

Rustington

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Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



As I write this message to you all, Summer has ended and Autumn, so far, has been kind to us. Since becoming Chairman in May, I have had the privilege of representing the

Council at a few functions and, as we have all had to continue living with Covid-19, things are slowly resembling a new normal.

I was extremely pleased that the Gardens Competition was able to go ahead this year. The standard of the participating gardens was very high and it was a pleasure to hand out the awards at this year's Presentation Reception which followed the Civic Service on 12 September.

The Parishioners' Award this year went to Di Brown, such a colourful character who has brought many smiles and happiness during her time in Rustington, and long may it continue.

Projects being undertaken this year include the much-needed replacement of the Broadmark Lane Public Toilet Unit, which will ensure that this public facility is retained, and at the highest possible standard.

The Museum has had a change of Exhibition, which tells the great story of the Rustington shops throughout the years.

Looking forward to 2022, the Parish Council, in partnership with many local Groups, Clubs, Organisations, Individuals and Businesses, is now actively progressing a comprehensive Programme of Events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from 2-5 June. You can read more about

this later in this Newsletter.

At this point, I would like to thank the Parish Council's Personnel Team, who have continued to work extremely hard under very difficult and different circumstances this year.

Remembrance Sunday did not disappoint, with many people still turning out to honour those who gave their lives for us and their country. Wreaths were again laid by representatives from many different organisations, and I was proud to be there.

This year has, again, been a very sad time. I know myself and many of you have lost loved ones, not necessarily all as a result of Covid-19. Remembering the good times and staying positive is important as we move towards Christmas, when we hope family can come together. Please keep a look out for those who may not have family to keep them company at this time of year.

May I wish you all personally, and on behalf of the Parish Council, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper

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Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

The Parish Council hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 12 September, at St Andrews United Reformed Church in Holmes Lane. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Naison Hove.

Guests included Councillor Jim Brooks, Chairman of the Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Mayors and Councillors from Angmering, Bognor Regis, East Preston, Kingston, Littlehampton, Rustington, West Sussex County Council and the Arun District Council. There were also representatives from local Groups, Clubs and Organisations, together with the Winners and Runners-Up in the Annual Gardens Competition.

Following the Service, the now well-established Community Awards' Reception was held at The Woodlands Centre, where presentations were made to various members of the community, for outstanding floral displays in both private front gardens and business premises.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Presentation of the Parishioners' Award which was awarded to Di Brown, in recognition of her dedication and outstanding public service to the community of Rustington for many years.



Hall and Room Hire in Rustington

The Parish Council has so much to offer at its three accessible venues.



The Woodlands Centre

(Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue)

The Village Memorial Hall and the John de Bohun Room provide excellent venues for Birthday or Anniversary Parties, Wedding Receptions, Community Groups, Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings and other functions. There are also two smaller rooms available for hire.



The Youth Centre

(Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue)

The Kilhams Hall provides a fantastic space for Birthday or Anniversary Parties, Community Groups, Meetings, Dance or Fitness Classes and much, much more. The Norfolk Lounge is perfect for gatherings of up to ten people.



The Samuel Wickens Centre

(Broadmark Lane Car Park, Broadmark Lane)

The Community Hall at the Centre is perfect for local Groups, Clubs and Associations, to hold Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings and other functions.

For further information about any of the above venues, please contact the Parish Council Offices

Rustington Museum at the Samuel Wickens Centre

The Temporary Exhibition 'Rustington Means Business: A History of Retail in the Village' is now fully open. Items from past and present shops are displayed together, showing how Rustington has changed over time. Why not come down and see how many of the shops you remember?

The Museum is always happy to see new items added to the Collection, so check the backs of cupboards for old receipts and bags! We are still looking for information about the old shops in the Village and people's memories to help complete a database. Please contact the Museum at: museum@rustingtonpc.org if you can help in any way.

Complimenting the display is a cabinet that will feature a local shop through items from the Collection. Recently donated items include books, receipts and other paraphernalia relating to Barnetts Butchers. Items from this treasure trove will be displayed with photos of the Butchers in its heyday.



The Pub signs for The Windmill and Smugglers Roost are now mounted on the wall in the Local Studies area. Do come and see them following their preservation for the future. The signs were conserved with the aid of a grant from the AIM Pilgrim Trust Conservation Scheme.

The Virtual Talk Series hosted by the Museum via Zoom is proving very popular. There are a variety of talks from around Sussex and some that focus on Rustington. All of the talks are free to attend - look out for how to book on the Museum Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/rustingtonmuseum and on the website www.rustingtonmuseum.org/whats-on/

Wednesday 17 November, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Ashley Cooke from Liverpool Museum talks about the Egyptology Collection of Amy Urlin. She often accompanied her sister, Hilda, and Hilda's husband, Flinders Petrie, on digs. The Urlin sisters grew up in Rustington and Petrie stored his Collection in a hut down Sea Lane.

Wednesday 15 December, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Caroline Hayward from NTS Kirriemuir, JM Barrie's Birthplace. Explore Barrie's early life and the influences that led to the writing of Peter Pan, and his connection with Cudlow House in the Village.

