

# Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

## Chairman's Message



As I write this message, we are enjoying some typical Autumnal weather, with a bit of extra warmth thrown in. Over the Summer months, I have once again been lucky enough to represent the Council at functions throughout West Sussex and within the Village.

A real highlight for me was the judging of the Village Gardens Competition, and a truly inspirational Civic Thanksgiving Service conducted by The Reverend Natalie Loveless at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, followed by the Community Awards Reception at The Woodlands Centre, which recognised these achievements, together with the recipient of the Parishioners' Award this year.

As a Council, we have held regular Council Surgeries in the Library, bringing together local Councillors from all tiers of Local Government. These have been popular and insightful in respect of the current issues in our Village. There seems to be a large increase in inconsiderate driving, with members of the public reporting instances of speeding, poor parking, non-observation of the Highway Code safety guidelines and anti-social driving. Please report any similar incidents that you might witness and/or have concerns about to Operation Crackdown [www.operationcrackdown.org/](http://www.operationcrackdown.org/) or if it is an actual crime, call 101 or report online at [www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/](http://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/)

Moving on to the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at the War Memorial. What an absolute privilege it was to be a part of this in our Village. The huge turnout to honour those people who gave their lives for us and our Country was truly humbling. I was proud to join others in laying wreaths to represent many organisations and our community. Well done, Rustington!

As we move in to the darker months and look towards Christmas, please keep an eye on those in our community

who may be suffering, especially taking account of the current difficult times we are all having to deal with, and who do not have the benefit of family close by.

Whilst a little early, can I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council and myself personally, to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper

## The Village's much loved 'soldier' has returned!



Before



After

After 8 years of watching over Rustington, in all weathers, the Village soldier had not surprisingly started to show his age. Created in 2014, to mark the Centenary Anniversary of the start of the First World War, Rustington's iconic figure returned to his original maker, the incredibly talented local chainsaw artist Simon Groves for some much needed TLC including the creation of a new rifle and left foot!

The soldier did not travel alone and was accompanied by his loyal War Horse and the Wooden Cross, both of which have also received a makeover.

All three sculptures will continue to take pride of place at the junction of The Street and Ash Lane within the wonderful floral displays created by Ferring Nurseries.



# Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

The Parish Council hosted its Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 23 October, at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church.

Guests included James Whitmore, High Sheriff of West Sussex, Councillor Samantha-Jayne Staniforth, Chairman of the Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Mayors and Councillors from Angmering, Bognor Regis, Littlehampton, Rustington, West Sussex County Council and the Arun District Council. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Natalie Loveless, with the assistance of The Reverend Laura Darrall.

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 Annet Ziraba, in recognition of her outstanding caring commitment and dedication to helping to ensure social inclusion for many members of the community of Rustington, and in particular, for founding the extremely popular Rustington Platinum Social Club, which is now held at the Samuel Wickens Centre twice weekly.



L-R Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper, Nicola Miles and Tracey Hunt (Winner of Class 3 Residential Front Gardens - The Geoff Miles Memorial Trophy)



Annet Ziraba (Parishioner's Award Recipient)

Special thanks and appreciation were also conveyed to Ferring Nurseries, for the continued outstanding service and dedication they provided for the Village.

In concluding the afternoon, the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper, said that she was, as always, impressed by the continuing hard work and outstanding achievements of the local groups, organisations and individuals for the benefit of the community. She was particularly delighted that some of these efforts were being recognised by way of the awards presented, at this most enjoyable social event, that is fully established in the Council's Calendar.

She also thanked everyone for attending and helping to make the Event such a success.

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Littlehampton Tesco to  
Rustington Sainsbury's  
return 5 times a day



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## DEFIBRILLATORS

are available for public use at:  
(listed below are affixed to external walls)



Churchill Car Park Public Toilets (behind Iceland and The Factory Shop)

Southern end of Sea Avenue (affixed to a resident's garden wall)

The Georgi Fin Micropub - Woodlands Avenue

Rustington Scout Hall - Church Road

Pavillion Terrace building - (facing sea) Princess Marina House -  
Broadmark Lane/Beach

The Samuel Wickens Centre - Broadmark Lane Car Park, Broadmark Lane

Beach Shelter (Junction of Sea Road/Sea Lane facing the sea)

The Woodlands Centre - Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue

Further defibrillators can be accessed from inside The Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre and Rustington Sports and Social Club, Jubilee Avenue (Woodlands Recreation Ground).



