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Forthcoming meetings 2020

Annual Meeting of the Parish: 14th May 2020 (reports from your Council and speakers on topical matters)

Full Council (preceded by short P&S meeting)

20th February 19th March 16th April 21st May 2020

Planning & Services Committee

5th March 2nd April 7th May 2020

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee

13th February 12th March 9th April 28th May 2020

Finance & Policy Committee

27th February 26th March 23rd April 2020

All agendas are published on www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk and on our notice boards at least three days before the meeting and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

From your Parish Council

CHAIR REPORT



Entering the New Year, it's traditional to think about new year resolutions. For a lot of us this might be improving our fitness or taking up a new activity. It is therefore timely to

update you on work being undertaken by your Parish Council to support recreation and amenities in the parish. This also gives me an opportunity to inform you about some of our plans for 2020.

High on our agenda is the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. Our original plan was a complete rebuild but, having costed this project, we concluded that the funding requirement was too large. We are currently appraising a partial rebuild and partial refurbishment. The costing of this revised project is underway at present. When established, we will consult again with all sports clubs and the social club to create a business plan. Subsequent to this, we will seek funding and then go out to tender.

On the subject of fitness, I'd like to remind you about the exciting Wild Art Trail, which was launched last year following some enterprising work by the Pulborough Community Partnership. The trail goes from Pulborough station through the village, down to the Wild Brooks and across to the RSPB. It's informative, educational and great fun to walk as it features our very own augmented reality Pulborough Giant! Have you walked it yet? If not, I urge you to give it a try. It's also great to see other fitness initiatives starting up in the village such as Fit for Good. There's a vast array of recreational activities available to you in our village. If one of your New Year resolutions is to get fit, please check them out and use them.

As I write this article, we continue to work on the Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group has reviewed the Strategic Environmental Assessment report which is a 275 page document, and we are in the process of feeding back our comments to Horsham District Council. Assuming everything goes

according to plan we are still hoping to go out to public consultation in February on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Just to remind you, this plan will become our shared vision for the development of our community in Pulborough and all hamlets that make up our parish. It's important for our community that we have this document because it puts us in control of the planning and growth of our village. Following two public consultation periods, a referendum will take place, and I would encourage you to participate.

We've also been working on our budget for the council tax precept for this year. There will be an increase of around 16p per week per household for a typical band D house. We worked hard to keep the increase to a minimum, but this will be the first year where we fully fund our Neighbourhood Wardens. The excellent work carried out by the wardens is recognised across our community. It covers anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, inconsiderate parking, fly tipping and graffiti, community engagement at events and meetings, visible foot and vehicle patrols, care for the elderly and youth, dog related and environmental issues and actioning many other tasks identified in the interests of our community. If you've not done so before, please read one of their monthly reports, available on our website, to appreciate how they contribute to our community.

Finally, I'm pleased to advise you that we have the Chief Executive of Horsham District Council, Glen Chipp, visiting us for our February Parish Council meeting. The meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend. Although it will involve your Parish Council raising questions with Glen Chipp (as opposed to members of the public) you may find it an interesting meeting to attend. Also, if there are any points which you feel we should be raising with him, please send suggested questions or comments into the parish office (deadline 12th February 2020)

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PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Pulborough Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies for a Parish Councillor.

Are you interested in or have questions about our local community? Would you like to serve on the Parish Council and work to influence the entire Parish including Pulborough, North Heath and Nutbourne as well as working with Horsham District Council and West

Sussex County Council to provide a better place to live for all residents? The Co option to fill these vacancies will be considered by Council at a Full Council meeting following nominations received.

For further information or an informal chat please contact the Parish Office on 01798 873532 or email clerk@ pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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If you are interested in joining please visit a training evening, or contact the Club Captain, Lee Callaghan on 07901 914588. They are hoping to expand the junior section so please contact Lee on the details above.

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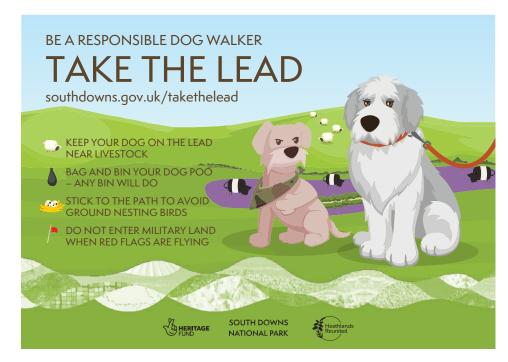
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The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council have set up a Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex. If you are interested in keeping up-to-date with Road Safety topics, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC and follow this page!









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Fairtrade Fortnight is the action-packed highlight of the year, when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing

Fairtrade Foundation says, 'It may be hard to swallow but many of the people behind our most-loved food still live in extreme poverty. It is a scandal that behind the sweet delight of chocolate lies the bitter taste of exploitation. The UK chocolate industry is worth at least £4 billion each year. And yet the average cocoa farmer in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, where 60 percent of all cocoa is grown, makes less than 75p a day. This is well below the extreme poverty line of around £1.40 per day.

Thanks to local and national campaigning, most of us have become familiar with the Fairtrade logo and recognise it on a wide range of products in our shops and supermarkets. There can be few people who haven't bought Fairtrade bananas, chocolate, tea, coffee or sugar at some time, if not on a regular basis. Every year an increasing number of products appear in our shops carrying the familiar Fairtrade logo. Why not challenge yourself to try one new Fairtrade product this year?

