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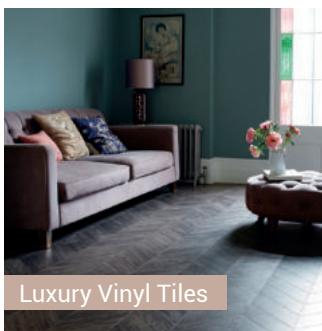
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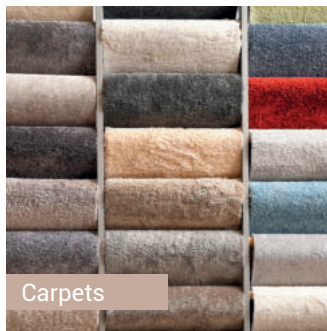
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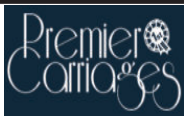
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JULY SERVICES**

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details may vary. See Facebook and Website for updates.

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

**July**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		11am Holy Communion
Thursday 6 <sup>nd</sup>	Durrants Village	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME</b>		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>		11am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene and Gift Day	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>		11am Holy Communion

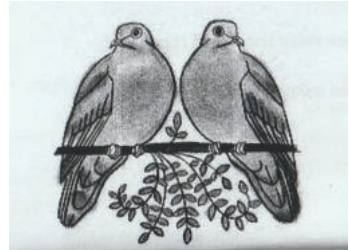
Information on services is updated monthly on: [www.rusperchurch.org.uk](http://www.rusperchurch.org.uk)

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  
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Rector	Revd Nick Flint	01293 871251
Authorised Lay Minister	Mr Chris Pearce	01403 268047
Churchwarden	Mr Stephen Busby	01293 871279
Churchwarden	Mrs Maggie True	01293 871722
Treasurer	Mrs Lorna Reeves	01293 871012
Organist		

## Back Again

Around 170 years ago Martha Knight gave birth to a boy, John in Horsham Workhouse. Although she went on to marry the boy's father her husband died within the year, but his name lived on Martha's son who became John Penfold. It seems John came to Rusper as a widower in his early fifties. He married Emily and was landlord of the Plough.



On May 4<sup>th</sup> 1907 Ralph Vaughan Williams recorded on wax cylinder two folk songs performed by John; *Daily Growing* and *The Turtledove*. Emily and John had lost an infant son in 1905 and at the time of Vaughan Williams visit their second son was only a few weeks old. Sadly, between then and a second visit by the composer in September the second son had also died. Knowing this, the themes of loss, lament and love in the *Turtledove* song are all the more poignant and personal to the singer. The song recordings can still be heard. Intriguingly they are attributed to *David Penfold*. Is this a mistake on Vaughan William's part or did Penfold go by a nickname? It is a fancy of mine that this might have been in reference to the Biblical David, giant slayer, king and 'sweet psalmist of Israel' whose songs convey the depths and heights of communion with God.

The annual Turtledove Pilgrimage from our literally 'en-chanted' village has been growing since 2017 and includes a visit to Penfold's resting place in our churchyard.

Thank you!

The story is but one connection to a rich precious heritage and the ongoing mission and purpose of St Mary Magdalene's. As we seek to raise the funds to fulfil the next stage and look to serving the coming generations the generosity and dedication of villagers and others has been remarkable in personal gifts and support of fundraising events. As this is patronal month, thank offerings in honour of our patron saint are especially welcome. Please keep this marvellous effort up!

Thanks to Jean Wood for research.

**Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if you would like to receive the weekly update.**  
**[rusperchurch.org.uk](mailto:rusperchurch.org.uk)**

*Nick*



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*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*

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## **RUSPER CHAT 2023**



**Friday 28 July 2.30 pm**  
**Angie, Hills Barn. 871274**

**PLEASE CONTACT THIS MONTH'S HOST IF A LIFT  
TO ANY CHAT MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL**

**ALL WELCOME!**

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### **RUSPER CHOIR**

Are you interested in singing on a Sunday morning? The Choir would welcome new members!!

No auditions but enthusiasm and ability to sing in tune are the key requirements.

