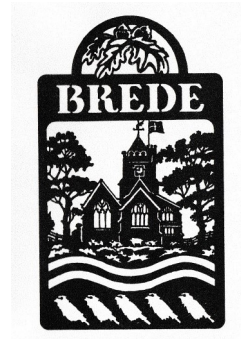


Brede and Broad Oak Community Newsletter

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NEXT Newsletter

The next newsletter will be July 2024. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the clerk, Tracy Dixon (clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk) by **Friday 10th May 2024.**

Brede Parish Council

Notes from the Chair

I'd like to introduce three people who offered to serve this community through the Parish Council and who have been co-opted since the last Newsletter.

In October we welcomed Mike Duffield. Mike worked for HMRC for 40 years, rising to a senior level, managing over 300 people at three locations. He is trained in accountancy and project management. In the voluntary sector, he has worked with the Prince's Trust and a local charity called Hands, that teaches life skills to adults with learning difficulties. Recently retired, he moved to Cackle Street two years ago.

Then Dan McDonald applied to join the Council in November. Dan served in the army, and then ran his own business for many years. He is a trustee and director of a charity for homeless ex-service people and a presenter on community radio networks across the UK and Europe. Dan has his own mobility challenges, and no doubt will bring that important perspective to the Council. He now lives in Ostler's Field, Broad Oak.

Mark Chamberlain introduced himself at the January meeting. He works at the Conquest Hospital, where he was Matron of a frailty ward before becoming an Electronic Patient Record Lead Nurse. He has skills in training, project, team and budgetary management. Mark has taken a lead in various initiatives, including the hospital's Courtyard Project, which brought him into contact with community organisations. Mark lives in Furnace Lane, Broad Oak.

All three firmly believe that residents should be able to influence what happens in their local community. They each bring their expertise and life experience, along with a determination to move the Parish of Brede forward. As Dan wrote in his application, "All I can offer is my time, commitment and energy to make our community a welcoming, safe and happy place to live." And from Mark, "The Parish has preserved and developed its community services and groups through the work and dedication of the local population and the Parish Council. I want to be an active participant." We are lucky to have them on the Council.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the annual Parish Assembly, which will be held on 8th May at 7.30pm in Brede Village Hall. Do join us to hear about the Council's work in the past year and to participate in questions and discussion. Further details are on page 6.

Stephen Hampson
Chair

Parish Council Notices

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm.

They will alternate between the Village Hall Committee Room and the Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday 26th March 2024	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 23rd April 2024	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
Tuesday 28th May 2024	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 25th June 2024	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
No Meeting in August	

Planning Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings will be called as required.

All meetings are advertised on Notice Boards and the Council website.

All residents of the parish are welcome to attend meetings.

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter

For three editions, starting with the July issue:

Black and White	Colour
£40 ¼ page	£55 ¼ page
£75 ½ page	£95 ½ page
£140 whole page	£165 whole page

One off adverts, by arrangement, subject to space.

Please contact the Clerk
Tracy Dixon
clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 07540 562345

The Newsletter goes to every home in the parish.

Update on recent Council works and projects

Recreation Ground Play Equipment

The basket swing finally returned before Christmas, thanks to a new top beam being fitted under warranty. We hope it will be enjoyed as the weather improves.

Tree Works and Hedge Works

The tree report was completed in November and showed few concerns. There will be some minor works taking place on the recreation ground during March; removal of deadwood and branches over the play area and bus stops, plus the yearly cut back of the boundary hedge. Please avoid the play areas while the work is being done. This should take no more than a couple of dry days.

Traffic Feasibility Study

The Parish Council requested a feasibility study by East Sussex Highways, to look at ways and costs to reduce speeds, improve safety and make the parish safer for residents. This was requested in October and takes around four months to be prepared. Council will look at the report when it is received and consider the recommendations and cost implications.

Telephone Box in Cackle Street


No volunteers came forward to renovate this phone box and run it as community space, so the Parish Council will now look at selling it. To try and keep it within the parish, interested residents are invited to contact the Parish Clerk with any offers to purchase it. Buyers will be responsible for moving costs and arrangements.

Graffiti in the Parish

Unfortunately, during the Christmas festivities, there was a spate of graffiti in the parish, particularly around Broad Oak: bus stops, telecoms cabinets, road signs and the play equipment were all affected. The bus stop in Udimore Road has been the worst casualty and due to the type of paint used, it cannot be removed. The whole bus shelter must now be considered for redecoration, which unfortunately will have to come out of the precept paid by you the residents.

Message From the Police

If you see a crime, or potential crime, taking place, please ring 999 and report it straight away, so that the police can attend immediately if they are already in the area. For less urgent crime reports please ring 101.



Brede Parish Assembly

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Brede Village Hall 7.30pm

- 7.10 to 7.30pm Refreshments and networking
- 7.30 to 7.50pm Introduction and Annual Report by the Chair. Cllr S Hampson
- 7.50 to 8pm Report on the Recreation Ground. Cllr J Allison
- 8pm to 8.15pm Questions from the public.
- 8.15 to 8.30pm Climate Change presentation by Dr Lucie Bolton
- 8.30 to 8.40pm Council response to Climate Emergency. Cllr M Griffiths
- 8.40pm to 9pm Question time and close of meeting.

