

Rustington

Parish Council Newsletter

Chairman's Message



2019 brought a warm Summer, which has been enjoyed by so many of us and, as the sun continued to shine so did the spirit at the Annual Community Awards

Presentation,

which could only be described as a truly momentous occasion. It provided the opportunity to celebrate the horticultural achievements of our community, by presenting the Winners and Runners-up in both the Gardens & Allotments Competitions with their well-deserved awards. Another poignant moment was when I had the honour of presenting the 2019 Parishioners' Award to Matthew England for his dedication to our Village, not only by providing life-saving equipment to keep us all safe, but his ongoing and

tireless efforts to educate many of us in life-saving methods so that we can support one another in the community. Again, I would like to congratulate all of the award winners.

The Village excelled in the South and South East in Bloom Competition, winning Gold Awards in the Village/Town Centre Category and the Park of the Year Category. I would like to congratulate all of the other local entries in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category and 'Our Community' Category on their great achievements. Further details of the awards received can be found within this Newsletter.

Rustington's Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November was another great success, with many local groups joining together to remember our war heroes who sacrificed so much, for us to lead the lives we do today.

Rustington will, once again, be displaying its fantastic Festive lights, with more areas of the Village adorned, which is always admired, not just by us, but by those from neighbouring communities. Details of this year's Christmas Shopping Event are contained later in this Newsletter, together with the enclosed Flyer.

With Christmas just around the corner it is important to spend time with friends and family, but also to remember those who are less fortunate, so please take a moment to reflect and think of others, who for various reasons are spending Christmas alone. A smile and a 'hello' can go a long way and make a true difference to someone, just knowing that somebody cares.

All that is left to say is, on behalf of the Parish Council, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Councillor Jon Street

Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service and Community Awards' Reception

The Parish Council hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 8 September, at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Guests included Mrs Denise Patterson, Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex, Mrs Davina Irwin-Clark, High Sheriff of West Sussex, Councillor Mrs Jeanette Warr, Chairman of the Arun District Council, and a number of other Chairmen, Mayors and Councillors from Bognor Regis, East Preston, Kingston, Littlehampton, Rustington, West Sussex County Council and the Arun District Council. The Service was conducted by Father Carl Davies.

Following the Service, the now well-established Community Awards' Reception was held at The Woodlands Centre, where presentations were made to various members of the community, both for outstanding floral displays in private front gardens and business premises and also for excellently cultivated allotment plots.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Presentation of the Parishioners' Award which was awarded to Matthew England, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to, and for the benefit of, the community of Rustington.



Rustington Museum at the Samuel Wickens Centre



Rustington Museum is now officially open to the public! After a long wait, we are welcoming visitors through our doors. There is much to see and do in the new spaces from discovery stations, a children's trail, to a new Local Studies area. The Museum now has longer opening hours, Monday to Saturday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (closed 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm).

The permanent exhibition looks at Rustington's history dating back to the Stone Age. It continues through to the modern day, and on the way highlights the people and events which make Rustington's colourful history. There is also a second gallery and the first temporary exhibition focuses on Mary and Bev Taylor, who have done so much in recording the Village's history for many years.

The new season of events started with a family craft activity based on the Village's smuggling past, when children had the opportunity to make and take away their own secret hideaway for treasure. An exciting new programme of events for families at the Museum, is listed at the bottom of this article. The Museum will also be hosting a number of evening talks, based on themes from the collection and new displays, including the Romans, Historical Maps and even Science in the local area.

All events are free, and places must be booked by calling the Museum on 788478 or via email: museum@rustingtonpc.org

The Museum's new website www.rustingtonmuseum.org, holds the details of all of the events and how to find us. There is also a new Facebook Page where we share 'behind-the-scenes' photos and promote our events: facebook.com/rustingtonmuseum.

In addition, you will find the Museum Shop, selling books on local history and postcards of local scenes past and present.

There are still opportunities to Volunteer

at the Museum. Call in to see us about the positions available. No experience is necessary as full training will be given.

Claire Lucas
Museum Manager

What's On - December 2019 to April 2020

Tuesday 17 December, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Talk: The Remarkable Rhoda Garrett

Saturday 21 December, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Family Activity: A Very Victorian Christmas

Saturday 18 January, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Family Activity: Go potty for pre-history pottery

Tuesday 21 January, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Talk: Hearth & Home: Sussex vernacular building materials

Thursday 20 February, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Family Activity: Fabulous Flowers

Saturday 21 March, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Family Activity: Paper Planes

Thursday 16 April, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Family Activity: Eggs-citing Easter

Rustington-In-Bloom - Gold Awards and so much more...



I am delighted to be able to report that at the Annual Awards Ceremony for the South and South East in Bloom Competition in September, Rustington received yet another impressive set of results, with the Village receiving Gold Awards in both the Village/Town Centre Category, and in the Park of the Year Category for the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

The judges feedback stated: 'This community really is the model for others to follow in terms of its commitment to the principles of South and South East in Bloom. A really impressive entry, organised and created by people who obviously care and are richly deserving of a Gold Award'. Rustington-in-Bloom was also the recipient

of the West Sussex Discretionary County Award for the entry with the highest marks.

In the 'Our Community' Category, the Rustington Methodist Church Garden received a Silver Gilt Award.

In the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Category, The Chaucery Memorial, the Coastal Workshop, Oakhurst Gardens, and The Hidden Twitten each received 'Outstanding' Awards. Rustington Hall and Rustington Methodist Church Garden received 'Thriving' Awards and Oakhurst Gardens also received an RHS National Certificate of Distinction. The Brookside Memorial Garden Community Group was given an 'Advancing Award', which is most impressive as this project has come so far, transforming an all but forgotten burial ground into a remarkable special garden.

