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| Mrs Maggie True Mr Stephen Bushy | 01293 871722 01293 871219 |
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| Mr Stephen Busby Mrs Lorna Reeves | 01293 871219 01293 871012 |

Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parish. He is keen to be told if someone has moved in and to have an opportunity to visit newcomers. Holy Communion can be arranged for the housebound or those who are sick. Nick tries to take Friday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Friday in matters of urgency.

Services in February

Holy Communion every Sunday 8am [said] and 11am sung with hymns

Wednesdays in Lent 12 noon Way of the Cross

4th The Presentation Coffee & Cake after the service

11th Holy Communion

14th Ash Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Durrants Village: NON RESIDENTS WELCOME

Lent

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

25th Holy Communion

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AS A SIGN OF PENITENCE AND REMINDER OF MORTALITY IS OPTIONAL.

LEAP INTO LENT



Among the legacy left us by the genius comedy duo Peter Cook and Dudley Moore is the film *Bedazzled*, a version of the story of the legend of Faust brought up to date for the swinging 'sixties. Peter Cook plays to perfection a delightful and witty Satan with Dud's character his hapless victim. The premise of the plot revolves around Dud's desire for a girl with whom he imagines himself in the perfect relationship, being constantly thwarted by the 'devil in the detail'. In a memorable scene Dud has his wish to be living under the same roof as his devoted girlfriend finally granted. The

problem is that they are both nuns in a convent in Sussex, sisters of the order of Saint Beryl, their lives dedicated to holy leaping - a form of prayer to which the fictitious saint was dedicated!

There are of course romantic traditions ascribed to a Leap Year. Ash Wednesday this year coincides with Saint Valentine's Day. As we leap into Lent however, we might expect to be suppressing joy and celebration. Such a view of the season is of course a parody. Please don't give up fun for Lent! Falling in February as winter recedes, it should be a feel-good season. Its entire raison d'etre is to prepare to celebrate anew the joy of Easter. Embracing Easter faith requires a leap of imagination and as we approach it this year we will be doing so with the help of artistic images, wilderness themed paintings by Stanley Spencer as the focus for our seasonal sermons.

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

On Saturday 16th December the church and village once again celebrated and opened its much anticipated and always well supported Christmas Tree Festival and Market. By 4:30pm the church was filled with throngs of congregation members and many from the village with families and friends and plenty of young faces. Also joining the occasion were a number of local businesses and families that supported the festival by sponsoring a tree; 18 trees were beautifully decorated and lit in what seemed to be every spare space in the church!

Mulled wine, wonderful mini-mince pies and other tasty treats were served as festivalgoers perused the pretty and well stocked 'stalls' in church, buying last minute gifts, chatted and generally enjoyed each other's company under the pretty, atmospheric lights with the smell of the trees and the mulled wine and some lovely organ accompaniment filling the air thanks to Stephen.

Readers will be really pleased to know that the church kept its carbon footprint to a minimum with the event by using LED lights and rechargeable batteries but also thought about its sustainability by re-planting all 18 trees for a future sale or the next festival!

During the Festival and following the church service the next day close to a 100 raffle tickets were sold for a selection of super prizes. A special thanks go to Maggie, Malcolm and Louise for all their exceptional hard work coordinating the buying of the trees, their installation, lighting and decoration by sponsors and then the replanting of the trees in the field at the end of the churchyard.

The PCC team are already looking forward to the next Christmas Tree Festival in December 2025. Once again thank you to all sponsors, supporters and those that came to the Festival itself for your generosity. The 'final numbers' are not yet in but it is estimated the Festival raised c.£1500 towards the North Aisle restoration work.

Simon Powell

HOPE KEITH VILLAGE TRUST

The search for a new Rusper village agent continues!

