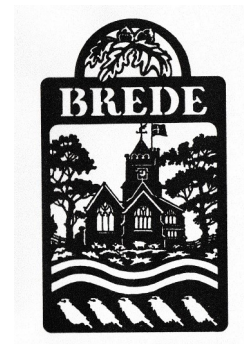


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NEXT Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in March 2026. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the clerk, Tracy Dixon (clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk) by **Friday 16th January 2026**.

Brede Parish Council

Notes from the Chair

Well, that was a good summer!

The Village Hall was well filled for our annual awards. Congratulations again to all who keep such excellent front gardens. The increasing numbers of hanging baskets make the parish look so cheerful. And to our individual and corporate winners: you have contributed a lot to this community, so thank you for all that you have done for us. Pictures of the winners are on page 6.

Then, at long last, we were able to install some pre-school play equipment and replace the worn-out Gyro Spiral with a Net Twister. They have all been well used over the summer. The all-weather path that we've promised, has recently been installed and will be a great help during the winter when the land is so wet. It's wide enough for an adult mobility scooter, with passing places and a turning circle. Pictures on pages 7&8.

The major work to make the old oak trees safe has been completed. The cost of the tree surgeons with their specialist equipment didn't greatly surprise me. But the cost of the national regulations to check for bats (one pipistrel was found) came as an unwelcome surprise. I now have every sympathy for HS2 with their £125m bat tunnel! At least we now have some bat boxes around the Recreation Ground, which might encourage more.

So the year rolls on. We shall shortly be celebrating Remembrance Sunday and have ordered some additional large poppies to use round the community. Both our churches will of course hold appropriate services. I do ask you to observe the two minutes silence if you can.

The churches will also both have carol services on the winter solstice, Sunday 21st December. The Friends of St George will hold a singalong at 3pm and Trinity Methodist Church a service of Carols by Candlelight starting at 3.30pm. Both will be followed by refreshments.

Finally, a plea for some more councillors, as two have had to stand down with work and family pressures. If you care about this community and feel you would like to contribute more, do please contact our Parish Clerk.

I wish you a good autumn and Christmas season.

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 25th November 2025	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
December 2025	No Meeting
Tuesday 27th January 2026	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Brede Village Hall, Committee Room
Tuesday 24th March 2026	Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday 28th April 2026	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.

Community Street Meeting with PCSOs

PCSO Daryl Holter will be available on Friday 5th December at 11am 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.

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.

MAKE A CHANGE

BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

If you care about where you live and are passionate about the community, then think about applying to become a Councillor.

The Parish Council has two vacancies to fill. You need to be able to attend monthly meetings on a Tuesday.

Please contact the clerk for further information.

Eligibility

To become a Brede Parish Councillor **you must:**

- Be a Commonwealth citizen (which includes a British subject), or a citizen of a member state of the European Union and be over 18.

In addition, you must meet one of the following four qualifications:

- You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish from the day of your co-option, **OR**

During the whole of the 12 months preceding co-option, you:

- Have resided in the parish, or within 3 miles of it, **OR**
- Had your principle place of work in the parish **OR**
- Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish.

Disqualifications:

You **may not** become a Brede Parish Councillor if:

- You hold a paid office or other place of profit in the gift of Brede Parish Council.
- You have been declared bankrupt in the past 5 years and not repaid the debts.
- You have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment (including suspended sentences) within the past 5 years.
- You have been disqualified under the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983
- You are subject to the notification requirement of/or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.



WINNERS OF THE 2025 GARDEN AND SHIELD COMPETITIONS

Best Large Garden

1st Prize – Firecrest, Furnace Lane

2nd Prize – Avocet, Cackle Street

3rd Prize – 2 Kicker Cottages, Furnace Lane

Best Small Garden

1st Prize – 16 Pottery Close

2nd Prize – 1 Reedswood Road

3rd Prize – The Choyce, Cackle Street

Best Hanging Baskets/Containers

1st Prize – Maidlands Cottage, Udimore Road

2nd Prize – The Old Forge, Kingwood Hill

3rd Prize – 2 Oakfield Cottages, Cackle Street

Brede Shield Award

Brede Steam Giants

Community Spirit Shield Award

Rod Came

Young Person Award

Frankie Gregory

Start getting ready for 2026



Garden and Shield Awards Afternoon



Brede Shield: Brede Steam Giants



Young Person: Frankie Gregory

A presentation afternoon was held on Saturday 26th July in Brede Village Hall. All nominees had been invited, and the event was open to all members of the parish. Around 70 people came and enjoyed the refreshments and presentations.



