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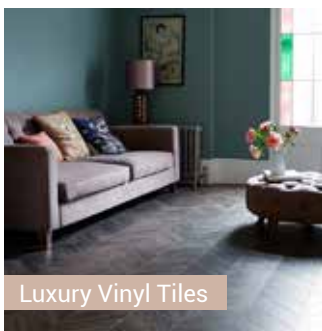
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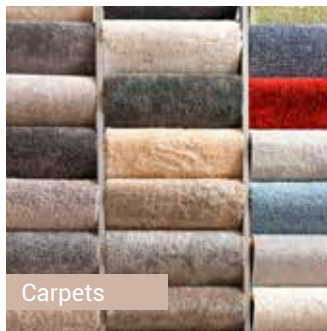
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Sunday 11th NO 8am
 11am Holy Communion with the Rev. Alan Mayer
Sunday 18th Service to be advised
Sunday 25th NO 8am
 11am Holy Communion with the Rev. Jim Ryan

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
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The Sound of Silence

In medieval times the nuns of Rusper Nunnery were rebuked by the Bishop of Chichester for their lax observance of their periods of silence.

August can see a quiet month as many depart on holidays.

All faiths have a tradition that attaches importance to inner quiet and keeping one's lips closed is only part of maintaining such a condition, because we all have inner voices demanding our attention. The practice of discernment in which such inner voices are helpful and which an unhealthy distraction is a valuable discipline, and of great value to our mental wellbeing.

With just such self-knowledge self-deprecating humour Kayleigh is going to embrace silence in good causes close to the heart of our village and I'm delighted and grateful that the church has been selected as a recipient of this fundraising initiative.

The fun filled day will be on 10th August. Look out for publicity...

Nick

**THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT
DURRANTS VILLAGE DURING AUGUST AND NO 8am service on
11th, 18th or 25th August.**

**Check Website and Church Facebook for news and updates. Email Nick if
you would like to receive the weekly update. 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

RUSPER CHAT 2024



**FRIDAY 30th August 2.30PM – Sue
2 Millfields 07444 129176**

ALL WELCOME!

RUSPER CHURCH 200 CLUB

The results of the lates draws are:

	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
1 st prize £200	124 Thomas F	92	125 Daniel M
2 nd prize £75	159 George S	8 Dilly W	33 Yvonne L
3 rd prize £50	23 Pam W	102 Mr & Mrs B	15 Mr&Mrs W



A CONCERT BY THE COPPER FAMILY

On 14th September 2024 at 7pm we are so pleased to welcome the Copper Family to St Mary Magdalene Church in Rusper.

Rusper and the coastal village of Rottingdean, celebrated by Rudyard Kipling for its smuggling fraternity, may have little in common but this is belied by a deep folk tradition dating back 125 years which will be celebrated when members of the Copper family perform their inimitable close harmony songs at Rusper Church on the evening of Saturday, 14th September.

The Rusper concert in aid of the North Aisle Appeal is supported by arts non-profit, Separate Star Productions whose director Cultural and Oral Historian Simon Machin has developed expertise in the social history of folk song in his online podcase 'Red Heaven'. The Copper Family kindly allowed Simon to record Epistle 35 about their history.

Curious facts have been thrown up such as how the villages of Monks Gate and Kingsfold have had hymn tunes named after them, when folk songs that were collected there entered the English Hymnal.

TICKETS: £15 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS IN THE INTERVAL

Please contact Maggie True on 01293 871722 or Steve Busby on 01293 871219 for tickets.

Acknowledgement is made to Separate Star Productions for the subsidy that is being made to defray some of the costs of the event in the publicity material.

TREASURES FROM YOUR HOME
An evening with Rupert Toovey
Friday, 27th September at Rusper Church
7.00pm Drinks
7.30pm Talk starts

Your chance to bring something along to get the expert's view on what it is and what it might be worth. The expert is Rupert Toovey, the senior director of Toovey's Auctioneers.

This promises to be a highly informative and entertaining evening complete with refreshments with the proceeds going to the North Aisle Restoration Appeal.

