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Treasurer	Mrs Lorna Reeves	01293 871012

Nick is here to minister to all who have need in our parishes. 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 Thursday as a rest day each week, so he kindly suggests that you only contact him on a Thursday in matters of urgency.

Services in August

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

7 th		11am Holy Communion
14 th	NO 8am SERVICE	11am Morning Prayer
21 st	NO 8am SERVICE	11am Holy Communion
28 th		11am Holy Communion

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Stat Crux Dum Volvitur Orbis

‘What do we ask of life, here or indeed hereafter, but leave to serve, to live, to commune with our fellow men and with ourselves; and from the lap of earth to look up into the face of God?’

The book from which these lines come was not published until six months after the death of the author aged only 32. Margaret Fairless Barber was without doubt a mystic writer. It is a common misunderstanding to assume that such people as we call mystics are of some strange breed, inhabiting a monastic cloister or the other worldly equivalent. An orphan at twenty, Margaret was a nurse in the slums of Victorian London and only her own ill health forced her to give up that practical work to which she was so devoted. The compensation for our benefit was that she turned to writing. Moving to Sussex she befriended outsiders, the homeless and those with learning difficulties. In her classic book *The Roadmender* she weaves stories of these ordinary people into a divine purpose. She sees their beauty and intrinsic value. The writing was a labour of love completed by dictation as she became almost completely blind. Mysticism is grounded and poetic faith finds fulfilment in practical ways. Margaret chose anonymity in the pen name Michael Fairless. Only some 20 years after her death did some amateur sleuthing identify her and locate her resting place in the churchyard at Ashurst. This remarkable author writing within earshot of the Carthusian monastery at Cowfold

stands in the medieval tradition of Julian of Norwich. The Cowfold Carthusians were refugees from France in the 1870s.

Against the background of historic spiritual tradition her gender neutrality makes her an unconventional 'saint' for our modern times. Our subject this month, Margaret died on the 24th of August 1901.

The emblem of the Carthusians is depicted as a globe surmounted by a cross. Emblazoned above it are seven stars which represent St Bruno and his six companions, founders of the order. The Latin motto is translated as *the cross stands while the world revolves*

Nick

RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB

Thank you to all those people who continue responding to the request for new members during this difficult time. The Rusper Church 200 Club is one of the few 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 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 result of the July draw is:

1 st prize£200	69	Mr & Mrs R B
2 nd prize£ 75	90	Dean B
3 rd prize£ 50	131	Aelwen L

John Jory

JOHN OICKLE 1947-2022

We were out walking one day and we came across a man in a fluorescent jacket picking up litter. We assumed this was a very efficient 'council worker'. Instead, this was John Oickle, a Lambs Green resident who regularly went around the roads in Rusper – as far as Bonnetts Lane – with his truck, picking up litter. This litter encompassed not only the usual crisp packets etc., but road signs left by Highways, paint pots, supermarket baskets, tyres, metal poles – the list goes on. This he transported home to await collection by HDC.

John was born in Dorking and grew up in Abinger Hammer. He was a farmer and builder and loved the outdoors competing in grass track races. He and his family moved to Rusper in 2006 and John and his wife had a strong work ethic and a desire to help others. For instance, they worked together to raise money to buy Christmas presents for locally disadvantaged children. He competed in a 24km race over the Brecon Beacons on one of the hottest days of the year and successfully completed the course – at 70 years old! – again raising money for a children's charity. He was a retained fire fighter, renovated tractors, and loved playing with his grandchildren. John was looking forward to being involved on the Road and Traffic Committee. He was good company and made many friends over the years who will really miss him.

John enjoyed keeping our roads and paths cleared of litter immensely and found it very satisfying. He was a man with big hands and an even bigger heart. Rusper will miss him.

Ray Butler

HOPE KEITH TRUST

Hi there,

It's hot, very hot! Just a reminder that frequent hydration and keeping cool are the priorities in a heat wave.

Some hot weather guidance

You can keep your home cool by drawing the curtains and closing blinds as this can deflect as much as 30% of the heat. Putting a fan on and placing bowls of ice or cold water in the room can also help.

Lighter clothing, cotton sheets and keeping the windows open at night can all help to give you a more comfortable night's sleep. If you need cooling down, have a cool shower or bath or put your feet in a bowl of cool water taking care to dry them afterwards so you don't slip when you get up!

If you are chatting to an older neighbour and they seem a bit out of sorts do please suggest that they have a drink because it is all too common for people to become dehydrated without knowing it.

With all of that covered make sure that you take some time to enjoy yourself!

What's coming up

Our next coffee morning at The Star Inn, Rusper will be on Tuesday 9 August at 11am. We still have new people joining us which always adds interest, so do please feel free to come along.

