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Scouts



It's believed that Scouting started in Broadbridge Heath in about 1909. Scouting started unofficially with groups of boys and their leaders meeting in various venues around the village. In 1911 the Scout Association issued

official warrants for leaders and our first known Scout Master was a Mr Raynham whose warrant was issued on 30th August 1911. At this time we did not have the present Scout Hall, this was gifted to us by Mrs Isabel Whalley of Corsletts Farm in the 1930s. She was also one of our early Scout Leaders in 1917.

One of our first Scouts was Charles 'Percy' Buck, born in 1898. As soon as he was old enough he signed up for active service in the Royal Engineers in WW1. Regrettably, during his first few weeks of action he contracted tuberculosis and died in 1917, aged just 19. He has a Commonwealth War Grave in Hills Cemetery and Buck Way in Wickhurst Green is named for him.

Another notable Scout was Charles Weston, who joined in 1930s. He had a collection



of photographs and newspaper cuttings of Broadbridge Heath and the Scout Group, which is now held by Horsham Museum, apart from the badges and small items he gave to the Group. Weston Avenue is named for him. During WW2 his father was ARP warden for the village and his 'headquarters' were in our Scout Hall.

Forward 112 years to 2023 and the Scout Group is still thriving. This must be quite a record!

At the time of writing this (end of 2022) our leaders are busy planning exciting and interesting activities for the coming year.

Of course, with the size of the village growing, we are experiencing more requests for places in all our sections. At present each section has a waiting list. Could you help us as a potential leader or other volunteer?

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1st Broadbridge Heath Rainbows

We said goodbye to four girls as they moved up to brownies but welcomed three new girls to our unit. We have started the term by creating a fruit shop where the girls worked out how to spend their money on their chosen fruit to create a fruit kebab. The rainbows began their first aid skills builder by having a reminder on how to wash their hands properly.



2nd Broadbridge Heath Guides

This term we have welcomed five new girls to our guide unit and we have started the feel good skills builder which looks at mental health. So far, we have looked at the importance of a good night's sleep. The guides have thought about their plastic usage and have made a plastic promise to reduce their use of plastics whilst creating a sea life creature from their plastic recycling.



For more information please contact: Sarah Little Clemsfold District Commissioner gglemsfold@gmail.com or visit girlguiding.org.uk

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FOOTBALL

Broadbridge Heath Football Club

Don't we just love the English winters? Well not if you're a football fan. Weeks of frozen pitches solid as a rock and dangerous to play on, then almost overnight the cold weather disappeared and we had weeks of torrential rain and waterlogged pitches and now the cold weather has returned. All that means that very few of our teams have been able to play any football, no matches and for some no training either, so frustrating for everyone involved in the club.



The first team did manage to play two matches in December losing at Steyning on the 3rd but winning 5-0 at home on Boxing Day to Midhurst. The team currently sit in 3rd place in their division, 7 points behind the leaders Crawley Down but with 2 games in hand and 4 points behind Newhaven but with 4 games in hand. The next couple of months will be important to where the team finishes, playing 2 matches a week for the best part of 2 months will take a toll on player fitness but we do have a large squad of first team players and fingers crossed we'll still be there or thereabouts come April.

Our Under 23 side, who sit mid-table in their division, haven't played a league game since the 20th October. With 12 league games and a minimum of 2 cup matches it means to finish the season on time by the end of April, the team cannot afford to miss another week so victory in a cup (hopefully) or another postponed match will mean they too will be playing 2 games a week.

If the Under 23s fixtures aren't bad enough, the Under 18s have hardly got going, the side is a very young team to play at this standard of football with the majority of players also eligible to play for our Under 16 teams. On the plus side it's a great learning opportunity for the players, the majority of whom will still be eligible to play for the team in 2 years time. Fixtures have been few and far between and after 5 months of the season the team have only played 6 league games and still need to fit in another 10 matches before the end of April.

The Under 17s have fared much better and currently sit in mid-table in the South Surrey Youth League and only have 4 more games left to complete their season.

The sad story of postponed matches and training sessions is just the same for our Junior teams, very few games have been played and we all keep our fingers crossed that the weather improves very soon.