Wednesday 19 January, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Emma Crew from The Jewish Museum. January is when Holocaust Memorial Day is held, and Emma will be telling the stories of Jewish refugees that came to West Sussex. Their Collection also has a doll's house based on a real building in Angmering-on-Sea.

Wednesday 16 February, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
James Dickinson talks about Pevensey Castle, a Saxon Shore Fort with an incredible history.

The Museum is located in the Samuel Wickens Centre, Broadmark Lane Car Park (behind Waitrose), Broadmark Lane, BN16 2NW
Telephone: 01903 788478.
Open Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
(Closed 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm).

Even though restrictions have eased across the Country (at the time of writing this article) we kindly ask that visitors continue to wear face coverings (unless exempt) and sanitise their hands before entry.

Claire Lucas - Museum Manager

New Public Toilet Unit for Broadmark Lane (Southern End)



By the time this Newsletter reaches you it is hoped that a brand-new Toilet Unit will have been installed in Broadmark Lane. The existing unit was closed and taken away for recycling after over 25 years of service at the beginning of October. The delivery of the new unit has been delayed due to circumstances beyond the Parish Council's control and, in the interim, two temporary Portaloos have been hired for use by the public.

During the Winter months, the Public Toilets will be opened by 7.00 am each morning and closed between 4.30 pm and 5.00 pm. The Unit will be cleaned and checked throughout the day, but to report a problem, please contact the Parish Council Offices.



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2-5 June 2022

Following on from the Report in the last Newsletter, a second Public Meeting took place recently, with representatives from many local Groups, Clubs, Organisations, Individuals and Businesses in attendance.

The Programme of Events is now starting to take a positive shape, with the Events listed below either provisional or, in most cases, already confirmed:-

Wednesday 1 June 2022

- Flower Festival Preview Opening Concert - 7.30 pm - St Peter & St Paul Parish Church

2-5 June 2022

- Flower Festival - St Peter & St Paul Parish Church (Various opening times)
- Funfair - Woodlands Recreation Ground
- Museum - Exhibition & Public Talk
- House Decorating Competition

Friday 3 June 2022

- 'Fun Bowls and Games For All Ages' - 9.30 am - 12 noon - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre - Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club

Saturday 4 June 2022

- Rustington Street Fayre - Village Centre - Littlehampton District Lions Club
- 'Last Night of the Proms' Concert - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre - Littlehampton Concert Band
- Jubilee Fayre (Stalls, Crafts, Refreshments, Lunches & Cream Teas) - St Peter & St Paul Parish Church Hall
- Art Exhibition - Rustington Methodist Church Hall - ArtWorks
- 'Cream Tea at The Platinum Club' - 11.00 am - 2.00 pm - Samuel Wickens Centre - Rustington Platinum Social Club

Sunday 5 June 2022

- Kwik Cricket Schools' Tournament, Charity Adult Cricket Match with Tombola and other similar stalls - Rustington Cricket Club
- Rustington's Got Talent - Approx. 7.00 pm - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre - Rustington Residents Association & Rustington Players

Other events, for which the dates, times and venues have to be confirmed include, a Design a Crown Competition (Friends of Angmering Station & ArtWorks), a Churches Together Songs of Praise, a Quiz at The Woodlands Centre (Littlehampton District Lions Club), an Evening Entertainment Event at the Rustington Sports and Social Club, and some Historical Walks (Graeme Taylor).

The Programme of Events will be finalised by the end of January 2022, with confirmed details being included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The Parish Council has also agreed to purchase a Commemorative Medal for each child attending the three Rustington Primary Schools (on School roll and in Reception to Year 6 at the time of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations). It is anticipated that these will be presented to the Schools in March 2022.

A copy of the Official Commemorative Programme of Events will be delivered to every household in the Village, with the Parish Council's Annual Newsletter, during May 2022 - In time for everyone to be fully aware of all of the Events that will be taking place, where and when, before, during and after the Jubilee Weekend!

The plan is that there will be something going on, not only during the Jubilee Weekend, but also in the days leading up to and after it for the whole community to enjoy - So, keep your diaries free and get ready for a hectic beginning to June 2022!

Rustington Youth Club

Rustington Youth Club has welcomed many new Year 7 students since the Summer Holidays ended which is awesome news. We are also excited for Winter and the New Year. Our sessions are still held from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, as a drop-in for young people aged 11-18 years. We've gathered lots of requests for food to be cooked during the sessions and are soon to reopen our tuck shop!

