

# Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

## Chairman's Message



At the end of my last Newsletter Message I mentioned Christmas and the forthcoming Shopping Event, including the switching on of the Christmas Lights, and the Annual Community Carol Concert. Both were a great success, with the rain holding off right until the end of the day for the Shopping Event. I think everyone who attended during the day had a really good time.

It never ceases to amaze me how many people join together for the Carol Concert which, again, was filled to capacity and enjoyed by both those participating and the audience alike. And this was despite the snow and ice that we had experienced a couple of days before! My thanks go to The Littlehampton Concert Band, The Sussex West County Guide Choir and The Friendship Singers, for their continuing support in making such an excellent evening for all.

The weather has been, I'm sure you will agree, extreme! I have lived in

West Sussex all of my life, and this year has to be one of the worst Winters that I can remember. Hopefully that is all behind us and we can now look forward to the Spring.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Rustington Community Partnership for their recent success in securing a Lottery

Grant for the Community Garden, which will provide another great leisure facility for Rustington.

Once again, thanks to everyone who continues to help and support the local community in ensuring that Rustington is such a wonderful place to live.

**Councillor Mrs Sue Lines**

## Rustington-in-Bloom

Following last year's outstanding success in the South and South East and Britain in Bloom Competitions, the In-Bloom Committee is busy working on both new projects and the judging route for this year. It is anticipated that there will be some minor changes to previous years, to ensure that the judges will again be 'wowed' by what they see! Full details of the route will be published in the next issue of this Newsletter, together with the date and times for the judging.



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

**Saturday 6 March - Horse Race Night plus Fish and Chip Supper**  
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre  
Time: 6.45 pm - Tickets £7.50\* (including Supper)

**Saturday 29 May - Plant Sale**  
The Methodist Church Gardens, Claimar Road  
Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Friday 18 June - Film Night**  
Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre  
Time: 7.00 pm - Tickets £5.00

\* Tickets available from the Village Information Centre (Churchill Car Park) and the Council Offices.

So, if you are able to come along to one or all of these events, please do so. Your support will be most appreciated and will assist the In-Bloom Committee with its continuing efforts to ensure the Village retains its much envied reputation and vibrant ambience in the South East of England.

## 2010/11 Parish Council Tax Charge

The Parish Council has set its 2010/2011 Precept at £564,000.00, which means that the annual Parish Council charge on a Band D property will increase only slightly to approximately £88.74 which, again, is a very small percentage of the total Annual Council Tax per household. The overall increase in the Precept is £4,000.00, representing a minimal rise of 0.7%.

The Council will, this year, spend 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; the War Memorial; the Millennium Clock; Public Toilets at The Street,

Churchill Car Park, the 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 Grants to local Clubs and Charitable Organisations, including the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Parochial Church Council, towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

If you would like 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, you will be able to do so at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting on Thursday 8 April 2010.

## Rustington Community Partnership

Rustington Community Partnership is going from strength to strength.

The Village Design Statement is nearing completion and will go to print at the beginning of March, thereby securing the voice of Rustington in future planning applications.

The Partnership has now obtained a further Lottery Grant for the construction of a Community Garden on the grassed area at the rear of the Museum and The Garden Café. Work on this Project will commence shortly, and is scheduled to be completed in time for the Official Opening to take place during the Rustington Festival in June. Whilst the construction of the Garden will be carried out by a Contractor, volunteers, including School Children and residents from St Bridgets Cheshire Home, will assist with planting and maintenance.

The 'Make Rustington Plastic Bag Free' Campaign was successfully completed with 2,000 bags being handed out in The Street in September 2009. It is hoped that further bags will be distributed by participating shopkeepers.

The Recycling Project continues to help to maximize the amount of recycling material that everyone puts out for collection, including the doorstep collection of glass. The Primary Schools are also involved, whereby class monitors make sure the computers and lights are switched off when not in use, and doors are shut so as to become as eco friendly as possible. One of the Schools also has a garden where the produce grown is watered with recycled rain water via butts and a drip feed system.



### "Many Happy Returns"

It will be a year to the day that the Café opened its doors to the public on 3 March 2010. We will be cutting our Birthday Cake and invite you to come along between 10.00 am and 12 noon to celebrate with us and enjoy a piece of cake.

## Rustington Museum

### News from the Curator

If you are looking for something interesting to do during the cold, grey Winter months why not call in at the Museum and The Garden Café?

The Museum has several new exhibitions and displays that, hopefully, will be of interest to everybody. The Sussex Pastfinders Display shows many different objects that have been dug up out of the ground in Rustington and the surrounding area, including coins from the Roman and Iron Ages, medieval buckles and decorations, and part of an African slave bracelet!

