



## East Preston Youth Centre

Youth club currently operates two nights a week. Seniors aged 14-17 on Tuesdays 7-9pm and Inters aged 11-13 on Wednesdays 7-9pm. It costs £1 but your first session is free. We have a range of facilities on site including an IT suite, a music studio, kitchen / cooking facilities, outdoor floodlit sports court and all the usual pool tables and table tennis. You will find a number of friendly, approachable, qualified and experienced youth workers each night available to support you around any issue affecting young people.



Recent healthy lifestyle cooking sessions include toasties, stir fries and pasta dishes.

Opportunities include a specialist service offering you a chance to find out more about tobacco and quitting if you are ready. It's confidential and you can get free nicotine replacement therapy. On March 9th an info session is planned with the Substance Misuse Team who will be on hand with a range of fun tasks and can answer any question around drugs. So, if you are concerned about someone you know or would like more info for yourself, please feel free to drop in.

What happens at the centre is down to the young people who attend so if there is something else you would like to see or do, make sure you let the youth workers know. In April, there is a big pot of money young people can bid for called the Youth Opportunity Fund. If you're aged 13-17 and want to be part of the group deciding who gets the money, give a youth worker your details and you will be included in the group. Want to know more?

Go to [www.yourspacesussex.co.uk](http://www.yourspacesussex.co.uk)

So, get your mates together and come and check out what we can offer YOU!

Find out more on 07515 332734.

## East Preston Classic Car Show

Last September, East Preston held its first ever classic car show, to give local enthusiasts the chance to show off their classic cars and bikes.

The event was organised by local traders Richard Jones, Steve Hodgson and Colin Bradshaw and was held on the Village Green. There were over fifty cars and bikes ranging from vintage Austin 7s to concours MGBs, E Types, Triumphs and Nortons.

Lloyds Motor Club gave support by kindly arranging the insurance and bringing down some cars from the City. With glorious sunshine all day, the event was a huge success and locals were able to enjoy a barbecue, home-made samosas and other refreshments. Nearly £300 was raised for the Chestnut Tree House.



Richard, Steve and Colin present a cheque to Denise Thornton from the Chestnut Tree.

The East Preston Classic Car Show will now become an annual fixture in the traders' calendar. Anyone wishing to join the mailing list for this year's events, please email [shortcutsbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:shortcutsbarbers@gmail.com).

# Village Hall, Parish Rooms and Playground project

Since the last newsletter, work has been progressing on producing detailed plans, refining requirements and conducting structural and ground surveys. Invitations to tender have been assessed and six preferred contractors shortlisted. Tenders will be sought in March. Draft leases have been prepared and are being considered.

Many parents, grandparents, carers and children have made useful comments which the Council found informative in its consultations with playground suppliers. From a choice of seven, the Amenities Committee has selected Monster Playscapes as its preferred supplier. Monster will install a scheme incorporating many exciting and interesting features, while retaining favourites such as swings.

Approaches for Lottery and County grants have received some favourable early responses. For the build project, the Public Works Loan Board will be approached when all plans and costings are finalised in April.

Donations would also be gratefully received, and can be discussed with the Parish Clerk, see contact details on the back page.

It is expected that work will commence in mid May, starting with the main (north) extension on the current playground site. Work on the Village Hall foyer and installation of the playground should take place during August. Completion is anticipated for late October.

A safe vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained to the Warren Recreation Ground throughout. However, parking will be unavoidably restricted until the main works are completed. Plans and schemes are available for viewing at the Council Cabin.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the village to expand its growing network of activities and its well-established record of community involvement, as is most evident during Festival Week in June.

## Your Local Talking Newspaper

Voice of Progress is a local charity which, since 1975, has distributed free audio tapes and CDs for the visually-impaired. Each fortnightly issue comprises around 40 minutes of local news and a similar length general interest magazine. Separate versions are produced for the Littlehampton and Worthing areas.