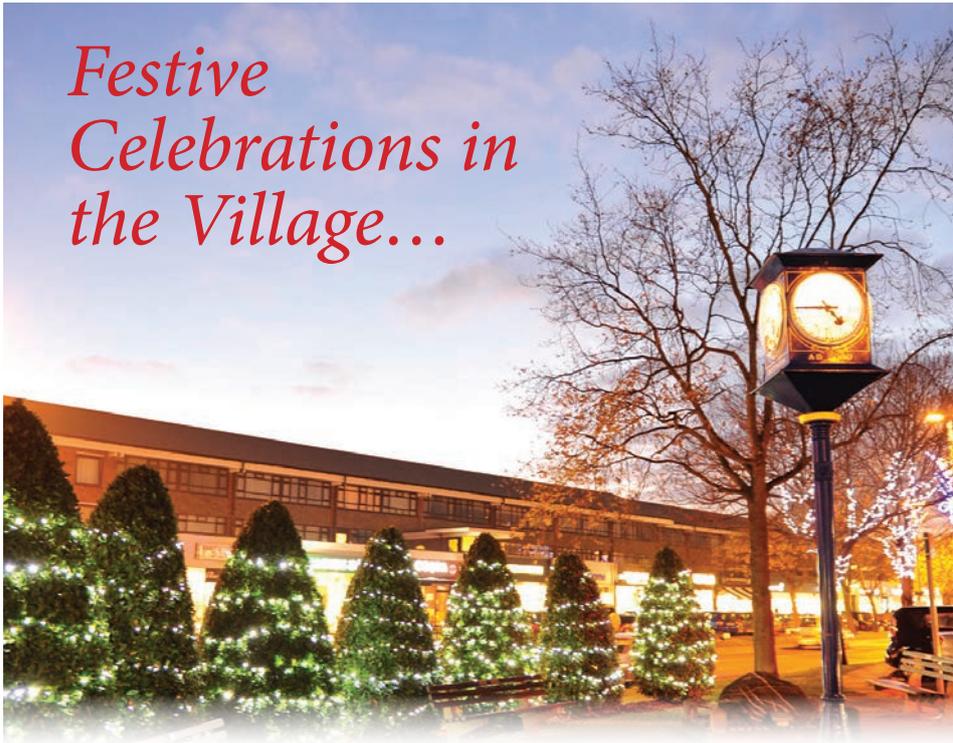
As we enter the Winter months and into the New Year we are working in partnership with GoSketch and Rustington Golf Centre, where young people will complete an Arts Award Project alongside group activities, team building activities as well as designing their own Club name/brand to have printed on clothing for a final few sessions on the Driving Range. For those not taking part in



this project there will be activities in the Centre, often including some sports tournaments and lots of hot chocolate making!

If you have further queries about Rustington Youth Club or Arun Youth Projects, please contact Worker in Charge: Matt.Pollard@arunchurch.com or Arun Youth Projects Manager: Emma.Biffi@arunchurch.com

Festive Celebrations in the Village...



Christmas Shopping Event

Saturday 11 December - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Come and do your Christmas shopping in Rustington and soak up the atmosphere. See the Christmas Lights, visit Santa's Grotto, listen to Carol Singers, see your child/grandchild's face light up at the Fair and see if you recognise any surprise characters walking around the Village.

Rustington has a lovely mix of independent and high street names to get all your Christmas gifts, then take a break for a coffee or lunch in one of the many Cafes and Restaurants. Support the Village retailers and shop local.



The Samuel Wickens Centre will also be participating, in its own small way, in the Christmas Event on **11 December**.

Complimentary Coffee and Mince Pies will be available for all visitors to the Centre between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.



So, if you can find the time to tear yourself away from the Festive Market Stalls and Santa's Grotto, Jules will be delighted to see you!

Community Carol Concert

The Parish Council will, once again, be hosting an evening of Festive Music and fun at the Annual Community Carol Concert on Saturday 11 December (subject to Covid-19 Government Guidance). As in previous years, it will be held in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, commencing at 7.00 pm. Entry is Free, as are Refreshments and the Grand Lucky Programme Draw.



A very exciting evening is, as always, being planned with performances from the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and The Melodians, not forgetting the always popular Community Carol Singing.

As many of you will be aware, this Concert is always a very popular event, and it is anticipated that this year will be no exception.

Entry, as always, will be strictly on a 'first come first serve' basis.



Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15 pm in the John de Bohun Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Recreation Ground entrance).

Currently all members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings if they book in advance via the Council Offices, and time is set aside before each Council and Committee Meeting commences (7.00 pm) to give members of the public an opportunity to pose questions.

A copy of the Agenda for each Meeting is displayed at the Public Library and on Noticeboards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

Meeting Dates December 2021 - March 2022

Monday	6	Dec	Planning
Monday	20	Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Monday	20	Dec	Planning
Monday	10	Jan	Planning
Monday	24	Jan	Finance & General Purposes
Monday	24	Jan	COUNCIL
Monday	31	Jan	Planning
Monday	14	Feb	Allotments
Monday	14	Feb	Leisure & Amenities
Monday	28	Feb	Finance & General Purposes
Monday	28	Feb	COUNCIL
Monday	28	Feb	Planning
Monday	14	Mar	Planning
Monday	28	Mar	Finance & General Purposes
Monday	28	Mar	Planning



Community Noticeboard

The Noticeboard located at Churchill Court is now available to Rustington Community Groups, Organisations and Charities for the purpose of showcasing their invaluable work and advertising their events.



Bookings for the entire Noticeboard are for a period of three months and are FREE of charge. For further details of Terms & Conditions visit: rustingtonpc.org/about-rustington/community-noticeboard/

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