

Chairman's Message



2018 has been the warmest Summer we have had in years and, as the September rain began to fall, Rustington continued to shine with the Annual Community Awards Presentation, a chance to celebrate

the horticultural achievements of our community by awarding the Winners and Runners-up in both the Gardens & Allotments Competitions with their awards. Another shining moment was when I had the honour of presenting the 2018 Parishioners' Award to Sally Holmes for her dedication to a number of local groups and the community as a whole. Again, I would like to congratulate all of the award winners.

As the dark Winter nights draw closer, we have

a chance to remember all those who gave their lives in defence of our Country in all past Wars/Conflicts around the world. This year we especially remember the end of WW1 exactly 100 years ago on Sunday 11 November. To commemorate this occasion, the Council, in partnership with other groups, has planned some special Events, of which details can be found in this Newsletter. I hope you can come and join us.

Christmas is just a few weeks away and, this year, Rustington will have new Festive lights, with more areas of the Village adorned, and details of the Christmas Shopping Event are contained later in this Newsletter.

All that is left to say is, on behalf of the Parish Council, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Councillor Jamie Bennett
Chairman

Breaking News! A New Home For Rustington Museum

As this Newsletter goes to press, the Council has just received the fantastic news that its application to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been successful, and a grant of £71,400 has been awarded towards the Project to transform the dedicated Museum area at the Samuel Wickens Centre and make it 'fit for purpose'.

Further details of the progression of this Project will appear in the next issue of this Newsletter, so watch this space.

Commemoration of the End of the Centenary of World War One

Continuing with the Village's Commemoration of the End of the Centenary of World War One, the 'Lest We Forget' Public Music Concert of Wartime Songs, featuring the Littlehampton Concert Band, will be held on the evening of Saturday 10 November in The Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre from 7.30 pm - 9.45 pm. Tickets for this Event are on sale at the Samuel Wickens Centre and the Council Offices at a cost of £3 which includes a Lucky Programme Draw.

At the time of 'going to press' over half of the allocated tickets have been sold, so if you would like to attend and don't want

to be disappointed, please purchase your tickets without delay.

The enhanced Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at the War Memorial (junction of Claignar Road and The Street) will be taking place on Sunday 11 November, commencing at 10.45 am.

The Parade will, this year, leave from The Woodlands Centre Car Park in Woodlands Avenue at 10.20 am and progress to the War Memorial where the Service will begin. In this very important year, a new plaque on the wall of the War Memorial will be unveiled during the Service as a lasting commemoration of this most poignant Event.

By the time this Newsletter is delivered to you, the judging of the Primary Schools' Themed Art Competition will have taken place, with Winners and Runners-up being declared. Details will, it is anticipated, be published in the local Press, but they will also be included in the next issue. It is anticipated that an Oak Tree, donated by the Brookside Memorial Garden Project, will be planted in the winning School's grounds, as soon as practicably possible after the judging date.

Finally, don't forget to get your tickets for the 'Lest We Forget' Concert. Everyone involved in the arrangements is certain that this is going to be a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

The Parish Council hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 9 September, at Rustington Methodist Church.

Guests included Mrs Lilian Holdsworth, Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex, Councillor Alan Gammon, Chairman of Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Mayors and Councillors from Arundel, Bognor Regis, East Preston, Kingston, Littlehampton, Rustington, West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council. The Service was conducted by Reverend Bob Sneddon.

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, both for outstanding floral displays in private front gardens and business premises and also for excellently cultivated allotment plots.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presentation of the Parishioners' Award to Mrs Sally Holmes, in recognition of her outstanding commitment, dedication and service to, and for the benefit of, the community of Rustington.



Number 12 Bus Service 'Use it or Lose it...'

Following the reinstatement of the extended No. 12 Bus Service, just over a year ago, courtesy of a partnership between Compass Travel, the Parish Council, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited, it has recently been agreed that the partnership will continue to fund this Bus Service until at least the end of 2019, following which a review will take place to ensure that the level of demand for this route is sufficient enough to warrant its continuation.

With this in mind, the Council would like to remind parishioners of its existence, and urge them to use the Service as much as possible. It operates from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 15:00 hours. In the main, the route follows the original No. 12 Service, serving Rustington Sainsbury's Superstore and the Village Centre, with the addition of the Manor Retail Park (Next, ALDI, Tapi Carpets and BMW) and Worthing Road. It then continues to Littlehampton, serving the Swimming and Leisure Centre, Railway Station and the Tesco Superstore at Broadpiece.

The Concessionary Bus Pass, issued by West Sussex County Council, can be used on this Bus Service.

The No.12 Bus Service timetable can be found at www.compass-travel.co.uk

Rustington-In-Bloom

The Summer planting of the Village has been very special this year, with the white flowers representing and commemorating the peace following the end of World War One a Century ago.

The displays at the War Memorial with the white flowers and the poppies have been particularly striking. Likewise the display around the soldier has been equally impressive, and even through this long dry Summer, they have been looking excellent throughout.

Again, our thanks to the Council's contractors, Ferring Nurseries, for their original ideas and all of their hard work, making our Village an exceptional place to live or to visit.

Having taken a year off from the South and South East in Bloom Competition to recharge our batteries and to allow for this year's planting, we will be entering next year's Competition.

We will be holding a Tombola and our ever popular 100 Board (which will be available at Owen Electrical beforehand) at the



Village Christmas Shopping Event on Saturday 8 December, and look forward to receiving your support at this event.

The In-Bloom Committee continues to work in close liaison with the Parish Council to ensure the Village looks its best and on behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone for their help and support.

