

## Useful Information...

### Rustington Heritage Association

The Association was formed in 1983 to promote an interest by the public in the Parish of Rustington. Its aims are to acquire and preserve artefacts and archives connected with the past and present history of the community; to provide accommodation for the display of such items; to arrange exhibitions of interest to the community; and to encourage the wider interpretation of the 'Heritage Concept'.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday afternoon of each month (except August and December), at 2.30 pm in the John de Bohun Room at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, when talks are given on relevant subjects. Talks are also given to local groups and organisations, with guided walks around the Village being organised on a regular basis.

The Association runs a Museum which is located adjacent to the Council's Offices in Woodlands Avenue and is open from May to September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and on Saturdays from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

There will be two Exhibitions at the Museum this year. The first entitled "Reading, Riting and Rithmetic" which will run from 5 May to 30 June. A second Exhibition will be held during August and September, although the actual details and title have yet to be announced. Admission to the Museum is free.

This year, to commemorate the Centenary of Scouting, and particularly in connection with the 1st Rustington Scout Group, the Association will also be staging a special Exhibition throughout July, at the Public Library in Claigmar Road.

If you are interested in joining the Association, please contact Pat Burgin, Membership Secretary on (01903) 771661. The annual subscription cost is currently £7, with a monthly meeting fee of £1.

### ESTIMATED NET EXPENDITURE YEARS ENDING 31 MARCH 2007 AND 31 MARCH 2008

		2006/2007 Revised Estimate as at 1 Jan 2007	2007/2008 Estimate
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation Committee</b>	<b>External Facilities</b>		
	Expenditure	110,288.00	85,850.00
	Income	29,029.00	13,350.00
		<u>81,259.00</u>	<u>72,500.00</u>
	<b>Internal Facilities</b>		
	Expenditure	51,975.00	44,350.00
	Income	42,415.00	43,465.00
		<u>9,560.00</u>	<u>885.00</u>
<b>Lighting &amp; Amenities Committee</b>	Expenditure	76,476.00	106,600.00
	Income	18,384.00	13,350.00
		<u>58,092.00</u>	<u>93,250.00</u>
<b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b>	Expenditure	284,991.00	307,221.00
	Income	7,500.00	6,000.00
		<u>277,491.00</u>	<u>301,221.00</u>
<b>Emergency Planning Committee</b>	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	-----	-----
		<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Allotments Committee</b>	Expenditure	6,440.00	7,780.00
	Income	3,450.00	3,500.00
		<u>2,990.00</u>	<u>4,280.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<u><b>429,407.00</b></u>	<u><b>472,151.00</b></u>

### Rustington Residents' Association

The Association was formed over 30 years ago to provide another voice for the Village in matters having a major effect on the local environment - Housing and Commercial Development; Traffic; Policing; Health and 'Green' issues, etc.

Membership covers everyone in a family. There are currently in excess of 2,100 member households making up an individual membership of around 4,000.

A bi-monthly Newsletter 'TOPICS' is distributed to each member household and regular Open Meetings are held during the year with speakers covering informative and entertaining subjects.

A comprehensive Annual Year Book is also published and widely distributed. Annual Membership subscription is £3 per household per annum. Life Membership is available for a one-off payment of £10. For further information contact Auriel Wakeling on (01903) 779025.

The Voluntary Care Group, which was disbanded during 2005 has been replaced by 'Village Friends', a social group that meets at the Methodist Church Hall on Fridays from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm for crafts and hobbies, music, speakers and, as a friendly meeting place. For more information contact Carol Taunton on (01903) 782876.

# Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Annual Report Edition

## Chairman's Message



### By the time this Newsletter reaches you I will no longer hold the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.

As I write this message, I am taking a little time to reflect on the highs and lows of the past three years of my Chairmanship.

The highs came from being able to represent the parishioners at numerous functions and events, as well as working with a dedicated team of Parish Councillors and a professional staff, who have all carried out their responsibilities far beyond the call of duty. And, it leaves me scratching my head because I cannot think of any lows over this period.

Following the recent Elections, we now have a Parish Council that is poised to progress with all its planned and proposed projects, under the leadership of the new Chairman, Councillor Mike Warrington.

