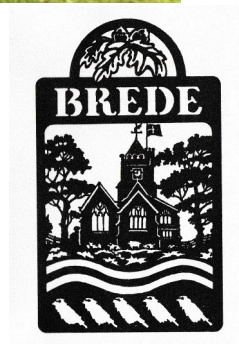


# Brede and Broad Oak Community Newsletter

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### **NEXT Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be March 2025. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the clerk, Tracy Dixon ([clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk)) by **Friday 10th January 2025**.

# Brede Parish Council

## Notes from the Chair

Brede Parish Council held two successful events in July, both well attended. The first was a consultation about the improvements that we would like to make at the Recreation Ground. There was widespread support along with some useful feedback. The second was our afternoon of annual awards for the best kept front gardens and for those who have made a particular contribution to this community. There is more about each of these events elsewhere in this Newsletter, but I would like to thank all who participated and who do so much for this Parish. I would also like to thank our Clerk, Tracy Dixon, for her excellent organisation of both events.

A few comments, however, surprised or disappointed me, so I'd like to mention them. Each is, of course, paraphrased from my recollections. At the Recreation Ground consultation, someone on a pension said to me, in effect, that they are in favour of the proposed improvements, provided there is no cost to them. Sorry, but that is not the way that community funding works, whether nationally, or at County, District or Parish level. We all pay for everything, including pensions. There is no national pension fund, just current government income available for redistribution.

Brede Parish Council has, however, done what it can to limit the funds required from residents. At the Annual Assembly, I showed the cumulative increase in the Parish precept, compared with the Consumer Price Index, during the recent period of high inflation. As you can see, we've kept very tight control of costs for the benefit of the community. A quick search online shows that the median (i.e. middle point) of local taxation for a Band D property for parishes in Rother District is £85.62, and the highest is £189.37. A Band D property in Brede contributes £47.99.



Next an easy one. One person said to me “why are you planning to spend money on the Recreation Ground when you don't even fix the potholes”. Local roads are responsibility of the County Council, not the Parish Council. The role of the Parish Council is the same as for local residents, namely to report any defects promptly. I find that the easiest way to report potholes and many other things (overgrown hedges, rubbish, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc), is to use <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>. The Parish Council also meets periodically with the East Sussex Highways to discuss problems and potential improvements.

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## Notes from the Chair *(continued)*

“Why can’t we have facilities that are as good as neighbouring villages?” This was said to me on one occasion in the context of the Recreation Ground and again concerning measures to limit speeding. Generally speaking, money for improvements comes from one of three sources. Firstly, the precept which I’ve mentioned above. Secondly, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is money paid to local councils for improved facilities needed as a result of new housing developments. Thirdly grants, which I think we are good at, but it’s almost invariably necessary to have already raised a good proportion of the funds through other means.

But the things that people would like can be very expensive. Let me give you a few examples. To enhance the existing road markings and signs, we have been advised to budget £25,000. To mark the start of the village with some white fencing at right angles to the road would cost £10,000 to £15,000. Yes, really and, before you ask, we would not be allowed to go ahead with a local contractor. To replace the worn-out gyro spiral in the recreation ground with a suitable piece of equipment will cost about £9000, including renewal of the rubberised matting. These are challenging amounts for a parish of this size. But, if residents are prepared to accept a much higher precept and plenty of new houses, as have some of our neighbouring parishes, then many things would be possible.

In one person’s view, the Parish Council only serves its own type of people. That was said in a derogatory way, but I take it as a compliment. The Council is simply a cross section of residents, with a good mix of ages and backgrounds, doing their best for our village. Our own type of people are the people of this Parish! If you want something different, the next Parish Council election is in May 2027.

Finally, as the Festive Season draws close once again, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**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 November 2024 Brede Village Hall, Committee Room

No meeting in December

Tuesday 28th January 2025 Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday 25th February 2025 Brede Village Hall, Committee Room

Tuesday 25th March 2025 Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Brede Village Hall, Committee Room

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.

### Update on recent Council works and projects

#### **Goal Post**

The new goal post on the Recreation Ground was well received and used over the summer. Please enjoy this facility but remain considerate of those whose gardens are adjacent, keep the noise down late at night and ask before retrieving balls. It has now been moved slightly further into the recreation ground to reduce issues. Also remind your children it is not a climbing frame.

