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Chairman's report

Many of you may have noticed the extension of the 30 mph speed limit on Codmore Hill just north of Sainsburys. This is something that the Parish Council have campaigned for in the past and I am glad to see that it has been carried out.

Plans are taking place to re-locate the Police Station from its present position in Lower Street but the proposed new site has still to be finalized.

The playing fields, children's play area and fitness trail are all looking in fine shape and it is heartening to see all the areas being used, especially by families.

It is a pity, however, that the District Council is unable to support us financially in rebuilding a fit-for-purpose new Sports Pavilion to enhance those facilities.

We have not given up hope completely however and will continue to explore all other areas of funding to support the project.

Our hanging baskets in Lower Street are really struggling to survive in this current spell of hot weather. However, they are being watered daily by our staff and we would welcome any local residents in Lower Street who feel that they can do likewise; they cannot get too much water!

We are continuing to work diligently on the Neighbourhood Plan, although progress to suit all consultees and other interested parties is painfully slow.

We are arranging an event shortly to commemorate the WW1 Centenary Silhouette Scheme and as a result will be funding the purchase of silhouettes to install alongside entrances to the

village; so look out for these! They are very iconic.

Meanwhile, continue to enjoy the pleasant weather and for all of you going on your summer holidays, stay safe and have a wonderful time.

Ray Qusted, Chairman, Pulborough Parish Council

Contact your Parish Council



Parish Office, Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough RH20 2BF
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Next meeting dates 2018

(None in August apart from Planning)

Full Council (preceded by short P&S Meeting):

20th September, 18th October and 22nd November

Planning & Services Committee: 9th August, 6th September, 4th October and 1st November

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee: 13th September, 11th October and 15th November

Finance & Policy Committee: 27th September, 25th October and 8th November

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

Supercars to return

The tour of expensive and glamorous supercars is planned to return to Pulborough next Spring on **Sunday 24th March 2019**. Put the date in your diary.

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New walking trail for Pulborough to boost tourism and local economy

Pulborough is getting an investment of almost £200,000 from the European Union's Agriculture Fund for Rural Development Programme (EAFRD) to support rural tourism. The funding comes via the government's Rural Payments Agency through a grant application fronted by Horsham District Council's Economic Development team.

The funds will be used to create a four kilometre (approximately 2.5 miles) walk starting from Pulborough Station, along the Cinder Path, Church Place, Old Rectory Lane, East Glebe Field, Lower Street, Barn House Lane, across the Wildbrooks and to the RSPB Pulborough Brooks nature reserve. The trail will be designed to be walked from either end or in sections.

The walk, initially called the WildArt Trail, will be marked throughout by high quality sculptures, way markers and information boards highlighting the local history and wildlife along the way. This will be supported by an electronic app which will be developed for walkers to find out more information about the walk, countryside, wildlife and local history and points of interest. The app will also be an educational tool for younger audiences and will include a bespoke treasure trail.

The project will be managed by a Steering Group with partners from:

Horsham District Council, RSPB, Pulborough Community Partnership, Pulborough Parish Council and the South Downs National Park.

The children's component will be supported by entertaining Augmented Reality (AR). Along the trail, children will meet and interact with 3D augmented characters, encouraging them to engage with wildlife and nature. The inclusion of AR within the app will be a unique feature point, which will maximise the potential to attract more visitors to use the trail and visit Pulborough.

The concept for the trail was started by Pulborough Community Partnership director Rob Aylott working with chairman Roger Paterson and David Hurst, with the intention of increasing footfall in the Lower Street retail area. The idea expanded with inspiration from tourist development work done elsewhere in the country and enthusiasm from others as they heard of the idea.

Rob Aylott said "Pulborough is right in the heart of rural West Sussex and on the centre of the north boundary of the South Downs National Park. We have a rail station and two A roads so it seems a natural idea to develop a tourism element to the local economy. The simple idea of having a quiz for visiting children expanded to the

concept that we now have planned.

