

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

Council and Committee Meeting Dates December 2008 - March 2009

Mon 8 Dec	Planning	Thurs 5 Feb	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 8 Dec	Allotments	Mon 9 Feb	Planning
Mon 22 Dec	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 9 Feb	Allotments
Mon 22 Dec	Planning	Mon 23 Feb	Finance & General Purposes
		Mon 23 Feb	COUNCIL
Mon 12 Jan	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 23 Feb	Planning
Mon 12 Jan	Planning		
Mon 26 Jan	Finance & General Purposes	Thurs 5 Mar	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 26 Jan	COUNCIL	Mon 9 Mar	Planning
Mon 26 Jan	Planning	Mon 23 Mar	Finance & General Purposes
		Mon 23 Mar	COUNCIL
		Mon 23 Mar	Planning

Sussex Police 'Drop-In' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be holding a mobile 'Drop-In' Surgery outside of the Somerfield Store in the Village on:

**Thursday 18 December 2008
12 noon to 1.00 pm**

Details of the dates and times of future Surgeries will be advertised on Notice Boards and on the Council's Website.

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds 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:-

**Saturday 13 December 2008
Saturday 28 February 2009
Saturday 25 April 2009**

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.

Your Councillors

Chairman	M A Warrington (West Ward) 23 Tennyson Avenue, Rustington BN16 2PB	Tel: 01903 785436
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North Ward	T G Field 34 Dinsdale Gardens, Rustington BN16 3NH	Tel: 01903 783770
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	R S Grevett Mill House, 3 Overstrand Avenue, Rustington BN16 2JS	Tel: 01903 776780
	Mrs F E Harrison 5 Highfield Gardens, Rustington BN16 2PZ	Tel: 01903 776210
West Preston Ward	D E Rogers 6 Preston Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DB	Tel: 01903 772691
Clerk of the Council	Mrs Carole Ward 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB	Tel: 01903 786420

Rustington Youth Centre

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

Monday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Senior Youth Club
Tuesday	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Amateur Wrestling Club
Wednesday	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Amateur Wrestling Club
Thursday	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Senior Youth Club
Friday	5.15 pm - 7.15 pm	Under 8s Club
	7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	Under 12s 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.



Rustington-in-Bloom



At the Britain in Bloom Annual Awards Ceremony in September, the Village was presented with a Silver Gilt Award for its first time entry in the Competition. This was certainly a result to be proud of in such a prestigious Competition, covering the whole of the United Kingdom.

Prior to this, the Village was presented with a 'sack full' of Awards in the South and South East in Bloom Competition, including a Gold and the Category Winner Award. The Woodlands Recreation Ground received a Gold Award in the Recreation Ground/Small Parks Category, and the Village received the Judges Special Discretionary Award for the Best Public Space Display across the South East. Neighbourhood Awards were also received, a Merit Certificate for the Overstrand West Estate and Outstanding Certificates for both the Church Farm Gardens Estate and the Sea Estate.

What a great achievement, and proof that the Village's success in this Competition is improving year on year.

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to 1st Rustington Scout Group Frontier Scouts, Arun U3A (Beach Wardens),

Georgian Gardens, Summerlea and Rustington Community Primary Schools, Mrs Kathleen Tidbury, Mr and Mrs B Lee, Mrs S Weston, Little Explorers Pre-School, Early Bird Nursery, the Rustington-In-Bloom Committee, Rustington Methodist Church, The Oak Community Project, the Windmill Inn, West Sussex Youth Offending Team and Zachary Merton Community Hospital League of Friends, for their most important

contributions towards the success of the Rustington entry.

Ferring Nurseries' hard work and efforts were also recognised, with Michael Harwood receiving a Special Award for his outstanding contribution to the Rustington-In-Bloom entry. As everyone must agree, it is only with the Nurseries' high quality service and dedication, that such outstanding successes are possible.

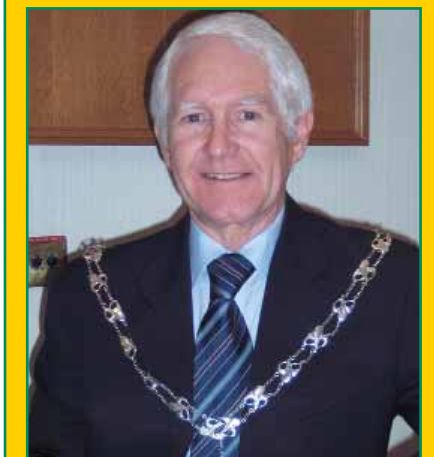
Rustington has again been invited to represent South and South East in Bloom in the Britain in Bloom Competition next year. The invitation has been accepted and the 2009 Campaign is already being progressed by the In-Bloom Committee.

In order to both maintain the high standard reached, and improve upon it where possible, it is even more important for as many local Groups, Clubs, Businesses, Residents Associations and individual members of the local community to become involved.

So, please, if you have some spare time and would like to play an integral part in the Village's success in both Competitions, contact the Clerk of the Council at the Council's Offices.

Chairman's Message

Well, it doesn't seem possible that Christmas is nearly upon us. As far as Rustington is concerned, it has been a great year with much to celebrate and everyone within the community can feel justly proud of the considerable achievements and successes.



Councillor Mike Warrington

These include the In-Bloom Awards - FANTASTIC, the Museum is finished and due to open very soon - GREAT, and the Community Action Plan is now taking great shape - WELL DONE. These are a just a small selection of the 'Successes in Rustington'.

