

Useful Information...

Rustington Heritage Association

The Association was formed in 1983 to promote an interest by the public in the Parish of Rustington. Its aims are to acquire and preserve artefacts and archives connected with the past and present history of the community; to provide accommodation for the display of such items; to arrange exhibitions of interest to the community; and to encourage the wider interpretation of the "Heritage Concept".

Meetings are held on the last Thursday afternoon of each month (except August and December), at 2.30pm in the John de Bohun Room at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, when talks are given on relevant subjects. Talks are also given to local Groups and Organisations, with guided walks around the Village being organised on a regular basis.

The Association runs a Museum, located adjacent to the Council Offices in Woodlands Avenue, from May to September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, and on Saturdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

This year's Exhibition at the Museum is entitled "We Do Like to Be Beside The Seaside" and opens from 6 May to 23 September. Admission is free.

If you are interested in joining the Association, please contact Pat Burgin, Membership Secretary on (01903) 771661. The annual subscription cost is currently £7, with a monthly meeting fee of £1.

We need your help

Please help us to maintain the Parish at its high standard. We rely on members of the public to be vigilant and to help us by reporting any problems, so that we can take action before damage becomes extensive.

ESTIMATED NET EXPENDITURE YEARS ENDING 31 MARCH 2006 AND 31 MARCH 2007			
		2005/2006 Revised Estimate as at 1 Jan 2006	2006/2007 Estimate
Leisure & Recreation Committee	External Facilities		
	Expenditure	140,580.00	111,000.00
	Income	37,014.00	16,900.00
		<u>103,566.00</u>	<u>94,100.00</u>
	Internal Facilities		
	Expenditure	41,546.00	53,350.00
	Income	49,512.00	50,765.00
		<u>(7,966.00)</u>	<u>2,585.00</u>
Lighting & Amenities Committee	Lighting:		
	Expenditure	1,890.00	2,150.00
	Income	---	---
		<u>1,890.00</u>	<u>2,150.00</u>
	Amenities:		
	Expenditure	70,382.00	70,950.00
	Income	14,432.00	14,475.00
		<u>55,950.00</u>	<u>56,475.00</u>
Finance and General Purposes Committee	Expenditure	550,353.00	288,200.00
	Income	16,612.00	10,495.00
		<u>533,741.00</u>	<u>277,705.00</u>
Emergency Planning Committee	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	---	---
		<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Allotments Committee	Expenditure	8,245.00	10,230.00
	Income	3,165.00	3,300.00
		<u>5,080.00</u>	<u>6,930.00</u>
Totals		692,276.00	439,960.00

Rustington Residents' Association

The Association was formed over 30 years ago to provide another voice for the Village in matters having a major effect on the local environment - Housing and Commercial Development; Traffic; Policing; Health and 'Green issues, etc.

Membership covers everyone in a family. There are currently in excess of 2,100 member households making up an individual membership of around 4,000.

A bi-monthly Newsletter 'TOPICS' is distributed to each member household and regular Open Meetings are held during the year with speakers covering informative and entertaining subjects. A comprehensive

Annual Year Book is also published and widely distributed.

Annual Membership subscription is £3 per household per annum. Life Membership is available for a one-off payment of £10. For further information contact Auriel Wakeling on (01903) 779025.

The Voluntary Care Group, which was disbanded during 2005 is being replaced by 'Village Friends', a social group that meets at the Methodist Church Hall on Fridays between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for crafts and hobbies, music, speakers and, as a friendly meeting place. For more information contact Carol Taunton on (01903) 782876.



Chairman's Message

How time flies, when you're enjoying yourself!!! I have just finished my second 12 month term as Chairman of the Council, and what another exciting year it has been!

In my end of term message last year, I reported on some of the planned projects that the Council was progressing, and I am delighted to be able to confirm that, with the exception of the Rustington Museum Project, each of these has now come to fruition. The major refurbishment of the Play Area on the Woodlands Recreation Ground was completed in time for the School Summer Holidays; the Public Toilets in the Churchill Car Park underwent a major refurbishment in the Autumn/Winter; and the new Village Information Centre opened at the beginning of February.

