

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

At last we are coming to the end of yet another very cold and dark Winter.

Again, we had a cold icy evening for the Annual Carol Concert on 18 December but, as always, the event was very well attended and enjoyed by all. My special thanks must go to The Littlehampton Concert Band, The Sussex West County Guide Choir and The Friendship Singers. Also, to all who gave so generously to my Charity for the evening 'The Alzheimer's Society'.

At the end of November, the annual 'Christmas Shopping Event' was another great success. Thank you to all who had made it possible, particularly as, for several weeks, we did not think there would be any lights in the Village. I think we all see the lights in Rustington as part of our Christmas.

Moving to the future, I am delighted that again, this year, the Parish will have no increase in the Precept. I'm sure you will agree that taking account of all that the Council is responsible for within the Village, this represents very good value for us all.

The Snow Drops are up in my garden and it's so good to see signs of Spring. I am looking forward to walking along the Greensward and on the beach again this Spring and Summer and enjoying all that Rustington has to offer for free.



Once again, my thanks to all those of you who continue to help and support the local community in ensuring that Rustington is such a great place to live.

Councillor Sue Lines

2011/2012 Parish Council Tax

It is with great pleasure that the Parish Council can announce that 'once again, its share of your Council Tax will be frozen'. Even with added responsibilities it has, with 'financial prudence', made sure that Rustington is in a strong position to meet further demands with the certainty that it will be able to maintain the great community in which we all live.

The 2011/2012 Precept has been set at £562,000.00, which means that the annual Parish Council charge on a Band 'D' property in Rustington will actually

represent a small reduction on the 2010/2011 charge, at £88.70. The total Precept has been reduced by £2,000.00, which equates to a decrease of 0.4%.

The Council will, this year, be spending its Precept on the maintenance and daily operation of The Woodlands Centre, the Woodlands Recreation Ground, the Rustington Youth Centre, the Woodland Park Sportsfield, the Village Information Centre in Churchill Car Park, the Museum and The Garden Café; over 130 Allotment Plots on three Sites; Bus and Beach Shelters; Public Seats; the War Memorial; Public Toilets at Churchill Car Park, The Street, Woodlands Recreation Ground and Broadmark Lane; one School Crossing Patrol; Street Lighting (where this is not provided by the West Sussex County Council); the continued enhancement (including all floral displays) and maintenance of the central Shopping Area, and many other locations throughout the Village; Rustington-in-Bloom; Christmas Lighting and Grants to local Clubs and Charitable Organisations, including a contribution towards the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard.

Members of the local community will again have 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 at **the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting. This will be held on Thursday 7 April 2011 in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.**

**Councillor Graham Tyler
Finance and General Purposes
Committee Chairman**

Rustington-In-Bloom

In addition to entering the South and South East in Bloom Competition this year, the Village has been invited to represent South and South East in Bloom in the Britain in Bloom Competition. This will be the third time that we have participated in this Competition, having achieved a Silver Award in 2008 and a Silver Gilt Award in 2009. Obviously, this year the aim of everyone involved is Gold, so we are going to work extra hard to ensure that the ultimate award is received!



The In-Bloom Committee is currently working on some new projects, and the judging route for this year. Whilst the route has yet to be finalised, it is anticipated that there will be some minor changes to last year, to ensure that the judges will be 'blown away' by what they are shown on the day! Full details of the route will be published in the next issue of this Newsletter, together with the date and times for the judging.

Given the above, it is even more important that as many local Groups, Clubs, Businesses, Residents' Associations and individual members of the local community as possible become involved in the In-Bloom Campaign. So, if you have some spare time and would like to play an active part in the Village's success in both the Britain in Bloom and South and South East in Bloom Competitions, please contact, in the first instance, the Council's Offices, for further information.

