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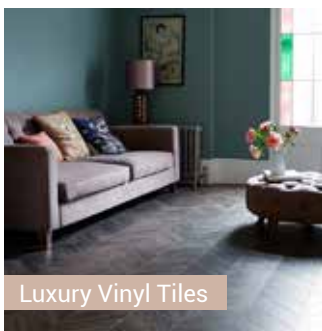
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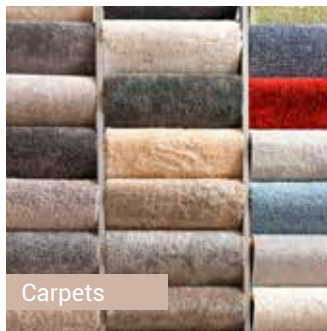
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July

Tuesday 2nd Durrants Village 10.30am Holy Communion

NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME

Sunday 7th Coffee & Cake after the service 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st Patronal Festival of St Mary 11am Holy Communion

Magdalene and **Gift Day**. A chance to make a special offering in thanksgiving for our church and to support our ministry.

Sunday 28th 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

The Rectory
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Novena to St Mary Magdalene

In the nine days running up to 22 July you might want to offer a short daily prayer

Daily Response:

Greetings Mary Magdalene, faithful follower of Christ, the Risen Lord is with you, blessed companion and chosen witness to His Resurrection

Jesus said to Mary Magdalene 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father. Our Father....

13th Mary Magdalene, you came with springing tears to the spring of mercy, Christ;

from him your burning thirst was abundantly refreshed; by him your bitter sorrow was consoled. Well do you know by your own life what counsel a soul in misery needs, what medicine will restore the sick to health.

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14th Dear friend of God, since you are now with the chosen because you are beloved chosen of God, I pray to you, in bliss; in my darkness, I ask for light; that I may have the love that pierces the heart; tears that are humble and desire for the homeland of heaven

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15th Turn to my good that ready access that you have to the spring of mercy. Bring me to him who can fill my thirst; pour over me those waters that will make my dry places fresh. You will not find it hard to gain all you desire from so loving and so kind a Lord who is alive and reigns and is your friend

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16th Who can tell, beloved and blest of God, what can I say, how can I find words to speak, of the burning love with which you sought him, weeping at the sepulchre and wept for him in your seeking?

How he came, to comfort you, and made you burn with love still more;

how he hid from you when you wanted to see him,
and showed himself when you did not think to see him;
how he was there all the time you sought him. ®

17th Most holy Lord, she had not been able to prevent them from killing you,
but at least she longed to keep your body for a while with ointments lest it decay. No longer able to speak with you living, at least she could mourn for you dead. So, she repeats in broken tones the words of life which she had heard from the living.

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18th 'Who are you looking for? Why are you weeping?' Only in such broken words and sighs can she convey a cause of grief as great as hers. The love you have inspired you do not ignore, and indeed you know her well, the gardener, who planted her soul in his garden. What you plant, you also water.

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19th Now, good Lord, gentle Master, look upon your faithful servant and disciple, so lately redeemed by your blood, and see how she burns with anxiety, desiring you, searching all round, questioning,
Nothing she sees can satisfy her, since you whom alone she would behold, she sees not.

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20th

You made yourself a mortal in order to give us immortality. and so it is; for love's sake he cannot bear her grief for long or go on hiding himself. For the sweetness of love he shows himself who would not for the bitterness of tears. The Lord calls his servant by the name she has often heard
and the servant knows the voice of her own Lord.

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She responded to the gentle tone with which he was accustomed to call, 'Mary'. What joy filled that voice, so gentle and full of love. He could not have put it more simply and clearly: 'I know who you are and what you want; behold me; do not weep, behold me; I am he whom you seek.'

At once the tears are changed from a heart broken and self-tormenting they flow now from a heart exulting.

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Nick

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



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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PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

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RUSPER CHAT 2024



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TO ANY CHAT MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL**

ALL WELCOME!

OPEN GARDENS

Torrential rain poured down on the good people of Rusper and beyond who ventured forth in the heaviest of rainstorms to view the 12 gardens who opened on 15th June.

Wishful thinking, we had prepared a table full of delicious cakes and with the urn ready to make the tea the heavens opened.

Thank you to all those intrepid gardeners who had worked so hard to make their gardens such a joy to behold and thank you also to all those who fought the elements to view those gardens.

We are so delighted that we took just over £400 and rising, towards the North Aisle Restoration Appeal. A cheque is also being sent to Parkinson's UK.

