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Churchwarden	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 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 November

Holy Communion every Sunday 8am and 11am

7 th	11am	Holy Communion
14 th	10.15am	Remembrance Sunday
21 st	11am	Holy Communion
28 th	11am	Holy Communion

WHEN WE DIE.....



The end of the month sees the return of Garth Hewitt in concert at Rusper Church. His theme 'In the Storms of Life' is appropriate to November which, with the commemoration of All Souls, and Remembrance Sunday recalling those who have fallen in war, marks this traditionally as the month of the dead.

Whatever form it takes, and whenever it strikes, bereavement strips us bare, chills our hearts and changes the landscape of our lives. Yet for the Christian, faith, hope and love abide for those who have gone before us. Whatever we believe, though we see them no longer, we love them no less.

Prayer for the departed has always been part of Christian faith and practice. It recognises that although taken from our sight they continue as fellow pilgrims with us on the path to Heaven. They are not there yet. They are, we believe, in Paradise. 'Paradise' literally means a garden and so may be suggestive of Eden, Gethsemane and the garden tomb of Jesus, not places to stay, but of continued cultivation and growth, stations on the final journey as they await the final reunion of soul with a new spiritual body.

It is a good time of year to be reminded of the value of practical preparations, such as making a will and ensuring that loved ones know specific wishes you may have regarding your own funeral. I know from experience that this a comfort for the bereaved, knowing they are doing what a loved one wanted. You do not have had to be a regular attender at Rusper Church to have a funeral there or to be buried in the churchyard.

People these days often want the service to be a celebration of a life, and understandably so, but our grief too is an expression of love, so make room for that too, I would advise. There is a balance between private and public. I am also willing to celebrate a requiem Eucharist for anyone who has died, perhaps to do so very simply or quietly at home, maybe on an anniversary or after all the 'fuss' of a public funeral has abated. In it we recall Christ's journey through death to life and the hope this offers to our own departed loved ones.

Nick



LET RUSPER BREATHE!

There is sadly no sign, at the time of writing, that the Diocese of Chichester is willing to reconsider plans to build nine houses on our Glebe field. Quite apart from the disruption to our home and family life which has not been taken into consideration, there is no indication of openness to discuss a greener, community minded, affordable housing project. In all conscience I must urge you to object when the planning application comes up. In the war on concrete, Rusper Parish News

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Rusper Glebe is but one skirmish, but it could prove strategically vital in sending a message to the Diocese and other land grabbers that we will not roll over in the face of the bulldozer. Meanwhile, you can voice your concerns, both environmental and for my own wellbeing and that of the family, to The Bishop of Chichester, The Palace Chichester PO19 1PY bishop@chichester.anglican.org and/or Gabrielle Higgins Church House 211 New Church Road Hove BN3 4ED Gabrielle.Higgins@chichester.anglican.org

Nick

JOIN US ON THE GLEBE ON 5th NOVEMBER FOR A BONFIRE PARTY



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Louise 871600 Maggie 851722

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The result of the October draw is:

1 st prize £200	59	Jeanette J
2 nd prize £ 75	86	Shirley A
3 rd prize £ 50	47	Clare G

John Jory

RUSPER CHRONICLE

The date of our next meeting will be on TUESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER at 7pm in the large village hall. We have changed our meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday as it means we can use the large hall instead of the small one and, if necessary, we can meet any social distancing regulations. The November meeting will include some new research and drawings of Rusper church from before it was reconstructed by the sons of James Shudi Broadwood in 1855 and one drawing dating back to the 1770s.

Rabbits

Rabbits are a familiar sight today in our fields and gardens. What might surprise people is that they are not native to this country but an imported species brought here in small numbers by the Romans, originally they were much too delicate to survive our climate without help, and after the Romans left, it is likely they died out quickly.

Rabbits next appear in our countryside introduced by the Normans. Although rabbits could hardly be counted as an exciting animal to hunt, they provided meat and fur for the expanding population and were particularly important to

ecclesiastical establishments for their white meat which could in some cases be eaten around feast days. Still very delicate and unable to care for themselves during severe winters, they were kept in man-made earthworks known as warrens where they were fed and nurtured by estate workers called warreners. Hand-reared as their numbers increased during the late Middle Ages rabbits were often a nuisance to the tenant farmers, laying waste crops, but their growing value to the landowners meant this was usually ignored.

