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Bagshot Society

NEWSLETTER



Village Day

We have had 2 Village Day's now and would hope that this will become an established occasion for your Diary's. Every one who has participated worked so hard and we accomplished so much and created a great sense of community. Which I much applaud, and it is so wonderful to see all ages getting involved belying the national trend for youth bashing. With all your help and enthusiasm we will confirm that we have 2 village days a year to put in your diary. I would like to take this opportunity, of thanking the Girl Guides for serving tea, in all that awful rain to all the stallholders at the December Fair, it was much appreciated.

Big Tidy Up

This was an initiative set up by the British Tourist board. The Women's Institute supported it nationally and we got involved locally.

A group of adults and children got together wearing a very fetching lime green plastic vest!!!! And we walked the walk and collected rubbish from all over the village. A wonderful job was done at the village stream with lots of weeds being dug up enabling the stream to flow faster. I have to say it was great fun we laughed a lot and the children really got into the spirit of it. We collected about 16 tons of rubbish!!! There will be another one this year.

Save the Date!

MUSIC NIGHT

26th March 2009

Start time 5pm at Hardy's, all welcome, this is all sing all play

Spring Village Day

16th May 2009

Start time 10.00am
Close time 3.00pm

Treasure Hunt

21st June 2009

Start time between 3.00 pm-4.00pm
Weather permitting!



Bagshot Events

If you would like to have your event published here or on Tina's email update then please email bagshotsociety@hotmail.co.uk

Meet The Councilors

This was held on 26th March at Brook Church. We had a good attendance by both the public and the councilors. Given the prominence of the Nationwide, Car park charges and the Chapel Lane development we had a lively evening. With lots of questions and answer's, this is the way we should be, we elect our councilors, we should make them accountable, as are we accountable to ensure our village remains and flourishes and continues to be where we want to live, bring up our children and grow old.

Once again thank you to Brook Church for such a lovely venue.



Music Evening at Hardy's

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

The Music Evening @ Hardys will be on Sunday 26th April. At 5pm until about 8pm. This is a fun evening for anyone who wants to have a sing song, bring and play their instruments or just listen to the mayhem - sorry music! It is great fun and no one is put under pressure to do any solos or duets unless they volunteer. It's a bit of a 'jam session' 'organised chaos' 'musical extravaganza' and 'Bagshot has Hidden Talent' all rolled into one. Hardys have an Early Bird promotion from 5 - 7pm, which means we can get our main menu meals. I have worked it out that if everyone pays £10, this will cover the main meal and the service charge. Drinks and puddings are up to you. All welcome. **Tina**

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The Family Treasure Hunt -

-a gentle stroll around Bagshot on a Sunday afternoon / evening is set to go ahead on Sunday 21st June - the longest day and Father's day. I have had a few positive comments, so we will go for it!! At this stage I think the start time will be between 3 and 4pm (staggered), which

gives the dads plenty of time to open all their presents and get in some gardening.

There will be a fee of £5 per family group to cover the cost of printing and prizes. You can then purchase your own food and refreshments on your return. If the weather holds out on the day, we will try to have some activities for children to keep them occupied while the grown-ups relax after the exercise.

This is very much dependent on the weather - we all know what the English summers can be like! If the weather is really foul we will try to postpone it to another Sunday.

It will be an event where you will need to book in advance so we know numbers, too few participants and we may have to think again. Fifteen to twenty groups would make it great - less than ten would mean a re-think. More of this event at a later date. **Tina**

The Owl Easter Egg Hunt

You may have noticed that owls and their eggs are appearing in some very strange places in the village. Entry forms are still available from me or from The Village cafe at a cost of £1. The owls will be in their lodgings until Tuesday 21st April, after which, they will begin their journey home. The money raised, is being split between Bagshot Infant School and the Bagshot Society, and there are prizes for the families who find the most names.