The Information Centre is open from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, when members of the local community and visitors alike can access all types of useful information. The Police Community Support Officers hold their monthly Surgeries at the Centre, and the Citizens' Advice Bureau outreach facility is also now based at the Centre. Further details in respect of both of these facilities appear later in this newsletter. A new concept the Council is currently considering, is a monthly Councillor Surgery, when residents and visitors can meet with Members of the Parish Council to air their views and concerns. It is anticipated that these Surgeries will commence in June and, once finalised, the dates and times will be displayed on the Village notice boards and the Council's website.

Taking one step back to the

Rustington Museum Project, the Council was disappointed to learn recently that the Arun District Council had decided to refuse the planning application in respect of Church Farm Cottage. Revised plans which, it is hoped, will be more agreeable to the Planning Officers at the District Council, are in the process of being submitted, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed that the application will be successful second time around!

As many of you will be aware, the Council has decided that Rustington will not be entering the South and South East in Bloom Competition this year. Following the Village's resounding success in 2005, as both the overall category winner and the recipient of a silver award, it was felt that a well-earned rest was in order this year! The In-Bloom Committee is, however, continuing with its steadfast work to ensure that the Village maintains its superior standard for the benefit of the local community.

The Parish Council is considering a number of proposed and previously planned projects for the coming year. These include the imminent enhancement of the



Basketball/Kickabout Area on the Woodlands Recreation Ground, the refurbishment of the Public Toilet units in The Street and Broadmark Lane, the redevelopment of the Website, the replacement of further Bus Shelters, as well as many other smaller projects, details of which will appear in future issues of the newsletter.

Before I end this message, I would just like to reiterate my sentiments from last year. I feel that we have a fantastic, progressive, and value for money Parish Council in Rustington, together with a dedicated and loyal team of staff. These factors, coupled with the unceasing support of the local community, are what make Rustington the vibrant and colourful Village that it is today.

Thank you all.

Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon

Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon, a long standing Member of Rustington Parish Council, for nearly 15 years, passed away on Wednesday 22 March.

Councillor Fitzsimon joined the Parish Council in May 1991, and was a member of its Finance and General Purposes Committee from that date, serving as the Committee's Chairman from 1995-2005. He was a loyal and dedicated member of the Council whose unceasing efforts and commitment to Rustington will be sorely missed by all of his colleagues on the Council, as well as the local community.



34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex BN16 3HB
 Offices Open Monday-Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
 Tel: 01903 786420 Fax: 01903 788736 Email: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org
 Website: www.rustingtonpc.org



About the Parish Council

Parish Councils are the least bureaucratic kind of Local Authority and their expenditure is a small part of the total Council Tax. Unlike the Arun District Council and the West Sussex County Council, the Parish Council receives no Grant Aid from Central Government, nor income from the National Non-Domestic Rate levied on businesses, etc.

The Council at full complement, is made up of 16 Members, who are elected every 4 years in 3 Wards. Members of the Parish Council represent the residents of Rustington on many bodies and organisations both statutory and voluntary. This ensures that the local residents' voices are heard and are able to influence decisions made.

Responsibilities include Observations on Planning Applications; Allotments; War Memorial; a School Crossing Patrol; the Woodlands Centre and Recreation Grounds; Woodland Park Sportsfield; Enhancement and Maintenance of the Central Shopping Area.

The Parish Council also provides financial assistance towards the Christmas lighting in The Street, additional highway verge cutting, and the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard. Grant Aid is awarded, according to need, to a variety of local community groups and organisations, including the Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Your Councillors

Chairman

Councillor G M Tyler (East Ward) - Seaward, The Close, Sea Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DW

Vice-Chairman

Councillor C S Pryor (East Ward) - 9 Mill Lane, Rustington BN16 3ED

East Ward

Councillor J W Collins, 85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT
 Councillor Mrs M Rice, 4 Marama Gardens, Sea Road, Rustington BN16 2ND
 Councillor R C Steward, Canberra, 18 Botany Close, Rustington BN16 2BJ

West Ward

Councillor A K Akbar, 78 Westlands, Rustington BN16 3NW
 Councillor Mrs C P Broomfield, 15 Harsfold Road, Rustington BN16 2QE
 Councillor J E Ceiriog-Hughes, 15 Manor Road, Rustington BN16 3QT
 Councillor T G Field, 105 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3LZ
 Councillor R S Grevett, "The Birches", 58 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3EY
 Councillor Mrs S Y Lines, Quince Cottage, 4 The Bramblings, Rustington BN16 2DA
 Councillor D F Murphy, 2 Arun Close, Rustington BN16 3HD
 Councillor M A Warrington, 23 Tennyson Avenue, Rustington BN16 2PB
 Councillor A S D Lauretani, The "Gilly", 4 Barwick Close, Rustington BN16 3TT