#### **Grit Bin**

The Parish Council applied to get a grit bin installed at the crossroads, to provide grit/salt when the road is icy. After 8 months, ESCC highways finally declined to grant a licence, as it was felt it was too dangerous to encourage people to be hand gritting the area. Extra gritting has been promised, and the Parish Council will report back to ESCC when there are problems during the winter months.

## **Winter Fuel Allowance.**

### **Are you affected? Can you claim it?**

The recent announcement that from this year the Winter Fuel Allowance will be linked to Pension Credit, along with the news that the Energy Price Cap is increasing is likely to have quite an impact on some residents within the parish with some perhaps having to choose whether to heat their home or feed themselves.

According to the Government some 181,000 people are entitled to Pension Credit but are not claiming it, so if you aren't claiming it and will be losing the Winter Fuel Allowance, please consider applying for Pension Credit.

It's worth starting by dispelling some anecdotal myths around Pension Credit and Benefits:

1. **There is no shame in claiming Benefits.** During your working life, you and/or your partner, and family have been paying tax and National Insurance and you are simply claiming what you are entitled to as a result of those contributions
2. **Owning your own home does not preclude you from claiming Pension Credit.** Pension Credit is based only on your income, savings and investments and tops up your income to certain levels
3. **Having savings does not automatically stop you qualifying for Pension credit.** Savings above the limits (see below) will reduce the amount of Benefit paid by £1 for every £500 of savings. If your savings are significant, it could, however, mean you won't get any benefit.
4. **There is nothing to be lost by applying for Pension Credit.** You can apply online, by telephone or by completing the application form and even if it turns out you don't qualify, all you've lost is the time taken to complete the application.

#### **What are the general qualifying conditions:**

- You must live in England, Scotland or Wales, and have reached **State Pension age** to qualify for Pension Credit.
- If you have a partner, you must include your partner on your application.

You'll be eligible if either:

- you and your partner have both reached State Pension age
- one of you is getting **Housing Benefit** for people over State Pension age

*A partner is either:*

- *your husband, wife or civil partner - if you live with them*
- *someone you live with as a couple, without being married or in a civil partnership*

#### **How does Pension Credit work**

When you apply for Pension Credit your income is calculated. If you have a partner, your income is calculated together.

Pension Credit tops up:

- your weekly income to £218.15 if you're single
- your joint weekly income to £332.95 if you have a partner

If your income is higher, you might still be eligible for Pension Credit if you have a disability, you care for someone, you have savings or you have housing costs.

### **What counts as income**

Your income includes:

- State Pension
- other pensions
- earnings from employment and self-employment
- most social security benefits, for example Carer's Allowance

### **What does not count as income**

Not all benefits are counted as income. For example, the following are not counted:

- Adult Disability Payment
- Attendance Allowance
- Christmas Bonus
- Child Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Social fund payments like Winter Fuel Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Reduction

### **If you've deferred your pension**

If you're entitled to a personal or workplace pension and you have not claimed it yet, the amount you'd expect to get still counts as income.

If you've deferred your State Pension, the amount of State Pension you would get is counted as income.

You cannot build up extra amounts for deferring your State Pension if you or your partner are getting Pension Credit.

### **Your savings and investments**

If you have £10,000 or less in savings and investments this will not affect your Pension Credit.

If you have more than £10,000, every £500 over £10,000 counts as £1 income a week. For example, if you have £11,000 in savings, this counts as £2 income a week.

It is important to note that Pension Credit opens the door to many other benefits in addition to the Winter Fuel Allowance, which is why pensioners are being encouraged to apply for Pension Credit.

### **How to apply for Pension Credit**

You will need a few details in order to complete your claim:

- Your (and your partner's if you have one) National Insurance number
- Details of your Income,
- Details of your savings, and
- Details of your investments

You can apply using one of the following methods:

- By phone with the DWP on 0800 99 1234
- Online at [apply-for-pensioncredit.service.gov.uk/start](https://apply-for-pensioncredit.service.gov.uk/start)
- By downloading the Pension Credit Application form from Gov.UK

If you need help there are charities that are supporting claimants:

Independent Age on 0800 319 6789 who run a benefits check to see what help you can get

Age UK on 0800 678 1602 and on their website.

It is worth noting that to make sure you can get this year's Winter Fuel Allowance you need to apply for Pension Credit **by 21 December**.