Tina Carney

I would like to thank Tina for this wonderful effort in bringing the community into the village. Such fun was had by all members of the family a lot of hard work was involved in ensuring that the owls were in appropriate places with lots of discussions between Tina and Jane at the Bagshot Infants School. **Well done Tina it was much appreciated. Glyn**



HOT SPOT YOUTH CAFE

We meet every Wednesday at 7.00 pm

Age range from 13 – 17 year olds



Bagshot Youth Café,
45 High Street, Bagshot.
A partnership project,
between Surrey County
Council youth development
service and Windle Valley
youth project, funded by
the youth opportunity
fund.

There are lots of activities available including Duke of Edinburgh Award, activity holidays, internet activity, learning how to use a digital camera. Communicating with different members of the village. Making presentations and applying for grants. So please come along all welcome lots of fun.

Issues Affecting Bagshot

Council Proposes Car Park Charges

It looks like the council has backed off on charging for our one and only car park for the minute. I am sure it will be back on the agenda on another occasion, but well done to all of you for writing and sending emails to the council, they had a big effect and made them realize that Bagshot is prepared to fight its corner.



Chapel Lane Development

This was discussed at length at the Meet the Councilors Meeting. The councilors assured us that they would be looking at this proposal very closely and that it was not an automatic conclusion. We all expressed our concern for such a huge potential increase in traffic in such a small road. The residents had all written and objections had been raised, to the proper channels / authorities. See Margaret's report on page 6

Nationwide Closure

The news that the Nationwide was to close its branch in Bagshot came as a body blow to the village in these times of financial hardship. We held a demonstration outside the Nationwide on the 7th March, which was a very successful event with lots of media coverage. We have since then collected 2400 names on our petition culminating with a group of us travelling to Nationwide head quarters in Swindon, where we were received by the Director responsible for closing the branch. There ensued a vigorous debate for the pros and cons of keeping our branch. They were very impressed with our response and stated they had never had such a reaction to a branch closure before.

They assure us that they are in discussion with various businesses in the village with a view to an agency opening, which would look and feel just like a Nationwide but the costs would be shared with the business partner.

Either way we will maintain a banking facility in the village but the message is clearly USE OR LOSE IT iiiiijj

Well done to all the people who gave up their time to attend the demonstration and those who traveled to Swindon.



ONWARDS – FROM STONE AGE BAGSHOT

Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust (SHAHT), 4-10 London Road, Bagshot, houses and displays artefacts discovered during its excavations in the borough. This article, however, focuses specifically on three types of artefacts, each found within the boundaries of Bagshot village. The first category is that of basic necessity, the second that of high status adornment and the third that of a cheap form of leisure activity. The gallery of the **Archaeological and Heritage Trust, 4-10 London Road, BAGSHOT** is open on most Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9.00 or by appointment.

In 1982, the discovery of flint tools on the site of Jack's Fish and Chip Shop in London Road, Bagshot, was an exciting eye-opener to what life may have been like in the Stone Age (c. 10,000 – 2,000 BC). Artefacts included arrow and spear heads which would have been used to catch and slaughter meat or fish, cutting tools for food processing, hide-scrapers to prepare animal skin for protection from the elements and axe heads to fell timber for fires for warmth and cooking. Groups of aspiring modern-day flint knappers have been learning the craft at the archaeological centre during recent years whilst simultaneously expanding their knowledge of the Stone Age period, i.e. the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic ages. The trust also holds many metal finds from the later Bronze and Iron Ages (c. 2,000 - 43 BC and c. 600 BC – 50 AD respectively), these implements and vessels providing the bridge between prehistoric and modern living, most of which can be easily recognised as being early versions of the modern equivalent.

