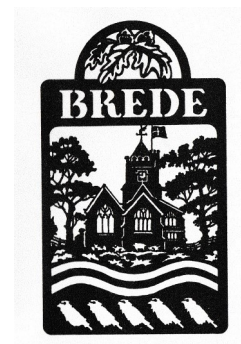


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The next newsletter will be in November 2025. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the clerk, Tracy Dixon (clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk) by **Friday 12th September 2025**.

Brede Parish Council

Notes from the Chair

The 8th of May was a solemn and a joyous day in this Parish and throughout the country. Whilst we remembered with deepest gratitude those who gave their lives and did so much to preserve the fabric of this country in WW2, many of us will have also been wondering if we, and this country, have made the most of the resulting peace. Few of us have the opportunity to make widespread improvements to modern life, but how much have we contributed to our local communities?

In the recent Parish Assembly, we considered some of the activities and changes in the Parish in the past year. Thank you to those who attended and participated with your comments and questions. Sections of my report are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

It was a pleasure to mention that we are about to make a significant investment in the Recreation Ground with new play equipment and an all-weather path. These have been largely funded by grants, which allow us to provide more for the community without having to raise the precept. We are very grateful for them.

But many of the things requested in the discussion, like traffic calming measures, cost an amazing amount and, as I've pointed out before, apart from grants which we always apply for if appropriate, there are really only two sources of funds for local projects: the Parish precept to which all householders contribute and money from housing development.

We are so lucky in this Parish both with its facilities and with the large number of voluntary organisations. But the voluntary organisations are actually run by quite a small group of people, with the same names occurring several times. Take a look at the organisations mentioned in this Newsletter. Maybe there is another group that you would like to join or, even better, contribute to organising.

So we move into a busy summer season, including the Parish Awards on 26th July. Do come to that; it's always a happy occasion.

Have a great summer: participate, contribute and enjoy!

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 22nd July 2025	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
August 2025	No Meeting
Tuesday 23rd September 2025	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
Tuesday 28th October 2025	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 25th November 2025	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
December 2025	No Meeting

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.

Garden Competition and Shield Awards Afternoon

There will be a presentation of awards on
Saturday 26th July at 2pm in Brede Village Hall

Nominees for all garden categories and shield awards
will have received an invitation, but the awards afternoon
is open to all

Do come along
Refreshments available

Annual Parish Meeting Reports

Chair's Report (Summary)

Welcome to Brede Parish Council's Annual Assembly. As Chair of the Council, I'll shall report on the Council's work over the past year.

Council membership has been stable over the year. At the start of the year, Mike Duffield was elected Vice Chair of the Council and Martin Griffiths Chair of Planning, whilst Julie Alison continued with the Recreation Ground and Staffing Committees.

Nearly all Councillors have additional responsibilities, whether that's for Speed Watch, Footpaths, representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee, or various external organisations. So I'd like to thank them all for their hard work and friendly teamwork over the past year.

Also with us, as ever, is our Clerk Tracy Dixon. Tracy does an enormous amount for this Parish. So thank you Tracy for your efficiency and the hours of work you do on our behalf.

In the past 12 months, we've had our customary 10 meetings, plus two extra-ordinary meetings in January. We've also held 12 Planning Meetings. Commenting on planning applications is an important role of a Parish Council. In the course of those 12 meetings, we reviewed 21 applications, ranging from many, small private house extensions, to the revised scheme for houses down the hill from the Old Manor.

Some of you may know that there is currently an application for 27 houses with access from Tillingham View. This will be discussed at a planning meeting on Tuesday the 13th May, at Trinity Methodist Church, on Udimore Road. Like all our meetings, it will be open to the public, so do come along if you have views on that development. But please don't ask questions about it tonight, as Councillors can't comment prior to the planning meeting.

Overall, we recommended approval of 76% of application, which was a similar proportion to last year, though we received fewer applications.

We are frequently asked to comment on various draft policies, mostly from the District and County Councils. Some of these are mighty documents and take a lot of time to digest. But Councillors set about them willingly and methodically on your behalf. Documents that we've reviewed this year have included the District Council Local Plan and proposal for the combined authority.

