

RUSTINGTON

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Parish Council Newsletter

Annual Report Edition

Chairman's Message



Councillor Mike Warrington

They do say that 'time flies when you are enjoying yourself' - Well, I do have to say that these past two years have flown by. As I reflect on my term of office rapidly drawing to its close, I am thinking of all that has been achieved during that time and, as is usual with Rustington, what has been achieved is truly remarkable.

The most notable milestone is, of course, the completion of the Museum and Garden Café which are proving to be more successful than any of us could have imagined, with the Museum having a constant flow of visitors and the Garden Café being a real 'hit' with locals and visitors from far and wide. A big thank you must go to Graham Tyler and his wife Diane, who have made the Café such a welcoming place to visit. Of course, with any project like this there are also a host of others who have helped and are continuing to help on a voluntary basis. Thanks to all

of you. Likewise the Museum, with our Curator Jessica doing a sterling job, has a small army of volunteers, and will continue to evolve over the coming months and years.

Aside from this, the other major achievement was the Village's success in both Britain and South & South East in Bloom. Again, thanks to the Council's Contractors, Ferring Nurseries, and also the many others who regularly contribute to the successes that continue to be achieved over the years. I am sure this year will be no exception.

Space here prevents me from going on, but I could not complete this final Message without mentioning our 'backroom' staff at the Council, Carole Ward, our Clerk of the Council, who has been an absolute joy to work with, Elaine, Caroline, Lucy, Angie, Emma, Jules, David, Steven, Pat and Bill, who all help to make this Council work together so well - even in the current difficult times. They are all a credit to the Parish of Rustington and long may that continue.

I shall miss everybody, but hopefully whilst I am here I hope to serve this community well as a Councillor. I wish the new Chairman every success with all future challenges. I know that this community will go from strength to strength. Power to the people!!

Enclosed with this issue...

Gardens Competition Nomination Form
Village Design Statement Questionnaire

Gardens Competition



The judging of this annual event will take place during the week commencing 29 June and a copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. There are six categories with cash prizes, and/or trophies and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category:-

1. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. (Residential)*
(Winner £50, Runner-Up £25)
2. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. (Commercial)*
(Winner £50, Runner-Up £25)
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)

* Entries must be visible from the road

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

The closing date for the receipt of Nomination Forms is 24 June.

The Awards will be presented at the Reception following the Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 13 September.



Rustington Museum



News from the Curator

Since the Museum opened at the beginning of March, we have had over 2,000 visitors through the doors. Judging by comments in the Museum Visitors' Book, everyone has been very impressed with the building and the exhibits. Of course, this is just the beginning, with changing displays and exhibitions throughout the year, the Museum has many fascinating stories to tell about the history of Rustington.

This will hopefully keep bringing people back for more!

The current exhibition, 'A Taste of Things to Come', introduces visitors to some of the famous personalities who have lived or spent time in Rustington over the years. In September 2009, the Museum will feature an exhibition on J M Barrie, the author of 'Peter Pan', who spent many holidays in Rustington. There is also a 'Community Collection Case' at the Museum which offers members of the public the opportunity to display their own personal collections. Currently Mary Taylor, President of the Rustington Heritage Association, has her collection of decorative eggs on display. If you collect anything - from teapots to comic books - and would like to display them for all to see, please contact me on 01903 788478.

The Garden Café



The Garden Café is now an established community facility, providing a pleasant and tranquil place for both parishioners and visitors to the Village to meet and

enjoy good food and the pretty community garden - weather permitting, of course.

Morning Coffee, Vegetarian Lunches and Afternoon Tea are available, together with a wide selection of delicious home-made cakes and scones.

The Café has, since it opened at the beginning of March, been ably managed and staffed on a voluntary basis, which has proved to be most successful and popular with its customers. The Parish Council is now in

Village Information Centre

The Village Information Centre in Churchill Car Park is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

There is a wide range of information available and members of the Council's personnel are on hand to assist in any way that they can.

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Bi-monthly 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 Surgeries are held at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Details regarding dates of future Surgeries will be advertised on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's website.

The Opening Times for the Museum and Café are as follows:-

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - Saturday - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- Sunday - Closed

the process of appointing both a part-time Manager and Assistant Manager and it is anticipated that volunteers will continue to assist the successful applicants for the foreseeable future.