However, most of us can relate more easily to the comfort of later civilisations like that of the Roman. In July 1993 a fragment of a Roman jet finger-ring, for which there was no known parallel, was discovered in the garden of a house on the old London Road, now part of the High Street. Jet is an easily carved, black, glass-like mineral that was widely used for adornment in Bronze Age Britain but later declined in popularity during the Iron Age. The Romans later mined the material in such places as Spain and Germany but the jet from which the 'Bagshot Ring', as it has become known, was made is thought to have been excavated from outcrops along the Yorkshire coast and carved in York in about AD 390-450. The chosen motif was a Christian Rho-Cross and, judging from the smallness of the ring, it can probably be assumed that it belonged to a woman. Since the Emperor Honorius suggested in AD410 that inhabitants should 'look to their own defence' we can presume that she was looking to God for strength in turbulent times.

Since 1982/83 local archaeological excavations have provided the basis of a clay tobacco-pipe collection containing about 1,000 whole pipe examples and thousands of broken pieces such as stems, bowls and mouth pieces. The examples date from about the 1580s when pipe-smoking was introduced to England from the tobacco-smoking native Indians of North America. Initially pipes had small, plain bowls but, as tobacco became more affordable, the clay bowls became larger. At that time London had the only source of suitable clay and, between 1624 and 1638, had the monopoly for the importation of tobacco. Clay, being relatively easy and cheap to acquire, made this fragile item not only available to a wider public but also disposable. Pipes often bore a maker's mark on the 'heel' that developed, by the late eighteenth century, into simple patterns, which were extended to more varied and complicated designs. Pipes used in towns became more slender and elegant whereas those from rural areas were bulky and clumsy. Bagshot's location on the busy trade route to London is the reason why so many varieties have been found during the archaeological society's excavations.

Sandra Fierz
SHAHT and Bagshot Society

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Bagshot Society planning report February 2009

After the drama of the Notcutts site development debate and the application for a school for children with autism at Pinewood, College Ride in 2007, 2008 was a quiet year on the planning front. Together with the brake on residential building imposed by the SPA (bird protection) directive, the recession seemed to be having an effect too, as there were comparatively many fewer applications for small extensions, loft conversions and the like by private householders.

Businesses applied for some smaller items like illuminated signs (BP garage, Pennyhill dental practice) and radio antennae (BT station). Medium-sized projects included a carwash at a local pub (refused), an outbuilding for classrooms at Hall Grove School (granted) and an extension at the Cricketers (granted) and the rebuilding on the same site of the car repair garage at 52-54 London Road, with provision for an MOT station (granted).

9 metre phone mast A more contentious item was the proposal to erect a mobile phone mast in the grounds of Pennyhill Park Hotel, close to its staff accommodation off College Ride and to the Bagshot Playing Fields. This was objected to by many residents and by the Bagshot Society, partly on grounds of visual intrusion and also over possible risks to health; though these have not so far been proved there was genuine anxiety. The two Bagshot Councillors at the Planning Committee Meeting spoke up valiantly, as residents were not permitted to, and it ended in the application being withdrawn. The suggestion that it would be better sited down at the hotel car park off the A30 seems likely to be adopted.

Already 2009 looks like being a busier year. There have been applications, which have not yet come to committee for another **elderly care home** at 28-32 London Road, for a **rear extension** at Kwikfit Exhausts, for **additional glass house space** at Longacres and for a **detached building** in the grounds of 105 London Road, now in multiple occupancy.

Most notably many villagers already know of and have objected to the proposal to build **16 four bed roomed houses on the site of Woodside Cottage in Chapel Lane**. This area is well known to resident walkers and to the staff and pupils at Bagshot First School as a beautiful peaceful green water-meadow, the last stretch of 'country lane' in Bagshot. This was unfortunately, in spite of protest included in the Surrey Heath Local Plan 2000 as land for housing development within the Bagshot settlement area.

We have objected to this application with regard to loss of rural character, inappropriate development loss of hedgerow, traffic danger, especially to pedestrians, overloading of the dangerous junction on to A30, pressure on the SPA and a number of other grounds. As many residents have pointed out, this area tends to flood at least once a year even now, and when the 184 house development at Notcutts does finally take place the results can only be imagined. The Bagshot councillors were promised the opportunity to be consulted on the revised drainage plans, and there has been word that these will be available soon, but there is **no guarantee that their views will be acted upon**.

