

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



I would like to begin by welcoming our newly co-opted Councillor, Claire Stevens, who joins the Council to represent the East Ward.

Since the last Newsletter so much has happened in Rustington but the highlight for me was being able to present the Freedom of the Parish, for the first time in the history of

Rustington, to a Parishioner who has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the community in so many different roles for over 30 years, namely Graham Tyler, as was announced in the Summer Newsletter.

This is a busy time of the year for our community. Just a couple of weeks ago we met to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our great Nation and for the protection of others.

Once again, the Village had a great turnout from both uniformed groups and members of our community. So, for that, I would like to thank you all.

I can't believe Christmas is just weeks away now, and it's time to look back on the incredible year we have had and to the amazing work of the local groups, clubs and organisations. It truly is an honour to be a part of this community.

As we move towards the Winter months, please keep an eye on those in our community who may be suffering hardship, especially taking account of the current difficult times we are all having to deal with, and who do not have the benefit of family close by.

Whilst a little early, can I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, and myself personally, to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Councillor Jamie Bennett

Join us for an Evening of Festive Fun.....

The Parish Council will again be hosting a Christmas Celebration on Saturday 14 December at the Community Carol Concert, in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, commencing at 7.00 pm.

There will be performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, The Friendship Singers, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and Leaders Allowed!!! together with the Community Carol Singing.

Free refreshments will be served and there will be a Grand Lucky Programme Draw, with prizes generously donated by a number of local businesses.

This Concert is always a very popular Event, and it is anticipated that this year will be no exception.

Entry is Free and will be strictly on a 'first come first served' basis.



HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE PARISH



Chairman of the Council, Councillor Jamie Bennett presents Graham Tyler with his Freedom Scroll



The Honorary Freeman Gilt Badge



Councillors past and present congratulate Graham Tyler on the presentation of his Honour

In the last edition of the Newsletter the awarding of the Freedom of the Parish of Rustington to Graham Tyler was reported. This is the highest honour that a Parish Council can bestow upon a valued member of the community.

On 5 October, Graham was presented with his Award, consisting of a personalised Freedom Scroll and an Honorary Freeman Gilt Badge, by the Chairman of the Council, at a small private Reception attended by the Members and personnel of the Parish Council, together with Graham's Wife, Diane, his family and close friends.

Graham was also presented with a 'sheep' by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Andy Cooper, who said that apparently the Award gave him the right to drive sheep through the Village and to carry a naked sword in public, and whilst it was felt that providing a 'sheep' was appropriate, the line was drawn at furbishing him with a naked sword!

For those Parishioners who have lived in the Village since the 1980s, Graham will be well-known, along with Diane, for being the Publicans of the now, long since closed, Smugglers Roost in Sea Lane.

He has also been affectionately known as 'Mr Rustington' in and around the

Village for many years. He accomplished so much for the benefit of the local community over a period spanning in excess of 30 years. Following and during his terms of Office as a West Sussex County, Arun District and Rustington Parish Councillor, Graham held many community and voluntary positions, including Vice-President of the local Market Garden Veterans, a Governor at Georgian Gardens Community Primary School, Chairman of the Littlehampton Harbour Board, a founder member of Men in Sheds in Littlehampton, a member of the Littlehampton Concert Band and a dedicated volunteer for the Littlehampton Community Fridge.

During his time as a Member of the Parish Council, he played an instrumental part in so many projects, initiatives and events, including the outstanding successes achieved in the South and South East in Bloom, Britain in Bloom and Entente Florale Europe Competitions, the facilitation of the Museum and Village Information Centre, the Rustington Street Fayre and the Brookside Memorial Garden, to name just a few.

He truly is a dedicated stalwart of the Village who is so deserving of this Award, the first ever to be made by the Parish Council.

A chance to Promote your Business whilst supporting our wonderful Village!

Whilst a large number of the beautiful floral displays in the Village are sponsored, the Council continues to look for local businesses that would be willing to sponsor the planting and maintenance of one or more of the remaining individual displays.

The Council believes that this is a way in which businesses can give something back to the local community, whilst at the same time, embracing the opportunity to attract new customers – A 'win win' for everybody!

The annual cost of sponsoring a flower bed or planter ranges from £250.00 plus VAT upwards, with a one-off additional cost for signage (Company Name, Logo and Telephone Number), if required.

So, if you feel that you might be interested in such a sponsorship, please contact the Council Offices for further information in this regard - Tel: 01903 786420.





The Parish Council is delighted, this year, to have won three Platinum Plus Awards and one Platinum Award in the 2024 Loo of the Year search to find the best 'away from home' toilets in the UK. The Rustington entries were in the Public Toilets (Non-Attended) Category.



