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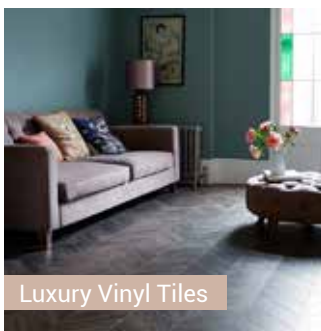
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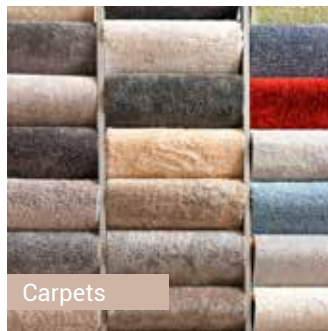
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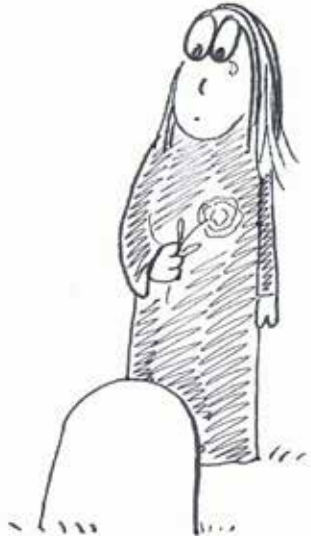
Sunday 3rd	8am & 11am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th	8am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday 17 th	8am & 11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th	8am & 11am	Holy Communion

Information on services is updated monthly on: www.rusperchurch.org.uk

Why not visit the Rusper Church website and follow Nick on Facebook?
If a priest is required at short notice and Nick is unavailable, please contact the Churchwardens.

Rector	Revd Nick Flint	01293 871251
Authorised Lay Minister	Mr Chris Pearce	01403 268047
Churchwarden	Mr Stephen Busby	01293 871219
Churchwarden	Mrs Maggie True	01293 871722
Treasurer	Mrs Lorna Reeves	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



Grave Matters

This month we have our annual Requiem. We pray by name for those who have died and in particular those in the last twelve months. **There is a list in church to which names of the departed may be added for inclusion.**

Our churchyard is a source of comfort for those whose loved ones are buried there and it seems timely to focus briefly this month on 'God's Acre'.

With both paid assistance and voluntary help, for which we are enormously grateful, the PCC do their best to maintain the churchyard. However, the weather conditions of the last few months have made the task more difficult recently and this has been reflected in a few concerned remarks about the state of some of the individual plots.

Each individual plot is in fact legally the responsibility of the family concerned and while some are constantly maintained we recognise that of course, there are those who are unable either through distance or

perhaps infirmity to visit regularly and keep them in order. In some very touching instances, more regular visitors to their own departed have ‘adopted’ other graves less frequently visited.

We are always grateful for financial contributions for the upkeep of the churchyard, and for voluntary work whether at our regularly first Monday of the month or whenever it suits.

Finally, do please keep in mind that many items left on graves can be a **hazard to wildlife or are environmentally unfriendly**. A list of items legally prohibited by the Chancellor is provided on our website. We seek to kindly remove dead flowers and for this reason plastic and glass items tend to be removed also. Appropriately enough to this month the Chancellor stipulates that Remembrance poppies are the one general exception to this rule.

Nick

Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update. rusperchurch.org.uk



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The result of the latest draw is:

October 2024

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3 rd prize £50	9	David W

John Jory

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TREASURES FROM YOUR HOME

Question:

What do these have in common?

Bargain Hunt; Antiques Road Show; Flog It!; Antique Road Trip?

Answer:

Watching any of those programmes would have been a distant second best and waste of time, compared to seeing Rupert Toovey at our church on 27th September. Rupert, who runs the family Auctioneers in Washington, came to inspect and value our treasures, and to tell us if our swans were really ugly ducklings, or vice versa.

And what an interesting and diverse selection of chattels arrived. A one foot tall Peter Rabbit ... OK, but several Peter Rabbits around ... however, accompanied by Jemima Puddleduck ... who is much rarer and much more valuable, and as a loving couple even more so.

An elegant pair of oak bookends with carved mice. A refined and beautiful Dresden pot, if only it was two hundred years older!

