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Parish Council Newsletter



Chairman - Councillor Andy Cooper

As the new Chairman of the Parish Council, I would firstly like to thank the Parishioners of the Village for re-electing me at the Elections in May and, secondly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, for putting their trust in me and electing me as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Chairman's Message

I follow in the footsteps of Councillor Sue Lines, who has been Chairman for the past two years. Sue has overseen many positive projects to improve Rustington and its facilities, and I would like to thank her for all of her dedication and tireless hard work throughout her time on the Council, and, specifically, as Chairman.

During the coming year, I aim to continue the good work of the Council, although we do face challenging times ahead, but your Council will strive to continue to make Rustington a vibrant, enjoyable place in which to live, and to visit.

As I write this, we have all been working hard preparing for the Britain In Bloom Judging Day. Who could fail to notice the stunning floral displays in the Village, they are a true credit to our community and the In-Bloom Committee.

I look forward to the coming year, and I will be updating you all on the progress being made within Rustington in future Newsletters but, in the meantime, I would like to thank everyone in the community who is helping to keep Rustington the wonderful place that it is.

South and South East in Bloom

The Village and Recreation Ground were judged on 14 July for the South and South East in Bloom Competition, and on 9 August for the Britain in Bloom Competition. The weather was fine on both days, luckily!

The feedback from all of the judges was very positive and most enthusiastic, especially those from the Britain in Bloom Chairman, Mr Roger Burnett, who said that Rustington most certainly had the 'wow' factor, and that it had been an honour and a pleasure to have been able to witness the overwhelming community spirit and outstanding innovative and high quality floral displays. He said that the



Village encapsulated everything that Britain in Bloom was about.

Unfortunately, everyone will have to be patient for a while longer, as the results for both Competitions will not be announced until late September. Details of any awards that might be received will be reported in the next Newsletter.

The Parish Council and the In-Bloom Committee are extremely grateful to everyone involved in this year's Campaign, who worked so hard and, in particular:-

The Oak Community Project, Little Explorers Pre-School, Arun U3A Art Group, Georgian Gardens, Rustington and Summerlea Community Primary Schools, The Chaucery Memorial Committee, Store Property Investments Limited, Hargreaves Property Management Limited, Herne Gardens and Orchard Gardens' Residents, Rustington Methodist Church, Mod Mums Club, the Residents of Oakhurst Gardens Sheltered Housing Complex, Princess Marina House, Rustington District Guides, Rustington Horticultural Association, West Sussex Beach



Wardens, Youth Offending Team, Arun District Council Cleansing Services, Car Parks and Parks Departments, West Sussex County Council Highways Department.

Special thanks must go to Ferring Nurseries, without whom, the high standard attained for both Competitions would not have been achieved.

The Village could not have looked any better than it did on both of the aforementioned days.

Everyone involved is optimistic that the Village will receive 'Gold' Awards in both Competitions. So let's hope that this is the case, which would most certainly exceed all results to date!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2-5 June 2012

Members of the Parish Council and the Littlehampton District Lions Club, are currently in early stage discussions about ways in which the whole community can come together to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee from 2-5 June next year. Many people will remember that a comprehensive and very successful Programme of Events was arranged in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee, and it is hoped that this can be repeated, but on a much grander scale.

Whilst only initial discussions have taken place to date, the Lions Club has agreed to bring forward the date of the Carnival and Grand Fete to Monday 4 June 2012, which will be the

Late May Bank Holiday. There will also be an additional Jubilee Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5 June 2012. So far, suggested events that might form part of the celebrations include a Prom Concert, a Schools' Concert, Farmers' Market, a Funfair and a Firework Display.

Everyone involved at the present time is anxious that as many members of the local community as possible should be involved in deciding how this most important event should be celebrated in the Village and, with this in mind, a Public Meeting has been organised to take place on **Friday 7 October 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Village Memorial Hall, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands**

Avenue. It is hoped that all interested local Groups, Organisations, Clubs and individual parishioners will attend this Meeting to discuss and agree the way forward for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee with four days of celebrations.

