

RUSTINGTON

Annual Report Edition

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Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



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

As I write this message, I am taking time to reflect on the past two years of my Chairmanship.

I have very much enjoyed being able to represent the parishioners at numerous functions and events, as well as working with a dedicated team of Parish Councillors and a highly professional staff, who have all carried

out their responsibilities far beyond the call of duty.

Following the recent Elections, the Parish Council is poised to continue with the progress that Rustington is known for, under the leadership of the new Chairman, Andy Cooper.

The past two years have been a period of restraint for all Councils, and this Council has worked hard to maintain all of the services it provides.

I have been re-elected to represent the people of the Rustington East Ward, but please be assured that I will continue to do my best for, not only them, but the whole of Rustington, at all times.

Councillor Sue Lines

Village Gardens Competition



The judging of this annual event will take place during the week commencing 27 June.

There are six Categories with cash prizes, and/or trophies and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each Category.

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

The closing date for the receipt of Nominations is 22 June.

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



A Nomination Form is enclosed with this issue.

The Woodlands Centre and Rustington Youth Centre

(Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue)

Rustington's community leisure facilities provide excellent venues for Birthday or Anniversary Parties, Wedding Receptions, Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings and many other Functions.

For further information, please contact Rustington Parish Council on 01903 786420 or email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org



Rustington Community Partnership

Rustington Community Partnership continues to work hard to try and achieve a better community atmosphere and environment for the residents of Rustington Parish.

It is continuing with its Green Project, headed up by Lynda Leese. A relatively new member to the Committee, she is working extremely hard with help from Deirdre Carolin and all members are looking forward to seeing the results of their labours at the Carnival Fete on Saturday 18 June.

The Community Garden is growing nicely, and the perennial plants and shrubs are really starting to establish themselves. At the moment, following the dying off of the spring bulbs, there is not a lot of colour in the Garden, but the delphiniums, ceanothus, hibiscus, rhododendrons, together with the clematis, honeysuckle and wisteria are maturing and will produce a mass of colour later.

The garden was designed to be low maintenance, so that it would not require planting up with new bedding twice every year and could be maintained by a group of volunteers. Unfortunately, the Partnership has very limited funds available for plants, as the grant it received only covered the construction of the Project and not ongoing costs.

The Jobs Vacancy Board still attracts considerable attention and satisfies a definite need in the Village.

The Partnership is always looking for new members with new ideas, or just people who want to help keep Rustington special. Please contact Austen Beard on 01903 782366 if you are interested, or visit the Partnership's stall at the Carnival Fete on Saturday 18 June.

Rustington-In-Bloom

The Village judging date for the South and South East in Bloom Competition has been set for Thursday 14 July from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, with the Woodlands Recreation Ground being judged on Friday 15 July at 3.00 pm. The Britain in Bloom judging date has yet to be set, but should be on a date during the first two weeks of August.

The In-Bloom Committee is continuing to work really hard, with the assistance of many other groups and organisations in the local community, including the three Primary Schools, Rustington Girlguiding Groups and the 1st Rustington Scout Group.

The judging route, although not yet finalised, will include the following roads:-

Albert Road, Ash Lane, Broadmark Lane, (including Broadmark Parade), Chaucer Avenue, Claigmar Road, Cove Road, Georgian Gardens, Harsfold Road, Holmes Lane, Knightscroft Avenue, Mill Lane, Sea Lane, Sea Road, Seafield Road, Station Road, The Crescent, The Street and Woodlands Avenue.

This year, it is hoped that the judges will see a marked increase in the amount of community involvement and support around the Village, with a number of new and developing projects, including the Chaucery Memorial in Chaucer Avenue, the Community Garden at the rear of the Museum, and a number of new and



continuing sponsorships of floral beds and planters. The Committee has again, this year, held a Design-A-Flower Bed Competition for all members of the Rustington Girl Guides. The winning design will form the second flower bed, on the triangular piece of land in Holmes Lane at its junction with Milton Avenue. The Rustington Horticultural Association has also kindly agreed to sponsor the third and final floral bed on this piece of land, which will enhance the area even further.

The Committee's fundraising efforts are again proving to be most successful, with the Race Night and Gardeners' Question Time, held earlier in the year, raising in excess of £1,400.00. The final figure in respect of the funds raised at the Plant Sale held on 28 May in the Methodist Church Garden is currently awaited, but is again looking good!