That super rate US \$10 bill, with the fault line; that was a really specialist area, and needs further investigation.

My personal favourite was a very early revolver; still in its compartmentalised box, with gunpowder, ramming rods, lead shot, percussion capsules, and even a pair of pinchers so that you could squeeze your own projectiles from a piece of lead – all you need to be a Highwayman on the Newdigate Road.⁴

Or maybe my favourite was Colin Cowdrey's cricket pads, gloves and book. Colin Cowdrey was one of England and Kent's all time best batsmen – graceful beyond belief.

The smoking chest! The microscope! The sextant!. It was a maritime sextant, but they were still in use on BOAC's VC10 in the 1960s, using the access point in the roof of the flight deck.

A pair of large Rolf Harris cartoons, which caused Rupert to diverge into sinners who became artists, and artists who became sinners.

He saved for last his favourite item, an embroidered sash, bearing the words VOTES FOR WOMEN, which came with the full, true, fascinating story of its wearer, about there were loads more objects, each with its own history.

Ruper is not just an auctioneer; maybe he is also an actor and a wonderful fluent, articulate and amusing speaker.

If you missed it, Hard Luck!

However, he has said he would love to come back and do it again. If he does, keep your eyes peeled and don't miss it again.

And nearly £400 was raised for the Church Repair Fund,

Brian Swift

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RUSPER CHRONICLE

We were sorry to postpone our October meeting, however, we will continue with the talk on 'Dramatic Productions' in our village hall starting in the 1930s at our November meeting.

We will meet in the small village hall at 7pm on 12th November. If you have any programmes please bring them along. Everyone is welcome.

Joan Frazer

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Rusper Parish Council meetings – September 2024

*These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

Planning Committee – 17th September 2024 **Present:** Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, S. White, F. Maitland-Smith, R. Gatt. G. Hussey, M. Fillmore, D. Matthews.

Declaration of Interests – None.

Climate Crisis - 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.

Active Planning Applications - DC/24/1300 **Former Longfield House East Street Rusper West Sussex RH12 4RB.** Erection of 2 No. detached self-build dwellings with car parking. Relocation of an approved access and retention of existing access. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application amendment.

Enforcement - A verbal update was given. Noted that there are 6 new enforcements within the Parish.

Correspondence - It was **noted** the one resident in Ifield complained about a lack of street lighting in Rusper Road, Ifield. In terms of the current NP the current lighting is correct. There was a point raised that the area is more developed, but the new houses do not have any new street lighting.

Signage for school children. An email was received from a member of the public regarding a lack of signage for school children and the school bus pick up in their area. It was **agreed** to write a letter of support for the bus to stop further along the road as described and to make a representation to WSCC to install a Children Slow sign to be erected along that stretch of road.

NPPF Consultation response for approval deadline 24th September 2024.

A response was written and agreed and sent in advance of the deadline.

Local Plan Regulation 19 Update - There are no further updates.

Parish Council meeting – 24th September 2024

Present: Cllrs M Cooke (Chair), G Hussey (Vice Chair), G Sallows, F Maitland-Smith, S White, M Fenton, D Matthews, G Fleming and Cllr M Fillmore. District Councillor Tony Hogben.

Declaration of Interests – none.

Climate Crisis - 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.

Open Forum - One member of the public introduced themselves to the Council - Jasmin Watkins – AiRS village agent working with Keith Hope Trust. Jasmin will be working within the community, primarily on those over 65 years of age. The Chair welcomed Jasmin to the Rusper community.

Reports from the District and County Councillors

District Councillor Tony Hogben – Noted that August is a quiet month and that not a vast amount was going on. DCO at Gatwick - the extra runway is likely to cause more houses. Water neutrality is still holding up house building for now. The HDC interim Budget did not balance and there is a plan on using some reserves from the General Budget. Capitol Theatre has a projected overspend with a budget of more than £10M. Community value and social value of Council owned properties and how they provide income to the HDC budget is under discussion.

Rusper Sports Ground

It was **noted** that the land registry on the new lease had been registered.

Rusper Stores Break-ins

The issue of the Village Stores was discussed. It was **agreed** that this item is to be raised within the Planning Committee meetings.

GATWICK – reports can be found on the Parish Council website.

