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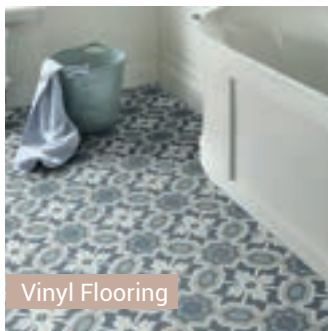
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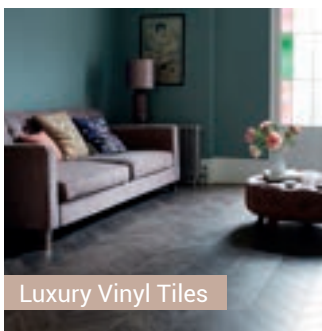
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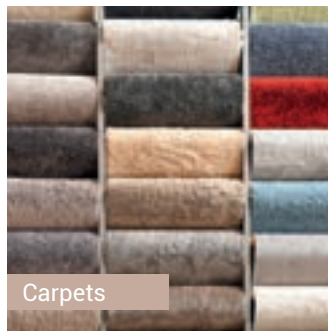
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**RUSPER**

**MARCH SERVICES**

Subject to Government restrictions and Church of England advice,  
details may vary. See Facebook and Website for updates.

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

**March**

Wednesdays in Lent – 12 noon – Way of the Cross

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Durrants Village	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME</b>		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 2	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 3	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lent 5	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 contact the Churchwardens.

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

Enjoy a slice of Life

Egg and Cress, homemade Strawberry Jam, Chicken Tikka, Bacon, Cheese'N'Pickle; what is your favourite filling? Cucumber with the crusts daintily cut off, French cheese oozing out a crusty baguette or smoked salmon on wholemeal; the list is endless...as to what you might choose to tuck into the next time you fancy a lovely, tasty **Portsmouth?**

**What?** Let me explain.

When John Montagu's great grandfather was ennobled, he *almost* chose to take the title Earl of Portsmouth, and only on reflection favoured the smaller seaport of Sandwich instead. So might the 18<sup>th</sup> Century fast food craze to which Montagu gave his name been immortalized as the Portsmouth.

The Earl cannot, of course have been the first person to put a tasty morsel between slices of bread for convenience, any more than Jesus invented bread, but by identifying himself with it Our Lord elevated it to another dimension, gave it a new meaning.

Jesus fed the hungry and sharpened the appetites of his listeners but with more than sardine sandwiches. Jesus did not simply want to fill stomachs but hearts, minds and lives too. Bread, sometimes dry but always dependable, able to hold so much together, - do we take God, as we take bread a little too much for granted? 'Man cannot live by bread alone' says the Jesus who claims 'I am the Bread of Life'

Montagu also of course gave the English language a *verb*, sandwich meaning to squeeze in between. Sometimes faith becomes something we just squeeze in between the bread and butter of so-called real life, rather than more basic to what keeps us truly alive. Jesus knew and rejected that temptation.

The season of Lent is an opportunity for us to renew our appetite for God and put faith right back where it belongs at the centre in preparation for the feast of Easter.

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



*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 31 MARCH 11.00 am**  
**Judy Ses Sevines 871845**



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

**ALL WELCOME!**

## **RUSPER CHRONICLE**

February's meeting was postponed following the very sad news of Lynn Heydon's sudden and unexpected death. Lynn had been an enthusiastic member of the group from the beginning, bringing her extensive historical knowledge and love of archaeology and Rusper together, making her an invaluable member of our research team. Together we produced four booklets of Rusper Chronicles and the Rusper Village Trail and planned and researched every meeting. She would have loved to discover an archaeological site in Rusper. Just a few days ago she was investigating the history of stage coaches coming through Rusper – horses being another of her enthusiasms. It felt impossible to hold our planned meeting for February without her.

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7-9 Rusper Village Hall – the small hall.**

Our postponed meeting will now be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March when we will focus on Dinosaurs. We will also be sharing newly researched information about Tony Wickham who was awarded the DFC for his part in a Mosquito raid on Berlin in 1943. Every Remembrance Sunday I read out his name because he lived as a boy at Averys – but I didn't know many details about him as a person. So come and share our new knowledge at our meeting – two opposite ends of Rusper heritage, from dinosaur bones to bravery in WW11.

Everyone welcome.