The year started very pleasantly with our Annual Awards. Congratulations again to those people or organisations who received an award for their contribution to the community, or for their lovely front gardens.

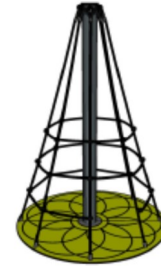
For the gardens, there's a small change this year. In addition to Councillors going round the area, we're encouraging people to nominate their neighbour's front garden if its particularly good. Nominations should be with Tracy by the end of June and the awards afternoon is the 26th July from 2pm. Do come if you can; it's always a happy occasion.

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Staying outdoors, we have been working toward new play equipment for the recreation ground. I'm delighted to say that we were successful with two grant applications, one from the National Lottery, and the other from Rother District Council Community Grant Scheme. We are very grateful for those, which allow us to provide more for the community without having to raise the precept.

The money will be spent, firstly, on replacing the gyro-spiral as the bearing is wearing out. We're purchasing an accessible net-twister and the safety surface underneath will be renewed at the same time.



Secondly, we're about to install a fenced off, pre-school play area between the climbing frame and the fitness equipment. We hope that all the new equipment will be in before the school summer holidays.



Finally, we'll be adding an all-weather path from the road past the play equipment up to the fitness equipment. There will be some additional seats and passing places at intervals along the length. That will be done in the autumn.

Good news there, but there was some sad news about the trees earlier in the year. The Parish Council has the trees on its land inspected every year and, every five years, we follow best practice by appointing a new professional arborologist. He did his first inspection in October last year. Many of his recommendations were routine: simply cutting back, removing ivy and so on. But three trees were found to have more substantial problems and further extensive tests were carried out.

The two trunks of a tree behind the basketball court were found to be splitting apart with a rotten area at the join. That tree will be reduced in size and be fitted with a brace to hold the trunks together. This will make it safe, and should allow it stand for many years to come. A large oak near the fitness equipment is substantially rotten near the base and will be made into another monolith, which will provide a good habitat for wildlife. The work will be completed soon.

But, with great sadness, we were unable to save our largest and oldest tree by the road. Using a system known as tomography, the tree specialist reported that, at 40cm from the ground, the tree was 88% decayed. A probe could be stuck straight into the tree at that level. Also the trunk had a 5m split on one side and was starting to split on the other. Taking all these factors into account and its position on the road and outside the school, he concluded that the tree was high risk and should be felled within 3 months.

The various tree reports, all 118 pages of them, because they go into a lot of detail, are on our website if you want to read them yourself.

Not surprisingly we received many comments. Some were very complimentary, with people thanking us for our care and for taking prompt action. Other people couldn't understand why it was necessary, partly perhaps because we weren't able to publish the reports right away for reasons of copyright. Other people simply asked questions, and I'd like briefly to run through some of the most common.

"I've looked at the timber on the ground and it doesn't seem to be very rotten". Eer, yes! Those sections were kept precisely because they are in reasonable condition, and we can make something useful from the timber. But there's a missing section of about a metre between the stump and the central trunk that was very rotten and taken away because it was not of any use.



Rotten wood at centre of tree

"You said there would be a hollow area in the trunk". That was a reasonable interpretation of the tomography - that's the system of sound waves that was used to give an image of the inside of the tree. If you search on-line 'What does blue indicate in tree tomography' you'll read something like 'that the wood has lost its structural integrity and may be hollow or dead'. In fact, although there was a hollow area, the blue area was found to be largely full of rotten and crumbly wood. Sorry if we misled anybody, that was certainly not our intention, but, if a big heavy tree like that, in a public place, has lost its structural integrity, it has to go.

"Why didn't you get a second opinion". Simply because the inspection was carried out by a highly qualified person, with 27 years' experience and using the latest specialist equipment. Previous reports had already noted the worsening crack and fungal bodies, and advised careful monitoring. So now to ignore the specialist's advice, could have invalidated our Public Liability Insurance.

"Did you look at other options?" Of course we did, and were able to find good options for two out of the three affected trees. Regrettably no alternative was available for the tree by the road, due to its condition and position.

"What's going to happen to the wildlife". The work was done before the nesting season for birds, and we took a lot of trouble to check for bats that would still have been hibernating. We didn't find any, but it's nice now to have bat boxes in a couple of places around the recreation ground and the second monolith will provide some more wildlife habitats.