I know that this will enhance the community and make Rustington an even better place in which to live.

One major project that the Council has recently embarked upon is the Community Action Plan, and this Newsletter sees the inclusion of a public questionnaire. If everyone would kindly take the time and trouble to complete and return this, it will not only help to advance the project, but see it drawn to a productive conclusion, which will also pave the way for even more enhanced facilities and services for the Village.

For my closing remarks, can I just thank all the people of Rustington East who put their faith in me and re-elected me to represent them on the Parish Council and the District Council. Please be assured that I will continue to do my best for the whole of Rustington at all times.

Visitors were also able to find out about the history of the Cottage, with Members of both the Heritage Association and the Parish Council on hand to advise on the future plans for the Museum as a major community facility; and also how the Project is going to be funded.

The estimated cost of the entire Project will be in the region of £400,000, which will include the restoration of the Cottage to accommodate the Museum, and the construction and fitting out of both the proposed Café and Craft Workshop in the garden. However, as previously reported, it now seems that lottery funding will not be forthcoming, as projects in connection with the 2012 Olympics will be being given priority during the next few years.

With this in mind, the Council is determined to proceed with the Project and has earmarked the funds it has available in its Capital Reserve Account in the sum of approximately £140,000, for the works required for the Cottage alone.

It is estimated that further funding will be required to meet the total cost, and various fundraising initiatives are being arranged, including a 'Raise the Roof' Campaign whereby local groups, organisations, businesses and individuals are being invited to purchase bundles of reed at a cost of £50 per bundle, to help with the cost of re-thatching the roof. All donators will be acknowledged on a Commemorative Board which will be on permanent display either in the Museum or its grounds.

It is hoped that applications can be made to other funding sources, who have indicated that it might be possible to fund new build projects, for the Café and Craft Workshop.

### Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage



In excess of 1,000 people visited the Cottage during the open day on 31 March, making it a resounding success and certainly indicating to the Parish Council and the Heritage Association, that the Project is greatly supported by the local community.

The Open Day gave everyone an opportunity to view, not only the approved plans for the new Museum, but also the Cottage and its grounds.

# About the Parish Council

Parish Councils are the least bureaucratic kind of Local Authority and their expenditure is a small part of the total Council Tax. Unlike the Arun District Council and the West Sussex County Council, the Parish Council receives no Grant Aid from Central Government, nor income from the National Non-Domestic Rate levied on businesses, etc.

**The Council** at full complement, is made up of 16 Members, who are elected every 4 years in 4 wards. Members of the Parish Council represent the residents of Rustington on many bodies and organisations both statutory and voluntary. This ensures that the local residents' voices are heard and are able to influence decisions made.

**Responsibilities** include Observations on Planning Applications; Allotments; War Memorial; a School Crossing Patrol; the Woodlands Centre and Recreation Grounds; Youth Centre; Woodland Park Sportsfield; Public Toilets; Bus and Beach Shelters; Public Seats; together with the Enhancement and Maintenance of the Central Shopping Area.

The Parish Council also provides financial assistance towards the Christmas lighting in The Street and the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard. Grant Aid is awarded, according to need, to a variety of local community groups and organisations, including the Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau.



## Your Councillors

### Chairman

Councillor M A Warrington (West Ward)  
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### Vice-Chairman

Councillor Mrs S Y Lines (East Ward)  
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### East Ward

Councillor J W Collins, 85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT 01903 771976  
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Councillor S Perry, 7 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3JU 07980 577881  
Councillor R C Steward, Canberra, 18 Botany Close, Rustington BN16 2BJ 01903 771420  
Councillor G M Tyler, Seaward, The Close, Sea Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DW 01903 856950

### North Ward

Councillor T G Field, 105 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3LX 01903 774026  
Councillor A S D Lauretani, The Gilly, 4 Barwick Close, Rustington BN16 3TT 01903 771441