Such impressive and rewarding results for all involved!

Our community, once again, pulled out all the stops with its support for the In-Bloom Campaign, by helping to ensure that all areas of the judging criteria were met and exceeded and, in recognition of this, Certificates of Excellence were awarded to

a number of Groups, Clubs, Organisations and Individuals for their most important contributions towards the success. Congratulations to all.

As always, the Members of the In-Bloom Committee, in partnership with the Parish Council, organised the 2019 Campaign and were most grateful for the support of the Arun District Council Cleansing and Parks Department, together with other individual Officers from the District Council.

Special thanks and appreciation must be conveyed to Ferring Nurseries, without whose outstanding service, expertise and dedication, this remarkable success would most certainly not have been attained.

If you would like to be part of this success, no gardening is involved, we need new members for the Committee, to help to promote In-Bloom. We especially need help with organisation, communications, social media, advertising our events, producing posters etc, and help with fundraising events. We would love to meet you! To register your interest please contact the Council Offices on 786420.

Steve Perry - Committee Chairman

Festive Celebrations in the Village....

This year sees the annual Christmas Shopping Event taking place on **Saturday 30 November**. Rustington boasts amazing Christmas lights and some fabulous shops, both independent and mainstream, so it is the perfect place to do your Christmas shopping.

There are also lots of places to eat and drink plus 3 hours of FREE parking.

Come along, do your shopping, peruse the decorated shop windows, have fun on the fairground rides and get Festive with an array of entertainment, including face painting, circus acts and carol singing. Santa will also be making his annual appearance in Rustington and his Grotto will be in the Village on the day!

Samuel Wickens Centre

The Samuel Wickens Centre will also be participating, in its own small way, in the **Christmas Event on 30 November**.

Complimentary Coffee and Mince Pies will

Christmas Shopping Event

Saturday 30 November
10.00 am - 4.00 pm



be available **between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm** for all visitors to the Centre. So, if you can find the time to tear yourself away from the delights of the Village Centre and Santa's Grotto, Jules will be happy to see you!

Community Carol Concert

The Parish Council will, once again, be hosting an evening of Festive Music and fun at the Community Carol Concert on **Saturday 14 December**. As usual, it will be held in the Village Memorial Hall at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, **commencing at the earlier time of 7.00 pm**. Entry is Free, as are Refreshments and the Grand Lucky Programme Draw.



A very exciting evening is being arranged with performances by the Littlehampton Concert Band, the Sussex West County Guide Choir and the Friendship Singers, not forgetting the always popular Community Carol Singing.

As many of you will be aware, this Concert is a well attended event, and it is anticipated that this year will be no exception. Entry, as always, will be strictly on a 'first come first serve' basis.

Rustington Youth Club



At Rustington Youth Club (delivered by Arun Youth Projects), we are looking forward to celebrating the end of 2019 by exploring different themes over the next couple of months and moving into the new term.

November's theme is exploring 'Emotional Wellbeing' and December will be spent celebrating all things Christmassy!

We have had a new group of young people join us, and we always ensure that they feel welcomed and respected by all who attend.

The Club is open every Thursday evening from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, including half-terms and Summer holidays. It is a venue for young people aged between 11-17 years, to find help and advice, and a safe place to be, alongside access to games consoles, pool/table tennis, a chill-out space, and arts/crafts. Each week there is also a tuck shop and an ongoing programme including cooking, movie nights, inflatables, theme nights, and sports. 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.

The Club is a partnership between Rustington Parish Council and Arun Youth Projects - the youth work of Arun Church. The Youth Centre, where the Club takes place, is owned by the Parish Council and sited at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. Arun Youth Projects took over running youth activities at the Centre in 2012 and has built a consistent relationship with many young people that have attended. The Club has a great team of staff and volunteers committed to seeing young people included and supported and to making a difference to their lives by assessing their needs in order to plan and deliver programmes related to areas such as health, fitness, smoking, drugs, relationships and bullying.

More details on the Youth Centre and Arun Youth Projects activities can be found on Facebook and Instagram @arunyouthprojects, email: arunyouthprojects@arunchurch.com or from Arun Church on 782744.

Matt Pollard - Youth Worker in Charge

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 (via Council Offices' entrance).

All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings and time is set aside before each Council 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 Surgeries will be held in Rustington Library (Claimar Road) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on:-

- Saturday 23 November
- Saturday 18 January

Your Councillors

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

Thurs 14 Nov Leisure & Amenities
Mon 25 Nov Finance & General Purposes
Mon 25 Nov COUNCIL

Mon 2 Dec Planning
Mon 16 Dec Finance & General Purposes
Mon 16 Dec Planning

Mon 6 Jan Finance & General Purposes
Mon 6 Jan Allotments
Mon 13 Jan Planning
Mon 27 Jan Finance & General Purposes
Mon 27 Jan COUNCIL

Mon 3 Feb Planning
Thurs 6 Feb Leisure & Amenities
Mon 24 Feb Finance & General Purposes
Mon 24 Feb COUNCIL
Mon 24 Feb Planning



Useful Information...



Reporting Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Sussex Police
999

- a serious offence is in progress
- someone is in immediate danger or risk of harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

Sussex Police
101
Report online
www.sussex.police.uk

- non-emergency incidents where the crime has already happened and there is no immediate risk of harm

Anti-Social Behaviour
Arun District Council
0808 141 2800
(24 hour answerphone)
asb@arun.gov.uk

- general anti-social behaviour and repeated nuisance activity