### **Activity within the Parish**

Brede Parish Councillors all aware, the new restrictions on winter fuel payments may cause hardship to some. The choice between heating or eating is absolutely unacceptable in a community such as ours. The Parish Council itself is not in a position to provide warm spaces or meals to those in need, but we may be able to assist local organisations. We shall be considering what we can do but, in the meantime, if you are part of an organisation that is making plans to assist those in need, or if you or someone you know is likely to face hardship as a result of the restriction of winter fuel payment, then we would encourage you pass on this information to the Parish Clerk.

### **Potholes**

The winter is upon us once again, and the increased rain and cold weather will inevitably cause more potholes

The quickest way to report these is directly to East Sussex Highways via the online reporting system

Please go to <https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/> and click on 'report a problem'

### **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.



## **Garden and Shield awards afternoon**

On Saturday 13th July, Brede Parish Council held an awards afternoon in Brede Village Hall. Those who had been nominated for a shield or whose gardens had been nominated for an award were invited along, and all other residents were very welcome to attend,

Some 40-50 people filled the hall and enjoyed the simple refreshments on offer.

Many thanks to our judges, Gary Marriot and David Oliver for taking time to walk round the many nominated gardens.



Hanging Baskets and Containers winners



Community Spirit Award Les Nottage



Young Person. Mylah Loake



Brede Shield Winners Little Giants



*WINNERS OF THE 2024 GARDEN  
AND SHIELD COMPETITIONS*

***Best Large Garden***

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Moor View, Cackle Street*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Firecrest, Furnace Lane*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Avocet, Cackle Street*

***Best Small Garden***

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 12 the Martletts*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 10 The Orchard*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 3 Chestnut Close*

***Best Hanging Baskets/Containers***

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 25 Fieldway*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - The Old Forge, Kingwood Hill*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 11 Fieldway*

***Brede Shield Award***

*Little Giants*

***Community Spirit Shield Award***

*Les Nottage*

***Young Person Award***

*Mylah Loake*

***Start getting ready for 2025***



## Brede Village Hall

### Brede Village Hall improvements.

About 18 months ago Brede Village Hall (BVH) along with all the other independent halls and community centres in Rother, were offered a share of £500,000 from the Rother District Council Community Infrastructure Levy Fund in order to reduce the carbon emissions from their buildings.



A survey was conducted on BVH, a report written and recommendations made. The Management Committee did not think all of the recommendations were suitable because, although our carbon emissions would be reduced, the cost of, and emissions produced by the electricity to power them, would be unsustainable.

The BVH Management Committee decided that replacing all the strip lighting within the building and some exterior lighting with LED lights, and installing more insulation in the roof would be most beneficial. The replacement lighting has made a tremendous difference to the brightness in the main hall, other rooms and the outside access to the Committee Room. The insulation will be installed before winter.

Chris Sands from Broad Oak carried out a professional Fire Risk Survey which highlighted areas of necessary improvement, that were going to cost several £1000. Fortunately the CIL Fund had a second tranche of money to distribute and we managed to obtain finance to cover some of the Fire Risk requirements.

We also asked in our second application for finance to replace for our aged immersion heater and tank, a more efficient unit and a better insulated tank would reduce both emissions and cost. That has now been installed.

In all, Rother District Council through the CIL Fund, has granted BVH around £20,000 to enable us to make considerable improvements to our Hall. It is now the 'go to' hall in the area where a huge variety of activities take place on a weekly, monthly and occasional basis.

We are pleased to see so many people using the Hall, enjoying the facilities and benefitting from the available activities.



### **Brede Village Hall**

is proud to host

## **Brede Farmers' Market**

**Every Friday - 10 'til 12**

Come & support your local  
fisherman, food producers, crafters  
and growers

**Why not enjoy tea/coffee &  
fresh cake whilst there!**

Lots of free parking available



## **Brede School**

Brede Primary School has had an exciting start to the year! We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved the international UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) bronze award. This places us within a global network of schools dedicated to upholding children's rights and fostering a proactive community that positively impacts locally and beyond. In addition to working towards the RRS silver award this year, we are also pleased to share that we have been selected as one of sixteen schools across East Sussex to collaborate with NHS England, the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC), and the Department of Education on the groundbreaking Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project. This initiative brings together health and education experts, parent carers, and schools to prioritise the diverse needs of students and help shape the future of special educational needs provision in schools. For more information and regular updates, please visit our website.

