

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message

Firstly, I must thank my fellow Councillors for electing me to be their Chairman for a further year. I will continue to do all that I can, with their support, to make Rustington the great place that it is to live in.

My thanks go to all who worked so hard to make the Carnival such a great success again this year. I'm sure it was enjoyed by all who attended.

I mentioned in my last Newsletter 'The Community Garden'. This has now been completed, and with the addition of three donated seats, is a leisure facility for all to enjoy at the rear of the Museum and Garden Café.

The judging for South and South East in Bloom took place on July 15. This must have been the worst day of this Summer by far! The wind blew

and it rained, but despite everything everyone did their bit and we must now wait until September for the results.

September 19 sees one of the highlights of the year in the Parish Calendar, namely the Annual Thanksgiving Service and Presentation Reception, when many parishioners who have made outstanding contributions to the success of our Village community, will receive their well-earned Awards.

Sadly, in the Spring of 2008 the Abbotswood and Rustington Centre buildings were demolished. It would have been good to see the old Abbotswood building being incorporated within the development, but this was not to be. However, work



now appears to be going at a great pace at the site and, hopefully, it won't be too long before we will have one less building site within the Village. I feel sure there will be more!

My thanks go to all those of you who support the local community in ensuring that Rustington continues to be a most welcoming and vibrant Village in which to live.

Councillor Mrs Sue Lines

South and South East in Bloom

The Village was judged on 15 July for the South and South East in Bloom Competition. Unfortunately, the weather conditions on the night preceding the judging and, indeed, on the day, were the worst we had seen for months, with the judges almost being 'blown off the beach' at one stage during the morning!



Judging Day

Nevertheless, the judges comments were very positive and encouraging, but as the results will not be announced until September, everyone involved and the local community will, once again, have to be patient and hope that all of the hard work and effort, particularly on the day, to ensure the Village was at its best, will be worthily rewarded. Details of any Awards received will, of course, be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The Parish Council and the In-Bloom Committee would like to convey their appreciation to Ferring Nurseries, the West Sussex Youth Offending Team, the Oak Community Project, the West Sussex Beach Wardens, the Chaucery Memorial



Committee, Rustington Methodist Church, Princess Marina House, Cudlow Garden Residents Association, Conbar Avenue Allotment Tenants, the three Primary Schools, Arun District Council's Cleansing Services, Car Parks and Parks Departments and the West Sussex County Council Highways Department, for ensuring that, once again, the Village really did excel on the day.

Rustington Community Partnership



Water Feature in the Community Garden

The Community Partnership has now completed two major projects highlighted in the Village Action Plan.

The Village Design Statement was completed in May and is now being processed through the Arun District Council prior to its adoption. Free copies of the final document are available from the Library, the Village Information Centre, the Parish Council Offices and the Museum and most estate agents also have a supply for their clients' use. The Statement was funded by The Big Lottery Fund.

The Rustington Community Garden, situated at the rear of the Museum and Garden Café is now also complete, and the Partnership hopes it presents a pleasant quiet area in the centre of the Village, where residents and their friends, together with visitors, can relax and enjoy a tranquil few moments in their hectic lifestyles.

Designer Landscapes constructed the garden in consultation with the Partnership's Project Leader, Don Rogers and its appointed Lead Professional, Phil Rollason. It was funded, after a very long process, by a grant from Community Spaces, a branch of The Big Lottery Fund.

The Partnership is now considering its next major project. So, if you have any useful suggestions and wish to join the Partnership, whose aim is to keep Rustington special, then please make contact through the Parish Council Website or the Council's Offices.

Rustington Museum

I am pleased to report footfall through the Museum has remained buoyant throughout the Spring and Summer this year. We now have a Local Studies Room where visitors can look at, and research, the Heritage Association's Collection of archives and artefacts. You may be interested in the history of your house, the Village or many other aspects of local history. In addition to material held in the Museum, there is also access to indexes and lists of archives held by the County Records Office in Chichester.

The community involvement in Rustington will ensure that the Museum remains accessible to everyone, and as representative as possible of the Village's history. I plan to organise a series of Exhibitions that include memories and images of events and bygone places such as the Rustington Pottery, Rustington Tea Rooms, (later to become the Smugglers' Roost), the Air Speed Records, the Rustington Lido and many more. If you have memories or mementos relating to any of these, please contact the Museum.