West Preston Ward

Councillor D E Rogers, 6 Preston Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DB

(At the time of going to press there is a vacancy in the East Ward)

Clerk of the Council

Mrs Carole Ward, Council Offices, 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB
 Tel: 01903 786420

Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue. All members of the public are welcome to attend and, prior to each Council and Committee Meeting, time is set aside 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 and on Parish Notice Boards around the Village.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates June - September 2006

Mon	5 Jun	Planning Committee
Thur	8 Jun	Lighting & Amenities Committee
Mon	19 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon	26 Jun	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	26 Jun	COUNCIL
Mon	26 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon	3 Jul	Allotments Committee (Competition Judging)
Mon	10 Jul	Planning Committee
Thur	13 Jul	Leisure & Recreation Committee
Mon	24 Jul	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	24 Jul	COUNCIL
Mon	24 Jul	Planning Committee
Mon	7 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon	21 Aug	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	21 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon	4 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon	18 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon	25 Sep	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon	25 Sep	COUNCIL
Mon	25 Sep	Planning Committee

For your information

The Council has recently received some information produced by the Trading Standards and Emergency Planning Departments at the West Sussex County Council regarding Avian Flu.

Copies of this information are available, free of charge, from the Council's Offices.

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor Michael Warrington

As Chairman of the Committee, I consider that I am only a member of a Team and, as such, there is no 'I' in Team. I have a great Team of people to work with.

I would like to pay tribute to Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon for his dedication over so many years as Chairman of the Committee. I thank him for his support in helping me to 'take over the reins'. He will be a hard act to follow and will be greatly missed.

However, as I have stated, I am part of a Team and, not only do I have a great Committee, but also a great support team in the background, and by that I mean the Council staff, and especially Carol Ellis, who is responsible for preparing all of the accounts. A big thank you.

Getting on to the 'nitty gritty' - the money side of things.

We are a dynamic, progressive and forward thinking Council, and that cascades down to the way we run our finances. As with any Organisation, we have to balance the books, but at the same time, provide all the services that are expected of the Council, as well as providing the money for many new projects from time to time.

This year has seen exciting and challenging times. As a certain Mr Brown has often said 'prudent financing is the key'. I feel that we in Rustington can be proud of the way we run our finances. Providing many of the important services needed, without having to place too big a burden on the parishioners.

The Precept

In order to provide all the funding needed for the many services, the Council has to set a Budget. This, in turn, has to be incorporated with the District and County Council Budgets, so that the annual Council Tax can be set.

At the end of last year we started to have meetings to discuss the Precept. Having been faced with a figure of £546,000, which in effect represented an extensive 'wish list', we managed to make various amendments to the proposed expenditure and arrived at a figure of £444,000. We considered this to be an acceptable Precept, without having to make any harsh cutbacks, but at the same time providing all the necessary finances for the many areas within the Council's remit.

In short, on a Band 'D' Household, the increase in the Precept will mean a monthly increase of 56p per month, as far

as the Rustington Parish's share of the annual Council Tax is concerned. Whilst this does equate to a 10.5% increase, I feel it is most important to emphasise the monetary increase.

It is worth noting that in the neighbouring Town of Littlehampton, the Parish portion of the annual Council Tax per household is £95.04 for a Band 'D' property, some £25.00 higher than in Rustington.

I can also confirm that two other Parish Councils in close proximity to Rustington, namely East Preston and Angmering, have both found it necessary to increase their Precepts by in excess of 20% this year.

I will now summarise some of the areas where expenditure has been increased and saved.

The two main items of expenditure that have contributed to the increase in the Precept are:

The purchase of Church Farm Cottage for £260,000. This purchase was funded by a loan costing £28,500 per annum over a 15 year term. It was felt that this was too good an opportunity to miss, as it will provide a valuable investment for the future. Not only to provide a Museum, but also to make use of the property for other local Groups and Organisations. There will be ongoing costs, but these have been budgeted for.

