

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 (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 2008

Mon 15 Sept	Planning	Thurs 6 Nov	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 22 Sept	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 10 Nov	Planning
Mon 22 Sept	COUNCIL	Mon 24 Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 29 Sept	Planning	Mon 24 Nov	COUNCIL
		Mon 24 Nov	Planning
Thurs 9 Oct	Lighting and Amenities		
Mon 13 Oct	Planning	Mon 8 Dec	Planning
Mon 13 Oct	Allotments	Mon 8 Dec	Allotments
Mon 27 Oct	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 22 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Oct	COUNCIL	Mon 22 Dec	Planning
Mon 27 Oct	Planning		



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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 view 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 25 October 2008
- Saturday 13 December 2008
- Saturday 28 February 2009
- Saturday 25 April 2009

Parishioners' Awards

The Council, at its Annual Meeting, agreed that the first of this year's Parishioners' Awards should be presented to the Littlehampton District Lions Club, in recognition of its outstanding commitment and efforts for the benefit of the local community and, in particular, for the organisation of the Annual Rustington Festival. The second award goes to Mr Roy Stoneham in recognition of his dedication and unceasing support for the benefit of the youth of the local community, for in excess of 20 years.

The recipients will receive their awards at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thanksgiving Service on 21 September.

Rustington Youth Centre

An Open Day is being held at the Centre on Saturday 6 September from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm for young people and their families. The day will be packed full of activities, including crafts, sports on the Recreation Ground, DJ Decks and Circus Skills, to name but a few.

This will provide an opportunity for anyone who is interested in joining any of the Clubs, that operate at the Centre, to meet with members of personnel and volunteers from both the West Sussex Youth Service and the voluntary sector Clubs. Please feel free to drop in at any time during the day - You will be most welcome!

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

Monday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Senior Youth Club - Years 8 & 9
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
Thursday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Senior Youth Club - Years 10 to Age 17
Friday	5.15 pm - 7.15 pm	Under 8s Club
Friday	7.15 pm - 9.15 pm	Under 13s Club

If you would like more information in respect of the facilities available for private hire, or any of the Clubs using the Centre, please contact the Council's Offices.



Chairman's Message



Councillor Mike Warrington

It seems hardly possible that Autumn is fast approaching - where has the Summer gone?

Firstly, I must thank my fellow Councillors for electing me to be Chairman for a further year. I must be doing something right!

Since the last Newsletter much has happened in the Village - which is no surprise as Rustington IS such a busy and vibrant place. There are few 'downsides' to the news, other than the fact that the Abbotswood building has now gone and a piece of Rustington history with it.

As most of you will be aware, judging for both South & South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom has taken place. In both cases, whilst the judges could not give too much away, they said that they were very impressed by not only the wonderful floral displays in many parts of the Village, but also the way that so many residents from different Groups were all 'doing their bit' to make the Village so attractive. We eagerly await the results, which will be received in September. I would like to convey my own thanks to everyone who does so much within the local community for not only these two prestigious competitions but throughout the

year, the Council Personnel who work tirelessly and most professionally, the In-Bloom Committee and the various Resident Groups. Of course we must not forget our Contractors Ferring Nurseries and MICHAEL who works many hours beyond the call of duty.

The Museum Project is forging ahead well and the Cafe is reaching its final stages of construction. Thanks must again go to Councillor Graham Tyler who continues to come up with some innovative ideas for this Project.

September 21st sees one of the highlights of the year in the Parish Calendar, namely the Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Presentation Reception, when many within the Parish, who have made outstanding contributions to the success of our Village community, receive their well-earned awards.

On a slightly sad note - Ellie - one of our Council Personnel members has retired. She was responsible for all of our accounting work. During the time she was in the employ of the Council she carried out her duties in a most professional and exemplary manner. Thank you Ellie, you will be missed - a long and happy retirement. However, we have a replacement in Caroline Harris, who has been promoted from within, and I wish her every success in her new role.

Well I think that is all my news for this issue, other than to say my thoughts are with all those elderly, those in poor health and those suffering hardship. I hope the coming Autumn and Winter will not be too harsh, bearing in mind the increase in fuel charges. Take care and I look forward to seeing many of you around the Parish.

