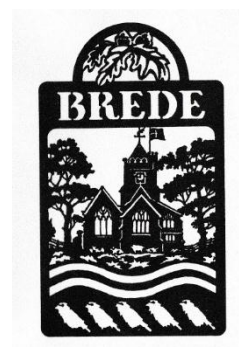


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NEXT Newsletter

The next newsletter will be in November 2026. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the Clerk, Tracy Dixon (clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk) by **Friday 4th September 2026**.

Brede Parish Council

Notes from the Chair

With the County Council elections completed, a new combination of parties will be deciding matters that are important for our community. It will be interesting to see if County priorities change. Election promises are to be expected, but reality will soon intervene.

As Chair of a Parish Council where party allegiances are rarely known to each other and never influence our decisions, I would like, in equal measure, to congratulate Daniel Lach (newly elected Reform County Councillor) and thank Carl Maynard (our previous Conservative County Councillor). Carl attended our Council meetings regularly and was always willing to follow up local concerns, including sometimes walking the streets with Parish Councillors to look at matters such as road surfaces, street signs or wheelchair access. We trust that Daniel will do the same.

Attendance at our Parish Assembly was less than the previous year, as unfortunately a Saturday evening was the only time that the Village Hall was available. Well done to them for their many bookings. Our guest speaker, Dr John Crook, gave an excellent talk on times past in this village, reminding us that we are lucky to live in an area with such an interesting heritage. My report on behalf of the Parish Council is on page 5-9 of this Newsletter. We have already booked the Hall for 20th April at 6pm next year, so keep the date free if you can.

The next Parish event is the annual prize giving for the best front gardens, and for an adult, a child and a local group who have made a particular contribution to the community in the past year. It's a fun and relaxed occasion open to all, starting at 2pm on 18 July. Further information is on page 4.

Finally, I hope you came to Brede Primary School's Summer Fete on 27th June and gave generously. We're very lucky to have such a good school here to teach and support the next generation. After all, in seven short years or less, some of them will be voting in local and national elections.

Enjoy the summer!

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

All meetings will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday 28th July
August 2026 No Meeting
Tuesday 22nd September
Tuesday 27th October
Tuesday 24th November

Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor.
If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for more details.

Garden Competition and Shield Awards Afternoon

There will be a presentation of awards on
Saturday 18th 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 residents of the parish.
Do come along
Refreshments available

Summary of the Chair's Report to Brede Parish Assembly on 21st March 2026

Good evening, everybody. Welcome to Brede Parish Council's Annual Assembly. It's good to see you all here.

That was another busy year for the Council. We held 10 general and 12 planning meetings, plus some additional discussions on topics that needed more lengthy consideration. All required careful preparation to ensure that different aspects were understood and considered. So, I'd like to thank all who served the Council in the past year. During the year, Greg Olson and Mark Chamberlain stood down due to work and family pressures, and after a gap of a few months, we were pleased to welcome Nigel Hobson. There are currently eight Councillors and there is one vacancy.



I'd also like to thank Neil Gordon and Carl Maynard, our District and County Councillors, who work closely with us and our excellent Clerk, Tracy Dixon. She gets through an incredible amount of work on our, and therefore your, behalf.

We're often asked to give feedback on draft policy documents from the District and County Councils. Three big items in the past year have been the proposal for a combined District and County authority, the District Council's Development Strategy and Site Allocation and the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation. Some of these are massive documents and take us a lot of time to study and comment.

During the year we considered 35 planning applications, and we've recommended that 83% of them should be approved by the District Council. The biggest application was the proposal for 27, later changed to 29, new houses between Tillingham View and the Northiam Road. This met with considerable opposition from the community and we've done all we can to make representations to the District Council.