All the work is carried out by unpaid volunteers, including visually-impaired representatives. News items are taken, with permission, from the local newspapers. Teams of four readers then record these items. Finally, the recordings are edited where necessary and copied onto CDs and cassette tapes. These are placed into wallets and distributed by free post. The listener then turns over the address label and returns the wallets by free post. Players can be supplied if needed.

The work is carried out in a dedicated studio at Rustington Hall, kindly donated by Sir Billy Butlin. Littlehampton Rotary Club was instrumental in setting up the operation and, together with the Rotary Club of West Worthing, still gives active support. Fundraising events, donations and legacies provide further support. Voice of Progress is a member of The Talking Newspapers Federation.

If you, or anyone you know, might benefit from a local talking newspaper, please get in touch. There is no obligation – just cancel if the service is not for you.

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Rustington, West Sussex BN16 3AY  
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## Change of PCSO

PCSO Emma Orpin started work as the village's dedicated Police Community Support Officer just before Christmas. PCSO Orpin is familiar with East Preston, having been one of the original team of PCSOs before PCSOs were allocated to more specific areas, and also because her husband Andy was the village's PCSO until about a year ago. Therefore PCSO Orpin has a good understanding of the needs of our community.



She will continue to run regular surgeries which have been successful in the past, and in so doing will remain open to your concerns and suggestions.

A further change within the Littlehampton East Neighbourhood Policing Team took effect on 25th January, when Sergeant Chrissie Powell replaced Sergeant Paul Stevens as the team's leader. Sergeant Powell comes to Littlehampton East following a successful stint in Bognor Regis. The Parish Council would like to thank Sergeant Stevens for all his hard work on behalf of the village whilst he was in charge of the team. We wish him luck in his new role, and look forward to working closely with Sergeant Powell.

# Charity of John Corney

Together with the vicar of St Mary the Virgin Church, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are the trustees of this charity, set up in 1911 to help the poor of East Preston. The trustees recently took the decision to wind-up the charity as there was little money coming in and few calls upon it. Following consultation with East Preston Junior and Infant Schools, digital camera equipment was purchased for the Junior School and reading books for the Infant School. The remaining money was given to the Baytree Club for use at its Friday lunches in the Village Hall.

Andy Dale, Headteacher at the Junior School said, "Many thanks for the camera equipment that the Charity of John Corney has provided for us. It really is very much appreciated. I know that the cameras will get a great deal of use!" Mrs Claire New, Andy's counterpart at the Infant School added, "The grant of funds from the John Corney trust towards new books was also very welcome here. With the skills learnt from reading these books, the children will have no trouble reading the instruction booklets for the cameras when they move up to the Junior School" whilst Joyce Jones, Secretary of The Baytree Club thanked the charity for the donation adding, "This money will be put towards the cost of the various social activities that we organize for our members throughout the year."



Reproduced with the kind permission of the Littlehampton Gazette, pictured are pupils from both schools, trustees, Headteachers and Councillors.

## Potholes

Winter is well and truly here, and with it the problem of potholes across the country. At the January Full Council meeting, our County Councillor, Peter Evans, reported that the bad weather hit just as the County Council had repaired almost all of the potholes that arose last winter.

The following statement is taken from the County Council's website: *"The severity of the pothole and, therefore, the criteria for attention is determined by the risk it poses to road users. This is difficult to judge since all potholes present some risk. The factors to be taken into account include size and depth of pothole; traffic type, speed and volume; road alignment and visibility and also the position in relation to road width."*

Potholes should be reported direct to West Sussex County Council, either via its call centre on **01243 642105** or online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/roads-and-transport/forms/report-a-fault.en](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/roads-and-transport/forms/report-a-fault.en). Other matters that can be reported through the call centre include faulty streetlights and traffic lights, pavement problems and flooding.

## Roadside verges

One of the features of East Preston that gives it its village feel is the grass verges. However, particularly during the winter the Parish Council receives a number of complaints about grass verges being churned up by people parking on them. As long as no obstruction is caused, parking on a grass verge is not illegal, but please think twice before you do so as repairing the damage caused can be costly to all of us.