Village Memorial Hall 70th Anniversary 12 October 2008

The Council will be marking this occasion with a special event from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Sunday 12 October 2008. Local parishioners, who have a special memory or experience involving the Village Hall, will be invited to attend. For example, are there any persons that met their future partners at the Saturday Night Dances that used to be a regular feature at the Hall?

The Hall was the Headquarters of the local Home Guard during the Second World War and the Council would be particularly interested in hearing from any persons, or relatives of persons who were involved during those critical years.

Many different Groups and Organisations have used the Hall over the 70 years since it was opened and, again, the Council would be very interested to hear from local people who have been involved, particularly in the early days.



The invited guests will be able to enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing, courtesy of the Phoenix Big Band, with refreshments and a light buffet. Mary Taylor, the Rustington Historian, will also be on hand to sign discounted copies of her sixth book in the "This was Rustington" series, entitled Origins of the Village Hall, which will be formally launched at the event.

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact the Council's Offices on 01903 786420 without delay.



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Parish News....

South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom

The Village and Recreation Ground were judged on 11 July for the South and South East in Bloom Competition, and on 8 August for the Britain in Bloom Competition. On both occasions, the weather held up and everything went according to plan.

The Chairman has already given his view on how the Village fared in both Competitions, but the results in both cases will not be announced until September. Details of any awards received will be included in the Autumn issue of the Newsletter.

The Parish Council and the In-Bloom Committee would like to convey their special thanks and appreciation to Ferring Nurseries, the West Sussex Youth Offending Team, the Oak Community Project, the U3A Beach Wardens, Zachary Merton Community Hospital League of Friends, Church Farm Gardens Estates Limited, Overstrand West



Judging - 11 July

Estate, the three Primary Schools, Arun District Council's Cleansing Services and Parks Departments and the West Sussex County Council Highways Department, for ensuring that the Village really did excel on the day. And last but certainly not least, to

The Windmill Inn for its hospitality in providing delicious buffet lunches for all involved at the end of both of the Village judging tours.

In addition, Georgian Gardens Community Primary School and the Rustington Community Primary School independently entered the South and South East in Bloom School Grounds Competition. Both were very successful, with Georgian Gardens winning a Gold Certificate and Rustington Community receiving a Commendation Certificate for its first ever entry. Congratulations must go to everyone involved - Keep up the good work!



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 20 December commencing at 7.30 pm. Don't forget to put this important date in your diary. Entry will be strictly on a first come first serve basis as the Hall's capacity is limited. (Doors open at 7.00 pm)



Rustington Museum



Jessica Petit

As the new Curator of the Museum I would like to say how happy I am to have been given this opportunity to be involved in the development of the new Museum at Church Farm Cottage for the community of Rustington.

The more I learn about Rustington's history and heritage, the more certain I feel that this Museum will surprise and fascinate its visitors with the many famous celebrities, artists and musicians that have lived in Rustington over the years. Rustington is a unique and individual Village, and the story of its interesting heritage and history will be reflected in the displays, exhibitions and events at the Museum.

I hope that our Museum will be a special place for the residents, as well as for visitors from further afield, to learn more about Rustington's important place in the history of West Sussex.

Currently, we are fitting out the Museum and preparing for its opening early next year. The Café is almost complete and, with its oak timber frame, perfectly compliments the traditional style of the Museum. There are many behind-the-scene preparations that need to be carried out and completed over the next few months, so that when the Museum and Café open they will provide facilities for the community of Rustington to be proud of.

We are looking for interesting and distinctive objects, photographs, pictures or postcards relating to the history of Rustington to add to the Museum Collections. If you think you have anything in your home that has been passed down through the family or collected by yourself, that might be of interest to the Museum, please call me at the Council's Offices and I will arrange to meet with you.