## Festive Celebrations in the Village...

### Christmas in Rustington

Saturday 10 December - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Photo by Scott Ramsey

Rustington is such a vibrant and bustling Village at the best of times, so it is the perfect place to come and do your Christmas shopping. With a fabulous mix of independent and high street names there is so much to choose from. With 260m of covered retail canopies, shoppers are protected from rain, snow and sun 365 days a year.

On Saturday 10 December there will be even more reason to come to Rustington. Colin's Amusements will be there with their fabulous Children's Fair - ride the tea cups, hook a duck and grab some candy floss. Meet the local Fire Brigade and get to sit in the cab of the Fire Engine. Come and meet Santa in Santa's Grotto run by the Littlehampton and District Lions Club. There is a small gift for all the children who visit and the money raised goes to help local Charities. There will also be a Window Competition that the whole family can get involved in.

Talented local groups and choirs will be performing uplifting festive songs and Christmas Carols. The Littlehampton Musical Comedy Society is performing Puss in Boots in January and some of the characters will be making an appearance in the Village. Who would you like to meet, Fairy Storey, Puss himself or the evil Lord Roger?

You can build up quite an appetite having fun and buying gifts for your loved ones, but don't worry there are plenty of fabulous Cafes, Bars and Restaurants to stop for some well-earned refreshments.

Keep an eye on the Rustington Village Facebook page and the Shop Rustington website for more details.

The Event is organised by the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce alongside Rustington Parish Council and is supported by Store Property Investments Limited.

**RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT**

Saturday 10th December 2022  
Commencing at 7.00pm  
Village Memorial Hall  
The Woodlands Centre  
Woodlands Avenue  
Rustington

**FREE Admission including Refreshments**

A very exciting evening is, as always, being arranged with performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and The Melodians, not forgetting the always popular Community Carol Singing. There will also be a Grand Lucky Programme Draw.

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 will be strictly on a 'first come first serve' basis.

## Samuel Wickens Centre

The Samuel Wickens Centre will also be participating, in its own small way, in the Christmas Event on 10 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!

# Rustington Museum

There is a lot to look forward to in the Museum this Autumn and Winter.

The "Artistic Rustington" Exhibition is open and showcases art from the Museum Collection. From small pieces to our showstopping large paintings, there is a variety of styles to see. The display will be changing, so look out on Facebook and Twitter for announcements.

A special guest appearance is a watercolour by Harold Steward Rathbone. On loan from the William Morris Gallery in London, it is titled "The Garden at Rustington". Also on loan, is a painting of Sea Mill from Littlehampton Museum.

In the Community Cases, the displays are updated every month. A display by volunteer and Dr Who fan, James England, celebrating 100 years of the BBC, will be in one of the cases, accompanied by a trail around the Museum to find hidden linked objects. A small display for Remembrance featuring Rustington Convalescent Home and the part it played in the Wars will be on show during November. During

December we will be celebrating smaller artforms with a display of miniature items from the Collection. Do you have anything in miniature that you would like to loan the Museum? From mini models to tiny treasures, we want to hear from you!



The Museum's Talk Series is proving to be very

popular, with topics featuring Rustington and Sussex. Free to attend, tickets can be booked in person via Eventbrite - watch the Museum website and Facebook page for the latest information.

**Wednesday 14 December, 2.00 pm**  
John Storey tells the tale of Rustington Players, from its beginnings to present day productions.



**Wednesday 18 January, 2.00 pm**  
Explore the Blue and Commemorative Plaques of Bognor Regis with Sylvia Endacott.

**Wednesday 15 February, 2.00 pm**  
Find out more about the artists who made Sussex their home from Tim Baldwin. This marks the final week of the "Artistic Rustington" Exhibition.

Look out for the free Christmas Crafts at the Museum in December. More details on Facebook and Museum website nearer the time.

The Museum's Community Case is available to local groups or individuals with Collections and stories to tell. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to be part of Rustington Museum's displays!

