

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



Christmas Shop Window Competition Winner
- Little Angels Ironing Shop

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy.

Whilst acknowledging how difficult the last two years have been for us all, it feels like we have turned a corner and we are focusing on better times ahead.

In December last year, I was privileged to open the wonderful Christmas Fayre for Rustington WI, at the Samuel Wickens Centre. Sadly, the Omicron variant caused the cancellation of our wonderful Carol Concert, but I was really pleased that the Christmas Event in the Village, although smaller, was still able to go ahead, with my personal highlight being the judging of the Shop Window Competition. I want to thank all of the entrants, great efforts were made and the results were impressive.

At the end of December, we were devastated to hear of the death of Rustington's Official Historian, our beloved Mary Taylor BEM, she was such an integral part of the Village and its history and will be sorely missed.

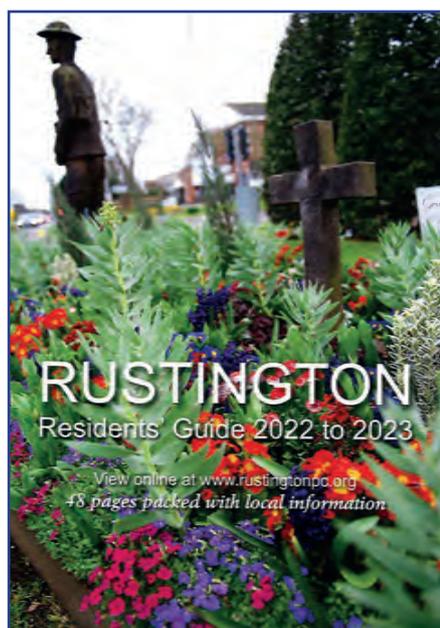
At times, the last few months have felt like a

rollercoaster ride, and as we plan many exciting Events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we get the chance to showcase what Rustington can deliver for the community. I am really looking forward to it.

The new Public Toilet facility at Broadmark Lane has been officially opened, and I would like to thank all of the staff involved with this Project, as it presented many challenges which were tenaciously overcome.

Mornings are getting brighter, I see sunshine occasionally and hear the birds singing more often. Simple things showing there is much to look forward to in 2022.

Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper



A copy of the new Guide is being delivered to every household in the Village with this newsletter.



2022/2023 Parish Council Tax



As I write this message, at the beginning of what we hope will continue to see a return to a more 'normal' existence for us all, I can tell you that the past year has, once again, seen challenging times for the Council's finances. However, the Council's

entire operation has remained fully operational throughout, and all of its facilities have been 'open for business as usual' since the beginning of August 2021.

At this point, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Council's personnel for working unceasingly throughout the Covid-19 crisis, albeit for periods on a remote basis from home, for almost two years.

With a much-reduced rental and hiring income, the Council has continued to provide, operate and maintain, the Public Toilets, Floral Displays, Bus and Beach Shelters, the War Memorial, The Woodlands Centre, Recreation Ground, Youth Centre, Samuel Wickens Centre, three Allotment Sites and the most impressive Christmas Lighting Scheme, to mention just a few. The No. 12 Bus Service continues to operate, courtesy of the four-way partnership with Compass Travel, Store Property Investments Limited, the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and the Parish Council.

Whilst this has been an unparalleled period for the Council's operation which, it is anticipated, could continue to a lesser degree, in the next financial year, it has again maintained all of the services that it provides for the benefit of the local community and visitors to the Village.

And now for the good news...

The Council has agreed that the 2022/2023 Precept should be set at the same level as for the current financial year, namely at £690,000.00. This will, in effect, represent a small reduction of approximately 22p on the Annual Parish Council Tax, which will be in the region of £112.84 for a Band 'D' property

(approximately 2p per month over the 10-month payment period).

As I stated last year, the Council remains extremely pro-active, providing exceptional value for money, whilst always being conscious of the financial constraints it faces and the burden its expenditure might place on its Parishioners.

It just leaves for me to remind you that, members of the local community will have the opportunity to find out more about how the Council has spent its Precept during the past year, and how it plans to spend it during the next financial year at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, scheduled to be held on Thursday 14 April 2022 in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

Councillor Graham Tyler -
Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Grant Aid to Local Groups and Organisations 2022/2023

The Council has funds available to assist local Groups and Organisations.

Applications must be received in the Council Offices by no later than 1 June 2022.

A copy of the Guidance Notes for Potential Applicants can be downloaded from www.rustingtonpc.org or Email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org or from the Council Offices in Woodlands Avenue.



Rustington to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2-5 June 2022) in style!

