

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



Councillor Mrs Sue Lines

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for electing me as Chairman this year. Secondly, a big thank you to Mike Warrington for his two years service as Chairman. We all wish him well in his new life with wife Wendy in sunny Spain.

Since joining the Council in 2004, I have learnt a lot, with the guidance of both my fellow Councillors and the Council's Personnel, and hope I can carry on the good work of previous Chairmen. I have very much enjoyed representing the Village on several occasions already this Summer.

We have recently received the Public and Community Award from the Sussex Heritage Trust for the Museum and Café Project. We are delighted to have received this prestigious Award and both the Museum and Café continue to be enjoyed by both visitors and Rustington residents alike.

This year, we have again entered both South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom, and look forward to receiving the results in September. My thanks go to all the Council's Personnel, members of the In-Bloom Committee and Ferring Nurseries for making the whole thing possible. One of the Village Primary Schools, Georgian Gardens, has already received the very good news that it has been awarded a GOLD Certificate in the School Grounds Category.

I think that is all for my first message. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible around the Parish.

South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom

The Village and Recreation Ground were judged on 16 July for the South and South East in Bloom Competition, and on 4 August for the Britain in Bloom Competition. The weather was fine on 16 July and, luckily, just held up on 4 August.

On both occasions, the judges comments were very positive and encouraging, but as the results in both Competitions will not be announced until September, everyone involved and the local community will have to be patient for the time being. Details of any Awards received will, of course, be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.



The Parish Council and the In-Bloom Committee would like to convey their appreciation to Ferring Nurseries, the West Sussex Youth Offending Team, the Oak Community Project, the West Sussex Beach Wardens, Rustington Methodist Church and the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Zachary Merton Hospital League of Friends, Church Farm Gardens Estates Limited, the three Primary Schools, Arun District Council's Cleansing Services, Car Parks and Parks Departments and the West Sussex County Council Highways Department, for ensuring that, once again, the Village really did excel on both days.

Congratulations must go to everyone involved – Keep up the good work – The In-Bloom Committee are already moving forward with the 2010 Campaign!



Rustington Museum



News from the Curator

We have had a remarkable number of visitors come through the Museum's doors over the last few months. On average we have counted just over 1,000 visitors per month which, in my experience, is a pretty impressive figure for a small Museum.

From the feedback we have had from visitors we know that most people are very impressed with the way the Museum has been presented. The Garden Café and Museum perfectly compliment each other. Visitors can take their time to look round the Museum, and then enjoy a coffee or a meal in the relaxing surroundings of the Community Garden. All this is reflected by the fact that the Museum and The Garden Café Project has recently won an Award from the Sussex Heritage Trust in the Public and Community Sector.

We have had many interesting donations to the Museum over the last few months, including a canon ball dug up in a Rustington garden. With the help of the

Heritage Association, we are trying to find out why a canon ball might have ended up at this location!

We are still keen to acquire original photographs of Rustington in days gone by, so if you think you have any in your attics or cupboards and would like to donate them to the Museum, they would be most welcome.

Finally, we are running several competitions through the Summer months, including a Museum Quiz for adults and a Museum Trail for children – both with prizes – another reason to come down to the Museum and enjoy a good day out!

The Garden Café



Following a very successful first six months of being managed on a voluntary basis by Councillor Graham Tyler and his wife, Diane, assisted ably by volunteers, the Council has now appointed a Manager and Assistant Manager, each on a part-time basis, to take the Café forward and build on its success to date.

The Café itself continues to go from strength to strength, with customers enjoying a range of vegetarian lunches - with a different 'dish of the day' daily, home made cakes and pastries, delicious cream teas, together with a variety of hot and cold beverages and ice creams.

Whilst general reservations are not normally taken, larger parties can be catered for with reserved seating, by calling Diane or Jeannie on 01903 786450.

Both the Museum and The Garden Café are open from Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and admission to the Museum is free.

So, why not take the time to visit the Museum, to find out more about the history of the Village, and then enjoy a morning coffee, mouth watering lunch or a cream tea, at The Garden Café.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rustington Community Partnership

Rustington Community Partnership continues to make progress with the Village Design Statement, and would like to thank all the residents who took the time to fill in the questionnaire included with the last Newsletter. Although, not as many replies as were hoped for were received, the Partnership is working with the information included in those that were.