Best Containers and Baskets



Community Spirit Award: Rod Came



Best Large Garden

Update on Works around the Parish

The tree works were completed in July, and the new Play Equipment Project finally began. The first piece to be installed was a Net Twister to replace the well-loved Gyro Spiral, who's bearings had finally expired through so much use. The safety matting around the equipment was also replaced, and is now looking very smart. The Net Twister has been well used over the summer and, unlike the Gyro Spiral, can be enjoyed by more than two people at a time.



Next, in August, was the new preschool play area, all enclosed in a fence for safety. This will allow the younger children to play, without the fear of them easily running off. Four brightly coloured pieces should give plenty of play opportunities.



Finally, in September, an accessible path to all the equipment, with passing places was laid. Hopefully this will mean that the play equipment can be enjoyed more during the wetter months, without getting so muddy trying to reach it. The Parish Council was able to do all this work thanks to grants from the National Lottery Awards for all Scheme, and the Rother Community Grants Scheme.



Flexibus service for Brede, Cackle Street and Broad Oak

Operated on behalf of East Sussex County Council and funded by the UK Government Flexibus offers a convenient bus service in areas of the county that has limited or no public transport. It provides an affordable [free to bus pass holders], on-demand ride-share bus service for journeys within a 14-mile radius of a passenger's pickup point.



Flexibus can take passengers into Rye or Battle but does not operate in areas where there is a good transport network. For example, it will connect with bus services on The Ridge in Hastings, and get to the Conquest Hospital, but not go into town but will go into Bexhill.

Wherever possible Flexibus will pick passengers up from their door rather than requiring them to go to a bus stop. The buses are wheelchair accessible; assistance dogs are welcome on board and, if they are able to, drivers will offer support to passengers at pick-up point or destination.

The service operates Monday to Saturday between the hours of 7am and 7pm and rides can be booked at least 30 minutes in advance [although a longer notice would be advisable] and up to 7 days in advance. Bookings can be made by phone to 01273 078203 or via the Ride Pingo app which can be download from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

More information about Flexibus including terms and condition can be found at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/Flexibus

We would welcome your feedback on the Flexibus service. How you found the booking process? Was the pick-up convenient? Was your experience good or bad? Do you have any suggestions for improvement? Please send comments to Cllr.martin.griffiths@brede-PC.gov.uk

Potholes and blocked drains

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

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'.

Community Speedwatch



To All Broad Oak / Brede Parishioners

I hope you had a great summer as now we move into autumn and the colder, wetter weather. As autumn draws into winter, it is imperative to follow the speed limits of the roads and ensure that extra time is given to those journeys. With the leaves falling and the road surfaces wet with standing water, the roads are becoming slippery and more hazardous. So please everyone take care whilst driving and walking through our wonderful villages.

We have carried out a number of Speedwatch sessions and recorded a total of 335 vehicles driving over the speed limit, some considerably, which has remained the main concern to us all.

The focus has remained on the A28 Cackle Street, but we are looking to hold sessions in some of the other key areas, as discussed with some of you in the villages. There have also been discussions about starting up groups in surrounding villages, and we need to see how these can be coordinated for us all to be out.

Issues that have been reported over and above the normal speeding offenders have been reckless driving offences, such as driving on wrong side of the road, (one nearly having a head on collision), and offensive behaviour towards the group whilst carrying out sessions. As a reminder these are taken seriously by Sussex Police and are followed up accordingly

As shared previously, we are actively looking for parishioners that can join our small team, thus driving a higher level of tracking and reporting.

Even if it's an hour a month, this will help record issues and encourage better behaviour through the village and make it safe for everyone to walk and drive around with reduced risks.

I wish to thank those that take the time to give us a friendly wave. It's appreciated. Even if we don't smile back sometimes, doesn't mean we don't recognise every one of you.

Lastly as a statistic:

Nationally 43% of car drivers were caught speeding on 30mph road in 2024, an increase of 1%. A total of 205,522 people were found guilty of speeding.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a **national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds. 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



Brede Village Hall

It's hard to believe that I have been Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for 6 months already! Where has the time gone? The time has certainly flown-by and there has never been a dull moment.



