

Meetings

For your information, the 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. All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings, and time is set aside before each Council and Committee Meeting commences 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 Parish Notice Boards around the Village and also on the website.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates March - May 2006

Mon 6 Mar Planning	Mon 8 May Planning
Thu 9 Mar Leisure & Recreation	Mon 22 May Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Mar Finance & General Purposes	Mon 22 May ANNUAL COUNCIL
Mon 27 Mar COUNCIL	Mon 22 May Planning
Mon 27 Mar Planning	
Thu 6 Apr ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	
Mon 10 Apr Planning	
Mon 24 Apr Finance & General Purposes	
Mon 24 Apr COUNCIL	
Mon 24 Apr Planning	



Annual Parish Meeting

This is a Meeting of the Parish and is, therefore, open to all electors. It allows everyone to have the opportunity of discussing local matters, and meeting their Parish, District and County Councillors. It is held in the Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue.

This year's Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 April 2006 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Manager of the Oak Community Project has been invited to give a brief Presentation on the Project's aims and objectives in respect of the integration of adults with learning difficulties into the local community.

Please come along and let us know your views/opinions on the work of the Parish Council.

Complimentary light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Your Councillors

Chairman	Cllr G M Tyler (East Ward) Seaward, The Close, Sea Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DW Tel: 01903 856950
Vice-Chairman	Cllr C S Pryor (East Ward) 9 Mill Lane, Rustington BN16 3ED Tel: 01903 785135
East Ward	
Cllr J W Collins	85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT Tel: 01903 771976
Cllr S G Fitzsimon	46 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HS Tel: 01903 782428
Cllr Mrs M Rice	4 Marama Gardens, Sea Road, Rustington BN16 2ND Tel: 01903 850384
Cllr R C Steward	Canberra, 18 Botany Close, Rustington BN16 2BJ Tel: 01903 771420
West Ward	
Cllr A K Akbar	78 Westlands, Rustington BN16 3NW Tel: 01903 732929
Cllr Mrs C P Broomfield	15 Harsfold Road, Rustington BN16 2QE Tel: 01903 786262
Cllr J E Ceiriog-Hughes	15 Manor Road, Rustington BN16 3OT Tel: 01903 770464
Cllr T G Field	105 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3LX Tel: 01903 774026
Cllr R S Grevett	"The Birches" 58 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3EY Tel: 01903 776780
Cllr A S D Lauretani	"The Gilly", 4 Barwick Close, Rustington BN16 3TT Tel: 01903 771441
Cllr Mrs S Y Lines	Quince Cottage, 4 The Bramblings, Rustington BN16 2DA Tel: 07917 724785
Cllr D F Murphy	2 Arun Close, Rustington BN16 3HD Tel: 01903 787149
Cllr M A Warrington	23 Tennyson Avenue, Rustington BN16 2PB Tel: 01903 785436
West Preston Ward	
Cllr D E Rogers	6 Preston Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DP Tel: 01903 772691
Clerk of the Council	
Mrs Carole Ward	Council Offices, 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB Tel: 01903 786420

Useful Telephone Numbers

Arun Direct (Street Cleaning, Bus/Beach Shelter Cleansing)	01903 737754
Arun District Council (Bognor Regis)	01243 863141
Arun District Council (Littlehampton)	01903 737500
Police (Non-Emergency Calls)	0845 6070999
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
West Sussex County Council (24-hour Helpline)	0845 7581232
West Sussex County Council (Highways Department)	01243 642105



Village Information Centre and Public Conveniences - Churchill Car Park



The Official Opening of the new Village Information Centre and the refurbished Public Conveniences took place at Churchill Car Park on 13 February.

The Information Centre is now fully operational and is open from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Council personnel are on hand at the Centre to provide members of the community, and visitors alike, with assistance in respect of any enquiries relating to the Parish Council, District Council and County Council, local Groups and Organisations and other Public Bodies.

The local Police Community Support Officers will be holding their "Drop-In" Surgeries at the Centre.

The scheduled dates for the first two Surgeries are Saturday 25 March and Saturday 22 April from 11.00 am to 1.00pm.

The Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau outreach facility will also be relocating to the Centre. (Please see the Citizens' Advice Bureau item later in the Newsletter for further details).

Bookings for all of the facilities at The Woodlands Centre and the Youth Centre will also be able to be made through the Centre.

Please take the opportunity to visit the Centre and make use of this new community facility.

Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage

Detailed plans have now been produced by the Council's appointed Architect, and include a Conservatory extension and Craft Workshop, as well as internal alterations to the Cottage to facilitate the proposed Museum and Heritage Centre.



Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent are required before the renovation, alterations and new building works can commence. The Planning Application has been submitted to Arun District Council for its consideration.

In order to finance the proposed Project, a bid will be put forward to the Heritage Lottery Fund as soon as the necessary Planning Permission has been received.

The Youth Offending Team continues to make an excellent job of keeping the garden clear. They have also replaced a section of boundary fencing, to a very high standard, that was severely damaged by high winds just before Christmas. The Team is anxious to be involved with the Project in any way that it can and, the Parish Council is most appreciative of the Team's help and assistance thus far.



34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex BN16 3HB
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 Website: www.rustingtonpc.org



Rustington-In-Bloom

The Rustington-In-Bloom Committee is continuing with its hard work and efforts to ensure that the appearance of the Village is both maintained and enhanced year on year.

Once again, this year, a Primary Schools' Design-A-Flower Bed Competition will be held, with a prize being awarded to the winner and a runner-up prize to each of the best entries from the remaining two Rustington Primary Schools.



The flower bed will then be constructed at the Southern Water Pumping Station site in Broadmark Lane, when the winner will have an opportunity to assist the Council's Contractors, Ferring Nurseries, with the planting of their design. The Committee is also looking at the possibility of installing a public seat at this location, which will further enhance the aesthetic appearance of this area.

The Committee continues with its fundraising efforts, and is already planning to have a Grand Tombola Stall at the Rustington Festival Fete on Saturday 24 June at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. Any donations of suitable prizes will be most appreciated, and should be delivered to the Council's Offices.

If you feel that you would be interested in getting involved in assisting the Committee with its invaluable work, please contact the Council Offices. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.



Basketball Court / Kickabout Area

– Woodlands Recreation Ground

The Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful with its Grant Applications to both the SITA Environmental Trust and Awards For All, in the sums of £10,000 and £5,000 respectively.

This now means that with £20,000 in grant awards (including the previously awarded grant from the Arun Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership), together with the balance of the required funding being provided by the Parish Council, the Project can go ahead in the Spring of 2006.

The Council considers that the installation of heavy duty fencing with chicane accesses and multi-use goals will result in an extensive increase in the use of this public sports facility.

Spring Bulb Planting

Every year the Parish Council purchases a quantity of spring bulbs, to continue with its planting scheme at various locations in the Village and this year is no exception. Daffodils and crocuses will, once again, flower and enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Village in the Spring.

In late 2005, all three Primary Schools in Rustington accepted the Council's offer of a quantity of bulbs to plant in the Schools' grounds, and plans are in hand to extend the areas planted in future years.

Photographs showing the success of the planting scheme will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Parishioners' Awards

As in previous years, the Council is, once again, inviting all members of the community to submit nominations for the 2006 Parishioners' Awards.

Every year the Council makes two awards, one to an individual, and one to a local Group, Club or Organisation. The Awards are made in recognition of outstanding Public Service to the community, and all Parishioners' and Parish based Groups, Clubs and Organisations are eligible to receive these Awards. The successful recipients will receive a cash prize, together with a Commemorative Scroll, Dish or Trophy.

The closing date for this year's nominations is 24 April 2006. Details of the winners will be announced in June with the formal presentations taking place at a Reception on 17 September 2006.

Coastal and Marine Wildlife Interpretation Board



A new Interpretation Board, providing information in respect of the plants and wildlife that can be found living along the beach at Rustington, has recently been erected on the stretch of greensward between Sea Lane and Broadmark Lane.

The Board was designed by the Arun District Council's Nature Coast Project, and was supported by funding from the Parish Council, courtesy of a grant from the Environment Agency.

The Board is further evidence of how the Rustington community is getting involved in coastal conservation. The Rustington Community Primary School has adopted a stretch of the beach, with pupils litter picking and undertaking regular surveys in respect of the plants and wildlife observed.

The Oak Community Project, based at The Woodlands Centre, is also participating in a native shingle plant growing project, and there are already a number of volunteer Beach Wardens looking after the beach in Rustington.

Tree Planting Scheme



The second phase of the Tree Planting Scheme will soon be taking place, with 10 Northern Red Oak trees being donated by members of the community and planted at various locations on the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

It is proposed that the third phase of the Scheme will take place later in the year and, once again, members of the local community are being invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60, which will include a commemorative plaque. For further information please contact the Council Offices.