So, if you would like to get involved, to ensure that Rustington celebrates 'in style', please attend the Meeting and let us have your suggestions and/or any plans you might have for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee.

Further details of the progress being made in respect of the proposed Programme of Events, will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter so, watch this space!



The new Wartime Exhibition, 'Unsung Heroes' at the Museum has been very well received with a lot of interest from visitors. If you haven't already seen the Exhibition, do come along to the Museum some time to find out more about the brave soldiers from our Village and their remarkable stories.

I had the pleasure of working with Year 3 pupils from Georgian Gardens Community Primary School in June. We held several workshops at the Museum on 'World War Two in Rustington'. The children were very enthusiastic, and if the letters that the children wrote to me afterwards were anything to go by, it seems that they really enjoyed the sessions about how life was in the Village during the war.

Are you part of a group, or do you know of one who would like to get involved with Rustington Museum? We are currently looking to make links with local groups to carry out a number of exciting community based Projects. This offer is open to all community groups based within the Village, regardless of age, background or ability. Please contact me at the Museum if you fit the 'bill'!

Jessica Petit - Curator



Our Great Poppy Day event, in aid of The Royal British Legion's 90th Anniversary, was a great success raising over £200.00. Thank you to everyone who took part. The Edwin James Choir sang favourite Wartime Songs, which were enjoyed by all present.

Please remember the Community Garden and Café are here for YOU. The Café has become an ideal venue to meet family and friends and a warm and friendly welcome always awaits you.



Our delightful patio planters are now full of vegetables, including aubergines, runner

beans, tomatoes, peppers and celery, all of which are used in our vegetarian dishes. The beautiful Community Garden is open all year round and the tranquil surroundings make it a perfect setting for a morning coffee, light lunch, or a cream tea.

Jeannie and I would like to thank all of our loyal customers for supporting us in this difficult economic climate, and also a big THANK YOU to our volunteers who are invaluable to the operation of the Café.

Diane Tyler - Manager

Donated Tree Planting Scheme - Public Highway

The Parish Council and the Rustington-In-Bloom Committee has, during the past few months, been actively working in partnership with the West Sussex County Council, on a scheme for donated trees on the public highway. This is part of a five year forward plan to replant and replace all of the dead and diseased trees within the Parish, as well as introducing new trees where practicably possible.

The In-Bloom Committee and local residents have donated a number of trees, which have been planted in Cove Road, and more are planned for Harsfold Road in 2012.

Following an approach to the Parish Council from the Conbar Avenue Residents' Association, four donated trees will be being planted by the County Council towards the end of the year, on grass verges in the Avenue.

In order to continue extending this Scheme, other locations within the Parish, together with donors, are now being sought. So, if you are interested in donating a tree at a specific location, at a cost of £125.00, please contact the Parish Council's Offices on 01903 786420.

Rustington Festival



Another Festival has passed and already the Littlehampton Lions are planning for the Diamond Jubilee Weekend in 2012. However, this year saw what has been considered the best Procession ever, with outstanding entries from The Schools Together (the three Primary Schools), Princess Marina House and The Mod Mums Club. These together with TS Implacable, the Arundel Scout Band and Southern Starlights Pom Pom Troupe, gave the Judges, who

included Councillor Andy Cooper and his wife, together with Tom Cotterill, the Littlehampton Gazette Reporter, a very difficult job in awarding the trophies.

Overall, the profits going into the Lions Charity Funds, for distribution to local needy causes was £2,337.00, which was an excellent achievement. Unfortunately, the weather was not the kindest and some takings were considerably down on previous years.

The Arena Events were exciting and a lot of fun. The children's races were keenly contested; Lorna Benson's Dance Display was exquisite and the Zumba Dancing very exhausting, but most entertaining.

The Short Mat Bowls Tournament, organised by Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club, was superbly contested and raised a magnificent £200.00.

Rustington District Twinning Association's Quiz Night, although not

that well attended, was enjoyed by all participants, raising £43.00.