### West Ward

Councillor A K Akbar, 78 Westlands, Rustington BN16 3NW 01903 732929  
Councillor Mrs C P Broomfield, 15 Harsfold Road, Rustington BN16 2QE 01903 786262  
Councillor J E Ceiriog-Hughes, 15 Manor Road, Rustington BN16 3QT 01903 770464  
Councillor R S Grevett, The Birches, 58 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3EY 01903 776780  
Councillor Mrs F E Harrison, 5 Highfield Gardens, Rustington BN16 2PZ 01903 776210  
Councillor D F Murphy, 2 Arun Close, Rustington BN16 3HD 01903 787149

### West Preston Ward

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### Clerk of the Council

Mrs Carole Ward, Council Offices, 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB 01903 786420

# Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are normally 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 and Committee Meeting commences (7.00 pm), to give members of the public an 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.

## Council and Committee Meeting Dates June - September 2007

Mon	4 Jun	Planning Committee
Thur	7 Jun	Lighting & Amenities Committee
Mon	18 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon	25 Jun	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	25 Jun	COUNCIL
Mon	25 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon	2 Jul	Allotments Committee (Competition Judging)
Mon	9 Jul	Planning Committee
Thur	12 Jul	Leisure & Recreation Committee
Mon	23 Jul	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	23 Jul	COUNCIL
Mon	23 Jul	Planning Committee
Mon	6 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon	20 Aug	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	20 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon	3 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon	17 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon	24 Sep	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	24 Sep	COUNCIL
Mon	24 Sep	Planning Committee

## Blood Donor Sessions

Regular Donor Sessions are held at the Village Memorial Hall and posters are displayed on Council Notice Boards. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.



An external Consultant, who has been employed by the Council, is currently trying to secure grant funding for the proposed Craft Workshop and Café Buildings, whilst the Council is hoping to undertake the required renovation works at the Cottage itself with its existing Capital Reserve Funding. This is because of recent disappointing news that Heritage Lottery Funding will almost definitely, not be forthcoming for projects such as this for the foreseeable future, due mainly to costs that will be incurred as a result of the 2012 Olympics.

It is hoped that, together with any donations/contributions that can be secured from local businesses, groups, organisations and individuals, the renovation works will be able to proceed without further delay. My optimistic aspiration is that the Museum be able to open in early 2008 - Watch this space!

Now, last but certainly not least, the Community Action Plan Initiative was launched last November, and volunteers have been gathering facts and information about the Village and its Parishioners. The topics covered fall broadly into the following categories:- Economy, Environment, Social & Community, Transport & Accessibility and Focus Groups have been set up to deal with each topic.

It has been a great honour to have been Chairman of your Parish Council for the past three years and, as I said last year, in this period of change in Local Government, I can only see the Parish Council striving to enhance the Village and its facilities even further for many years to come.

In closing, I would like to, once again, thank all the Parish Council Personnel for their dedication and hard work, but feel that a special mention must go to our Clerk for her guidance and diligence in undertaking the instructions, and implementing the wishes of, the Council for the benefit of the whole community.

I am sure you will agree that your Parish Council gives an excellent service and represents good value for money. Long may it continue to receive your support.

## We need your help

Please help us to maintain the Parish at its high standard. We rely on members of the public to be vigilant and to help us by reporting any problems, so that we can take action before damage becomes extensive.

## Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor Michael Warrington

Once again, it gives me great pleasure and pride to be able to deliver the second part of the Annual Report to you on the current state of the finances of the Parish.

At this time of year, you will have long since received your Council Tax Demand Notices. You will also, no doubt, have been pleased to note that the Parish's Precept has remained almost the same as last year. The Parish Budget on expenditure remains the same, £444,000, but because the tax base, that is the number of households paying the full Council Tax, has slightly reduced over the past year, the actual increase represents 0.8% or 54p for the whole year.

The Precept has been achieved without having to make major sacrifices to any of the Committees' expenditure.

In brief:-

### Allotments

Expenditure of £5,000 has been allocated for continuance of replacing boundary fencing. Income from rents exceeded the budget for the year ending 31 March 2007.

### Leisure & Recreation

The Basketball Court/Kickabout Area was enhanced in 2006 costing £26,000, £15,000 of which was secured by way of grants.

New chairs have been purchased for the Village Memorial Hall.