We have created a new post of Buildings and Facilities Manager. It was becoming increasingly difficult for the existing staff of the Council to run its day to day business without this new post. We are an expanding Council and, from time to time, new staff are required.

We have also seen the opening of the new Information Centre in the Village, for which this Council has agreed to fund the staffing and operational costs.

As you will all no doubt agree, the Youth Centre is a resounding success story, and is used by many in the community. There are ongoing costs in running this Centre, together with all of the Council's other properties and land. Notably the cost of security - £18,900. Unfortunately, a sign of the times, but we must make our buildings and land secure.

Lighting and Amenities Committee

This Committee is responsible for the impressive floral displays around the Village, as well as bus shelters and the like. However, the budget for this Committee has been reduced by £12,000 for the coming year.

Leisure and Recreation Committee

Major tree works have been undertaken to remove old trees and replace them; new storage facilities have been provided at the Youth Centre; and some £6,000 has been spent on refurbishing the front foyer toilets in the Village Memorial Hall and the Roger Barwick Room. Again though, this Committee's budget has been reduced by some £63,500. So, the ride-on mower, pop-up irrigation system for the cricket square and new items of play equipment for the play area, have now all been put on hold.

As you will appreciate, there are areas within our finances which, it is felt, do need expenditure, and some areas that can wait a little longer. It is anticipated that, in the coming years, the same situation will arise, when some areas will get a larger slice of the money than others. However, what I can be definite about is that I, and my fellow Councillors, will always conduct this Council's finances in a most prudent and apt manner, providing the best possible services at an affordable rate. Where else could you get such value for an extra 56p per month?



THE WOODLANDS CENTRE & RUSTINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

Woodlands Avenue

currently have vacancies for single or regular hirings of their Halls and Meeting Rooms
 Please contact the Council Offices for further details



Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- Councillor Graham Tyler

The first part of the Annual Report will, hopefully, give you a flavour of the workings of your Parish Council. Over the past year, the Council has significantly expanded its activities. And, I would like to begin by expressing my personal thanks to all my fellow Councillors, the Council's Personnel, and all of the Parishioners of Rustington, who help to ensure that our Village is a vibrant and exciting place to live.

My personal appreciation goes to Councillor Mike Warrington, in his capacity as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. I would like to add that Councillor Warrington has had an extremely tough year, due to the fact that he took over the Chairmanship from the late Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon, who was our Finance Chairman for many years. I must also thank all of the Members of the Finance Committee for the efficient and effective way that the Committee has operated throughout the year.

Next, my thanks go to Councillor Tim Field, now in his second year as Chairman of the Lighting and Amenities Committee. This is a particularly important Committee as it works diligently to ensure that our Village is maintained, enhanced and improved year on year, and also makes sure that Rustington sends out a warm welcome to residents and visitors.

The Committee's responsibilities include the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Noticeboards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters, some Street Lighting, Grass Cutting and the Maintenance of all of the Floral Displays, Lamp Post Baskets and Trees in the Village Centre. Once again, I am sure you would agree that this Committee's continuing hard work and efforts are visible for all to see.

During the past few months the Public Toilets in the Churchill Car Park have been completely renovated, and the Council has entered into a three way partnership, in respect of the management and maintenance of these Toilets, with Store Property Holdings and the Arun District Council.

As part of the renovations, Store Property generously gave Rustington the opportunity to have a Village Information Centre, in a new unit attached to the Public Toilet building. This is now up and running and proving to be a great asset for Rustington.

Councillor Moira Rice Chairs the Leisure and Recreation Committee and has done for a number of years. Without Councillor Mrs Rice's contribution, being a Councillor in Rustington would be a lot duller!

The Youth Centre is now in its third year of existence and, again, this facility has proved to be another great asset. We have

the Junior Youth Clubs, Senior Youth Club, together with various other Groups, Clubs and Societies that meet there. The building has also proved extremely popular with private hirers.

The Leisure and Recreation Committee also worked hard to ensure the completion of the major refurbishment of the Woodlands Recreation Ground Play Area in July, with the help of several grants. I can also report that it again has excellent news, in that further grants have been secured for the transformation of the existing basketball court/kickabout area into a multi-sports facility. The Contract has just been awarded and we hope to see the completion of this by early Summer.