Locally, St. Leonards Forest had large, elaborate warrens, with pillow mounds (long earthworks used for the breeding females), and tall buildings called Lodges to oversee the area and provide shelter for the warreners and their gear. At least one of these lodges still survives as a house today and the remains of the warrens can be seen as earthworks in the wood.

These warrens in the forest survived with various degrees of success for several centuries helping to feed and clothe the growing town populations of London and Horsham, but eventually succumbed to changes in fashion in the 19th century. By this time rabbits had managed to acclimatise themselves and were quite happily escaping the warrens and setting up homes in the banks and ditches of local fields. There they became not only the nuisance to farmers and gardeners that they are today, but an easy free meal to anyone willing to trap or shoot them with or without the permission of the landowner. Today, warrens are a thing of the past, but the rabbits that lived in them are still very much around.

Researched by Lynn Heydon

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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, Leanne Bannister, 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 – September 2021

*The full Minutes of these and all other meetings are available to view on the Rusper Parish Council website rusper-pc.org.uk/meetings. These Minutes are **draft and subject to change** until they have been confirmed at our next meeting.*

Planning – 21st September 2021

Responses to planning applications

DC/21/1771 Swaminaravan Manor, Bonnetts Lane: no objection.

DC/21/1953 Land North of Horsham: no objection.

DC/21/1908 Ashfold Cottage, Horsham Road: no objection.

DC/21/1813 Oaklees, Ashmore Lane: defers to arborist.

DC/21/2006 Ivy Cottage, Lambs Green: no objection to the extension, but objects to the garage for the following reasons:-

- It comes in front of the current line of the house and will affect the street scene
- It is too tall and, again, will affect the street scene. Could the height of the garage be reduced?

DC/21/2048 Quincefold, Horsham Road: no objections, but requests that a condition is added that habitation of the building remains ancillary to that of the main building.

DC/21/2008 The Royal Oak, Friday Street: does not object to this application
PROVIDED THAT:-

- The development is as sustainable as possible and makes use of renewable energies
- The highest levels of insulation are used
- The development accords fully with policies RUS3 (design) and RUS10 (dark skies) in the Rusper Neighbourhood Plan

If these requirements cannot be met, then Rusper PC objects to this application.

DC/21/2055 Land North of Horsham: strongly objects to this application and suggests that the developers look for alternative solutions, such as solar panels on homes. This suggested lack of power reflects on the development (and future developments) as a whole if there is not enough power for EV charging points. The impact of this development in the area is huge and the whole site is not sustainable if this cannot be achieved.

Update on planning decisions

DC/21/1307 Bull Land Farm, Wimland Road - permitted

DC/21/0975 The Mount Farm, The Mount - permitted

DC/21/0335 Carylls, Faygate Lane - permitted

DC/21/1274 The Owl Barn, The Mount - permitted

DC/21/1700 Crooked Chimneys, Wimland Road – permitted

DC/21/1290 Horse Ghylls Wood Farm, Capel Road – refused

DC/21/1546 The Rectory, High Street – permitted

DC/21/1792 Petlers, East Street - permitted

Council – 28th September 2021

Climate Emergency: It was acknowledged that there is currently a climate emergency, and all decisions made within the meeting will have consideration to this.

Gatwick Airport: It was agreed to respond to the consultation run by Gatwick Airport about bringing their Northern runway into routine use, based on the following:-

- The Parish Council objects to the idea to bring the Northern runway into routine use
- There is a climate emergency; climate change is getting worse and air travel may need to be restricted

- There has been a collapse in air travel due to the pandemic. There is no way to know how long it will take to recover. There is no justification at this stage and the airport already has technology to build capacity.
- The pandemic has highlighted that there is not a need to travel to communicate for business.
- This would require additional infrastructure which is not possible in this area

Rusper Pavilion: The invoice for the work is not yet available but is expected to be around £300. It was agreed to pay for this.