### Lighting & Amenities Committee

Once again, all those within the community must be proud of the floral displays around the Village, particularly taking into account last year's drought conditions.

Mention must also be made of the outstanding Christmas Lights which were achieved through a joint partnership of the Parish Council, The Chamber of Trade and Store Properties. A further £5,000 from each of these partners has been set aside to further enhance this year's displays. A big thank you to all those whose efforts made Rustington an even better place to shop and visit at Christmas time.

A new enhanced Toilet Cleansing Contract has been agreed at a cost of £25,000, with a further £25,000 being set aside towards the refurbishment of the Broadmark Lane, The Street and the Woodlands Centre toilets.

As you will be aware, during the last year the Village Information Centre was set up and we are indebted to Store Properties for providing this at no rental cost to the Parish. The upkeep and operation of the

Centre and maintenance of the toilets is the responsibility of the Council at an annual estimated cost of £25,000. We feel that this is good value for money, being a focal point that members of the community can visit and access information on a whole range of Council and community matters. The toilets also received a 4 Star Grading in the National 'Loo of the Year' Awards.

Many of you will also be aware that the Parish Council has initiated a Parish Health Check, or Community Action Plan. This is costing the Parish £16,000 for the benefit of the professional co-ordinators necessary to carry this initiative forward. It is hoped that this will provide the community with many different projects over the coming years.

Whilst you will hopefully agree that all the above is very commendable, I feel the best has been saved for last.

As you are now aware the Council has purchased Church Farm Cottage at a cost of £260,000 funded by a 15 year loan costing £28,500 per annum. It has been agreed to proceed immediately with very necessary works to the property in order to avoid any further deterioration. The cost of these works will be in the region of £140,000. It is anticipated the balance held in the Capital Reserve Fund will be sufficient to fund these works. A large portion of this funding came from the sale of 38 Woodlands Avenue, a property the Council owned but which became surplus to requirements. Church Farm Cottage is perhaps one of the most exciting Projects this Council has undertaken for some time, and one which it is hoped will benefit all the members of the community and visitors alike when completed. Financing this Project will come from a variety of sources, including grants and fund raising initiatives.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the Chairman and all my fellow Councillors who, as part of 'The Team', have helped me through the last two years as Chairman of this Finance & General Purposes Committee. We have often been challenged hard in decision making and I hope you will agree that the current state of finances is extremely healthy, which I feel means that we have made the right decisions.

I would also like to thank the 'backroom staff', the ladies in the Offices of the Council, who have made my job so much easier. In particular, I would like to thank Ellie who has carried out her duties as bookkeeper in a most professional and unflustered manner.

# Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- Councillor Grabam Tyler

This is the first part of the Annual Report which is structured to give a brief synopsis of what the Parish Council's responsibilities are and how the Councillors and personnel administer its successful operation. During the past year, the Council has continued to extend its activities, with a number of new Projects which I will mention later. But for now, I would like to begin with the most important task of expressing my personal thanks and gratitude to all of my fellow Councillors, the Council's Personnel, and the Parishioners of Rustington, who help to ensure that our Village is a vibrant and exciting place to live.

I would now like to express my personal appreciation to Councillor Mike Warrington, in his capacity as not only Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, but also as Vice-Chairman of the Council. He has been of great support to me during the past year and has headed a very effective, conscientious and prudent Committee, which has overseen the Council's finances to ensure that it has operated within the financial limits set at the beginning of the year. My thanks must include all Members of the Committee for carrying out their duties in such a dedicated and professional manner.

Next to the Lighting and Amenities Committee and its now, well established, Chairman, Councillor Tim Field.

This Committee concentrates on ensuring that Rustington is maintained at the very high standard it has already achieved, so that we can all reap the benefits of the facilities provided. These include the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Notice Boards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters and some Street Lighting. It is also responsible for Grass Cutting, the Maintenance of all of the Floral Displays, Lamp Post Baskets and the Trees in the Village Centre.

The recently renovated Public Toilets in the Churchill Car Park received a "Loo of the Year" Award for being such an outstanding public facility, and the Council is in the process of making plans to upgrade the other three Public Toilet units around the Village during the current financial year and the next. At a time when we see other Villages closing Public Toilets, it is good to know that Rustington is enhancing its facilities.

