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## Pulborough

"Spring is the time  
of plans and projects"  
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## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

# Chairman's report The elections are coming!

**Whilst you may all know that on 7th May electors will go to the polls in the General Election, did you know that on the same day, residents will have the opportunity to vote for their Parish Councillors for the next four years?**

For the last two Parish Council elections (2011 and 2007), there have been fewer candidates than seats (there are currently 15 seats on Pulborough Parish Council) and therefore no actual poll has been required. In this case, Councillors were deemed to have been elected through an "Uncontested Election". Any vacancies after an Uncontested Election may be filled by Co Option.

With the elections fast approaching, this could be your opportunity to get involved. Would you like to be more involved with your community and influence the decisions made? Can you spare a few hours a week? If so, the Parish Office would like to hear from you. Why not come along to any of the following Parish Council meetings and see what the Council is currently involved in :-

#### **Full Council:**

19th March 2015

#### **Finance & Policy:**

25th March 2015

#### **Planning & Services Committee:**

2nd April 2015

The timetable for the elections is as follows :-

#### **Publication of Notice of Election**

23rd March 2015

#### **Nomination period begins**

24th March 2015

#### **Closing date for nominations at 4pm**

9th April 2015

Nomination forms are available for download, together with further information about standing at the

election, on the Parish Council website [www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk). If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Office in one of the following ways:



#### **In person:**

**Parish Office, Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough.**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 12.30pm**

**By phone: 01798 873532**

#### **By email:**

**[clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

#### **Ray Quasted**

*Chairman – Pulborough Parish Council*



## Facebook

Pulborough Parish Council now has a Facebook page to keep you informed of what is going on at the Parish Council. Please use the link on the home page of our website or visit **[www.facebook.com/PulboroughParishCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/PulboroughParishCouncil)** and "like" our page.

## Parish precept 2015 to 2016

**Council Tax payers will soon be receiving notification of their 2015-16 tax demand for West Sussex County Council, Horsham District Council, Sussex Police and Pulborough Parish Council.**

The portion of the bill paid to Pulborough Parish Council (the precept) is under 5% of the total bill. For the 2015/16 year the Parish Council has agreed to a small increase in the demand which equates to 72 pence per annum for a Band D property. However, the Council hope that they will still be able to provide their full range of services to the community, despite rising costs and new commitments.

One major expenditure will be in respect of the Sports and Social Club building on the main recreation ground. This structure is badly in need of a considerable amount of work and the Parish Council hoped that Horsham District Council would aid them financially in the public work from what is known as the Government's "New Homes Bonus". This has not materialised and the Parish Council will now have to finance

modest improvements, mainly from their reserves.

New equipment will also be needed in order to support the growing number of people using the recreation ground and the associated sports and games facilities, including very active soccer, cricket, stoolball and snooker clubs.

The Parish Council also financially supports over twenty local charities who, in turn, provide help and services for a wide range of Pulborough residents from the youngest to the oldest.

The Neighbourhood Plan, the blueprint for Pulborough's future, is progressing well thanks to the dedicated work of the Parish Council's office staff and volunteers. It is important to note that Parish Councillors are not paid for their services and do not receive any form of attendance allowance in respect of meetings or other duties which they perform.

The Parish Council finances are audited by an independent professional body and are open to public examination. Comments from residents are always welcome either direct to the Clerk or at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May in the Village Hall.

## CONSULTATION

# Trim trail consultation



**The Parish Council is considering erecting a "Trim Trail" at Cousins Way Recreation Ground and have engaged Sovereign Play, experts in this area, to design both the equipment and layout.**

There has been much discussion and a meeting with nearby residents was held last October. The Committee will be holding a further meeting and invite all residents who have any questions or would like to hear more about the proposals to attend.



**Date: Tuesday 17th March 2015**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Location: Committee Room at the Sports Pavilion, Rectory Close**

Residents are asked to advise the Parish Council if they would like to attend so that adequate seating may be organized.



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# Neighbourhood Plan update



The results from the Household Survey have now been compiled into the Stage 1 Report (Part B) which is available on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website.

It is hoped that in the next edition, we will be able to circulate a document which will provide the analysis of each question as laid out in the original questionnaire. In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the raw data please email the Parish Office on [clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk) (please note that the data is provided in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet).

**Richard Keatley** – Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## Volunteers required

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to help with the weeding of the Memorial Garden, located within Lower Street car park, opposite the Library. This would need to be carried out a couple of times in the Winter, and once a month between April-October.

If you or a group of you are interested in helping out, and are able to bring along some gardening tools, please call the Parish Office on 01798 873532.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### News from Pulborough Village Pre-School

Our topics this term are 'All About Me' and 'The Past'. The children have enjoyed looking at lots of photographs of themselves (and the Staff) as babies. We have been for a walk around 'Our Village', where the children enjoyed pointing out where they lived and walked around the church. On the way back to Pre-School we stopped off at

Tesco so the children could choose their own fruit for snack-time.

We are planning another walk in a few weeks to look at the old buildings in Pulborough.

We have been making the most of our new all-in-one waterproofs so that the children can spend more time playing outside.

The children celebrated Chinese New Year by eating noodles with chopsticks at snack-time and making giant colourful sheep for a wall display.

For more information about the Pre-School please visit our website [www.pulboroughvillagepreschool.weebly.com](http://www.pulboroughvillagepreschool.weebly.com)

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The strap-line for Fairtrade Fortnight this year (23rd February to 6th March) was 'The Power of You', meaning as consumers we have the power to change trading practices. However, as 'a puppy is not just for Christmas' so here in Pulborough many of our businesses and local community groups, including the school, churches and the new Pulborough Hub, know that Fairtrade is not just for two weeks a year. Find out more from Pulborough's Fairtrade Directory available in the Library and several shops in Lower Street.