Details of the future events for this year's Campaign are as follows:-

Saturday 18 June - Tombola Stall - Rustington Carnival Day Grand Fete
Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue **Time:** 2.00 pm

Friday 8 July - Summer Concert - Littlehampton Concert Band
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm **Tickets:** £5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children
(Available from the Council's Offices and Village Information Centre)

The Committee is, again, hopeful that all parishioners will participate in some small way, whether it be by ensuring the streets are free from litter and other debris, by making that little bit more of an effort with their own front gardens, or simply by attending any of the aforementioned fundraising events. All support will be most appreciated.



Rustington and District Twinning Association



The Association is now actively recruiting new members, with a Recruitment Stall at the Carnival Fete on Saturday 18 June. Sunday 19 June will see the Association's Annual Quiz in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, with a great

Rustington Parish Council, in September 1999, agreed to set up a "Twinning" between the communities of Rustington and Los Altos in California, USA. This was in response to a very enthusiastic approach from Los Altos who wished to establish a relationship with Rustington.

In 2002 the Council, again in response to an enthusiastic approach, agreed to set up a second "Twinning" with the Community of Künzell in Germany.

The independent Rustington and District Twinning Association was established to pursue the aims and objectives of these twinning links. The Association recognizes that nothing but good can come from meetings between people of different nationalities who wish to exchange ideas freely, and who seek common interests and experiences.

Since its inception, many great friends have been made in California and Künzell, with visits to both and return trips to Rustington. Students have been sponsored to go on Summer Schools at Hessen University, Germany, and educational visits have been made to Los Altos, California.

£100.00 prize for the winning team of four people. Another one of the Association's popular Shuffleboard Evenings has been arranged for Saturday 3 September, in the Guide Hall on the Woodlands Recreation Ground, which will include a Ploughman's Supper. It is also hoped that there will be a BBQ during the Summer.

We are a self financing organisation, but do receive some small subsidy from the Parish Council for expenses incurred when our Twinning Partners come to Rustington. The current annual membership cost is £6.00 per individual, £10.00 per couple and £12.00 for a corporate membership.

The aims of the Association are to promote friendship, cultural and business interests and, to this end, Rustington Community Primary School in North Lane has joined and is already promoting ideas with a Kindergarten School in Germany.

If you are interested in joining the Association and require more information, please visit the stall at the Carnival Fete, or call either Julie, the Association's Membership Secretary, on 01903 787097, or Don on 01903 772691.

Rustington Museum

We have had a great deal of interest from members of the public about the new Exhibition opening at the Museum on Saturday 11 June, to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion. The Exhibition is called 'Unsung Heroes' and tells several remarkable stories of wartime bravery from the Village of Rustington. This Exhibition will continue until 12 November, the day after Armistice Day.

The Museum celebrated the Royal Wedding with a display of Royal Memorabilia from the Museum Collection and, we are now looking forward to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 2012.

If any members of the community have photographs or memories of Royal Celebrations in years gone by, please contact the Museum as we would like to commemorate the Jubilee Celebrations with a community-led project.

We look forward to meeting many visitors during the Summer months, and if you would like to have a guided tour or a special talk at the Museum, please contact us.

Jessica Petit - Curator

Breaking News....

The Local Studies Room in the Museum is now available for use by members of the public for research into any aspects of the history of the Village.

As well as books on the History of Rustington and the surrounding Villages, the Collection, compiled by the Rustington Heritage Association over many years contains material on local people, houses and businesses.

Indexes such as Electoral Registers, Deposited Plans, Shop Surveys etc., can be consulted, and there is an extensive file of press cuttings, some of which go back as far as 1927.

A computer will be available for consulting digital files, and the Heritage Association's Collection of photographs and postcards is currently being scanned for public access.

To use the facilities it is necessary to make an appointment by telephoning the Museum on 01903 788478.

The Garden Café

The Garden Café is now into its third Summer and still going from strength to strength. If you haven't found us yet, we are set behind Rustington Museum. The Café offers homemade cakes, vegetarian lunches and afternoon tea with delicious scones, jam and clotted cream.

When the sun shines, there can be no better place to enjoy your refreshments, than by sitting in the Community Garden, a relaxing environment that provides a refuge from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.



On Saturday 11 June, there will be a Table Top Sale, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm in aid of The Royal British Legion's 90th Anniversary plus a Grand Raffle. The Edwin James Choir will be singing favourite wartime songs in the Community Garden between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm.