Following on from the Report in the last Newsletter, a further 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:-

28 May to 11 June

- Rustington Jubilee Trail - Available 24 hours - Various locations throughout the Village (*Rustington Heritage Association in partnership with Rustington Parish Council*)

Wednesday 1 June

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

Thursday 2 June

- Quiz Night - Village Memorial Hall - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm (*Littlehampton District Lions Club*)

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June

- Kings' and Queens' Lunch Party - Parish Church Hall - 12 noon - 3.00 pm (*St Peter and St Paul's Pantry*)

Thursday 2 & Saturday 4 June

- Rustington History Walk - Start/Finish at Rustington Museum - 10.00 am (*Graeme Taylor & Rustington Heritage Association*)
- Rhoda Garrett Talk - Samuel Wickens Centre - Thursday 7.00 pm & Saturday 3.00 pm (*Graeme Taylor*)

Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 June

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

Friday 3 June

- 'Fun Bowls and Games For All Ages' - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre - 9.30 am - 12 noon (*Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club*)
- Mad Hatters Tea Party' - Samuel Wickens Centre - 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm (*Family Support Work Chichester Diocese*)

Saturday 4 June

- Funfair - Woodlands Recreation Ground (*Showtime Amusements*)
- Rustington Street Fayre - Village Centre - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (*Littlehampton District Lions Club in partnership with Rustington Parish Council*)
- 'Last Night of the Proms' Concert - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre (*Littlehampton Concert Band in partnership with Rustington Parish Council*)
- Jubilee Fayre (Stalls, Crafts, Refreshments, Lunches & Cream Teas) - *St Peter & St Paul Parish Church Hall*
- Art Event (Arts & Crafts Stalls and 'Lockdown' Art Exhibition) - Methodist Church Hall - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (*ArtWorks*)
- 'Cream Tea at The Platinum Club' - Samuel Wickens Centre - 11.00 am - 2.00 pm (*Rustington Platinum Social Club*)
- Ice Cream Sundae Parlour - Coffee Lounge at Methodist Church - 2.00 pm (*Rustington Methodist Church*)

Sunday 5 June

- Kwik Cricket Schools' Tournament - 10.30 am & Adult 20 x 20 Charity Match - 2.00 pm - (with Tombola, various stalls and BBQ) - Woodlands Recreation Ground (*Rustington Cricket Club*)
- 'Songs of Praise' - Methodist Church Garden - 11.00 am (*Churches Together in Rustington*)
- Rustington's Got Talent - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre - 7.00 pm (*Rustington Residents Association & Rustington Players*)

Other Events include a 'Design a Crown' Competition and Exhibition at Angmering Station (Friends of Angmering Station & ArtWorks), and on Sunday 5 June a Family BBQ in the Methodist Church Garden and an Evening Social Event at the Rustington Sports and Social Club.

It is anticipated that the Commemorative Medals, for all children attending the three Rustington Primary Schools (on School roll and in Reception to Year 6 at the time of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations), will be presented to the Schools sometime during March/April 2022, although this has yet to be arranged.

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!

Rustington Museum at the Samuel Wickens Centre

The first Exhibition for 2022 will be all child's play at Rustington Museum. 'Playtime' explores the toys and games in the Museum Collection, from handmade jigsaws to collectible cars. There is even a selection of traditional toys for visitors to enjoy... Can you catch the ball in the cup?

The Museum is inviting people to share their Collections as part of the Exhibition with the opportunity to have items on display in one of the Museum cases. New and old toys are welcome, from Train Sets to Pokémon. Currently on display is a selection of Old Cottage Dolls showing the variety of styles and skill of the ladies who helped to make them.

Looking ahead to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this Summer, there are lots of exciting plans for the Museum including a Village Trail, Talks and, of course, a dedicated Exhibition. Do you have Jubilee Memorabilia you would like to share... maybe items from the Coronation or past Jubilees? Photos, Event Programmes and miscellaneous objects are all welcome. More details regarding the events will be released on the Museum's website and Facebook page.

To contact the Museum regarding either of the above Exhibitions, please call **01903 788478**, email: museum@rustingtonpc.org or visit in person.

The Virtual Talk Series hosted by the Museum via Zoom is continuing with Talks based on a Sussex theme.

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 Museum website www.rustingtonmuseum.org/whats-on/



The Zoom link will be emailed to you once you have booked a ticket.

Wednesday, 16 March - details TBC

Join the Museum and Padmini Broomfield for a special reminiscence session looking at the past Jubilee Celebrations in Rustington and across the country. This will be on-line via Zoom and tickets will be limited. Details will be released on the Museum's Facebook page and website nearer the time.

Wednesday, 20 April at 2.00 pm

One for art lovers, Tim Baldwin will be exploring notable artists that have been inspired by the Sussex countryside and made the county their home, such as William and Albert Belleruche. August 2022 will be the start of a grand Exhibition of art work from the Museum Collection of scenes from the Village and works by local artists.