Rustington Festival 2006

Littlehampton District Lions Club has already commenced preparations for this year's Festival. The aim is to fill two weeks of the Summer with varied community events, with the help of local Groups and Organisations.

The first event will be Rustington Players' production of Nevilles' Island, a comedy performed at The Woodlands Centre from 14 - 17 June 2006. The highlight of the Festival, the colourful Carnival Procession and Grand Fete with exciting arena events, will take place on Saturday 24 June between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm. The procession through the Village will start at 1.00 pm, and the Fete and arena events will take place on the North Field at the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

On Sunday 25 June the Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club will host the Annual Bowls Tournament at The Woodlands Centre for the Lions Challenge Shield.

The finale of the fortnight will be The Rose and Sweet Pea Show organised by Rustington Horticultural Association, again at The Woodlands Centre from 2.00 pm.

As more events are finalised they will be reported in the Littlehampton Gazette and future editions of this Newsletter.

An Art Competition will be held again, through the local Primary Schools, to produce the Festival Programme Cover, with a prize for the winning entry. Four thousand Festival Programmes will be printed and distributed FREE through the local shops. If your Club, Society or Organisation would like to be involved with the Festival in any way, please contact Don Rogers (772691) or Austen Beard (782366) for further information.

All profits raised by, or donated to, the Lions, will go to local Charities. Please come and join us, raise funds for yourselves and the Lions, and help to make this year's Festival a community event that we can all be proud of.

Gardens Competition

Now is the time to start thinking about this year's Gardens Competition which is divided into the following classes:-

- Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)
 - Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)
 - Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)
 - Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)
- (All entries must be clearly visible from the Road)

Parishioners and local businesses are encouraged to start thinking about their planting plans now so that they can nominate either themselves, their neighbours, or any members of the local community for the Competition.

A nomination form will be included with the Annual Newsletter which will be distributed in May, or you can contact the Council Offices for further details.

What's On...

Rustington Youth Centre

The Youth Centre is open five evenings per week for youth activities.

- Monday** - 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm
Senior Youth Club - Ages 13-18
- Tuesday** - 5.15 pm - 7.15 pm
Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
- Wednesday** - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Amateur Wrestling Club - Under 12s
- Thursday** - 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm
Senior Youth Club - Ages 13-18
- Friday**
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 for hire, or any of the Clubs using the Centre, please contact the Council Offices.

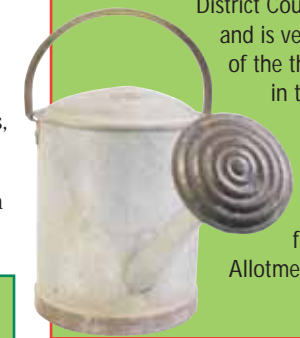
Senior Youth Club Activities Programme (March - April)

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| Thur | 2 | March | Skipping |
| Mon | 6 | March | No Smoking Issues |
| Thur | 9 | March | Red Nose Day |
| Mon | 13 | March | Light Bulb Competition |
| Thur | 16 | March | To be announced |
| Mon | 20 | March | Mothers Day - Art & Chat |
| Thur | 23 | March | To be announced |
| Mon | 27 | March | American Night |
| Thur | 30 | March | To be announced |
| Mon | 3 | April | Easter Holidays - Club Open |
| Thur | 13 | April | Easter Holidays - Club Open |
| Thur | 20 | April | Club Open |
| Mon | 24 | April | Club Closed |
| Thur | 27 | April | Club Open |

Conbar Avenue Allotment Site

The Arun District Council recently agreed to transfer the Title of the Conbar Avenue Allotment Site to the Parish Council. The land has been transferred subject to certain improvement works being undertaken by the Parish Council, and contains a restrictive covenant by which the Parish Council has had to agree that the land will only be used as an Allotment Site.

The land has been leased from the District Council for many years, and is very well used as one of the three Allotment Sites in the Village. It was felt that the acquisition of the land would safeguard its future as an Allotment Site.



We need your help

Please help us to maintain the Parish to a 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. A list of useful telephone numbers is given in this Newsletter so that problems can be reported directly to the correct Authority. We are always pleased to hear when we have done a good job or if you have suggestions for improvements which can be considered when the finance becomes available!!

Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council has, for a number of years, provided a facility at The Woodlands Centre to enable the Bureau to operate in Rustington on Tuesday mornings.

It is anticipated that with effect from the beginning of March 2006 this outreach facility will operate from the new Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park.

Appointments will still need to be made in advance through the Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau Office (Telephone: 01903 724010).

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 lifesaving cause.