Best wishes,

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RUSPER CHRONICLE

We were very pleased to help Rusper School celebrate its 150th anniversary in July with photos and documents . Also during the month we welcomed 18 members of Horsham U3A who came visiting and shared hospitality at The Star. Our new trail leaflets were very helpful. And don't forget our latest Rusper Chronicle booklet is on sale at Rusper Stores for only £2!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 7-9 pm
RUSPER VILLAGE HALL when we will continue looking at the lives of ordinary people of Rusper in the past.

We had such an enjoyable July meeting on this theme. We are so lucky that in the group we have members of two families whose names go back several centuries – the Pratt family and the Steere family, and Linda and Harold kept us fascinated. Harold retold the story of his uncle Gilbert Steere who at the age of 19, with no pilot training, managed to fly a Halifax bomber back from an air raid when the pilot was shot and died. And for which Gilbert was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. Meanwhile Linda's father was serving as a Desert Rat under General Erskine who is buried in Rusper Churchyard and whose grave we looked at on the previous Chronicle meeting held in the church and churchyard. The Pratt family were farmers so Lynn gave us a look at the importance of farming when Rusper was almost entirely a farming village. A recording of John Penfold singing in the Plough to Vaughan Williams in the early 1900s introduced us to John who was the publican at the time – and had married a member of the Pratt family. The history of places is so often told only through the history of the big houses, partly because they are more documented, but what about the story of the "ordinary" families – not ordinary at all! If you have any history of your local family we would like to share it! Everyone is welcome at our meetings – just come along.

Margaret White

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RUSPER CHAT 2022



Fri 26 August 2.30 pm Angie - Hills Barn

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Kay Drummond

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, Alison Neate, 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 – June 2022

*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.*

To get regular updates from us, including local roadwork notifications, please visit our website and subscribe: www.rusper-pc.org.uk.

Planning – 21st June 2022

Responses to planning applications

DC/22/0929 West Laing, Horsham Road: Defer to the arboricultural officer but would request that Highways takes a view on this application as the trees border the road.

DC/22/0891 East Lodge, Ifield Hall: No objections provided that:-

- Water saving measures are applied to the main dwelling and the annexe.
- The building remains annexed to the main residence for habitation purposes.

DC/22/0949 Kilnwood Farmhouse, Kilnwood Lane: Opposed to this application as there is insufficient information provided, especially relating to water neutrality. If the officer is minded to approve this application, Rusper PC requests that:-

- The number of horses at the site or surrounding the site remain at a reduced level as the water neutrality plan is based on this.
- The impact on the SSSI at House Copse should be a key consideration for the Environmental Officer.
- There is nothing in the plans to show how grey water storage would be achieved. There should be a condition added that this is in the plans and in use before anyone takes occupancy.
- Any outside lighting should comply with the dark skies policy in the Rusper Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Update on planning decisions

DC/22/0680 8 Cooks Mead – permitted
DC/22/0685 Yew Trees, Rusper Road – permitted
DC/22/0596 Oaks Cottage, East Street – permitted
DC/22/0299 Land at Newdigate Road – permitted
DC/22/0788 Hazeldene, East Street – permitted
DC/22/0807 & 0808 Kings Farm House, Wimland Road - permitted
DC/20/1993/APP/Z3825/W/20/3265226 Hillybarn Farmhouse, The Mount –
appeal dismissed

Council Meeting – 28th June 2022

Appointment of roles

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Gatt to the role of Village Hall Committee representative.

Street light contract

It was agreed to appoint Streetlights as contractors to maintain the lighting, and this will be reviewed after a year when a plan will be put in place to remove streetlights in that time.

Playground

It was noted that there are two dead elm trees in the playground which will be looked at to see if a quote is needed to remove them. There is no immediate risk posed to the public due to their location.

The fallen wall bordering the playground will be finished as soon as possible.

Police

The Police Liaison Document was approved and will be published on the website and Facebook page. Councillors were encouraged to talk to their neighbours about this and report all crime.

Correspondence/Consultations/Reports/Meetings

- a. An informal meeting was held with Colgate Parish Council to discuss the Land West of Ifield strategic site.

- b. The email regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund was noted. The following items will be reported to them: Rusper Village Hall needs renovation including a new roof and insulation, the sports court at the Rusper Recreation Ground needs replacing, there is a plan to calm traffic in the High Street in Rusper which needs funding.
- c. The attendees for meeting Cllr Chown on 4th July will be Cllrs Hussey, Sallows and Maitland-Smith.
- d. The attendees for meeting with Horsham District Council regarding golf provision will be Cllrs Hanstad-Pilcher and Maitland-Smith. The Captain of Ifield Golf Club will also be invited.
- e. Cllrs Hussey and Hanstad-Pilcher will be meeting the Highways Area Manager to review and log all of the road issues.