The Committee also has the responsibility of The Woodlands Centre, a Community Centre that is very popular and obviously needs high level maintenance and continuous upgrading to make certain that it remains desirable to hirers.

The Planning Committee is Chaired by Councillor Bob Grevett. The Council is a Statutory Consultee, and is, therefore, consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish by both the Arun District Council, as the Local Planning Authority and, in certain cases, the West Sussex County Council. Objections can only be made using criteria which complies with Planning Regulations, and any affected neighbouring properties are notified, if the Committee feels this is appropriate. This Committee has a difficult, and sometimes controversial, role which it undertakes in a most professional way.

Councillor Cliff Pryor is Chairman of the Allotments Committee, and I must congratulate him and his team as, at the last count, we had no vacant allotments. Councillor Pryor is an extremely busy Councillor, and he has been a most supportive Vice Chairman.

The Committee is responsible for the operation of the Council's three Allotment Sites, namely Penfold Lane, Conbar Avenue and Jubilee Avenue, housing some 124 plots. The Committee works with representatives from the Horticultural Association, to ensure that the allotments are properly cultivated and maintained in good order at all times.

We also have an Emergency Planning Committee, which is Chaired by Councillor Ray Steward.

Whilst this Committee has met infrequently in the past, it is now felt more regular meetings may be necessary, with the ever more realistic possibility of a state of emergency occurring. This Council would be used by the other Local Authorities, should such a situation arise, as a Co-ordination/Rest Centre.

The Council is also represented on a number of external Bodies. Whilst all Members of the Council attend Council Meetings and some Committee Meetings, certain Members volunteer to represent the Council on these external Bodies.

The Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Youth Centre Management Committee, the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Rustington Sports and Social Club and the Sussex Associations of Local Councils are just a selection of the Bodies on which the Council is represented.

I would now like to mention the progress in respect of the Rustington Museum Project. To date, we have a Planning Application lodged with the Arun District Council, for which we await the outcome. Once we have obtained the necessary permission, we will then be able to progress our application for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It is with some regret that I report that we have decided not to enter the South and South East in Bloom Competition this year. However, this decision will give the Rustington-In-Bloom Committee a chance to recharge its batteries and progress the Rustington entry for 2007. This will not mean any changes whatsoever regarding our Village, as there will still be a Gardens Competition, and the Committee will continue to work closely with the three Primary Schools in connection with, not only the Schools' Design-A-Flower Bed Competition, but also with their various projects. The Committee is determined to ensure that the Village Centre continues to be as colourful as ever.

Last year's Christmas Lighting was a great disappointment to us all. And with this in mind, it has been decided that a three way partnership should be formed to introduce a completely new lighting scheme that will transform the appearance of the Village during the Festive period.

I feel honoured and privileged to have been Chairman of your Parish Council for a second term and, in this period of change in Local Government, can only see the Parish Council striving to enhance the Village and its facilities even further, year on year.

So, I can see busy and exciting times ahead, and I would just like to, once again, thank all the Parish Council personnel for their dedication and hard work, but feel that a special mention must go to our Clerk for her guidance and diligence in undertaking the instructions, and implementing the wishes of, the Council for the benefit of the Community of Rustington.

And your Parish Council, as far as I am concerned, in every sense provides excellent value for money to its residents.

Parish News...

Rustington Festival

The Littlehampton District Lions Club is now well advanced with its preparations for this year's Festival. The Festival will be held from Saturday 17 June to Saturday 1 July and will be a real community event, organised with the help of local Groups and Organisations.

The first event will be the Rustington Players' production of Nevilles' Island, a comedy performed at The Woodlands Centre from 14-17 June. The highlight of the Festival, the colourful Carnival Procession and Grand Fete, will take place on Saturday 24 June between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. The Procession through the Village will start at 1.00pm and the Fete and Arena Events will take place on the North Field at The Woodlands Recreation Ground. Among this year's exciting Arena Events will be the return visit of the Eagle Heights Birds of Prey Display Team.

The Grand Fete will provide a great opportunity for local Groups and Organisations to publicise their activities by having a stall at the Fete. Those interested in having a pitch should, as soon as possible, contact Don Rogers on 772691.

