

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



Well, we are now half way through our Civic Year and I am delighted that I was able to host and hand out so many Community Awards at the Reception following the Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service in September.

So many people give up their time to make this Village special and to keep our community thriving.

Once again, the Remembrance Sunday Service on 13 November was a wonderful opportunity to commemorate and for Rustington to show how its community comes together to show respect. I was very honoured to lead the wreath laying at the War Memorial and would like to thank everyone who attended.

Christmas is coming and we have our Annual Christmas Event in the Village on Saturday 3 December. A Flyer has been included with this Newsletter and we hope to see you there.

Our ever popular Community Carol Concert will be taking place on Saturday 17 December and we are hoping that this will again be a wonderfully Festive occasion. You will also find details of this Event later in the Newsletter.

The Village is in the process of changing seasons florally and we are seeing the Winter planting starting to bloom. The Village excelled in the South & South East in Bloom Competition this year, with a set of results of which we can all be proud.

There will be upcoming changes in the Village with new shops and a Restaurant and I can't wait for these to open and to compliment our already thriving Shopping Centre.

Finally, we have been lucky to have such a warm Autumn, but as we head into the Winter months, and with the possibility of bad weather getting closer, please keep an eye out for the more vulnerable members of the community who may need some extra help if they are adversely affected.

**Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper
Chairman**

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

The Parish Council hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 11 September, at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church. Guests included Sir Peter Bottomley



Mr William Kelsey B.E.M.

MP, Councillor Stephen Haymes, Chairman of the Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors from Angmering, Arundel, East Preston, Kingston, Rustington, West Sussex County

Council and the Arun District Council. The Service was conducted by Reverend Zachary Allen and Reverend Christine Keyte.

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 was the Presentation of both the Individual and Group Parishioners' Awards. The Individual Award was presented to Mr William Kelsey B.E.M., in recognition of his outstanding

commitment and dedication to The Chaucery Memorial Group and the local Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association.

The Group Award was presented to the Rustington Community Partnership, in recognition of its unceasing work and outstanding commitment for the benefit of the community of Rustington.



Mrs Maggie Line and Mr Mervyn Wright - Rustington Community Partnership

Rustington-In-Bloom

Gold Award for Rustington, and so much more.....



Mrs Valerie Narayanaswamy and Mrs Jacqueline Patrick (Rustington-in-Bloom)

I am delighted to be able to report that at the Annual Awards Ceremony for the South and South East in Bloom Competition on 14 September, Rustington received yet another impressive set of results, being presented for the third year running with a Gold Award in the Village/Town Centre Category.

Rustington-in-Bloom was also the recipient of the West Sussex Award for the entry with the highest marks.

In the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, the Methodist Church Garden received a 'Thriving' Award, with Rustington Hall, Oakhurst Gardens, The Chaucery Memorial and The Hidden Twitten each receiving Outstanding Awards. A Britain in Bloom National Certificate of Distinction was also awarded to The Hidden Twitten. What impressive and rewarding results for all involved!

The whole community, once again, pulled out all the stops with its support for the In-Bloom Campaign, by helping to ensure that all areas of the judging criteria were met and exceeded and, in recognition of this, Certificates of Excellence were awarded to a large number of different Groups, Clubs, Organisations and Individuals for their most important contributions towards the success of the Rustington entry.

As always, the Members of the In-Bloom Committee, in partnership with the Parish Council, organised the 2016 Campaign and were most grateful for the support of the Arun District Council Cleansing, Parks and Car Parks Departments, together with other individual Officers from the District Council.

As always, special thanks and appreciation must be conveyed to Ferring Nurseries, without whose outstanding service and dedication, this success would not be possible.

Following the continued success in the Competition, the In-Bloom Committee will again want to enter the Village/Town Centre Category, and would like to consider new areas to enter the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, along with other Projects for the new 'Our Community' Category.

Mrs Valerie Narayanaswamy has retired as Chairman and the Committee and I would like to express our thanks to her for all of her hard work during the years, which has



Mrs Kathleen Tidbury (Rustington-in-Bloom)

played a major part in making 'In-Bloom' such a success.

The Committee Members have now directed their minds to fund raising for the coming year. There will be a stall at the Christmas Event outside Owen Electrical Limited in The Street on Saturday 3 December, where there will be a Hamper Raffle, Name The Bear Competition and the ever popular '100 Board' which you can enter beforehand at Owen Electrical. A Coffee, Cake and Bric-a-brac Morning is also being planned in the Spring, with the possibility of a Produce Bring and Buy Sale later in the year.