Here in Pulborough, we are fortunate to have a number of retail outlets selling Fairtrade products. The latest of these

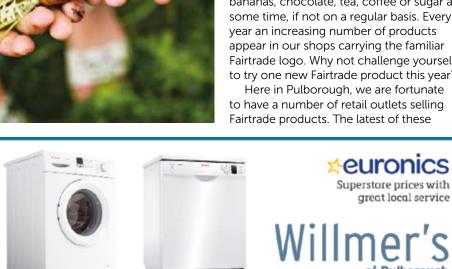
is The Greenhouse at Stane Street, where a number of Fairtrade goods are available. Beneficial



Health in Lower Street has been a supporter of our Fairtrade Village for a number of years, so we now have the opportunity to shop Fairtrade at both ends of the village! A little further afield, Fittleworth Stores sells a range delicious Fairtrade chocolate and other products. You will see a Fairtrade sticker displayed in these shops, and other places around the village. Please support these local independent businesses whenever you can, as well as keeping a lookout for Fairtrade products when you visit the supermarket.

We will mark Fairtrade Fortnight this year with the return of the Smoothie Bike! Come along and use pedal power to make a delicious Fairtrade Banana Smoothie outside The Greenhouse at Stane Street on Saturday 29th February. There will also be home-baked Fairtrade cakes for you to try here and at Beneficial Health in Lower Street.

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The pair behind these bespoke structures is husband-and-wife team Paul and Lizzy Dunckley, who together create the perfect 'marquee provider' package. In his time construction whizz Paul has built around trees, over swimming pools, across multiple levels and in all kinds of awkward spaces to ensure the newlyweds are just where they want to be. Lizzy brings an interior designer's eye and an unerring attention to detail that means that the whole space comes together beautifully.

The only difficulty clients face when coming to PaulSimon Marquees is choice. The duo have amassed an impressive range of marquee styles, furnishings and accessories for all tastes over the years and have an equally enviable list of trusted suppliers at their fingertips, from caterers to live bands.

If clients are looking for a simple structure and a blank canvas to dress themselves, PaulSimon will happily provide. Alternatively, if they want a one-stop shop where everything from luxury toilets, generator and dance floor to bars, lounge furniture and tableware are taken care of, PaulSimon will arrange every last detail.

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marquee styles in all, from traditional pole tents to ultra-modern stretch tents and capris. Whether the couple dreams of a rustic tipi wedding with fairy lights and magical woodland touches or a classic clearspan setting complete with grand piano and chandeliers, PaulSimon Marquees can bring it to life.

"We're here to create whatever the couple wants wherever they want it; a bespoke setting that is unique to them," explains Lizzy. "We can provide as much support as they need, relieving the stress and letting the bride and groom get on with what's really important – enjoying themselves!" If that wasn't enough Lizzy and Paul are also able to cater for all kinds of events, from birthday parties to intimate lunches.

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PULBOROUGH WARDENS

Hello everyone and happy new year to you all.

If you are still considering your new year resolutions, we would like to appeal to you to become a volunteer here in Pulborough. As neighbourhood wardens we see the value first hand that volunteers bring to the community as well as the positive impact it has for the individuals themselves. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help with Transport (drivers), Wednesday Lunch Club (social activities), befriending home visits or would like to help with administrative work in any way please get in touch with us and we will match you up with a suitable position.

Remember you can also benefit from many other mental and physical gains such as:

- Increased confidence by trying something new
- Meeting new people and being part of a community
- Learning new skills
- Being active (depending on the role)
- Having fun!

Studies have revealed that volunteers are generally happier and healthier than



non-volunteers so please go on and put this theory to the test!

Other news: We are running our popular free sports sessions again during February half term. Join us on Tuesday 18th February 10am-12pm for Badminton and on Thursday 20th February 2-4pm for Dodgeball. Both sessions will be held at the Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View. Suitable for 8 years and above.

Goodbye for now,

Vanessa and Carol

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by the speed at which the falcon can fly and how the owls can turn their heads all the way round!

Last week, the Year 5 classes took part in Greek Day (see right), another annual favourite. They came into school in Greek dress, took part in mini-Olympics involving running and javelinthrowing, to name but two of the events, and also prepared and ate Greek food. The Greek salad was surprisingly popular! There were a wide variety of costumes, from togas to gladiators.

Our Year 6 children are taking part in the Weald Book Award again this year. They have already had one visit to meet this year's author, Thomas Taylor, author of 'Malamanda'. In a creative presentation he spoke to an enthralled audience about how the characters and settings of his books are developed and helped the pupils design characters that they could use in their own stories, whilst sharing various artefacts to get the creative juices flowing, such as shells, seaweed, bottles of mermaids' tears, etc. The children returned to school raring to get stuck into this challenge.

Later on this term we are also looking forward to a visit from the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance who will be coming to tell the children all about the important work that they do. The children are most excited by the thought that a helicopter might be landing in the school grounds! (see below)



If you are new to the area, or are still undecided as to which school would be best for your child, please do not hesitate to arrange a visit. Our website www.st-marys-pulborough. w-sussex.sch.uk and Ofsted Inspection reports really do only tell part of the story and it is not too late to secure a place. We have recently added a short video to our school website, featuring the children and various members of staff, giving a flavour of life at St Mary's. Please visit our website (see below) to access this – it can be found on the home page under the 'Newsletters' section. We hope you enjoy it.

Mrs S Copus Headteacher, St Mary's CE (Aided) Primary School, Pulborough

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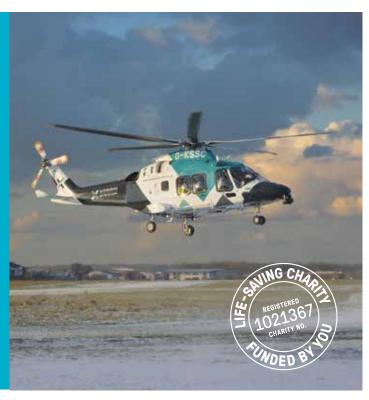
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