At this point, I must make mention of two important items that fall within the remit of this Committee.

Firstly, the new Christmas Lighting Scheme, which greatly enhanced the aesthetic appearance of the Village Centre during the Festive Period. No-one could have failed to notice the subtle but classic lighting affect which was certainly a massive improvement on previous years.

A three way financial partnership between the Council, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited, the major Freeholder of the commercial premises in the Village, made this possible, and with further funding pledged by all three partners, the Scheme will continue to be extended over the next three years.

And secondly, I would like to report that I am delighted that Rustington is, once again, participating in the South and South East in Bloom Competition. The In-Bloom Committee is working hard to progress this year's Campaign, with the aim of ensuring that the Village achieves at least the same results as in 2005 - of course, its sights are set much higher, as are my own!

As in previous years, the Annual Gardens and Allotments Competitions will be taking place, together with the Schools' Design-A-Flower Bed Competition.

I am sure you will agree that the achievements of this Committee are evident every day throughout the Village, and its work is much appreciated.

Turning now to the Leisure and Recreation Committee, of which there is currently no Chairman, since the departure of the Committee's long-standing Chairman, Councillor Mrs Moira Rice, towards the end of the last year - a very hard act to follow! I would like it to be noted at this point that the Council recorded a Vote of Thanks to Mrs Rice for all of her work whilst on the Parish Council.

This Committee funds the operational costs of the Youth Centre, a major asset of the Council. The Centre is now fully booked for all available hiring sessions from Monday to Friday, with weekend bookings becoming very popular for Children's Parties and other one-off functions.

Another successful project for this Committee has been the enhancement of the Basketball Court/Kickabout Area, making it an enclosed Multi-Sports Games Facility. This is proving to be most successful with the younger members of the community - although it is available for everyone to use!

The Committee is also responsible for The Woodlands Centre and, as always, each year sees more improvements, be they major or minor. During the past year new chairs have been provided for the Village Memorial Hall, and the carpet has been replaced in the rear foyer and the corridors throughout. The Centre, which is an extremely popular community facility, is very well used and, in particular, by regular hirers. However, with this high level of usage, comes the need for regular maintenance and enhancement to ensure that it retains its desirability to prospective hirers.

Members of the Committee are passionate about the facilities that they are responsible for and I thank them all for their commitment.

The Planning Committee is Chaired by Councillor Bob Grevett. The Council is a Statutory Consultee, and is, therefore, consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish by both the Arun District Council, as the Local Planning Authority and, in certain cases, the West Sussex County Council. Objections can only be made using criteria which complies with Planning Regulations, and any affected neighbouring properties are notified, if the Committee feels this is appropriate. This Committee has a difficult, and sometimes controversial, role which it undertakes in a most professional way.

Councillor Mrs Sue Lines is nearing the end of her first year as Chairman of the Allotments Committee, and what a sterling job both her and the members of the Committee have done.

The Committee is responsible for the operation of the Council's three Allotment Sites, namely Penfold Lane, Conbar Avenue and Jubilee Avenue, housing some 124 plots. The Committee works with representatives from the Horticultural Association, to ensure that the allotments are properly cultivated and maintained in good order at all times.

The Allotments are proving to be ever more popular, and I understand that there is currently a fairly extensive waiting list for all Sites.

Councillor Ray Steward Chairs the Emergency Planning Committee. This Committee is currently working on the production of a basic Emergency Plan for local use, although it has to be remembered that the Arun District Council is responsible for all organisation and co-ordination should an emergency situation arise at any time in the future. The Woodlands Centre is currently registered as a dedicated Co-ordination/ Rest Centre.

The Council is also represented on a number of external Bodies. Whilst all Members of the Council attend Council Meetings and some Committee Meetings, certain Members volunteer to represent the Council on these external Bodies. The Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Youth Centre Management Committee, the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Rustington Sports and Social Club and the Sussex Associations of Local Councils are just a selection of the Bodies on which the Council is represented.

And now, moving on to the Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage - The current 'Jewel in the Council's Crown' - as far as I am concerned!