Steve Perry
Chairman - In-Bloom Committee

Your Village needs you!

Rustington-In-Bloom needs more volunteers to join their merry throng. No experience needed just a friendly 'can-do' attitude to help raise funds to enhance our Village.

If you're available to help on our stall at various events, bake cakes, serve teas or perhaps you have skills to produce posters and newsletters or encourage more local people to join us. We especially need individuals who don't mind assisting the Committee at fundraising events. Call and leave us a message on 01903 786420. We'll be really pleased to welcome you.

Rustington Museum

There are many anniversaries occurring towards the end of this year and the Museum hopes to commemorate some of them.

Research is ongoing for a new display on Rustington's links to the Suffragists. It will highlight the role of Agnes and Rhoda Garrett, and the links to other well-known Suffragists of the time. The ladies had a house in the Village and were influential in the early stages of the Suffragist movement.

The 100 Year Anniversary of the death of Sir Hubert Parry will also be commemorated, along with his association with the Suffragist movement.

The Museum will also be working with a local school for the National Museum

Takeover Day (<https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/takeoverday/>). This is a scheme when children work alongside the staff and volunteers in Museums, Galleries, Arts Organisations, Archives and Heritage Sites all over the Country. They will be exploring what it was like for a child in Rustington during World War One and creating diary entries after exploring the collections for inspiration.

If anyone has memories or objects relating to the Suffragists, Parry or Rustington in World War One, the Museum would love to hear from you. Please call **01903 788478** to arrange to meet the Museum Manager, or you can drop by Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Claire Lucas - Museum Manager

Community Carol Concert

The Parish Council will, once again, be hosting an evening of Festive Music and fun at the Community Carol Concert on Saturday 15 December. As usual, it will be held in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, commencing at 7.30 pm. Entry is Free, as are Refreshments and the Grand Lucky Programme Draw.

A very exciting evening is, as always, being arranged with performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and the Friendship Singers, 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.



Festive Celebrations in the Village

New Christmas Lighting Scheme



Following months of discussions and investigations, the three-way partnership of the Parish Council, Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited, has committed financially to introducing a new and improved Christmas Lighting Scheme this year. The Official 'Switch

On' of the Christmas Lights in the centre of the Village will take place on Saturday 17 November. The new Scheme will be provided by Event Power Engineering Limited and will incorporate lighting in the trees and on the lighting columns along The Street and a small section of Ash Lane, the Parish Churchyard, Methodist Church Garden and 'Abbotswood' Corner.

Everyone involved is excited to see, what it is hoped will be, an impressive and aesthetically pleasing display of Festive lighting, which will hopefully help to get everyone in the Village 'in the spirit' on the run up to Christmas.....

Samuel Wickens Centre

The Samuel Wickens Centre will also be participating, in its own small way, in the Christmas Shopping Event on Saturday 8 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!

Christmas Shopping Event

Saturday 8 December
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Saturday 8 December sees the Village have its annual Christmas Shopping Event. There will be stalls selling lovely Festive products, a Children's Fun Fair, 'Meet the Huskies' and Carol Singers will be performing to get everyone in the Festive mood. With it's fantastic mix of Shops, Cafes and Restaurants, Rustington is the perfect place to be to do your Christmas shopping.



Look out for further details of the activities taking place on the day at www.shoprustington.com or on the Rustington Village Facebook page.

Meetings

Parish Council Monthly 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, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Council Offices' entrance).

All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings and time is set aside before each Council Meeting commences (7.00 pm) to provide the opportunity to pose questions.

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

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a Parish, District and County Councillor 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.

The next Surgery is being held in Rustington Library (Claigmar Road) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on **Saturday 19 January 2019.**

Council and Committee Meeting Dates

Mon	5	Nov	Planning
Thur	15	Nov	Leisure & Amenities
Mon	26	Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	26	Nov	COUNCIL
Mon	26	Nov	Planning
Mon	3	Dec	Planning
Mon	17	Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	17	Dec	Planning



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Rustington Youth Club

The Youth Club is a venue for young people aged between 11-17 years. It offers a variety of activities including pool, table tennis, air hockey, video games consoles, sports, art and more. Each week there is also a tuck shop and an on-going programme including cooking, movie nights, inflatables, theme nights, and sports.

So far this term, we have made our own chocolate on Roald Dahl Day, played games and caught up on what everyone did over the Summer. We've also had lots of fun sessions, mostly revolving around food such as 'Taco Day' and September's 'Shake Month'. We also made shapes in the dark with finger lights, and explored the world on 'Tourism Day'.

The Club is a partnership between Rustington Parish Council and Arun Youth Projects - the youth work of Arun Church. The Youth Centre, where the Club takes place, is owned by the Parish Council and sited at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The Centre was opened in 2004 as a venue for youth provision locally. Arun Youth Projects took over running youth activities at the Centre in 2012 and has built a consistent relationship with many young people that have attended. The Club has a great team of staff and volunteers committed to seeing young



people included and supported. The whole team is committed to making a difference to the lives of young people and is able to assess their needs in order to plan and deliver programmes related to areas such as health, fitness, smoking, drugs, relationships and bullying.

The Club is open every Thursday evening from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm and the cost of entry is FREE for the first time, then 50p per session. You can also bring a friend to the Club that hasn't been before, and you will BOTH get in for FREE that week. More details on the Youth Centre and Arun Youth Projects activities can be found on Facebook and Instagram @arunyouthprojects, via email arunyouthprojects@arunchurch.com or from Arun Community Church on 01903 782744.

Ben Burt - Youth Worker