Come along and find out what your Parish Council do and have your say.

Brede Parish Community Awards 2024

Nominations for the Community Awards are now welcome. Please send them to Tracy Dixon the Clerk at email: clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk or phone 07540 562345

Community Spirit Award

Awarded to someone who brings a community spirit to the Parish.

Young Person of The Year Award

In recognition of a young person doing or achieving something amazing.

Brede Shield

Awarded to a person(s)/group who enhance the community.

Garden Competition 2024

The garden competitions are open to all those living in the Parish. There is no need to enter, just make your front garden as attractive as possible.

Categories are

Best Large Garden

Best Small Garden

Best Hanging Baskets and Containers

The judges will be walking around the parish in June, and presentations will follow in due course.



Community Speedwatch



To All Broad Oak / Brede Parishioners

Within our small rural parish there are two main roads, the A28 going south to north through Brede, Cackle Street and Broad Oak and on towards Northiam, and the B2089 from Cripps Corner to Rye. These roads are used by many people, both locals and commuters, and considerable numbers do not keep to the 30 mph speed limits

The current volunteers of the Broad Oak / Brede Community Speedwatch Group work hard to provide a presence and record those who are exceeding the speed limit but, without more volunteers, the group is struggling to do as many sessions as required to help change behaviours of road users.

Full training is given, so if you can spare a few hours a month and would like to try and help make the parish safer for all who live in it, please do consider volunteering. In the past 12 months, Community Speed Watch groups throughout Rother have,

- Recruited 217 volunteers
- Completed 4057 roadside sessions.
- Given 9514 voluntary hours
- Generated 48,320 reports of speeding, of which 3041 were classed as excessive (50% above the limit).

In the sessions we were able to run, our local group recorded 374 vehicles over the speed limit on the A28 alone.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a **national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds**. The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

With your help, these numbers can increase further, and our roads made safer for everyone.

Please do contact me if you want more details, or are ready to volunteer.

Councillor Mark Wey
Email: Cllr.mark.wey@brede-pc.gov.uk



The Roles and Responsibilities of a Parish Council

Most of you are aware that the Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government, but do you know exactly what it does, and the roles and responsibilities within it? Here is a short summary.

The Council

The Council as a whole is a corporate body which acts as the local authority for the parish. It is the tier of government nearest to the electorate and probably the one they will have most interaction with. It is a legal entity, separate to that of its members. The number of councillors is fixed by the District Council, but must not be fewer than five (in England). It has powers (what it may do), conferred upon it by statute and must act within those powers. It also has duties, which must be done by law. Its role is one of representation, consultation and delivery of all services needed within its Parish and is accountable to the electorate. It must act in accordance with the 'Nolan Principles' of public life. The Council as a whole can delegate some powers to the proper officer or functions to a committee, but not those pertaining to setting budgets, or approving annual statements and precepts. The Council may decide to set up separate committees with responsibilities for areas of its work, such as planning, estates and staffing. It can also work with outside bodies and organisations for the good of the Parish, such as Highways Authorities.

Clerk

The Clerk is the administrative function of a Parish Council, they provide administrative assistance and professional advice. Parish Councils are required to 'appoint officers as it considers necessary for the proper discharge of its functions'. They are known as the Proper Officer for the Council and this is often (but not always) the Clerk who is under a statutory duty to carry out lawful instructions of the Council, which have been made at a properly convened meeting. The Clerk's role is to act for the council as a whole, not for individual Councillors.

The Chairman

The Chairman of a Parish Council holds office from their election at the annual meeting, until immediately after the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting. They must sign a separate declaration of office as Chairman at the meeting at which they are elected. The role is to be public face of the Council and the interface between the public and the council. The Chair has no individual power to make a decision, but must ensure that all decisions are clear for the Clerk to act on.

The Roles and Responsibilities of a Parish Council *(continued)*

Councillors

As individuals, councillors must work together to serve the whole parish. They may represent a ward within that parish, depending on the size of the council. They should bring local issues to the attention of the Council and then help it make decisions on behalf of the whole community they represent. Individual Councillors may take on committee roles or additional responsibilities, such as tree warden.

Responsible Finance Officer

Councils are required to arrange for the proper administration of its financial affairs by appointing a Responsible Finance Officer. The Responsible Finance Officer determines the order and content of the accounts and supporting records, subject to the Councils financial regulations and in compliance with the Audit and Accounts Regulations 2015. They will advise on budgets, pay bills and invoices once approved, and pay the employees of the council. In many smaller councils (such as Brede) this role is often combined with that of the Clerk.

Support your Local Businesses

A light-hearted story, to encourage use of local business.

The story of the £50 note

A man visiting the area books a room in the local bed and breakfast and he pays with a £50 note.

The owner of the bed and breakfast pays his cleaner with the £50 note.

The cleaner visits the local bakery and buys bread and cheese with the £50 note.

The baker, after a long day in his shop, goes to the local pub and buys a round of drink for him and his hard-working staff with the £50 note.