Rupert began his professional life in Horsham in 1985 and remained in Sussex throughout his career founding the Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers, Tooveys, in 1995.

Rupert was ordained as a Priest in the Church of England but continues to work as a full-time auctioneer and valuer.

TICKETS £7 to include a complimentary glass of wine when you arrive, and to bring one object for valuation and comment. As you arrive you are asked to place your object, with helpers, on tables at the front of the church. These objects then form the basis of the talk to all gathered. There will also be an opportunity for an auction during the talk.

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RUSPER CHRONICLE

What the papers said about Rusper in the 1930s to 50s.

1930 was a big year in Rusper's life. The football club was started. The new extension to the village hall, paid for by Mr and Mrs Holroyd, was opened. The badminton club was started. How do we know all this? A lost scrapbook of newspaper cuttings has been found, kept carefully from 1930, though we don't know by whom. But we enjoyed looking at it, together with old photo albums of the school from 1914 and other newspaper articles of the 1950s at our meeting in July – always remembering that not everything is true in the papers! A claim that William the Conqueror had slept at Normans in 1066 and at the Nunnery were treated with obvious suspicion! The opening of the village hall was written up in glowing terms for now Rusper had a first-class hall which could be used for lots of new activities. The hall was no longer just for working men but it was truly a village hall. Drama productions, dances and the badminton club were reported. Teas for the old folk were organised – for those of 60 years of age and over! In 1936 the church needed repairs costing £500 and money was raised – nothing changes! The football club was reported regularly in the paper. A new pavilion was opened in 1937 but we don't know where. We don't even know where the football ground was though it does say at one point how lucky they were to have a field to play on right in the centre of the village - was this Cooks Mead before all the houses were built in 1951? We would love to know.

There are no cuttings during the war years, but they start again in the 1950s. This led us to think about the changes in farming from days when most of the village would have worked on farms to the modern one farmer only with the use of highly technical machinery. In 1936 new houses were proposed, to be built in the north of the village behind the nurse's cottage. This was opposed by Mr Holroyd as it was a working smallholding. A better site was Cooks Meadow, in the centre of the village, but it took till 1951 to build the first much-needed new houses. Was that when the present football field was made? Tennis courts were made in 1935.

Did you know we had an international skiing champion in the village? Sheena Mackintosh lived at Little Benhams and at the age of 21

captained the British team at the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo. When she was married at Horsham Parish Church the following year huge crowds gathered outside the church. 500 guests were expected so Rusper Church would not have been big enough.

For a small village we do have a very interesting history!

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September, 7-9pm, Rusper Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to our informal meetings where we find out more and more about our village.

Margaret White

NEW BELLRINGERS WANTED

You may have noticed that the bells do not ring as often on Sundays recently. Unfortunately over the last few years, people have given up due to moving or change of lifestyle. We now have so few ringers on our books that if someone is ill or on holiday, we do not have enough cover. Quite often when someone shows an interest in learning we find that they are not available to practise on a Thursday, so we have decided to change our practise evening to Wednesdays from 4th September onwards in the hope that we might encourage some new people to learn and also get more help from outside ringers. (If anyone has any particular objection to this change please get in touch with us to discuss the matter.)

If you are one of the many people who we know have “Always wanted to have a go” do get in touch. We would love to give you a taster lesson.

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Elaine Farrow

RUSPER SPORTS CLUB GRAND RE-OPENING

After months of planning and hard work, hampered along the way by rain, Rusper Sports Club finally reopened on Sunday 14th July. Thankfully the sun shone down on us, giving us the perfect weather for everyone to try out our new

courts.

Mike and one of his tennis coaches were there to coach eager players of all ages,



with plenty of rackets, nets and balls available to give everyone a chance to practise for next year's Wimbledon! Tennis finished in good time for players to whizz home and watch the Wimbledon men's final.

Tom kept budding footballers happy, with a plentiful supply of footballs, Beat the Goalie and hints and tips for improving play. Two vet teams rounded off a great afternoon with a lively match.