We have also welcomed new pupils and families into our Reception Class this term. The children are settling in with the help of their Year 6 buddies and are already making a big impression in our school. It's hard to believe that our open events for children and their families starting school next year will begin shortly. Dates and times are available on our website.

Julie Knock      Headteacher.







Friends Altogether in Rother

It's time for an exciting update from all of us here at Friends Altogether in Rother – FAiR to our friends! Why exciting? Because, at the time of writing, we're just launching our telephone befriending service, so by the time everyone reads

this, our service should be fully up and chatting!

This new, free service is designed to provide companionship, friendship, and social interaction for individuals who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation, or vulnerability. Initially, we've focused on a 'soft' launch, to enable us to support service users and potential volunteers to get signed up, ready to start once all the checks and training are completed. We shared this amazing milestone at our August 'Tilling, Tea and Cake' community event, along with our new leaflets to introduce the service to our community and the response has been incredibly positive.

Because although the inception and consultation process for FAiR was way back in 2022, we've only been formally running and part-time staffed for less than a year. In that time, developing our telephone befriending service has been a real priority, made possible through dedicated (but fun) teamwork and the unwavering support of our community residents, businesses and organisations, and thanks to the generous contributions to our fundraising efforts and grants. These funds are vital, as they ensure that we can offer this service free of charge to those who need it most. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support, which has helped turn our vision into reality and begin making a real difference to the lives of isolated and vulnerable older members across our rural Rother communities.

As this autumn sees us in the exciting phase of transitioning from development to delivery, by next spring and the time of the next Brede newsletter we should be actively delivering free telephone befriending services in the area and looking ahead to developing our home-visit befriending services.

In the meantime, we are actively recruiting volunteers to join our befriending team, so if you're passionate about making a positive impact and have a few hours to spare each week, we would love to hear from you! Volunteering with us is a rewarding way to give back and you'll be playing a crucial role in helping to alleviate loneliness and isolation in our community. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer with us – for befriending or one of our many other volunteer roles - please reach out to us at [volunteering@fair.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@fair.org.uk) or call **07386 85 33 49**.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this new chapter. We're excited to see the positive impact our 'Companionship Calls' telephone befriending service will have and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

Friends Altogether in Rother is a Community Interest Organisation (registered charity number 1203412). Please see our website at: [fair.org.uk](http://fair.org.uk) for more information or to get involved.



## St George's Brede

### Regular Services

Holy Communion at 9:30am

BCP Holy Communion at 11:00am

Any information regarding special services will be found on our website and Facebook.

### Little Giants Baby & Toddler group

Every Thursday in Term time at 9:30am.

Join us for playtime, storytime, crafts, music and snacks! Donations welcome.

Visit Little Giants on Facebook, or see our information on St. George's website, for more information!

## Christmas Services and events

### Saturday 30th November, in St George's Church

Christmas Tree Festival - Our Favourite Carols

Stalls, including cakes and nearly new. Lots to do for the children.

### Thursday 5th December 7.30pm in St George's Church

Cranbrook Town Band Charity Carol Concert,

Tickets £10 at the door (to include wine and mince pies) Raffle

### December 15th, 2024 at 3:00pm

Benefice Nine Lessons and Carols

St. Mary's, Udimore

This will be led by the Benefice Choir, conducted by Anna Edwards

### Saturday 21st of December at 10:00am

Little Giants Christmas Party

St. George's, Brede

All children are welcome. It is a free event, although donations are always welcome.

Join us for Christmas themed crafts, story, music, playtime and snacks!

### Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Crib Service at St. Mary's, Udimore 2:00pm

Christingle Service, 4:00pm at St. George's, Brede

Midnight Communion at St. Mary's, Udimore 9pm

Midnight Mass at St. George's, Brede 11:00pm

### Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Family Mass at St. George's Brede, at 9:30am

Family Communion at St. Mary's, Udimore at 11:15am

**Please follow us on our website, Facebook, Instagram or X, for updates and news!**

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Owen & Anna Edwards

*Please note that Fr. Owen's rest days are on Monday.*

### 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

Our **Carols by Candlelight** was a good occasion last year and we were delighted that many from the community came to join us. This year, the service will be on **Sunday 22 December** starting at **3.30pm**, followed by tea. Do come if you can. It'll be a friendly, community service, suitable for all ages.