Christmas will be a difficult time for many this year - some families have decided to only give to the children in the family, with the adults missing out on presents. However, I do wish you all very best wishes for the Festive Season, when many families will be together. Please spare a thought also for those who are on their own, and do help where you can, as Christmas can be a very lonely time.

Let's look forward to a better 2009 and no doubt I will continue to see many of you around the village.

With very best wishes to you all!



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Parish News....

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Presentation Evening



Receiving their Awards Roy Stoneham (above) and Don Rogers, President of Littlehampton District Lions Club (below)



The Parish Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 21 September at St Andrew's United Reformed Church. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Andrew Sellwood.

Following the Service, a Reception and Awards Ceremony were held, when 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.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Presentation of the Parishioners' Awards which went to the Littlehampton District Lions Club (Group/Organisation Award), in recognition of its outstanding commitment and efforts for the benefit of the local community and, in particular, for the organisation of the Rustington Festival each year. The Individual Award was presented 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.

Website Re-Design

The Council's Website has recently been re-designed. The main purpose has been to ensure that visitors to the Website can access information with ease, as well bringing it into line with the design of other Council literature.



Please visit the site at www.rustingtonpc.org and let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions in respect of possible improvements, additional information, omissions etc., please contact Lucy Collins at the Council's Offices.

Community Carol Concert



The Parish Council will, once again, be serving up a feast of festive music and frivolity at the Community Carol Concert in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, on Saturday 20 December commencing at 7.30 pm. Entry is Free, as are Refreshments and the Grand Christmas Raffle.

A varied programme has been arranged with performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and the Friendship Singers, not forgetting the always popular Community Carol Singing.

As many of you will be aware, this Concert is a very popular event, and entry will be strictly on a first come first serve basis.

(Doors open at 7.00 pm)

Tree Planting Scheme

The final phase of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground will be taking place in January, with new trees being planted on the North Field.

Members of the local community are once again being invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60, which will include a commemorative plaque.

For further information, please contact the Village Information Centre or the Council's Offices.



An approach has recently been made to the West Sussex County Council regarding the possibility of members of the local community being able to donate trees for inclusion in the annual planting programme for replacement trees on the public highway. The County Council's response was of a positive nature and the finer details of this are currently the subject of discussion.

Further details of how this Scheme might work will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Rustington Museum Project

The second phase of the Project, namely the Café, is progressing well, with the oak framed building now constructed in the rear garden, and the fitting out due to commence shortly. The hard landscaping of the main section of the garden is now almost complete, with areas being left within the paved area for planters and decorative furniture to be installed.



The new Café under construction

The Rustington Community Partnership is already making plans to design, plant and maintain an area for all to enjoy at the northern end of the garden.

The Council has decided that in view of the financial constraints being faced at the present time, Phase 3 of the Project should now be postponed indefinitely, or until such time as funding can be secured.

News from the Curator...

Much has been happening down here at the Museum in the past month, most of it still 'behind the scenes' activities.

Procedures and equipment are being put in place to ensure the safe and smooth running of the Museum in the future, and the display cases are currently being manufactured to be installed in January.

Several interesting objects have been added to the Collection recently, including a very unique tankard made by the Rustington Pottery in the 1940's, and an oil painting of the Clockhouse in Rustington by a well-known local artist. The Café and Garden are really beginning to take shape and I can already picture our Museum visitors sitting on the paved terrace outside the Café on a sunny day enjoying a drink and some home-cooked food. Something to look forward to through the winter months ahead!

Mr Roger Wickens, the Project's major financial donor, has agreed to formally open the Museum. Both the Museum and the Café will be open to the Public from 2 March 2009.

Further details regarding opening times will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Jessica Petit

Rustington Community Partnership

The Community Partnership is almost a year old and, although it has at times been a frustrating year, it has also been productive.

The main Project is the Village Design Statement which, when completed, will be a document adopted by Arun District Council's Planning Department, and should help control future planning in Rustington and prevent unwanted and uncharacteristic building by developers. This Project will cost an estimated £10,000 and applications for grants are currently being progressed. A team is ready to start work as soon as the funding is in place, but a large number of volunteers will also be required.

The design, planting and maintenance of the Community Garden at the rear of the new Museum has been offered to the Partnership, and again grants are being applied for.

The Partnership is also working with the Police to promote safer cycling in the area to prevent accidents and make the village more bicycle friendly.

A Recycling Campaign is also being progressed, and the Primary Schools are involved in an Eco-School Action Group. The Arun District Council have advised that when the new waste facility at Ford is operational everyone will have home glass collections.

A further Project involving businesses in the Village will soon be launched, namely a Jobs Information Board which will be managed by the Partnership. The Notice Board near the service road on the north side of The Street will be used for this purpose and the jobs advertised will be from local businesses and the Littlehampton Job Centre.

Finally, the Partnership is hoping to make Rustington "plastic carrier bag free", which will help in reducing the amount of non recyclable waste.

If you are interested in promoting any of the above Projects please contact the Community Partnership. Tel: 07963 577660 or Email: communitypartnership@rustington.org

Beach Shelter Replacement

Following its demise earlier in the year, when the Beach Shelter along the Seafront at the junction of Sea Lane and Sea Road was completely destroyed during 'freak' weather conditions, its reconstruction is finally underway. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by the end of the year, to ensure that this well used facility is once again available for the local community and visitors to the area.

Public Toilets - The Street

The refurbishment of the Public Toilets in The Street (in the Parish Church Hall Car Park) is due to be completed by 19 December. Anyone who has ever had to use these particular toilets could only concur that this refurbishment is well overdue! Once complete, the toilets will be of a similar design and standard to those in the Churchill Car Park.