Remember, the Café, Museum and Garden are your community facilities, so please make use of them and keep Rustington's unique spirit alive.

Diane Tyler - Manager

Rustington Festival - 12-26 June

Rustington Festival, organised by the Littlehampton Lions Club, takes place every year during June. Various events have become regular features of the Festival.

This year, the first will be on Sunday 12 June, when the popular Continental Market will take place on the service road between Barclays Bank and Johnsons Dry Cleaners. The Market will be open from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, providing various stalls selling a wide variety of goods from food to clothes.

Carnival Day will be as exciting and noisy as usual, with the Procession of Floats and other vehicles assembling in Holmes Lane ready for judging by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Andy Cooper and his wife, together with Tom Cotterill, Littlehampton Gazette Reporter and his partner, at 12.15 pm. The Procession will then travel via Sea Lane, Shaftesbury Road, Broadmark Lane, The Street and Woodlands Avenue to the North Field of the Woodlands Recreation Ground, for the Trophy Presentation.

Procession entries will include the Rustington Primary Schools, the Silk Road Belly Dancers, Mod Mums Coffee Club, Rustington Girlguiding, TS Implacable NTC Band, Arundel & Littlehampton Scout Band, Southern

Starlights Pom Pom Troupe, Spotlight and many other Groups.

Following the Presentation, the Grand Fete will be in full swing, with about 30 local Charity Stalls selling an incredible variety of goods, together with Commercial Stalls providing games and ice creams.

Refreshments will be provided by the Littlehampton Lions Catering Unit, selling burgers, hot-dogs, bacon burgers and chips, all to be washed down with a choice of fine Arundel Brewery bitters, glasses of wine, cans of lager and soft drinks for the children and everything at very cheap prices.

This year, the Arena Events will include a Marching Display by the Arundel & Littlehampton Scout Band, dancing by The Lorna Benson School of Dance, a Pom-Pom Troupe Display of Music and Dance and Inter Schools Races between children from the three Primary Schools.

This year's Carnival Princess, Abby-Lea Jellu, and her two attendants, Joanna Edwards and Lauren Oakley, were selected by a team of judges from the entries submitted by Year 6 pupils at the three Primary schools.

On Sunday 19 June, Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club will hold its Annual

Tournament in the Village Memorial Hall, at The Woodlands Centre. This will be followed, at 7.30 pm, by the Rustington and District Twinning Association's Grand Quiz Night, with a winning team prize of £100.00 (teams of four at £5.00 per head). There will also be a Licensed Bar.

Also, on the same evening, Churches Together in Rustington are holding a Village Praise Service at the Methodist Church at 6.30 pm (outside, weather permitting).

It is hoped to arrange more events during the Festival period, with the Rustington Horticultural Association's Rose & Sweet Pea Show taking the final bow, on Saturday 25 June.

The Festival Programme will be available, free of charge, from the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park and various shops in The Street.

The whole event is sponsored by Rustington Parish Council, Sussex Newspaper Group (Littlehampton Gazette) and Jetrade Limited.

Don't forget - come and enjoy the Carnival and Fete on Saturday 18 June.

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 (14-17 yrs)
Tuesday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club (Under 12's)
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club
Friday 5.30 pm - 7.15 pm - Under 9's Club
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Under 13's 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.



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.

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- *Councillor Sue Lines* (May 2010 - May 2011)

This is the first part of the Council's Annual Report to you, which I hope will give both those of you who are not familiar with the workings of the Council and, also, those of you who are, a fairly good insight into the way in which the Council works, its responsibilities, and its duties to the Electorate of Rustington.

Last year, I referred to the eagerly awaited construction of the Community Garden at the rear of the Museum and Garden Café. My thanks, and many congratulations, to the Community Partnership, which was successful in achieving this. I was delighted to officially open the Garden on 6 October 2010.

The past year has been a period of restraint for all local Councils, and the Council has worked hard to be able to maintain all of the services that the residents of Rustington have become accustomed to. The envy of others around! It is such a wonderful place to live and people visit from afar to enjoy all that the Village has to offer.

I will now move on to the individual Committee Reports:-

Finance and General Purposes

My personal appreciation goes to Councillor Graham Tyler, in his capacity as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Graham has provided a comprehensive Report in respect of the Council's finances for the years ending 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2012 later in this Newsletter.