The publican has family visiting and books them into the local bed and breakfast and pays with the £50 pound note.

The bed and breakfast owner pays the window cleaner with the £50 note.

The window cleaner gives it to his wife who buys groceries in the village shop.

The village shop pays the baker for the bread and cakes he supplies to the shop.

The baker, who does like his local pub, uses the £50 note to buy around of drinks for himself and his hard working staff.

The £50 note is going round and round the village keeping the local businesses in funds. This is what using local business does, it keeps the money in the community. Use your local businesses, it makes sense.

OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 5th May 2pm –4.30pm

2 Bellhurst Cottages, Chitcombe Road, Broad Oak TN31 6EU

Cream Teas (weather permitting)

Entry £2 in aid of Family Support Work

Plant stall

National Garden Scheme Open Day
at Sculdown, Chitcombe Road, Broad Oak TN31 6EX
and
4 Waterworks Cottages, Waterworks Lane
Brede TN31 6HG.

On Saturday 1 June 2024, 10.30am-4 pm,
combined entry for both gardens £6 per adult,
children free, dogs allowed on leads.

Refreshments by St. Georges Church at Sculdown and plant sales by Rotherview Nursery at 4 Waterworks Cottages. The Brede Steam Giants are also open that day situated just behind 4 Waterworks Cottages.

Garden designer Kristina Clode has created her wildlife friendly garden at 4 Waterworks Cottages over the last 14 years. Delightful perennial wildflower meadow, pond, wisteria covered pergola and mixed borders packed full of unusual specimens with year-round interest and colour. Sculdown's garden is dominated by a very large wildlife pond formed as a result of iron-ore mining over 100 years ago. The stunning traditional cottage (not open) provides a superb backdrop for several colourful herbaceous borders and poplar trees.

Brede Village Hall

At the end of November 2023, a stalwart of Brede celebrated entering full-time retirement. Lesley Bannister who was for many years the Parish Clerk and latterly the Booking Clerk for Brede Village Hall, has decided to take a well-earned rest and to retire.



Lesley first attended a Brede Parish Council meeting some years ago, hoping to become a councillor, but instead became the Clerk. After many years in that post, she moved on to Brede Village Hall Committee in the post of Booking Clerk, where she had the task of keeping the available hire slots organised and the various hirers happy.

Everything went well until COVID-19 came along in March 2020. causing severe disruption to everybody's lives and the shutdown of the Hall. Lesley, along with other committed volunteers endeavoured to keep the Hall afloat, fortunately aided by considerable financial assistance from Rother District Council.

Whilst the Hall was empty and unused the Treatment Room and Committee Room were redecorated and refurbished. They now look very smart but, after nearly three years of struggling to keep the Hall going with little regular income, it got to the point where enough was enough. Having previously been the Chairman of the Management Committee, when I occasionally met Lesley, I would ask how things were going. Near the end of October 2022 I bumped into her one day. She told me that she and Jacqui were going to the Parish Council meeting the following Tuesday to tell them that they could no longer cope and the Hall would have to close. Lesley and I spoke again a couple of days later and I said that I would go with them and tell the Council that I would return to my previous post to save the Hall from closing. By the end of that week I had gathered together enough people, all ladies, to form a Management Committee. All are still in post, which brings us to where we are now. My wife Chrissy, who had volunteered to be the Hall Treasurer for a year, has now also retired.

We are fortunate to now have a new Treasurer/Booking Clerk, Penny Williams, who will combine the two roles previously held by Lesley and Chrissy. As a result, service to regular and occasional hirers will continue without interruption.

Lesley has given so much to the parish over the years, and even more to Brede Village Hall, that our acknowledgement of her dedication to the well-being of the parish of Brede is very appropriate.

Thank you, Lesley for making Brede a better place to live.

Visit Brede Village Hall website for facilities and booking information.

Rod Came (Chairman)



Brede School

It's been cold, frosty and wet since our last posting. However, that hasn't stopped the commitment and enthusiasm of the children, staff and families at Brede Primary School. Not least, our sporting heroes. Our fabulous gymnasts came first in a local inter-school competition, and over thirty of our children hit the cross-country track, many competing for the first time, against other schools in our region.

The children have also taken their learning out into the East Sussex countryside. Our youngest pupils went exploring the beautiful gardens of Great Dixter. Activities included creating leaf crowns, climbing trees and making dens in the woods, all finished off with singing and stories around a campfire with hot pancakes. Key Stage 2 visited the River Ouse and Railway Land Nature Reserve. Guided by the nature reserve team, they investigated the physical and human geography of the river, measuring its flow, collecting data and learning about how the river fits into the wider landscape. It was great to watch these environmentalists of the future at work.

We've also had two significant developments at the school. Firstly, our new library officially opened at the end of January, with ex-pupil Evie Peters cutting the ribbon. Her underwater winning design has been recreated through the generous support of local residents Mr and Mrs Disney, The Rye and Winchelsea Rotary Club, Brede Primary Parent Teacher and Friends Association, and school staff. Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children who became the first-ever librarians of the new library. They've been busy stamping, sorting and colour-coding our new books and planning many storytelling and book-related activities for everyone to enjoy. Secondly, the first phase of our new Early Years and Key Stage One garden project is well underway. A new climbing frame is in place, bikes, trikes, and balance toys are on order, with plans to create an insect-friendly wild area and a growing garden shortly. If you're passing, take a look.

