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Forest Row Parish Council

CLLR. NIGEL MANGER
CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

I should like to draw your attention to the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting on 23rd November, details at the bottom of the page,, on the closure of Evelyn Clark House. Wealden District Council has made the decision to close this vital asset and sell off the land. This will mean the only provision for our older residents, other than private accommodation, will be the 12 one bedroom units at Wade Court. The Parish Council is fighting this closure and would like your help, so please come to the meeting and please consider offering transport to any older neighbours who would also like to attend.

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to provide the necessary admin for the volunteer car scheme. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to help with this very worthwhile service.—Please see the details elsewhere

If not too early may I wish everyone in the village my very best wishes for Christmas and for 2011.

Cllr. Nigel Manger

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

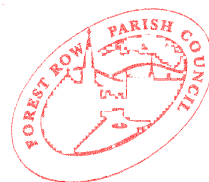
As mentioned before, the Council has been working with East Sussex County Council to develop plans to create two build-outs in The Square. These have now been finalised and the work has been commissioned. It is intended to place a seat (funded by a donation from the One Village Festival Committee) in Upper Square and a cast iron directional finger post will also be erected. Upper Square will lose one parking space but it was felt that in order to prevent illegal parking blocking the access to parking behind the shops and other more permanent vehicles, as experienced before, this was a good solution

The one in Lower Square will incorporate cycle racks and will cover the hatched bays to prevent illegal parking there which is also dangerous.

A survey of the shops was carried out when the project was first considered and there was support for this course of action.

2011 ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN will be held on Saturday 19th March. Please put the date in your diaries—help with tidying up the village will be much appreciated.

PCSO TAMARA BENNETT has replaced Karen Juniper after a reorganisation of the police sub-divisional boundaries. PCSO Bennett can be contacted on **0845 6070999** or dial **999** in an **emergency**. She will be in the village at allotted times and these will be displayed on notice boards and on our website.

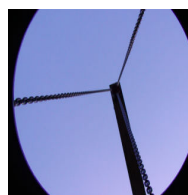


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Website: www.forestrow.gov.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED



Guess where/what this is..... It is somewhere/something in the Village. Phone the office to see if you are right..... No prizes I'm afraid - Just a test to see how well you know your Village

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

The Parish Council would like to install a couple of seats in the grounds of the Community Centre. If you would like to donate a **COMMEMORATIVE SEAT**, please contact Carolyn Coomber on 822661 to discuss this further.

NEW YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Several consultation events were held during the Summer and the plans for the new building have been submitted to Wealden District Council for planning permission. Following this, full costs will be ascertained, including running costs, and once these are known, it is our intention to carry out a thorough door to door consultation with all residents on the implications.

In the meantime, if there is anyone who has skills in the following areas and would be willing to help us, then please contact the Parish Clerk on 01342 822661 or email: parishclerk@forestrow.gov.uk:

Business Planning - Project Planning - Fundraising

This represents an exciting step for the future of Forest Row. Come and view the plans in the Parish Council office at any time that we are open.

Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

23rd November at 8.00pm

READING ROOM

The meeting is about the proposed closure of **EVELYN CLARK HOUSE**

If this happens, it means that there is nowhere for older residents to live if they wish to stay in Forest Row. Please come along and ask questions or make your views known.

CHRISTMAS IN FOREST ROW

14- 16 December

*Christmas Tree Festival
Holy Trinity Church*

16 December

Family Carols and late night shopping—all round village—just turn up



CHRISTMAS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAFE

Have you tried our Community Cafe? Well, if you haven't you are missing out on the pleasure of enjoying home-cooked 'proper' lunches in a very friendly and personal atmosphere. The prices are very reasonable and check out the menus below for our Christmas week.

