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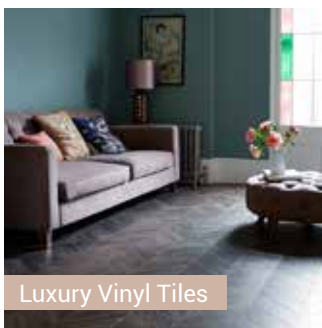
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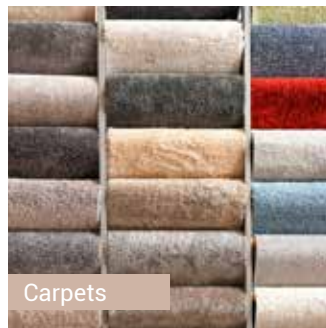
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Churchwarden & Auth. Lay Minister	Mr Chris Pearce	01403 268047
Churchwarden	Mrs Maggie True	01293 871722
Treasurer	Mrs Lorna Reeves	01293 871012

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.

Said Holy Communion every Sunday at 8am and with hymns at 11am

May

1 st Mon	11am	Bank Holiday Monday Lucy Broadwood's memorial is garlanded and dancing commences
4 th Thu	10.30am	Holy Communion at Durrants Village
7 th	11am	Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III
14 th	11am	Rogation Sunday
18 th Thu	10am	Ascension Day Holy Communion
21 st	11am	Holy Communion
28 th	11am	Pentecost



Broadwood Morris Time

The Merry month of May is here!

Wherein we shall be celebrating a new Merry Monarch, namesake to the last Charles, with festivities galore.

Old custom marks this as the month of Mary, Mother of Jesus. I'm not sure whether Rusper ever had a May Queen tradition to echo the fact as many villages once did? Maybe the Chronicle could investigate.

Rogationtide bids gratitude for the fruitfulness of the earth before the great days of Easter culminate in Ascension Day. In tune with our earthly theme, it is a feast of the kingship of Christ, then Pentecost celebrates all the gifts of God's Holy Spirit.

It all literally kicks off though in true Rusper fashion with Morris Dancing and a hint of misrule from the Broadwood Men, whose spiritual home our village and in particular our church has long been and may it long continue. It is a little-known fact that in our modern age of supposed precision planning the Broadwood Morris inhabit their own peculiar time zone – BMT.

This 'timey wimey' fluidity is a taste of eternity and a great gift to a village that just has so much to pack into one short month.

God Save the King!

RUSPER VILLAGE STORES

Spring is in the air at Rusper Village Stores! To celebrate we have brought in a selection of beers from Firebird Brewery in Rudgwick. Why not pop in and discover a new favourite beer.

Have you spotted our new parasol? Come and enjoy a coffee, ice cream or soft drink while shading from the upcoming sunny weather.

All of us at Rusper Village Stores were very sad to hear the news that Steve the Postman was leaving us after 18 years. We wish him all the best for the future and will miss his banter and the fact he wore shorts no matter the weather!

Rusper Village Stores

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Horsham Crusaders Football Club are looking for local players to play in their 9 teams who play matches on a Saturday and Sunday. This includes open age (16+) and vets football (35+) across three different leagues. We offer training on grass twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, alongside goalkeeping training. All welcome!

If you are looking for a local team, have moved into the area, or just fancy getting back into football, please email

players@horshamcrusadersfc.com

Rusper Sports Club

HOPE KEITH TRUST

Hi there,

You may already be aware via media interest and across social media platforms that Age UK West Sussex Brighton and Hove has launched a Lifeline Appeal to raise funds for our services which are responding to the increasing needs of older people facing the cost-of-living crisis.

"This is such a tough time for us, funding cuts have meant we've had to reduce staffing at a time when we're needed the most. Every day we get calls from older people living alone who are in tears about their financial situation, or who are feeling lonely and isolated. I know there are many more who are trying to get through, but can't. I hate that we're letting people down, but demand is so high, we just can't be there for everyone who needs us. Right now, times are tough for most, but if you're able to support our fundraising campaign, the money will help us to be there for people who have nowhere else to turn."

Liz Ansell Helpline Manager, AUKWSBH

If you are able to make a donation please scan the link below or call 01903 792 211. Your kind donation will help us to answer calls so that older people are able to access information and advice that can result in an improvement to their quality of life. Anything that you can give will make a positive difference. Thank you.



Please remember that you are warmly invited to meet up with other Rusper residents for a cuppa, chat and a cookie at The Star Inn, Rusper on Tuesday 9th May at 11am. We meet every second Tuesday of the month.

Best wishes,

Gaby Aldrich

Village Agent, Rusper/Colgate

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RUSPER CHRONICLE

When dinosaurs roamed Rusper!