Our work with the smaller items continues week in week out. Last year in this presentation, I built up this image of many of the areas we work on. Reporting potholes, street furniture in need of repair, hedges to be trimmed back, seats repaired, dog bins and so on. Incidentally, we'll soon be jet washing those and the swing seats. Early in the year, we had the bus shelter redecorated over the graffiti, an event commemorated on the cover of the July Newsletter.

The Newsletter continues to be published three times a year – one of Tracy's many responsibilities. Thank you to all who contribute about your organisations; we've received some kind comments from local people about the updated layout.

Speed Watch continues, and the local team were joined by Sussex Police for a couple of session in the past year. On a rolling 12 month basis, 418 vehicles were caught, with the fastest at 58mph. In one session, the police were recording speeders at one a minute, which is shocking but, what shocked me more, was that 30% were re-offenders. 418 vehicles caught is not that many, you may say, but that's because the team didn't have many sessions, and they didn't have many sessions because there aren't enough volunteers. So if you care about speeding through the village and can find a couple of hours from time to time, do please speak to Cllr Mark Wey tonight or, for that matter, to any other Cllr.

And, as ever, we commemorate national events. But we're sometimes asked why we don't lay on other things within the parish, for instance the 80th anniversary of VE day tomorrow. The answer is we're a small team with many other duties, but are always pleased to consider grants to other organisations in the village with the capacity to arrange things.

A word about finance. Each Council meeting receives detailed management accounts, bank reconciliations and payments to authorise. The annual accounts are externally audited and, in recently years, with our Clerk's good work, they have passed with flying colours. They're a public document, so you're welcome to have a copy if you wish. Then, once a year, we have to consider the precept, which we keep as low as we can. You'll have seen this graph before, which I've now extended for the new financial year. As you'll see, in recent years, we asked for a considerably lower increase than the general cost of living.

Before closing, I'd like to complement the Village Hall Management Committee. Under the leadership of Rod Came and other capable people. They have achieved an incredible amount in the past couple of years.

They've installed insulation and new lighting, upgraded the central heating, installed new fire doors, purchased new window and stage curtains, repaired the entrance to the drive and so on. Profit has increased from £350 in 2023 to a wonderful £4500 in 2025. So very well done to them. The Village Hall is a great asset to this community.

Overall, it's been another busy year, and we thank you for your support as we continue together for the good of this community.

Stephen Hampson
Chair.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in East Sussex

Central government has launched plans to devolve power from Whitehall and at the same time reorganise local government. Over the next two to three years, we can expect local government to change in East Sussex.

In December 2024, the three major Councils in Sussex, East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove Council, were invited to apply to the Government to become one Strategic Authority with an elected Mayor covering the whole of Sussex including Brighton & Hove. That application was accepted in March 2025, and detailed plans are expected to be submitted and approved by September 2025.

Mayoral Elections are expected to take place in May 2026.

It is also likely that the current two-tier system of local government will be abolished, with Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council ceasing to exist, and being replaced by a single Unitary authority for the whole of the East Sussex area. This should all be finalised and the new Authority in place by April 2028 but with elections for a Shadow Authority being held in May 2027.

More information can be found here: <https://www.rother.gov.uk/news/residents-views-sought-on-future-of-local-government/>

Parish Councils will remain unchanged, delivering the local level services to its residents. For Brede there will be little change. Rother District Council do not own or lease out any land, buildings, toilets or car parks in Brede so there are no extra services for the Parish Council to consider taking on responsibility for.

Community Street Meeting with PCSOs

PCSO Daryl Holter will be available on Tuesday 15th July at 6pm in the layby opposite the School by the Recreation Ground in Udimore Road

Everyone is welcome to come and ask questions or raise concerns at this time.

Community Speedwatch



To All Broad Oak / Brede Parishioners

I hope your all enjoying the warmer weather now we are almost mid-year into 2025.

As some would have seen, we have now started this year's campaign and worryingly still have the same level of people driving above the speed limit along the A28 in our village.

As I type this, we have conducted two sessions in which we have recorded over 100 offenders in a 3-hour period. Some were repeat offenders; four people were caught twice on the same session when on their return journey.