### **Come4Coffee!**

**Every Wednesday  
10 to midday**

- Machine made coffees
- Choice of teas
- Cake and biscuits
- Profits to local charities
- Relax, chat and enjoy

*For transport from Broad Oak or  
Brede, call 01424 882690*

Like everybody, we're conscious of potential problems now the Winter Fuel Payment is to be restricted. With an excellent modern heating system, we guarantee that all events at Trinity will be warm! Those who want to warm up, plus have some good refreshments and company should come to our '**Come4Coffee**', which is **every Wednesday** in the church hall, from **10am to midday**.

Alternatively join the friendly group that we call '**Meet on Mondays**'. That's **every week from 2-4 pm**. There are various

activities such as crafts and games, a bookswap, and again with plenty of chat, refreshments and a warm room. A Post Office is generally available.

Our **services** of course continue Sunday -by-Sunday, normally starting at **10.30am**. When there's a **fifth Sunday** in a month, there is an informal service in the church hall, starting at **3pm**.

Check our website for updated information.

[www.trinitybroadoak.org.uk](http://www.trinitybroadoak.org.uk)

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a warm New Year.

Stephen Hampson  
On behalf of Angela Pepper-Coleman

### **Meet on Mondays**

**Every week 2-4pm  
(except bank holidays)**

A warm welcome awaits you.

Post Office (2.30 to 3.30)

Bookswap

Games

Crafts

Discussions

Foodbank drop off

Make new friends, enjoy tea and cakes. Keep warm in winter.

*For transport from Broad Oak or  
Brede, call 01424 882690*



## Rye & District Association

**We offer a range of enjoyable events each month to members and non-members of our association. Walks September – June, Talks October - May**

Our 5 mile circular walks cost £3 and begin at 10am. All walks end with a rewarding pub lunch and a quiz. Our talks with popular guest speakers cover a range of topics and are held from 2pm at Brede Village Hall, and cost £5 for members/10 for non-members - including refreshments.

### **Walk & Pub Lunch Tuesday 12 November**



Our November walk begins and ends at the excellent **Queens Head** pub in Sedlescombe. The attractive 15th Century pub is located at the top of the village green and offers locally sourced food to suit a variety of tastes. There is ample parking available both in the Queens Head car park and along the green.

### **Talk | The Hussey Family Thursday 21 November**

Helen Davis, The Collections and House Manager of **Scotney Castle**, will be talking about the three generations of the Hussey family that called the historic house, castle and grounds their home, focussing on the estate's last owner Christopher Hussey CBE who passed away in 1970 and bequeathed his beloved Scotney to The National Trust.



### **Walk & Pub Lunch | Thursday 12 December**



By popular demand we are returning to **The Robin Hood, Icklesham** for our Christmas walk and pub lunch. The 17th century pub is family owned and has been serving the local community for over 25 years, offering locally sourced food to suit a variety of tastes. There is ample parking in the pub car park.

Contact: Dee Williams (membership) 07760 115413 [membership@ryenationaltrust@gmail.com](mailto:membership@ryenationaltrust@gmail.com)  
Julie Etches (bookings) 01797 225317, [Julie.etches054@btinternet.com](mailto:Julie.etches054@btinternet.com)



| USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS               |                                 |                          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Conquest Hospital                    |                                 | 0300 131 4500            |
| Responders                           |                                 | 01424 883473             |
| Rye Memorial Care Hospital           | No A&E                          | 01797 224499             |
| Northiam Surgery                     | Dr Sally Parnell                | 01797 252140             |
| Brede Village Hall Surgery           | Rye Medical Centre              | 01797 223333             |
| Broad Oak 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<br>Rhiannon Oliver | 01424 882037/07375957244 |
| Brede Parish Church Magazine/monthly | David Oliver                    | 01424 882037             |
| Brede Parish Newsletter              | Tracy Dixon                     | clerk@brede-pc.org.uk    |
| Rye Fixtures monthly                 | Pick up in shops                |                          |