All planning permissions have been obtained, and it is now just a question of raising the funds necessary to see the project through to its fruition.

# Parish News...

## Rustington Festival

Littlehampton Lions' plans for this year's Rustington Festival are nearing completion. The event will run from 16-30 June with Carnival Day on Saturday 23 June. Requests to take part in the Procession from local clubs and organisations are still being accepted. The Lions are confident that the Arundel Scouts Band, Littlehampton Community School Steel Band and the Worthing Celebration will be participating, as will Pom-Pom Troupes from Littlehampton and Bognor. If you would like to take part in the procession, please fill in the form below and return it to the address listed or, alternatively, give us a call.

The theme this year will be Mardi Gras, which is the same as that for Littlehampton's Carnival. So why not build a float or form a walking unit and enter all three local events i.e. East Preston 16 June, Rustington 23 June and Littlehampton 14 July.

The Grand Fete will be held on the North Field at the Woodlands Recreation Ground, and will include many local organisations' stalls raising money for their own causes. Again if you would like to publicise your club, please fill in the form below. There will also be a small Fun Fair, the Lions' Refreshments Marquee, an Ice Cream Van and Bouncy Castles to suit all your needs.

The Arena Events will include Marching Bands and Pom-Pom Troupe Displays, together with a Fun Dog Show. So bring the pampered pooch or favourite hound to join in the fun and maybe even win a rosette.

The Rustington Princesses, chosen from children attending Rustington's Primary Schools, will be in attendance during the afternoon.

## Rustington Youth Centre

The Rustington Senior Youth Club operates twice a week at the Centre, which is located on the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The Club is open on Monday and Thursday evenings for school years 8 to age 17. Keep an eye on the Notice Board outside the Centre which provides up-to-date information on the activity programme. Just pay £1 entry then everything is free; except for snacks and drinks.

We are currently planning our Summer Holiday activities. This year we are going to Thorpe Park on 31 July (cost £30), on a three day Camping Trip, on an Ice-Skating Trip plus much more. For young people who attend the Club, the cost of the trips is subsidised. There are opportunities for young people to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or Outset Volunteers.

What happens at the Youth Club? We play Pool, Table Tennis, and Cook; learn how to play the Decks, have Quizzes and much, much more. Want to know more but don't fancy going when the Club is open? Then why not give the Neighbourhood Youth Worker, Cherry Harris, a call, she will be only too pleased to show you around before it opens.

Other Youth Clubs in the immediate area run by West Sussex County Council Youth Workers are East Preston ages 11 to 13 on Tuesdays & ages 14 to 17 on Wednesdays, and Ferring Rifers on Thursdays mixed ages 12 to 18 years. For further information please ring the Youth Centre Office on (01903) 772689.

If you are working with a Youth Group aged 13 to 19 or know of a Youth Group that may benefit from some funding, please ring Cherry now for an application pack for the Youth Opportunity Fund.

The Centre is open for other youth/children's activities as follows:-

<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm – Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Under 12s Amateur Wrestling Club
<b>Friday</b>	5.15 pm – 7.15 pm – Under 8s Club 7.15 pm – 9.15 pm – Under 13s Club

If you would like more information in respect of facilities available for hire, please contact the Council's Offices.

## Rustington Carnival and Fete

I/We would like to enter the procession/have a stall at the Rustington Carnival/Fete on Saturday 23 June 2007

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Please return as soon as possible to:-

Austen Beard  
27 Chaucer Avenue,  
Rustington BN16 2PQ

# Rustington-In-Bloom



Rustington is once again participating in the South and South East in Bloom Competition this year, and the In-Bloom Committee is pressing ahead with its campaign to ensure that the Village receives the accolade that it most certainly deserves. The judging date has been set for Tuesday 3 July from 9.30 am to 12 noon, and the actual route will include the following roads:-

Ashwood Drive, Broadmark Lane, Bushby Avenue, Chatsworth Drive, Church Road, Cowdray Drive, Dingley Road, Evelyn Avenue, Georgian Gardens, Glenville Road, Merton Avenue, Mill Lane, North Lane, Old Manor Road, Penfold Lane, Sea Avenue, Sea Lane, Seafield Road, Station Road, Sutton Avenue, The Street, Windsor Drive, Woodlands Avenue and Worthing Road.

