

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

As I write this we are in the middle of a very wet Winter, which has us all dreaming of better weather and looking forward to the Spring.

Reflecting back on Rustington since the last Newsletter, we have had the Village Christmas Event, which saw volunteers and Charities brave the dreadful weather, whilst still being able to produce an Event in which the Schools and Scouts turned out to show exactly what Rustington is all about, as well as raising much needed funds in the process.

At the Community Carol Concert in December, we were lucky enough to hear outstanding performances from the Littlehampton Concert Band, Sussex West County Guide Choir and Friendship Singers. There was also a

Charity Auction and Collection, where our community raised £956.65 for my chosen Charity, Guildcare.

At this point, I really do want to acknowledge the ever increasing success of the Youth Club which is operated for the Council by ACCelerate. Weekly attendance numbers have recently peaked at 50, and I am very proud that the Club is flourishing amidst the backdrop of all of the cutbacks in Local Government.

Turning now to the, currently under construction, Retail Park on the A259 (New Road). It is understood that the Chandlers BMW unit will be operational by August, with the construction of the other two units commencing very soon.

I hope that many of you have taken the time to look at the A259 proposals,

recently exhibited as part of the Public Consultation, at drop-in sessions in Littlehampton, Angmering and Rustington, and that you have been able to have a say in this proposed Road Improvement Scheme. The Scheme will include junction improvements and the dualling of stretches of single carriageway.

That's all from me for now but, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Parishioners, for your continuing support of the Council and its efforts to ensure the Village remains a most vibrant place in which to live. To quote one of my predecessors, 'an exceptional Village, with a reputation envied by many!'

Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper

2016/2017 Parish Council Tax

For the past five years, the Parish Council's annual charge on a Band 'D' property has remained largely unchanged at a yearly average of £88.39. I am sorry to tell you that a slight increase has been necessary for the forthcoming financial year ending 31 March 2017. The Council has set its 2016/2017 Precept at £537,000.00, which means that the annual Parish Council charge on a Band 'D' property in Rustington will be £90.04, an increase of £2.27 over the previous year. This total Band 'D' charge equates to £1.73 per week.

The Council regrets the need for this increase but it, like everyone else, is beset by inflationary pressures and coupled with a third year's reduction in the Arun District Council's Localisation of Council Tax Support Grant, has not found it possible to keep the Parish Precept at its current level. Last year the Council was able to keep its Parish Precept at the previous year's level. This was

achieved by a combination of a reduction in the Council's Reserves and certain efficiency savings. Unfortunately this is becoming more and more difficult.

However, the Council will continue to strive to achieve ever improved efficiency and value for money in its operation, while doing its best to protect the local services that are so appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

Projects planned for 2016/2017 include a new use for the delightful building that previously housed The Garden Café at the rear of the Museum, now to be known as The Garden Room; the installation of the bus shelter in the vicinity of the Westcourt Medical Centre in The Street, as previously advised; new 'brown' Village Information Signage, the replacement of the remaining tiered wooden planter at Broadmark Parade with a new planter and benches; further improvements at The Woodlands Centre

and Recreation Ground, and the major roofing repair works that have recently been undertaken to The Woodlands Centre building.

I believe that the Council provides excellent 'value for money' for its parishioners and, at the same time, works in partnership with the local Community to ensure that Rustington maintains its reputation as a most vibrant and pleasant place to live.

Local residents, as always, will have an opportunity to find out much more about how the Council has spent its Precept during the past year, and how it plans to spend its Precept during the next financial year at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting which will be held on Thursday 14 April in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

Councillor Don Rogers
Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee



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Rustington Museum is having a makeover in 2016! A few little touches here and there to freshen up the inside of our lovely building, along with the launch of a brand new Exhibition and Events Leaflet for 2016.

New Displays and Exhibitions have been organised to appeal to every member of the community. There will be dinosaur bones and fossils, swords and drums from the Battle of Waterloo, an Exhibition of paintings and pictures by Albert de Belleruche and his son William de Belleruche - both internationally recognised artists, who lived at The Manor House in Rustington for many years.

We are organising Workshops for children in the School Holidays and many Events to be held over the Summer for families and children. Please drop into the Museum in March to pick up a Museum Events Leaflet, so you can plan your visits - or leave us your email address and you can join the Rustington Museum Electronic Newsletter to keep you up to date with information!

Jessica Petit - Curator

Parishoner's Award

As in previous years, the Council is, once again, inviting all members of the community to submit nominations for the 2016 Parishoners' 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 Rustington parishioners or parish-based organisations (including voluntary groups and professionals) are eligible to receive 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 for these Awards.

Nomination Forms are available from the Council's Offices and the Village Information Centre. **The closing date for the receipt of nominations is 25 April** and the winners will be announced in June.

Rustington-In-Bloom



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community and visitors to the Village for supporting the In-Bloom Stall at the Village's Christmas Shopping Event on 5 December. A whopping £630.00 was raised, which will be used towards this year's In-Bloom Campaign.

Other Fund Raising Events confirmed so far for this year are:-

Saturday 28 May - Plant Sale - Methodist Church Garden, Junction of Claigmar Road and The Street - 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Friday 3 June - Race Night (Hobby Horses) and Fish and Chip Supper (Joint Event with Princess Marina House) - Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (Details to be confirmed in the near future)

Saturday 18 June - Raffle and Cake Stall at Rustington Street Fayre - Village Centre

Friday 9 December - Rustington-In-Bloom's Christmas Cracker Show (Details to be confirmed in the next edition of the Newsletter)

Following the Committee's decision to, once again, enter the South & South East in Bloom Competition in the Village/Town Centre Category, it is now actively looking at ways in which last year's entry can be

improved upon. It is currently exploring the possibility of a themed floral Project in the Village Centre, as well as organising a Schools' Art Competition, as in previous years.

