

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



I am honoured to have been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year, and would like to thank my fellow

Councillors for putting their trust in me to represent the Council. I would also like to congratulate Councillor Jon Street on being elected Vice-Chairman.

I follow in the footsteps of some great Chairmen, and I would personally like to thank Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper for her leadership over the past two years as Chairman of the Council.

This year, we continue to face even tougher financial constraints, which will

be a constant challenge. It is vital that we continue to maintain Rustington as a special place in which to live, and to visit. I certainly feel lucky and proud to be associated with such a beautiful Village, with its vibrant community and wonderful volunteers.

The Village was recently judged in the South & South East in Bloom Competition, and the Annual Gardens Competition was once again very successful. I would like to thank everyone involved for all of their hard work and commitment and, in particular, the Rustington-in-Bloom Committee led by Steve Perry.

Following months of negotiation, the Number 12 Bus Service will be reinstated from 4 September 2017, initially for a trial period of six months, during which time it is hoped that the funding can be secured from various sources to enable the service

to continue for the foreseeable future. The article below provides more detailed information regarding this service.

I would, at this point, like to remind everyone, that if they have good ideas for, or are unhappy with, any aspect of the Village, they should let the Council know. All Meetings are open to the Public with a Question Time taking place before the Meetings commence, and a quarterly Councillors' Surgery is held at the Public Library. In addition, comments can be made by letter or e-mail, so if you have anything to say, please let us know, as we are your representatives.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next year, and to seeing the amazing work you all do to keep Rustington the number one Parish in West Sussex.

Councillor Jamie Bennett, Chairman

No.12 Bus Service to be reinstated

The Parish Council and Compass Travel are very pleased to announce that with effect from 4 September 2017, the No. 12 Bus Route, which was withdrawn in April 2017, will be reinstated.

This is being done in response to many requests from members of the public, and with financial support from Rustington Parish Council, Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited.

The service will initially operate from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 15:00 hours. The route will, in the main, follow the original No. 12 route, serving Rustington Sainsbury's Superstore and Rustington Village Centre, with

the addition of the new Manor Retail Park and Worthing Road, Rustington. The service will then continue to Littlehampton, serving the Swimming and Leisure Centre, Littlehampton Railway Station and the Tesco Superstore at Broadpiece, Littlehampton.

The service is initially operating on a six month trial basis and its future will depend on it being well used and on sufficient funding being forthcoming from other parties. As well as standard fares, free travel is available with the Older Persons Bus Pass.

It is hoped that the major retailers benefiting from this bus service and other appropriate parties will be able to be

persuaded to commit financially, over the next few months, to ensure that the No. 12 route can continue after the trial period. To further secure the future of the No. 12 Bus Service, it is also most important that it is well-used by members of the public, as this will help to ensure its retention. So, please make use of the Service whenever you possibly can.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a flyer which provides details of the timetable for the No. 12 Bus Service, together with the same for the recently introduced No. 15 Bus Service in Littlehampton.

These details can also be found on the Compass Travel website: www.compass-travel.co.uk.

Rustington-In-Bloom



Well another year on and it seems incredible that the judging day for the South & South-East in Bloom Competition has come and gone. Our Village again looked magnificent with all the glorious floral displays and everyone involved should feel very proud of presenting in the best possible way. We always have our fingers crossed with hope for a lovely Summer's day when the Judges arrive, and we were not let down this year, with some gentle overnight rain, it made the Village looking fresh and bright. Slight cloud and not too hot made for a pleasant day for the Judges, both seemed duly impressed as they walked through the Village Centre. Of course, it will not be until mid-September, that we shall know what they really felt about the Village.

With this year's theme of 'Turning Perennial', beds were changed over to perennials and the Rose Arch planted with butterfly and bee friendly plants to develop more sustainable planting in line with the Judges' comments of last year. The sculptured Wooden Soldier standing in a beautiful flower bed is still looking most impressive. The Soldier was sited in 2014 to commemorate the 100 Year Anniversary of the start of the First World War, and from the bright buttery yellow of three years ago, has now turned silvery grey of maturing oak with its cracks showing. A poignant reminder of the state of the War in 1917, a War of attrition, French troops in revolt, the influenza epidemic was taking its toll, the unrestricted U-boat was having a devastating effect on supplies, leading to the start of rationing, and the start of the third battle of Ypres. With a glimmer of hope of the Americans joining the War.