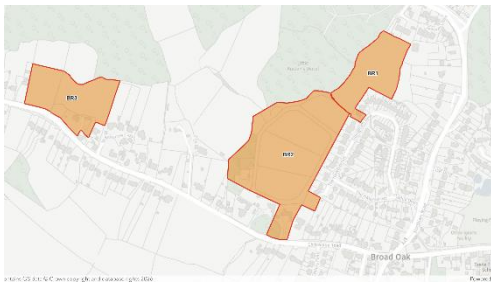


Rother's Development Strategy and Site Allocation up to 2042, has recently been issued for consultation. Patches of development are being proposed in many towns and villages. About half the total will be around Bexhill, but also quite a lot around Battle, some more houses in Westfield and so on.

In this Parish, all the proposed developments would be in Broad Oak - three areas, which would add 99 houses to the 570 in Broad Oak at the moment. That's a huge proportion of new houses.

The first parcel of land in Broad Oak is the one I've just mentioned; the land to the West of the Northiam Road and down to Tillingham View.

Then a bigger area of housing between the Tillingham View development and the Chitcombe Rd. That would have 70 houses and some open space, so quite sizable. These two developments would be connected for cycles and pedestrians. Again, we've recently given extensive feedback.



The third is for a smaller development further out along the Chitcombe Rd which would have 20 houses. Finally, there's a proposal to make permanent the temporary traveller's site off Cackle Street.

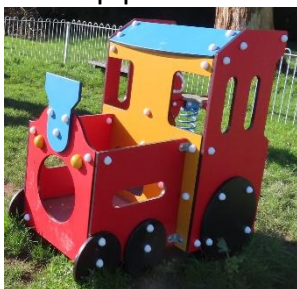
The Council's comments on the Development Strategy and Site Allocation have covered aspects such as access, public transport, the crossroads, effect on wildlife, sewerage and so on. The Council also considered whether the developments will change the overall feel of this rural village in a National Landscape, as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is now called.

In any community a doctor's surgery is an important local resource and we were alarmed to hear rumours that the Broad Oak surgery might be closed because, as you know, there is minimal public transport between here and Northiam. A statement was in the March newsletter and we have been told:

"The practice is currently reviewing all the services as part of ongoing planning, which is normal process within the NHS. Should any permanent changes be proposed in the future, patients will be informed formally, clearly, and in advance and, where appropriate, patient views will be considered"

Well, I can't think when it would NOT be appropriate to consider patient's views on matters such as location; that's what any good customer facing organisation would do, though clearly they need to take other things into account also, such as staff availability and running costs for two premises.

So, if some you would like to keep an eye on things in conjunction with the Patient Participation Group and, if necessary, organise a community campaign, that would be excellent. You might like to give your name to one of the Councillors here tonight and we'll see that you're all in contact with each other. Rest assured that the Parish Council will keep pressure on the practice and work alongside you.



Two things have given me particular pleasure in the past year. The first was the further development of the recreation ground. The biggest change was installation of a pre-school play area, and it's been good to see that being well used. We also replaced the worn-out gyro-spiral with a net twister and added a new safety surface.

The new play equipment was followed by the much-admired path. We looked into several different finishes and I'm pleased that we decided on resin, even though it was rather more expensive.

We do have plans to develop the recreation ground further, but that will take time and quite a lot of money. Just to give you some idea of the costs, the preschool play area cost about £16,000 and the net



twister and base about £10,000. They're big items for a small council though, on this occasion, we received some very useful grants.

You will recall that, last year, with much sadness, we had to cut down the large oak tree by the roadside. The rotten area is now very evident. One requirement was extensive work to check for any roosting bats, and we put up several bat boxes.



At that time the ground was too wet to take heavy vehicles across the grass, but we were able to do the other necessary work last summer. On that occasion, a bat was found which cost us many thousands of pounds for specialists to be in attendance. After all that, the tree was fitted with a bat excluder and the bat no doubt found somewhere else to live.



We've continued with our inspections of the trees on Parish Council land, to make sure they remain safe and in good health. Work included an aerial inspection of the larger trees to see the canopy more clearly. I'm pleased to say that this year they only needed routine work to keep them in good order.



