

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



I would like to start by thanking all of my fellow Councillors for electing me as Chairman of the Council for a second year. It is a great honour to represent our amazing Village.

Rustington continues to be a proactive Village with many projects on the go, and I'm pleased to let you know that the new Samuel Wickens Centre is becoming well established now with many visitors using the Information Centre and hiring its community facility.

Summer has got off to a great start this year with weeks of sunshine, so let's cross our fingers and hope this continues for the next few weeks. I hope you agree the summer flowers are looking beautiful and I would like to thank Ferring Nurseries for all of the hard work, not just for planting them but, of course, keeping them looking so fresh in the hot weather.

This year's Gardens Competition was again a great success and the winners and runners-up will receive their awards along with the Parishioner's Award, the recipient for which, this year, is Mrs Sally Holmes, at the

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service & Awards Presentation in September.

The Parish Council is currently working on plans to ensure we remember 100 years since the end of World War One. These will include a change to the usual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service which falls on the exact date the War ended 100 years ago. There is also going to be a Concert of War Time songs on Saturday 10 November in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre.

Councillor Jamie Bennett

End of the Centenary of World War One



As part of the Village's commemoration of the End of the Centenary of World War One, a memorial headstone has been installed in the Village Centre. This was officially unveiled on Saturday 4 August 2018, four years to the day that the Council held its 'Rustington Remembers' Dedication Press Call and Blessing at the World War One Soldier themed flower bed (in the vicinity of the Millennium Clock in The Street).

The idea for this lasting memorial emanated from Michael Harwood of Ferring Nurseries, and was progressed by the Council's Working Party, which was set up to organise events and tributes to those who fought and the many that lost their lives during the Great War.

This enhancement now completes the tribute flower beds and sculptures that have been sited in the Village during the four-year Commemoration of the Centenary of World War One.

Other planned Events include a 'Lest We Forget' Public Music Concert of Wartime Songs, featuring the Littlehampton Concert Band, which will be held on the evening of Saturday 10 November in The Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre.

Tickets for this Event will be £3.00 which will include free entry into a Lucky Programme Number Draw. These will be on sale from the beginning of September 2018 at the Samuel Wickens Centre and the Council Offices.

An enhanced Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at the War Memorial (junction of Claigmar Road and The Street) will also take place on Sunday 11 November 2018, commencing at 10.45 am. This Event takes place every year, but has been enriched this year to mark this very important date.

A Primary Schools' Themed Art Competition has also been organised, the winners and runners-up of which will be selected by the above-mentioned Working Party Members following the closing date towards the end of October 2018. The School with the winning entry will be given an Oak Tree to plant in its grounds, donated by the Brookside Memorial Garden Project. An individual prize will be awarded to the overall winner of the Competition (£25.00 book token), with further runner-up prizes (£10.00 book tokens) being awarded to two pupils from each of the Schools in the Village.



Gardens and Allotments Competitions

Following the judging of this year's **Gardens Competition** entries by the Chairman of Arun District Council, Councillor Alan Gammon, Mrs Jennifer Wallace of the East Preston and Kingston Horticultural Society and Mr Michael Harwood of Ferring Nurseries, the results are declared as follows:-



Class 3 Winner

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

Winner 5 Ashwood Drive
 Runner-Up 12 Whitecroft, Ash Lane

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

Winner The Lamb Pubic House
 Runner-Up The Windmill Public House

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

Winner 37 Knightscroft Avenue
 Runner-Up 44 Chanctonbury Road

Class 4 Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)

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

Class 5 Schools' Competition

Winner Georgian Gardens Community Primary School
 Runner-Up Summerlea Community Primary School

Class 6 Community Gardens

Winner The Hidden Twitten (Herne Gardens/Orchard Gardens Garage Compound)
 Runner-Up Rustington Methodist Church Garden

Judges' Special Award for Outstanding Horticulture Achievement

Winner Princess Marina House, Seafield Road

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

Overall Winner

(Una Maywood Cup)

Plot Number 27 - Mr and Mrs J Donovan
 (Conbar Avenue)

Joint Site Winner - Penfold Lane

(Eddie Leonard Cup)

Plot Numbers 14 & 14A - Mr J Newton and

Plot Numbers 21 & 21A - Mr M Kempson

Site Winner - Conbar Avenue

(Fred Lee Cup)

Plot Number 28 - Mr E Sims

Site Winner - Worthing Road

(Eric Ilett Cup)

Plot Number 14 - The Oak Community Project

The Cliff Pryor Cup is awarded to Mr R Kift of Plot Number 1A Penfold Lane, in recognition of his outstanding effort and achievement since taking on his allotment plot in July 2017.

The Owen Electrical 'Best Newcomer' Trophy is awarded to Mrs D Vineer, in respect of Plot Number 17 Conbar Avenue.

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

Rustington-In-Bloom



As in a previous Newsletter, I promised something special with the floral displays. The planting in the Village is looking magnificent, predominately white this year to represent the Centenary of the peace that will come after the end of four years of the Great War. We have the Parish Council's Contractors, Ferring Nurseries, to thank for all of their hard work and brilliant ideas, never failing to present us with something truly outstanding.

The extended drought is taking its toll on the grass around the Village but I'm sure it will be back to green once the rain comes, and to think only two months ago we had flooding.

We held a Barn Dance in June with a Fish and Chip Supper at The Woodlands Centre. It was a great success raising £525.00, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Previously to that we held our Annual Plant Sale at the end of May and raised £484.00.