In the meantime, the monthly coffee morning previously organised by Age UK will continue and we hope to see you on Tuesday 13 February at 11am at The Star Inn for a cuppa and a chat.

| Michelle Cooke | | | |
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The Box of Delights Concert November 2023

We are delighted to let you know St Mary Magdalene's raised £998 in support of the North Aisle Development Fund. The whole team would like to sincerely thank all those who supported the event and contributed to the successful evening!

| Steve Busby | |
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RUSPER CHRONICLE

Our last meeting before Christmas, featured glasses of wine and mince pies, and was preceded with fascinating details of the former garage and repair centre, petrol station and taxi service. Taxis to Faygate were in fashion, with many more trains stopping there than do now, although the Roffey Halt, (as the train line crosses Wimland Road) had already closed. Petrol at ninepence halfpenny per half gallon makes attractive reading, when converted, for our younger readers, to 1.7 pence per litre.

As we know, there is only one Rusper in the world; however our name has been used in different ways.

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We heard about Kenya. Joseph Milton (aged 35) was originally from Gloucestershire, but had a farm in Kenya. This was eponymous Milton Farm at eponymous Milton Sidings, (he had his own station on the railway line) Nakuru, Kenya. Our Jo was in love with Myra (38); so in love in fact, that in 1914 they married. Myra (nee Knight) had been born in 1876, at Baldhorns Park, Wimland Road, Rusper, where her parents lived from 1865 to 1907. Mr Knight senior was the school governor and chairman of the Parish Council.

Down in Kenya, business thrived, and they bought a second farm. As the first farm was named after "him", so the second farm was named after "her", and so Rusper Farm was created.

Then we move to India. In 1984, Frank Edgecumbe-Rendle, who had been working in Assam in the tea industry, returned to UK and thought that PG Tips and Brooke Bond could be improved, and he started importing and blending tea in Arundel. Why Arundel? Because it was not far away from The Rectory, at Rusper, he had spent a lot of his youth, playing in the large rectory garden, and where his mother, Nel, (nee Trevaskis, the vicar's daughter) had been born.

Looking for a charming and original name for his most popular blend, he chose Rusper Tea! Rusper tea is available from Arundel, or online, (Edgecumbe-Rendle has been shortened to Edge Teas) and no doubt makes an excellent present, or stocking filler, ready for Christmas 2024.

| Next meeting: /pm Village | Hall Tuesday | 13th February |
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| Brian Swift | | |
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RUSPER CHAT 2024





Friday 23rd February 2.30pm Pat Tanglewood 871354

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Kay Drummond

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| 2 nd February | Judy Easter | 01403 251979 |
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| 9 th February | Angie Hill | 01293 871274 |
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RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

- Rusper Parish Council holds its full meeting on the <u>last Tuesday of each month at</u>
 7:30pm at Rusper Village Hall.
- Planning sub-committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Rusper Village Hall
- Agendas for all meetings are posted on Parish noticeboards and the web site prior to meetings
- Public and press are welcome to attend both of the above meetings please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to join the meeting online.
- All correspondence for the Parish Council and requests for copies of the minutes of meetings should be sent by email to <u>clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk</u> or by post to: The Parish Clerk, c/o Rusper Post Office, East Street, Rusper RH12 4PX.
- Full details of Parish Council meetings, proceedings and activities are available on the web site at www.rusper-pc.org.uk and the Rusper Parish Council Facebook page.

Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – December 2023

These Minutes are <u>draft and subject to change</u> until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.

To get regular updates from us, including local roadwork notifications, please visit our website and subscribe: www.rusper-pc.org.uk.

Present: M Cooke (Chair), Cllrs G Hussey (Vice Chair), M Fenton, G Sallows, S White, M Fillmore, E Kitchen (HDC),

Declaration of Interests

No declarations were made.

Climate Emergency

The Council **acknowledged** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within meeting have consideration to this.

Minutes of previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the previous combined Council meeting held on 28th November 2023 with one change to the attendance list. The Chair signed the minutes.

Open Forum

A representative speaking for local homeowners living around Chowles Farm gave an overview of the application and gave feedback on the issues relating to

the application. The resident asked the Council to consider the local residents objections to the application.

Reports from other Authorities

District Councillor Liz Kitchen – noted that the Local Plan was put through – this will now go to the Inspector after a period of public consultation. The future of the Local Plan is all on the Inspector.

Active Planning Applications

DSC/23/0267 Lower Prestwood Farm, Prestwood Lane, Ifield RH11 OLA Approval of details reserved by condition 2 to approved application DC/23/0591 It was RESOLVED to note this application as no comment can be submitted.