Local Organisations arranging events during the Festival will include the Rustington and District Twinning Association's Sand Castle Competition on Sunday 18 June at 10.00 am on the beach in front of the Rustington Convalescent Home, Sea Road. The Twinning Association will also be hosting a Grand Quiz Night on Saturday 24 June at The Woodlands Centre commencing at 7.30 pm. The Rustington Short Mat Bowls Club will, again, be hosting the Annual Bowls Tournament for the Littlehampton District Lions Challenge Shield, at The Woodlands Centre.

The finale of the Festival Fortnight will be the Rose and Sweet Pea Show organised by the Rustington Horticultural Association, again at The Woodlands Centre on Saturday 1 July, commencing at 2.00 pm.

As more events are finalised, they will be reported in the Littlehampton Gazette.

Four thousand Festival Programmes, giving full details of all Events, will be printed and distributed FREE through local shops and other outlets, including the newly opened Village Information Centre.

If your Club, Society or Organisation would like to be involved with the Festival in any way, please contact Austen Beard (782366) or Don Rogers (772691) for further information.

All profits raised by, or donated to, the Lions, will go to local Charities. Please support the Festival, come and join us. Raise funds for yourselves and the local Lions and help to make this year's Festival a community event that we can all be proud of.

Basketball Court/ Kickabout Area

Following the successful grant applications to secure funding for this project, the enhancement of the Basketball Court/Kickabout area on the Woodlands Recreation Ground by the installation of heavy duty fencing, together with new multi-use goals, is now ready to proceed. It is anticipated that the project will be completed prior to the School Summer holidays, to ensure that the younger generation, as well as the rest of the community, are able to make maximum use of this enhanced facility.

Rustington Youth Centre

The Youth Centre is open five evenings per week for youth activities.

- Monday:** 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm – Senior Youth Club Ages 13-18
- Tuesday:** 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm – Youth Club for Young People with Learning Difficulties
- Wednesday:** 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Amateur Wrestling Club Under 12s
- Thursday:** 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm – Senior Youth Club Ages 13-18
- Friday:** 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm – Under 8s Club
7.15 pm – 9.15 pm – Under 13s Club

If you would like more information in respect of facilities for hire, or any of the Clubs using the Centre, please contact the Council's Offices.

RUSTINGTON YOUTH CLUB

JUNE

- 5th — Soft Clay / Future Fathers
- 8th — Football Quiz / Future Fathers
- 12th — World Cup: Italy/Ghana
- 15th — World Cup: England/Trinidad
- 19th — World Cup: Spain/Tunisia
- 22nd — World Cup: Croatia/Australia (or Japan/Brazil)

JULY

- 3rd — Club Visit
- 6th — Members Evening
- 10th — Lazy Quest
- 13th — Low Ropes
- 17th — Members Evening
- 24th — Last Club Night
- 27th — Thorpe Park Visit
- 31st — Avon Tyrell Residential

SEPTEMBER

- 7th — Club Opens
- 11th — Planning Day

Rustington-In-Bloom



The Rustington-In-Bloom Committee, with the current water shortage and the need to conserve water, at the forefront of its thoughts, is progressing well with its planned community projects.

The second phase of the Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground is now complete. The Primary Schools' Design-A-Flower Bed entries have been judged and an overall winner selected, who has received a £25.00 book voucher. Runner-up prizes have also been awarded to the best entries from each of the two Schools that entered the competition.

The winning entry this year was selected with water conservation as the main objective. The flower bed will again be constructed at the Southern Water Pumping Station in Broadmark Lane, when the winner will have an opportunity to assist the Council's Contractors, Ferring Nurseries, with the planting of their design.

Following on in the same vein, Ferring Nurseries have confirmed that in order to maintain the Summer floral displays in the Village, extra measures are being implemented to ensure the minimum usage of water as follows:-

- All flowerbeds will be enriched with water retaining granules. These granules absorb excess moisture, releasing it where necessary
- All bedding plants used will be drought resistant/tolerant and, with occasional rain, require little or no other form of maintenance other than weeding and dead heading
- All the container planting and baskets will be planted with drought resistant plants, utilising a special water retaining compost, developed by the Nursery and a compost supplier
- All the baskets and containers will have water wells to retain excess water and to reduce watering by up to 60%

Ferring Nurseries have kindly agreed to bear the extra costs in respect of the plants and water saving materials. It is estimated that the total water usage for the summer period will be 50,000 litres, which is equivalent to a quarter of one average household per year.