Gardens and Allotments Competitions

Following the judging of this year's Gardens Competition entries by the Chairman of Arun District Council, Councillor Ashvin Patel, Mrs Jocelyn Silk and Mr Chris Volney, the Honorary Secretary and the Vice-Chairman of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and Mrs Jo Crockford of Ferring Nurseries, the results were declared as follows:-

- Class 1 Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)**
 Winner Miss Jane Saysell, 52 Jubilee Avenue
 Runner-Up Mrs Janis Saunders, Bumble Cottage, Broadmark Lane
- 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 Bert & Mrs Patricia Lee, 37 Knightscroft Avenue
 Runner-Up Mrs Shirley Weston, 8 Ravenscroft, Sutton Avenue
- Class 4 Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)**
 Winner Rustington Manor Hotel, Broadmark Lane
 Runner-Up Rustington House (Hargreaves Properties Ltd.), Worthing Road
- 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 Green Leas, The Leas, Station Road

The judges also agreed that a Certificate of Commendation should be awarded to Flat 1 Highfield Court, 7 Highfield Gardens.

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

- Overall Winner - Plot Number 8 Penfold Lane - Miss Janet Gibbs
- Site Winner Penfold Lane - Plot Number 8 - Miss Janet Gibbs
- Site Winner Conbar Avenue - Plot Number 27 - Mr & Mrs James
- Site Winner Worthing Road - Plot Number 8 - Mr Gary Frostick

The Award for outstanding effort and achievement during the year was made to:-

- Plot Number 25A Penfold Lane - Mr Tony Klinger

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 21 September.

Rustington Community Partnership

The Rustington Community Partnership is now up and running with a Constitution, a Memorandum of Understanding and a Bank Account. However, two very important commodities are still required, namely volunteers and finance.

The Partnership is actively speaking with various agencies to try and obtain some funding, but the process is fairly lengthy. Whilst the outcome of these discussions and form filling is awaited, efforts are being made to achieve some projects which do not require funding.

The Partnership is working on a project to make Rustington free of plastic carrier bags. This has been successfully done in Henfield and it is hoped the same co-operation will be achieved with shopkeepers and shoppers in the Village.

The Partnership is also discussing with the

Parish Council the possibility of being involved with the landscaping of the garden in the grounds of the new Museum at Church Farm Cottage.

The Village Design Statement is a major project which requires a great deal of funding, but it may be that the credit crunch is helping to restrict some of the current and future building development. This will be the prime object of the Statement which, when completed will form part of the Arun District Council's planning criteria.

Following the success of the French Market during the Festival, the Lions' Club has arranged for a further Market to be held on Sunday 14 September on the service road from Barclays Bank eastwards to Johnson's Dry Cleaners. The possibility of four more Markets being held during 2009 is also currently under discussion.

Rustington Festival

What a superb day it was on 7 June for this year's Carnival, organised by Littlehampton District Lions Club.

The Carnival Parade, led by the exotic ladies of The Silk Road Belly Dancers, was one of the best ever and thanks must go to all the entries for working so hard in making their costumes and using their imagination to give the judges a very difficult job in deciding who should win the various Classes.

Their final decisions were as follows:-

- Adult Decorative - Silk Road Belly Dancers
- Adult Humorous - Mod Mums Coffee Club
- Youth Decorative - Lorna Benson School of Dance
- Pom-Pom Troupe - Regis Troopers
- Band - Littlehampton Community School Steel Band

All the winners enjoyed a Prize Giving Evening on the Friday following the Carnival.

The Carnival Royalty were beautiful with Harriet Clarke as Carnival Princess and twin sisters Laura and Katie Moore as her attendants. Grateful thanks go to Peggy Young for organising the young ladies and choosing them from a record number of entries.

The Solent Eagles Junior Motor Cycle Display Team performed as the main arena event and thrilled the large crowds with their exciting and daredevil display; this was backed up by the thrilling rhythms of the LCS Steel Band, the precision of the Arundel and Littlehampton Scout Band and the beautiful dancing by the young ladies from the Lorna Benson Dance School.

The following day was very busy with the French Market in The Street, the Short Mat Bowls Tournament in the Village Memorial Hall, followed by the Twinning Association's Quiz Night. There was also a special Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church.

The Lions would like to extend their grateful thanks to everybody for making the Festival such a resounding success, and especially the residents, whose generosity helped them raise approximately £2,000 for local needy causes.

Blood Donor Sessions

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

Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