Noted that the DCO is considering the application. Cllr M Fillmore will attend the next meeting on 25th September 2024. It was agreed to approve the membership for the Aviation Environment Federation (AEF) at a cost of £36 per annum.

Playground - One section needs a new bolt which was quoted at £195. A new slide is being considered but the quote comes in at £10,800. Projected full spend is between £15,000 and £18,000. Cllr Hussey is still looking around for other slide options. Noted that there is S106 money available for the project.

Fingerposts - 2 Councillors were appointed to survey the fingerposts for any required maintenance.

20mph Speed Reduction - The Clerk attended a speed awareness meeting in another Parish and advises Council that the 20mph limit must be conducted with public consultation. Full report on website.

New Village Sign - Cllr R Gatt obtained a quote for a sign and gate for either side of the road and a quote for the installation costs. This has now been copied to WSCC Matt Gray as requested and to the contact at Legal and General who are financing the project. Carried to the next meeting for an update.

Remembrance Sunday - It was **RESOLVED** To **agree** the purchase of a poppy wreath from The Poppy Shop up to the value of £50.

Streetlights - It was **RESOLVED** to **note** the completion of the streetlights project in Cooks Mead which was to budget.

Reports from Representatives - Cllr G Hussey – grit bin emptied at the end of The Mount ready for the grit refill. Noted a complaint about possible Gatwick parking at Langhurst Lane. It was noted that a van left in the Parish Car Park is still there.

Cllr G Sallows – it was **agreed** that Cllr Fenella Maitland-Smith will conduct the tree survey.

Cllr D Matthews – it was **agreed** that the phone boxes need a coat of paint the phone box and a new pane of glass. Cllr D Matthews to action and report back to Council.

Cllr M Fillmore – noted that the next Courage Dyers meeting is on 14th October 2024.

Cllr G Fleming – noted that also the phone box in Lambs Green needs a repaint.

Cllr M Fenton – noted that the bench outside the Village Hall needs repair and the bus shelter need maintenance. Carried to next meeting as an up-to-date survey on the asset is required.

Cllr M Cooke – noted that Rusper Stores is looking for ideas for grants for the shop to install better protection for the shop. An intruder smoke alarm system has been installed. Noted that at the last Hope Keith Village Trust coffee morning PCSO Chrissie Symonds attended and spent time with the coffee morning members. Noted that the new Village Hall hub requires access for wheelchair at the front which is holding up the project.

Finances - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the finances.

The next Planning Committee Meeting on 15th October and full Council meeting on 29th October at Rusper Village Hall – ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Lisa Wilcock 07904 371520

Clerk to Rusper Parish Council

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SOUTH EAST RIVERS TRUST

Upper Mole Natural Flood Management Project

The South East Rivers Trust (SERT) is a small environmental charity dedicated to conserving and restoring rivers and their catchments across the South East of England, and form part of the nationwide coverage of rivers offered by the umbrella organisation, The Rivers Trust.

SERT are working on a project in the Upper River Mole catchment, using Natural Flood Management (NFM) techniques to reduce the risk of flooding to communities downstream. This involves protecting, restoring and mimicking natural processes, to slow down the flow of water or temporarily hold it back, resulting in less runoff and more water storage in the headwaters. Example interventions include creating leaky woody dams within woodlands, building temporary ponds and scrapes or re-naturalising headwater areas. These techniques not only reduce flooding but can also provide a multitude of other benefits such as improvements to biodiversity, water resources, water quality, carbon sequestration and reductions in soil erosion and associated losses. The aim is to find win-win options for both wildlife and landowners wherever possible.

SERT are hoping to utilise newly-secured funding to design and deliver a range of interventions that will safeguard multiple properties in the Upper Mole catchment which are at a particular risk of flooding from the River Mole as well as providing some of the benefits mentioned above. Many of these options can also attract Countryside Stewardship, and the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) annual payments in the medium to long term, to reward landowners for changing land use or management practices that result in positive benefits for society, such as biodiversity or flood risk reductions.

So far, SERT have conducted their first round of engagement within the catchment, and have received a positive response from multiple landowners. They are currently in the process of designing a longlist of potential intervention options and deploying a range of monitoring equipment in the river channels to provide baseline data that will inform their approach, so it's a brilliant time to get involved if you are interested. SERT aim to deliver interventions within the project area (Figure 1), on land parcels located on or adjacent to the watercourse, but all engagement is welcome and well received.