The main focus for the sessions is still on the A28 Cackle Street, as we are still recording high numbers. Once we have seen a better improvement we will look at attendance in other locations.

Issues that have been reported above the normal speeding offences, have been dangerous driving on the wrong side of the road, and a motorcyclist popping a wheelie at 60mph past us as a clear disregard to us being there, with a vehicle behind recording the incident for their personal gain.

As shared at the Annual Assembly we are actively looking for parishioners who can join our small team to conduct additional sessions, thus driving a higher level of tracking and reporting.

As always, we thank those who take the time to give us a friendly wave, it is appreciated to see what we do is acknowledged as a benefit. Thank You.

Lastly, as a statistic to bear in mind:

A vehicle travelling at 30mph driving at a fixed object will brake sufficiently.
A vehicle travelling at 35mph at same distance will hit the object at 8mp.
Hitting a person at 8mph will, as we know, cause injuries.

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



Potholes, Footpaths and other problems.

Like many of the local parishes, Brede has its problems with potholes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges, disappearing paths and other similar issues.

The Parish Council does its best to report these issues to East Sussex County Council, who are responsible for sorting most of these problems. However, you, the residents are equally able to report these issues, and sometimes the more a problem is reported, the quicker it will be sorted. At a recent meeting with Highways, the Parish Council were asked to ensure that all residents knew how to report these issues.

They can be easily reported online via www.eastsussex.gov.uk. Under the section 'Show more services', you will find links to report problems with roads and also for rights of way, the public footpaths of which there are many in the parish.

Reporting these problems yourself ensures that they are reported quickly and more accurately, as you can use the interactive maps to pinpoint the problem. Pictures can also be uploaded, which help to show the extent of the problems.

Issues which can be reported included:

- Potholes
- Overgrown hedges blocking paths
- Footpath issues such as broken stiles, bridges or gates
- Overgrown road footpaths needing clearing
- Blocked drains
- Flooded drains

You will also find a link to the East Sussex website on the Parish Council website under Parish Information, Useful Links.

Please do report as much as you can, so that the repairs and improvements are completed as quickly as possible. If you are having difficulties, please do let the Clerk know of any issues and help can be given.

Brede Village Hall

At the Annual General Meeting of the village hall committee in March, the trustees and members of the committee said farewell to their retiring chairman, Rod Came. Rod was given a resounding vote of appreciation for all the time and diligent work that he has so freely given to our valuable community asset.

Rod was first elected as chairman in September 2017 and served until January 2020. When it became obvious that difficulties were being experienced with the management and day to day operation of the hall which could have led to its closure, Rod again took the helm in November 2023 and, with the help of a number of extra volunteers, re-established the thriving enterprise that we see today.

We wish Rod all the best in his very well-deserved retirement and are sure that he will enjoy his garden and tinkering with his cars for many years into the future.

At our March meeting we also said farewell to two other valuable trustees, Sue Branson - who had also been our very efficient secretary for a number of years - and Beryl Jenkins, who supported us with her research and administrative skills.

Village halls have a very important role to play in rural life. They, along with the local church halls, provide focal points for the community where residents can share their interests in activities and hobbies, such as fitness, painting, singing, the WI etc.

Without the commitment of the trustees, who give their time and effort voluntarily, village halls would disappear, leaving rural community residents even more isolated.

We are blessed to have a thriving village hall thanks to the hard work and commitment of trustees such as Rod, Beryl and Sue and the remaining team. Their departure does, however, leave the committee short of a secretary and at least one other member/trustee.

If, having read this article, you want to help keep this vital community asset alive and thriving, please come and join us and help the village hall continue to grow. The demands on your time are not too onerous, as we work together and share the load. If you are interested, please contact myself, Jacqui or Penny.

For my part, I have agreed to step into Rod's role as chairman, and I don't underestimate the size of the shoes I am filling. I hope that I can continue the work that Rod started.

I moved to Brede just over four years ago from Rainham in Kent to be closer to my grandchildren in Hastings and, if you fancy a chat, you'll usually find me hanging around the Farmers' Market on a Friday - please come and say hello.