DC/23/2226 Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper RH12 4RG Creation of new access (Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed) It was RESOLVED to strongly object to this application.

Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the agenda

DC/23/2250 Venters Farm, East Street, Rusper RH12 4RH To create a 5 van Certificated Location (CL).

It was **RESOLVED** to note this application, however, the Parish Council would like to understand how water neutrality would affect an application like this and whether this a consideration for the Planning Officer?

Enforcements

Noted the report submitted by Cllr Fillmore in advance of the meeting.

Reports from Representatives

Cllr G Hussey – drainage issues at The Mount WSCC Highways are now aware of the road erosion, drains not meeting and collapsed drains. Police Liaison meeting – the Constable has now retired but there is a new lady being trained who will start from January. Gatwick transport meeting – unauthorised parking in the fields was raised. It is planned that parking will be surveyed at the airport to ask passengers where they have parked; this will show the data but there are currently between 2 or 3 fields being used. This is compounded by the authorised car park workers parking getting lost finding the fields and are knocking on residents houses late at night to find out directions to the fields. Vans are reported to have been broken into in Cooks Meade. The Parish Council advises the public to report the crimes direct to the Sussex Police.

Cllr R Gatt – Incinerator Liaison Group meeting noted that no contract signed to start the work, but it is expected to be signed in the first quarter next year.

Local Plan Response

The Council noted and agreed to the Local Plan response as sent out in between meetings. Local Plan next steps update. In terms of the process the public consultation is from 19th January to the end of March. It was **agreed** that the Council will:

- Council to make sure the Transport and Landscape reports are in line with the new NPPF.
- Hold a public meeting in February 2024 week commencing 11th February 2024 (13th February)
- Have a draft response for 30th January full Council meeting to be approved for issue at the full Council meeting on 27th February.

RUSPER SPORTS CLUB MANAGEMENT

The application for CIL monies was submitted minus the repairs to one Court which was not considered valid for CIL money spend.

Gatwick

Noted the report sent in advance of the meeting which is also on the website. Cllr Fillmore is meeting Jeremy Quin MP to hear the views on Gatwick, feedback from this meeting to be given in February.

White H Line application – adjacent to Rusper Stores

This has now been painted. Resident has expressed their thanks.

Streetlights

A report from a resident noted that a streetlight in Cooks Meadow was not working – replacement lightbulb was agreed to be supplied.

Emergency Planning

The Council were made aware of the website layout for the Emergency Plan. Cllr Sallows brought the emergency plan from 1980 to the meeting for reference. It was **agreed** that Cllrs Michelle Cook, Geoff Hussey and the Clerk will write the plan for issue on to the Parish website.

Financial

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial report, this was signed by the Chair. The Budget for FY24/25 was **proposed**, the precept will be set at £49,000 which is an increase of just over 5%.

Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments.

Next combined Parish Council and Planning meeting is on 30th January 2024. Extra Parish Council meeting to discuss the Local Plan will be held on 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall – all members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Clerk to Rusper Parish Council c/o Rusper Village Stores, East Street, Rusper RH12 4PX 01293 871273

A Tithe of Rosemary

God's faithful calling of a parish and its priests through the eyes of Rusper's Rambling Rector

This kaleidoscope of musings is a delightful treasure trove. Ann Feloy, Writer and Chair of Olly's Future

The archetypical country parson explores his rooted connection to the past, his sense of place woven into the very fabric of his being.

Kim Leslie, former Education Officer West Sussex Record Office

Take these unreliable ramblings with a dose of salt. I wouldn't suggest the author has fabricated the entire account but for instance, I'm not convinced by that dragon. Are you? Klaus Feuerstein Professor of Verschwörungstheorie Bielefeld University

A wonderful romp through the history of one Sussex parish that cleverly combines history, anecdote and personal memories weaving together a tapestry that will intrigue and delight the reader.

The Reverend Simon Allaby

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SAVE WEST OF IFIELD

It's time to respond to Horsham's Local Plan – Officially!