Yes we really did have dinosaurs in Rusper as we found out at our April meeting in Simon Mortimer's fascinating talk. The south of England was covered by a warm shallow sea during the Cretaceous period for the world was a warmer place then. In the Horsham area you would be standing in water as the area was part of a large estuary with rivers flowing in from the north and east bringing in iron rich sediments. In this sea one million years ago stomped dinosaurs such as the Iguanodon. In the 1820s Gideon Mantell, an amateur fossil hunter, started digging in Tilgate Forest, finding many large bones. But in 1822 he (or his wife?) found some huge teeth which he realised must have belonged to a lizard like creature – though it was three years later till anyone believed him. Meanwhile our local hero, George Bax Holmes, became engrossed in collecting fossils. He was a chemist living in Horsham but his family originated from Pleystowe on the Capel road, farmed by his father and grandmother, members of the Quaker community. He eventually inherited the farm and other property and was able to give up the day job and concentrate on his hobby of fossil collecting. A major find was the Iguanodon remains in North Street in Horsham. Altogether he amassed over 700 specimens which were sold to the Booth Museum in Hove on his death in 1887.

In 1835 he went with Gideon Mantell to a pit in Rusper where they found saurian bones – and again in 1853 to a pit in Rusper. So where were these pits? Sadly, he didn't always record where he found the bones though we do know some finds were made at Hawkesborne on Hurst Hill. He produced a 20-page catalogue, but only one copy is known to exist which is in the Natural History Museum.

Mary Day reported a fossilised Iguanodon tail was found during the digging of a well shaft at Broomells Farm in Capel and now lives in Dorking Museum, known as Claws. And Jean Wood had information about another species discovered at Wallis Wood in the 1980s which was thought to be a fish eater – our Iguanodons were vegetarian which somehow seemed a relief to know!

It would be great to rediscover these pits. So there is plenty more to find out – keep an eye out for any large bones if you are doing any digging!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th May – 7 to 9 pm in Rusper Village Hall, small hall, when we will be looking at how Rusper celebrated earlier Coronations amongst other topics. Our meetings are very friendly so do join us.

Margaret White

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RUSPER CHAT 2023



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Please contact the month's host if a lift to any chat meeting would be helpful.
All very welcome!

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Kay Drummond

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 website at www.rusperchurch.org.uk under "THE CHURCH IS YOU" tab. Just print off and complete the Application Form and then either email it to me at johnmichaeljory@yahoo.co.uk or send it to me at: Elsinoro, Horsham Road, Rusper RH2 4PR. Many thanks to all of you

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who have been regularly contributing to enable us to make a significant contribution towards the running costs of the Church over the past years.

The results of the latest draws are:

	March 2023	April 2023
1 st prize £200	99 Geoffrey P	176 Ian B
2 nd prize £75	45 Michael W	84 CB
3 rd prize £50	1 Martin M	96 Stephen F

John Jory

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

- Rusper Parish Council holds its **full meeting** on the last Tuesday of each month at 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 clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk 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 – March 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. These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

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The Planning Meeting took place on 21st March 2023 at Rusper Village Hall. Agreed responses to the following planning applications

Fell 1x Apple and 1x American Arborvitae (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area) Wayside Cottage, High Street, Rusper RH12 4PX Ref no. DC/23/0439

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that the original application for application DC/22/1695 said that no trees or hedges would be removed or pruned and the Parish Council feel they should remain within the conservation area.

Prior notification for the demolition of existing class B1(c) workshop building and construction of new dwellinghouse (class C3).

Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper RH12 4RG Ref no. DC/23/0374

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council OBJECTS to this application as it is an over intensification of the site, vehicle access in and out of the site is inadequate for 6 new dwellings on a C category road situated on a narrow bend and is outside of a built-up area and contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council notes that there is no water neutrality statement in this application.

Prior Notification for Change of Use of 2no Agricultural Buildings to residential (Use Class C3) to form 5no dwellinghouses.

Chowles Farm, Lambs Green, Rusper Rh12 4RG Ref.no. DC/23/0373

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council OBJECTS to this application as it is an over intensification of the site, vehicle access in and out of the site is inadequate for 6 new dwellings on a C category road on a narrow bend and there is no water neutrality statement. This application is outside of a built-up area and contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to residential (Use Class C3) to form 2no dwellinghouses. Prestwood Corner, Prestwood Lane, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0LA Ref.no DC/23/0361
It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application as the vehicle access in and out of the site is inadequate on a C category road on a narrow bend and there is no water neutrality statement with this application. It is outside of a built-up area and contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. It is immediately under the flight path to Gatwick Airport and there is no public transport available in the area. The Council raises the potential for contamination and refers this to Environmental Health.

Application to confirm the continuous use of land as mixed use, single composite planning unit comprising the sui generis use of the site between 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm at weekends for Class B2 use (car repair workshop, MOT testing station and coach building/trimming workshop), parking of vehicles (parking for self-drive hire companies; local main dealer cars awaiting sale and transport; storage of plant and machinery; trailer parking; parking of lorry bodies, scrap/mechanically failed cars and general vehicle storage for staff and customer parking) and parking of up to 150 airport parked cars for a period in excess of ten years (Lawful Development Certificate – Existing).