Several fundraising events are proposed, with the following already being progressed:-

- * **Saturday 2 April** - **Gardeners Question Time**
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre
- Saturday 28 May** - **Plant Sale**
The Methodist Church Gardens
10.00 am to 12.00 noon
- * **Friday 8 July** - **Summer Concert**
(Littlehampton Concert Band)
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre
- * **Friday 23 September** - **Fashion Show**
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre

* *Tickets will be available from the Village Information Centre (Churchill Car Park) and the Council Offices in due course.*



**'Happy Birthday to us,
Happy Birthday to us ...'**

Yes, it doesn't seem possible, but we are two years old at The Garden Café, and what a journey we have been on during that time.

We have seen your Community Café enhanced by the beautiful Community Garden which, at this time of year, has sometimes looked like a scene from Narnia!

There is something magical in sitting enjoying your coffee, looking out of the window at this little piece of tranquillity in what is otherwise, a very hectic world. So, we invite you to come and join us and spend a few minutes with Jeannie, myself and our excellent team of community volunteers, to experience this little gem in the heart of Rustington.

Diane Tyler - Manager

We need your help!

The Garden Café would like to appeal to anyone who would be interested in volunteering during the Summer months. Please call in for further details.



News from the Curator

Rustington Museum has a very important part to play within the local community; we are here to entertain and to educate. The success of the Museum is down to the community that supports it; the Volunteers and Stewards, the Parish Council, the Rustington Heritage Association, the local Schools and Community Groups and many more. Our Visitors' Book at Rustington Museum is full of wonderful and inspiring comments; 'Proud to have this in our Village!' 'Very good, lovely Garden and Café' 'Proud to be a Rustington Villager' 'Very interesting, well run and friendly'.

The Museum has kicked off January and February 2011 with Punch and Judy Shows, Puppet-Making Workshops and Puppet Handling Sessions at the local Rustington Primary Schools. After each Show, I gave a short talk about J M Barrie, the story of 'Peter Pan', and the connection with Punch and Judy..... there is a crocodile in both stories!

As we head into Spring I have many plans for new Exhibitions and Displays at the Museum this year. Over the weekend of 10 – 12 June, all across the Country, Local Authorities, Groups and Organisations, will be participating in 'The Great Poppy Weekend' to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion. We would like Rustington Museum's contribution to be an Exhibition of War Medals, Memorabilia and memories from those who may have fought in the two World Wars, as well as anyone who has been involved in the many conflicts since 1945, and those still fighting today.

We need your help to organise this Exhibition. If you have any of your own or your relatives' Service Medals or other Wartime mementos that you would like to see in 'The Great Poppy Weekend' Exhibition, please contact me at the Museum.

Jessica Petit



The Garden Café, The Street, Rustington

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50% OFF a hot drink
Valid until 31 March 2011

One per customer, not to be used in conjunction with any other offer

Rustington Community Partnership

The Community Partnership continues to operate as diligently as ever in trying to enhance the Village for the good of the community.

Having completed the two major projects worked on last year i.e. The Community Garden and The Village Design Statement, it is now preparing to work on the environment of the Village, with a Greening Project and a Healthy Project, concentrating on walking around our beautiful Village and nearby countryside.

The Greening Project will centre on environmental issues such as composting your garden rubbish, sending a minimum of household rubbish to landfill and a maximum amount to recycling, saving energy

in your home by insulating in every possible way, saving water, electricity and gas, by means of long life light bulbs and turning down of heating by a couple of degrees. Its cheaper to put on a vest than to use more gas!

The walks the Partnership will try to set up will be of various distances and will include an itinerary of what to see on the way. It is hoped that this will make people get out more, enjoy the fresh air, make new friends and generally discover more of the details of their immediate surroundings.

The Jobs Vacancy Board in the centre of the Village, will continue to help people find work and, when the new Board is installed on the wall of Barclays Bank, it will also advertise

all of the Community Partnership's activities and how you can get involved.

The Community Garden needs more volunteers to help keep it in perfect condition, and anyone who can spare a couple of hours each month should contact Julie Armstrong on 01903 787097.