Finally, we've had lots of family and community events, too. The children raised an impressive £89.56 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and dressed in spots and Pudsey-inspired outfits for Children in Need. We went on a Magical Christmas Journey when Hedgehog and Rabbits Classes acted out a beautiful story about why we put a star on top of the Christmas tree. There was singing, acting, and excellent narration from our older children, ensuring every performance went with twinkly fabulousness. Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Starlight Carol Singalong. Seeing our school and the Brede community come together was a joy. As always, the children rose to the occasion, leading the singing and surprising everyone with their BSL-signed ensemble.

Julie Knock, Headteacher



The Library and our Librarians



Tilling, Tea and Cake - our monthly Saturday Social - launched very successfully on November 18th.

We are using these events to invite Health & Wellbeing representatives to mingle, chat and answer any questions.

On March 23rd there will be a Murder Mystery with Buffet Lunch at The Mermaid Inn. Performed by the highly talented Rye Players, this promises to be a fun event that will involve the guests in solving the mystery.

Ticket price £10pp includes the Murder Mystery and a Buffet lunch including dessert. Drinks are extra.

Tickets can be purchased online: www.fair.org.uk, or by telephone at our office: 01797 458832. Doors open: 12.00pm.

**MURDER MYSTERY
LUNCH**

The Mermaid Inn

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PERFORMED BY THE RYE PLAYERS

SATURDAY MARCH **23rd** THE MERMAID INN, RYE.

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St George's Brede

We have a new associate vicar for our benefice, with special responsibility for Beckley and Peasmarsh. The Rev. Dr. Liz Varley was appointed and licenced on the 16th of January. May we all wish her a happy and fulfilling time here with us.

Our baby and toddler group is on Thursdays in term time at 9:30. It is a free group, donations welcome. Included are snacks, music, playtime, story time and crafts.

Our benefice choir is always looking for new members to join. We do not meet regularly, so it is not a big commitment. We perform at four benefice services a year, one evensong a year and the nine lessons and carols service at Christmas time. Rehearsals leading up to a service are on Thursdays at 6pm. Please contact Anna Edwards at 01424 882201 if you'd like to join

We have a weekly bible study on the book of Genesis, every Wednesday at 12:00 at the rectory. Lunch is included. Please contact Fr. Owen if you would like to join at 01424 882201.

Our spire project is nearing its final stage of construction. This project has taken up a substantial amount of our resources. Any donations towards this project and the upkeep of St. George's would be most welcome. Please contact David Oliver at 01424882037.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Owen & Anna Edwards



DRAGON EGG HUNT

Saturday 30 March

St George's Brede

10.30am start in the Church

Hunt is around the Churchyard find the dragons.

Entry £1 a child

Refreshments available

St. George's, Brede
**Little Giants
Baby & Toddler Group**



Join us for music,
story time, play &
refreshments

Thursdays in
Term Time
9:30am





TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
B R O A D O A K

A Happy New Year to everyone from Trinity.

Our Carols by Candlelight service on 17th December was well supported. We were delighted with the number of visitors who joined us in the hall afterwards for refreshments.

In recent times we have made a lot of improvements to our building. We now have a lovely new carpet in the church. We had to take up the hall floor to check for death watch beetle in the joists (as had previously been found in the church and gallery) and, in doing so, discovered steps down to two crypts. We had heard about these, but had no idea where they were. They were bricked up, but according to plaques in the church they contain the remains of the Austen and Coleman families from the 19th century. We have lots of photos of the access to the crypts and we would be happy to show them to anyone who is interested.

STOP PRESS: Tuesday at Trinity has moved to MONDAYS as of March 11th 2024

Mondays@Trinity continues every week from 2 till 4pm. There is a varied programme of activities, art, craft, knitting and crochet, games, quizzes. Anyone is welcome to join us and there is always tea, coffee, biscuits and cake available. We also have a "library" of paperback fiction books to borrow or swap. There is also opportunity to drop off donations for the Hastings Food Bank. The outreach Post Office is there for an hour between 2.30 and 3.30. We will try and notify the village on the Facebook pages if the Postmaster is unable to attend any week. **(NOW MONDAYS FROM 11th MARCH)**

Our Sunday service is at 10.30 each week. Holy Communion is once a month. A warm welcome is assured.

You can find up to date news on our website www.trinitybroadoak.org.uk

Angela Pepper, Senior Steward
01424 753295/07950 790339

Mondays@Trinity Every week 2-4pm

A warm welcome awaits you.