The route for judging day will again start at 'Abbotswood Corner' at the junction of Station Road and Ash Lane, and finish at The Lamb Public House, via Ash Lane, Broadmark Lane and The Street.

The Committee is, as always, hoping that



parishioners will continue to participate in some small way, whether it be by ensuring the streets are litter free on the day of the Competition judging, or simply by attending one of the Fundraising Events.

Any support will be most appreciated.

Valerie Narayanaswamy
Chairman - In-Bloom Committee

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 (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.

Rustington Street Fayre

Following the success of the first Rustington Street Fayre last year, plans are under way for this year's Event. The date will be Saturday 18 June.

The Littlehampton District Lions Club together with the assistance of the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and support from the Parish Council, Store Property Investments Limited and Rustington Methodist Church, is putting together a Programme of Events, similar to last year, to ensure the day is full of fun for the Village and the local community.

Churchill Parade will be closed and local Charities will be invited to attend and raise money for their respective

causes. A Children's Funfair and Street Entertainers will be invited and a stage set up in the Methodist Church Garden for local groups, Musicians and Entertainers to play to the public. Churchill Court will also be in use for smaller acts. Any profits made on the day will be donated to a local beneficiary.

If you are interested in having a stall, entertaining the public on the day, or have any other queries, please email: rustingtonstreetfayre@gmail.com leaving your contact details, and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you can contact David Bishop on 01903 726858.

Schools' Bulb Planting

In November the Chairman of Rustington Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper, joined pupils at Georgian Gardens Community Primary School and Summerlea Community Primary School to assist with the Schools' Spring Bulb Planting. As has been the case in previous years, a quantity of bulbs were donated to each of the three Primary Schools by the Parish Council.

Undertaking the planting of the bulbs in the Schools' Gardens were:-

Georgian Gardens CPS - Year 5 Green Team

Summerlea CPS - Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 Eco Team

Councillor Mrs Cooper was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by the pupils at both Schools.



Loo of the Year Awards

At the Loo of the Year Awards, held in December, the Churchill Parade Public Toilets won the award for Best Car Park Toilets in the country.

The overall quality of Rustington's Public Toilets, with one platinum-rated and three gold-rated units, put it 20th in the 'Local Authority Public Toilet Premier League' (joint with the City of Lincoln).

Running since 1987, the Awards, presented at a Ceremony in Solihull, seek 'to encourage the highest possible standards in all away-from-home or Public Toilets'.

Inspectors judged toilets on a variety of criteria, from basic cleanliness to the quality of décor and maintenance.



Rustington Youth Club

The plan for the Youth Club this term is packed full of fun. We've got crafts, inflatables, competitions, henna designs and a music production workshop all lined up for the near future.

Every week we have sweets and drinks available to buy alongside pool, table tennis, football, air hockey and table football. We also have a variety of food available each week, with this Term seeing pancakes, chips, toast, smoothies, waffles and fruit kebabs set to make an appearance.

The Club has also been allocated some money recently as part of the West Sussex Community Initiative Fund, which has resulted in a new games console, iPod dock and sports equipment being purchased for use by the young people at the Club.

The Club is open from 6.00 - 8.00 pm every Thursday evening for anyone 11 - 18 years, during Term Time, and we'd love to see you there! First time entry is FREE! Sessions then cost £1.00 unless you are an ACcelerate Member. Membership costs just £1.00 and includes a wristband. Members pay 50p per session.

Ben Young - Youth Worker



Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Quarterly Surgeries, to enable members of the local community to have the opportunity to meet with Councillors to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed, maintained and enhanced, as well as any other issues of interest or concern.

The next Surgery will be held at Rustington Library from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on **Saturday 23 April**.

Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting

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, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue.

This year's Meeting will be held on **Thursday 14 April commencing at 7.30 pm** and complimentary light refreshments will be available 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 7.00 pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Council Offices' entrance).



Mon 7 Mar	Planning
Mon 21 Mar	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 21 Mar	COUNCIL
Mon 21 Mar	Planning
Mon 11 Apr	Allotments
Mon 11 Apr	Planning
Thur 14 Apr	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
Mon 25 Apr	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 25 Apr	COUNCIL
Mon 25 Apr	Planning
Mon 9 May	Planning
Mon 23 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Mon 23 May	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 23 May	Planning
Thur 26 May	Leisure & Amenities
Mon 6 Jun	Planning
Mon 20 Jun	Planning
Mon 27 Jun	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Jun	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Jun	Planning

Another Defibrillator for the Village...

As can be seen from the information below, a further Defibrillator is now available on the external wall of Owen Electrical Limited (next to Graham Butt Estate Agents).

This was kindly donated to the Village by Mr Greg Smithers who, along with some

friends, raised the funds to purchase two Defibrillators (the other being donated to Haskins Garden Centre on the A259), by undertaking a sponsored beach walk.

The Village is indebted to Mr Smithers for his kindness.

In an emergency **DEFIBRILLATORS** are available for public use at the



Defibrillator

Village Information Centre
Churchill Car Park
(behind Iceland and The Factory Shop)
Owen Electrical Limited
Woodlands Avenue
Rustington Scout Hall
Church Road



(All are affixed to the external walls)

Further **DEFIBRILLATORS** are also available in **The Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre** and **Rustington Sports and Social Club** Woodlands Recreation Ground

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