If you are keen to give it a try and be part of a small but very friendly group. Please contact either:

Steve Busby      or      Nick Flint  
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## RUSPER CHRONICLE

### **“THE MEN WHO FIXED RUSPER – 70 years of Leonard Ashmore and Son.**

In the beginning of the last century, Rusper had become a popular area for the building of large houses and the expansion of smaller farmhouses – and large houses need lots of maintenance. Enter Leonard Ashmore – from Derbyshire via Wandsworth, London, to Rusper and settling at Ocklynge next door to Wayside Garage.

Paulene Ashmore, great granddaughter of Leonard, has recently discovered many of the early ledgers hidden in her mother's attic. Looking rather like Harry Potter's spell books, they are full of careful beautifully hand written accounts of every job done – and she brought them to our Rusper Chronicle meeting in June for us to see. Jobs included plumbing, decorating, fixing, building, making, repairing and general maintenance – with help from eight volumes of Cassell's Cyclopaedia of Mechanics if there was anything you didn't know how to do. One member of the group got carried away and quickly found how to make his own flypaper and was just progressing on to how to remove dents from a trumpet – but we still don't know how! Building was speedy back then – in 1905 a new cottage for Mr Walker at Jordans for £271.17 started in June was finished by the end of September. In between they had probably repaired the parrot's cage and distempered lots of walls. Did it all sound rather like Miss Marple here in Rusper, with the Major at Midsummer Cottage in the tomato house with the parrot's cage? The firm outgrew Ocklynge and moved down the road to what is now Sherlock and Neals Yard, building a wooden house called Glowworm and another bungalow. They are remembered in the name, Ashmore Lane.

What did they do during the War years? In Bernard's own words: “This company installed and maintained machines, designed and made fixtures for a local munitions works, employing 20 people. Similar work was carried out in a London factory engaged in packing food for the War Dept and the Ministry of Food. Other works included the manufacture of a small number of air raid shelters and general electrical work. At the

end of the War, several machines were designed and produced for mixing commodities used in the cosmetic trade for a London based firm.” They certainly played their part in the war effort.

Paulene brought a wonderful archive to share with us, recording 70 years of village life here in Rusper. They certainly ‘fixed’ Rusper – and provided employment for many. We applauded Paulene at the end of the evening but I think we were probably applauding Ashmore and Son too.

Next Chronicle meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, venue to be confirmed. Oak trees, bricks and an Indian princess.

*Margaret White*

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## **RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB**

Thank you to all those people who continue responding to the request for new members. The Rusper Church 200 Club is one of the continuing forms of income to our lovely church during these challenging times. You can continue to help by joining the 200 Club or buying additional shares. All the details about the Rusper Church 200 Club including past winners, the Rules and an Application Form, are on the Church’s web-site at [www.rusperchurch.org.uk](http://www.rusperchurch.org.uk) under “THE CHURCH IS YOU” tab. Just print off and complete the Application Form and then either e-mail it to me at [johnmichaeljory@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnmichaeljory@yahoo.co.uk) or send it to me at: Elsinoro, Horsham Road, Rusper, Horsham, RH12 4PR. Many thanks to all of you who have been regularly contributing to enable us to make a significant contribution towards the running costs of the Church over the past few years.

The results of the latest draws are:

	May 2023		June 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - £200	40	Sue M	64	Emma C
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - £75	191	Craig	51	Elaine G
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50	192	Elaine F	7	Pam W

*John Jory*

## RUSPER VILLAGE STORES

It looks like summer is here at last, and here at Rusper Village Stores we have everything you need for the perfect barbecue; sustainably sourced charcoal, local meat, buns and sauces, and plenty of cold drinks!

Have you tried our new beers from the Firebird Brewery? They are a craft brewery based in **Rudgwick** with a tasty selection of beers which have already proved popular with our customers.