- Post Office, (2.30 to 3.30)
- Bookswap
- Games
- Crafts
- Foodbank drop-off

Keep warm, make new friends, enjoy tea and cakes

For transport from Broad Oak or Brede, call 01424 882690



Trinity Methodist Church
Udimore Road Broad

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS		
Conquest Hospital		0300 131 4500
Responders		01424 883473
Rye Memorial Care Hospital	No A&E	01797 224499
Northiam Surgery	Dr Parnell	01797 252140
Brede Village Hall Surgery	Rye Medical Centre	01797 223333
Reedswood Road Surgery	Dr Richard Albardiaz	01424 882394
Police	Non emergency	101
Schools		
Brede Primary School		01424 882393
Rye College		01797 222545
Robertsbridge College		01580 840669
Transport		
Rye & District Community Bus		01797 227722
Rye Dial a Ride		01797 227722
Churches in the Parish		
St George's Church Brede	Rev'd Dr Owen Edwards	01424 882201
Trinity Methodist Church	Rev'd Philip Wagstaff	01424 755699
St Theresa's Catholic Church	Father Richard	01424 773125
Useful Magazines & Newspapers		
Rye & Battle Observer/weekly	Brede Column Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037/07375957244
Brede Parish Church Magazine/monthly	Sue Rowan	01424 882681
Brede Parish Newsletter	Tracy Dixon	clerk@brede-pc.org.uk
Rye Fixtures monthly	Pick up in shops	

Groups in the Village	Contact	Phone number	Venue	When	Time
1 st Brede Scout Group/Beavers & Cubs	Cherry McCleery	07761 730956	Scout Hut	Mondays & Tues	
Bookswap	Stephen Hampson	01424 882690	Trinity Methodist Church	NOW MONDAYS	2-4pm
Brede & Udimore Luncheon Club	Fran Parnham	01424 882007		4 th Tues	12.30pm
Farmers Market Email farmersmarket@brede.villagehall.org.uk	Ruth Burgess		Village Hall	Every Friday	10am - noon
Brede Friendly Circle	Carol Baxter	01424 883262		3 rd Wed of month	2pm
Friends of Brede School		01424 882393			
Mothers' Union	Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037	St George's Church Room	1 st Wed of month	2pm
Mondays @Trinity	Angela Pepper	01424 753295	Trinity Methodist Church	NOW MONDAYS	2-4pm
Beginners Yoga	Jodie Creaser	07583 469584	Village Hall	Tues Wed	7.30-8.30pm 9.30-10.30am
Pilates	Geraldine Bennett	07811 141873	Village Hall	Thurs	6.30pm
Adult Ballet Barre Class	Aysha Jamie	01424 883238	Village Hall	Thurs	11am
Little Giants Baby and Toddler Group	Contact via Facebook Little Giants Baby & Toddler Group		St George's Church	Thurs (term time)	9.30am to 10.30am

Groups Continued	Contact	Phone number	Venue	When	Time
Bell Ringers			St George's Church	Every Sunday	8.30am
Brede Crafters	Jacqui Armstrong	01424 883091	Village Hall	Last Wed of month	2- 4pm
Post Office	Angela Pepper	01424 753295	Trinity Methodist Church	NOW MONDAYS	2.30– 3.30pm
Women's Institute	Beryl Jenkins	01424 883475	Village Hall	2nd Wed of month	2-4pm
Brede Steam Engine Society	Barbara Adkinson		Brede Water-works	1 st Sat of month	10am – 4pm
BSARS	m0nuc.bsars@gmail.com		Scout Hut	Tues & 1 st Sat	
Design with Flowers	Rhiannon Oliver & Sue Sturmeay	01424 882037 01424 882544	St George's Church Room	2 nd Thurs of month	2pm
Painting for Pleasure	Margaret Sandra	01424 883149	Village Hall	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Tue of month	9.30am
Angling Club	Kim Smith	01424 883427			
Cricket Club	Graeme Dining	079412288660 01424 852413			
Short Mat Bowls Club	Lynne Bramley/ Sue McGavin	01424 882252/ 01424 883566	Village Hall	Fridays	7pm
Rye and District Nations Trust	Keith Sellens	07940 777250	Village Hall	3rd Thursday	2pm



Rye & District Association

The Rye & District Association of the National Trust has an active membership drawn from Rye and the surrounding area, in particular Beckley, Brede and Northiam, but extending out to Tenterden and Hawkhurst in the north, New Romney in the east and Hastings and Bexhill to the west.

We are a friendly social group with membership open to all - you don't have to be a member of the National Trust! Our objectives are to provide interesting and enjoyable activities and events for our members, whilst raising funds for the support of the National Trust. The committee is keen to expand – we do need more volunteers to help organise our events. So, anyone interested, please step forward and contact our secretary! (*see below*)

Events: Walks, Talks, Outings, Theatre Trips, Quizzes and much more!

Monthly Walks: (September to June) They are on a Tuesday or Thursday, start at 10am at the chosen venue, are approx 5 to 6 miles, but followed by a long lunch at a suitable inn! In March we meet at The Swan Inn Sandhurst, in April meet at The Bull near Ticehurst, in May meet at The Chequers on the Green High Halden and in June we venture east of Sevenoaks.

Monthly Talks: (October to May) They are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 pm in Brede Village Hall.

