

.... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

Hello and Welcome

..... and here's hoping the weather is beginning to brighten up. Here are some dates in May for your diaries, all in the Village Hall:-

9 May – Annual Council Meeting – at 7.30pm, immediately followed by Parish Council Meeting - public Q's at (about) 7.45pm

28 May Planning Committee – public Q's at 7.30pm

30 May - surgery at 10am Coffee Morning

Village Design Statement

The ED&F Village Design Statement (VDS) provides guidance for existing and future homeowners and other potential developers whenever they are considering building, extending or altering the character of their property. The



current VDS was prepared some years ago and is now in need of review and updating. This is particularly the case as the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) does not recognise it as a formal planning document and it is therefore not taken into account in their decision making process. However, the SDNPA have

confirmed that they can adopt the VDS as a Supplementary Planning Document if it were to be updated and in accord with their general guidelines. The Parish Council is therefore setting up an advisory working group to review and help update the current VDS with the objective of having it adopted by SDNPA as a Supplementary Planning Document. The membership and terms of reference of the advisory working group are still to be finalised but representatives will be invited from the National Trust, Gilbert Estate, Village Hall Trust, Parochial Church Council, Residents Association and the Roads Company. Timescales are yet to be determined but an initial view for completion is around 12/15 months. In addition to those organisations listed, if any resident would like to be a member of the group, please let us know by using the *CONTACT US* form on the Parish Council website or by telephoning the Parish Clerk.

Community Bus

Cuckmere Bus Service 41, which is sponsored by the Parish Council, now runs on Tuesdays AND Thursdays with three return journeys from Eastbourne to East Dean and Friston on each day. There is NO change to the existing Tuesday timetable; but the Thursday service operates at slightly different times to the Tuesday run. Combined timetables for both services are on the Village Hall noticeboard, the Council noticeboards and in the *ON-LINE LIBRARY* of the Parish Council website.

Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan has now been updated. It is intended to provide a Parish-led self-help response during any emergency affecting the community when the normal emergency response by the 'blue light' services and others is delayed because of the scope or nature of the emergency. The full Emergency Plan is held within the *ON-LINE LIBRARY* of the Parish Council website. A self-help residents' leaflet will be issued to all homes with a future Parish Magazine.



Meet a Councillor

Here we meet Stewart Fuller who joined the Council last year. He and local lass Christine Fears married in East Dean church and have two daughters and four grandchildren. Originally from Eastbourne, Stewart qualified as an accountant before moving to Scotland where he worked in power generation. During his time up north he studied international management in Switzerland and Harvard before setting up on his own as a consultant to



the international power industry. After assignments in the UK, EU, Russia and the US he joined a major power generator in Canada as their Finance Director. They lived on the shores of Lake Huron and in his spare time Stewart gained his private pilots licence. They later returned to East Dean where Stewart enjoys his family, genealogy, DIY and volunteering with Cuckmere Bus. *"It's very satisfying being able to support this lovely local community"*.

Annual Village Report

The Annual Village Report 2012/13 is now available within the *ON-LINE LIBRARY* of the Parish Council website. If you would like a hard copy of the Report please let us know by using the *CONTACT US* form on the Council website or by calling the Parish Clerk.

Farrer Hall

The Farrer Hall is a National Trust property at the bottom of Hobbs Eares and has been used as a scout hut and village hall in the past. The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council are in the final stages of discussions with the National Trust with a view to taking over the Hall on a long-term lease. It would then be renovated and brought back into use for the community. More details later as the story unfolds. (There are differing views on the spelling of the name of the Hall so we went with the one on the National Trust website).

Did You Know?

The Pavilion in the Cricket Field may be hired for half a day, a full day or an evening, subject to availability. If anyone is interested please let us know, with details of requirements, by using the *CONTACT US* form on the Parish Council website or by telephoning the Parish Clerk.

Eastbourne Cycling Festival

Just a reminder following the article in the April edition of the Parish Magazine that on Sunday 2 June a great number of cyclists will be riding through the villages. Between about 7.45am and 9.30am they will be coming down the



A259 from Eastbourne, turning right into Michel Dene Road, left into Deneside, left into Hillside and left into Windmill Lane and on to rejoin the A259. Then between about 10am and 12noon they will be coming down Friston Hill and turning right into Gilberts Drive and on to Eastbourne. Later in the day, between around 4pm

and 5pm, a second ride will be coming down the A259 and turning left into Gilberts Drive and back to Eastbourne. No roads will be closed and the cyclists are required to abide by the Highway Code. Please come out and cheer them on. If you would like to be a marshall for these events please contact Kim Washington (organiser) on 07711 098638.

Mobile Library

ESCC currently operates a mobile library which provides a fortnightly service to East Dean and other villages. They have now decided that the cost of providing the service is no longer sustainable and therefore the service will terminate probably by September 2013. As a result the Parish Council is now considering how it can best provide a replacement library service (albeit not on a like-for-like basis). Thought is currently being given to an initial *Bring a Book, Take a Book* system which might be operated several days per week in the Village Hall or the Farrer Hall (see above). More details later.

Councillor David Windsor

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Cllr. Windsor who died whilst on holiday in France on 3 April. He had been a member of the Parish Council for six years and Vice Chairman for two of these. He worked tirelessly in maintaining the Recreation Ground and the Cricket pavilion to a high standard and gave his enthusiastic support to all the Council's other activities. We have lost a good friend and colleague.

Parish Council Website

A number of changes have recently been made to the Parish Council website. The major change is to provide easier access to Council and Committee minutes and to all other documents held within the *ON-LINE LIBRARY*. If you have any comments or suggestions about the site or any ideas for possible future content please let us know by using the *CONTACT US* tab on the website.

<http://www.parish-council.com/eastdeanandfristonparishcouncil/>

Your Parish Council

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John Hine	422275
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vacancy	

*we welcome Joe as a new Councillor

Parish Clerk

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Parish Council Meetings

The next two Council meetings will be held in the Small Village Hall at 7.30pm on:

9 May and 6 June 2013

Residents are very welcome to attend, observe and participate in the proceedings. The agenda and minutes are placed on Council noticeboards and on the Council website. The meeting on 9 May will be preceded by the Annual Council Meeting.

Standing Committees

Name	Chair
Finance & General Purposes	Stewart Fuller
Planning	Stewart Fuller
Rec Ground	
Rights of Way	Phillip Hill
Village Events	Rob Page

Finances for year to March

Receipts	£58,142
Payments	£57,651
Cash in Hand	£32,847

£4,000+ VAT reclaim was due at end of the year.

Email Register

The Parish Council has an email register for use in sending out urgent or important items or where timescales are short. If you would like to be included on the register please send an email, with your name and address in the subject line, to:

edf.email@yahoo.co.uk