George, Rufus, Rowan, Ivan and Jared spent the afternoon organising 3 on 3 basketball and Killer, which was won by Liv – lots of enthusiastic young basketball players in Rusper!

A big thank you to Martin Gurr and his team, who have done such a good job of revamping and adding to the courts, to

Dermot who painstakingly painted all the lines, to Alan Robbins who provided music for the day, to The Star for providing the barbecue and bar and to the committee for the endless hours of planning and organising their vision and the day itself. Also thanks to Rusper Parish Council for providing the funding for this to happen.

Both courts are now open to members. Court 1 (tennis) and Court 2 (multipurpose tennis/football/ basketball) have been refurbished and look really good. A new basketball court has been added and is proving to be very popular. By joining, you are helping to maintain the sports facilities for Rusper. Members can book courts online, guaranteeing them a time to play. We look forward to greeting new members very soon!

To join, go to the Rusper Sports Club website at www.ruspersportsclub.co.uk, or use the QR code here:



George Sallows

NEWDIGATE BOWLS CLUB - *At the heart of your village!*



Will you be our next joining member? We have welcomed fifteen newcomers to NBC this Summer – all of whom live in in the surrounding villages! If you are interested in playing bowls do 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. We recently welcomed pupils from the Short Mat Bowls Club who play at The Weald School; and several of our new members played against the Surrey Oaks Petanque Club in an entertaining triples match. Our Border League team have beaten Dorking and Redhill as they challenge hard for promotion this year.

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

RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Rusper Parish Council Planning Committee meeting – June 2024

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

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www.rusper-pc.org.uk.*

Planning Committee - 18th June 2024

Present: Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, F. Maitland-Smith, R. Gatt. G. Hussey, M. Fillmore.

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.

Active Planning Applications

DISC/24/0126 East Lodge Ifield Hall Bonnetts Lane Ifield West Sussex RH11 0NY – no objection.

DC/24/0826 The Granary Hawkesbourne Farm Rusper Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 4QR – support.

DC/24/0827 The Granary Hawkesbourne Farm Rusper Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 4QR – no objection.

DC/24/0917 Mowbray – no comment.

DC/24/0033 – Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 5no. dwellinghouses (C3 Use class). Stumbleholme Farm Rusper Road Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LQ – objection. See website.

DC/23/1806 - Change of use of land and associated siting of 6 No. Eco Lodges for short-term tourist accommodation. Hawksbourne Wood Rusper Road Rusper Horsham – objection. See website.

Update on planning compliance cases

A report was sent to Councillors in advance of the meeting – noted no further updates.

Prestwood Lane – enforcement officer visited the area. The complainant has contacted enforcement directly.

Rusper Stores – This on the agenda for the Council meeting for discussion.

Correspondence

An email was received regarding the decommissioning of streetlights in Rusper Road and the consultation process at the time of the inclusion of the made Neighbourhood Plan. The email and previous emails were discussed. The Council have not had any other complaints from residents. The Parish is a dark skies area. A draft response was written by the Chairman and shown to the Councillors. The request to see the consultation information will be attached to the response. It was **agreed** that Cllr Geroge Sallows will issue a response.

Parish Council meeting - 25th June 2024

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

Co-option of New Councillor

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Daniel Matthews to the Council

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 of the previous Council meeting held on 14th May 2024.

Open Forum - There will be an open day at the proposed planning application for Barnwood, Lambs Green - date to be confirmed.

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.

District Councillor Tony Hogben – pre election period means there is nothing much to report. A question was asked about the Local Plan but there is no update. Noted that Water Neutrality has gone to High Court

and they are waiting for an outcome on a decision but the District Councillor was unaware of the application.

Rusper Sports Ground - Rusper Sports Club Management

The tennis courts are finished with some snagging items. Sports Club Committee is arranged on Sunday 14th July 2024 9am to 4pm with coaching all day, veterans football match. Courage Dyers grant tennis court refurbishment. This project has not commenced but is hoped to be completed by the open day.