Members of The Oak Community Project and Breakaway also assist in the Café and Community Garden on a regular basis.

Obviously, there will never be enough volunteers, so if you have some spare time and would like to join the team of voluntary workers at the Café, please contact the Council Offices for more information.

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.

Police 'Drop-in' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will be holding 'Drop-In' Surgeries at the Village Information Centre, in the Churchill Car Park from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon as follows:-

Wednesday 24 June
Thursday 23 July

Details regarding dates of future Surgeries will be advertised on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's website.

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 eight 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 southern side of Station Road.

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.



Rustington Community Partnership

In 2007 there was extensive research and consultation with the residents of Rustington to identify issues that would maintain or improve living in Rustington. The main issues were published as the Rustington Community Action Plan and the Community Partnership was set up to implement the Action Plan. Two of the main action points raised by residents were the need for:-

- (a) A Village Design Statement
- (b) 'Local Jobs for Local People' - A Jobs Information Board has been provided to meet this aim.

Village Design Statement

The Community Partnership is now really starting to work, having succeeded in obtaining a grant from Awards for All, part of the big Lottery fund, and is now progressing the production of a Village Design Statement.

A professional Consultant has been appointed to lead the Project, and discussions are underway with the Arun District Council to make sure the final document will be in accordance with their requirements. This document will form part of future Planning Applications for Rustington.

Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find a questionnaire prepared by the Consultant, in conjunction with Arun District Council, and agreed by the Steering Committee.

It is most important that the maximum number of households complete the questionnaire and return it to one of the collection points. This information will form a major part of the Design Statement criteria and will ensure that the Statement reflects the majority of Parishioners' wishes for the future development of Rustington and its environs.

Completed questionnaires should be returned, by 1 July 2009, to:-

Parish Council Offices - Woodlands Avenue
Public Library - Claigmar Road
Rustington Museum - The Street
Village Information Centre - Churchill Car Park

or completed online at:-
www.rustingtonpc.org/communitypartnership

Job Vacancies!



Are you looking for a job? Part Time or Full Time? Do you want to work locally?

A Jobs Information Board advertising local job vacancies is located on the Parish Council Notice Board on the north side of the The Street by the entrance to Churchill Parade.

The Board includes a list of vacancies provided by the Littlehampton Job Centre and covers the Rustington, Littlehampton, East Preston and Angmering areas, which is updated every week. Local businesses have also agreed to advertise their vacancies on the Information Board. Details of how to respond to each vacancy are also included.

In the current climate there are not many new jobs around, but the Partnership believes that local people should have the best possible opportunity for those jobs that are available.

Rustington Festival - 14 -28 June

This year's Rustington Festival, organised by Littlehampton District Lions Club, will again run for a fortnight from Sunday 14 June to Sunday 28 June, with Carnival Day on Saturday 20 June.

Following last year's fantastic Procession, which resulted in the Club's largest street collection ever, it is hoped that this year will be even better. Whilst the Carnival Fete will not have a major attraction, the three local Primary Schools will be competing in a number of races, with a Trophy being presented to the winning School. It is also hoped that there will be a Mums' and Dads' relay race.

The Arena Events will feature The Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Band and The Lorna Benson School of Dance Display Team. The Family Fun Dog Show will be taking place and possibly a Dog Obedience Display.

The Arundel & District Scout Band, TS Implacable NTC Band and The Worthing Samba Band are all participating, together with the now internationally famous, Littlehampton

Community School Steel Band. The Procession will again be led by the beautiful, exotic and exciting Silk Road Belly Dance Troupe, followed by several Pom-Pom Troupes, the Mod Mums Coffee Club and pupils from the three Primary Schools.

Many stalls raising money for their Clubs or Associations will surround the Arena and, with some sunshine for encouragement, it should be a terrific afternoon. Invitations to join in the fun have already been sent out to stall holders and Procession entries.

The Rustington Princesses will take part in the Procession and will assist with the opening of the Fete. The Littlehampton Carnival Queen and Bonfire Princess will also be in attendance.

On Sunday 14 June, a special evening "Songs of Praise" (organised by Churches Together in Rustington) will be held in The Methodist Church, Claignar Road at 6.30 pm.