For more information on Fairtrade issues go to [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Liz Sollom & Rosemary Russell**  
Pulborough Fairtrade Group

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## Pulborough Community Partnership (PCP)

At the recent Annual General Meeting, Alistair Smith stood down as both a Director of the PCP and as Chairman for the group. Thanks go to Alistair for all his support and input to the Partnership which has been invaluable and he will be greatly missed.

## Poppy Appeal 2014

Thank you to all who contributed.

A wonderful total of **£10,689.87**

was raised in the Pulborough District for the 2014 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.





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## Easter Services 2015

There are some additional services in the Churches in Pulborough during the Easter Season and a series of six sessions covering St Matthew's Gospel on a Wednesday evening starting on 25th February at St Mary's School at 7.30pm – if you are interested in attending contact Terry Donnelly on 01798 874101 for details.

### St. Mary's Parish Church – Church Place

Contact: Rector Father Paul Welch – 01798 875773

#### 2nd April Maundy Thursday:

7.30pm Eucharist and Vigil until 12 midnight

#### 3rd April Good Friday:

9.30am-11.30am Children's Workshop  
3pm Stations of the Cross  
7.30pm Good Friday Liturgy

#### 4th April Easter Eve:

8pm Easter Vigil, Baptism and First Eucharist of Easter

#### 5th April Easter Day:

8am Eucharist  
10am Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm Night Prayer and Benediction

### Ss Crispin & Crispinian's Roman Catholic Church, Church Place

Contact: Father Carl Davies – 01403 782128

#### 2nd April Maundy Thursday:

Mass at 7.30pm (St Gabriel's Billingshurst)

#### 3rd April Good Friday:

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm (St Gabriel's Billingshurst)

#### 4th April Holy Saturday:

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 7.30pm (St Gabriel's Billingshurst)

#### 5th April Easter Day:

Masses at 8.30am (St Crispin's Pulborough) and 10.30am. (St Gabriel's Billingshurst)

### Pulborough United Reformed Church – Lower Street

Contact: Keith Russell – 01798 873174

#### 5th April Easter Day:

10.30am Sunday Service with Communion

### Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church – Meeting at the Pulborough Village Hall Swan View

Contact: Dr David Howling – 01903 741 709

3rd April Good Friday: 10.30am Communion Service

5th April Easter Day: 10.30am Easter Family Service



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Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK, helping children and young people rebuild their lives after the death of their mum, dad, brother or sister, and enabling them to face the future with confidence and hope.

In West Sussex, Winston's Wish run a unique bereavement support program called SWITCH. The program is aimed at children aged 8-14 who have suffered a close family bereavement which is having a negative effect on their behaviour. The bereavement may not be recent but may still be having an impact on the child. The SWITCH program offers family work, individual work for children and their carers and group work. We end the program with a celebration day. The aim of SWITCH is to provide children and families with the opportunity to work through their experience with qualified professionals and to help them make sense of their emotions and feelings, meet other people in similar situations and provide them with coping strategy to help them reach their full potential.

SWITCH has been running in West Sussex now for two years and feedback from both children and their carers has been very positive.

Feedback from a mother after the SWITCH program:

*"She's like a different girl. I can't explain it – it's like she has grown up. She's excellent. I think being able to talk about her feelings and listen to the others and what they do when they get one on them has really helped her. She still gets grumpy, but now takes herself off to her room and listens to music and when she's calmer, then I go and talk to her!"*



We would like to reach as many of these children and families as possible in West Sussex. If you, or a child or family you know, would benefit from the SWITCH program or would like any further information, please contact Sheila Elliott, Family Program Lead for SWITCH: selliot@winstonswish.org.uk or switch@winstonswish.org.uk or call the office on 01403 211030 and ask to speak to a member of the SWITCH team.

Winston Wish in West Sussex also offer a family support service for those families who may not fit into the SWITCH program. You can contact them via our helpline on 08452 0304 05 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, plus Wednesday evenings 7pm-9.30pm. Winston's Wish also run a Drop-in session which take place on the last Thursday of each month: 2.30-5.30 pm at the Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester.




For further information on Winston's Wish please go to [www.winstonswish.org.uk](http://www.winstonswish.org.uk)

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**Every Thursday, 11:00am: Billingshurst**  
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**Wednesday 18 March 10:30am: Storrington Riverside Walk**  
A 2½ mile/1½ hours. Start: Storrington Recreation Ground Car Park, RH20 4PG. Dogs welcome. *Mick 01903 745971.*

**Saturday 21 March 8:30am: Wiggonholt Common & Parham Park.**  
6½ mile/2½ hours. Start: Glebe Surgery car park, Monastery Lane, Storrington (TQ 084144 – RH20 4LR) No dogs. *Mick 01903 745971.*

**Sunday 22 March 10:00am: Downs Farm.**  
6 mile circular walk/2½ hours, Meet in

Kithurst Hill car park (off the Amberley to Storrington road, B2139 (TQ 070124) at the top of the lane. Dogs allowed on a lead. *Leader Mick 01903 745971.*

**Thursday 26 March 10:00am: West Chiltington.**

4/5 mile circular walks/2 hours. Start: West Chiltington Village Hall car park, Mill Road (RH20 2PZ, TQ 083179). No dogs. *Sue 01403 255710.*

**Sunday 29 March 10:00am: Houghton Forest and Bignor Hill.**

5½ mile circular walk/2¼ hours. Start: Whiteways car park (roundabout at the junction of the B2139 and A29: Grid Ref. TQ 002107). Dogs allowed on a lead. *Leader Mick 01903 745971.*



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