*Platinum Plus Award Winner
The Changing Places Unit
The Street*

Every entry in the Competition received an unannounced visit from a Loo of the Year Inspector and was assessed against a stringent judging criteria - including signage and décor, fixtures and fittings and overall standards of cleanliness and management.

The Council is indebted to its Cleansing Contractors, Biffa, for without their dedication and hard work, these Awards would most certainly not have been possible.

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

Rustington Parish Council hosted its Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 13 October, at St Joseph's Catholic Church.

Guests included Her Honour Judge Christine Laing, KC, DL, Councillor Dr James Walsh, KStJ, RD, Chairman of the Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Deputy Mayors and Councillors from Angmering, Bognor Regis, East Preston, Kingston, Rustington, West Sussex County Council and the Arun District Council.

The Service was conducted by Deacon Adrian Burnett. Following the Service, the Community Awards' Reception was held at The Woodlands Centre, where presentations were made to various members of the community, for outstanding floral displays in both private front gardens and business premises.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Presentation of the Individual and Group Parishioners' Awards.

This year the Council made two Individual Awards, the first was to Jan and Roger Elliman in recognition of their outstanding commitment and dedication to the Arun Youth Aqua Centre and, in particular, for the benefit of the Youth of Rustington, for over 30 years. The second Award was

made to Juliet Robinson in recognition of her outstanding public service, dedication and commitment to, and for the benefit of, Rustington and its community.

The Group Award was presented to the Worthing and District Community First Responders, in recognition of their caring and outstanding commitment, dedication and service to, and for the health and well-being of, the community of Rustington.

Special thanks and appreciation were also conveyed to Ferring Nurseries, for the continued outstanding service and dedication they provided for the Village.

In concluding the afternoon, the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Jamie Bennett, said that he was extremely impressed by the continuing hard work and impressive achievements of the local groups, organisations and individuals for the benefit of the community. He was particularly delighted that some of these efforts were being recognised by way of the Awards presented, at this most enjoyable annual social event in the Council's Calendar.

He also thanked everyone for attending and helping to make the Event such a success.



Chairman of the Council,
Councillor Jamie Bennett with
Jan and Roger Elliman



Chairman of the Council,
Councillor Jamie Bennett with
Juliet Robinson



The Worthing and District
Community First Responders

Rustington Remembers

Rustington once again honoured those who lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism as part of the National Remembrance Commemorations on Sunday 10 November 2024.

The annual event, which is co-ordinated by the Parish Council, saw Members of Local Uniformed Groups, Civic Dignitaries and Veterans proudly parade together in the heart of the Village, from the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul to the War Memorial for the 11.00 am Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

The Service was led by the Reverend Natalie Loveless, the Reverend Rosemarie Clarke and the Reverend Laura Darrall, with The Exhortation and Recital of The Kohima Epitaph delivered by Jon Street and Police Constable Andrei Netherwood respectively. The TS Implacable NTC Band were in attendance leading the Parade as well as providing accompanying music throughout the Service, including the always emotive Last Post.

The Rustington Community turned out in their hundreds to show their support for both young and old participants. There was a particularly warm welcome for all of the Veterans, including Blind Veterans UK and a number of other serving members of the Armed Forces.

Councillor Jamie Bennett, Chairman of Rustington Parish Council said: "Once again Rustington displayed its heartfelt gratitude and respect for all of those who lost their lives whilst serving in the two World Wars and later conflicts. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes to all of those who took part and, in particular, all of the Volunteers who give their time so freely throughout the year to support the Local Uniformed and Community Groups."



Father Christmas

IS COMING TO RUSTINGTON!!

£3.00 PER CHILD INCLUDES SMALL GIFT

SATURDAY 14 & SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

10.00AM TO 2.00PM

You will find him in his Grotto in the Samuel Wickens Centre (Waitrose Car Park BN16 2NW)

No Booking Required



*Write and Post a Letter to Father Christmas
Refreshments Available*

*Children's Books and Christmas Cards for sale
3 Hours FREE Parking*



In an emergency

DEFIBRILLATORS



are available for Public use at the

Churchill Car Park Public Toilets

(behind Iceland and The Factory Shop)

Southern end of Sea Avenue

(affixed to a resident's garden wall)

The Quill

Woodlands Avenue

Rustington Scout Hall

Church Road

Pavillion Terrace building (facing sea)

Blind Veterans UK - Rustington Centre of Wellbeing

Broadmark Lane/Beach

The Samuel Wickens Centre

Broadmark Lane Car Park, Broadmark Lane

Beach Shelter

(Junction of Sea Road/Sea Lane)

The Woodlands Centre

Woodlands Recreation Ground, Woodlands Avenue

ALL ARE AFFIXED TO EXTERNAL WALLS

A further **DEFIBRILLATOR** can also be accessed from inside the **Rustington Sports and Social Club**
Jubilee Avenue (Woodlands Recreation Ground)



Rustington Youth Club

The Youth Club is a safe space for young people aged 11-18, and during the Winter season, we offer a range of exciting activities to keep spirits high. Doors are open every Thursday from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The Session is run by the Arun Youth Projects Team, in partnership with the Parish Council, who are dedicated to providing high-quality youth work in a supportive environment.