Michael Duffield



Brede Village Hall

is proud to host

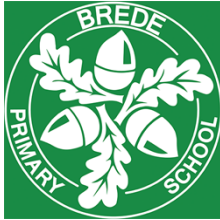
Brede Farmers' Market

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 News – Spring Term Highlights

It's been a busy and exciting term at school, filled with learning, creativity and community spirit!

World Book Day on 6th March saw the children bringing their favourite stories to life through creative artwork inspired by beloved books. From colourful paintings to imaginative 3D models, the school was buzzing with literary enthusiasm.

The **PTFA** hosted a fantastic **Valentine's Disco**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we were proud to support **Red Nose Day** by dressing in red to raise funds and awareness for a great cause.

Rabbit Class had a special visit to **Trinity Methodist Church**, where they learned how Easter is celebrated in the Christian faith. Meanwhile, the **Rights Respecting School Steering Group** welcomed **Cllr Stephen Hampson**, Chair of Brede Parish Council, as part of the **UNICEF OutRIGHT Campaign: A Call for Change**. The children shared their passion for protecting the trees on the recreation ground, presenting their heartfelt wishes for a greener future.

Hedgehog Class had a memorable experience with a visit from **Jaws and Claws**, enjoying a hands-on workshop with animals and reptiles that sparked wonder and curiosity.

In sport, our pupils have been incredibly active, participating in a range of events including **basketball, benchball, multi-skills, cross country**, and a special workshop with **Sussex County Cricket**. We are particularly proud of the four children who represented Rother and Hastings at the **Sussex County Cross Finals in Crawley** - a fantastic achievement!

We love educational trips at Brede and this term the children visited **Bodiam Castle and Hastings Museum**. We also enjoyed some seasonal treats, including a fun-filled **Easter egg hunt** and some delicious **pancake tasting**!

As always, thank you to our staff, volunteers, and families for making all these opportunities possible. We look forward to more adventures next term!

Best Wishes

Julie Knock
Headteacher





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.

45th Flower Festival 23rd-25th August

Saturday 23rd 10am to 4pm

Sunday 24th 11am to 4pm

Monday 25th 10am to 4pm

Refreshments in the Scout hut

Children's Tent and children's activities adjacent to the parking field.

Book Stall and Grand Draw in the Church Room, outside it the plant stall,

Grannies Attic, Children's Books

Help required over the three days, please contact Rhiannon on 01424 882037 or email. bredeparishmagazine@gmail.com

Jams and marmalade wanted, items for Grannies attic, the plant and cakes stalls.

Please bring items to the Church rooms on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd.

Brede Dragons The Third Sunday of the month in St George's Church Brede 10.45am- 11.45am



The session starts with singing and some craft, followed by a story. Parents welcome and are encouraged to stay, especially as the children are so young. (You might need to for the first few months until I and helpers obtain their Church enhanced DBS checks and our safeguarding courses) Younger siblings are welcome. Please invite your friends, all children are welcome.

Joanne Cosson

For further information, please visit the Church website –

<https://www.stgeorgesbrede.org.uk>

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



Join us for music,
story time, play &
refreshments

Thursdays in
Term Time
9:30am

Restarting on
11th September



Donations Welcome



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
B R O A D O A K

Hello to everyone from Trinity.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our new lay worker, David, started work with us

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*

at the beginning of the year. He has made good contact with the primary school, lead an assembly with them and welcomed individual classes to the church for a Treasure Hunt in the grounds, based on a Bible theme, then into the hall for some songs. The children have been very enthusiastic, and we have enjoyed being with them. David has also been visiting Roselands care home.

Everyone is welcome to our mid-week meeting on Monday afternoons. There is a varied programme or just sit and chat with friends if you prefer.

The wildlife garden is flourishing, with a wide variety of spring flowers (the violets were spectacular) and

birds using the nest boxes. The slow worms (we've seen up to 17 on one day) always excite the children.

At the end of July, we shall wish farewell to our minister, Rev'd Philip Wagstaff. **There will be no service at Trinity on 27th July**, as we will be joining other Methodist congregations for his final service at Battle Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming our new minister Rev Ian Couchman in September.

Our premises are now being used by many organisations, including the Parish Council, two choirs, a ballet class and a national charity, as well as for private functions. If you need somewhere to meet, do contact us.