| <b>Groups in the Village</b>  | <b>Contact</b>  | <b>Phone number</b> | <b>Venue</b>             | <b>When</b>                  | <b>Time</b>                 |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Brede Scout Group/Beavers & Cubs                            | Cherry McCleery   | 07761 730956        | Scout Hut                | Mondays & Tues               |                             |
| Bookswap  | Stephen Hampson   | 01424 882690        | Trinity Methodist Church | Mondays                      | 2-4pm                       |
| Brede & Udimore Luncheon Club   | Fran Parnham  | 01424 882007        |                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues         | 12.30pm                     |
| Farmers Market Ruth Burgess<br>Email farmersmarket@brede.villagehall.org.uk |   |                     | Village Hall             | Every Friday                 | 10am - noon                 |
| Brede Friendly Circle   | Carol Baxter  | 01424 883262        |                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of month | 2pm                         |
| ComeforCoffee!  | Angela Pepper   | 01424 753295        | Trinity Methodist Church | Every Weds                   | 10-12                       |
| Friends of Brede School   |   | 01424 882393        |                          |                              |                             |
| Mothers' Union  | Rhiannon Oliver   | 01424 882037        | St George's Church Room  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of month | 2pm                         |
| Meet on Mondays   | Angela Pepper   | 01424 753295        | Trinity Methodist Church | Mondays                      | 2-4pm                       |
| Beginners Yoga  | Jodie Creaser   | 07583 469584        | Village Hall             | Tues Wed                     | 7.30-8.30pm<br>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           |

| <b>Groups Continued</b>         | <b>Contact</b>               | <b>Phone number</b>           | <b>Venue</b>             | <b>When</b>  | <b>Time</b>    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| 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 | 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 <sup>st</sup> Sat of month                                     | 10am – 4pm     |
| BSARS                           | m0nuc.bsars@gmail.com        |                               | Scout Hut                | Tues & 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat                                       |                |
| Design with Flowers             | Rhiannon Oliver & Sue Sturme | 01424 882037<br>01424 882544  | St George's Church Room  | 3rd Weds of month  | 11am - 12.30pm |
| Painting for Pleasure           | Anne Cootes                  | 01424 882542                  | Village Hall             | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue of month | 9.30am         |
| Angling Club                    | Donna Bolton                 | 07842 790237                  |                          |  |                |
| Cricket Club                    | Graeme Dining                | 079412288660<br>01424 852413  |                          |  |                |
| Short Mat Bowls Club            | Lynne Bramley/ Sue McGavin   | 01424 882252/<br>01424 883566 | Village Hall             | Fridays  | 7pm            |
| Rye and District National Trust | Keith Sellens                | 07940 777250                  | Village Hall             | 3rd Thursday   | 2pm            |



### **Brede Mothers' Union**

We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month except January and August at 1.30pm.

In July we went to our member Gwen's for our garden party. She has wonderful views from the ridge across the valley. We enjoyed our tea and cake and a walk around her garden.

We went to Hellingly Church for Mary Sumner Day on 9<sup>th</sup> August and were joined by other branches from our district. We all set up stalls, ours was books, then a general chatter ensued before the service started and the banners were paraded along the aisle. The service was taken by the Mothers' Union Reverend, Emma Ham-Riche and then we had our packed lunches and much talking took place. There was time for a final peruse of the stalls before packing up and heading for home. Many thanks to Pat for driving us in the Community Bus.

Our meeting in September was low in numbers due to many having family things to attend to. On the 2nd November we have the MU autumn gathering in Brighton and we have our own meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> at which we will decide what we are going to do in December for our Christmas meeting and for the Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle.

The new itinerary for next year is not in place but in February we will be celebrating Candlemass. It is a lovely celebration lighting candles.

In March it will be St David 's Day, and we still need to organize what we are going to do . Four of us will be having lunch with the Welsh Society.

We continue to do our hospital bags for the Conquest.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Rhiannon Oliver

Brede Branch Leader

Bexhill District MU Chairman

## Brede Angling Club

### Join Brede Angling Club – Exclusive Fishing at Kingswood Pond!

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**Membership Details:** Our affordable annual membership rates are:

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Please note, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to ensure safety and adherence to club rules. Our membership year runs from **June to June**, and while RFA waters observe a closed season, Kingswood Pond remains **open year-round**.

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**Renewal & New Members Welcome** We are currently accepting renewals and new memberships for the upcoming season. Please note that **all payments must now be made via bank transfer**. To join or renew, simply send your request by email or post to the Club Secretary. Membership cards will be mailed out within **5 working days** after payment is received.

**Important:** We kindly ask that members **do not visit in person to purchase memberships**. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Club Secretary for more details.

**Get in touch:** For further information, or to apply for membership, please contact Donna Bolton via:

- Email: [donnabolton989@gmail.com](mailto:donnabolton989@gmail.com) Phone: 07842 790 237

We look forward to welcoming you to the Brede Angling Club!



