable weather, we hope residents that wished to were able to enjoy Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The hanging baskets down Billingshurst Road were planted red, white and blue, and two new commemorative benches are on order for the shared footpath, on Broadbridge Way.



The Parish Council wanted to celebrate Her Majesty's reign and a commemorative booklet was designed.

This has been delivered to every home in the village by Councilors and volunteers – thank you.

The booklet can be viewed on the website, however, if any resident has not received a copy or wishes to have an additional one, perhaps to send to friends or family who now no longer live here, then please do get in touch.

Thank you to the BBH Gala Association for organising the Platinum Jubilee Village Picnic!

It was great to see many residents there and enjoying their picnics, and waving flags.



The children's activities were very popular and everyone seemed to be having fun on the recreation field.

Many residents will have noticed the beautiful crocheted items that have been regularly popping up in the village, and the crocheted items that are left around to be spotted and kept by our younger residents. These pieces are made by resident Suzi Ludlow and her 'Crochet Meet' members. The fab postbox topper for the Platinum Jubilee, outside the One Stop, was a joint effort by them all and we think you'd agree looked amazing!

The Crochet group meets weekly at 6pm in the Shelley Arms Pub and all are very welcome. The group is often advertised on Facebook on the BBH Voice page.



Top Common Nature Area

8 Wild Bunch volunteers have recently braved the wet weather and have been busy clearing the paths of overhanging vegetation at Top Common. Woodchip, kindly donated by a local tree surgeon, was laid and there were sightings of several day flying moths in the rain including a Snout and lots of Buff Longhorn moths. Our enthusiastic volunteers are already making plans for the next meeting.

A reminder for residents that the Love West Sussex site and app allow you to pass on information about any Highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.
<https://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>

If your private trees, hedges, etc. encroach public paths in the village, please be mindful to keep them cut back – thank you.

Being a Councillor

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or parish – in Broadbridge Heath it is the entire parish.

They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there are currently 3 vacancies on the Parish Council.

Please contact Lucinda, Clerk for more information.

Our new Community & Facilities Officer, Claire, has been settling into the new role which is to provide the Parish of Broadbridge Heath with a range of services and activities for the benefit of the community.

In early June, Claire, alongside Hayley, our Village Agent for Age UK, welcomed residents into the Parish Office for their monthly 'Cuppa and Chat'.

Please see Claire's words below:

"After much curiosity surrounding the new Parish Council office, it was a pleasure to open our doors and be able to welcome, facilitate and support Age UK. All residents had the opportunity to see the new building for the first time along with an added benefit of meeting new people living in our community. Teas and coffee were drunk, and stories were shared with smiles all round. We look forward to proposing another date in the future!"



Village Fete

BBH Gala Association will be holding the Village Fete on Saturday 2nd July at the Common.

The Parish Council will have a stand, so councillors and officers hope to meet many more of you there.

Meetings

There is no Parish Council Meeting scheduled for August – the July, Full Council Meeting is planned for Monday 4th July at 7.30pm.

A reminder that all meeting dates, agendas and minutes from previous meetings are published on our website.



Join us! Cuppa and Chat at The Shelley Arms



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St John's Events – July & August 2022

Wednesday 6 July (No meeting in August) – Craft Social 9.30 – 12.00. Come along and join in at any time – just bring along something crafty, enjoy some fellowship, swap ideas, share resources ... and be creative! Cost £2 to cover hall hire and refreshments. Contact Charlotte 01403 267673.

Wednesday – Every Wednesday in July & August (except for 27 July) - Early Bird Café 8.45 – 10.00 am. Come along for Fair Trade coffee/tea, toast and biscuits. No charge but donations welcome. All ages welcome. Toys for toddlers. Contact Val 01403 260179

Wednesday - 20 July Village Lunch (No lunch in August) - All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship at St John's Community Hall BBH 12 for 12.30 pm. Cost is £4 per head on the day. Menu is Summer Chicken followed by Eton Mess. To book please call Charlotte on 01403 267673 by the previous Sunday.

Praying for our local streets

At St John's Church we are praying every month for a set of roads in the village.

If you would like something prayed for, email us: **office@stjohnsbbh.org.uk**

In July we are praying for everyone in: Sargent Way, Kilhams Close, Nye Close, Thompson Road, Worsfield Road & Chantler Lane,

In August for: Wells Croft, Otterley Way, Harding Lane, Pelling Way, Harris Way, Buck Way & Lane Close

Sunday Services at St John's

08.30 am Communion Service
10.30 am Morning Worship
(with children's groups)
10.30 am First Sunday - All-Age

10.15 am Midweek Communion
(Every Wednesday)





St John's
Broadbridge Heath



Rev. Dr. Mark Lavender

Can you hear God?

I wonder if you think that it is possible to hear God? To be aware of his presence or voice?

Maybe when things are going well, when something 'miraculous' happens, when our luck changes or just when we feel a certain emotion like peace or joy. At those times we might even say we 'sense' something of God or 'someone' looking out for us.

Or what about when we look at a stunning sunset or see the beauty in creation or a newborn and think that the creator of the world has left his imprint on our world and maybe that he wants to communicate with us through it. (Some of us seek meaning in our surroundings even without knowing it – even to the point of counting magpies!) And what about when we try to find the meaning of dreams or of coincidences that happen to us or just when we seem to know the right thing to do at times.

The bible is full of people who encountered God in the everyday, everyone knows the story of Joseph and his dreams, and I believe that we are all capable of it through prayer. Prayer is not just us talking to God but an opportunity for him to speak to us. And hearing God is not a mystical, magical special power. We were all made to do it. Look at Adam and Eve at the start of the bible. It was always God's intention for us to be able to speak to and hear from God free from mystification, gimmickry, hysteria, self-obsession or dogmatism.