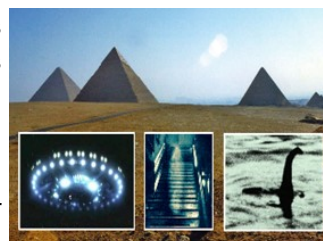
March: Thursday 21: Steve Hill: Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat. Steve will talk about the history, boats, crew and call outs of Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat. 'We are an independent inshore rescue boat facility, working in close co-operation with HM Coastguard and the RNLI. We receive no funding from either and depend solely on public donations and sponsorship. The service was started by two fisherman in 1971 with Charity status coming in the 1980s'.



April: Thursday 18: Andy Thomas: 'Unexplained Mysteries & Cover-Ups'.

Andy Thomas explores some of the most famous enigmas of recent history, exploring the connections between them – UFO's, ghosts, psychic phenomena, ancient symbolism, prophecies and beyond.

Andy is a leading researcher into unexplained mysteries, the paranormal and global cover-ups, and is the author of many books.



May: Thursday 16: Gilly Halcrow: 'The Shetland Bus WWII'.

This is the story of the brave Norwegian sailors, who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII, taking SOE agents in and escaping refugees out, in the face of sub-Arctic storms and the Nazi war machine.

Gilly Halcrow is an accomplished speaker whose father, Colonel Ernest van Maurik, was an SOE veteran.



Outing to The Wanstone Project, [Thursday 25 April 2024](#).



Rye & District Association are very fortunate to be offered a unique 'Behind the scenes experience' at sites not open to the general public. We are invited by National Trust White Cliffs, to view 'Conservation in action at Wanstone & Fan Bay'. We will be able to observe volunteers working on the renovation project, and ask them questions. This is a three-year community archaeology project which is focussed on important military history that was acquired by the National Trust in 2017.

Spring Lunch: Brickwall Hotel, Sedlescombe - Saturday 11 May The Brickwall Hotel is a charming 16th century Tudor mansion overlooking the pretty award winning village green. We have been able to agree a really delicious three course menu, and, with a choice of four for each course. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together and enjoy good food and conversation in a really attractive setting.



Outing to Firle Place & Lewes, Tuesday 4 June 2024. T



This is a trip not to be missed! We visit Firle Place in the morning and then Lewes in the afternoon.

Firle Place has been the home of the Gage family for over 500 years, and is a house with a rich history and extraordinary collection of old master paintings, porcelain and furniture. It sits in the heart of the South Downs National Park.

The afternoon offers the opportunity to individually explore the county town of Lewes, with its antique shops, cafés and medieval streets.

If you wish to join our association or just come along, email Dee Williams, Membership Secretary, membershipryenationaltrust@gmail.com

John Wright

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Rectory or in Brede Church Room.

There is a monthly programme of meetings and talks, although this can change with short notice. We are looking for more members to help with our work which is very rewarding.

On 3rd January there was no meeting, due to it still being the festive season, and to allow members to spend time with their families.

Our AGM was on the 7th February, after the deadline for this article, an update will be in the next newsletter.

Wednesday 6th March. Speaker- Steve Edwards will be telling us about the work of the of the 4 Charities.

Wednesday 3rd April. Branch Meeting.

Wednesday 1st May. To be confirmed.

Wednesday 5th June Branch Meeting, to include decision of what to take to Bexhill District Picnic.

Friday 22 June Bexhill District Mothers' Union picnic? (It is proving difficult to find an area big enough for about 70 –90 members to for an outside picnic, but with an indoor alternative in case of inclement weather on a Saturday).

There are two local projects locally which members are welcome to help with.

The AFIA (Away From It All) project. MU have a caravan at Winchelsea Beach which anyone can access if they are in a stressful situation and need a break. Families are given priority during school holiday dates.

The Citizenship Ceremonies in Hastings 'Eat Cake'. For this you would need to become part of the chaplaincy team to access the baby unit. Here you can support the Mums, Doctors and Nurses with tea and cake while they talk. Training is given for this role as you must not offer any opinions.

The Brede MU also prepare toiletry bags for hospital in-patients and you would be very welcome to join in with this task.

If you would like to join us or have more information, then please contact either Rhiannon Oliver, Bexhill District Chairman & Brede Branch Leader on 01424 882037 or our Branch Secretary Rosemary Crouch on 01424 882567.

Brede Angling Club

Brede Angling Club is a small village club with sole fishing rights to the Kingswood Pond. We are affiliated to the Rother Fishery Association (RFA), which gives access to further waters at Newenden, Bodiam, Salehurst and parts of the Royal Military Canal.



We are a members only club but new members are always welcome. Membership rates are very reasonable. Currently £20 a year for adults and £7 for juniors (over 5yrs old, under 5's - free). Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to ensure adherence to club rules and safety around open waters.

Membership runs from June to June each year. We follow the closed season on RFA waters but the Kingswood Pond remains open all year round. Attention is drawn to the Club's rules which must be adhered to by all members. The rules also stipulate no night fishing. The use of boilies and ground bait is also prohibited. These measures ensure Club waters and in particular the Kingswood Pond remain healthy, with a good fish stock and enjoyable to everyone.

The Chairman and I will be stepping down this year, so the Club is looking to fill these vacancies. If you are interested, please contact me to discuss the roles or to put forward your nomination. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find a new Chairman or Club Secretary/Treasurer, then the future of the club will be in jeopardy and may have to close. It would be sad to lose this village asset.

