

# 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 (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 Parish Notice Boards around the Village.

## Council and Committee Meeting Dates December 2006 - February 2007

Mon 4 Dec	Planning	Mon 5 Feb	Allotments
Mon 4 Dec	Allotments	Mon 5 Feb	Planning
Mon 18 Dec	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 8 Feb	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 18 Dec	Planning	Mon 26 Feb	Finance & General Purposes
		Mon 26 Feb	COUNCIL
Mon 15 Jan	Planning	Mon 26 Feb	Planning
Mon 15 Jan	Finance & General Purposes		
Mon 22 Jan	Finance & General Purposes		
Mon 22 Jan	COUNCIL		
Mon 22 Jan	Planning		



### 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.



## Your Councillors

- Chairman** Cllr G M Tyler (East Ward)  
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- East Ward**  
Cllr J W Collins 85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT Tel: 01903 771976  
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- Clerk of the Council**  
Mrs Carole Ward Council Offices, 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB Tel: 01903 786420

There are currently two vacancies in the East Ward

### Request Corner ...

The following request has recently been received from Sofas & Stuff:-

We are a Registered Charity operating in the Arun area and based in Littlehampton. We collect furniture, that is in reasonable condition, but is no longer required, and recycle it by sale to those covered by the object of the Charity – people on low incomes, or in receipt of benefits. It is essential that all soft furnishings (e.g. settees, armchairs, mattresses etc.) have the appropriate fire labels affixed, otherwise, by Law, they cannot be resold.

As a Charity we do not exist to make a profit, and prices to our customers reflect this. The income from any sales is supplemented by grants from local Councils (e.g. Rustington Parish Council, Arun District Council, West Sussex County Council etc.) and donations. Recycling furniture in this way helps the environment by diverting it from valuable landfill disposal sites.

To arrange for the collection of suitable items of surplus furniture please contact our Depot between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm on (01903) 714812.



## THE WOODLANDS CENTRE & RUSTINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

Woodlands Avenue

have vacancies for single or regular hirings of their Halls and Meeting Rooms

**Please contact the Council's Offices for further details**



# Community Action Plan

There was an impressive turnout for the Rustington Community Action Plan Meeting in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre on 21 October 2006.

Those present listened to a Presentation by Les Ampstead and Rowena Tyler, from Action in Rural Sussex, on the process for the Community Action Plan.



The audience were guided through the process from start to finish, and were advised of what the community could possibly expect to receive from the production of the Plan. Examples of what other towns and villages in West Sussex had achieved were presented, and it was emphasised on more than one occasion during the Presentation that this process could only be driven by the local community for the local community, with no groups or individuals excluded.

The Presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session, and at the end of the Meeting, some 30 groups and individuals signed up to be a part of the process.

At the Inaugural Meeting, which was held on 4 November 2006, the real work began. The Steering Group was formed, and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected. The four Focus Groups were also formed, with responsibility for collecting information about matters relating to Economy, Environment, Social & Community and Transport & Accessibility in Rustington. Each group will have to collect statistical and factual data, as well as establishing the views of as many members of the local community as possible.

So, if you are approached in this regard, you are urged to use the opportunity to express your views about any issues of concern or interest to you. Public Consultation events will be taking place during the coming months, and details of

these will appear in the local press, on the Parish Council's Notice Boards throughout the Village, on the Parish Council's Website, and in future issues of this Newsletter.

If you would like to play a more active part in the Community Action Plan process, by joining one of the Focus Groups, please contact the Council Offices where a member of personnel will be able to register your interest with the Chairman of the appropriate Focus Group.

The process is being co-ordinated with the help of Action in Rural Sussex, and the Co-ordinator appointed for Rustington is Rowena Tyler, who can be contacted on (01798) 344612.



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## Rustington-In-Bloom

Following the Parish Council's recent decision to enter the Village into the 2007 South and South East in Bloom Competition, subject to sufficient progress being made by the closing date for entries, the In-Bloom Committee is now in the process of planning its Campaign for 2007.



A Public Meeting to encourage involvement by local groups, organisations, businesses and individuals was held on 13 November, and the Committee is busily planning the route to be used on the day the Village is judged.

Projects and improvements, either agreed or under discussion for 2007, include the third Primary Schools' Design-a-Flower Bed Competition, which will be based, as far as practicably possible, on a Dry Garden



theme, incorporating rocks, grasses and drought resistant planting. Also, with the assistance of members of the Youth Offending Team, the removal of a major section of the permanent planting in Ash Lane and the re-landscaping of this area with new, vibrant, young shrubs.

If you would like to get involved in assisting the Committee with its invaluable work and efforts for the benefit of the Village, please do not hesitate to contact the Council's Offices, where your call will be gratefully received.

## Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Presentation Evening



The Parish Council's Annual Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 17 September at the Rustington Methodist Church. The Service was conducted by Reverend Doctor John Ponnusamy, who recently joined the Church as its new Minister.

Following the Service, a Reception and Awards Ceremony was held at The Woodlands Centre, where presentations were made to various members of the community, both for outstanding floral displays in private front gardens and business premises, and also for excellently cultivated allotment plots. Details of the winners and runners-up in all of these competitions appeared in the August 2006 issue of this Newsletter.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Presentation of the 2006 Parishioners' Awards to Mrs Anne Lecuyer, and also to Zachary Merton Community Hospital League of Friends.