Entry subs remain at 50p. We serve hot food and drinks each week and have a variety of tuck available for purchase (cash only). All funds raised go towards ensuring that our young people have access to the resources they need.

Please let your young people know about the Club and encourage them to come along and join us this Winter. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and have fun.

If you want to know any more about the Club, follow us @ArunYouthProjects or Email: Matt.Pollard@arunchurch.com

Matt Pollard, Youth Service Manager



Rustington Museum

The School's Exhibition is now open and as with our past Exhibitions, we would love to get the people of Rustington involved. Do you have a school report that you'd be prepared to share or programmes and photos from a sports day or an end of Term theatrical production?

In the Community Case, we are looking forward to Christmas - Visit in December to see what surprises are in store. If you know of any local Groups that have a milestone to celebrate, or just want to showcase their work, the Museum is here for you.

The free to attend, well-established and popular Museum talks are continuing in the New Year. Starting again in January with a fascinating talk about the "History of the Rustington Players".

Tickets should be booked at the Museum or via Eventbrite, in advance - see the Museum Website and Facebook Page for the latest information.

You can find us in the Samuel Wickens Centre,

BN16 2NW Tel: 01903 788478

Email: museum@rustingtonpc.org

Website: rustingtonmuseum.org

Facebook: @Rustington Museum

X (Twitter): RustingtonMuse1

Open Monday to Saturday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

(Closed 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm)

Proposal for Beach Huts on Rustington Greensward abandoned!

In April of this year, the Arun District Council's Economy Committee considered a proposal to install additional beach huts at a number of locations in the Arun District. One of those locations was the Rustington Greensward in front of the Millfield Overstrand Estate. At the Meeting, Committee Members argued forcibly that Consultation with Ward Members and affected Parishes should be undertaken.

The news of the proposals, understandably, provoked a significant number of concerns from both the residents of the Estate, other parishioners, the Parish Council and the Arun District Councillors representing Rustington and, it is understood that the Officers and Members of the District Council were inundated with negative written representations, including one from the Parish Council objecting in the strongest possible terms to the Rustington proposal.

This matter was again considered by the District Council's Economy Committee at a Meeting in October, when a large number of members of the public were in attendance to pose questions and listen to the discussion in respect of all of the proposed locations. The Village was superbly supported by Economy Committee members representing Rustington residents, and at the end of the debate, the following four sites were deemed to be unsuitable, along with others that had already been discounted:-

- Overstand Avenue Greensward, Rustington
- South Strand Shingle Beach, East Preston
- West Kingston Shingle Beach and Greensward
- Ferring Rife to Sea Lane Greensward, Ferring

A commitment was also given by the Chairman of the Committee that the aforementioned four proposed locations would not be considered again.

Councillors’ Surgeries

The Council holds Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a Parish, District and County Councillor, as well as a representative from the Arun Neighbourhood Policing Team (Sussex Police), 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 in Rustington Library (Claigmar Road) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on:

- **Saturday 11 January 2025**
- **Saturday 8 March 2025**

Meeting Dates



Mon 9 Dec	Planning
Mon 16 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 16 Dec	Planning
Mon 6 Jan	Planning
Mon 27 Jan	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Jan	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Jan	Planning
Mon 17 Feb	Allotments
Mon 17 Feb	Leisure & Amenities
Mon 24 Feb	Finance & General Purposes
Mon 24 Feb	COUNCIL
Mon 24 Feb	Planning

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NHS	Tel: 111	Web: 111.NHS.UK
Environment Agency Floodline	Tel: 0345 988 1188	www.gov.uk/check-flooding
Gas	Tel: 0800 111 999	24 Hours a day
Electricity - UK Power Networks	Tel: 105	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Southern Water Emergency Line	Tel: 0330 303 0368	www.southernwater.co.uk
Sussex Police - Non-Emergency	Tel: 101	www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us
Age UK - National Advice Line	Tel: 0800 678 1602	www.ageuk.org.uk