## 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](mailto:anniecootes@icloud.com).



## Brede Friendly Circle

The group is open to all ladies in the Parish, we meet at 10.30am in various establishments to have coffee. It is a friendly group; we enjoy chatting and putting the world to rights. We gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and generally leave the village about 10am and car share to go to our chosen venue.

Due to the mobility of some of our members we currently try to go where there is a disabled entrance, or no steps. Sadly one of our members was in hospital for a long stretch before the summer holiday. I am pleased to report she has made remarkable progress and joined us when we went to Bodiam NT Restaurant in September. However, I have such sad news to report that Anne Pryke a member for many years has passed away and as you read this her funeral will already have been held. She was a dear friend to us all and will be missed very much.

We should be at Miss Mollets in Appledore in October then Blackbrooks in November and we are having our Christmas Lunch at Flackley Ash on Wednesday 18 December.

In January we will meet at a member's home for coffee then in February we will stay close to home and go to the Broad Oak for coffee at 10.30am.

Please contact Carol on 01424 883626 if you are interested in joining us

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

## Brede and Udimore Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12.30. p.m. at the, 'Red Lion', in Brede. At our friendly and sociable Club, members are served a two-course lunch prepared and cooked by chef, Gary Skipsey and his team of helpers. The cost is £10pp and drinks can be purchased from the bar to accompany the meal. We always finish the occasion with a raffle!

For information about the Lunch Club, please contact:

Frances Parnham T. 01424 882007

## 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**

We are still in need of new and additional Cub and Beaver Leaders;  
Contact Cherry for information. 07761 730956 gsl1st-

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famclark@hotmail.com

### Scout Leader (10½ to 14½ yrs)

Luciano Frige 07818 070807

## Brede WI

There have been some big changes within Brede WI recently when Beryl Jenkins stepped down in June after 13 years as President of the WI. A vote for Beryl's replacement and for the WI committee took place at the Annual meeting. As a result of the vote Jennie Drew and Sue Orchard were elected as Joint Presidents and the Committee remained the same except for Margaret Jones-Berry who retired after many years as a valued and active member. Beryl will remain a supportive WI member as she moves to the 'Back Benches' Thanks to Beryl's enthusiasm, caring approach, vision and attention to detail she has left very big shoes to fill but we hope that by upholding Beryl's values we will enable Brede WI to continue as a fun, interesting and caring group.

We have had some interesting speakers at monthly meetings and a varied programme is planned for the rest of the year. One outstanding speaker treated us to a demonstration of 'Dressing a Tudor Queen'. We not only saw how the beautiful garments were worn we were able to handle them as well. Plans are underway for what has become an annual favourite, The Brede WI Pantomime. The performance will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – details to follow !

All our clubs are enthusiastically supported and are run by a co-ordinator, all members are eligible to join. Recent visits to different venues for the Lunch Club has ensured excellent attendance – and very good meals. The Croquet club meet every Tuesday and after a damp start in early Summer they have recently enjoyed beautiful weather and had a lot of fun. Book Club, Games Group, Film Club and Creative Writing all meet regularly

On 11<sup>th</sup> July, thirteen members went to Eastbourne to see the Musical 'Sister Act' which was a lively and colourful performance at the Congress Theatre. Other outings are being planned for the rest of the year

Brede WI has supported the Friends of Conquest Hospital at various fundraising events held in Brede Village Hall and this year will again be providing teas, coffees and excellent WI cakes at the Craft Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is a lovely festive event and well worth a visit.

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI in Brede, please contact Sue Orchard on 01424 883322

**Sue Orchard**

**Joint President, Brede WI**



## **BREDE STEAM GIANTS**

Our Open Days in the winter months are usually quieter than in the summer but this gives visitors more time to talk to our volunteers, watch the engines and learn about their history. Our volunteers always enjoy showing visitors around the site and answering their questions. We also enjoy hearing memories from the Brede residents about family members who were involved in building or running the Waterworks in the past; some of the stories are amazing!

### **POWER HOUSE**

The brickwork for the walls of our new Power House is now complete and the contractors are hoping to begin to install the roof at the end of September - weather permitting!