*Margaret White*

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## **PHOTO ID TO VOTE**

Don't forget that with effect from the District & Parish Elections on the 4th May 2023, you will need a Photo Id to vote. Further details can be found at [www.horsham.gov.uk/2023elections](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/2023elections) or on posters on Parish Noticeboards

*Lisa Wilcock, Clerk, Rusper Parish Council*

## 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:

	January 2023		February 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - £200	60	Hilde S	115	Simon H
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - £75	31	Kim M	171	Nick F
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50	39	Coral G	73	Carrie J

*John Jory*

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## CHURCH CLEANING

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbara Lloyd	01293 871472
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Hallam	
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Butler	01293 871845
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie True	01293 871722
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Shona Lidstone	01403 248472

*Sue Matthewson 01293 871266*

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**Football**

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**Tennis**

If football's not your thing, we have an experienced tennis coach who will teach young and old from scratch or help you to improve your game. Details below.

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*Mike*

*Rusper Sports Club Tennis Coach*

*Head Tennis Coach - The Holbrook Club, Horsham*

*Tennis Coach – Collyers Sixth-Form Sports Academy, Horsham*

***Coaching Sessions***

*We are able to provide coaching sessions at the following times:*

***At Rusper Sports Club:***

- *Individual or paired lessons now in the mornings, afternoons or evenings after work.*
- *After school group lessons for children*
- *Bespoke individual or lessons for a family on private courts in local Rasper area.*
- *Beginners welcome - rackets provided.*

***Players from Rasper Club/ Holbrook Club and Collyers Tennis coming together:***

- *Weekly Rusty Rackets sessions for adults – courses of 7 lessons 7-8p.m Tuesdays (on 3 floodlit courts at Collyers (winter) & on 3 courts at Holbrook (spring/summer)*
- *Matchplayer coaching session for adults & senior-juniors Fridays 7-8p.m (Collyers' courts)*
- *Spaces available in popular and well established LTA junior development programme for juniors aged between 5 & 18. Saturdays at Holbrook Sports Club (in North Horsham - 10 mins away from Rasper Sports Club*
- *School Holiday Tennis Coaching Courses at The Holbrook Club (including half-term holidays)*

***Coaching Lessons prices:***

*Individual Lessons - £17.50 for 30 minute lesson.*

*\*\*\*\* Junior Development Programme group sessions costs from £7.95 per player.*

*Please [email Sukimike61@gmail.com](mailto:Sukimike61@gmail.com) or contact me on my mobile 07944775262. Alternatively ring the tennis office on 01403 272106, leave your message on the answerphone and I will ring you back.*

**Viv Sallows**

## **RUSPER'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEW WORKING GROUP**

### **Get involved in planning Rusper's future**

Rusper's Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by Horsham District Council (HDC) in 2021: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/rusper>

It's likely, however, that HDC's new Local Plan will have significant implications for Rusper, and make key areas of our current Neighbourhood Plan redundant. Previous drafts of the Local Plan include the allocation of land West of Ifield for 3,000 houses, with the expectation of a further 7,000 houses from Lambs Green to Faygate and Ifield.

The best way for us to collectively respond to HDC's Local Plan is via a Working Group of residents and parish councillors to review it and to propose responses. These could then be discussed and submitted to HDC by Rusper Parish Council. The Working Group would also redraft the relevant areas of our Neighbourhood Plan, once a new Local Plan for Horsham District is adopted.

We're looking for volunteers to join the Working Group. All skills and experience would be welcome: organisational, administrative, analytical, drafting and editing, as well as specialist knowledge in areas such as planning, ecology and wildlife, climate change, transport policy, housing, etc. Most importantly we need volunteers with a love of the area and ideas to help keep it as a great place to live and grow.

Please contact [clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rusper-pc.org.uk) to volunteer, or for further information or queries contact the Chair of Planning for the Parish Council [george.sallows@rusper-pc.org.uk](mailto:george.sallows@rusper-pc.org.uk).

*George Sallows*

Rusper Players present

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at 8pm

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at 2.30pm

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## **RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Rusper Parish Council meeting & Planning Committee meeting – January 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](http://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](http://www.rusper-pc.org.uk).

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

DC/22/2291 Partial demolition and erection of a single storey side extension (Householder Application) Lower Prestwood Farm, Ifield.

DC/22/2292 Partial demolition and erection of single storey side extension (Listed building consent) Lower Prestwood Farm, Ifield.

**It was RESOLVED** to comment on this application as follows: Rusper Parish Council has no objection to this application.

