

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND MISC. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**Miscellaneous Correspondence & Information Received**

- **Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance** - thank you letter for donation
- **Natalia from Ukranian Community and Assoc. of Ukrainians in GB, Hastings, Rother** – email thanking for donation towards Easter Tea event – forwarded to Members 13/5/23
- **ESALC Training Dates** – emailed to Members 18/4/23
- **Social Change Research** – survey for British Gypsum – forwarded to Members 21/3/23
- **South East Water re their Strategic Direction Statement** – details forwarded to Members 21/3/23
- **Clerks' Briefings** – emailed to Members 21/3/23; 28/3/23
- **RDC Decisions Made by Cabinet** – forwarded to Members 4/4/23;
- **New Guide to Highways from ESH** – forwarded to Members 10/5/23
- **Info from ES County Cllr Paul Redstone re Station Road** – forwarded to Members 10/5/23
- **County Councillor's May report** – forwarded to Members 13/5/23

Elections 4 May 2023

RDC received seven nominations for the nine Parish Council seats; six previous Members re-stood plus one new one. Natalie Bishop (new), Nick Brown, Clive Cook, Francesca Dulley, Sean O'Hara, Roger Palamarczuk and David Todd were all automatically elected without a poll, due to insufficient candidates. This leaves two vacancies to be filled by co-option. Dawn Hill, has put her name forward for co-option to fill one of these vacancies (see Council meeting Agenda 15/5/23). Cllr Prochak was elected at the poll on 4/5/23 to represent the Robertsbridge Ward on Rother District Council.

Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023

Our 'Party at the Park' on Coronation Day (Saturday 6th May), organised by RBS, was relocated to the Village Hall due to unsettled weather. We are pleased to report that the afternoon proved a success particularly with young families despite the rain! Traditional fete games including a tug of war was very popular. On Sunday 7th May RBS held its Soapbox Derby in Salehurst, again a very popular family event. The Church held a tidy day on Monday 8th as part of the Big Help Out. Prior to the Coronation the Parish Council donated sunflower seeds to children at Robertsbridge Children's Services. On 17th May pupils at Salehurst Primary School will be presented with commemorative coins at their Coronation picnic. The Parish Office is collecting photographs of local Coronation events.

Highways Contract

Balfour Beatty Living Spaces took over East Sussex Highways contract from Costain on 1st May. The first work they have done in the village is the work on Station Road over several days week commencing 8th May. We are having some initial difficulties contacting the new Customer Service Team to establish ongoing works in Station Road. We hope this will be resolved soon.

Diocese of Chichester

We were approached by a resident whose garden backs on to the Glebe land (old vicarage site), who had received an unsolicited visit from an 'official' wielding plans and advising that development of the land was going ahead. He told her that her rear gate and bin storage were illegal, but did not say who he was. The resident subsequently received a hostile letter from the Diocese regarding the same. Both caused considerable distress and in support of the resident, the Chairman wrote to the Diocese, expressing dismay at their handling of sensitive matters and reminding them that any proposed development still has to go through the planning process.

Family Funfair

The family funfair is returning to the Recreation Ground in August. They will be arriving and setting up in the Recreation Ground from Monday 14th August, open from Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th, and leaving on Monday 21st. The football and cricket clubs have been notified (as a matter of courtesy).

Salehurst Cemetery

Activity - since the last meeting (20th March 2023) there has been one ashes interment and arrangements are in progress for two more in May, one in July and one date tba. There has been one purchase of Exclusive Rights. Four applications have been received for new memorials and one new memorial fitted.

Members Training / Briefings / Conferences

Keeping up to date is an important aspect of being a Members and these courses are a valuable way of keeping up with current issues and changes, as well as meeting other Members and hearing different views and news.

ESALC can commission courses for a new Members or chairmanship training for a whole council, via Trevor Leggo, who will discuss specific needs and deliver the session. The dates for general briefing/training sessions (open to all/any parish) can be found on the ESALC website at [ESALC](#).

ESALC have announced Breakthrough Communications are working with them to provide a new programme of communications and compliance-focused training courses for parish

and town councils across East Sussex. The details can be found here
<https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/calc-training-events/>

If you are interested in any training, please let us know, so we can book you in.

Events attended:

Events booked:

ESALC Planning Training 27th June Clive Cooke

Karen

Gill

Karen Ripley
Parish Clerk

Gill Colquhoun
Assistant Clerk