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Information on services is updated monthly on: <u>www.rusperchurch.org.uk</u> If a priest is required at short notice and Nick is unavailable, please contact the Churchwardens.

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 November

### Holy Communion at 8 am [said] 11 am sung with hymns

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion : 10.30 at Durrants Village
- 5<sup>th</sup> All Saints Sunday with incense
- 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance : 10.15 in church
- 11.00 at the Memorial

- 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion
- 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

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### HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE 2023

Chris - Bored Man! Confessions of a Church Cyclist.

On a very hot September day, I took part in this year's Sussex Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event to raise some much needed funds for our church in Rusper, and also to support other churches within the county.

As a keen cyclist, my aim was to visit as many churches as my legs could cope with, and I had planned a route around Horsham and Crawley. Armed with a water bottle and some lunch, I set off from Rusper Church and rode all day. Little did I know what an inspiring day lay ahead of me, and how I was to witness God at work throughout my journey, and meeting the wonderful people carrying out His important mission and empowerment:-

St Margaret's, Ifield – Kevin the Churchwarden renovating a memorial bench. St Peter's, West Green – watching Edward and his wife preparing the church for showing a film every fortnight as part of their Autumn Community Cinema. Handcross Chapel – Rev'd Carl Smith and his team provide food for 25 families. They also offer refreshments every Saturday for the local community to meet for a cuppa and chat.

The benefice of St Mary's, Slaugham, and St Mark's, Staplefield – the angelic voice of a soprano soloist rehearsing with her accompanist on the piano. St Andrew's, Nuthurst – a coffee morning with bric-a-brac stalls in the Vicarage. Archdeacon Angela made me a cup of tea with a slice of cake, and Janey provided me with ice cubes to fill my water bottle, and donated £5 towards my ride.

St Peter's, Slinfold – a wedding taking place with a choir singing "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" I had to stay to join in singing the last hymn before the newlyweds left the church to go on to their reception.

St John's, Broadbridge Heath – the lovely grape vine growing at the entrance. I sampled the ripe black grapes to quench my thirst!

I visited fifteen churches in all, and raised a total of £285. Thank you to everyone who sponsored me. Perhaps you might like to consider joining me next year, or maybe taking part by walking or driving around local churches?

Chris Pearce

| THE BOX OF DELIGHTS  |
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| Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm   |
| in Rusper Church in aid of the Church North Aisle Appeal<br>All are welcome  |
| Items to include pieces for organ, voice, harp and musical theatre, plus readings                                      |
| The evening will include an internationally acclaimed harp player and budding young actor                              |
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Come to our mini market on the evening of the Concert on 25<sup>th</sup> November to purchase enchanting gifts for Christmas.

Maggie True

### HOPE KEITH TRUST

Sadly, we no longer have an Age UK village agent but the search for a new Rusper village agent continues.

You will be pleased to know that the coffee morning previously organised by Age UK will continue for the time being, and we hope to see you on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at The Star Inn for a cuppa and a chat.

### **RUSPER CHRONICLE**

### Trees in Rusper, and oak trees in particular

The news recently that an iconic sycamore tree well over 200 years old on Hadrian's Wall had been cut down by vandals in the night shocked many of us. How could someone do that? But the fact is that ancient trees are being cut down all the time, by city councils and property developers and householders. Here in Rusper we are so fortunate that we have a canopy of ancient oak trees, but we need to protect them. Many are hundreds of years old – a house of the same age would be listed! Not all can have protection orders but the Woodland Trust will list notable trees and flag them up on a map so we can all be aware of them. Rusper Parish News November 2023 At our October Chronicle meeting, Viv and George did just that and showed us photographs of some of our trees – particularly those around the Glebe Field threatened with development, and the football field. And gave us many fascinating facts about oak trees. Did you know that 2300 species of plant and animal life are dependent on trees, 326 are dependent on oaks and 229 are dependent only on oak trees; that the roots spread out the entire size of the canopy; and that the Magna Carta of 1215 is written in ink made from crushed oak apples – and is still as legible today as it was then.

Bricks are another interesting subject. Here in Rusper we had five brick works, not surprising with our clay soil. Brick Close was listed in 1842 – this was behind Mann's Farm. The same year Brick Burn Plat was listed, behind what is now Ghyll Manor. Faygate had two brickworks, one on Faygate Lane almost opposite Carylls Lea Farm, and the second one south of the railway. The coming of the railway in 1847 made the transport of bricks and other building supplies so much easier. And finally, there was the brick works at Lambs Green, the Rusper Clay Works Ltd, advertised from 1934 to 1955 and providing employment for many local people.

George is equally fascinated by bricks and talked us through all the various different bonds. English and Flemish Bonds were the two main bonds, though there were numerous fancy variations as George showed us.

It was a fascinating evening; with grateful thanks to George and Viv for so much information and presentation.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7-9pm Rusper Village Hall. As this will be two days after Remembrance Sunday, we will look more closely at the lives of some of those who did return. All our meetings are very much for everyone to joing in, we hope for personal contributions.

Margaret White

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### DONATIONS TO RUSPER PARISH NEWS

This month we have received 4 donations, thank you. Just £5 per household annually is fine and can be left at the Post Office or in my letter box. If you don't want the magazine delivered anymore please tell Judy Butler 871845. Bank details for direct transfer are: PCC RUSPER – MAGAZINE sort code 30-94-41 account no. 00007348

Valerie Bowles 871412

### **RUSPER CHAT 2023**





Friday 24th November 2.30pmPamMillfield Rise871527Please contact the host if a lift would be helpful.All very welcome!