At St John's this month we are looking at the theme of hearing God and developing a conversational awareness of Him – speaking to him as we would a friend: paying close attention to what is happening in our life, in our mind in our heart, praying and speaking to God constantly & listening deliberately for him. Asking him to speak to us through nature, through everyday 'interruptions' and through one another, always aware that we can read God's own words given to us in the bible.

And so, I want to invite you over the next months to create some time each day to be still, be thankful, be present and be ready to hear what God says to you – because he will always say something positive, something affirming and good.

Have a wonderful Summer!

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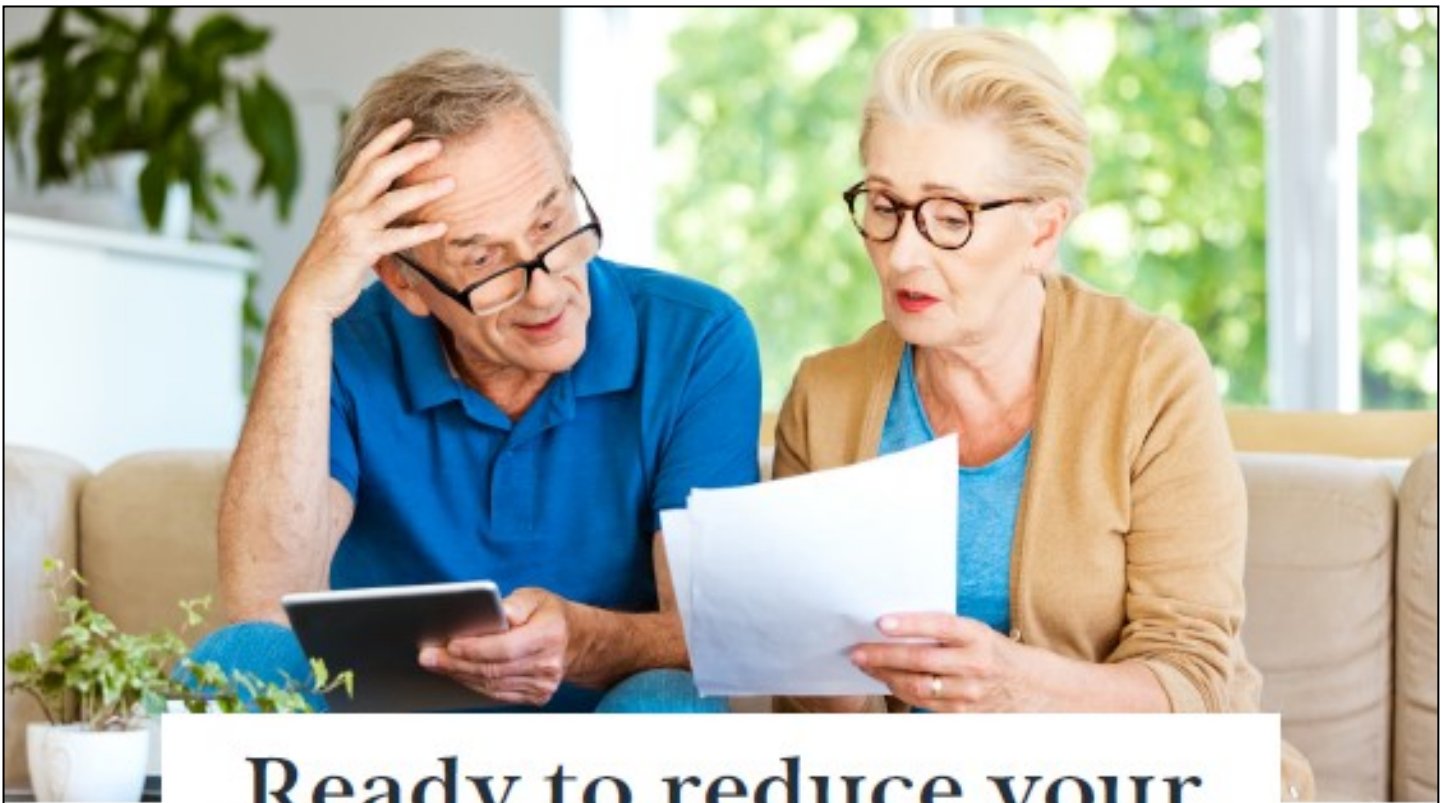
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Many of us realised that life would not be easy once COVID restrictions were lifted, but of course we had not foreseen a war in the Ukraine. This has impacted the equity markets, whilst inflation concerns and rise in interest rates have affected corporate bonds and gilts, which themselves affect investments.

My advice remains, as ever, that when an investment has fallen in value, don't panic, sit tight. Observing the percentage drop rather than looking at the monetary drop can be less frightening. When markets are down it is often considered to be a good time to invest: as Warren Buffet said, "Be fearful when others are greedy. Be greedy when others are fearful." I am aware however that the biggest concern with this is that you don't know how far the markets still might fall.

With energy bills soaring, interest rates on the rise and when even trying to escape from it all on holiday has its own problems, seeing your investments going down could be even more depressing, and that's why I believe that talking to a financial adviser is even more important during this difficult period. We can hold your hand through times like this. Again, our most important role is often to be a sounding board, bringing to mind another famous adage, "A problem shared is a problem halved."

Karen MacDonald is an independent financial adviser with Monetary Solutions (www.monsols.co.uk). If you would like to talk to someone concerning your investments, book a free, no obligation consultation on 07970 179413 or karen@monsols.co.uk.

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