## Recycling

All recycling bins with the exception of the clothes bin will be removed from the car park by the Village Green in the week beginning 8th March.

## Village Life

(Film tickets available at Hedgers Newsagents)

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| <b>Mar</b> | <b>1</b>     | Full Council Meeting 7pm – Warren Room              |
|            | <b>17</b>    | Film Night 7pm – The Barn, Village Hall             |
| <b>Apr</b> | <b>12</b>    | Full Council meeting 7pm – Warren Room              |
|            | <b>14</b>    | Film Night 7pm – The Barn, Village Hall             |
|            | <b>20</b>    | East Preston Twinning Association AGM – Warren Room |
|            | <b>27</b>    | Annual Parish Meeting 7pm – Warren Room             |
| <b>May</b> | <b>10</b>    | Annual Meeting of the Council 7pm – Warren Room     |
| <b>Jun</b> | <b>12-20</b> | East Preston Festival                               |

Storytime for toddlers every Friday 11.10am - 11.30am in East Preston Library.

If you have an event in June, July or August that you would like to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Clerk.



## Colin Forster

Keep an eye on the Village Green as you will soon see a new bench in place, dedicated to the memory of village favourite, Colin Forster, former landlord of The Clockhouse. As many of you will know Colin sadly died in January

2009, and many local business people subsequently contributed to a tree in Colin's memory.

Following informal discussions with the Parish Council, Colin's widow Gay agreed that a new bench would be a more suitable tribute to Colin. The bench has been ordered and should be installed in the very near future. Gay would like to thank everyone who has contributed, and hopes that everyone will enjoy the new bench.

## The Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbonwalk is here!

### Who will you walk for?

The newly named Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbonwalk in association with **woman&home** is now open for registrations, so come and join us on a stunning 10 or 20 mile countryside walk at our beautiful venue and be a part of something special.

### Petworth House in West Sussex on 8 May 2010

Visit [www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk](http://www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk) or call 0870 145 0101 Quote LZ004 at registration for a chance to win two tickets to the Breast Cancer Care Carol Concert in 2010.

We are also looking for around 100 volunteers for each venue to make the events a success. You could be helping support our walkers on the route, cheering them on at a rest stop, or handing out medals at the finish line. There's a role to suit everyone, so please email [pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk](mailto:pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk) for more information and a registration form.

## Planning Applications

Nothing makes us sit up and pay attention like a planning application. Often the most well-attended Parish Council meetings are Planning Committee meetings.

A detailed article on the planning process is scheduled for the Spring 2010 newsletter. Generally, only material factors are considered in planning decisions. The tables below might be useful in preparing a response to a planning application.

### Material

- Visual impact
- Privacy / overbearing
- Daylight/sunlight
- Noise, smell etc.
- Access/traffic
- Health and safety
- Ecology
- Crime (and fear of)
- Economic impact (to the community)
- Planning history
- Related decisions
- Cumulative impact
- Village design statement
- Land drainage
- Personal factors (*rarely*)

### Non Material

- The Applicant
- Land ownership
- Private rights (e.g. access)
- Restrictive Covenants
- Effect on property value
- Competition
- Loss of view
- "Better site" or "Better use"
- Change from previous scheme



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## Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank all those parents and residents who completed a questionnaire about the new playground and those who visited the Cabin to look at the plans submitted by playground equipment suppliers. All input was valuable and has helped the Parish Council in this matter.

The Parish Council appreciates the positive response of many residents to recent articles clarifying the priorities at the Roundstone Level Crossing.

**Councillors** - Celeste Amoo, Len Barnett, Gordon Fleming, Anne Harberson, John Heaver (Vice-Chairman), Mervyn Howdle, Clive Maltby, Glyn Mathias, John Melser, Chris Roberts (Chairman), Alastair Sharp, Philip Sherwin, Betty Wagstaff.



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