The Job Vacancy Board, featured in the previous Newsletter, continues to provide a worthwhile service to both local businesses and job applicants. It is hoped that a new purpose made notice board, to promote the future of this service, will be available soon.

Saturday 5 September will see the launch of the "Rustington Plastic Bag Free" Campaign, when the Recycling Bus will be in The Street. The Partnership will be giving away up to 2,000 cotton shopping bags free to Rustington residents and asking the shops to stop handing out non biodegradable plastic bags. Store Property Limited have joined in this promotion and the Partnership is very happy to have them on board. It is hoped that Rustington will soon be able to join many other Sussex Villages in becoming plastic bag free.

Rustington Youth Centre

Calling Rustington Youth!

The Centre has been ticking over on Monday nights quite nicely. A range of activities have been on offer from pizza making to karaoke, together with house games such as Wii, Air Hockey, Pool, Table Tennis, Table Football and the Internet. There are also basketballs and footballs for use on the Sports Court on the Recreation Ground.

There is going to be a FREE pilot for the September Term starting on Monday 14th for the 'Inter's' (12-14 yrs old) and Thursday 17th for the Seniors (14-17 yrs old). This means there will be NO ENTRY CHARGE - that's right, it will be FREE to get in! We have managed to secure funding for at least 6 months, so come and try us out! Both nights are from 7-9 pm.

Did we mention the Tuck Shop? Some changes

are currently being made, with snacks, drinks, fresh popcorn, cheese toasties and flavoured water, from our new healthy lifestyle range, available. Don't worry, young people have been part of deciding what stays and have voted to keep several sugar hits such as chocolate and sweets. What's your favourite?

There will also be an opportunity to meet with friendly, non judgemental, Youth Workers, who will consult with you on all decisions connected with the Centre. You will have the chance to join and/or obtain activity funds from the Youth Opportunity Fund, talk to the Management Committee and take part in activities, residentials and national initiatives and generally have fun.

Hope to see you in September!

Marg, Simon, Nikki and Anna

Gardens and Allotments

Following the judging of this year's **Gardens Competition** entries by the Chairman of Arun District Council, Councillor Don Ayling and his consort Mrs Elspeth McCreddie, Mrs Jocelyn Silk and Miss Celia Buckley, the Honorary Secretary and the Chairman of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and Mrs Jo Crockford of Ferring Nurseries, the results are declared as follows:-



Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)

Winner - Miss Jane Saysell, 52 Jubilee Avenue
 Runner-Up - Mr Kent Kressner, 6 Tennyson Avenue

Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)

Winner - The Windmill Public House, Mill Lane
 Runner-Up - The Lamb Public House, The Street

Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)

Winner - Mr Tony Miah, Flat 1 Highfield Court, 7 Highfield Gardens
 Runner-Up - Mr Bert & Mrs Patricia Lee, 37 Knightscroft Avenue

Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)

Winner - Rustington House (Hargreaves Properties Ltd.), Worthing Road
 Runner-Up - Rustington Manor Hotel, Broadmark Lane

Class 5 - Schools' Competition

Winner - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School, Guildford Road
 Runner-Up - Summerlea Community Primary School, Windsor Drive

Class 6 - Community Gardens

Winner - Cudlow Garden, Sea Lane (Cudlow Garden Residents Association)
 Runner-Up - Church Farm Gardens

The judging of the Council's **Allotments Competition** took place in July and the following results were declared:-

Overall Winner - Plot 27 Penfold Lane - Mr Clive Collins

Site Winner - Penfold Lane - Plot 27 - Mr Clive Collins

Site Winner - Conbar Avenue - Plots 7 & 27 - Mr & Mrs James Donovan

Site Winner - Worthing Road - Plot 8 - Mr Gary Frostick

The Award for **Outstanding Effort and Achievement** during the year was made to:-

Plot 5 Penfold Lane - Mr Barry Cooper

Certificates of Commendation were also awarded to deserving plots on each Site.

All of the above-mentioned winners will be presented with their Awards at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thanksgiving Service on 13 September.