Fund-raising is most important to ensure that the Committee is able to further enhance the Village, be it with additional floral displays, new recycling initiatives, or the introduction of any other new concepts. With this in mind, a Table Top Sale and Plant Sale has already been held, with several other events planned including a Grand Tombola Stall at the Rustington Carnival on Saturday 23 June.

Once again, donations of any suitable prizes will be gratefully received at either the Council's Offices or the Village Information Centre.

The Primary Schools' Design-A-Flower Bed Competition entries have been judged with the winner and runners-up being selected. The winning design will represent the basis of the third flower bed to be constructed on the Southern Water Pumping Station land in Broadmark Lane.

It is hoped that everyone will participate, whether it be by ensuring the streets are free from litter, by making that little extra effort in front gardens, or simply by supporting the Committee by attending one of the fund-raising events.



## THE WOODLANDS CENTRE & RUSTINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

Woodlands Avenue

have vacancies for single or regular hirings of their Halls and Meeting Rooms

*Please contact the Council's Offices for further details*



## Tree Planting Scheme

At the end of last year, the Council completed the third phase of its Tree Planting Scheme with 13 new trees being donated and planted at various locations on the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

It is proposed that the next phase of the Scheme will take place at the end of 2007, and members of the local community are again invited to donate a tree at a cost of £60, which will include a commemorative plaque.

For further information please contact the Council's Offices or visit the Village Information Centre.



# What's On...



## Gardens Competition

The judging of this annual event will take place during the week commencing 25 June. A copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. There are six categories with cash prizes, trophies (winner only) and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category:-

1. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. (Residential)\*  
(Winner £30, Runner-Up £15)
2. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. (Commercial)\*  
(Winner £30, Runner-Up £15)
3. Front Gardens of any Size (Residential)\*  
(Winner £100, Runner-Up £25)
4. Front Gardens of any Size (Commercial)\*  
(Winner £50, Runner-Up £25)
5. Schools' Competition  
(Winner £50, Runner-Up £25)
6. Community Garden  
(Winner £50, Runner-Up £25)

*\*Nominations must be visible from the road.*

The Awards will be presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 16 September.

**Please nominate either yourselves, your friends' or neighbours' gardens, to ensure a record number of entries this year.**



## Allotments Competition

The three Allotment sites (Penfold Lane, Worthing Road and Conbar Avenue) will be judged on 2 July. Trophies and cheques are awarded to the winners at each site, and these will be presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 16 September.



## Useful Telephone Numbers

Arun District Council (Bognor Regis)	01243 863141
Arun District Council (Littlehampton)	01903 737500
Police (Non-Emergency Calls)	0845 60 70 999
Southern Water	0845 2720845
Street Lighting Faults (SOLVe)	0845 7581622
Transco (Emergencies e.g. Gas Leaks)	0800 111999
Traveline (Local Bus and Rail Information)	0870 6082608
Arun Direct (Street Cleaning, Bus/Beach Shelter Cleansing)	01903 737754
West Sussex County Council (24-hour Helpline)	0845 7581232
West Sussex County Council (Highways Department)	01243 642105

## Parishioners' Awards

Two Parishioners' Awards are made by the Council each year, one to an individual Parishioner and one to a Parish-based Group or Organisation. Details of the Winners of the Awards will appear in the next Newsletter and the Official Presentations will take place at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 16 September.

## Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau on (01903) 724010.

## Sussex Police "Drop-In" Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will be holding their 'Drop-In' Surgeries at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon on the following Saturdays:- **9 June**  
**11 August**

## Bus Shelters

This year the Council has submitted a further application to the West Sussex County Council, to replace a wooden bus shelter in the Parish. The Council has already been awarded 50% grants towards the replacement of six of the bus shelters in the Village, and is hopeful that it will again be successful. The shelter that the Council hopes to replace this year is located on the east side of Sea Lane between the junctions of Shaftesbury Road and Seafield Road.