"Pulborough has more than 40 listed buildings and a history going back to the Romans and earlier," he continued. "The Wildbrooks and the River Arun are vital to the well-being of the residents and a major reason for living here."

David Hurst added "The RSPB Pulborough Brooks reserve is the largest tourism destination in the District and one of the most biodiverse areas in the country. It is a no-brainer to connect the village to the Reserve using the wonderful footpaths across the Wildbrooks. Add to that the rail and bus access to the village and the whole trail becomes possible."

Ray Qusted, Chairman of Pulborough Parish Council, commented: "The trail is something completely different for Pulborough and will give the village and surrounding areas a real boost, bringing more visitors to the area, especially families, and encouraging them to stay for longer and as a result spend more money when they are here."

"It provides an excellent opportunity for our tourism economy businesses – food and drink, accommodation and visitor attraction providers which in turn will help the whole village economy."

It is proposed to have the trail up and running by Summer 2019 to coincide with Horsham District's Year of Culture.

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Early in 2018 West Sussex became a Fairtrade County thanks to the hard work of Fairtrade West Sussex and West Sussex County Council.

A celebration took place on 17th May in Edes House, Chichester and was attended by the county town's newly appointed Mayor, Martyn Bell; Louise Goldsmith, leader of West Sussex County Council and council members; representatives of the Fairtrade towns in the county, including Pulborough; and many members of the public who supported a very successful and enjoyable evening.

John Figgins, head of West Sussex County Council catering services, presented an update of Fairtrade activity in the County Council. All the catering services now include Fairtrade options, from Meals on Wheels, corporate catering, and school meals. John said that the pressures on council finances were sometimes given as a reason for not selecting Fairtrade. However, there is no longer a significant extra cost with Fairtrade products. John has been a very keen supporter of Fairtrade since hearing Greg Valerio speak movingly at last year's Fairtrade event in Pulborough about the difference Fairtrade gold makes to poor producers in that industry.

Amy Sim, general manager of Chichester cathedral, gave a lively talk about the



Fairtrade gold weather vane on Chichester cathedral, describing the 3 foot cockerel covered in 3 micron thin Fairtrade gold leaf, processed in Italy, before being installed up a 146 foot ladder during scheduled spire maintenance.

Amy also said the cathedral's café now served Fairtrade teas and she would consult with John Figgins on changing to Fairtrade coffee.

Fairtrade West Sussex asked that the county border road-signs should display "Welcome to West Sussex, a Fairtrade County". The West Sussex council cabinet member for roads and transport, Bob Lanzer, offered to add this to the standards for implementation when these signs are replaced and mentioned the possibility of temporary stickers on existing signs. So do keep a look-out for these signs!

- **For further information contact:**
Pulborough Fairtrade Group
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We have not had a Flower Festival at St. Mary's for a very long time, and now, with a new Vicar, Rev. David Coleman, and many war memories – we have three V.C.'s graves to remember in our churchyard – 100 years commemoration of the RAF, and an enthusiastic flower team I seemed a good time to 'go for it'.

Nyetimber Vineyard (as you probably know the village is surround by their vineyards) are our main sponsor, but most of the arrangements in September will be personalised, sponsored and dedicated to the memory of 'dear' ones.

The actual flower arrangements will follow the colours of the rainbow as they progress around the church, there will be many poppies, much wartime memorabilia, wine tastings – Nyetimber of course – local artisans displaying and selling their work, refreshments all day in the Church Hall, and a very special Evensong at 6pm on the Sunday evening September 9th, and Mrs. Hereema (Nyetimber) has agreed to open the Festival on the morning of September 6th. The event is in aid of repairs for St. Mary's Church.

Sue Paterson

Pulborough Wednesday Club!

We are part of Pulborough & District Community Care Association, a voluntary organisation which has been serving the people of the Pulborough area since 1966.

We are a friendly group of over 50s who meet in Pulborough Social Centre from 2pm to 4pm every Wednesday, except for a week or two over Christmas, at Easter and for the month of August.