Sunday 21 June will, once again, see the Annual Short Mat Bowls Tournament taking place in the Village Memorial Hall. Teams will

be competing for the Festival Bowls Trophy and, as always, generously raising money for Lions' needy causes.

The Rustington District Twinning Association will hold its Festival Quiz Night on the evening of Sunday 21 June in the Village Memorial Hall.

On Saturday 27 June the Rustington Horticultural Association's Summer Flower Show will be held at The Woodlands Centre from 2.00 pm.

Sunday 28 June, the final day of the Festival, will see the return of the French Market along the service road in The Street between Barclays Bank and Johnsons Dry Cleaners. It is hoped that the Market will be as successful as last year, and the Lions Club is indebted to the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce for its co-operation.

For further information please contact:-

Carnival Procession	- Austen Beard (01903) 782366
Fete Stalls	- Don Rogers (01903) 772691
Programme Advertising	- Rob May (01243) 584517

Rustington Youth Centre



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

Monday	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	– Senior Youth Club
Tuesday	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm	– Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
	8.00 pm – 9.00 pm	– Amateur Wrestling Club
Wednesday	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm	– Amateur Wrestling Club
	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	– Mixed Martial Arts
Friday	5.15 pm – 7.15 pm	– Under 8s Club
	7.15 pm – 9.15 pm	– Under 12s Club

If you would like more information in respect of facilities for hire, or any of the Clubs using the Centre, please contact the Council's Offices.

Management Committee Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Management Committee of the Youth Centre and a new member is being sought from the local community.

If you are interested in helping to develop and manage the Youth Centre, and would like to become involved on a voluntary basis, involving approximately 6 evening Meetings per year, please apply in writing, with details of your personal history and any other relevant information to the Secretary of the Youth Centre Management Committee at the Parish Council's Offices.

Rustington-In-Bloom

This year's In-Bloom Campaign is really gathering momentum now, with the judging route almost finalised, one very successful fundraising event 'under the Committee's belt' and most things ready to progress for the run up to the judging days. The In-Bloom Committee is certainly moving 'full steam ahead' with its campaign to ensure that the Village again receives the accolade that it has most proven it deserves. At this moment, the judging date for the Britain in Bloom Competition has yet to be advised, but it will be sometime between 3 and 14 August.

As far as the South and South East in Bloom Competition is concerned, the judging date has been set for Thursday 16 July from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, which will include allocated time for the separate judging of the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The actual route will include the following roads:-

Albert Road, Amberley Road, Ash Lane, Ashwood Drive, Broadmark Lane, Bushby Avenue, Chatsworth Drive, Church Road, Cowdray Drive, Dingley Road, Georgian Gardens, Glenville Road, Harsfold Road, Holmes Lane, Manor Road (Conbar Avenue Allotment Site), Merton Avenue, Mill Lane, North Lane, Old Manor Road, Sea Avenue, Sea Lane, Sea Road, Seafield Road, Station Road, Sutton Avenue, The Street, Wakehurst Place, Windsor Drive, Woodlands Avenue and Worthing Road.

Fund-raising as always, plays a most important part in ensuring that the Committee is able to continue to enhance the ambiance of the Village. The Horse Race Night, which was held on

Friday 17 April, raised in the region of £900.00, and the final figure in respect of the Plant Sale held on Saturday 23 May is currently awaited.

The next Event, for which the Committee is seeking support is:-

Friday 12 June - "Catwalk Connections" Fashion Show at the Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue from 7.00 pm to 10.15 pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the Council's Offices - £5.00 (including a glass of wine and nibbles).

This year, the Committee has decided to hold a Design-A-Flower Bed Competition for pupils from the Rustington Community Primary School. The entries have been judged,



with the winner and runners-up selected. This design will represent the basis of a fourth and final flower bed to be constructed on the Southern Water Pumping Station land in Broadmark Lane. Plans are also afoot to enhance the area in front of the former Abbotswood building in Station Road, to ensure that visitors entering the Village from either Mill Lane or Station Road, receive a 'blooming wonderful' welcome!

It is, once again, hoped that all Parishioners 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 the aforementioned fund-raising event.



Allotments Competition

The judges visit the three Allotment sites (at Penfold Lane, Worthing Road and Conbar Avenue) on 6 July. Trophies and cheques are awarded to the winners at each site and, are also presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 13 September.



Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- Councillor Mike Warrington

During the last two years, it has amazed me how the community has worked together so well, not only with the Council, but within the various Groups and Associations in the Parish.

My thanks go to so many people who have helped to make my job as Chairman so enjoyable. To my fellow Councillors, who are a really good bunch of people, and who have worked well together - thank you. To our superb Clerk of the Council - Carole Ward, who has been so instrumental in helping the Council achieve what it has, with her wealth of knowledge and expertise. Carole has been ably supported by all of the Council staff, who often work many hours over and above their contracted hours to meet deadlines. Again thank you, your work is very much appreciated.

Thanks must also go to our District and County Council Councillors who have so ably kept us up to date with all matters that concern this Parish. Particular thanks to Peter Moor who, even though recovering from ill health, has still attended our Meetings.

So now on to my Report detailing the main points of the past year's achievements. Pride of place must go to the opening of the Museum and Garden Café at Church Farm Cottage. Whilst the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's Report provides detailed information in respect of the Project, it would be remiss of me not to make reference to it.

I think it would be fair to say that this has been a terrific achievement by the Parish Council, to have purchased a property with so much history, but needing a huge amount of planning and imagination to bring it to what it is today - a magnificently restored cottage - now OUR Museum, plus a wonderful Garden Café and Community Garden. The latter will evolve under the management of the Community Partnership.

Naturally, a big 'Thank You' has to go to Graham Tyler, for getting this whole project off the ground, and also to a whole host of other people who have helped to achieve this goal, namely the Architects, RJCA, the Builders, R Rawlins, the Landscapers, Ferring Nurseries, and the Rustington Heritage Association.

And finally, many thanks to all the contributors to the Raise the Roof Scheme and, of course, Roger Wickens, for his most generous £100,000.00 donation.

We will all be interested to see how the Museum and Garden develop over the coming months and years, but what can be certain is that given the enormous interest to date, this will certainly be a

part of Rustington that will be of interest and benefit to both the local community and visitors from far and wide.

Another 'blue ribbon' achievement was in the Britain in Bloom Competition where we won a Silver Gilt Award - a terrific result for our first attempt, and a Gold Award and Category Winner in the South and South East Competition, along with a host of other awards for community projects.

I will now give a little more detail on what each Council Committee has achieved over the last year, starting with:-

Finance & General Purposes

Again this has been a very difficult year for this Committee under the Chairmanship of Graham Tyler. It has been increasingly difficult, not only to achieve what we set out to do within the Budget, but also to set a Precept this year which has to provide all the essential services this Council is responsible for. And all of this without any further increases in taxation, which would only result in an even heavier burden on our Parishioners in these unprecedented hard times. I am delighted to say that this has been achieved.

Our accounts are regularly audited and are in good order. All Committees of the Council are important but this Committee, I feel, has the greater burden of responsibility.

Lighting & Amenities

This Committee, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Tim Field, continues to do good work, making sure all the Parish Public Toilets, Public Seats, Beach & Bus Shelters, Public Notice Boards, Street Maps, some of the Street Lighting and Floral Displays are kept in first class order. Special mention should be made of the replacement of the Beach Shelter at the bottom of Sea Lane, which has now been accepted by most as an attractive replacement for the old one destroyed in a storm. Also, the Public Toilets opposite the Museum which have been totally refurbished and compliment the ones in the Churchill Car Park by the Village Information Centre.

This Committee works alongside the In Bloom Committee and Ferring Nurseries, helping to maintain an extremely high standard, not only in the centre of the Village but in many other areas. I thank you for helping to make the Village such an attractive place to visit and shop, and to maintain an increasingly good reputation far and wide. Even in these hard times it is rare to see the Village anything but vibrant. Well done to all concerned.

Mention should also be made of this Committee's efforts in maintaining

responsibility for the Christmas Lighting in the Village Centre.

Leisure & Recreation

Again Chaired by Graham Tyler, this Committee is continuing to do invaluable work with The Woodlands Centre, the Recreation Ground and the Youth Centre - an integral part of the community here in Rustington. Membership of the Youth Centre continues to be encouraging and our Youth Worker must be congratulated on her efforts, not only in maintaining membership but encouraging new members.