Margaret Williams.

Village Plan

It has been over a year now since a group of concerned residents got together to produce a Village Plan. The purpose of the committee shall be to work in partnership with the Parish Council to “Preserve, Enhance and Promote Bagshot Village”.

We meet every 6 weeks at Mead Court and progress with these aims. We have a web site which is www.bagshotvillageplan.org.uk so please visit it, leave comments add your organizations diary/events we want to make sure we are all communicating to the public what is going on in Bagshot the best way we can.

At the original consultation with residents at the Village Day last May we asked what you thought would enhance your village and the overwhelming reply was the following:

- Transport both public and private.
- Vandalism
- Recycling
- Overdevelopment
- Enhance the village outlook (flower baskets, proper signage etc).
- Car parking
- More facilities eg Doctors surgery, Dentist.
- Higher police profile.
- Facilities for children

We will be having another exhibition in Brook Church on the 16th May so please come along and volunteer for a sub committee that you are passionate about and want to bring about change. It will not involve a lot of time just commitment and a want to change things.

DO YOU WANT A SAY IN YOUR LOCAL POLICING?

IF THE ANSWER IS **YES**

COME ALONG TO YOUR NEXT POLICE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING.
BAGSHOT PANEL: Wednesday 29th April 2009
7:30pm – 8:30pm Bagshot Infant School,
School Lane, Bagshot.

DATES FOR POLICE (INFORMATION CENTRE) SURGERIES. WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE CAFÉ ON :

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2009
SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2009
SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2009
SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2009
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2009
SATURDAY 11 JULY 2009
10.00 AM TILL 11.00 AM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 26 TH APRIL	MUSIC NIGHT AT HARDY'S START 5.00
SATURDAY 16 TH MAY	BAGSHOT VILLAGE MAY DAY 10.00AM TILL 3.00PM
SUNDAY 21 ST JUNE	TREASURE HUNT- START 3.00PM AT THE
	VILLAGE CAFÉ FINISH AT HARDY'S
SUNDAY 7 TH JUNE	1 ST SCOUTS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
	CONNAUGHT PARK 12 NOON TILL 4 PM.
11 TH JULY	ST ANNE'S CHURCH FETE

Village Plan meetings held at Mead Court all meetings start at 8.00 pm.

Monday 1st June 2009
 Monday 13th July 2009
 Monday 24th August 2009
 Monday 5th October 2009
 Monday 16th November 2009

Bagshot Society Meetings held at the Village Café all meetings start at 8.00 pm.

Tuesday 12th May 2009
 Tuesday 9th June 2009
 Tuesday 7th July 2009
 Tuesday 11th August 2009
 Tuesday 8th September 2009
 Tuesday 13th October 2009
 Tuesday 10th November 2009

Quiz Night at Hardy's 7.15 for 7.30pm please book, very popular

Wednesday 6th May 2009
 Wednesday 3rd May 2009
 Wednesday 1st July 2009
 Wednesday 5th August 2009
 Wednesday 2nd September 2009
 Wednesday 6th October 2009
 Wednesday 4th November 2009

Book Club held at the Village café all meetings start at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 30 th April 2009.....Don't Cry for me Aberystwyth	MALCOLM PRYCE
Thursday 11 June 2009.....THE BLOOD DETECTIVE	DAN WADDELL
Thursday 7 th July 2009.....LARKRISE TO CANDLEFORD	FLORA THOMPSON
Thursday 23 rd July 2009.....THE OTHER HAND	CHRIS CLEAVE
Thursday 3 rd September 2009...THE ROAD	CORMAC Mc CARTHY
Thursday 15 th October 2009.....THE CONSTANT PRINCESS	PHILIPPA GREGORY
Thursday 26 th November 2009...THE CHRISTMAS BOOKS	CHARLES DICKENS