Spinroute Ltd CCM Depot, Rusper Road, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0LQ
Ref.no. DC/23/0263

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council previously made objections to the Enforcement Order and the Parish Council have prior written statements to the appeal on the enforcement to the same site which are still relevant to this application. Rusper Parish Council have **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to the application due to the extended working hours, the rural location and the rural roads. The extended hours run into the weekend where the area is regularly used by cyclists, carriages, horses and the additional vehicle movements is a risk too high.

Erection of a pair of two-storey semi-detached dwellings with garages DC/22/0355 The Royal Oak, Friday Street, Rusper RH12 4QA

It was RESOLVED to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application as it is overdevelopment in a rural countryside location, does not support new developments on greenfield sites, the entrance and exit are opposite existing driveways and on a dangerous bend on a narrow country lane. The Parish Council have read the water neutrality calculation and are asking for a 3 year water usage report to cross check the calculation. Housing need was demonstrated in the NP as being met via existing and planned local developments, this is an unsustainable site as it is an isolated location more than 2 miles from the village with no nearby amenities or public transport, there would be a negative impact on local listed buildings.

The Full Council Meeting took place on 31st March 2023 at Rusper Village Hall. Reports from representatives

Cllr Kitchen reported that some Parish Councils who have a Neighbourhood Plan in place are not guaranteed their CIL payments because of water neutrality issue and the delay to the Local Plan.

Courage Dyers Grant/Procurement

The Council **acknowledge** the grant of £5725 from Courage Dyers and thank them for their support towards the project. It was **agreed** that the completed procurement form will be submitted to the Clerk.

Proposed Expenditure on Transport Consultation

Two Councillors met with Alan Bailes Consultancy to discuss a Transport survey for benefit of the NP process particularly when the LP moves into regulation 19. It was **agreed** that £2500 be granted to the Transport Consultation.

Rusper Sports Club Terms of Reference

Noted there are 2 parts to the document, how it is managed and how that arrangement works. The Council discussed the document and several points were raised. It was **agreed** that Cllr Viv Hanstad-Pilcher to meet with Surrey Hills

Reports from Representatives

Cllr Sallows reported the proposal to put an extra D outside of the tennis court with one basketball hoop. Three quotes to resurface the courts are currently being reviewed. Repairs to the carpark and higher fencing around the court is also being discussed.

Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher reported that the WSCC Highways meeting is on 6th April in the Council offices in Horsham. A meeting with WSCC Highways steward was held to discuss parking issues. Cllr Cooke and Cllr Hanstad-Pilcher will attend the Police focus group meeting on 15th May 2.30pm in Southwater.

Cllr Maitland-Smith Litter pick on Sunday, 2nd April at 11am – all welcome.

Cllr Saunders reported that the mud on road from the North Horsham development do not require any wheel washes from site as there is nothing detailed within the planning conditions. **Action** Clerk to escalate this with County Councillor Katie Nagle.

Cllr Gatt Village Hall quotes for the roof have been received but further discussion whether the roof needs repairing or full replacement is ongoing. The Hope Keith Trust plan to convert the snooker room into a hub. Noted that the 106 money from the Bovis development could be managed within the transport survey and neighbourhood plan meeting and for transport improvement to Rusper Primary School.

Procurement Workbook

The blank procurement forms were distributed in advance of the meeting. Councillors were advised on how to complete the form and how this will enable the Council to track preferred suppliers, track payment and to ultimately sign off the work. The Council were referred to the Financial Regulations as guidance on costs and whether 3 quotes are required.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

The terms of reference document was distributed in advance of the meeting. The Council considered the revised ToR with some changes. It was **resolved** to adopt the adjusted NPSG Terms of Reference. It was **agreed** Cllr Sallows to be the interim Chair of the NPSG until the first meeting. Next meeting 4th April 2023 at The Plough, Rusper

Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2023

Advertisement of the event has started. Tea and Coffee will be provided at the meeting by Cllr Cooke and the Clerk.

Next council and planning combined meeting is 25th April 2023 at Rusper Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 20th April 2023 at Rusper Village Hall at 7.30pm – please come along – tea and coffee provided.

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OPEN GARDEN EVENT

Saturday 17th June.
2 - 6 pm

We are opening up some gardens in Rusper and district this year on 17th June so why not come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon out. Come to St Mary Magdalene Church to purchase a map of participating gardens for £10 in aid of the Restoration appeal for the North Aisle and Parkinson's Research, then return to the church at some stage for tea and delicious home-made cakes!

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19 th May	Eileen Hallam	871417
26 th May	Chris & Carrie Johnson	871553

Sue Matthewson 871266

PREScription FOR MURDER

What delightful, exuberant, charming performances of 'Prescription for Murder' we were all treated to in the Village Hall on the nights of 24th & 25th March and the afternoon of 26th March. From outstanding acting and directorship and stage managership to the delicious cakes and wines and the stunning raffle prizes, what more could the village ask.

Folk from far and wide attended making full houses for each performance. Thank you to all those clever bakers who provided such delicious cakes which were so appreciated.

Also, thank you for coming and helping the NORTH AISLE RESTORATION FUND raise over £6000.

Maggie True



NB: Please read the North Aisle leaflet which is distributed with this May edition of Rusper Parish News

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