Reassuringly, throughout the entire period, the Village Hall diary has remained very busy; in fact we have, on occasion, had to disappoint potential hirers. In between the bookings, we have been able to continue our improvement program to the Hall. The biggest changes, which visitors will have noticed, are the new curtains on the windows, as well as the new stage curtains. We have had many compliments and comments about how much brighter and welcoming these have made the hall.

Those changes, along with lots of other small but equally important improvements, continue to make Brede Village Hall one of the most sought-after locations.

For the future, we are looking at how we can take advantage of solar energy, given the expanse of roof area we are blessed with, I'll keep you posted on how we get on.

On the down side, the committee are still running without a secretary, which puts added pressure on the existing members. If there is anyone out there who can spare a couple of hours, a month why not join the committee and enjoy the reward of knowing that you are doing something for the community. Just give one of the committee members a call. The work is not too onerous, and the rest of the committee don't bite, well not hard anyway.

The Village Hall activities will continue throughout the winter, so if you fancy some company, or just an excuse to get warm at someone else's expense, please come and join one of our clubs, societies or classes. And don't forget that every Friday morning from 10-12 there is the Farmers Market, a great place to meet people even if you don't want to buy anything, although there is so much choice you'll find it hard not too.

I'll close this article with one plea; parking at the Village Hall is a premium when there are events taking place. We like to get as many cars in the car park as we can, in order to minimise disruption on the road. We have experimented with painting white markers on the block paving, but it seems not many people have noticed these. So, the plea is, please park sensibly and as close as possible to the car next to you.

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

Celebrating Success, Nature, and Community Spirit

We're excited to share some wonderful news and highlights from Brede Primary School!

In 2025, Brede Primary achieved the highest Key Stage 2 SATs results in the county, with a remarkable 100% of our Year 6 children achieving top marks in reading, writing, and mathematics. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication of our pupils, teachers and support staff, and families. However, at Brede, learning goes far beyond test results. This year, we introduced *Green Explorers Fridays*, a special programme where children spend their Friday afternoons outdoors, connecting with nature. Throughout the year, our pupils take part in Forest and Beach School, Farming School, Gardening and ECO projects, and the Junior Duke Award. Every Friday is a dress-down day, filled with fun and hands-on learning in the fresh air.

We were grateful to Trinity Methodist Church, particularly their outreach worker, David Swales, who led a special service for our Year 6 leavers. They were presented with transition booklets designed to support their move to secondary school, helping ease this important step in their education journey.

We are thrilled to announce that Brede Primary has proudly earned the *School Games GOLD Mark Award* for the 2024/25 academic year! This prestigious government-backed award, supported by the Youth Sport Trust celebrates school sport beyond the national curriculum.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the PTA Summer Fair. It was a fantastic day filled with delicious treats, exciting games, and lots of laughter—a true celebration of our school community. We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated PTA parents for their hard work in organising the event, as well as our brilliant staff who helped on the stalls and even took their turn in the stocks!

Thanks to generous donations and the hard work of our children and families, we have created a beautiful new sensory garden. Over the summer term, the children helped shovel soil, mix compost, plant flowers, herbs, and plants, hang decorations, paint pebbles, and water everything regularly. Special thanks to Nathan Fletcher from AHS Ltd for donating topsoil and compost, and to David and John Paine for gifting logs and stepping stones for both the sensory garden and our forest school projects.

And finally, our curriculum remained packed with memorable trips and activities, from visits to the lifeboat station, Hastings Museum, and Rye Beach, to our annual sports day and numerous sporting competitions with local schools. It's always a hive of activity, with plenty of opportunities for our children to learn, explore, and grow.

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.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

There will be a Remembrance Service at 10.45am after the morning service. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Events at St George's



Thursday 4th December

Cranbrook Town Band 7.30pm

Tickets £10, Children £1 Under 5's free

Saturday 6th December

Christmas Tree Festival and Follow the Star

10am to 1pm

Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle



Sunday 21st December

Friends of St Georges Church Singalong 3pm

Free Entry, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, Raffle

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

Christingle Service 3pm

All Welcome.





TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
B R O A D O A K

Greetings to everyone in Broad Oak and Brede.

This year our **Carols by Candlelight**, which has been enjoyed by many members of the community in recent years, is on **Sunday 21st December starting at 3.30pm**. It will be followed by refreshments. We would love you to join us.

