

## .... with East Dean and Friston Parish Council

### Hello and Welcome

.... and isn't the summer weather just wonderful. Here are some dates in September for your diaries, all in the Village Hall:-

**5 Sept** – Parish Council Meeting – starting with the public session at 7.30pm

**24 Sept** – Planning Committee – starting with the public session at 7.30pm

**26 Sept** – Council Surgery at 10am at the Village Coffee Morning

### Annual Village Meeting 2014

It may be a long way off – but time flies and diaries get filled so quickly; so please make a note of this date - Monday evening 19 May 2014 in the Village Hall – Annual Village Meeting. Details will follow nearer the event.

### Farrer Hall - Update

In the May edition of *Rendezvous* we said that the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council were in 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. Discussions are ongoing – the proposed lease would be for 20 years at a peppercorn rent, with the Trust remaining responsible for the structure of the building, and the lessee for the internal decorations. It is proposed to totally assign the lease to the Church. The Parish Council would want an office in the Hall, and perhaps the use of a room for a village library. The PCSO would also be interested in having access to a phone at the Hall, in the PC's office. Councillors want to ensure that the Parish Council's financial exposure is strictly limited. More details later as the story unfolds .....

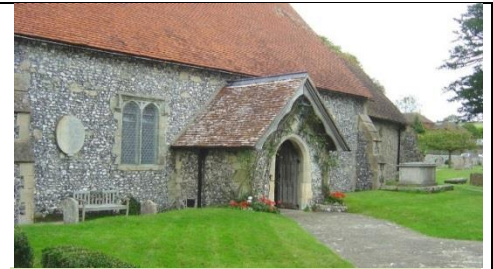


### Pavilion

A structural survey of the Pavilion has confirmed that with appropriate maintenance the building should last for many years. Pending a final decision on the replacement or refurbishment of the building, a priority schedule of maintenance has been prepared starting with an electrical survey. This has been undertaken and resulting repair works put in hand. To avoid the cost of winterisation (draining the water systems), consideration is being given to replacing exposed pipework with polypipe and/or using pipe insulation. The Cricket Club is the main summer user of the Pavilion but if anyone else is interested in hiring the facility at any time of the year, under long or short-term arrangements, please contact the Parish Clerk for details. The Pavilion has a small kitchen area with a fridge and a supply of crockery.

### Village Design Statement

The need to review and update the current *Village Design Statement* was outlined in the May edition of *Rendezvous*. The Working Group to undertake the review has now been established and their objective is to have the VDS adopted by the SDNPA as a *Supplementary Planning Document* which will then give the Parish a greater say in future local planning developments. The overall timescale is to complete the exercise within 12 months, and progress is being monitored via the Council's Planning Committee.



### Meet a Councillor

Here we meet John Hine who was born, raised and educated in north London. After leaving school he joined the London Fire Brigade and served in many areas of the big city before retiring



as a senior officer after 30 years service. He then worked for the prison service as a fire safety advisor for a number of years. He proudly boasts that he has spent time in most of her majesty's establishments in England and Wales! John has lived in East Dean with his family for 32 years and has participated in a number of village organisations including auxiliary coastguards and youth clubs. This is his third year on the Parish Council and he serves on the Finance, Rights of Way and Planning Committees, and is the chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee. John's leisure time pursuits are mainly sporting and looking after his young grandchildren; he is often to be found pushing a push chair around the village, and "playing" at the Thursday play group!

### Did you Know?

Age profiles of populations in 2011

Age	ED&F	East Sussex
< 15 yrs	10%	16%
15-29 yrs	8%	16%
30-44 yrs	10%	17%
45-64 yrs	32%	28%
> 64 yrs	40%	23%

## Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground has now received the *Queen Elizabeth II Field In Trust* award. This initiative was a UK-wide programme to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and London Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as the 2014 Commonwealth Games, by permanently protecting as many outdoor recreational spaces as possible. As the Recreation Ground is owned by the Parish Council, the registration and award now means the ground is protected in perpetuity for outdoor sport, play and recreation. On 2 August, youngsters, parents, residents and councillors enjoyed the celebration and BBQ at the Recreation Ground when the pictured commemorative plaque was unveiled by Sue Windsor.



## Listed Buildings

According to *English Heritage*, the Parish has some 34 listed buildings. Grade 1 are of exceptional interest, sometimes considered to be internationally important; only 2.5% of listed buildings in England are in this group and we have three - *Friston Place* and our *two churches*. Grade II\* are particularly important buildings of more than special interest; 5.5% of listed buildings in England are in this category and we have two - *The Cottages to the North of Friston Place* and *The Dipperays and Gazebo*. Grade II are nationally important and of special interest; 92% of all listed buildings in England are in this class, and we have 29 in this group.

## Walking Maps

The Parish Council has prepared and issued two walking maps of the local area highlighting points of interest and the fine views. Walk 1 is 2.5kms and takes about 1 hour and Walk 2 is 7kms and takes about 2.5 hours. An initial supply of maps was placed in various locations within the village and they were all snapped up within days. Further print runs were made and the maps are again available in various shops etc within the village. Both maps can be seen and downloaded from the *ON-LINE LIBRARY* of the Council's website. A third walk of 12kms and taking about 3.5 hours, linking the three Tapsell Gates of East Dean, Friston and Jevington churches, will be available during September.



## Memorial Seats

The council owns 23 memorial seats within the parish (albeit not all are on council land) and nearly all of these are maintained by the council. Several requests have been received recently by the council for donations towards memorial seats. Unfortunately there is now no further space on council land so any further requests received will be acknowledged and the applicant referred to other landowners for a possible siting.

## Village Survey

In the July edition of *Rendezvous* we mentioned a forthcoming questionnaire which would seek views from residents on a variety of topics on village life. The aim is now to include the questionnaire with the November Parish Magazine, along with the next edition of *Rendezvous*, and to receive your replies (via paper returns or email) by end November. Further info will follow at the time.

## Website

Don't forget to visit us at our website below and let us know your views via the *CONTACT US* form, or email us at the address on the right.

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

#### 5 September and 3 October

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.

### 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 July

Receipts	£25,155
Payments	£14,406
Cash in Hand	£43,597
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](mailto:edf.email@yahoo.co.uk)