The Club is run by dedicated volunteers, whether that's coaching/managing players, litter picking, mowing, cleaning dressing rooms, decorating, bar work or various other D.I.Y. jobs around the site. If you can spare some time to help us, please do get in contact because we'd love to hear from you,

Our Club Room, "The Venue", at Broadbridge Heath Football Club is an ideal location to hold local events: ask Helen Kowalkowski our Community & Events Coordinator. On Tel. 01403 283165 or email helenkowalkowski@outlook.com

To see what events are on at the Venue please visit our website at <https://www.thevenuehorshamuk.com/whats-on>

Upcoming First Team Matches:

Sat Jan 28th Home v Hassocks, K.O. 3.00

Tues Jan 31st Home v Eastbourne United, K.O. 7.45

Sat Feb 4th Home v Roffey, K.O. 3.00

Tues 14th Home v Newhaven, K.O. 7.45 (League Cup)



CRICKET Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club

The cricket club has nets sessions at Forest School from 8:30pm to 10:00pm on Thursday evenings. New players are welcome, and we will be subsidising the costs for all 10 sessions over the coming months meaning it will be £15 per player.



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The Parish Council are pleased to inform you that plot allocation at Weston Avenue Allotment Site has commenced. The Council is looking forward to seeing our keen gardeners on site!

Work is also progressing on two new play areas: at the Village Centre Recreation Area and Charrington Way. We will continue to share news as the work progresses.

We've taken delivery of a new Recycling Bin to be installed outside the Parish Office – please keep a look out for it when it's installed. If successful, the Council may look to extend this provision.

We are at the final stages of obtaining all required permissions to install a recently purchased SID (Speed Indicator Device). Further details will be shared on our Facebook page when this is installed. It is planned to be positioned along locations at Billingshurst Road and Old Guildford Road (similar to below).





Dates for the Diary

ALL TO BE HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE



Full Parish Council Meetings

- Monday 6th of February 7.30pm
- Monday 6th of March 7.30pm

PCSO ADRIAN BELL, DROP IN SESSIONS

- 7th February 1630-1830
- 21st March 1000-1200



Other dates will continue throughout the year

Warm Welcome, Warm Space, Working with Horsham Matters

- Every Thursday 10am—2pm: all are very welcome
- Citizens Advice Bureau will be attending (dates tbc)

AGE UK— Cuppa & Chat continues at the Shelley Pub 1.30pm-3.30pm

- Tuesday 7th February

Spring Litter Pick —
Saturday 18th March from 10am



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Dear members and future members



Firstly, on behalf of the committee we would like to thank you for all your support in 2022 and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

The past few years were not without their struggles and 2022 was sadly no different but following multiple lockdowns, a global pandemic, exiting the European Union and embarking on the start of a cost-of-living crisis as well as losing our Monarch of 75 years, I think it's safe to say that we all look a life a little different now...

Onto 2023 and as a committee we have been reviewing the past year and all the potential challenges that we as a club may face in 2023 with rising energy costs, inflation on food and drink as well as challenges with selling the space and servicing the venue.

We have also taken an in-depth review of the club accounts and whilst we are not in terrible shape financially, we must look responsibly at what the future may bring. Learn from the data we have around takings, memberships, and people's behaviour as well some of the events we have put on.

Therefore, we have had to review the opening times of the club, the price we will charge for membership in 2023 and the price we will charge members and non-members for purchasing food and drink with us.

Membership prices for 2023 (starting from 1st January) for the whole of 2023:

Single Person	£35.00
Couples	£40.00
Seniors (above 67)	£10.00

Opening times - from January 1st 2023 – until March 1st (to be reviewed thereafter)

Monday – Wednesday	4pm – 10pm
Thursday and Friday	3pm – 11pm
Saturday	12pm – 11pm
Sunday	12pm – 8pm

There will be some further comms around beer pricing for members and non-members in due course as well as our future for capital projects and club events.

Best wishes

Committee

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So much can change in a year.....



It doesn't seem possible that this time last year we were making plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Now we're looking forward to King Charles III's Coronation. It will take place at Westminster Abbey on **Saturday 6 May**.

We don't have much information about the arrangements yet, but we do know that there will be an extra bank holiday on 8 May to celebrate - sounds to me like a good excuse for a cake. Watch this space....

With three public holidays in May this year, let's hope for good weather.

Now, what's the difference between earbuds and AirPods? Bluetooth and wifi? How does a smart speaker work and do I need a smart phone to go with it? No, I don't know either - but we have someone who does know coming to our next meeting. As well as answering our questions, he can help us with all those annoying IT problems that we end up wasting so much time trying to fix.



If you'd like to come to one of our meetings, you can find us at St John's Community Hall at 2.30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Or you can get in touch with Broadbridge Heath WI by email:

BBHWI@uwclub.net or by phoning Maureen on: **01403 268963**



Broadbridge Bombshells WI

2023 seems to be galloping by at a rate of knots, did you stick to all those new year's resolutions that you made? If you decided you were going to get out there in the new year, try new things and make new friends in your local community, you could do no better than join the WI.