Wednesday, 18 May at 2.00 pm

Find out more about the eccentric Natural Historian HLF Guermonprez from Bognor Regis who collected all around Sussex. Christine Taylor, Natural Science Curator at Portsmouth Museum Service, will be sharing his Collection and his life story.

Rustington Youth Club

The team at Rustington Youth Club have had a great Winter, welcoming more young people to the session and we're looking forward to entering Spring and Summer, with lighter evenings and the opportunity to plan some Summer activities and BBQs!

Over Winter we've been keeping warm inside with hot chocolates

and chicken wraps (that are now the favourite!). We've also had an incredible team of young leaders join the staff to support working in the kitchen and the tuck shop.

Our sessions are held every Thursday evening from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, as a drop-in for young people aged 11-18 years. Subs are 50p per session, which includes drinks and



food. If you would like to buy sweets from the re-stocked tuck shop, please bring some money with you. We've also updated the Xbox, so come on down and join in!

For more information, please email Youth Worker in Charge Matt.Pollard@arunchurch.com

Opening of New Public Toilets - Broadmark Lane (Southern End)



Following significant investment by the Parish Council a brand new Toilet Unit has been installed in Broadmark Lane. It was officially opened at the beginning of January 2022 by Councillors Mrs Alison Cooper and Graham Tyler, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The old Unit was closed and taken away for recycling after over 25 years of service at the beginning of October 2021. It is hoped that the new Unit will equally serve the Community for many years to come.

A fully accessible toilet cubicle which incorporates a baby change unit is included, together with separate ladies and gentleman's toilets. The new facilities are open as follows:-

1 May - 30 September	7.00 am to approx. 6.30 pm
1 October - 30 April	7.00 am to approx. 5.00 pm

The Unit will be cleaned and checked throughout the day, but to report a problem, please contact the Parish Council Offices on 01903 786420 or 07752 493539 (out of hours).

Loo of the Year Awards

The Parish Council was, once again, delighted to win two Platinum and one Gold Loo of the Year Awards in the search to find the best 'away from home' toilets in the UK. The Rustington entries were in the Public Toilets (Non-Attended) Category.

Additional awards included Washroom Cleaner of the Year Certificates for all three Units. Excellent achievements indeed for all involved and, in particular Biffa, the Council's Cleansing Contractor.

Every entry received an unannounced visit from a Loo of the Year Awards Inspector and was assessed against 101 judging criteria - including signage and décor, fixtures and fittings and overall standards of cleanliness and management.



Gardens Competition

Now is the time to start thinking about this year's Gardens Competition which is divided into the following classes:-

- Class 1** - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)*
- Class 2** - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)*
- Class 3** - Front Gardens of Any Size, including Paved Gardens with Patio Tubs (Residential)*
- Class 4** - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)*
- Class 5** - Schools' Competition
- Class 6** - Community Gardens

*Entries must be clearly visible from the Road

Parishioners and local businesses are encouraged to start thinking about their planting plans now so that they can nominate either themselves, their neighbours, or any members of the local Community for the Competition.

Annual Assembly of the Parish

This is a Meeting of the Parish and is, therefore, open to all electors. It gives everyone an opportunity to discuss local matters, and 'meet' their Parish, District and County Councillors. It is held in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre.

This year's Meeting will be held on Thursday 14 April commencing at 7.30 pm (light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Meeting).

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 at The Woodlands Centre.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Meetings and time is set aside before each Council Meeting commences at 7.00 pm, to provide the opportunity to pose questions.

The Agendas for all Meetings are displayed at the Library, on Village Noticeboards and on the Council's Website.

Parishioners' Award

The Council is, once again, inviting members of the community to submit nominations for the 2022 Parishioners' Awards.



Two awards can be made each year - one to an Individual and one to a Group/Organisation - in recognition of outstanding Public Service to the Community. All parishioners or parish-based organisations (including voluntary groups and professionals) are eligible for these Awards.

Individuals, Groups and Organisations from outside of the Parish, who make an outstanding contribution for the benefit of the community of Rustington, may also be considered. These are 'once in a lifetime' Awards and will not be presented on more than one occasion.

Nomination Forms can be downloaded from www.rustingtonpc.org

Alternatively, to request a Nomination Form, please telephone the Council Offices or email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is Monday 25 April and the winners will be announced in June.

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Meeting Dates March 2022 - June 2022

Mon	14	Mar	Planning
Mon	28	Mar	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	28	Mar	COUNCIL
Mon	11	Apr	Allotments
Mon	11	Apr	Planning
Thurs	14	Apr	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
Mon	25	Apr	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	25	Apr	COUNCIL
Mon	25	Apr	Planning
Mon	23	May	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	23	May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Mon	23	May	Planning
Mon	6	Jun	Planning
Mon	6	Jun	Leisure & Amenities
Mon	27	Jun	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	27	Jun	COUNCIL
Mon	27	Jun	Planning