#### **The Full Council Meeting took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January GAGNE reported as follows;**

Feedback from the last CAGNE was given by the Chair. RPC agreed to write a letter of support of CAGNE to be sent to GATCOM.

#### **Cllr Hogben reported as follows;**

Cllr T Hogben reported that the Local Plan did not carry through to the next stage. Water Neutrality Environment Agency want to continue to monitor levels of water usage so a water mitigation strategy has been published. Jonathan Chown resigned, election of new Council Leader will be held on Thursday. Ifield Golf Course has a new consultation.

#### **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

It was agreed to invite Jeremy Quinn MP, Cllr Tony Hogben, Richard Black Wilder Horsham, David Bridges Wild About Warnham, Cathy Durrant from Save West of Ifield to speak at the next APM.

### **Reports from representatives**

Cllr George Sallows – 2 quotes for the Sports Club repairs have been received Clerk to apply for a grant from the Courage Dyers Trust.

**Rusper Conservation Consultation** – Cllr G Sallows to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Levelling up and Regeneration Bill** – meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> February to write a response which will be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr R Gatt – reported that the Village Hall Committee meeting issued a Tender to replace the roof.

Cllr Viv Hanstad-Pilcher reported back on the response from WSCC in connection with the meeting with WSCC Highways department last year.

*Clerk to Rusper Parish Council c/o Rusper Village Stores, East Street, Rusper, RH12 4PX*

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### **SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN**

SWOI Quizzes are back! After a year-end break we're quizzing again at The Plough, Rusper. Nine teams battled it out at the first event of 2023, and we're hoping for a good turnout on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Kick-off at 8pm, but food and drink of course available before then. Please call The Plough to book a table – 871215.

SWOI is grateful to be on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April – organised by Rusper Parish Council. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about the proposals for thousands of houses and a four carriageway road through the parish. SWOI will explain the latest developments, and will be available to answer questions.

For more information on any of the above please see our website (<https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/>), Facebook, or email me at [Fenella.ms@gmail.com](mailto:Fenella.ms@gmail.com).

*Fenella Maitland-Smith*

# 'Report a Problem With a Road or Pavement' Parish & Town Council update December 2022

Ongoing work to improve our customer journey to [Report a problem with a road or pavement](#) has now commenced with the launch of new online forms in November 2022.

These new forms have enhanced mapping capabilities and are mobile friendly for reporting defects when out and about. We have classified and grouped the types of defect reports previously reported via 'Love West Sussex' and created separate landing pages on our website for the following: [Potholes, potholes, drains and surface holes](#) and [Road and street works](#). [Traffic signs and road markings](#), [Traffic signs, road markings and street works](#) and [Other issues](#) at [www.westsussex.gov.uk](#).

Reports are automatically loaded into our Highways Case Management System (known as 'Conform') and then assigned to the right team. Customers who historically reported via Love West Sussex are being advised of change in process and redirected to the correct form for the issue being reported.

We will run the two reporting systems in parallel for a few months, through to Spring 2023 to support transition. Then at a date to be confirmed in the New Year, we will cease to subscribe and will end the contract with 'Love West Sussex' provided by Blackburn IT Services trading as BBT3.

From that date onwards, Blackburn IT Services will promote their national Environmental Issue reporting product called 'Love Green Street' thereby enabling members of the public to report Environmental issues. Reports are then sent directly to the relevant District & Borough Council based on the postcode/location of the issue.



**Reminder: WSCC is not responsible for the management of the following issues but currently continues to redirect customers to:**

**District or Borough Council:** for issues relating to parking, fly tipping, litter or street cleaning, non-highway related graffiti and bus shelters.

Where we have partnerships in place for the removal of graffiti from highway assets with our District, Borough or Town Council colleagues, we will redirect to the relevant partner.

## Actions & Next Steps

As part of this change initiative it would be helpful to us if you could:

- Check your website content pages and remove any reference to Love West Sussex including hyperlinks and replace with [Report a problem with a road or pavement](#).
- Promote this change with residents via your local newsletters/magazines and social media channels.

**Please Note: West Sussex County Council has changed the process for reporting road & pavement issues. If you have bookmarked or saved the Love West Sussex web URL or App to your device then please delete and save [Report a problem with a road or pavement](#)**



## Communication & Mobilisation

We are implementing a dedicated communication plan to support this change initiative with regular and timely updates being provided to Members, residents, district and borough and town and parish councils via Highways Transport & Planning Newsletters and Autumn Engagement Forums.