Kay Drummond

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### **RUSPER VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

Work to overhaul the roof is due to be completed by the beginning of November after which new gutters and downpipes will be installed and the scaffolding taken down. Following this the car park to once again be available to hall users.



Plans are currently being drawn up for the next phase of work which will concentrate on the front of the building and include the remodelling of the toilet block to include a disabled toilet, wheelchair access via the front door and the refurbishment and fit out of the Hope Keith Room (the former snooker room). During this time access to the building will switch

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to being via the car park at the rear of the building, and at some point, temporary toilets will be provided – details to follow in due course.

The Trustees and the Management Committee would like to thank all users of the hall for their understanding and cooperation during these works, particularly the Playgroup and Rusper School.

Roland Allen on behalf of Rusper Village Hall Trustees ruspervillagehall.org.uk

### **RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL**

# Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting - September 2023

The full Minutes of these and all other meetings are available to view on the Rusper Parish Council website rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings. 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, G Adams, G Fleming, E Kitchen (HDC), K Nagle (WSCC)

### **Declaration of Interests**

No declarations were made.

### **Climate Emergency**

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To **acknowledge** that there is currently a climate emergency, 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 Council meeting.

### **Report from other Authorities**

**County Councillor Katie Nagle –** noted the white line by the village shop has been applied for. Noted that members of the Community Highway Scheme are working with Cllr Simon White with a meeting planned in October.

**District Councillor Liz Kitchen** – it was reported that the Local Plan is going ahead and will go out for consultation towards the end of the year. This will then go to the inspector for determination.

### **Active Planning Applications**

### Gatwick Planning Application for Emergency 2<sup>nd</sup> Runway

The Council **agreed** that the response to CAGNE was sufficient to address the Council's stance on the plans for a 2<sup>nd</sup> runway.

### DC/23/1701 Thatched Barn East Street Rusper RH12 4RD

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

### DC/23/1671 Calderbank Ifield Wood Ifield RH11 0LE

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

### DC/23/1639 Two Acres Langhurst Wood Road Horsham RH12 4QD

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

### DC/23/1623 13 Steeres Hill Rusper RH12 4PT

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

### DC/23/1601 Chowles Farm Lambs Green Rusper RH12 4RG

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council strongly oppose the application.

### DC/21/2043 Northside Farm Rusper Road Ifield Crawley RH11 0LQ

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It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council strongly objects to this application.

### Enforcements

The Council notes the enforcement report given in advance of the meeting by Cllr M Fillmore. The Council received a complaint at the dog field 'Simon's Field' Lambs Green – It was RESOLVED that the Council agreed to issue a complaint to HDC following complaints from residents.

### Section 106 Funding Application Consultation – Rusper Village Hall

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council supports this application.

### The Glebe Development

The developer has contacted the Clerk and offered a site meeting at The Glebe for the Council to have the opportunity to see the proposed outline and to ask questions,

### NPSG/LG Working Group

Following the meeting of the NPSG on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the LP Workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It was **agreed** to issue the letter as distributed along with a copy of the Transport Survey.

### **Operation Watershed**

The Clerk has contacted Landbuild to progress with stage 2 of works at The Mount.

### White H Line application – adjacent to Rusper Stores, East Street

Order has been placed.

### **Car Charging Point**

The Council discussed the possibility of applying for electric car charging points within Rusper via a WSCC scheme. Clerk to make enquiries about the process on behalf of the Parish Council.

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### **Reports from representatives**

- Jeremy Quin MP is holding his surgery at Rusper in October.
- Meeting with WSCC Highways on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2pm to enquire about speed limits.
- Rusper Stores defibrillator has been registered with Circuit again.
- Village Car park barrier lock has been broken, new bolt to be fitted.
- Gatwick report has been added to the website.
- Next coffee morning for Hope Keith Trust is on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **Rusper Stores Recycling Bin**

The dual recycle/waste bin has been ordered, delivery is in 5 weeks.

### **TPO Summerwood Estate**

An application for a TPO on various trees was placed with HDC by the Clerk. HDC will not allow an application on the trees. Clerk to write back to HDC.

### Policies

The Council **adopted** the Procurement Policy as issued with the agenda.

The Council **approved** the Local Winter Plan 2023 for submission to WSCC.

### Financial

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the financial report, this was signed by the Chair.

The Council considered feedback received from the CAGNE grant application. It was **RESOLVED** to pledge up to £2000 subject to the receipt of an invoice or quotation to donate the money towards their costs.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the extra cost for the works to complete the Transport Survey.

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

Next combined Parish Council and Planning meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 with a start time of 6.30pm.

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | £50  | 70  | June R |

John Jory

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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov  | Dawn Shurville | 07986 993304 |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 10th Nov             | Shona Lidstone | 01403 248472 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Mary Dawe      | 01306 627663 |
| 24 <sup>rd</sup> Nov | Sue Matthewson | 01293 871266 |

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Thank you to all those who supported the plant stall during the year, whether by supplying plants or buying those that were offered.

The stall raised £35 for Church funds.

Maggie True

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### Planning for 2024 Open Gardens event 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Now is the time to plan for change in the garden – move perennials, plant bulbs in readiness for opening your garden for next year on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

We need gardens large or small ... all are interesting for others to get encouragement and ideas.

There will be exciting new ways of transport between gardens to give you an even more exhilarating experience of rural life ... watch this space!

Maggie True

### CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for an additional editor for the Rusper Parish News. It's not an onerous task consisting only of collating the articles, cutting and pasting, and preparing copy for the printers about 3 time a year.

If interested, please contact John Jory 871753

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Please remember to let the editor <u>underlined</u> below have all items for the **December/January** edition by **14th November 2023**.

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