Once again, during the past year, it has been increasingly difficult to achieve what we set out to do within the Council's Budget. I am very proud and privileged to say this has been achieved by the continuing hard work of both the Committee, Carole Ward the Clerk, who I will mention more later in my Report, and Caroline Harris, who has continued this year working to develop the new accounting system, introduced last year, which now provides the Council with more detailed reporting each month.

Lighting and Amenities

Councillor Tim Field continues to do very good work as Chairman of the Lighting and Amenities Committee. This important Committee works diligently to ensure that all areas in and around the Village are carefully maintained, enhanced and improved upon, to ensure that the appearance is not only pleasing to the Community, but also presents a warm welcome to the many people that visit Rustington during the year.

The Committee's responsibilities include the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Noticeboards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters, some Street Lighting, Grass

Cutting in the centre of the Village, the Design, Planting and Maintenance of the Floral Displays and many areas of Soft Landscaping throughout the Village, which also includes the Lamp Post Baskets and Trees in The Street, Ash Lane, Broadmark Lane and Sea Lane, plus any other associated functions. I am sure you would agree that the results of this Committee's hard work and efforts are evident for all to see.

Many of you will be aware of the Village's outstanding success in the South and South East in Bloom Competition again in 2010.

The Village was presented with two Gold Awards, one in the Inter-Regional Champion of Champions Category (between South and South East in Bloom and Anglia in Bloom), together with the Category's Overall Winner Award, and another in the Town Category. The Judges' Special Floral Display Discretionary Award was also presented to Rustington-In-Bloom. In the 'Its Your Neighbourhood' Category, three 'developing' awards were received by the Cudlow Garden Residents' Association, Herne and Orchard Gardens Garage Compound and the Overstrand West Estate. In addition to these awards, Georgian Gardens School again excelled in the School Grounds Competition, winning a Gold Award.

This Committee works alongside the "In-Bloom" Committee and Ferring Nurseries, helping to maintain an extremely high standard, not only in the Village Centre but in many other areas which the Council and In-Bloom Committee are continuing to extend through the Village. The In-Bloom Committee has continued with the support of Ferring Nurseries, to hold very successful fundraising events which help towards Rustington's In-Bloom entry.

And, this year, Rustington has again been invited to represent the South and South East of England in the Britain in Bloom Competition.

I must also mention the Committee's efforts in maintaining responsibility for the Christmas Lighting, in partnership with the Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited and, thank them, together with the support of the Littlehampton District Lions Club, for the very successful Shopping Event held in November 2010.

Leisure and Recreation

Councillor Jamie Bennett has Chaired the Leisure and Recreation Committee for the last year. The Youth Centre, a major project for this Council some years ago, continues, with Membership encouraging. It is now an integral part of the community currently run by an

independent Management Committee overseeing the general management of the Centre. This is, however, an area that will be affected by cuts in services by the West Sussex County Council later this year.

The Woodlands Centre is a hive of activity most days of the week, providing a good facility for a variety of Groups and Associations to meet. The Centre is also a popular venue for many private hirings for family occasions. I am pleased to be able to report that this has, over the past year, provided the Council with a higher income than originally budgeted for.

The Woodland Park Sportsfield continues to be an excellent facility for many young people who enjoy playing football at weekends but, sadly, the Pavilion had to be demolished during the year due to health and safety risks. The Committee is still hoping to extend the current Lease for the land with the County Council which, as reported last year, would enable the Clubs, with the Council's assistance, to apply for possible funding for the provision of new Changing Rooms and Toilets.

On a much brighter note, two items of disabled friendly play equipment are now well-established in the Woodlands Play Area on the Recreation Ground. The Council was lucky enough to obtain grant funding for this equipment, and was also able to replace the aged slide, which no longer complied with British Safety Regulations, with a more modern version.

Planning

The Planning Committee continues to be 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 often has a difficult and, on occasions, controversial role, which it undertakes in a most proficient way. The Committee not only responds to questions from many members of the public, but also listens to their points of view.

Allotments

Councillor Christine Broomfield has, again this year, been Chairman of the Allotments Committee. This Committee is responsible for the operation of the Council's three Allotment Sites, namely Penfold Lane, Conbar Avenue and Worthing Road, housing approximately 140 plots. The Committee works with

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representatives from the Horticultural Association, to ensure that all allotment plots are properly cultivated and maintained in good order at all times. There continues to be an extensive waiting list for allotments with an increasing number of people wanting to grow their own produce.