*Thank you, Catherine*

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## CHURCH CLEANING

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July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Lloyd	01293 871472
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Angela Hill	01293 871274
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Turner	075125 65316

*Sue Matthewson 01293 871266*

## HOPE KEITH TRUST



Hi there,

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Best wishes,

*Gaby Aldrich*

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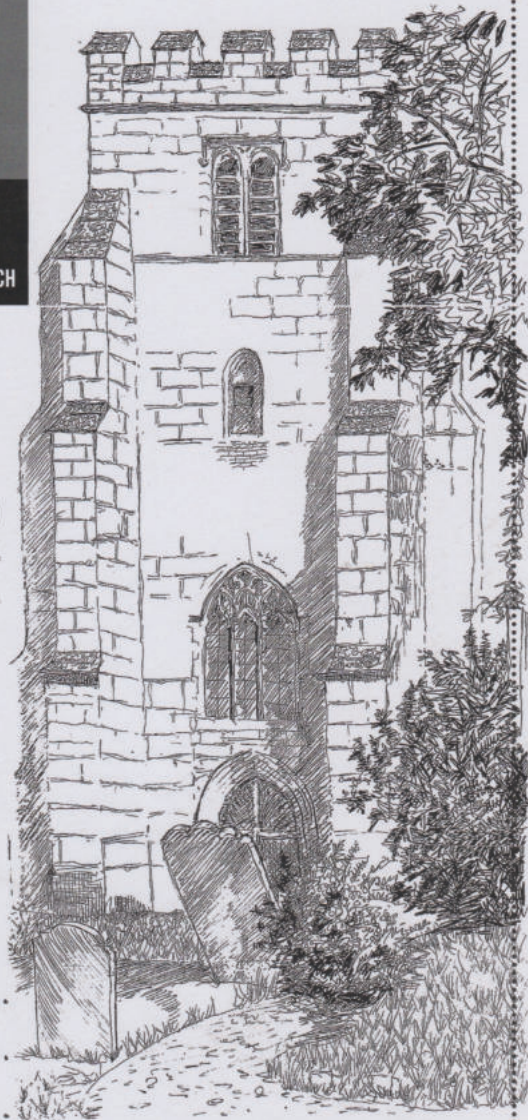
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## RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

### **Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – May 2023**

*The full Minutes of these and all other meetings are available to view on the Rusper Parish Council web site [rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings](https://rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings). These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** 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](https://www.rusper-pc.org.uk).*

**The Planning Meeting took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 Rusper Village Hall.**

**Agreed responses to the following planning applications.**

#### **Public Forum**

No members of the public present.

#### **Report from other Authorities**

No other Authorities were present due to compulsory training at Horsham District Council offices.

#### **Active Planning Applications**

DC/23/0617 re Stud Farm, New Barn Farmhouse, Capel Road RH12 4PZ – No objection.

DC/23/0399 Little Venters East Street Rusper West Sussex RH12 4RH – No objection.

DC/23/0591 and 0590 Lower Prestwood Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield Crawley West Sussex RH11 0LA – No objection.

DC/23/0213 Topham Farm, Rusper Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 4QS – No objection.

#### **Correspondence**

Footpath number 1549\_2 is closed until July 2023. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 a member of the public made an enquiry as to why this path is closed and not being repaired quickly. The Clerk has already issued an enquiry to WSCC. Carry to the next meeting.

**Next meeting is a combined meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 7.30pm at Rusper Village Hall.**

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Rusper Village Hall.**

**Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

**It was RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Cooke as Chairman.

**It was RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Hussey as Vice Chairman.

Co-option of New Members

**It was RESOLVED** to co-opt Cllrs Gatt, White and Adams. There is one seat remaining which will be re-advertised.

**Appointment of Roles**

**It was RESOLVED** to appoint councillors to the roles. *All updates are on the website.*

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor K Nagel and HDC Cllrs Hogben, E Kitchen and Cllr Fleming.

**Declaration of interests**

None.

**Climate Emergency**

To **ACKNOWLEDGE** that there is currently a climate emergency, and to ensure that all decisions made within the meeting have consideration to this.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

**It was RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and these were duly signed by the Chairman.

**Open Forum**

No comments made/questions raised.

**Approval of policies and documents – *updated on website.***

**Insurance policy**

The insurance policy for 2023-24 was noted.

**Playground Inspection and Next Steps.**

The playground inspection was noted. Low risks and very low risks are noted within the report. One moderate risk is the cradle chairs on the swings being wear and tear on the swings. The chat room needs wainey wood and replace what is rotten on the shed. Action Cllr Hussey to get one quote for the chains and the wood for the chat room.