Community Carol Concert



As many of you will know, the Council organises a Community Carol Concert every year, which is held in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to attend and participate in this very popular and well-established Festive Celebration. Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks and mince pies are also provided, as well as, a free Grand Christmas Draw. The Concert will be held on Saturday 19 December commencing at 7.30 pm. Don't forget to put this important date in your diary!

Rustington Festival

Thank You Rustington....

The Littlehampton District Lions Club would like to say thank you for the wonderful support and generosity given by the people of Rustington to the Festival as a whole and, in particular, Carnival Day.

The feedback received and the Club's own feelings are that the Procession and Fete were two of the best ever. It was very encouraging to have the Rustington Guides taking part in the Procession once again, as it had been several years since they were last involved. They enjoyed the event and have said they will be participating again next year which, incidentally, will be held on Saturday 19 June.

The Rustington Princess and her Attendants, all from Summerlea School, carried out their duties expertly, as did the Procession Judges including Councillor Sue Lines and Mary Taylor.

The highlight of the Fete was the Village Inter Schools Sports, culminating in a three legged race with one strange entrant of six legs, this being the three Headteachers from the Primary Schools. They still lost but a big thank you must be conveyed to them for organizing the events and taking part.

The Songs of Praise was well attended in the Methodist Church, and the Rustington Short Mat Bowls Festival Tournament was a great success resulting in a donation of £180 to the Club's funds, The Twinning Association's Festival Quiz night was another success raising a further £92.

Rustington Horticultural Society had an excellent Rose & Sweet Pea Show and the Festival French Market was well attended, resulting in a further donation of £120, meaning that overall the Club was able to show a final profit in excess of £2,500. This money will be donated to many local needy causes, as is all the money raised by Club. The Club is deeply indebted to Rustington Parish Council for its support and sponsorship of the Festival and also the Littlehampton Gazette.

Following a successful Festival, the Lions have continued to be busy and have just completed two weeks in a Charity Shop in The Street, which has raised a magnificent £1,800. Again, the Club is appreciative of the generosity of Rustington residents and also Store Property Limited, for the loan of the shop.

For further information regarding becoming a Lion or any future Lions' Events, please contact Don Rogers on 01903 772691 or Austen Beard on 01903 782366.

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

Council and Committee Meeting Dates September – December 2009

Mon 7 Sept	Planning	Thurs 5 Nov	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 14 Sept	Planning	Mon 9 Nov	Planning
Mon 28 Sept	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 23 Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 28 Sept	COUNCIL	Mon 23 Nov	COUNCIL
Mon 28 Sept	Planning	Mon 23 Nov	Planning
Thurs 15 Oct	Lighting and Amenities	Mon 7 Dec	Planning
Mon 12 Oct	Planning	Mon 7 Dec	Allotments
Mon 12 Oct	Allotments	Mon 21 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 26 Oct	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 21 Dec	Planning
Mon 26 Oct	COUNCIL		
Mon 26 Oct	Planning		



Parishioners' Award

The Council, at its Meeting on 22 June 2009, agreed that the Parishioners' Award should be presented to Harry Clark, in recognition of his dedication and unceasing commitment to the preservation of Rustington's Heritage and History for the benefit of the local community.

Harry will receive his Award at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thanksgiving Service on 13 September.

Councillors' Surgeries

Councillors' Surgeries are held at the Village Information Centre, Churchill Car Park to give Members of the community an opportunity to meet with Councillors to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed and maintained, as well as any other issues of interest or concern.

Surgeries will be held from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on the following dates:-

Saturday 24 October
Saturday 12 December

Your Councillors

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Clerk of the Council

Mrs Carole Ward 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB Tel: 01903 786420

Can you help?

A search for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators is currently underway.

If you would like to make a difference in your road, then this role could be for you.

The purpose of Neighbourhood Watch is simple:

- Reduce crime and the opportunity for crime and anti-social behaviour to occur
- Provide reassurance to residents and reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour

- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Improve the quality of life for local residents and tenants

If you are interested in becoming a Co-ordinator or would like to join an existing Scheme then please contact PCSO Hartley on 0845 6070999 Ext 27386 or Email: elliott.hartley@sussex.pnn.police.uk