Tues. 14th Dec.
£5.00 for two courses
Christmas Buffet
Mince Tart & Brandy Cream



Wed & Thurs

Soup & Roll—£2.00
Main Course—£4.00
Dessert—£1.50



Thurs. 16th Dec

Asparagus Soup
Honey Roast Gammon
New Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots
Sherry Trifle



Fri 17th Dec - Tickets Only £8.00
Includes complimentary glass of mulled wine
Prawn Cocktail
Roast Turkey & trimmings
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg.
Mandarin Cheesecake
Tea or Coffee
Phone 822661 to book

Wed. 15th Dec.

Red Onion Soup with Goats cheese Croutons
Herby lamb with redcurrant orange and mint sauce
Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots
Christmas Pudding



SUMMER COMPETITIONS

BEST KEPT SMALL GARDEN	Michael and Hazel Wickham
BEST KEPT LARGE GARDEN	Frederick & Iris Brittain
BEST COTTAGE GARDEN	Peter & Tracy
MOST COLOURFUL GARDEN	Christopher & Jean Bryant
BEST CONTAINER GARDEN	Brenda & Robert Bogle
BEST GROUP OF GARDENS	Robert & Brenda Bogle
	Norman & Jean Hunter
	Christopher & Jean Bryant
BEST KEPT ALLOMENT	Shaun Belcher
BEST BUSINESS	Village Crafts
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD	Swans Ghyll Residents Assn
BUSINESS 'MY PATCH'	
GUARDIANS	Bishops
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR	Ken Farrar

VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME

You may remember the Voluntary Car Scheme that used to organise transport for medical appointments. Unfortunately this had to close down and there are many people who find it difficult to get to their appointments. The Parish Council, in partnership with Action in Rural Sussex, has obtained a grant of over £1,200 to help re-launch this scheme. In order for it to succeed however, we desperately need some drivers and administrators. If you can spare a few hours a week to help please contact:
Parish Clerk on 822661—parishclerk@forestrow.gov.uk, or
Malindi Lovegrove on 07961 616442—
Malindi.Lovegrove@ruralsussex.org.uk.

Let's launch the 'Big Society' in Forest Row.....

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Do we want 'Superfast Broadband' in Forest Row? Of course we do..... BT is investing in the future of the internet by rolling out next-generation fibre optic broadband. Join The Race to Infinity today and your area could be next to enjoy superfast speeds. So far only 160 votes have been cast out of a total of 2,736—that's less than 6%
'VOTE NOW' and Forest Row could be next to enjoy superfast broadband— www.racetoinfinity.bt.com

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FOREST ROW

Well??? Do you think you can? Local Elections will be held next May and if you think you would like to be a Parish Councillor then please ring the Parish Clerk on 822661 for further information.

To give you an idea of what is involved, the powers and duties of Parish and Town Councils are wide ranging and Forest Row Parish Council is responsible for the following:

- Allotments
- Bus Shelters
- Bye Laws
- Cemetery—Priory Road
- Cemetery Chapel
- Children's Recreation Area
- Community Centre
- Forester's Link
- Gilham Bank (Wooded area)
- Newlands Place
- Grants to Parish Organisations
- Emergency Planning
- Footway Lights
- Forest Row Guide
- Leasing of Sports Field
- Notice Boards
- Public Seats
- Village Greens and some verges and trees



- Youth Facilities
- Forest Row Newsletter -NewsLink
- Litter & Dog Fouling Bins
- Planning (as consultees)
- Representation on outside orgs.

Forest Row Parish Council
is looking for a
Community Project Worker
Are you interested in:
Working with and within a community?
Looking at ways to provide facilities for young, old and those in-between?
Then this could be the job for you...
We are looking for a self-motivated person who can help us deliver our objectives shape our plans for the future
11 hours per week.
If you are interested in the future of Forest Row
telephone 01342 822661
for an application pack by 26th November.
Or, email: parishclerk@forestrow.gov.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Planning Committees (Mondays at 6.30pm)	6 December 10 & 31 January 21 February
Public Relations Committee	8 March
Full Council Meeting	18 January
Youth & Community Building Committee	As needed
Amenities Committee	1 February
Burials Committee	25 January
Finance Committee	14 December

All meetings of the Council start at 8.00pm, except for the Planning Committee, and are open to the public, with the first 10 minutes available for questions from the public.