However, we are still unable to use the electric compressors to power the "Giants". We do have one diesel generator that we can use but, unfortunately, it doesn't have the capacity to run all of our engines at the same time. In order to continue our operations we will continue to run half of the engines in the mornings and the other engines in the afternoons on our Open Days. One advantage of this is that visitors who are on-site at lunchtime will be able to watch our volunteers when they stop some of the engines and start the others. Usually all the engines are started at 10am, as we open, and then run all day so this will be something different to see. As soon as the building work is finished we will be able to return to using our electric compressors, which will be relocated in their new Power House. We also hope to purchase 2 extra electric compressors because we will have enough room for them in the new building. The old diesel generator will then be scrapped and we will run all the engines in a more environmentally friendly way, just using electricity. This change is a major project but will, hopefully, enable the "Giants" to operate well into the future. We have been fund-raising for many years to enable this change to take place and feel really happy that it is finally happening at last!

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 throughout the year and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am - 4pm. We have a small cafe serving hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes. 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 - visitors come from all over the world to see the "Giants", as our Visitor's Book can testify! 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](http://www.4charities.net)

## Design With Flowers



We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11am to 12.30pm in Brede Church Room.

The ladies took part in the Flower Festival and did magnificently depicting their themes.

At our September meeting we had a go at pedestals and then they were placed in the Church for others to admire (a little bit too big to take home)

October was a Halloween Design. In November we will be doing anything towards our Christmas decorations. I always find this helps busy mums and with artificial flowers they can be put away until Christmas or if it's a wreath it can be hung on the door or inside.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Contact Rhiannon Oliver if you are interested in having a go.  
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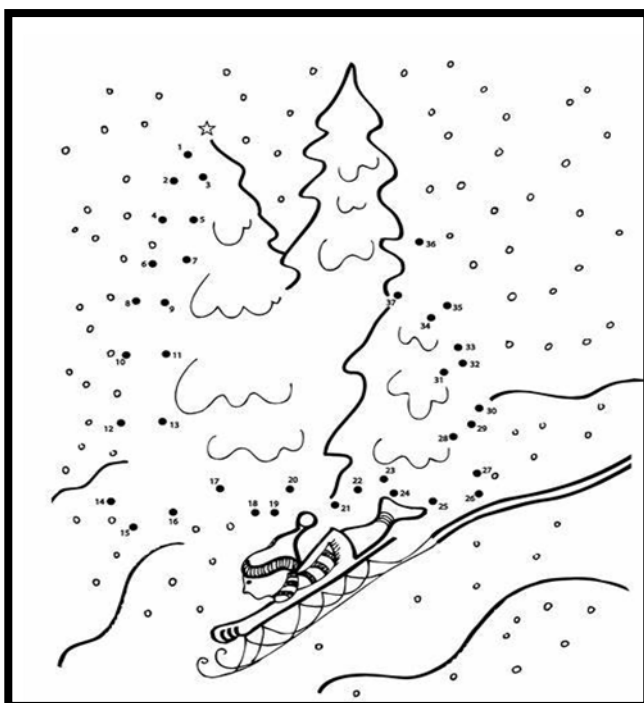
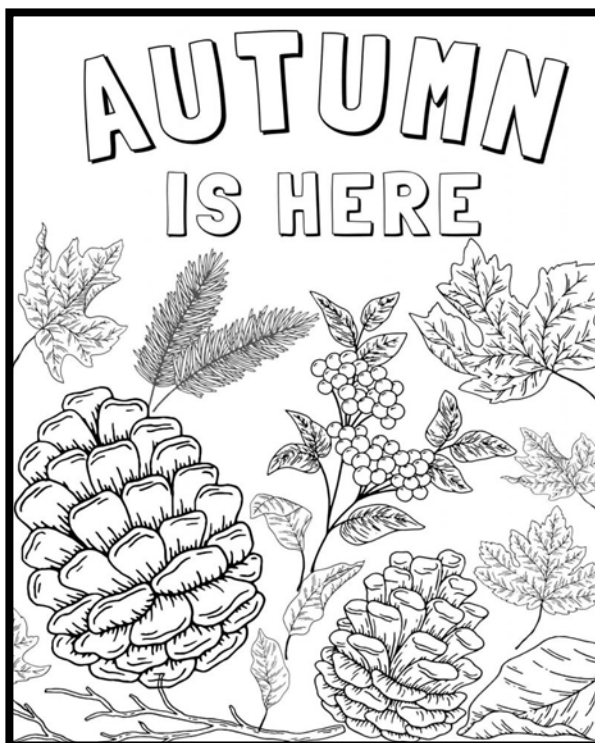
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