Maggie True

RUSPER CHRONICLE

Anyone who likes reading the more popular press would have loved The History Society meeting in June, with fascinating tales of Rusper family lives and deaths.

We met in the church. Not far in the church. In fact, immediately inside the South door, we stopped, and turned 180 degrees to our left and looked at the stained glass window.

Yes, it is glass, and stained but it is brightly illuminated from behind and is mounted on the wall, rather than going through it, so it is not really a window, anymore, although it was a true window in the church from where it came. The back light provides great clarity, so the beauty and detail can be clearly and nearly viewed, commemorating the Trevaskis family of parsons; the son, Hugh was long time vicar of Rusper; the father was vicar of the church of its original location. You decide whether reference, in the window, to “Saint Hugh” imply aspiration or something else.

This prime location in Rusper Church was previously occupied by the memorial to another, a curate, indeed Thomas Smith who died in 1840. He was moved to another fine, possibly even better location in the bell tower. Later, when outside, we saw his grave. Is it unique? It is shaped like ...some say, a Swiss Roll, some say a caterpillar, some say a wartime Nissan hut. You decide.

We stayed inside the South side of the church and to the stained glass window commemorating, not a death or a life, but the Golden Wedding Anniversary of George and Amelia, from Baldhorns in Wimland Road. Is that unique as well? Is there another church window celebrating a Golden Wedding? George looking remarkably like King David, and Amelia looking like Anna the Prophetess from Luke, with three cherubs gracing the corners. Later, when outside, we saw the graves of George, who died three years later and Amelia who survived a further three. And adjacent, the memorial to their three children who died in childhood; were they the three little cherubs in the window?

On the North Aisle of the church is a memorial to the Craster family. We centred on Edmund Craster Craster. We homed on the name, which spellcheck has difficulty to accept. Surely that is also unique? Why? The Spanish tradition is for children to have maternal and then paternal surnames. Is this similar? Was his father married to his cousin? David Beckham Beckham? Taylor Swift Swift? The possibilities are endless.

A wander to the South West side of the churchyard, brought us to a two foot high statue of a little boy. Eric Valentine de Bow, aged four, who was killed by a motor vehicle in Horsham Road in 1933, and whose parents ran the local Forest Stores. Adjacent is the memorial to his older brother Kenneth, who lived to be 79 and only died in 2006. Nearby are his parents, Mum lived to be a hundred.

And in the front of the church near the road lies Margaret Seton Kerr. Born in Calcutta, returned to live with her Grandparents in Rusper, only to die, aged nine in an asylum, possibly from Down's syndrome.

Elsewhere you can find residents of Carylls (Lt General Chalmers), Ghyll Manor (Thomas Dunn) or Seerscroft (General Anderson), all of whom have riveting biographies, that have delighted earlier History Society evenings.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19 July, 7:00 PM Rusper village hall, when we shall be looking at what the newspapers said about Rusper in the 1950s and 60s. Everyone welcome.

Brian Swift

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RUSPER SPORTS CLUB

Grand Opening 14th July

Hear ye, hear ye! Come and celebrate the re-opening of your Sports Club!

After many weeks of refurbishment, we would like to invite everyone to our grand re-opening and taster day on Sunday 14th July, to see and to try out the new facilities.

Children and adults, members and non-members all welcome. Why not try a bit of basketball, walking football, girl's football, tennis, rusty rackets, walking tennis - **all free on the day!**

Fun for all the family with entertainment and refreshments available.

- 9am – 12am Qualified coaches will be giving taster sessions of tennis*:
 - 9-10am Court 1 Red ball players (ages 5½-8yrs)

Court 2 Orange ball (ages 8 & 9 yrs)

- 10-11am Court 1 Adults 'Rusty Rackets'

Court 2 Green & yellow ball juniors (10-13 yrs)

- 11-12pm Court 1 & 2 Club level match players

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Please contact the club coach Mike Costa: Sukimike61@gmail.com or 07944775262 if you are not sure which session would suit you best.

- 12am onwards Basketball coaching, 3 on 3 and knockabout
- 12 am onwards Football coaching and sessions for all ages, genders and abilities
- 2pm Watch the vets' football match

The Star will be providing a bbq and bar (NB cash only).

If you are local please walk (or even run) or cycle to avoid parking issues.

Why not join up to be able to enjoy all these great facilities all year round?

Membership

Membership runs from June 1st each year and is now due for renewal. Rusper Sports Club facilities are only available to members, so if you haven't yet joined, now is the time to do so. Being a member gives you access to the online court booking system, which works well and guarantees members a court to play on at your chosen time.

Anyone with a Horsham District Council Leisure Card, will receive a 50% reduction on the cost of membership.