The Woodlands Centre is a hive of activity most days of the week. This not only provides a good place for various Groups and Associations to meet, but also an invaluable source of income by way of rent. The Woodland Park Sports Field continues to be an excellent venue for many young people who enjoy playing football at weekends.

Planning

This Committee continues under the Chairmanship of Councillor Bob Grevett, and during the last year has faced many challenges 'head on', representing the community on all matters to do with planning. At times this Committee has not only responded to questions from many members of the public, but has also listened to their points of view. I am confident that this Committee has, to the best of its ability, dealt with all these. It must be remembered that this Committee is only a Statutory Consultee in the Planning Process and has no power to make decisions. I am sure there will be many contentious issues on planning in the future as the Parish sees development becoming even 'tighter'.

Allotments

This Committee is Chaired by Sue Lines and is becoming increasingly important as a growing number of people - pardon the pun - are interested in growing their own produce, and the waiting lists are growing! It is most encouraging to report that all three of the Council's Allotment Sites are being maintained to a high standard, with most allotment holders taking great pride in their plots.

I am also happy to report that a residents' group has been set up to maintain a floral planter in Conbar Avenue, at the Allotment Site entrance.

The Council is also represented on many outside bodies including, the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Rustington Sports and Social Club Committee and the Sussex Associations of Local Councils. The Council also supports the Twinning Association.

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - *Councillor Graham Tyler*

I feel most honoured, as I near the end of my second year of Office as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to be able to present to you my Annual Report in respect of the Council's financial position, including how Parishioners' money has been spent maintaining and improving services for which your Parish Council is responsible.

During the past financial year, the major items of expenditure have included:-

- The purchase of new chairs for the John de Bohun Room, together with a number of replacement tables for the Village Memorial Hall
- New computer software for the Council's Administrative Personnel in both its Offices and the new Museum
- The complete re-design of the Website
- The 70th Anniversary of the Village Memorial Hall Commemorative Event and the printing costs associated with the publication of Mary Taylor's new book 'Origins of the Village Hall'
- A contribution of £5,000.00 towards the Christmas Lighting Scheme
- The installation of heavy duty fencing along the eastern boundary and replacement entrance gate at the Penfold Lane Allotment Site
- Security costs
- The Village Information Centre operational costs
- The Youth Centre operational costs
- 50% payment towards the new Mower
- Loan servicing costs
- A new Combination Boiler for part of The Woodlands Centre
- An extension to the new external chair storage area to provide a covered area from the Village Memorial Hall and the furniture store
- The balance of cost, over and above the sum received from the Council's Insurers, towards the rebuilding of the Beach Shelter in Sea Road
- Design, planting and maintenance of all floral displays and hard landscaping areas throughout the Village Centre
- Major refurbishment of the Public Toilets in The Street, together with the ongoing maintenance of the three other Public Toilet units
- All costs, excluding capital expenditure, incurred with the setting up and ongoing operation of both the new Museum and The Garden Café.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that everything I have mentioned has been borne within the confines of the 2008/2009 Budget set by the Council!

Turning now to this financial year. The Council has set its 2009/2010 precept at £560,000.00 which, in effect, means a £88.38 annual charge on a Band D property. This represents an increase of only 36p, 0.4%, on the previous year's

charge for a Band D property.

The Council's plans for the forthcoming year, on a Committee by Committee basis, include the following:-

Allotments

Following the Committee's rolling programme of improvements over the past few years, there are no major expenditure items planned during the next financial year. The Committee is anticipating a nil net expenditure figure for this year.

Leisure and Recreation

Externally, the major areas of expenditure for this Committee continue to be the maintenance of, and improvements to, both the Woodlands Centre Grounds and the Woodland Park Sports Field. The Committee also funds the net expenditure costs of the Youth Centre which, it is estimated, will amount to some £17,500.00. It should be noted, however, that the estimated income figure continues to increase year on year, which is good news in the current economic climate.

Internally, the major item of expenditure continues to be the general day to day maintenance costs incurred at The Woodlands Centre. Provision has again been made for some redecoration works throughout the Centre during the year, and the replacement of tables and other items of equipment if, and when, necessary.