Here at the Broadbridge Bombshells we have a calendar of events set for the whole year, with different activities planned for each month. As well as quiz and bingo nights and a glass painting craft evening we have some great visiting speakers coming to talk to us: some to entertain and others to teach us new skills.

In March Claire from local BBH beauty salon Claire's Beauty will be giving us her expert advice on skin care and make up, in May Carina will be teaching us the basics of belly dancing, a great way to keep fit and flexible. Join Janet in August for a talk on the strange rituals which have been employed through the ages to protect ourselves, take control of the clutter in September and learn about the Victorian Christmas traditions in November. In between there's our traditional October pumpkin carving competition and our summer game of rounders in July.



BROADBRIDGE BOMBHELLS WI - PROGRAMME 2023

8PM ST JOHN'S HALL, LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



<p>January Resolutions and a good old game of BINGO! Members selection for the WI resolutions followed by cheating and chattering over Bingo! Remember unwanted xmas gifts for bingo prizes</p>	<p>February Elections and Quiz Fancy getting more involved with running the Bombshells WI? Now is your chance with our annual elections. Join the committee or stand for an</p>	<p>March It's all about the Beauty Our local beauty expert, Claire, returns with tips and tricks to make us glow!</p>	<p>April Annual Meeting Resolutions and Social chit-chat Time to discuss the Annual Meeting Resolutions and cast our votes for the next big</p>
<p>May Get those hips moving with an hour of Belly Dancing Carina returns to get those hips a movin'! Its giggles and a good work out!</p>	<p>June Glass painting Let's get Crafty! Glass painting. Bring a piece of glass-ware and use your artistic flare to give a new lease of life</p>	<p>July Rounders – Take 2! How about a good old fashioned game? Bring a picnic along and let's have a quintessential English evening</p>	<p>August Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons – the ritual protection of the home Lucky Horseshoes, rabbits feet – Janet talks about some of the ways people in the past have protected themselves</p>
<p>September The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up with Mimi Bogelund "Using the Marie Kondo concept. This inspiring system allows you to transform your home and banish clutter once and for all"</p>	<p>October Pumpkin Carving The Bombshells annual Tradition! Bring your best pumpkin and carving tools for an evening of fun and competition! Who will be taking home the bubbles this year??</p>	<p>November Deck the Halls Katherine examines the impact of the Victorians on Christmas celebrations past and present getting us in the festive mood</p>	<p>December Christmas social festive celebrations Date and Venue TBC</p>

It's not just about the meetings, we also have regular coffee meet ups, cocktail club and book club as well as impromptu theatre and cinema outings etc.

If this sounds like your idea of fun, then please check out our website and Facebook page or email our President Rowena for further information. Your first meeting is free! email: bbhwi1951@gmail.com
website: <https://www.broadbridgebombshellswi.co.uk/>



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Monday 27 February - Age UK Tea & Friendship Group 2 pm - Tea & Cake £1 - Country Music with Peter and Chris.

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Rev. Dr. Mark Lavender

It's easy at this time of year to look forward to future days – to better weather, shorter nights, holidays away from work, opportunities to relax and enjoy life. But what does that say about our present state of mind? If we are not careful, we can wish our life away for a few moments of happiness or comfort.

The bible talks a lot about joy, and joy is different to happiness which is often temporary and, as it is an emotion, easy to lose or be affected by circumstances. But joy is something much deeper and permanent. It is an ability to be content in all circumstances – but what does that mean?

In his most famous speech, the sermon on the mount, Jesus tells us: “do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today”. On the surface – maybe not so encouraging - but it points to a mindset that we can slip into where we begin to anticipate ‘troubles’ and are unable to see the opportunities for positive experiences in the present.

Corrie Ten Boon put it like this – “Worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrow; but it empties today of strength”. We are encouraged to live one day at a time and that means to seek to make the most of each day and each opportunity despite the environment we are in. This is not to minimise our present troubles but it enables us to focus on today and to seek the most positive path through it and to recognise the blessings in it whether it be a kind word from another person, a beautiful sunset or a tasty meal.

Sure we can look forward to treats and special days out in the future, but why not seek joy in simple tasks and particularly in our relationships with others. Real joy comes from knowing who we are and being content in that through the way we relate to others.

I recently saw the film ‘A Man called Otto’ starring Tom Hanks, and was struck how easy it is for us to fall into a life which is independent of others and of love and fellowship. Today's technology and convenience of services means we can get through a day without communicating with anyone and yet we all know how that felt during lockdown and how that can starve us of joy and purpose. Ultimately, Hanks' character finds new purpose in life through new relationships and we can all seek to do this each day.

So, lets seek to enjoy each day as it comes this month, not save up our ‘joy’ for warmer or ‘better’ days and see how we can experience joy in the simple things and in one another.



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