On 11th December HDC Councillors voted their draft Local Plan to the next stage of the process. As expected the Plan includes 3,000 new houses in Rusper parish – West of Ifield.

The next stage of the process is the official public consultation (Regulation 19) from 19th January to 1st March 2024. Whether you've never written about West of Ifield, or if you've written loads of letters and emails, now is the time that objections REALLY count. **Please respond to the Consultation.**

See full details on the HDC website, or see Save West of Ifield's (SWOI)

website: https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/

All responses to the consultation will be read and considered by a Planning Inspector who will judge whether the Local Plan, including the West of Ifield site, is 'sound' and should go forwards. SWOI believes that HDC's Plan is not sound or sustainable. It lacks the detail we see in other Local Plans, it glosses over huge issues like water shortage and lack of sewage processing capacity, and it uses the West of Ifield development as a political fix to save the rest of the District from development.

The 'evidence' used to justify putting West of Ifield in the Plan is seriously flawed and now is the time for all of us to make sure the Inspector knows about all the problems it will cause – not least huge increases in traffic and air pollution, loss of Ifield Golf Club, damage to ancient woodland and loss of protected species, and all the issues with water – supply, treatment, flooding and the River Mole water quality which is already Poor. More information on all these topics

here: https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/

Need help with responding? SWOI is running a session to help people respond – on 8th February at Ifield West Community Centre, 1A Dobbins Place, Crawley RH11 OSZ. The aim is to make sure everyone knows how to submit responses online, email, by post, etc. And to provide detailed guidance on key topics and the Plan in general. Please drop-in anytime between 7.30 and 9.30. Do also feel free to email SWOI with questions. savewestofifield@gmail.com

We also understand that **Rusper Parish Council** is planning an Extra Parish Meeting dedicated to Horsham's Local Plan, on Tuesday 13th February at Rusper Village Hall from 7.30pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend. Full details were not available at time of writing so please keep an eye on the Parish Council website, the village Facebook, etc.

Fenella Maitland-Smith

savewestofifield@gmail.com

NEWDIGATE BOWLS CLUB

Ever fancied trying Bowls as a pastime? Or if you've bowled in the past, why not start playing again? Bowls is one of the few outdoor sports that men and women can play together and compete as equals. It is a great activity that naturally promotes both physical and mental health. Contrary to popular perception, Bowls is an all age sport, but is particularly suited to those transitioning from full-time work or who have taken early retirement.



One of our younger members, Eddie aged 12, started playing bowls when his Nana's neighbour took him along to an Open Day. Eddie loves the challenge in developing his game: 'getting the line and weight right takes a lot of practice' he says. His greatest achievement so far is winning the new bowler competition held at Donyngs in Redhill. Eddie's success proves bowls is a game for all ages, 'definitely give it a try', he says, 'it is a great sport for young people too!' Newdigate Bowls Club will be holding Open Events from April 2024, so look out for further details in forthcoming bulletins.

Fees for the 2024 season:

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UKRAINE ANIMAL APPEAL

Hardly ever in the news any more but Ukraine still needs so much help.

For the last 20 months, I have been doing shoutouts on Facebook for animal food (even bags of open kibble), vet medication (even if slightly out of date), dog coats, horse rugs, also human medication and non perishable food. To date I have packed, organised and sent over 100 tons of animal and human aid. The innocent animals are always forgotten, which is why I started my collection back in March 2021. I work along with a charity called K9 Rescue International but also support a couple of individuals who go out every night feeding the abandoned dogs and cats.

The Ukrainian people are such strong people and are always so grateful for any help they receive. If anyone would like to help with any form of donation, be it animal or human food, medication or help towards the cost of fuel, to get donations across to Ukraine, please do feel free to contact me. Also, if there is any business who would like to help supply packing tape, marker pens and large plastic clear sacks (ideally rubble sacks), I would be most grateful.

Thank you and let's hope for peace in Ukraine in 2024.

At the time of writing it is minus 20 deg in Ukraine.

Rebecca 07764963688 or 01293 871038

PARISH REGISTERS

| Funeral | 14 th November | Douglas Bristow |
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| | 1st December | Ralph Pratt |
| Burial of Ashes | 6 th December | Arnold Raphael |
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