The J M Barrie Exhibition will continue through the Autumn and Winter, with activities and events being organised around the Exhibition, as well as a long awaited Punch and Judy Show.

So, there's something for everyone at Rustington Museum!

Jessica Petit - Curator

The Garden Café



Regular Café customers in the Community Garden

Whilst sitting in the peaceful surroundings of the Community Garden in the warm sunshine, you could be forgiven for forgetting you are enjoying a light meal and drink at The Garden Café, in the heart of Rustington's thriving Village. This haven, amongst the hubbub of modern living, is indeed a treat for all of the community to enjoy. If you haven't experienced our delights, then let Jeannie or myself, with our army of volunteers, pamper you.

Enjoy vegetarian meals, homemade cakes, tea and coffee in a very special environment. Find us behind the Museum, opposite the Parish Church. Go on, spoil yourself - you are worth it!

The Garden Café is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and we look forward to seeing you.

Diane Tyler - Manager

Twinning News



The Twinning Association has had an exciting and interesting early Summer, with a visit from its German Twinning Friends in June.

On Monday 7 June, Linda Beard, the Association's Chairman, collected ten guests from Southampton Airport and brought them back to Rustington. On their arrival at The Woodlands Centre, they were greeted by the Council Chairman, Sue Lines, and introduced to their hosts.

On Tuesday, everyone was welcomed at Rustington Community Primary School by Nick White, Headteacher and Tanya Flint, German Teacher and Year 6 Pupils, singing in German. This was followed by a conducted tour of the School, which was very interesting. The visitors were then whisked off to The Littlehampton Academy for another conducted tour, including a visit to a German Class, and a performance by the Academy's Junior Steel Band. Lunch was then enjoyed at the Look & Sea Centre in Littlehampton, followed by an Adventure Golf Tournament (won by the Association) and a Barbeque.

The visitors and their hosts travelled to Salisbury on Wednesday for a tour of the Cathedral followed by lunch in its restaurant. Then on to Gun Wharf Quay in Portsmouth for some retail therapy!

On Thursday, they visited County Hall, the home of West Sussex County Council and enjoyed a buffet lunch. They also visited the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Headquarters, and were given a demonstration of a Traffic Accident Rescue. They then visited the Goodwood House Estate and Racecourse. In the evening, everyone enjoyed dinner and Skittles at The Black Horse in Climping.

Friday morning saw coffee and cake served at The Garden Café prior to the visitors' return trip.

Rustington Festival

This year's Festival, organised by Littlehampton District Lions Club, was a great success.

It all began with the French and Continental Market on Sunday 13 June, followed by the In-Bloom Film Night on Friday 18 June.

Despite having to battle for floats against East Preston, the Carnival Procession was enjoyed by a large crowd who dug deep into their piggy banks to produce a near record collection. The problem of clashing dates will not happen again, as



confirmation has now been received that the East Preston Carnival will, in future years, be held on the second Saturday in June, with Rustington's on the third.

The main arena event was The Ferring Dog Agility Club and the display was really worth seeing. There were also displays by TS Implacable, the Lorna Benson School of Dance and Worthing Kung Fu School, making an excellent afternoon's entertainment.

A Family Dog Show, organised by Pet Doctors, also proved to be a great success with the many stalls at the Fete all raising much needed funds, and looking really vibrant with their multi coloured gazebos.

The Rustington Short Mat Bowls Tournament on Sunday 20 June was a brilliant day, and David Cook, outgoing Lions' Club President, was overwhelmed when presented with a cheque for £194.00.

On Sunday afternoon the Village Praise at the Methodist Church, and the Picnic Tea, was enjoyed by everyone present.

The Annual Twinning Association Quiz Night on Sunday evening was successful in raising much needed funds and was enjoyed by those who attended.

So, another Festival is over and the Lions will soon be starting to organise next year's event which will take place from 12 -26 June, with Carnival Day on Saturday 18 June.

The Lions are pleased to announce that a grand profit of £2,506.94 was made. This money will be split between the Chestnut Tree House Hospice and the Help Sophie to Walk fund, but none of this would be possible without their sponsors, Rustington Parish Council and the Littlehampton Gazette, together with all of your generous donations.