The Committee is also purchasing a public seat to be sited in the vicinity of the flower bed in front of the Village Memorial Hall.

There will be a Rustington-In-Bloom Grand Tombola Stall at the Festival Fete on the Woodlands Recreation Ground, and donations of prizes will be gratefully received in the Council's Offices. The Committee is still looking for additional members, so if you would like to get involved with the Committee and its work, please contact the Council's Offices.

You can rest assured that the Committee will be continuing with its efforts to ensure that the Village retains the high standard achieved in the past two years, and particularly in preparation for Rustington's 2007 entry into the South and South East in Bloom Competition.



Tree Planting Scheme



The Council has, this year, completed the second phase of its Tree Planting Scheme with 10 Northern Red Oak trees being donated and planted on the northern and western boundaries of the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

It is anticipated that the third phase of the Scheme will take place later in the year, and Members of the local community are again invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £60, which will include a commemorative plaque. For further information please contact the Council's Offices.

Sponsorship of Planters

The Council is pleased to announce that two more local Companies have recently agreed to sponsor floral displays in the Village. The two Companies in question are Greenwood Air Management and Saywell International, and their sponsorship is much appreciated. Signs acknowledging these sponsorships will soon be displayed on the Companies' chosen planters.

There are still a number of floral displays that could benefit from sponsorship by local Groups, Organisations or Businesses. If you feel that you might be interested in such a sponsorship please contact the Council's Offices for further information.

Rustington Museum at Church Farm Cottage



The Museum Project has received a minor set back since the last Newsletter. The applications submitted on behalf of the Council for Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent were refused by Arun District Council on 28 March.

Arun District Council's reason for refusing the applications was that the proposed conservatory by virtue of its size and design detracted from the early 19th century artisan cottage, a Listed Building, and therefore conflicted with policies DEV1 and CH5 of the West Sussex Structure Plan in that the building was of special / architectural interest and Policies GEN 7 and DEV 10 of the Arun District Local Plan.

Revised plans have now been prepared by the Council's appointed Architect, showing a more sympathetic design and position for the conservatory. A meeting has been arranged to negotiate with the Planning Officers prior to submission to the District Council. Hopefully the revised design for the conservatory will be considered to be acceptable, in principle, prior to the plans being resubmitted for Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent. It is anticipated that the District Council should be able to make a decision in July.

Bus Shelters

This year, the Council has submitted further applications to the West Sussex County Council, to replace two more wooden bus shelters in the Parish. The Council has already been awarded 50% grants towards the replacement of four of the bus shelters in the Village, and is hopeful that it will again be successful. The two shelters that the Council hopes to replace this year are located on the west side of Sea Lane and on the west side of Station Road near its junction with Sheepfold Avenue.

What's On...



Gardens Competition

The judging of this annual event will take place during weeks commencing 26 June and 3 July. A copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. There are four categories with cash prizes, trophies (winner only) and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category:-

1. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. which can be viewed from the road (Residential) (Winner £30.00, Runner-Up £15.00)
2. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. which can be viewed from the road (Commercial) (Winner £30.00, Runner-Up £15.00)
3. Front Gardens of any Size (Residential) (Winner £100.00, Runner-Up £25.00)
4. Gardens of any Size (Commercial) (Winner £50.00, Runner-Up £25.00)

The Awards will be presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on 17 September.

Please nominate either yourselves, your friends' or neighbours' gardens, to ensure a record number of entries this year.

Allotments Competition

The judges visit the three Allotment sites (at Penfold Lane, Worthing Road and Conbar Avenue) on 3 July. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded to the winners at each site and, are also presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 17 September.



Parishioners' Awards

Two Parishioners' Awards are made by the Council each year, one to an individual Parishioner and one to a Parish-based Group or Organisation. Details of the Winners of the Awards will appear in the next Newsletter and the Official Presentations will take place at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 17 September.

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 Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau (Tel: 01903 724010).

Sussex 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 on the following Saturdays:-

17 June	11.00am to 1.00pm
8 July	2.00pm to 4.00pm
26 August	11.00am to 1.00pm
16 September	2.00pm to 4.00pm