Emergency Planning

Although the Emergency Planning Committee does not meet on a regular basis, the most important role of this Committee is to ensure that procedures are in place for the efficient and effective provision of The Woodlands Centre as a possible Rest Centre in the event of an emergency within the Parish. It also makes the necessary arrangements to assist the District Council, as the Emergency Co-ordinator for the Arun District, where possible should a state of emergency be declared at any time.

My thanks go to Councillor Andy Cooper who has, with the Clerk and Committee, been working on the production of a local Emergency Plan for the Parish which, it is hoped, will be approved by the Council in the very near future.

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 Youth Centre Management Committee, the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Rustington Sports and Social Club, Sussex Associations of Local Councils, East Arun Community Hospitals Forum, which sadly has not met this last year. Rustington Community Partnership, Arun Neighbourhood Watch Association, Rustington-In-Bloom Committee, and the Sussex Police Neighbourhood Management Forum are just a selection of the Bodies on which the Council is represented.

And, finally, I would like to thank Carole Ward the "Clerk" without whom this Council would not have the wonderful reputation that it has throughout Sussex. My thanks must also go to Elaine Lamb who has been such a support to me and who I know Carole could not do without. Thanks must also go to all of the Council Personnel who are such a super team.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and especially my Vice-Chairman, Andy Cooper. I have met a tremendous number of very interesting people, both from this and neighbouring communities, but I'm sure you will agree as I have said before Rustington "does it best".

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

- *Councillor Graham Tyler (May 2010 - May 2011)*

I have just completed my fourth year as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and it gives me great pleasure to again be able to present to you my Annual Report in respect of the Council's financial position. This includes 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:-

- Redecoration of various areas of The Woodlands Centre
- General Maintenance and Operational Costs associated with The Woodlands Centre and Grounds
- Relining of The Woodlands Centre Car Park and Basketball Court/Kickabout Area
- Two Items of Inclusive Play Equipment for the Woodlands Play Area
- New Slide for the Woodlands Play Area
- Replacement Mirror Panels for the Woodlands Play Area
- Demolition of the aged Sports Pavilion at the Woodland Park Sportsfield
- Repairs and General Maintenance Costs associated with the Woodland Park Sportsfield
- New Replacement Bus Shelter in Station Road
- Three new Public Seats
- New Replacement Public Notice Board in Guildford Road
- Replacement of Bicycle Racks
- £5,000.00 contribution towards the Christmas Lighting Scheme
- Security Costs
- The Village Information Centre Operational Costs
- The Youth Centre Operational Costs
- Loan Servicing Costs
- Design, Planting and Maintenance of all Floral Displays and Hard Landscaping Areas throughout the Village
- Ongoing maintenance of the four Public Toilet Units
- Grants to Local Groups and Organisations
- Computer Software
- Annual Audit Fee
- Insurance Provision in respect of all Properties, Equipment and Public Liability
- Production and Delivery of Quarterly Newsletters
- All costs in respect of the Operation and Maintenance of both the Museum and Garden Café
- General Maintenance and Upkeep of three Allotment Sites
- Election fees for September 2009 By-Election

I am pleased to be able to tell you that everything I have mentioned, together with all other expenditure, was again

borne within the confines of the 2010/2011 Budget set by the Council.

Turning now to this financial year. The Council has set its 2011/2012 precept at £562,000.00, £2,000.00 lower than last year. This means an annual charge on a Band D property of £88.74, which represents no change to the 2010/2011 charge for a Band D property.

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

Allotments

Subsequent to the Committee's rolling programme of improvements over the past few years, in respect of new fencing and gates at all of the sites, there are no major expenditure items planned during the next financial year. The Committee is anticipating a minimal net expenditure figure of £600.00 for this year.

Leisure and Recreation

The major areas of expenditure for this Committee in respect of the external facilities, continue to be the maintenance of, and improvements to, both The Woodlands Centre Grounds and the Woodland Park Sportsfield. The Committee also funds the net expenditure costs of the Youth Centre which, it is estimated will, this year, amount to some £15,760.00, which represents a reduction of almost £2,500.00 on the previous year. It should be noted, however, that the estimated income figure continues to increase slightly year on year, which is good news in the current economic climate. There are no plans to replace any items of grounds machinery or play equipment during the coming year.

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, together with the purchase of new, and the replacement of existing, items of equipment if, and when, necessary.