For further information please contact Kim Smith, Club Secretary & Treasurer by email at rhousesnow@hotmail.com or call 01424 883427

1st Brede Scouts



Brede Scout Hut, Stubb Lane', Brede TN31 6EG

Mondays 5–6pm Beavers 6 to 8½

Monday 6.30—8pm Cubs 8½ - 10½

Tuesday 7—9 pm Scouts 10½ to 14½

1st Brede Scouts still have vacancies in all sections.

We are still in need of new and additional Cub and Beaver Leaders; why not come and help and go on from there.

Contact Cherry for information

Group Scout Leader

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Beaver Scout Leader (6-8 yrs)

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Peter Clark 07702 407725

famclark@hotmail.com

Scout Leader (10½ to 14½ yrs)

Luciano Frige 07818 070807



Brede Friendly Circle

On 17th January we met at Rhiannon's for coffee and had a lovely morning eating cheese scones, cake and shortbread whilst drinking tea and chatting.

On Wednesday 21st February we went to Sandhurst Tea Rooms. It is always a pleasure to go to this charming tea room and we really enjoyed our morning.

On Wednesday 20th March we are going to Merriments Garden Centre, and will have a walk around the garden if the weather is good.

On the 17th April we are hoping to go to the HUB in Rye near Rye Hospital. (To be confirmed).

On the 15th May we will be going to The Fish Farm at Hawkhurst. We like going here and always have a warm welcome.

We are hoping the weather will be sunny and warm for our visit on 19th June to Tibbs Farm Udimore for our coffee and edibles.

If you wish to join us, please contact Carol 01525 883262 or Rhiannon on 01424 882037

Brede and Udimore Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12.30.p.m. This year, 2024, we will continue to meet at the 'Red Lion', in Brede. Here, members will be served a two-course meal, prepared and cooked by chef, Gary Skipsy. Drinks to accompany the meal are available to purchase.

The Brede and Udimore Luncheon Club was founded in 1979 and Brede Village Hall was always our meeting place. Over the years, our friendly Club has provided a variety of in-house activities at our lunches, and we hope to re-introduce some of them in the near future, once we're established at our new venue. The raffle, however, will be held each month!

For information about the Lunch Club please contact:
Frances Parnham Tel:01424 882007

Brede Painting for Pleasure.

Painting for Pleasure is a friendly art group that continues to meet at Brede Village Hall on Tuesday mornings 9.30-12.30. We do our own thing, but help each other when needed. We have a few spaces available at the moment. The fees are £10 per annum membership fee plus £3 per week payable only on attendance (tea, coffee and biscuits included). We hold an exhibition of our work for sale every August bank holiday. If you wish to join, please contact Ann Cootes on anniecootes@icloud.com.

Brede WI

Our members well and truly celebrated the festive season with a Christmas Party at the December Monthly Meeting, where we played some traditional party games and enjoyed a seasonal tea contributed by members. This was followed a week later by a Christmas Lunch at Flackley Ash Hotel, Peasmarsh, where it was unanimously agreed the food, service and surroundings made for the perfect venue.

At the time of writing, our first Monthly Meeting in January is yet to take place, but it promises to be an interesting and pertinent presentation on 'How to spot and avoid fraud scams.' February will bring something completely different! The cast is busy rehearsing for our pantomime, 'Robin Hood.' A varied programme of speakers is planned for the remainder of the year, along with some Spring and Summer outings.

All members are eligible to participate in our Book Club, Games Group, Lunch Club, Film Club, Creative Writing, Play Reading Group, and from the Spring, Walking Netball and Croquet.

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI in Brede, Beryl Jenkins (01424 883475) would be pleased to help.

Beryl Jenkins
President, Brede WI



BREDE STEAM GIANTS

Our Open Days continue to be very busy with many families and groups choosing to visit our site. We get visitors from all over the world, and everyone is always very interested to hear the story of the "Giants". Our volunteers always enjoy showing visitors around the site and answering their questions. We also enjoy hearing memories from the "local folk" about family members who were involved in building or running the Waterworks in the past; some of their stories are amazing!

On Saturday 4th May the Weald of Kent Stationary Engine Group will be bringing their small engines to our site, setting them up outside around the Tangye Engine House. It makes an extra surprise for our visitors. Let's hope the weather is kind!

On Saturday 1st June, when the village gardens are open for the "National Open Gardens Scheme", we will be expecting even more visitors, because we are included in their group opening title: "Waterworks and Friends". Although we do not have any gardens to show off, visitors discover us as they visit the garden at 4 Waterworks Cottages! You could say it is a little extra for people to explore.

POWER HOUSE

The steel girders have been assembled and we can now see the sheer size of our new Power House! We have been fund-raising for many years to enable this build to take place and feel really happy that we have finally started to make it happen! There is still a lot of work to be done in order to complete the building, but at least we have started! We are now awaiting the costings to get the walls and roof built.

Ultimately, part of the building will house the compressors that provide the compressed air to power the engines but there will also be extra space for us to be able to display even more interesting water pumping machinery.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to enable this major project to become a reality, do come and see how we are progressing.