Please contact Simon Stoaite (Senior Officer) at simon.stoaite@southeastrivertrust.org or 07534 857019 or George Biggs (Assistant Officer) at george.biggs@southeastrivertrust.org or 07931 388142 if you are interested in getting involved or just want to learn more about the project.



Figure 1: SERT project area, divided into watershed reaches, in the Upper Mole catchment.

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I have recently returned from a weekend in Rock where I joined the crew in a celebration of 20 years of "Rusper". The donor of the new boat came along so that he and I could meet. He is a recently retired Cornish farmer from Liskeard. We agreed that it seemed rather like handing over the baton in a relay!

When the first "Rusper" retired, the helmsman brought the boat up to Rusper on a trailer and we took her onto the school field where every child was able to get into the boat (not all at once!) I wonder how many of the children of that time (October 2014) remember that occasion? And on the Saturday morning, we positioned the boat in the High Street, just outside the church where she became the centre of interest, with more children experiencing being in a lifeboat. An excellent photo by David Stevens was included in the Rusper Calendar the following year.

My own moment of excitement was looking out of the window at home and seeing a lifeboat parked on our drive. That was real "one-upmanship"!!!

Pam Waugh

HOPE KEITH VILLAGE TRUST

Villagers Connect in Colgate, Faygate and Rusper.

Action in rural Sussex (AiRS) is excited to be working with the Hope Keith Villagers' Trust (HKVT) to support your communities in enriching the lives of those older people living amongst you.

We know that there is immense knowledge, skills, experience and ideas throughout the three villages, and beyond, and we are looking forward to listening and learning from you all.

In these early stages we mainly want to discover what is going on, explore ways to support these existing activities, and understand what might be missing, or wanted in the future.

Even though we have only been out and about for less than a month, we are appreciating that transport to activities can be a bit of a challenge. We are hoping to explore this with you and hopefully, between us, we can come up with some ideas that may make this easier in a sustainable way.

In the meantime, if anyone is struggling to get to an event or activity under your own steam, and can't get a lift, then do get in touch with Jasmine or Jo (see below), who can discuss possible options.



Hello, I'm Jasmine, one of the AiRS and HKVT Community Development Workers. Before coming to AiRS I worked on the Together Arun Project, where I worked on legacy and sustainable projects, so they could continue when the funding didn't!

I'm really looking forward to working with all of you in Colegate, Faygate and Rusper. As part of our foundation process, we need to learn about you and your community, enabling us to support you and where you want to go next.

It has been great getting to know some of you already at Rusper Chat and The Star Coffee Morning.

We can't wait to get out and about in the community!

If there is anything you want to discuss my number is 07899 894975 or email

JasmineWatkins@ruralsussex.org.uk



Hello, I'm Jo. I have worked for AirS for just over 2 years as a community development worker. I have experience in regeneration, public health engagement and community development. I am really keen to meet everyone. I really enjoy linking communities to

develop positive connections and to build confidence in all people to have a say in their neighbourhoods and their ideas. My contact details are: 07540 795277
jo.peters@ruralsussex.org.uk

The Star Inn Coffee Morning 12th November 11am

Jasmine and Jo will be hosting The Star Inn Coffee Morning where we will be introducing ourselves and doing a check in activity.
We look forward to seeing you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if getting there is going to be difficult.

Hope Keith Villagers Trust Christmas Events

The Hope Keith Villagers Trust Star Inn Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 10th December, please contact Jasmine or Jo (Monday-Wednesday) to RSVP.
The Hope Keith Villagers Trust Panto tickets, please contact Jo or Jasmine if you would like panto tickets, "Oh no you don't", "Oh yes you do"!
Jasmine 07899 894975 or email JasmineWatkins@ruralsussex.org.uk Jo 07540 795277
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CHURCH CLEANING

1 st November	Dawn Shurville	07986 003304
8 th November	Shona Lidstone	01403 248472
15 th November	Mary Dawe	01306 627663
22 nd November	Sue Matthewson	01293 871266
29 th November	Judy Butler	01293 871845

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