

Rustington Parish Council Newsletter

"It's all Good News!"

Rustington Museum

At 10.00 am on Tuesday 3 March, Rustington's new Museum and The Garden Café will open their doors to members of the local community and visitors alike.



Since purchasing Church Farm Cottage in 2005, it has taken the Parish Council almost four years to get to this point. The first phase of the Project was the complete renovation of the Grade II Listed Cottage, which included a new thatched roof, the introduction of damp proofing, the installation of a lift and a new staircase, to mention just a small number of the improvements made. This phase was completed in April 2008.

The Cottage has provided a rare but welcome opportunity for the Parish Council to bring back into use an important historic building, and to conserve the heritage of the Village.

Whilst the building and its subsequent renovation was funded by the Parish Council, with the added assistance

of a large donation from Mr Roger Wickens of Store Property Investments Limited, the ongoing management of the Museum and the Café will be the responsibility of a Management Committee consisting of Members of the Parish Council and the Rustington Heritage Association, which owns the Museum Collection.

Jessica Petit, the Curator, is certain that the Museum will provide a fascinating experience for all of its visitors, with the exhibits and displays telling a story of days gone by in a rural Sussex Village, before modern life caught up with it! The first Exhibition, 'A Taste of Things to Come', will introduce some of the famous personalities that have either resided or stayed in the Village over the years.

The second phase of the Project has seen a timber framed building constructed in the rear garden of the Cottage, to house The Garden Café, together with the landscaping of the communal gardens.



The Garden Café

The vegetarian menu will make use of as much locally sourced produce as possible. Seasonally, much of the fresh salad and vegetables will be provided by both LCT Homelink and The Oak Community Project. Members of the Project will also be assisting in the Café on a day to day basis. So, why not come along, meet with friends, and enjoy the tranquility of this hidden treasure in the centre of your Village.

Sample Menu

Morning Coffee
A range of Hot Pastries both sweet & savoury, a full range of Cakes, Muffins and Snacks
(Gluten Free also available)

Luncheon
A range of Homemade Soup, Hot Paninis, Wraps and a Hot Dish of the Day

Afternoon Teas
A wide choice of Cakes, Scones and Snacks, as well as a full range of Speciality Teas & Coffees

The Rustington Community Partnership is currently seeking funding from the National Lottery to develop the northern section of the garden as a unique Community Garden.

The Opening Times for both the Museum and The Garden Café will be as follows:-

Monday	- Closed
Tuesday - Saturday	- 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday	- Closed

Please try to make time to visit the Museum and then enjoy a freshly made Tea or Coffee with a slice of homemade Cake in Café - You won't be able to help but enjoy the experience!



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2009/2010 Parish Council Tax Charge

The Parish Council has again set its 2009/2010 Precept at £560,000.00, which means that the annual Parish Council charge on a Band D property will remain the same as for 2008/2009, at £88.02, which is a very small percentage of the total Annual Council Tax per household. Whilst the actual Precept has not increased, because of the slight reduction in the Rustington tax base, this does represent a very minimal increase of 0.4%, which amounts to approximately 39p per year!

The two main projects which played a major part in last year's increased

Precept, namely the new Museum and The Garden Café at Church Farm Cottage in The Street, and the refurbishment of the public conveniences in The Street, are now complete.

If you would like an opportunity to find out more about how the Council has spent its Precept during the past year, and how it plans to spend its Precept during the next financial year, you will be able to do so at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting on Thursday 2 April 2009. (Further details appear later in the Newsletter).

Public Toilets - The Street

The much needed refurbishment of the Public Toilets in The Street (in the Parish Church Hall Car Park) has recently been completed. The new toilets are of a similar design and standard to those in the Churchill Car Park and will be open seven days per week.

Beach Shelter Replacement



The re-building of the Beach Shelter along the Seafront at the junction of Sea Lane and Sea Road is almost complete following its demise during "freak" weather conditions last year. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by the end of February, when this well used facility will once again be available for the local community and visitors to enjoy.

Rustington-in-Bloom



Following last year's outstanding successes in both the Britain in Bloom and South and South East in Bloom Competitions, the Committee is now progressing really well with the 2009 Campaign.

The proposed route will soon be finalised and it is just a matter of "dotting the I's and crossing the T's" before full details can be published.

Whilst there are no major new projects planned for this year, there are several changes to the judging route to include the Parish Churchyard in The Street, Sea Road, Harsfold Road, Holmes Lane and Amberley Road.

There will again be a number of fund-raising events, of which the following have already been confirmed:-

Friday 17 April - Horse Race Night plus Fish and Chip Supper
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre
Time: 6.45 pm
Tickets: £7.50* (including Fish Supper)

Saturday 23 May - Plant Sale
The Methodist Church Gardens, Claigmar Road
Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Friday 12 June - "Catwalk Connections" Fashion Show
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre
Time: 7.00 pm to 10.15 pm
Tickets: £5.00* (including a glass of wine and nibbles)

*Tickets available from the Council's Offices

Please come along to any or all of these events if you are able to. Any support you can give will be most appreciated.