Gardens and Allotments

Following the judging of this year's **Gardens Competition** entries by the Chairman of Arun District Council, Councillor Dudley Wensley and his wife Mrs Lorraine Wensley, Mrs Jocelyn Silk and Mr Len Witcomb of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and Mrs Jo Crockford of Ferring Nurseries, the results were recently declared as follows:-

- Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)**
 Winner - Mr Kent Kressner, 6 Tennyson Avenue
 Runner-Up - Mrs Carol Crockford, Flat 5 Ilex House, Cudlow Garden
- Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)**
 Winner - The Windmill Public House
 Runner-Up - The Lamb Public House
- Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)**
 Winner - Mr Tony Miah, Flat 1 Highfield Court, 7 Highfield Gardens
 Runner-Up - Mr Alan & Mrs Brenda Cann, 30 Knightscroft Avenue
- Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)**
 Winner - Princess Marina House, Seafield Road, Rustington
 Runner-Up - Rustington House (Hargreaves Properties Ltd.), Worthing Road
- Class 5 - Schools' Competition**
 Winner - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School
- Class 6 - Community Gardens**
 Winner - Cudlow Garden, Sea Lane (Cudlow Garden Residents Association)
 Runner-Up - Green Leas, The Leas, Station Road

Certificates of Commendation were also awarded to certain gardens for their hard work and efforts.

The Judging of the Council's **Allotments Competition** took place in July and the following results were declared:-

- Overall Winner** - Conbar Avenue - Plot 27 - Mr & Mrs James Donovan
Joint Site Winners - Penfold Lane - Plot 18 - Mr Kent Kressner &
 - Plot 21 - Mr Martin Kempson
Site Winner - Conbar Avenue - Plot 27 - Mr & Mrs James Donovan
Site Winner - Worthing Road - Plot 8 - Mr Gary Frostick

The Cliff Pryor Cup was awarded to Mr Fred Spanton, in his capacity as the Rustington Horticultural Association's representative on the Allotments Committee, in recognition of his unceasing assistance and commitment to, not only the Committee, but also other Allotment tenants.

Certificates of Commendation were also awarded to deserving plots on each Site.

Parishioners' Awards

The Council, at its Annual Meeting, agreed that the first of this year's Parishioners' Awards should be presented to the Voice of Progress, in recognition of its outstanding commitment and support for visually impaired members of the local community for 35 years. The second Award goes to Mr Dennis Wakeling, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to voluntary groups and organisations in the Parish of Rustington for the benefit of the local community.

The recipients will receive their Awards at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thankgiving Service on **19 September**.



Winner - Front Gardens

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).

Council and Committees September - December

Mon 6 Sept	Planning
Mon 13 Sept	Planning
Mon 27 Sept	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Sept	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Sept	Planning
Thur 7 Oct	Lighting & Amenities
Mon 11 Oct	Planning
Mon 11 Oct	Allotments
Mon 25 Oct	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 25 Oct	COUNCIL
Mon 25 Oct	Planning
Thur 4 Nov	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 8 Nov	Planning
Mon 22 Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 22 Nov	COUNCIL
Mon 22 Nov	Planning
Mon 6 Dec	Planning
Mon 6 Dec	Allotments
Mon 20 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 20 Dec	Planning

Councillors' Surgeries

Councillors' Surgeries will be held at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on:-

Saturday 23 October
Saturday 11 December

Police 'Drop-In' Surgeries

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will be holding Drop-In Surgeries at the Village Information Centre, in the Churchill Car Park as follows:-

Thursday 23 September
11.00 am - 12 noon (Hannah Pearson)
Thursday 30 September
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm (Elliott Hartley)

Your Councillors

Chairman	Mrs S Y Lines (East Ward) Quince Cottage, 4 The Bramblings, Rustington BN16 2DA	Tel: 07917 724785	
Vice-Chairman	A J Cooper (West Ward) 27 Bushby Avenue, Rustington BN16 2BY	Tel: 07793 372543	
East Ward	J F Bennett J W Collins G Eyre S Perry G M Tyler	6 Parkside Court, Meadow Way, Littlehampton BN17 6BN 85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT 1 Woking Court, Guildford Road, Rustington BN16 3RP 7 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3JU Seaward, The Close, Sea Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DW	Tel: 07769 329566 Tel: 01903 771976 Tel: 07733 125739 Tel: 07980 577881 Tel: 01903 856950
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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:-

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

The Woodlands Centre and Rustington Youth Centre

(Woodlands Recreational Ground, Woodlands Avenue)

Rustington's community leisure facilities provide excellent venues for Birthday or Anniversary Parties, Wedding Receptions, Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings and many other functions.

For further information, please contact Rustington Parish Council on 01903 786420 or email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org