Meet on Mondays continues every week between 2 and 4pm. There are different activities on each occasion and plenty of chat, tea and cake.

Our coffee morning has restarted after a break for the summer months. We have renamed it Wednesday Welcome and it meets between 10am and midday every week.

Everyone is very welcome to both these events.

Meet on Mondays

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

A warm welcome awaits you.

Book swap

Games and 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*

Wednesday Welcome

**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*

Our previous minister, Rev'd Philip Wagstaff, has now retired and has been replaced by Rev'd Ian Couchman, who is also the superintendent of the Hastings Bexhill and Rye Methodist Circuit. We look forward to his time with us. He will be leading worship at Trinity about once a month.

Our lay worker David is has made very good contact with the primary school next door and has held assemblies. We

have had various classes coming to our church and grounds. The children who left school in the summer were all presented with a book from us. David has organised a good programme for the autumn term, including Lego church! That should be fun. David also visits Roselands on a weekly basis and is well received there. He attends some of our services and mid-week events.

Angela Pepper-Coleman 07950 790339 or 01424 753295



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.

Future Events

Thursday 6th November WALK

Meet at the Six Bells, Woodchurch

Thursday 20th November TALK

Head Hunters of Sarawak Roy Hale

Thursday 4th December CHRISTMAS PARTY AND TALK

So Far So Good Malcolm Wells MBE

Tuesday 9th December WALK

Meet at the Castle Inn, Bodiam

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Tuesday 13th January WALK

To be arranged

Thursday 15th January TALK

The Canal That Never Was David Clarke

Thursday 12th February WALK

To be arranged

Thursday 19th February TALK

A Year of Garden Birds and Plants. Christine George

Contact: Dee Williams (membership) 07760 115413 membership@ryenationaltrust@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 Ian Couchman	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
Wednesday Welcome	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
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	Sue McGavin/ Lynne Bramley	01424 883566/ 07795 202733	Village Hall	Fridays	4-6pm
Rye and District National Trust	Keith Sellens	07940 777250	Village Hall	3rd Thursday	2pm
Vocality	Nadia Florence-Marshall	01424 882948	Village Hall	1st, 2nd, 4th (&5th) Thursdays	2pm

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We do need more people to join us and join in. This week we helped at the Citizenship Ceremony at the Town Hall in Hastings with three members from Rye MU. We provided tea and cake following the swearing of allegiance and the National Anthem. It is a moving ceremony and it means so much to those who wish to become British Citizens. The same three members from Rye do 'Eat Cake' at the Conquest via the Chaplaincy team. They visit the special care baby unit to give support to young mums and the Doctors and Nurses by having a listening ear and giving out tea and cake.

Brede still do the hospital bags, but it is down to me to gather all that is needed for the bags then to fill them and deliver them, as most of our members are over 90. It would be lovely to have a younger Branch so that we could be more useful. If you think you are interested but not sure, please contact me either by phoning 01424 882037 or emailing rhannonoliver20@gmail.com I would love to hear from you.

Rhiannon Oliver, Branch Leader and Bexhill District Chair



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.

Vocality resumed its activities following a summer break, with rehearsals recommencing on 11th September.

On 11th October, the group participated in "The Big Sing," a fundraiser organised by St Michael's Hospice.

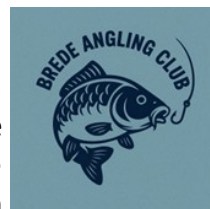
Throughout November and December, Vocality will revisit their collection of Seasonal Carols in anticipation of potential Christmas event performances.

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:

Email: donnabolton989@gmail.com **Call:** 07807 827006

Brede Painting for Pleasure.

Painting for Pleasure is a friendly art group that continues to meet at Brede Village Hall on Tuesday morning 9.30-12.30. We do our own thing, but help each other when needed. We hold an exhibition of our work for sale every August bank holiday.

Contact Ann Cootes on anniecootes@icloud.com



Brede Friendly Circle

We are still going after 60 odd years, but what we do has changed so much, as we used to meet in the evening at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There we would have a talk and cake and tea afterwards.

It was a big group then, but now there is a dozen or so of us and we enjoy going to different venues for coffee at 10.30am, leaving the Village at 10am.

We still encourage people to join us as we have such a good time and enjoy each other's company.

Please contact Carol on 01424 882626 if you would like more information or wish to join our group.