Tree Planting Scheme

The final phase of the current Tree Planting Scheme will soon be taking place on the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

Members of the local community were, once again, invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60, which includes a commemorative plaque. The response was very positive, and 11 Crab Apple trees will be planted on the North Field at the Recreation Ground.

At the time of writing, there is no further news on the proposed Public Highway Donated Tree Scheme, but it is hoped that there will be more to report in the next issue of the newsletter.

Rustington Community Partnership

Rustington Community Partnership is really beginning to achieve its aims. Formed following the launch of the Rustington Community Action Plan document in February 2008, it has put in motion several initiatives which will benefit the residents of Rustington.

Initially, the group had been restricted in their actions by a lack of funds, but this has now changed with the probability of receiving National Lottery funding for two major projects. The Village Design Statement document which, when completed, will be adopted as part of Arun District Council's Planning criteria, will help to stop any further indiscriminate building projects spoiling the Village environment. The Project will cost in the region of £10,000 and this money will be raised through Lottery Funding and voluntary help, but at no cost to the Parish Council or your Council Tax.

A local Job Vacancies Board has been set up, with the support of Littlehampton Job Centre, Rustington Business Park, major Superstores and local Shops, to advertise any vacancies in Rustington. The Board is located in The Street, beside the entrance to the Churchill Car Park and is part of the Parish Council's Notice Board.

The Partnership is also represented on the Neighbourhood Management Forum, organised by the Local Police Community Support Officers, which is a Group concerned with crime and the safety of parishioners.

The Community Garden at the new Museum is another Project that the Partnership is hoping to develop with Lottery Funding.

The Partnership is also promoting Rustington as a "Plastic Bag Free" Village and is actively procuring funds locally to achieve this objective.

Another Project is to try and get glass collected from homes as part of Arun District Council's recycling programme, and the opening of the new waste facility at Ford is awaited. The Partnership is also involved with the Primary Schools Project promoting ECO-School Status.

For further information on any of the above Projects, or if you would like to volunteer some time to help us achieve our aims please contact Marilyn on (01903) 786223 or, alternatively, email: communitypartnership@rustingtonpc.org

Parishioners' Awards

The Council is, once again, inviting nominations for the 2009 Parishioners' Awards.

Two Awards can be made each year - one to an Individual and one to a Group/Organisation - in recognition of outstanding Public Service to the Community. All Rustington parishioners or parish-based organisations (including voluntary groups and professionals) are eligible to receive these Awards.

Individuals, Groups and Organisations from outside of the Parish, who make an outstanding contribution for the benefit of the community of Rustington, may also be considered for these Awards.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is 27 April and detailed nominations should be forwarded to the Council's Offices.

Rustington Festival 2009

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

The invitations to join in the fun have already been sent out and the response is encouraging. Arundel & District Scout Band, TS Implacable NTC Band and The Worthing Samba Band are all coming, 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 children from the three Rustington Primary Schools. The Rustington Princesses will take part in the Procession and will assist with the opening of the Fete. Any young ladies in Year 6 who attend one of the three Rustington Primary Schools are eligible to enter. Both the Littlehampton Carnival Queen and Bonfire Princess will also be in attendance.

On Sunday 14 June, a special evening "Songs of Praise" will be held in one of the Village Churches.

Sunday 21 June will see the Annual Short Mat Bowls Tournament, organised by Peter Scott of the Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club, taking place in the Village Memorial Hall.



Rustington District Twinning Association will hold their Festival Quiz Night on the evening of Sunday 21 June in the Village Memorial Hall. This is always a good evening with questions on a variety of subjects, and not too difficult. There will also be a bar to help the little grey cells work.

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

Sunday 28 June, the final day of Festival, will see the return of the French Market on 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 their co-operation.

For further information please contact:-

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| Carnival Procession | - Austen Beard
(01903) 782366 |
| Fete Stalls | - Don Rogers
(01903) 772691 |
| Programme Advertising | - Rob May
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Gardens Competition

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

- Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)*
- Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)*
- Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)*
- Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)*
- Class 5 - Schools' Competition
- Class 6 - Community Garden

*Entries must be 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's Offices for further details.

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. 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. The Agenda for each Meeting is displayed at the Public Library and on Notice Boards around the Village.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates March – June 2009

Thurs 5 March	Leisure & Recreation	Mon 11 May	Planning
Mon 9 March	Planning	Mon 18 May	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 23 March	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 18 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
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Mon 23 March	Planning		
		Mon 1 June	Planning
Thurs 2 April	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY	Thurs 4 June	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 6 April	Planning	Mon 15 June	Planning
Mon 20 April	Planning	Mon 22 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 April	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 22 June	COUNCIL
Mon 27 April	COUNCIL	Mon 22 June	Planning
Mon 27 April	Planning		



Annual Parish Meeting

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

This year's Meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April commencing at 7.30 pm. It is hoped that a representative from the Chamber of Trade and Commerce will be able to give a brief Presentation on the effects of the "Credit Crunch" for the Rustington Traders.

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

Your Councillors

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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, and the dates for the remainder of the current Council Term are:-

7 March
25 April

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.

Blood Donor Sessions

Regular Donor Sessions are held at the Village Memorial Hall and posters are displayed on Council Notice Boards throughout the Village.