The Museum is located in the Samuel Wickens Centre, Broadmark Lane Car Park (behind Waitrose), BN16 2NW Tel: **01903 788478** or Email: [museum@rustingtonpc.org](mailto:museum@rustingtonpc.org) [www.rustingtonmuseum.org](http://www.rustingtonmuseum.org)

 @Rustington Museum  RustingtonMuse1

Open Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (Closed 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm).

**The Museum will be closed from Saturday 24 December to Monday 2 January 2023 inclusive.**  
Claire Lucas - Museum Manager

# Rustington Youth Club

Rustington Youth Club, open on Thursday evenings between 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm for young people aged 11-18 years, has continued to welcome new members as we entered the Autumn Term.



Earlier this Term, the Club celebrated one of our young people as she moved on to University. After attending the Club with friends for 7 years and volunteering for the past two years as a 'young leader' we were really proud to send her on her way!



**Matt Pollard, Worker in Charge**  
- Arun Youth Projects



As we approach Winter & the Festive Season, the young people have worked with the team to create a term plan, including activities. We will be serving hot food and drinks each session, entry/subs are 50p and there will also be tuck available each week.

If you want to know any more about the Club, follow us  @ArunYouthProjects or email -  Emma.Biffi@arunchurch.com



# Cost of Living Support



## LOCAL HELP IS AVAILABLE

### West Sussex Community Hub

Help and Support is available for eligible residents who are struggling with fuel and food costs.

Open 7 days a week.

Helpline Tel: 033 022 27980

### The Littlehampton Foodbank

It doesn't matter if you work and it doesn't matter where you work - help is available to support anyone who is facing a financial crisis and has little or no money for the basics.

Tel: 0808 208 2138 to access a voucher for a 3 day supply of non-perishable store cupboard items and toiletries.

### Community Fridge on Tour

Open to everyone and FREE of charge with no referral required. All food is rescued and simply needs a home to stop it being wasted.

**Rustington Methodist Church, Clagmar Road**

Wednesdays 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Saturdays 11.00am - 12.00 pm

### St Peter and St Paul's Pantry

A space where anyone in the community who is struggling can top up their weekly food supplies - no referrals or registration required.

1st Wednesday of the month 4.00pm - 6.00pm

2nd Wednesday: 8.30am - 10.00am

3rd Wednesday: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

4th/5th Wednesday: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Rustington Church Hall, 77 The Street BN16 3NL



## Further available support through Citizens Advice

Hardship Helpline:

0808 208 2138

General Advice:

0808 278 7969



# Versatile and accessible venues for hire in Rustington



The Woodlands Centre



The Village Memorial Hall

## Spaces to accommodate groups of 12 to 210!

- Regular Hiring Slots
- Community Groups
- Concerts
- Fundraising Events
- Arts and Crafts
- Children's Parties
- Celebratory Events
- Exercise Classes
- Business Meetings
- Exhibitions
- Seminars
- Amateur Dramatics

Prices start at

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Adjacent Large FREE Car Park at the Woodlands Recreation Ground



Telephone:  
01903 786420

For more information:  
[www.rustingtonpc.org/aboutrustington](http://www.rustingtonpc.org/aboutrustington)



Youth Centre



Kilhams Hall

## Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15 pm in the Roger Montgomeri 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.

## Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a Parish, District and County Councillor, as well as a representative from the Arun Neighbourhood Policing Team (Sussex Police), to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed, maintained and enhanced, and to raise any other issues of interest or concern.

Surgeries will be held in Rustington Library (Claigmar Road) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on:

- Saturday 3 December 2022
- Saturday 11 February 2023

## Meeting Dates

Mon 5 Dec	Planning
Mon 19 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 19 Dec	Planning

Mon 9 Jan	Planning
Mon 23 Jan	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 23 Jan	COUNCIL
Mon 30 Jan	Planning

Mon 20 Feb	Allotments
Mon 20 Feb	Emergency Planning
Mon 20 Feb	Leisure & Amenities
Mon 27 Feb	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Feb	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Feb	Planning



## Your Parish Council

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## Community Noticeboard



The Noticeboard located at Churchill Court is 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: [www.rustingtonpc.org/about-rustington/community-noticeboard/](http://www.rustingtonpc.org/about-rustington/community-noticeboard/)



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