The Village Praise Service was well attended and enjoyed by all those present.

Unfortunately, the Sunday Continental Market did not take place due to unforeseen circumstances.

Rustington Horticultural Society's Rose & Sweet Pea Show was, as always, well attended, with wonderful entries in many classes, all grown under difficult conditions in this year's strange climate.

Thanks and appreciation have been conveyed by the Lions to the Festival's sponsors, namely the Parish Council, Littlehampton Gazette and Jetrade, without whose donations the event would not have been able to go ahead.

The Club also wished to thank all those people who worked so hard to make the Festival one to remember.

Gardens and Allotments

The **Gardens Competition** was judged by the Chairman of Arun District Council, Councillor Dennis Wilde, Mrs Christina Goodwyn and Mr Colin Crane of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and Mr David Luscombe of Ferring Nurseries, and the results were:-

Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)

Winner - Mrs Maureen Sanchez, 5 Dolphin Court
 Runner-Up - Mr Kent Kressner, 6 Tennyson Avenue

Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)

Winner - The Lamb Public House, The Street
 Runner-Up - The Windmill Public House, Mill Lane

Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Residential)

Winner - Mr Alan and Mrs Brenda Cann, 30 Knightscroft Avenue
 Runner-Up - Mr Bert and Mrs Patricia Lee, 37 Knightscroft Avenue

Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)

Winner - Rustington House (Hargreaves Properties Ltd.), Worthing Road
 Runner-Up - Princess Marina House, Seafield Road

Class 5 - Schools' Competition

Winner - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School, Guildford Road

Class 6 - Community Gardens

Winner - Elm Farm Cottages Residents Association, Old Manor Road
 Runner-Up - Millfield Overstrand Estate

Special Certificates of Excellence were also awarded to The Chaucery Memorial, Rustington Methodist Church and Rustington Community Primary School.

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

Overall Winner and Site Winner - Penfold Lane - 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 John Goodwin and Mrs Angie Evans, in recognition of their outstanding effort and achievement in respect of Plot 24A Penfold Lane, and Certificates of Commendation were also awarded to deserving plots on each Site.



Twinning News

The Association is now planning social events for its members and friends for the coming Autumn and Winter Seasons. The Shuffleboard and Ploughmans' Evening, previously arranged for Saturday 3 September has, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. However, this popular evening has been replaced with a new Event, a Curry and Race Night, to be held on Saturday 22 October in the Guide Hall on the Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the above and about the Twinning Association itself, please call either Don Rogers on 01903 772691 or Julie Armstrong on 01903 787097.

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).

Parishioners' Award

The Council, at its Annual Meeting, agreed that this year's Parishioners' Award should be presented to Mrs Sylvia Loveland, in recognition of her dedication and outstanding service to the community of Rustington for many years.

Mrs Loveland will receive her Award at the Reception following the Council's Civic Thanksgiving Service in September.

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its 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.

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

Saturday 29 October
Saturday 10 December

Village Information Centre

The Village Information Centre in Churchill Car Park is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

There is a wide range of information available and members of the Council's personnel are on hand to assist in any way that they can.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates September – December 2011

Mon 5 Sept	Planning	Thurs 3 Nov	Leisure & Recreation
Mon 12 Sept	Planning	Mon 7 Nov	Planning
Mon 26 Sept	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 28 Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 26 Sept	COUNCIL	Mon 28 Nov	COUNCIL
Mon 26 Sept	Planning	Mon 28 Nov	Planning
Mon 10 Oct	Planning	Mon 5 Dec	Planning
Mon 10 Oct	Allotments	Mon 5 Dec	Allotments
Thurs 13 Oct	Lighting & Amenities	Mon 19 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 24 Oct	Finance & General Purposes	Mon 19 Dec	Planning
Mon 24 Oct	COUNCIL		
Mon 24 Oct	Planning		



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Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Village Information Centre in the Churchill Car Park for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Arun & Chichester Citizens' Advice Bureau on 08444 771171.

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.