The Village Contractors, Ferring Nurseries, and especially Michael Harwood, David 'Courtenay' Luscombe and Joanne Crockford

have put in so much hard work and endeavour in making Rustington such an attractive and stunning Village all year. They all deserve a very big thank you for an outstanding effort for this year's In-Bloom entry.

The Committee is also delighted that there are now five groups who enter the South & South-East in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Competition. In future years, it would be encouraging if other Neighbourhoods in the Village would decide to develop a small area to enhance that environment, not only for their pleasure but for others too. Those Neighbourhoods already involved find that there is a reduction in litter and graffiti, with respect for the area and for those who are involved in the work.

Our Village is looking beautiful with an amazing array of flowers giving pleasure to not only those of us who live here, but to visitors too.



We have two forthcoming fund-raising events, a Coffee and Cake Morning on 2 September 2017 in The Garden Room, behind the Museum at 76-78 The Street, and a Barn Dance on 23 September 2017 at The Woodlands Centre in Woodlands Avenue. So, if you have some spare time, please come along to one or both of these events to support the Committee's continuing efforts.



As 2018 fast approaches, it will hopefully be another year of celebrating and honoring the famous people and places of Rustington. This year, the Museum's Exhibition of the Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital, brought back many happy memories for our visitors, ex-staff, mothers and babies. A small Tea Party was held in The Garden Room on 10 July 2017, where the ex-staff members enjoyed cups of tea and cakes kindly sponsored by Sainsburys. Definitely a walk down Memory Lane.

2018 sees the Centenary of the death of Rustington's most famous Composer, Sir Hubert Parry. An Exhibition is planned to commemorate this event. Also, the Museum will be celebrating another Centenary, and a very important one at that, of women's right to vote in the Parliamentary Elections. Rustington boasted some highly acclaimed women of this movement.

This year has seen many activities in The Garden Room from Arts and Craft Workshops to private parties. It really is a lovely location with well-tended gardens thanks to Ferring Nurseries. It certainly has been a pretty picture during the Summer months. A great and safe picturesque setting for family gatherings and picnics.

The Garden Room



The Garden Room is available to hire and provides an excellent venue for Community Groups, Clubs, Associations, Businesses and Individuals for Seminars, Training Courses, Meetings, Celebratory Events and many other functions.

**For further information,
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Rustington Street Fayre

Do you remember Saturday 17 June when the sun shone all day and the 3rd Annual Street Fayre drew in record numbers of Charity Stalls and even more visitors.

The north service road was closed for the day and the Littlehampton District Lions Club managed to squeeze 36 Charity Stalls along Churchill Parade. At one end of The Street the stage was set up in the Methodist Church Garden and the Church Hall was filled with Arts & Crafts. At the other end of The Street, the Fun Fair drew in the crowds with squeals of excitement on the rides.

The stage had a full programme of both professional and amateur acts. The Magician and the Punch & Judy man enthralled the children and parents alike.

Many of the stalls had Tombolas, Face Painting and items for sale. The local First Responders were demonstrating resuscitation techniques. A number of the stalls, like the Parish Council's, were providing information and seeking interest in a variety of local issues (planning, flood

prevention and more). Some stalls were actively seeking new members and volunteers for their own causes.

The Lions' Club declared that the 2017 appeal would be in support of The Sussex Snowdrop Trust. As can be seen on the Trust's website, it helps terminally ill children (and their families), throughout our County.

In the Methodist Church Garden, the programme of entertainment focused on a range of professional and gifted amateur acts from the locality.

Visitors flocked to see the range of Arts & Crafts on display and for sale in the Church Hall.

As a result of the generosity of the public, the Lions' Club will soon be handing **The Snowdrop Trust** the proceeds of the event,



£2,000.00. Additionally, it is estimated that more than £5,000.00 was raised by the individual stalls for their own charitable organisations.

The Lions' Club would like to thank all of the sponsors and supporters without whose help this event could not proceed. Sponsors included Store Property Investments Limited, Rustington Parish Council, Rustington Methodist Church and Holt Publishing. The Club would also like to thank the Rustington community for supporting this event

Make a note in your diaries the Club is already planning for the 2018 Fayre that will be on Saturday 16 June. Once again places will be limited and, this year, several late applicants had to be turned away.

The event was co-ordinated by The Littlehampton Lions' Club and the Rustington's Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

If you wish to learn more about the Littlehampton District Lions' then check the Club's Facebook, or its Website.