The membership fees for 2024/25 are:

	Rusper Parish Residents:	Those living outside Rusper Parish:
Family*	£80.00	£100.00
Adult	£40.00	£60.00
Junior (under 18)**	£20.00	£40.00
Senior Citizen (over 60)	£20.00	£40.00

* Up to five individuals living at the same address.

** Under the terms of our insurance Junior members must be supervised by an Adult at all times when using the facilities.

Please check the club website at **ruspersportsclub.co.uk** for details on how to join, or email **secretary@ruspersportsclub.co.uk**, or pick up a form from Rusper Village Stores in the High Street, Rusper.

For enquiries about Rusper Sports Club membership please contact:
George & Viv Sallows (Committee Members)
Tel: 01293 871092

If you have a special sporting interest you would like to promote, please contact the Sports Club Committee, via email at secretary@ruspersportsclub.co.uk .

Watch this space for news of future events!

Rusper Sports Club



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If you are interested in joining us for the new season, come and visit us at our Tuesday Club Night from 6 p.m. Members will be happy to show you the facilities which includes a reasonably priced bar and an introduction to the game of bowls. Full membership is just £60! Alternatively, taking out our Social Membership at £30pp for the season is a great way to meet new people and participate in fun activities all year round.

For all enquiries, please contact the Club Secretary Diana Banthorpe at secretary@newdigatebowls.co.uk

RUSPER CHURCH ONLINE AUCTION

Many thanks to all those who were involved with the online auction in May either as donors of the offerings or as purchasers.

The event raised £1546.84 towards the North Aisle Restoration Appeal.

Maggie True

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Rusper Parish Council Planning Committee meeting – 28th May 2024

Summary of Rusper Parish Council Parish Council AGM – 14th May 2024

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

To get regular updates from us, please visit our website and subscribe:

www.rusper-pc.org.uk.

Prior to the meeting PCSO Chrissie Symmons introduced herself to the Council members – any police related items that you wish the Council to raise to the PCSO can be done by contacting the PCSO or via Cllr Geoff Hussey, the Clerk. Contact details can be found on the Rusper Parish Council website.

Present: Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, S. White, F. Maitland-Smith, R. Gat.

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 meeting held on 30th April 2024

Active Planning Applications

DC/24/0720 Lower Prestwood Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LA – no objection

DC/24/0719 Lower Prestwood Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LA – no objection

DC/24/0686 Parkhouse Rusper Road Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LQ - no objection

DC/24/0699 Millfields, Millfields Farm Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4PR. Demolition of existing structures and erection of 43no. dwellings (Use Class C3), creation of a new access and provision of public open space, alongside associated landscaping and other works - strongly object to this application. Full details of the objection can be found on the HDC website or make enquiries to the Clerk of the Council for a copy.

DC/24/0771 Dial Post Farm, Unit 5 Dial Post Park Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4QX – support.

Update on planning compliance cases

Cllr G Hussey to speak to Enforcement about as possible planning breach and report back to the Clerk.

Fly tipping at Rusper Sports field was reported and the Clerk is receiving a following up from the Enforcement Officer who was in attendance.

Summary of Rusper Parish Council Parish Council AGM – 14th May 2024

Present: Cllrs M Cooke (Chair), G Hussey (Vice Chair), G Sallows, F Maitland-Smith, R Gat, S White. District Councillor Liz Kitchen.

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.

Appointment of Roles - It was RESOLVED to appoint councillors to the roles – all are listed on the RPC website.

The Council **accepted** the resignation of Cllr G Adams.

Declaration of Interests – One declaration of interest - Cllr F Maitland-Smith is the Chair of SWOI.

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 of the previous Council meeting held on 30th April 2024.

Open Forum - No members of the public present.

Reports from other Authorities

District Councillor Liz Kitchen – Hope Keith trust question – has anybody been appointed yet for the role of village agent? No there is no one appointed yet, but the agreement has been signed.

Policies and Documents - It was RESOLVED to approve the Standing Orders, New Financial Regulations 2024, Planning Committee Terms of Reference, Roads and Transport Working Group Terms of Reference, all other policies/procedures were approved without change.

Insurance Policy - The insurance policy renewal for 2023-24 was considered and it was **agreed** that the Council would move their policy to Clear Insurance.

Rusper Sports Ground - The Council received a verbal update on the S106 project – Tennis Court. The works are progressing well however someone stole cement on Friday evening but were disturbed by a passerby. Police were informed. The Courage Dyers Grant funded project – the project is due to be completed in the second week of June.

