



Willingdon & Jevington Parish Council

Newsletter – Summer 2018



Music in the Park 2018



Picture above- Con Brio from last year

The Parish Council is hosting its annual fundraising event on Sunday 3 June at Huggetts Lane Recreation Ground from 12.00am to 5.00pm.

Due to the fantastic response from everyone last year we raised over £1200 for two local charities, The JPK Project and You Raise Me Up! So thank you to everyone who was involved and we hope this year will be even more successful!

We are lucky this year to have Con Brio, Howlin Blues, a singer Justine and the Kingfisher Scout Band providing great music to entertain us all afternoon!

There will be a traditional fairground with rides, bouncy castle, and games along with stalls which will be selling lots of different goodies. There will be refreshments available including the very popular beer and cider tent!

As always we will be running the raffle with some great prizes!! Chairman John Pritchett BEM will announce the winners at the end of the day.

This year's programme offers a diverse range of performers, and includes the ever popular dog show.

Please come and join us on the day, and help raise valuable funds for this year's chosen charities Eastbourne Lifeboats and the Lower Willingdon Pre-School Nursery!

Stalls still available!

Honorary Freeman of the Parish



Picture above- Chairman John Pritchett BEM presenting an Honorary Freeman citation to Maureen and Tony Seabrook

On Tuesday 8 May at the Annual Council Meeting which was held at 7.30pm at Willingdon Community School, Chairman John Pritchett BEM presented an Honorary Freeman citation of the Village to Maureen and Tony Seabrook for their tireless work to the community over many years.

Willingdon in Bloom 2018

Back by popular demand from April 2018 to 16 September 2018!!

This year we invite you enter the Willingdon in Bloom Competition which we didn't run last year and it was very much missed.

When you think your front garden is at its best, either take some photos and send them in QR let us know and we will come and take some photos for you.

After the 16 September the judges will look at them and make their awards! So come on show off your gardens to us whenever you want too!

Email: asstclerkwjpc@btconnect.com

Willingdon Library

Future of Willingdon Library

Despite objections from the Parish Council and many residents, the County Council decided to close seven libraries, including Willingdon Library and the mobile library service on 5 May.

The Parish Council has now asked the County Council for a lease for the building to be agreed to allow a volunteer led Community Library and to additionally use the building for other community activities.

The Parish Council thanks all residents for their support in the fight to prevent closure and those who have already volunteered to help run a Community Library.

Our Business Plan, put together by our Library Working Group of Cllrs I Nisbet, A Watkins, J and F Pritchett and our Clerk S Keogh presented to the recent Parish Assembly, for the use of the building and a volunteers' application form are on our website and we would be pleased to hear from any resident who has not so far contacted us and wishes to help in any way.

We are looking to the Library being reopened in September as a Community Library and we will keep you updated.



Above: Willingdon and Jevington Annual Parish Meeting with some of the 50 + Library Volunteers attending.

Grants Recipients 2018

The Parish Council are always keen to support local organisations, and are able to award grants each year for worthy projects. During 2017/18, a total in excess of £7,000 was awarded to support the work being done to benefit local residents.

The Parish Council met recently to agree grants for 2018/19 for thirteen local organisations, but it's not too late if you haven't applied yet. If your organisation benefits local residents, and you think you may qualify for a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk by telephone on 489603 or email:

parishclerkwjpc@btconnect.com

Willingdon Community School Extension

Plans for new facilities at Willingdon Community School have been approved. Changes are needed to accommodate a projected rise in the number of pupils from the current 1000 to 1200 by 2024.

The new development will involve demolition of an accommodation block and replacing it with a new four-court sports hall which will also be for community use.

The Parish Council gave approval for the plans but expressed their concerns about the impact of extra traffic and parking in the surrounding areas.

A number of other changes proposed by East Sussex County Council are set to improve circulation around the school, while extra car and cycle parking will also be provided.

Dates for your Diary!

Proposed Litter Picking Day to be arranged soon – if interested please phone 489603.

Annual Parish Walk – Sunday 30 September 2018

Christmas Carol Evening –Thursday 13 December 2018

Older People's Day - To be held in October 2018

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