Gardens and Allotments Competitions

Following the judging of this year's Gardens Competition entries by the Chairman of Arun District Council's Consort, Mr Alan Pendleton, Mrs Rosemary Boulter of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society, Mr Alan Humphrey of Littlehampton Allotments Leisure and Gardens Association and Mr Michael Harwood of Ferring Nurseries, the results are declared as follows:-

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

Winner - 12 Whitecroft, Ash Lane

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

Winner - The Lamb Pubic House

Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size including Paved Gardens and Patio Tubs (Residential)

Winner - 7 Andrew Close

Runner-Up - 6 Tennyson Avenue

Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)

Winner - Princess Marina House

Runner-Up - Sweetpeas & Honeybees (North Lane)

Class 5 - Schools' Competition

Winner - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School

Class 6 - Community Gardens

Winner - The Hidden Twitten (Herne Gdns/Orchard Gdns Garage Compound)

Runner-Up - Rustington Methodist Church Garden

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

Overall Winner (Una Maywood Cup) - Penfold Lane - Plots 21& 21A - Mr M Kempson

Site Winner (Eddie Leonard Cup) - Penfold Lane - Plot 11A - Mr J Newman

Site Winner (Fred Lee Cup) - Conbar Avenue - Plot 28 - Mr E Sims

Site Winners (Eric Ilett Cup) - Worthing Road - Plot 14 - The Oak Community Project

The **Cliff Pryor Cup** was awarded to Mr & Mrs M Minton, of Plot Number 22 Penfold Lane and Mr B Cooper of Plot Number 5 Penfold Lane, in recognition of their unceasing support for other plot holders, particularly during periods of indisposition.

The **Owen Electrical 'Best Newcomer' Trophy** was awarded to Mrs J Payne, in respect of Plot Number 20 Conbar Avenue.

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



Class 1 - Winner



Class 3 - Winner



Allotments Competition - Overall Winner

Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are 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. 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 and on Notice Boards around the Village and on the Council's Website.

Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its Quarterly Surgeries to give members of the local community the opportunity to meet with a Parish, District and County 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.

The next Surgery is being held in Rustington Library (Claigmar Road) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on **Saturday 21 October**.

Council and Committee Meeting Dates

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| Mon 4 Sep | Planning |
| Mon 25 Sep | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 25 Sep | COUNCIL |
| Mon 25 Sep | Planning |
| Mon 9 Oct | Allotments |
| Mon 9 Oct | Planning |
| Mon 23 Oct | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 23 Oct | COUNCIL |
| Mon 23 Oct | Planning |
| Mon 6 Nov | Planning |
| Thur 16 Nov | Leisure & Amenities |
| Mon 27 Nov | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 27 Nov | COUNCIL |
| Mon 27 Nov | Planning |
| Mon 4 Dec | Planning |
| Mon 18 Dec | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 18 Dec | Planning |



Your Councillors

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Rustington Youth Club

The Youth Club is a venue for young people aged between 11 - 17 years. Open every Thursday evening during term time. It offers a variety of activities including pool, table tennis, air hockey, video games consoles, sports, art and more. Each week there is also a tuck shop and an ongoing programme including cooking, movie nights, inflatables, theme nights, and sports. This term we've made milkshakes and slushies, created speakers from paper cups, held our final inflatable and BBQ session and completed activities around risk taking behaviour using our own slackline. The programme is fun, varied, and young people have an active role in planning future sessions.

The Club is a partnership between Rustington Parish Council and ACCelerate - the youth work of Arun Community Church. The Youth Centre, where the Club takes place, is owned by the Parish Council and sited at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The Centre was opened in 2004 as a venue for youth provision locally. ACCelerate took over running youth activities at the Centre in 2012 and has built a consistent relationship with many young people that have attended the Youth Club.

The session has a great team of staff and volunteers committed to seeing young people included and supported. The whole team is committed to making a difference to the lives of young people and is able to assess the needs of young people in order to plan and deliver programmes related to areas such as health, fitness, smoking, drugs, relationships and bullying. Since January the Youth Club has been run by a new Worker-in-Charge, Ben Burt. Ben has contributed a lot of volunteering hours for ACC over the past three years in various youth groups and has been a fantastic addition to the team.

The Youth Club is open from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (term time only with trips planned for half-terms) and the cost of entry is FREE for the first time, then 50p per session. You can also bring a friend to the Club that hasn't been before and you will BOTH get in for free that week.

More details on the Youth Centre and ACCelerate activities can be found at www.acceleratearun.org or from Arun Community Church on 01903 782744.

Ben Young - Youth Worker