Streetlights The update on the progress of grant funding for the repair and replacement of Streetlights in Cooks Meadow to LED versions was carried to the next meeting.

May Day The Council discussed the future road closure planning of the May Day celebrations. It was agreed that the Council will apply for the road closure but the signage for this is to be organised by the May Day Committee themselves.

GATWICK - The Gatwick report was received in advance of the meeting and can be found on the Council website. The Council **note** the membership of Malcom Fillmore on GACC as a personal member of the Committee.

Reports from Representatives

It was **agreed** that the **HDC Biodiversity** response was delegated to Chair and Cllr F Maitland-Smith.

Cllr R Gat – noted that the new WSCC sign location has to be applied for by the Council however its installation is being paid for by the developer. Cllr Gat to send the information to the Clerk for processing to WSCC Highways.

Cllr S White – the application to reduce the speed through the High Street to 20mph speed limit has been passed to the PSCO for Police section of the application to be completed.

Cllr G Hussey - Noted the shop was broken into again early hours of Saturday morning by a 2 people on one motorbike by ramming the door. Police were called as the noise caused a disturbance but did not respond in time.

Subscriptions were agreed.

Finances - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report for April 2024, Internal Audit report FY23-24, AGAR form FY23-24 and the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024, the inspection of records notice.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the to **approve** grant applications for Air Ambulance £350 and Citizens Advice Bureau - £100.

Direct Debits and Standing Orders - It was **RESOLVED** to approve the **approve direct debits and standing orders** for coming financial year.

Schedule of payments - It was **RESOLVED** to **approve** the payments as shown on the schedule.

Next meetings are the Planning Committee Meeting on 18th June 2024 at 7pm and the Parish Council

Meeting on Tuesday 25th June 2024 commencing at 7pm – ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Parish Clerk

SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

General election: If you're interested to know how some of the candidates in Horsham and Crawley feel about the plans for 3,000 houses West of Ifield (WOI) then please see their short videos on our website or on Facebook <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/>

Or you could write to them and tell them your views? Contacts for Horsham candidates here: <https://whocanivotefor.co.uk/elections/RH12%201PX/> and Crawley candidates here: <https://whocanivotefor.co.uk/elections/RH11%200ND/Planning>

Planning application for WOI: Homes England hope to submit a planning application for WOI in 2024, ahead of the Planning Inspector's report on Horsham Council's Local Plan. We now know their plans for water neutrality include drilling extraction boreholes – this has come to light in their latest draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report just published on Horsham Council's planning portal (application reference EIA/24/0003) which gives a lot of useful detail on the proposed planning application if you're interested.

We'll scrutinise and respond to the planning application (as we did for the draft Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation – SWOI and our paid experts submitted over 500 pages of technical reports, available on our website). We'll need to fund more work from our transport consultants TTHC, to critique the detailed Traffic Assessment and modelling. TTHC's view of what's already in the public domain is that it contains clear errors and omissions and is based on inaccurate assumptions, particularly about the extent to which residents will cycle and walk rather than use cars. We know that Transport is an area where the WOI proposal is particularly weak, not least because it's almost unique in being 3,000 houses planned with no direct access to a major road. So no wonder that Homes England have had to make heroic assumptions to make it seem feasible.

Local Plan Examination: Horsham Council expect to submit all the Reg 19 responses to the Planning Inspectors after the election, and publish them all on their website. At that point we'll see how residents feel about the Plan, and we'll present this as evidence to the Inspector when we appear at the Examination hearings in October and November, alongside some of our experts, who will also need funding.

Funding: We're launching a big push on funding, to pay for advice and possible legal representation. Please note that 78% of our campaign spend so far has been on expert advice and technical reports, and the balance on engagement, printing, etc. Our May newsletter gives detail on SWOI's expenditure breakdown and a forecast of possible funding requirements for 2024.

Dates for your diary:

6th July from 10.30am come and see us in **County Mall** Crawley

14th July – Guided **walk** to discover more of ifield's history. Likely to be in the afternoon but please see Facebook or email me for further details.

25th August from 12pm come and see us at **Ifest** on Ifield Green playing fields.

4th September 8pm – **Quiz** at the Plough Rusper, back after a summer break.

7th September from 10am – come and see us at the **CPRE Countryside Day** at the Knepp Estate.

17th September 2pm – **Crawley Museum talk** by SWOI on the development and its impacts.

As always, to keep up to date, please read our newsletters and website: <https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/>

Fenella Maitland-Smith

savewestofifield@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

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Sue Matthewson 01293 8712665

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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 9 July at 11am at The Star Inn for a cuppa and a chat.

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