## Rustington Village Friends

Rustington Village Friends is a new Project under the auspices of Rustington Residents Association. Its aim is to provide a social environment for the adult residents of Rustington. The programme of events/entertainments includes activities such as Hobbies, Crafts, Music, Quizzes, Demonstrations and Talks.

The Friends meet at the Coffee Lounge in the Methodist Church Hall, Claigmar Road on Friday afternoons from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, and everyone is most welcome.

In conjunction with Arun Community Transport, they are also able to offer

Shopping Trips to Somerfields in the Village fortnightly on Thursdays, for those residents who are unable to manage such shopping outings on their own. The cost of this service is £2. For more information, please call Wendy Austin (Arun Community Transport) on (01903) 723584 or (01903) 713371.

The Friends are also looking for volunteers who have a couple of hours to spare, to help them with this new Project. So, if you think you might "fit the bill" please contact Carol on (01903) 782876 or Alma on (01903) 784031.

## Tree Planting Scheme

By the time this Newsletter reaches you the third phase of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground will have taken place, with 13 new trees being planted at various locations.

It is proposed that the next phase of the Scheme will take place at the end of 2007, and Members of the local community are again invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60, which will include a commemorative plaque. For further information please contact the Council's Offices or visit the Village Information Centre.

## Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage



An external Consultant has now been appointed to manage the Project, and she is already busily investigating all possible grant funding sources. The Architect's Quantity Surveyors are in the process of calculating the estimated contract costs and, once received, these will provide the Council with a realistic idea of the financial input that is required to proceed.

It is anticipated that an "Open Day" will be arranged for early 2007, when all members of the local community, as well as visitors to the Village, will have an opportunity to visit the Cottage in its present state, and view the plans for its future. As soon as this event has been confirmed, details will appear in the local Press, on the Notice Boards throughout the Village and on the Council's Website.

## What's On...

### Christmas is coming...

The Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce will be holding its Christmas Shopping Event on Saturday 2 December from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm, with some events for the children starting at 3.30 pm.

A Town Crier will open the Event and music will be provided by a Fairground Organ, and local School Choirs during the evening. There will be entertainment, competitions for the children, a Santa's Grotto, as well as food and drink stalls for the young and the "young at heart" to enjoy.

The shops will provide a backdrop with dressed windows in a Snow and Ice theme, and continuity and announcements will be provided by Spirit FM. One of the main highlights of the evening will be the switching on of the new Christmas Lights in the Village Centre. The much improved Lighting Scheme has been provided as a result of a three way partnership between the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Store Property Investments Limited and the Parish Council, and will be enhanced even further over the next two years. The event will culminate with a Carol or two for everyone.

So, make sure you don't miss what promises to be a most enjoyable evening, which will ensure that the Festive Season in Rustington gets off to a great start - See you there!

### Carol Concert

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 Festive Celebration. Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks and mince pies are provided, and there is also a Grand Christmas Draw. This year's Concert will be held on **Saturday 16 December commencing at 7.30 pm.** Don't forget to put this important date in your diary. This Concert is a very popular event, so please arrive early to ensure you get a seat.



## Rustington Youth Centre - Senior Youth Club

The new Neighbourhood Youth Worker, Cherylee Harris, is now operating the Rustington Senior Youth Club every Monday and Thursday during term time, from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. For an admission fee of only £1, young people benefit from activities such as pool, table tennis, music, cooking, playstation, craft, TV and, soon to be installed, broadband computers. A Christmas ice-skating trip is planned for 15 December. Come in and check it out - you will not be disappointed.

The Youth Centre is a safe environment providing a service for 13 to 18 year olds, where young people are encouraged to assist West Sussex County Council Youth Workers in the planning of their activity programmes and the running of the Centre in terms of decision-making. Some members are undertaking Accreditation Schemes such as Millennium Volunteers and Outset Volunteering.

It's a great place for young people to make friends, socialise and receive support. At the present time, young people are involved in planning a Presentation to the Management Committee with their own ideas of changes, which they believe will encourage other young people to join the Club. The young people intend to apply for Youth Opportunity Funding to pay for any changes, once their ideas are approved.

For more information about the Senior Club, please contact Cherylee on (01903) 772689.

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

Tuesday	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
Wednesday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Under 12s Amateur Wrestling Club
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 available for hire, please contact the Council's Offices.

## Public Conveniences - Churchill Car Park

The Parish Council was delighted to receive notification recently, that the refurbished Public Conveniences in the Churchill Car Park are to be awarded a **4 Star Grading Award** for their first time entry into the "2006 Loo of the Year Awards".

This is a great achievement, as the highest award is a 5 Star Grading, and it is hoped that this level can be attained next year. We will most certainly keep you informed in this regard!



## Councillors' Surgeries

The Council is continuing to hold its Bi-monthly Surgeries, to enable Members of the local community to have the opportunity to meet with Councillors to air their views in respect of the way in which the Parish is managed, maintained and enhanced, as well as 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:-

- 9 December 2006
- 10 February 2007
- 14 April 2007

## Sussex Police 'Drop-In' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will be holding their 'Drop-In' Surgeries at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on the following Saturdays:-

- 16 December 2006
- 13 January 2007
- 24 February 2007
- 24 March 2007
- 5 May 2007

## Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Village Information Centre for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Bureau's Littlehampton office on (01903) 724010.