We play card games (such as cribbage), board games (such as Scrabble or Rummikub), short mat bowls most weeks,

indoor curling occasionally or you can just enjoy a chat with friends. We have occasional theatre trips, day outings, and there are quizzes, music and raffles during the year.

Refreshments are served during the afternoon and the Community Minibus is available to take you home to your door if you need transport.

There is a £6 Annual Subscription and a £1 weekly subscription.

Either Gerald Batt (01798 872388), Rosemary Russell (01798 873174) or Liz Sollom (01798 812573) will be there each week and you can contact any of us for more information.

Local lunch club needs your help

This is a weekly lunch club for senior citizens based in the Village Hall in Pulborough. We currently have members from Pulborough, Nutbourne, West Chiltington, Storrington, Bury & Amberley.

After 17 years our washer-up, is hanging up her 'marigolds', and leaving the area so we are looking for a rota of people to wash up on a monthly basis using the ultra modern dishwasher.

Each week we serve delicious home-made puddings and are looking for a few extra pudding makers to join our team who provide 10 or 20 portions 3 times a year.

We also need some volunteer drivers. We currently have 2 people who live in Pulborough would like to come to lunch club but cannot use the minibus to get there. We also need to find transport for 2 members who live in Amberley and Bury.

Finally we are always looking for volunteers to help lay up tables, serve lunch, clear up and most importantly chat to our lunch clubbers. Lunch included!

If you would like to help with any of these positions I would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Louise Kaiser on 01798 831829 or email louisemkaiser@hotmail.com for more details.

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We've got some very interesting summer sports lined up on the rec during August. Ever heard of tchoukball? Goalball? Kinball? No nor have we! Come along every Tuesday in August from 11am-1pm to find out more and join in the free fun! Suitable for age 8+.

Pulborough and District Community Care Association is looking for volunteers to help run the charity which has been going for over 50 years to help support older residents within the village. Do you think you could help out at all? Please contact the PDCCA on 01798 813039 or check out the website at www.pdcca.org.uk

That's all for now – till next time.

Vanessa and Carol

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The Tesco stores that feature the Mary How Trust Film Society as one of three good causes in July and August are: Pulborough Metro, Storrington Express, and Billingshurst Express.



Planning a summer barbecue?

Five tips to stay safe

Summer is here and for many of us that means barbecue season. Whether you cook with gas or charcoal, it's important to follow simple precautions to keep you and your property safe. Every year, West Sussex fire crews are called to scores of barbecue-related blazes, often due to coals being discarded before they have completely cooled down.

Particular care should be taken if you own a thatched cottage: one spark can cause devastation, especially during a heatwave.

Here, local fire safety experts Allsaved offer five tips to protect you and your loved ones this summer:

- Stand your barbecue on a flat surface away from buildings, fences, trees and sheds
- Always store pressurised gas according to instructions, and check a gas barbecue is in full working order before you need to use it
- Never attempt to speed things up by using lighter fuel, paraffin, diesel or petrol
- Don't let the chef drink too much alcohol!
- When you've finished cooking on a charcoal barbecue, dampen coals thoroughly with water before leaving unattended

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The penultimate week ended with the Year 6 ball. All the children looked immaculate in their party outfits and the vehicles they arrived in ranged from tractors to Bentleys. We are so proud of the young people that they have become over their time at St Mary's.

Over the summer holidays our Early Years and KS1 classrooms are being refurbished with new lighting, flooring and furniture, providing a state-of-the-art learning space to complement our outstanding teaching staff. The transformation will be incredible and the new children who are joining will have the most amazing space to play and learn in.

The Rotary Club officially opened the Play House in the Early Years garden. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for the purchase, installation and decoration of the play house which was a much needed addition to this space. We would also like to thank the parents that provided cakes for the occasion and for giving up their time to serve drinks.

If you are new to the area, or you are still undecided as to which school would be best for your child, please do not hesitate to arrange a visit. **Please contact us at the School Office on 01798 872007 to arrange a visit. www.st-marys-pulborough.w-sussex.sch.uk**



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