

Rendezvous

July 2013
Issue 05

.... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

Hello and Welcome

..... and a very warm welcome to summer. Here are some dates in July for your diaries, all in the Village Hall:-

4 July - Parish Council Meeting, starting with the public session at 7.30pm

23 July - Standing Committees - Recreation Ground 6.00pm; Planning 7.30pm; Finance & General Purposes 8.15pm. All start with a public session, so do pop in

25 July - Council surgery at 10am at the Village Coffee Morning.

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning is held on the last Thursday of the month in the main Village Hall between 10am & 11.30am. It has been held since the opening of the Village Hall, and today is managed by Rita Laws and her band of helpers. Why not come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and a slice of delicious home-made cake; there's a great choice. You'll even see a Councillor or two tucked away in a corner holding surgery in case you want to have a word. We all look forward to seeing you.

Footpath 18



Footpath 18 in East Dean and Friston between The Brow and Peak Dean Lane is very steep and had degraded so badly owing to the very prolonged wet weather last year that it had become a mudslide. The Parish Council approached ESCC Rights of Way Team and although improvement of the steps was not recorded as a high priority in their system, they agreed to allocate Ranger time to the matter because of the footpath's deteriorating state. They have now rebuilt the footpath steps with a crushed stone surface which will produce a better and longer lasting finish than woodchip fill. Our thanks to the ROW Team at ESCC.

Domestic Bonfires

Although there are no specific bylaws restricting bonfires, we would ask that you consider the impact bonfires can have on your neighbours and the environment. Chemicals in bonfire smoke contribute to overall air pollution levels, can affect the health of those with respiratory conditions, and can also cause a nuisance to your neighbours. We urge residents to use the free garden waste collection service which operates on alternate weeks rather than have a bonfire. However, if you do decide to have a bonfire at your home you must take all reasonable steps to ensure it does not cause nuisance to your neighbours. Where an environmental health officer considers a bonfire to amount to a statutory nuisance, action can be taken to deal with it under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. If you are bothered by the smell or smoke from a bonfire, speak to your neighbour and explain the problem. It is possible that your neighbour is unaware that they are being inconsiderate. If a neighbourly approach does not have the desired effect, then you may wish to contact Wealden Environment Dept on 443555 for advice; but remember a bonfire must happen frequently and affect you at home before being considered a possible nuisance.



Meet a Councillor

This month Tim Bryant is in the spotlight. Tim has been a Parish Councillor since 2010. Born and bred in Berkshire, Tim studied Estate Management at Reading University and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor after 2 years with a London surveying practice. He married Jane, an Eastbourne girl, in 1979 and set up his own surveying practice in 1980, initially based in Staines and subsequently expanded to four other offices in the Home Counties. He was a keen rugby player in his twenties and thirties; having played too long (until he was 37), he is now an avid supporter, albeit a hobbling one! In 1997 he and Jane moved down to Friston with their 4 children and became involved in Eastbourne Hockey Club, having been Hon. Secretary and Chairman and on the committee of The Saffrons Sports Club. His work now centres on property development, but his passion is tending his veg patch and looking after his chickens.



Did you Know?

The replacement staircase at Birling Gap cost £60,000 and is made from galvanised steel fitted with sustainable hardwood treads. The cliffs are visited by over 350,000 people each year.

Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council is made up of nine councillors. Currently there is one vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, would like to find out more about the position, or would like to talk to someone about the role, please call the Parish Clerk or any Councillor (details on the right).

Village Survey



The latest Village Survey was published in September 2005 and this led to the production of an ED&F Village Plan. Although many of the conclusions from that survey and the objectives set are still valid, it is felt an updated questionnaire would be helpful in confirming and developing current thoughts. The Parish Council, in

consultation with local organisations, is therefore setting up a team to prepare a schedule of questions seeking views from residents on a variety of topics on village life. The questionnaire will be going out over the next month or two; do let us know what you think by completing and returning it.

Road Re-lining

We have been advised by ESCC Highways that re-lining (yellow and white lines) within the Village will take place on 1 and 2 July (weather permitting). The roads involved include Gilberts Drive, Lower Street, Upper Street, the junction of Michel Dene Road and Eastbourne Road, and the bus stop areas on Eastbourne Road.

Cuckmere Bus Timetable (Service 41)

	Tues	Thurs	Tu/Th	Thurs	Tues
Eastbourne, Terminus Road	10:10	10:05	11:40	14:50	15:10
Old Town, opposite Waitrose	10:13	-	11:43	14:53	15:13
Jevington, Eight Bells	-	10:26	-	-	-
Village Hall Car Park	10:20	-	11:50	15:00	15:20
Downlands Way shops	-	-	11:52	-	-
Windmill Lane	10:24	10:33	11:55	15:04	15:24
Warren Lane jct. The Brow	10:26	10:35	11:57	15:06	15:26
Hillside jct. Dene Side	10:30	10:39	12:01	15:10	15:30
Dene Side/Peakdean Lane	10:32	10:41	12:03	15:12	15:32
Peakdean Lane top	10:34	10:43	12:05	15:14	15:34
Dene Side (east)	10:37	10:46	12:08	15:17	15:37
The Link	10:40	10:49	12:11	15:20	15:40
Downlands Way shops	10:45	10:54	-	-	-
Jevington, Eight Bells	-	-	-	15:25	-
Jevington, Hungry Monk	-	-	-	15:27	-
Old Town, Waitrose	10:53	11:02	12:21	-	15:50
Eastbourne, Terminus Road	10:57	11:06	12:25	15:48	15:54

Concessionary passes are accepted on all scheduled services

Website

Since the Council website was launched last November there has been an average of 460 sign-on's per month accessing some 2,400 pages per month. There are 20 pages on the website, and the one most viewed (25%) is the *NOTICEBOARD* (the news page). Are you one of those in the know? If not, please visit the website and let us know what you think, or what else you would like us to include, via the *CONTACT US* form.

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

Your Parish Council

Parish Councillors

Rob Page (chair)	423484
Phillip Hill (vice chair)	423990
Tim Bryant	422442
Joe Cullinane	423834
Stewart Fuller	423710
John Hine	422275
Simon Hunt	423669
Jen Sargent	422326
vacancy	

Parish Clerk

Katrina Larkin

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Parish Council Meetings

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

4 July 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. There is no meeting in August.

Standing Committees

Name	Chair
Finance & General	
Purposes	Stewart Fuller
Planning	Stewart Fuller
Rec Ground	John Hine
Rights of Way	Phillip Hill
Village Events	Tim Bryant

Finances for year to May

Receipts	£24,621
Payments	£9,008
Cash in Hand	£48,460
Budgeted spend	
for the year	£45,838

The precept (local tax) is received in two equal instalments of £20,445 in April and September.

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