As in previous years, we are considering the various ways in which the In-Bloom Committee can play a part in enhancing the Village. Currently, it is planning and organising Fund Raising Events, which are essential to enable it to undertake the many Projects it would like to accomplish. There will be a Table Top Sale at The Woodlands Centre on the 27 October. If you would like a table to sell whatever you like, or require further information, please call me on 07980 577881. The Committee will also have a stall at the Christmas Shopping Event in December.

Working in close liaison with the Parish Council, the Committee will make every effort to ensure the Village is looking its best and in closing, can I, on behalf of the Committee, thank everyone for all of their help and support.

Steve Perry

Chairman - In-Bloom Committee

Samuel Wickens Centre



The Samuel Wickens Centre in the Broadmark Parade Car Park at the rear of the Waitrose Store is now fully operational and already establishing itself as a most popular community facility.

At the present time, the Centre provides a Community Hall, which is available for private hire on a sessional basis, and the Information Centre, which was previously located in the Churchill Car Park. As soon as practicably possible, the relocation date being subject to the outcome of a Heritage Lottery Fund Bid, for funding to fully equip the dedicated space to make it fit for purpose, the Centre will also become home to Rustington Museum.

The Information Centre therein is open Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, where visitors can obtain an array of local and tourist information from members of the Council's personnel, who are all 'well-versed', having worked in the Information Centre at its previous location for some 12 years. So, please take the opportunity to visit the Centre,

which is a facility that has been provided for the benefit of not only visitors to the Village, but also the community of Rustington.

The Community Hall at the Centre is already very busy with a number of healthy activity classes, plus two 'Social Group' mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, providing an excellent 'drop in facility' where for a £2.00 entry fee, members of the local community can have a tea or coffee and chat, together with the opportunity to participate in a number of board games, if they so wish. Further details of all of the current activities in the Community Hall can be obtained from the Information Centre.

This fantastic new facility still has availability for regular and one-off bookings. So, if you are interested in hiring the Community Hall, please contact the Council Offices on 01903 786420 or by email at: enquiry@rustingtonpc.org

Rustington Museum



The Museum is continuing to display the fascinating story about Madame Jabot, a victim in the Seafeld Road bombing, carefully researched by Peter Skilton. There is also a display celebrating a musical link to Rustington, The Crazy Gang. A video shows the amazing talents of Teddy Brown, a xylophonist who made Rustington his home.

The new Museum Manager, Claire Lucas, has been settling in well, getting to know all about the Village and the collections. She joins the Museum from Gosport and has previously worked at Portsmouth Museums and Church Farm Museum in Skegness.

Future Exhibitions are being planned, focusing on anniversaries occurring towards the end of 2018: the first vote for women, end of the Centenary of the First World War and the 100th Anniversary of Hubert Parry's death. The Exhibitions will explore Rustington's links to these events and people.

We are now waiting on the news of the recently submitted Heritage Lottery Fund bid. The bid will allow the Museum's vision at the Samuel Wickens Centre to be fully realised. There is much work to be done in the meantime, with research and fully cataloguing the collection, before it's big move. Please do come and support the Museum and share your stories with us.

Rustington Street Fayre



The 2018 Street Fayre was yet another success for the Littlehampton District Lions Club, the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and for the Community.

The LIONS chosen Charity was the Sussex based CANCERWISE. The Charity offers

support and information to cancer patients, their families and carers in the West Sussex and East Hampshire area.

The Street Fayre was held on its traditional date of the third Saturday in June. However, someone forgot to organise the warm weather! Nevertheless, 24 Charity Stalls converted Churchill Parade into a bustling venue, providing a colourful addition to the Village.

Entertainment in the Methodist Church Garden included appearances by Joe Zero, The Bamboo Band, Liz Angioni, The Edwin James Choir, Joe Butt, The Silhouettes, plus the Street Entertainer Magician, Nick Clarke. The Street was buzzing with happy families and children were queuing for balloon models from the Magician. The

Methodist Church Garden also came alive with spontaneous jive dancing to the live entertainment.

The LIONS Club would like to thank everyone who came and supported the event, especially the plant stall. As a result of the generosity of the public, the LIONS Club has confirmed that it will be donating £1,500.00 from the proceeds to CANCERWISE. This will take place at the Littlehampton LIONS Senior Citizens Lunch Party.

A special vote of thanks must go to the key supporters, Rustington Parish Council, Store Property Investments Limited, Rustington Methodist Church and Holt Publishing, without whose help this event could not proceed.

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.

During the last term, we have mostly been enjoying the sunshine with our slackline and regular spontaneous games of football. Of course, football has been a big theme with the World Cup being played, and we made Belgium Waffles on the evening they faced up against England! We've also had plenty of other edible treats and also challenged ourselves during a quiz night when points definitely meant prizes!

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 Club 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 their needs 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.



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 provide the 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.

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

Mon	3 Sep	Planning
Mon	24 Sep	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	24 Sep	COUNCIL
Mon	24 Sep	Planning
Mon	8 Oct	Allotments
Mon	8 Oct	Planning
Mon	22 Oct	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	22 Oct	COUNCIL
Mon	22 Oct	Planning
Mon	5 Nov	Planning
Thurs	15 Nov	Leisure & Amenities
Mon	26 Nov	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	26 Nov	COUNCIL
Mon	26 Nov	Planning
Mon	3 Dec	Planning
Mon	17 Dec	Finance & General Purposes
Mon	17 Dec	Planning



Councillors' Surgeries

The Council holds its 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 Surgeries will be held as follows:-

Tuesday 4 September
Samuel Wickens Centre
(Car Park rear of the Waitrose Store)
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Saturday 20 October
Rustington Library
(Claiemar Road)
10.30 am to 12.30 pm