Reports from representatives: Councillors reported as follows:-

Cllr Hogben reported on behalf of HDC as follows:-

- Cllrs Hanstad-Pilcher and Hussey met with the new PCSO for Rusper and showed her around the parish. They asked for help with roads, advice with CCTV and for regular communication to be set up.
- Cllr Cooke attended the Horsham Older People's Forum. The full report can be seen attached to the minutes on the Parish Council website.
- Cllr Sallows reported that the electrical conditions inspection report has been completed at the Pavilion and all work has been done to make the electrics safe. Rusper Sports Club has set up a committee to arrange a schedule of works to improve the Recreation Ground. Cllr Sallows also reported that new goal posts have been put up and work has been done to the pitch by the football team. The grass cuttings were not collected from the pitch, and Cllr Sallows will let the Clerk know if these have still not been collected later in the week.
- Cllr Hussey would like to buy small gifts for a couple of people in the parish that have helped Rusper PC by volunteering. The chairman's allowance budget will be used for this. Members were in agreement with this.
- Cllr Hussey requested that the brambles are cut back in the playground by the large swing. The Clerk will ask the grass cutting company to do this.

External Audit: the audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2021 has been completed without qualifications.

Leanne Bannister 07871 340986
 Clerk to Rusper Parish Council
 c/o Rusper Village Stores, East Street, Rusper RH12 4PX

RUSPER VILLAGE STORES (RVS)

Annual General Meeting and Update October 2021

In line with last year, RVS had to cancel its AGM planned to be held in the Village Hall at the end of September. Instead information packs will be available for Shareholders and interested parties to collect from the shop shortly, similar to those usually circulated at the AGM. Please ask if you would like a copy. In the meantime, here is a summary of the key financial highlights and what has been happening in the shop over the past year:

Regulars will have noticed that we have already invested in new fridges to improve the shopping experience, allowing us to better display the expanded ranges of products including speciality cheeses and sliced meats. New freezers are on the way shortly, together with a new upgraded coffee machine. We hope to improve the shop frontage with new additional seating and an awning cover to encourage people to linger and help continue to develop the shop as a bright focal hub for the village.

New lines such as fresh fish on Fridays have proved immensely popular, and we are always on the lookout for new sources of supply for local produce, and widening our ranges to support demand. The Pizza Van parks outside on Tuesdays and many customers have popped in to buy an accompanying drink or two!

Despite the on-going impact of Covid, it has been a good year for the shop. In the year to 31st March 2021 record sales of almost £550,000 were achieved, up 20% on the previous year. With gross margins held at just over 27%, Gross Profit was also up by 19% and despite cost rises, a positive contribution of over £1,000 was achieved before other operating income of £12,500, comprising principally furlough support and other grants from local government. This left the shop with an Operating Profit before Tax and Interest of £13,500, up from just over breakeven in 2020. This is a very pleasing performance, and a big vote of thanks goes to all of our customers who have supported the shop throughout the year.

The Directors would also like to thank Kieran and all of his team who have done such a good job throughout, with a ready smile and a large dose of good humour on tap!

Going forward, we hope to celebrate something of a return to normality with a hog roast in the Spring and will also aim to re-establish social events at the shop in due course.

Thanks again for your on-going support.

*Martin Wynn
Chairman RVSA and RVS Limited
On behalf of the Directors*



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For carers, there is a relaxing space at the centre where carers may gather together, chat and share experiences.

To discuss membership for Daybreak, please contact Charlie Rayner on: 07904 977 251 or 01903 792 015 daybreak@ageukwestsussex.org.uk
Our next coffee morning is at The Star Inn, Rusper on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 11am. Please feel free to join us for a coffee or tea and a slice of something nice to chat and connect with people who live locally. You will be made very welcome.

Best wishes

Gaby Aldrich, Village Agent, Rusper/Colgate Age UK West Sussex Brighton and Hove.

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Holy Matrimony

25 th September	Daniel Richard Burford & Emily Rebecca Swain
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