**Recreation Ground**

Repairs to go ahead following receipt of third quote.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Update**

Next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 but will be postponed until later in the month.

### **Reports from Representatives**

**Cllr Viv Hanstad-Pilcher – WSCC Highways** attended a meeting with Cllr Cooke and WSCC Highways James Strachen. Notes were taken during the meeting to formulate a way forward. Several areas were discussed including speed limits and traffic calming measures. All aspects including dark skies policies and local farm traffic were taken in consideration. Car counting is to take place and the results will be passed to the Parish Council.

**Potholes** – reports were sent to WSCC Highways via the public online system.

**SID** – one battery will not take a charge so a new battery will be required.

**Police** – attended meeting with Police Crime Commissioner. A report on both meetings will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Fillmore – Jeremy Quin MP has called a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June to discuss Gatwick expansion plans concerns. Next GATCOM meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

### **Clerks Report**

An enquiry made by a resident with regard to a large pothole and general state of the road in Gardeners Green. The Clerk looked up the location and it is not WSCC owned. The Clerk advised the caller that the homeowner may be responsible for the maintenance of the road. The Clerk will investigate the costs of Picket Village Gates and report back to Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher

### **Subscriptions**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the subscriptions.

### **Finances**

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Internal Audit report by Mulberry and Co 2022/3.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the AGAR. This was signed by the Chairman.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Direct Debits and Standing Orders for the Financial Year

## **Schedule of Payments**

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

**The next Council meeting will be a combined Parish Council and Planning meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Rusper Village Hall 7.30pm – all are welcome.**

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## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **Funeral**

June 1 Patricia Thompson

June 7 Peter William Huntsman

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## SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

What do the changes at Horsham Council mean for the Local Plan, and whether the West of Ifield site is included for development? It's too early to say, but we do know that councillors are being taken on a tour of all the proposed strategic sites, and are spending a day hearing from the developers and promoters of the sites. So we're hopeful that at least some areas of the Plan are being reconsidered. And we're treating the next few months as an opportunity for residents to try to influence the new Council, and the Officers.

So we're encouraging everyone to write to our councillors – Liz Kitchen and Tony Hogben – and to the new Cabinet, and even to the full Council if possible. Please do let them know your views. Email addresses are here: <https://horsham.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx>

SWOI have been working on some new arguments, which you may find interesting. They're not specific to the West of Ifield site, but are aimed more at the fact that the amount of development in Horsham District is out of control and unsustainable:

- The ONS 2021 census shows that **Horsham's population grew faster than any other local authority (LA) in Sussex or Surrey between 2011 and 2021**, and at 11.8% was almost **double the rate for England and Wales** overall of 6.3%. Horsham's growth is also higher than all LAs in Kent with the exception of Dartford, Maidstone and Ashford. Looking forwards the government's housebuilding targets for Horsham will result in around 15% population growth over the next 10 years. **How does this rate of growth fit with HDC's 30-year vision? Will the Local Plan explain how population growth of nearly 50% over 30 years can be sustainable?**
- The south-east is suffering serious water stress. Water Resources South East (WRSE) estimates **massive shortfalls in the future 'driven by the need to address climate change and population growth'**. And huge need for investment. How can HDC, all local and central government, and water companies, contemplate accelerating population growth in the south-east? **This must be a strong argument against the government's housing targets of 1,000+ a year for Horsham?**

For more information email me at [Fenella.ms@gmail.com](mailto:Fenella.ms@gmail.com).

### **Dates for your diary**

5<sup>th</sup> July 8PM – Quiz Night at The Plough Rusper, with prizes! £10 for a team of 4, £2 per extra person (up to 6). Please call the Plough to book a table –01293 871215.

27<sup>th</sup> August – Ifest – Save West of Ifield will have various stalls at Ifield Cricket Club's Ifest, on Ifield Green. Live music, food, bar and games.

2<sup>nd</sup> September – SWOI will have a stall at the CPRE Country Fair at Knepp – more details to follow.

11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 Race Night – another chance to enjoy Save West of Ifield and Ifield Cricket Club's fun racing event.

*Fenella Maitland-Smith*

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday 2nd September 7.30pm

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