Gatwick

Noted the Gatwick report that was sent in advance of the meeting and is on the website. The DCO hearing requires a response no later than 26th June 2024, draft response was sent in advance of the meeting. This can be found on the website.

Playground Inspection Report

Cllr Geoff Hussey get hold of a company to do a maintenance program but it is indicated that they will only maintain their own play equipment. Spoken to HAGS and they will quote on everything on the inspection report. Then each supplier will be contacted individually for a quote.

Rusper Stores Break-ins

The shop is looking at options for a door shutter and bars inside the windows. The Parish Council have no ownership of the shop. The building is owned by Hope Keith Foundation, the stores is run by a separate management committee. But it is a village asset. Noted that the insurance is reported as not covering the second break in. This to be raised at the next meeting for further actions to be agreed.

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.

20mph Speed reduction

The speed reduction application has been submitted to WSCC and the Clerk has the notification of receipt on file.

Streetlights

The Cooks Meadow streetlights is to be carried to next meeting.

Salt Bins

There is a new system to update WSCC on salt levels. It was agreed that the Councillors would look at bins near to their homes to report salt levels and the Clerk will update the system. This item is to be carried to the next meeting.

Reports from Representatives

Cllr M Fillmore - Aviation environment federation membership to consider, carry to next agenda.

Cllr G Hussey – Fly-tipping enforcement have contacted the culprit has been fined.

Cllr G Sallows – Survey of the trees in required. 5 Oaks that need work and spoken to HDC tree officer and he agreed with the proposed work including raising the canopy of the trees in the car park. Permission will be need from the lease holder first.

Cllr R Gatt – Incinerator meeting attended. No further progress on signing the lease.

Chairman – Greenspace strategy response, thank you to Cllr F Maitland-Smith.

Finances - It was RESOLVED to approve the finances.

Next meetings are the Planning Committee Meeting on 16th July 2024 at 7pm and the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 30th July 2024 commencing at 7pm – ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Lisa Wilcock 07904 371520

Clerk to Rusper Parish Council

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SAVE WEST OF IFIELD CAMPAIGN

What does the new Government mean for West of Ifield?

The new Government is putting housing and infrastructure at the heart of its growth agenda and wants to kick-start this with changes to the planning process. So what are Labour's planning changes likely to mean for the West of Ifield proposals?

"Probably not much" is the view of Save West of Ifield (SWOI) and our expert advisors.

Although ahead of the election Angela Rayner (now Secretary of State for Housing, etc) vowed to "back the developers, not the blockers", and others declared war on NIMBYs, we note that the main focus of Rachel Reeves's speech on 8th July was on "critical infrastructure projects" eg transport, energy, data centres. There was less about housing.

We've been asked what Labour's pledge to build homes on "grey belt" land means for WOI. Grey belt is described as "poor quality and ugly areas of the green belt", and since WOI is not in or near greenbelt, grey belt does not apply.

The Chancellor said she was "restoring mandatory housing targets", referring to 1.5m houses over 5 years. This is less relevant for the current WOI plan for 3,000 houses, but is a future issue for the possible 10,000 plan, and we'll keep fighting Horsham's insane targets.

The Chancellor promised "a new task force to accelerate stalled housing sites ... representing more than 14,000 homes". This is to address slow build-out of existing sites by developers trying to keep prices high. Not a threat to our campaign.

No detail has yet been published about the proposed planning changes but we don't think there will be much that could affect examination of the Horsham Local Plan or any Homes England planning applications, given the timescales required for any policy change. Also, although the Chancellor says she'll "reform and strengthen the presumption in favour of sustainable development" we have very strong evidence that WOI is **not** sustainable. Plus Labour are still saying that we need the "right houses in the right place" and that's not WOI for all the reasons we gave at Reg.19.

So we fight on! The WOI proposals are unsustainable, and the Local Plan unsound.

Dates for your Diary:

25th August from 12pm come and see us at **lfest** 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.savewestofield.co.uk/>

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Sue Matthewson 01293 8712665

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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 13 August at 11am at The Star Inn for a cuppa and a chat.

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