We continue to open on the first Saturday of every month and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am - 4pm. We have a small cafe serving hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes. There is now an accessible toilet which also has a baby-change facility, in addition to our original facilities (these are only accessible via a flight of steps).

Entry and guided tours are free. Donations are always welcome to help us to keep these wonderful engines operating.

The village of Brede is really fortunate to have such a wonderful Heritage site within its boundary. If you haven't seen the "Giants" already, it is well worth popping in for a quick look - it won't cost anything and you may be amazed!

We look forward to welcoming you all!

4 Charities

Previously known as the Brede and Udimore Overseas Group, 4Charities was founded some 60 years ago by Iris Laker of Udimore who, during a visit to Tanzania, was horrified to see so many deaf children. On her return home she held coffee mornings to raise money for The Deaf in Tanzania and this was the origins of 4Charities.

Three other charities have been added over the years, meeting our objective of providing assistance overseas to smaller charities (except for Sightsavers - that have grown hugely), so our donations could go further and provide a greater benefit to those they are supporting.

Funds are raised by holding regular **Soup, Scrabble and Get Together** on the first Friday of each month in the St. Mary's Community Hall at 12 noon and other events arranged throughout the year.

Even if Scrabble is not your 'thing' you are welcome to come and just enjoy a bowl of soup, a chat and meet others, followed by tea and coffee. All funds raised are distributed annually to the four charities, we have no administration costs as the team's time is free.

All the four charities are UK registered and are:

Deaf in Tanzania is a UK charity dedicated to helping deaf people in Tanzania where deafness can lead to ostracization.

Freedom from Fistula helps women and girls who are injured following obstructed childbirth.

PNGCP which is a collaboration between seven Christian denominations and AUS Aid to introduce peace and health activities in Papua New Guinea.

Sightsavers who work worldwide to combat blindness in developing countries.

Liz Turgoose on 01424 882657 would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to know more about the group; otherwise, why not make a note of the dates and come along?

More information is available by visiting our website - www.4charities.net



Design With Flowers

We meet on the 4th Monday of the month from 11am to 12.30pm in Brede Church Room.

25th March	Easter/ Spring design
22nd April	Water Design
27th May	A design in a kitchen implement
24th June	A wedding table design

Help is always on hand; so is equipment.

If you are interested in joining our friendly club, or would like more information, please contact either:

Rhiannon Oliver 01424 882037 email: r.oliver641@btinternet.com

or Sue Sturme y 01424 882544 email: susan.sturme y@btinternet.com

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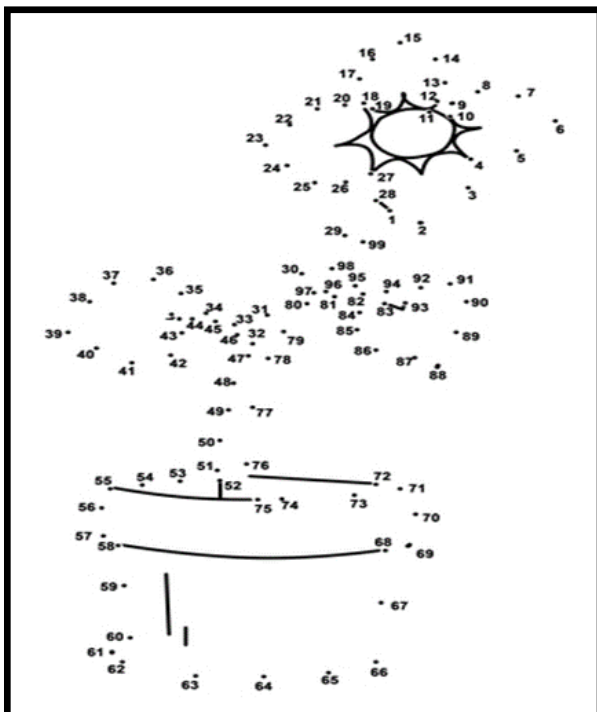
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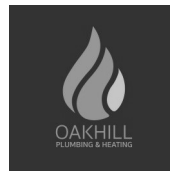
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Booking Clerk Mrs Penny Williams 07541 263991

For more information go to www.bredevillagehall.org.uk and you will find details of the hall facilities, a schedule showing when it is available for hire and contact details. If you would like to have a look at the hall before booking to see if it is suitable for your purpose, that can easily be arranged.

For hiring charges please visit the website: www.bredevillagehall.org.uk or ring the booking clerk.

Brede Scout Hut

Cherry McCleery 07761 730956 gsl1stbrede@hotmail.com

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Some evenings not available due to Scout Groups meeting but, please text or call for more information.

Trinity Methodist Church and Hall

Trinity has recently been re-furbished and the hall, a small meeting room or the whole building are now available for hire. The Church, which has a good sound system, seats about 75 and the hall about 35 depending on the layout. The premises are fully accessible with ramps to the front and side, an accessible toilet and a hearing loop in the church. There is a modern, well-equipped kitchen and modern heating and lighting throughout the building. Further information is available on our website www.trinitybroad oak.org.uk, or visit us to look around.

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