Agendas are posted on notice boards around the village and on the Parish Council website, so if you see an item you have an interest in, come to the meeting and have your say.

INTERNET - CAFE



‘THE VENU’

Come and surf The Net! Guidance & Help available

(volunteers always needed)

We are now a registered

UK-Online Centre

Open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from
10am to Noon and Thursdays from 2-5pm

All ages welcome - come and explore the wonders of the internet. Learn to shop online, stay in touch with family.....



MESSAGE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Floods can happen anywhere at anytime, caused by rising ground water levels, burst water drains, hillside run-off from sudden rain as well as flooding from rivers and the sea. It is important that you learn how to prepare for, and be safe in a flood. It could save your life.

You can find out if you are at risk of flooding by visiting :

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodsouth where you can also download an easy template to complete and register a **Personal Flood Plan**. You can also phone **Floodline** on 0845 988 1188

You can sign up for the FREE **Floodline Warnings Direct Service**. This provides a flood warning direct to your telephone, mobile, email, SMS text message and fax.

BE WARNED

New and improved flood warning codes will come into force from November 2010. The new codes will be simpler to understand, provide an earlier alert for the possibility of flooding, provide more local information and are clearer on the actions people need to take.

THE NEW FLOOD WARNING CODES

 FLOOD ALERT	Flooding is possible. Be prepared	Issued 2 hours to 2 days in advance of flooding	Action to take: Be prepared for flooding Prepare a flood kit
 FLOOD WARNING	Flooding is expected.	Issued half an hour to 1 day in advance of flooding	Action to take: Act now to protect your property Block doors with flood boards or sandbags and cover airbricks and other ventilation holes Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place Keep a flood kit ready
 SEVERE FLOOD WARNING	Severe flooding Danger to Life	Issued when flooding poses a significant threat to life and different actions are required	Action to take: Be ready should you need to evacuate from your home Co-operate with the emergency services and call 999 if you are in immediate danger.

THE FOREST ROW FLOOD FORUM

The Flood Forum has been active and meets regularly, considering the important issues affecting our local residents. The Forum has worked with the Environment Agency, Southern Water and the Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board to get work done to improve the flow of all the water courses. Lots has been done BUT we would also ask all residents to do their bit.

Please DO NOT put garden rubbish or other detritus in any stream. It may look unimportant to you, but any slight obstacle can create a backlog and a flood elsewhere.

Please ensure that any watercourse on your property is kept clear of any rubbish and that the water is flowing well. This is your riparian responsibility.

If everyone played their part then it would help the properties in the flood risk zone that suffer the consequences. There are properties in Forest Row that are now blighted by flood and this is having financial and emotional impact on the owners.

FOREST ROW BUSINESS FORUM— is alive and kicking!!!

New newsletter will be coming out in the New Year and all of you enterprising people running businesses from home are encouraged to be part of this group. Let Cheryl Hawkins have your details so that she can include you on future communications. A new Business Directory is being planned and we would like to include everyone. Please contact Cheryl on:

0771 555 8998 or cheryl@forestrowletting.com

ADULT COLLEGE FOR RURAL EAST SUSSEX

Adult and Community Learning
Community Development Courses

We have been offered the opportunity of providing subsidised professional training on computer/internet skills.

This is a fantastic opportunity for older learners to try an absolute beginners computing course. Ideal if you are thinking of buying your own computer and would like to know a little about them first.

We would work in partnership with ACRES and the cost would be just £1.50 for a two hour session.