Come for Coffee on Wednesdays will be suspended for the summer months of July and August. Arrangements for next autumn and winter will be announced in due course.

Our services on Sunday are at 10.30 am and a warm welcome is assured. When there is a 5th Sunday, we have an informal service in the hall. Do have a look at our website www.trinitybroad oak.org to keep up to date with our activities.

Angela Pepper-Coleman 07950 790339 or
01424 753295

Meet on Mondays

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

A warm welcome awaits you.

Bookswap

Games

Crafts

Discussions

Foodbank drop off

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

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Brede, call 01424 882690*



Rye & District Association

We offer a range of enjoyable events each month to members and non-members of our association in support of The National Trust.

Walks September-June | Talks October-May

Our 5 mile circular walks cost £3 and begin at 10.00am. 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 2.00pm at Brede Village Hall, and cost £5 for members/£10 for non-members – including refreshments.

Talk | Smallhythe Place Thursday 18 September

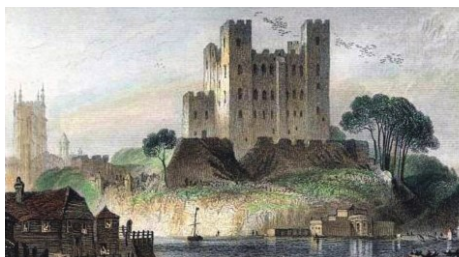
This talk takes place at Smallhythe Place.

Nicci Obholzer, will meet us in the theatre to give us an illustrated talk about the history of the Barn theatre chairs, and the fascinating people who sponsored them in the early 1930s. The biographies of these chair sponsors convey an international and natural history of the early twentieth century.



Outing to Rochester Tuesday 23 September

This special excursion includes a 90 minute Blue Badge walking tour of **Rochester** taking in all of the historic sites. There will be time afterwards for further exploration, plus an opportunity for a leisurely lunch before boarding the coach back to East Sussex. This Rochester City visit will be £32.00 per person including the guided tour and gratuities.



Contact: Dee Williams (membership) 07760 115413 membershipryenationaltrust@gmail.com
Julie Etches (bookings) 01797 225317, 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	Drs Sally Parnell, Alex Dale, Anna James and Nicky Cudlipp	01797 252140
Brede Village Hall Surgery	Rye Medical Centre	01797 223333
Broad Oak Surgery Mon, Tues & Thurs 8.30am –1pm Weds 8.30am-12noon Friday 8.30am-11am	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	David Oliver, Churchwarden	01424 882037
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	David Oliver	01424 882037
Brede Parish Newsletter	Tracy Dixon	clerk@brede-pc.org.uk

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	Mondays	2-4pm
Brede & Udimore Luncheon Club	Fran Parnham	01424 882007		4 th Tues	12.30pm
Farmers Market Ruth Burgess Email farmersmarket@brede.villagehall.org.uk			Village Hall	Every Friday	10am - noon
Brede Friendly Circle	Carol Baxter	01424 883262		3 rd Wed of month	2pm
Come4Coffee!	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 st 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 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-Coleman	01424 753295	Trinity Methodist Church	Mondays	2.30– 3.30pm
Women's Institute	jemdrew1925@gmail.com susan.orchard4@btinternet.com		Village Hall	2nd Wed of month	2-4pm
Brede Steam Engine Society	Jane Moody	07788 903153	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	01424 882037	2 Bellhurst Cottages	1st Weds of month	11am - 12noon
Painting for Pleasure	Anne Cootes	01424 882542	Village Hall	Every Tuesday	9.30am
Angling Club	Donna Bolton	07842 790237			
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 National Trust	Keith Sellens	07940 777250	Village Hall	3rd Thursday	2pm
Vocality	Elizabeth Richards	01424 751440	Village Hall	1st, 2nd, 4th (&5th) Thursdays	2pm



Brede Mothers' Union

5th July	Garden Party
9th August	Mary Sumner Day
6th September	Revd Sue Foster, Clewer Initiative - Anti Slavery
4th October	Branch Meeting
7th October	Autumn Council, Haywards Heath
1st November	Branch Meeting

For further information please contact Rhiannon Oliver, Branch Leader and Bexhill District Chair, 01424 882037 or email r.oliver641@btinternet.com



Singers wanted

Do you like to sing? We started a small singing group called Vocality about 13 years ago. We meet on Thursday afternoons (except the 3rd Thursday of the month) in Brede Village Hall at 2pm. We love to sing a broad selection of songs, folk, classical, some from the shows, some modern music, even pop, rather than the usual pieces covered by choirs. We wouldn't call ourselves a choir, just a group who sing well together. We don't work towards a performance, but enjoy each other's company and a shared love of collective singing.