The Old Cottage Toys Exhibition of dolls made in Rustington continues through to the Summer, as does the 'Peter Pan in Rustington' Photographic Exhibition, which shows the author of Peter Pan, J M Barrie, and the family he based the story around, on holiday in the Village in the early 1900's. This is a fascinating story that Parishioners might want to learn more about.

Jessica Petit



We are very grateful to all of our customers for their support throughout the past twelve months, and feel sure that we will be celebrating even greater things during 2010. With this in mind, we would like to appeal to any members of the community who would be interested in volunteering during the Summer period. So, if you feel that you have a little time to spare, why not pop into the Café and have a chat with either Jeannie or myself.

Whether you are a customer or a volunteer, we really look forward to seeing you at YOUR Garden Café.

Diane Tyler - Manager

## Rustington Festival 2010

The Littlehampton District Lions Club is working hard in preparation for this year's Festival which will run from Sunday 13 June until Sunday 27 June, with Carnival Day on Saturday 19 June.

Invitations for this year's Procession are already going out and anyone who would like to participate should contact Austen Beard on (01903) 782366. The Winning Entries will be invited to a Special Prize Giving Evening on 24 June.

The first event of the Festival is a French Market on Sunday 13 June (service road between Barclays Bank and Johnsons Dry Cleaners). Rustington In-Bloom will be holding a Film Night on Friday 18 June. On Sunday 20 June Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club will host its Tournament followed by The Twinning Association's Quiz Night in the evening. A 'Festival Songs of Praise' will also be held in one of the Village Churches. The final event will be The Rose & Sweet Pea Show on Saturday 26 June. More events will be confirmed during the next few months.

Invitations to the Grand Fete on Saturday 19 June will be sent out at the beginning of March and any new stall holders wishing to participate should contact Don Rogers on (01903) 772691. It is hoped that Arena events for the afternoon will include Primary Schools' Athletics, Steel Band and Marching Band Displays, Exotic Dance Routines by the Silk Road Belly Dancers, and a Display by the multi talented dancers from The Lorna Benson School. The Club is also trying to attract an Obedience Dog Display Team and a Fun Dog Show.

## Rustington Youth Centre

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

<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm	- Amateur Wrestling Club (Under 12's)
	7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	- Amateur Wrestling Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm	- Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	- Girls Only Club (Fitness/Sports)
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	- Senior Youth Club (14-17 yrs olds)
<b>Friday</b>	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.

## Tree Planting Scheme - Public Highway

Following the overwhelming success of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground, the Parish Council made an approach 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 has now indicated that it would be happy for the Parish Council to extend its Scheme by having donated trees planted at suitable locations on the Public Highway.

The cost per individual tree would be £100.00, to cover the purchase and planting of a good quality tree, a stake, support and mulch/soil dressing. The watering arrangements would be the responsibility of the Parish Council, with the anticipated assistance of adjacent residents. The County Council plans to include all planted trees in its 'young tree maintenance programme', whereby they would receive an annual visit for the first three years of establishment, when stakes/ties would be adjusted, and formative pruning carried out with mulch being re-applied.

Unfortunately, commemorative plaques are not permitted, as these can prove to be hazardous when grass verge cutting is being undertaken by the County Council's Contractors.

The first planting of any such trees, subject to consultation with adjacent residents, will be in the Winter of 2010/2011.

So, if you are interested in donating a tree for planting on the Public Highway within the Parish of Rustington, please contact the Council's Offices for further information, as soon as possible.

## Parishioners' Awards

The Council is, once again, inviting nominations for the 2010 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 nominations is 26 April and detailed nominations should be forwarded to the Council's Offices.

## Spring Bulb Planting



Every year the Parish Council purchases a quantity of spring bulbs, as part of its continuing planting scheme.

Towards the end of 2009, all three Primary Schools in Rustington accepted the Council's offer of a quantity of miniature daffodil bulbs to plant in the Schools' ground.

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 it in the next phase of this scheme.

## Bus Shelters

This year the Council will be submitting a further application to the West Sussex County Council, to replace one of the Village Bus Shelters. The Council has already been awarded grants towards the replacement of nine Shelters, and is hopeful that it will again be successful this year.



# 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 March - June 2010

Mon 8 March	Planning	Mon 10 May	Planning
Thur 11 March	Leisure & Recreation	Mon 24 May	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 22 March	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 24 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
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		Mon 7 June	Planning
Thur 8 April	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY	Thur 10 June	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 12 April	Planning	Mon 21 June	Planning
Mon 26 April	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 28 June	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 26 April	COUNCIL	Mon 28 June	COUNCIL
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## 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 24 April**

## 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.

## Your Councillors

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## 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 Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau office (Tel: 01903 725960).

## 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.