That amounts to just **£12 for a 10 week course!!!**
- normal cost £79.50

This would start in January and we will make further information regarding dates and times available

PLACES ARE LIMITED

For more information or to join this course, contact the Parish Council Office on 822661

THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Forest Row Parish Council
The Community Centre
Hartfield Road
Forest Row

East Sussex
RH18 5DZ

Clerk: Rodabe Rudin

Tel: 01342 822661
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Website: www.forestrow.gov.uk

Your Councillors are:

Geoffrey Atkins	826080
David Brett	823044
Fred Bishop	822536
Katie Del Mar	823196
Cheryl Hawkins	822500
Vivien Hill	822811
Susie Kemp	822784
Nigel Manger	822711
Rowena Moore	314402
Gwen Pritchitt	823296
Georgia Taylor	823199
Jack Westlake	824275
Margaret Winton	822951
Jane Wogan	825382

The Chairman of the Council is:

Nigel Manger

Vice Chairman is

Fred Bishop

Committees

	<u>Chairman</u>
Amenities	Jane Wogan
General Purposes & Traffic	Jack Westlake
Community Centre	Katie Del Mar
Finance	Fred Bishop
Planning	Margaret Winton
Burials	Vivien Hill
Public Relations	Susie Kemp
Relief Road	Fred Bishop
Youth & Community Building	Cheryl Hawkins

Useful Telephone Numbers

East Sussex County Council

County Councillor:

Francis Whetstone	01892 770304
Main Switchboard	01273 481000
Highways	0345 6080193

Wealden District Council

District Councillors:

David Jonas	01342 824914
Vania Phitidis	01342 823629
Crowborough	01892 653311

Planning, Works & Services, Leisure

Hailsham 01323 442666

Housing, Finance, Environmental Health

Police

Routine or non-emergency matters

0845 6070 999

HOMEWORKS—SUPPORTING PEOPLE



Home Works is a short term service for people who live in East Sussex and have housing related support needs. We will usually visit people in their homes.

We are available to:

- Anyone between 16 and 64
- If you have mortgage, rent arrears or debt problems
- Or you are at risk of losing your home or you are homeless
- Struggling to manage your finances and paperwork
- Moving into a new property, feel overwhelmed and need help in setting up gas and electric and in managing your home
- Feeling vulnerable in your home and need help to link in with other services and groups
- Have lost your job or had an event in your life that has affected your confidence and may put your housing at risk

Home Works can help! **Home Works** is a responsive service that provides "Short term support for long term independence".

If you would like a service or want more information, contact us by:

Phone: 01273 898700
Text: 07773 377754
Fax: 01273 898701
Email: referrals@homeworkswest.org.uk

Housing Support Surgeries will be held in the Community Centre on Thursdays from 9.30-11.30am once a fortnight on the following dates for a three month trial period.

2nd and 12th December
6th and 20th January
3rd and 17th February

Home Works is commissioned and funded by East Sussex County Council 'Supporting People'

IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE OR NEED ADVICE

Please call into or telephone the Parish Council Office.

We also put information on the website, notice boards, in The Observer & Courier, Parish News, Forest Row News and the Twinning Association newsletter and anything else that we consider appropriate.

We are always here to help and inform.

DON'T MISS COMMUNITY MARKET AND CAR BOOT SALE

many varied stalls, now including **FREecycle, PLAW HATCH AND RANKIN'S NURSERY**

10.00am—1.00pm at

Forest Row Community Centre
5 February; 5 March; 2 April

To Book Telephone
(01342) 822661

Minimum Charge per Table—£3.00

Refreshments available

Minimum Charge per Commercial Vehicle £10.00

HALLS FOR HIRE—COMMUNITY CENTRE

Various sized rooms for hire for meetings, conferences, dance, art

TREATMENT ROOM—Ideal for chiropody, reflexology, massage etc.

PRIORY ROAD CHAPEL—Ideal for singing groups, prayer meetings, church groups, naming ceremonies etc.

If you want to report a fault with a streetlight.

Phone the Office—822661



Problems on roads or pavements?

Phone the Office—822661