You are welcome to join us in January when we resume after a Christmas break. No auditions, both genders. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. Duncan Reid, a well-known local music teacher, is our director of music and our accompanist.

We start again in January, not quite sure of the date yet, please keep a look out, or call Nadia on the number below,
The place: Brede Village Hall – the time 2pm to 3pm. Plus a cup of well-earned tea and a biscuit.

Any questions please call Nadia Florence-Marshall 01424 882948.

Brede Angling Club

Brede Angling Club is a small, friendly village club with exclusive **fishing rights to Kingswood Pond**, located in the fields to the left just before the Broad Oak Village Hall. We are also proud members of the **Rother Fishery Association (RFA)**, giving our members access to additional waters at **Newenden, Bodiam, and parts of the Military Canal**.



Membership Rates:

- Adults: **£20 per year**
- Juniors: **£7 per year** (under 16, as long as their 16th birthday is after 16th June)
- Under 5s: **Free**

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Kingswood Pond is open all year round (RFA waters observe the traditional closed season). **Day tickets available (with 1 day's notice):** Adults: **£5** Juniors: **£2.50** Call the number below to book.

Memberships and Renewals

We are now accepting **renewals and new membership requests**.

All members must email to request a membership form.

Payment can be made by **bank transfer or cash**, and membership cards will be **posted or hand delivered**. Please allow up to **5 days** for processing.

For more info or to request a form:

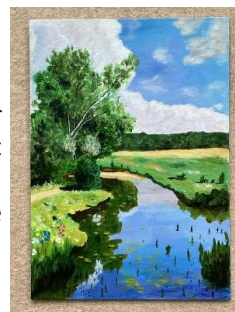
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Brede Painting for Pleasure.

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.

Member Profile Len

I started painting about ten years ago when I moved to Sussex. After seeing an advertisement for a local art class, I thought I would give it a try, even though I hadn't done any kind of art since I left school. Now I look forward to my weekly morning sessions at Brede Village Hall with the Painting for Pleasure Group. '





Brede Friendly Circle

June saw us at Tibbs Farm where we took in the marvellous view of the Rother valley as we sipped our coffee and ate our cakes.

Wednesday 16th July Garden Party at 2pm (garden to be decided)

Wednesday 17th September Sandhurst Tea Rooms

Wednesday 15th October Bodiam National Trust tea room

We always meet at the venue at 10.30am. We can and do offer lifts to those who do not drive.

If you would like to join us- please call our Secretary Carol on 01424 883262
Or contact Rhiannon on 01424 882037

Brede and Udimore Luncheon Club

The Village Lunch Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12.30. p.m. at the 'Red Lion' Brede. At our friendly and sociable Club, members are served a two-course lunch prepared on the premises by the chef and his team. The cost of the meal is £14.pp and drinks to complement your meal can be purchased at the bar. We always finish the meeting with a generous raffle!

For information about the Lunch Club, please contact:
Frances Parnham (Membership Secretary) 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 gsl1stbrede@hotmail.com

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Luciano Frige 07818 070807

Brede WI

The last couple of months have been a busy time for Brede WI and here are just a few of the highlights.

In March, our popular Lunch Club went to COAST Restaurant in Hastings College and our members thoroughly enjoyed the visit. The restaurant gives students the opportunity to gain experience in all aspects of catering by preparing and serving meals to customers who, for a reasonable cost, can enjoy a two or three course meal. The restaurant is spacious and attractively styled with a coastal theme and also has a bar. The menu was varied, and the meals were attractively presented with excellent customer service. COAST can be booked by contacting the college, all details are online - it is worth a visit.