To ease the migration to the new ways of working we will continue to subscribe to Love West Sussex for a short while longer as we gradually phase out and decommission our Love West Sussex website and App in Spring 2023. We are now in transition and will continue to notify and promote the new ways of working. Please note that the new online forms capture exactly the same information as the old reports and we are merely changing the process for reporting issues.



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We are also always on the lookout for new people keen to take on a more active role as a Volunteer Director of the shop. If you are interested please take an application form available in the shop. Then all you need to do is complete it, pay £10 and help the shop to prosper!

*The Rusper Village Stores Team*

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## **DONATIONS TO RUSPER PARISH NEWS**

This month we have received just 2 donations. Thank you. Just £5 a annually is fine from every household and if you are not sure when you last gave I can tell you. Bank details for direct payment are: Sort Code 30 94 41. Account No 00007348. Name RUSPER PCC MAGAZINE. If you prefer not to get the Magazine delivered please tell your distributor or Judy Butler.

*Valerie Bowles (871 412)*

## **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN!**

It's time for the Keep Britain Tidy annual litter campaign, and we can all play our part to make sure the parish is spick and span for May Day and the Coronation!

1. The Parish Council is organising a community litter-pick in March or early April – date to be agreed, and will be announced on notice boards and via social media. Equipment will be provided, as well as refreshments afterwards. <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/great-british-spring-clean>
2. After that, we want to try regular group litter-picks – maybe monthly – for those, like me, who are keen to do it but need the incentive of some company!
3. As an individual you can also join Horsham Council's Adopt a street scheme. They will provide equipment and collect the litter. <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/adopt-a-street>
4. And everyone can report fly-tipping to Horsham Council – I've found they remove it pretty quickly, as long as it's on public land. <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

N.B. Sundays are the preferred day for litter-picking because traffic seems to be much lighter. Looking forward to seeing you! And please get in touch if you want to be kept up to date by email – [fenella.maitland-smith@rusper-pc.org.uk](mailto:fenella.maitland-smith@rusper-pc.org.uk)

*Fenella Maitland-Smith*

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## **PRESCRIPTION FOR MURDER - CAKES REQUIRED**

Thank you to all who have responded so far, but plenty of cakes are needed for the forthcoming play. Homemade or bought: anything and everything welcome! Please let me know if you can help.

*Fiona Lear 871509*

## HOPE KEITH TRUST



Hi there,

Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove (WSBH) is looking for new volunteers to support some of the most vulnerable older people locally during the year ahead. The cost-of-living crisis is hitting many over 65s hard and Age UK WSBH is needed more than ever.

Volunteers can offer as little as a couple of hours a week, but that time can make a huge difference to older people in the community. Roles on offer vary depending on location and are matched to individuals based on their interests, skills and experience. Examples include supporting people at home after a hospital stay, helping with group activities, getting older people online, supporting those living with dementia, helping people access benefits, providing kitchen assistance or café help at our centres and taking calls from or signposting clients.

Richard Harris, Volunteer Manager at Age UK WSBH said "Things are incredibly tough for some older people in our community right now. The cost of living crisis has pushed many into poverty, leaving them feeling isolated, worried and alone. We want to be there for as many people as possible and we can only do that with the help of our amazing volunteers. If you feel you could spare a little bit of time to make life better for someone who needs us, please don't hesitate to get in touch." Volunteering is fulfilling, interesting and sociable. It can also help develop transferrable skills that may lead to other employment opportunities. The charity can also give references. All volunteers have a DBS check, a reference check and ongoing support and training. Potential volunteers are asked to contact the charity as soon as possible, so the relevant paperwork can be undertaken.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Age UK WSBH should contact Volunteer Manager, Richard Harris, ideally by email on [richard.harris@ageukwsbh.org.uk](mailto:richard.harris@ageukwsbh.org.uk) or call his direct line on 01273 021620. If you or someone you know would benefit from Age UK WSBH's support, please call 0800 019 1310 or email [info@ageukwsbh.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukwsbh.org.uk)

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 14th March at 11am. We meet every second Tuesday of the month. Best wishes,

Gaby Aldrich, Village Agent, Rusper/Colgate, Age UK Tel: 07591 049042  
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## RUSPER GOOD NEIGHBOUR LINK

Please do not hesitate to ask if you need transport to a doctor or dentist, chemist, hospital or any other emergency visit. The names listed below are the contacts who will take your call and probably drive you. However, if busy, they will ask someone else from our list of volunteer drivers.

Please contact: *Angie Hill 871274 Carrie Johnson 871553*

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