Reports from representatives

- Cllr Sallows reported that the pavilion has now been cleaned and tidied. They are waiting for glass for the front door.
- Cllr Hussey reported that there has been graffiti under the slide. This was dealt with by Cllr Sallows. Some anti-graffiti paint will be bought.
- Cllr Fillmore has a number of Gatwick meetings coming up. He is working with the Chairman of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign to put together detailed statistics to refute what Gatwick Airport are saying about night flights.
- PCSO Erica Baxter will attend the October meeting.
- Cllr Cooke attended the Horsham District Older People's Forum.

Alison Neate 07871 340986

Clerk to Rusper Parish Council

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS & STREET PARTY

“Where on earth did all those tables come from?” This was a frequent remark heard at the amazing street party held on 5th June. They seemed to go endlessly over the horizon. Seriously, we and our neighbours would like to thank the often unseen but exhaustive work that organisers carried out to ensure everybody had a good time.

And we did!

Huge thanks to Rebecca, Wayne and the whole committee and other helpers for giving us a really lovely day and one to remember.

Judy Butler

RUSPER GARDENS OPEN DAY

Rusper village opened up some of its beautiful gardens on Saturday, 25th June on a blustery but sunny afternoon. Local residents generously allowed visitors to browse through their delightful gardens and to round off the afternoon, a plethora of delicious home-made cakes and tea were on offer in the churchyard. Over £400 was raised towards repairs to the church and Parkinson's UK. The comment below from Sheila Poynter perfectly sums up the day. Sheila's parents, Dolly and Maurice Sexton, lived in Burnt House, Burnt House Lane for well over 50 years and it is where Sheila was born.

“Thank you to everyone who opened up their gardens yesterday to help raise much needed funds for the upkeep of the beautiful St Mary Magdalene Church. The gardens we managed to visit (sorry we didn't get to see them all) were beautiful for very different reasons, colour, views, history but mainly the lovely people we met. Well done to you all, we had a most enjoyable afternoon, especially the delicious tea and cake at the church afterwards.”

Louise Holford Walker

JUBILEE ORGAN RECITAL 2022

Rusper Church was pleased to hold a most well-received organ recital as part of this year's Jubilee celebrations. Steve Busby and Philip Duffin (local organists) collaborated to play well-known pieces, many that were sung and played at the 1953 Westminster Abbey Coronation Service.

A most convivial evening was enjoyed by all, both listening and singing with gusto to old favourites such as Greensleeves, Jerusalem and Jupiter from The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst, known to us all as 'I vow to thee my country'. Wine from Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking and home-made nibbles helped the evening swing along, as everyone celebrated the Jubilee in our church which was colourfully decorated with red, white and blue bunting and flags. Over £400 was raised, shared between the church building fund and the Ukraine. Thanks to everyone that supported us.

Steven Busby

CHURCH CLEANING

5 th August	Shona Lidstone	01403 248472
12 th August	Gill Fleming	871371
19 th August	Judy Easter	01403 251979
26 th August	Judy Butler	871845

Sue Matthewson 871266

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1 July	Robert Lawrance Glanville & Hayley Gower
Funeral	
14 July	Paul Howard Cockram

SAVE WEST OF IFIELD

So, we're knuckling down to the serious work of writing responses to Homes England's proposal for 10,000 houses and a Western Link Road across the parish. But we still have time for some fun fund-raising! Please come and join us.

Sponsored Walk – 10k against the 10k

To find out more about the area impacted by the 10k houses, and raise money for the campaign, why not walk 10k with us on Sunday, 28th August? Guided by Save West of Ifield, we'll give you an insight into the heritage of the area as well as the wildlife that call it home. Starting at 11am at The Plough in Ifield we'll walk to Lambs Green, and then towards Kilnwood. The terrain is fairly flat with a couple of stiles.

Walkers can either collect sponsorship or make a donation – suggested minimum of £5 per adult, £2.50 for under 16's. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Well-behaved dogs welcome. So that we can be confident of covering our costs for the event, please let fenellams@gmail.com know asap if you're likely to take part. If you're interested but can't make 28th August, let us know too.

Quizzes

Have you been to one of our quizzes at the Plough, Rusper? Roughly every other Tuesday we'll tease your brains while you enjoy the Plough's excellent fare. We usually have 7 or 8 teams, and it's a lot of fun! With prizes!

Next quiz will be a Tuesday in early August – tbc. To book call the Plough on 01293 871215 and mention the quiz night. Teams of 4 at £10 a team, plus possible 2 additional members at £2 each. See you there!

Bingo!!!

In July we held our first bingo night hosted by Ifield Cricket Club. A good time was had by all, Save West of Ifield made money and cash prizes were given – win win! If you want to get your eyes down for a full house

that helps protect Rusper parish, then we'll be doing it all again in September – date tbc. Games £2 each or £10 for 6 games.

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Fenella Maitland-Smith

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Laura Sajnog Pickard
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