March also saw our members have their first opportunity to try Burlesque dancing, which is beneficial to mental and physical health. Emma from Bodi Blossom taught us a simple routine carefully adapted for all abilities which could also be done seated; she also explained the health benefits. A good soundtrack and decorative fans added to the ambience of the experience, and Emma's enthusiasm ensured everyone had a great afternoon.

On the 9th April Brede WI celebrated their 98th Birthday. We celebrated by inviting an excellent speaker, Pete Allen, who entertained us with an illustrated presentation of 'Rocking The Silver Screen – how the cinema learned to Rock and Roll'. Pete took us on a journey from the early films of the silent era, through the classic musicals, by which time stars including Cliff Richard, Tommy Steele and of course Elvis Presley were not only very popular singers, but were also starring in films. The Beatles, The Who and other bands joined in and Film Stars became Pop Stars and Pop Stars became Film stars. It was perfect party entertainment and was followed by an excellent birthday tea complete with Birthday cake. The WI advertised this as an Open Meeting when people can attend a meeting for £5 including entertainment and tea and we were delighted to welcome 12 visitors. We will advertise future events locally.

If you would like to know more about Brede WI please contact

Sue Orchard Joint President on 07305693745



BREDE STEAM GIANTS

The warmer weather recently has been encouraging more visitors to come to see the "Giants" on our Open Days. Our diesel compressor continues to work well and so we do manage to have most of the engines running for people to see.

The Power House building is now complete, and the walls and floor have been painted. As you will appreciate, this work has been taking up most of the time that our volunteers spend on site on Saturdays. We are very pleased with the results so far and we can see how much more space we will have to display even more machines in the future. Work is now progressing well to install all the electric compressors inside the building.

We are still hopeful that we will have all this work completed before the winter, although all the equipment will have to undergo thorough testing before we can use the new system on our Open Days. When all the work is complete, we will be able to run all the engines at the same time on every Open Day, without the noise of any diesel compressors.

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. There is an accessible toilet which also has a baby-change facility, in addition to our original facilities which 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 - 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

We are a local charity that holds a monthly "Get together" in the first Friday of every month at the Udimore Community Hall.

Coffee (or tea) and biscuits (or cake) are provided and card and board games are available (or just come for a chat) and company).

The morning starts at 10:30 and finishes at 12:30 and a donation of £5 is requested (all of which is distributed to the four charities).

The four charities we support are:

FSW – a Sussex based charity who support families going through hardship

Freedom from Fistula providing medical care in Africa for women who have after birth problems

Papua New Guinea Church Partnership which is a Christian group providing health and educational facilities

Tanzanear who run a school for deaf children.

These are all UK registered charities and all the funds we raised are distributed between them.

If you don't have transport and would like to come, this can be arranged as the FlexiBus can pick you up and return you.

There is no charge for the transport if you hold a Rother Bus pass or £4 return if you don't, but you will need to let us know so that we can arrange the transport. Contact Steve on 0770 217 3839 or email him at steve@chitcombe.co.uk.

Everyone is very welcome.

Please contact Steve Edwards on 01424 882222 or email him at steve@chitcombe.co.uk to book a seat.

Visit www.4charities.net for more information.



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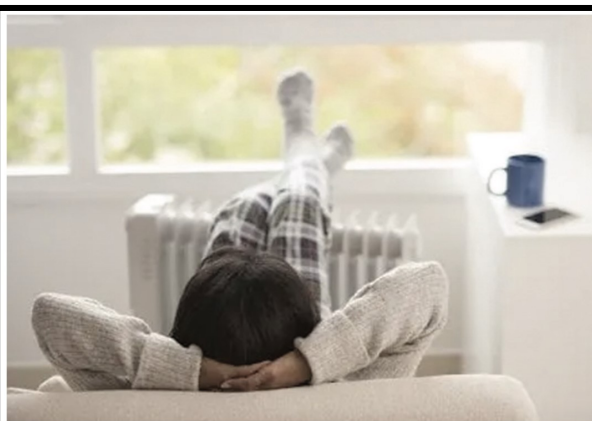
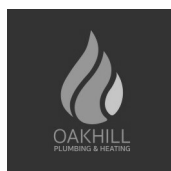
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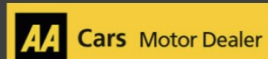
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