Steve Perry
Chairman - In-Bloom Committee

The Parish Council continues to win impressive Awards for its Public Toilets

The Parish Council is delighted to have achieved a Platinum Award for the Public Toilet Units at the Woodlands Recreation Ground, with Gold Awards for the Public Toilets in Churchill Car Park, The Street and the Broadmark Lane Mobile Unit in the 2016 Loo of the Year Awards' search to find the best 'away from home' toilets in the UK. The Rustington entries were in the Public Toilets (Non-Attended) Category.

The Loo of the Year Awards have been identifying the best in Britain since 1987 and are recognised as standard setters for all those who provide 'away from home' facilities for staff, customers and visitors.

Every entry in this year's Competition again received an unannounced visit from an authorised Inspector and was assessed against a wide range of judging criteria - including signage and décor, fixtures and fittings and overall standards of cleanliness and management.



Woodlands Recreation Ground Public Toilets



The Parish Council is seeking volunteers who would be interested in being appointed as Tree Wardens for the Village. Tree Wardens operate within the national network of locally-based volunteer tree enthusiasts and are co-ordinated by the Parish Council, working within the Tree Warden Scheme in West Sussex. No qualifications are required other than an interest in caring for the local environment, coupled with the enthusiasm to learn more.

For further details, please contact the Parish Council's Offices.

Festive Celebrations in the Village....

Rustington Christmas Event

Saturday 3 December 10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Saturday 3 December sees Rustington have its annual Christmas Event. With its beautiful lights and businesses offering a fabulous selection of food and gifts, the Village is the perfect place to do your Christmas shopping.

Come and visit Santa in his Grotto, spot some pantomime characters around the Village and have fun at the Children's Fun Fair.

Look out for treats and activities in the businesses around the Village, including face painting.

The Arts and Crafts Event is growing in popularity and will be held at the Methodist Church where you can buy beautiful hand-made gifts including jewellery, toys, cushions, quilts and textile art all locally made. You will also have the opportunity to take part in some fabulous Christmas Themed free Workshops.

There will also be some fun competitions to take part in.

Look out for further details of activities on the day at the Shop Rustington Website, www.shoprustington.com or on the Rustington Village and Parish Council Facebook pages.

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 17 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.**



At the Christmas Event on Saturday 3 December, the Museum will be keeping with the Christmas Movie theme with 'A Christmas Carol' Victorian Christmas Card making Workshop from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to The Garden Room (rear of the Museum) for a professional lesson in producing amazing decorative Christmas Cards, or perhaps some decorations to hang on our real traditional Christmas Tree. **However, due to the limited capacity in**



The Garden Room, entry will be on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

The Workshop is FREE and 'students' of all ages are welcome - parents can also get involved. So, please come down and join in!

The Garden Room is available for hire and provides an excellent venue for Community Groups, Clubs, Associations, Businesses and Individuals for Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings, Celebratory Events and many other functions.

For further details, please contact the Parish Council's Offices.

Information Centre

The Village Information Centre will be participating, in its own small way, in the Christmas Event on **Saturday 3 December**.



Complimentary Coffee, Mince Pies and children's goodies 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, please pop in, Jules will be delighted to see you!



Rustington Youth Club

The Club is open as usual throughout the cold weather! We are here from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm every Thursday evening for anyone aged from 11 to 18 during term time and we'd love to see you. First time entry is FREE and then 50p each week. If you bring someone new along, you both get in free that week.

As well as our weekly activities (Xbox One Consoles, Table Tennis, Pool, Air Hockey and Table Football), we are using the weather to guide us for some yummy food and fun activities. We have had Indoor Inflatables, Pizza Making, and Competitions. In the build up to Christmas, we will be having a Boxing Workshop,

Smoothie Bike, S'more Making and Christmas activities planned - we'd love to see you there!

We are really looking forward to having more trips in the future. All you need to do is come along to the Club and you will be able to get information about these trips.

Ben Young - Youth Worker

Council and Committee Meeting Dates December 2016 - March 2017

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

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

Thurs 2 Feb Leisure & Amenities
Mon 6 Feb Planning
Mon 27 Feb Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Feb COUNCIL
Mon 27 Feb Planning

Mon 6 Mar Planning
Mon 27 Mar Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Mar COUNCIL
Mon 27 Mar Planning

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Quarterly Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a 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 21 January 2017

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