Lighting and Amenities

This year's major items of expenditure will again include 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, the rolling programme of maintenance in respect of the Bus and Beach Shelters, and the ongoing maintenance and supply of certain Street Lighting Columns in private roads around the Village.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Finance and General Purposes

The major items of expenditure will include the majority of the annual insurance premium, which is likely to be in the region of £9,500.00; all of the Council's administrative and related costs; grant aid for local groups and 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 Garden Café, together with 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.

The Museum, Garden Café and Community Garden continue to be most popular community facilities, with approximately 6,000 visitors through the Museum's doors during the past year. During the latter part of 2010, there was a J M Barrie Exhibition which ran through to the New Year and included Punch and Judy Shows, Puppet-Making Workshops and Puppet Handling Sessions at the three local Primary Schools. There have also been a number of smaller Projects including the "Flying Books" Project.

I know that the Curator has plans this year for new Exhibitions and Displays at the Museum, including an Exhibition of War Medals, Memorabilia and Memories during the weekend of the 10-12 June, to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to express my thanks and appreciation to the Heritage Association and all of the Volunteers, for the invaluable assistance that they continue to provide in support of the Council's Personnel at the Museum and Garden Café.

Turning now, specifically, to the Community Garden. I am delighted to be able to report that the Garden was officially opened by the Community Partnership in October 2010. The Partnership is continuing to maintain the planted areas in the Garden, but are always happy to welcome volunteers to assist with this ongoing task. I would like to congratulate the Community Partnership for its outstanding achievement with this Project.

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

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

In concluding my Report, I would like to thank all of my fellow Councillors and, in particular, the Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for their unceasing support and commitment to the objectives of the Council.

I am sure that the new Council will continue to have to make difficult decisions in the future, but I can assure you that it will address these with the economic climate at the forefront of its deliberations. It will always operate to provide a service for the benefit of the local community, whilst striving to maintain and improve the Village and all of the community facilities it provides at the same time.

I would also like to thank all Members of the Council's Personnel, who definitely provide the 'backbone' of the Council. In particular, I would like to thank Caroline Harris who has carried out her duties in respect of the Council's Accounting System in a most professional and effective manner.

Estimated Net Expenditure Years Ending 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2012

		2010/2011 Revised Estimate as at 1 Jan 2011	2011/2012 Estimate
Leisure & Recreation Committee	External Facilities		
	Expenditure	98,256.00	91,310.00
	Income	19,918.00	16,703.00
		<hr/> 78,338.00	<hr/> 74,607.00
	Internal Facilities		
	Expenditure	49,451.00	51,950.00
	Income	47,707.00	47,705.00
		<hr/> 1,744.00	<hr/> 4,245.00
Lighting & Amenities Committee	Expenditure	100,520.00	101,800.00
	Income	17,018.00	12,450.00
		<hr/> 83,502.00	<hr/> 89,350.00
Finance & General Purposes Committee	Expenditure	366,341.00	435,895.00
	Income	500.00	450.00
		<hr/> 365,841.00	<hr/> 435,445.00
Emergency Planning Committee	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	—	—
		<hr/> 15.00	<hr/> 15.00
Allotments Committee	Expenditure	3,394.00	4,250.00
	Income	3,591.00	3,650.00
		<hr/> (197.00)	<hr/> 600.00
Totals		<hr/> 529,243.00	<hr/> 604,262.00

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 2011

Mon 27 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 June	COUNCIL
Mon 27 June	Planning
Mon 4 July	Planning
Mon 11 July	Allotments
Thur 14 July	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 25 July	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 25 July	COUNCIL
Mon 25 July	Planning
Mon 1 Aug	Planning
Mon 22 Aug	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 22 Aug	Planning
Mon 5 Sept	Planning
Mon 12 Sept	Planning
Mon 26 Sept	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 26 Sept	COUNCIL
Mon 26 Sept	Planning



Your Councillors

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J W Collins	85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT	Tel: 01903 771976
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North Ward		
T G Field	34 Dinsdale Gardens, Rustington BN16 3NH	Tel: 01903 783770
West Ward		
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Clerk of the Council		
Mrs Carole Ward	34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB	Tel: 01903 786420

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.

Police 'Drop-in' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) hold periodic Drop-In Surgeries at the Village Information Centre, in the Churchill Car Park from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon.

Details regarding dates of future Surgeries are displayed on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

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 Arun & Chichester Citizens' Advice Bureau on 08444 771171.

Blood Donor Sessions

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