Rhiannon Oliver

Acting Chairman

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

Group Scout Leader

Cherry McCleery

07761 730956

gsl1stbrede@hotmail.com

Beaver Scout Leader (6-8 yrs)

Cherry McCleery

07761 730956

gsl1stbrede@hotmail.com

Cub Scout Leader (8-10½ yrs)

Peter Clark 07702 407725

famclark@hotmail.com

Scout Leader (10½ to 14½ yrs)

Luciano Frige 07818 070807

Brede WI

The wonderful weather this summer has been enjoyed by Brede WI members who have made the most of the sunshine in their activities.

Our Croquet Club has met on Tuesday afternoons throughout the summer in the beautiful garden of Sue McGavin and Marion Brunt's home. We've spent some fun afternoons enjoying croquet matches and tea in mostly perfect conditions. The Croquet Tournament takes place at the end of September, which sees the close of the club until next year.

The William the Conqueror pub in Rye Harbour proved an excellent choice for our Lunch Club meeting in July. The warm sunshine enabled members to look round Rye Harbour and enjoy the views, which isn't always possible.

In August we met in Maggie Sandra's lovely garden for a VE / VJ themed Garden Party. The garden was beautifully decorated for the occasion with members in 'of the time' outfits. We had a great time with a sing song and a few glasses of Prosecco – until the first rain shower for weeks arrived – but it didn't dampen our spirits!

We have some excellent meetings in the coming months. August will see the BUGS – Battle Ukelele Group visiting our monthly meeting. On 12th November we will be putting on the inaugural performance of the Brede WI Showgirls (instead of a pantomime). This is an Open Meeting where visitors are invited to join us for £5 including tea. Wednesday 10th December is our Christmas Party with a very special Royal visitor. This is also an Open Meeting and both events will be advertised locally nearer the time.

If you would like to know more about Brede WI or would like to join us, please contact:

Sue Orchard – Joint President on 07305693745



BREDE STEAM GIANTS

We were very honoured to be awarded the Brede Shield Award 2025 by Brede Parish Council "for our work preserving, renovating and displaying our local and national heritage in water pumping technology". This was a huge surprise to us all and all the volunteers are very grateful that we have been remembered in such a way by the village. Thank you very much!

We have welcomed fewer visitors through the summer months, possibly due to the very hot weather. However, we have been unable to run any of the engines for much of this time, because we made the decision to upgrade all the pipework that delivers the compressed air to all the engines while the electric compressors are still having their electrical wiring completed. This will, hopefully, ensure that the engines can be started more easily and will run more smoothly. This pipe upgrade has now been completed and we can, once more, run most of the engines on Open Days, although we do still have to change-over between running the two large engines at lunchtime, as we have only enough air from our single diesel compressor to run one of these at a time.

Work still continues with the electrical work for the electric compressors and we hope that this will be 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.

This has been a major upgrade to the whole system and will, hopefully, ensure that the "Giants" will continue to be a source of pride for the village for many years to come.

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.

Design with Flowers

We now meet on the 2nd Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. At the moment, we are meeting at 2 Bellhurst Cottages, until we are a big enough group to move into Trinty Methodist Hall. The cost for the class is £3 plus flowers and foliage and maybe a bit more for pots, tape and anything else you may need from our box to enable a beautiful flower arrangement to be made.



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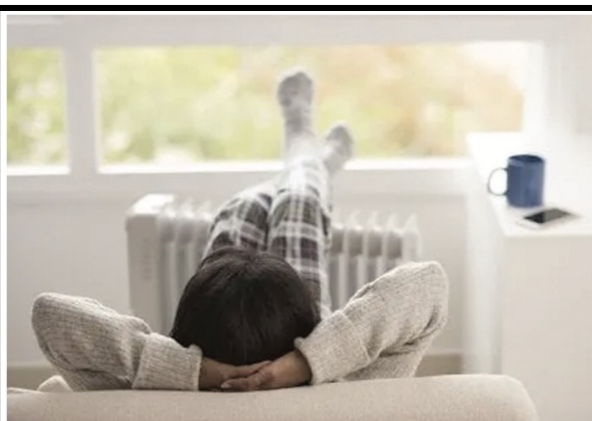
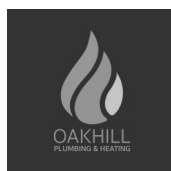
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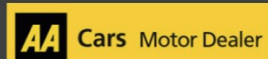
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