Lighting and Amenities

This year's major items of expenditure will include the replacement Bus Shelter in North Lane; which was deferred to facilitate the rebuilding of the Beach Shelter; the maintenance of the amenity areas throughout the Village by Ferring Nurseries; the maintenance and cleansing of the four Public Toilet units; the Christmas Lighting Scheme contribution and some improvements to the external Public Toilets at The Woodlands Centre. The Committee also hopes to be able to replace some more of the cycle racks around the Village, which are supplied free of charge by the West Sussex County Council, with the Parish Council bearing the installation costs.

Finance and General Purposes

The major items of expenditure will include the annual insurance premium, which is again likely to exceed £20,000.00; all of the administrative and related costs; grant aid for local organisations; the production and circulation costs of the quarterly newsletters; the Council's annual community events; the running costs of the Village Information Centre; the set fee loan servicing costs in respect of both

the Museum and the Café, and most of the security costs covering the Council's properties and land.

The estimated operational costs for the Museum and The Garden Café account for a significant amount of expenditure and, in the main, will be incurred in the management and operation of the Museum itself. It is hoped that the Café will, once established, provide some financial sustainability for the Museum. At the present time, it is anticipated that the Café will at least 'break even' in respect of income and expenditure, but the more optimistic Members of the Council feel that there will be a surplus which can be used to reduce the net expenditure of the Project as a whole!

I would now like to give you a brief resume of how the aforementioned community facilities are progressing. As many of you will be aware, the Council did decide during the year to defer Phase 3 of the Project, namely the Craft Workshop, indefinitely, or at least until such time as the Heritage Association is able to secure the necessary funding.

The Curator was appointed in the middle of last year, to set up and manage the Museum and, with the assistance of a member of administrative personnel and volunteers, not to mention, of course, the major input of the Heritage Association, is doing a sterling job. In fact, since opening its doors to the Public on 3 March, there have been in excess of 1,500 visitors.

As far as the Café is concerned, my wife and I are managing this, with the help of other volunteers from the local community, for a temporary period of six months. The menu, which is vegetarian, offers a variety of lunches, together with Paninis, Cakes and Pastries which can be enjoyed, when our weather conditions allow, in the peaceful setting of the Community Garden, in which it is located.

As many of you will be aware, this Project has always been very close to my heart, and I am absolutely delighted that it is proving to be such a resounding success with the local community and visitors alike.

As far as the capital costs for Phases 1 and 2 of the Project are concerned, the final figures are still awaited. However, it is anticipated that the final excess spend will be in the region of £9,500.00, which will be met from the Council's balance in its General Fund.

I hope you will all agree, from the information I have given you, that the Council continues to offer good 'value for money' for its Parishioners, whilst at the same time ensuring that the Village is a most pleasant, attractive, and certainly vibrant, place to live.

Meetings

Parish 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, 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 and on Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's website.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates June - September 2009

Mon 1 June	Planning
Thurs 4 June	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 15 June	Planning
Mon 22 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 22 June	COUNCIL
Mon 22 June	Planning
Mon 6 July	Planning
Thurs 9 July	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 27 July	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 July	COUNCIL
Mon 27 July	Planning
Mon 3 Aug	Planning
Mon 24 Aug	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 24 Aug	Planning
Mon 7 Sept	Planning
Mon 14 Sept	Planning
Mon 28 Sept	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 28 Sept	COUNCIL
Mon 28 Sept	Planning



Estimated Net Expenditure Years Ending 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2010

		2008/2009 Revised Estimate	2009/2010 Estimate
Leisure & Recreation Committee	External Facilities		
	Expenditure	93,605.00	95,550.00
	Income	13,362.00	14,600.00
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		80,243.00	80,950.00
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	Internal Facilities		
	Expenditure	58,887.00	52,650.00
	Income	45,234.00	45,715.00
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		13,653.00	6,935.00
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Lighting & Amenities Committee	Expenditure	158,931.00	102,100.00
	Income	31,033.00	13,800.00
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Finance & General Purposes Committee	Expenditure	347,647.00	384,349.00
	Income	8,850.00	7,000.00
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Emergency Planning Committee	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	—	—
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Allotments Committee	Expenditure	10,600.00	3,900.00
	Income	3,698.00	3,900.00
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Totals		567,508.00	553,549.00

Your Councillors

East Ward

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