Copies of The Village Design Statement are available from Austen Beard on 01903 782366 or at the Parish Council Offices, the Village Information Centre and Rustington Library.

Rustington Festival 2011

This year the Rustington Festival will again be organised by the Littlehampton District Lions Club and will run from Sunday 12 June until Sunday 26 June, with Carnival Day on Saturday 18 June.

As usual, the Carnival Procession will commence in Holmes Lane at 1.00 pm and proceed through the streets via Sea Lane, Shaftsbury Road, Broadmark Lane, The Street and Woodlands Avenue to the North Field at the Woodlands Recreation Ground for the Grand Fete from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Invitations are currently being sent out for Procession Entries, and Fete Stall Booking Forms will follow shortly. If you would like to be involved in either part of the day please contact Austen Beard on 01903 782366 for Procession Entries, and new stall holders, wishing to participate, should contact Don Rogers on 01903 772691.

Already booked is the Dog Show organised by Pet Doctors of Woodlands Avenue. Anyone wishing to enter their pet should contact Sasha or Lisa on 01903 785762.

Hopefully, there will be some Sports

Day Races with entries from all three Primary Schools again this year.

Other arena events will include The Lorna Benson School of Dance, a Pom Pom Troupe Display and a Marching Band Display.

The 'Festival Songs of Praise' is scheduled to be held at The Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 19 June (in the Garden - weather permitting).

Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club will be holding its tournament in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre on Sunday 19 June between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.

The Rustington and District Twinning Association will also hold their Festival Quiz Night in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre on Sunday 19 June at 7.15 pm, with a Licensed Bar to help sharpen the brain!

It is also hoped that there will be a Continental Market in The Street on either Sunday 12 or 26 June.

Various other Events will be taking place and will be advertised in the Littlehampton Gazette, which, together with Rustington Parish Council, sponsors the Festival.

Spring Bulb Planting



Every year the Parish Council purchases a quantity of spring bulbs, as part of its continuing planting scheme, and this year was no exception. Towards the end of 2010, all three primary Schools in Rustington accepted the Council's offer of a quantity of bulbs to plant in the Schools' grounds.

If you have any suggestions for locations within the Village, which would benefit from being planted with spring bulbs, please let a member of personnel at the Village Information Centre or the Council's Offices know, and arrangements will be made to include them in the next phase of the scheme.

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.



Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.00 pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue (via Council Offices' entrance).

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 a Councillor 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 date of the last Surgery to be held during the remainder of the current Council Term is:-
Saturday 23 April

Parishioners' Awards

The Council is, once again, inviting nominations for the 2011 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 detailed nominations is 18 April, and these should be forwarded to the Council's Offices.

Village Information Centre

The Village Information Centre in Churchill Car Park (located adjacent to the Public Toilets) is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

There is a wide range of information available for everyone. So please feel free to pop in to the Centre where Angie, Emma and Jules will be happy to assist you in any way that they can.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates March - June 2011

Mon 7 Mar	Planning	Thur 5 May	COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Thur 10 Mar	Leisure & Recreation	Mon 9 May	Planning
Mon 28 Mar	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 16 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Mon 28 Mar	COUNCIL	Mon 23 May	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 28 Mar	Planning	Mon 23 May	Planning
Thur 7 Apr	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY	Mon 6 June	Planning
Mon 11 Apr	Planning	Thur 9 June	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 18 Apr	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 20 June	Planning
Mon 18 Apr	COUNCIL	Mon 27 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 18 Apr	Planning	Mon 27 June	COUNCIL
		Mon 27 June	Planning

Your Councillors

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Rustington Youth Centre

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

Tuesday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club (Under 12's)
7.15 pm - 9.00 pm - Amateur Wrestling Club
Thursday 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Senior Youth Club (14-17 yrs)
Friday 5.30 pm - 7.15 pm - Under 9's Club
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Under 13's Club

If you would like more information in respect of facilities available for hire, please contact the Council's Offices.