The second standout item for the year was of course the summer awards for front gardens and for people and organisations who have made a substantial contribution to the parish. About 70 people attended and we had an excellent afternoon. Individual awards were to Rod Came for his work with the Village Hall and previously the Parish Council, and to a remarkable youngster, Frankie Gregory. The Brede Shield was awarded to Brede Steam Giants, who are a very special organisation in this community.

Then a big list of awards and commendations for large and small front gardens, pots and hanging baskets. Well done to all those people who are a credit to our community, and to all of you who keep your front gardens clean and tidy.

This year the judges will be checking front gardens in June, and the awards day will be on 18th July. Once again, we are asking you to nominate any particularly good front gardens in your neighbourhood. Nominations should be with Tracy by the end of June. Do come to the awards if you can; it's always a happy occasion.



And, as ever, we commemorated national events. Poppies were put up again for Remembrance Sunday and we plan to buy a few more each year. We were grateful to the scouts for the poppies opposite the village shop.

An innovation this year was some Christmas trees, one on the recreation ground and the other in front of the parish church. We've found some budget for trees again this year and we'll hope to do something better for Christmas as the years pass.

I should mention our budget and the contribution that is required from residents. In recent years we have kept any increase well below inflation but, if we are going to provide a decent level of service and facilities, that can't last for ever.

Let me show you how our precept for a Band D property in 2025-26 compared with other parishes with a similar population.

Sale and Robertsbridge	£148
Northiam	£122
Hurst Green	£111
Westfield	£103
Sedlescombe	£102
Camber	£89
Fairlight	£80
BREDE	£50

That's a huge difference and restricts what we can provide. So, for the coming year, we are asking Band D properties to contribute an additional 28 pence per week, which is less than £15 per year. Quite a lot in percentage terms, but a small amount of money. That will allow us to continue to develop facilities in the parish and to put a little into reserves.

Some of you will have already heard most of this through the Newsletter. As usual we put out three editions, so I would like to thank all those who contribute to the Newsletter and of course to Tracy who has the work of putting it together. Another of Tracy's jobs has been to move 60 years of parish records, all carefully checked, into the County Archive.

Our work with the smaller items continues week in week out. Reporting potholes, arranging for grass and hedges to be trimmed, dog bins emptied and repaired, seats repaired or replaced and so on. Yes, the broken one on the Recreation Ground will be replaced very soon. After a long wait, the bollards in Cackle Street were replaced again. We've continued to organise Speedwatch sessions in the summer months.



Do feel free to let us know of anything needs attention, but we would encourage you to report highways items online, as that is the quickest way to get something done. If you can provide a photograph and a what3words reference, so much the better.

In these reports, although it's not run by the Parish Council, I do always like to mention the village hall, which is such a great asset for this community. A lot of work has gone into updating the hall and its surroundings, both under Rod Came and more recently under my colleague Mike Duffield. So many thanks to all the village hall committee for their hard work to provide such a great facility for all of us.

**Thank you for your support as we continue
together for the good of this community.**

Local Government Re-organisation in East Sussex

By the time you read this article the second public consultation from Westminster on local government reorganisation in Sussex will have closed.

Reorganisation is being considered because the government believes that the current two-tier system of local authorities [in other words having an upper tier county council with some responsibilities and a lower tier, in our case Rother District Council with other responsibilities] is inefficient. Instead, it would like a unitary authority with a population of around 500,000 people, which it says will save money. In our case, 500,000 residents roughly equate to the current footprint of East Sussex County Council.

Critics of this approach say that such a reform would mean that the new authority would be too remote from the people it serves.

None the less central government seems intent on going ahead.

In 2025, at the government's request, the East Sussex local authorities put a lot of time and effort into a proposal for a single council for the county, followed by a consultation. However, in March this year the government announced it was not ready to decide and consulted on an alternative plan, which would entail taking some neighbouring towns and villages into a larger Brighton & Hove Council. This is strongly opposed by the residents affected.

We wait to see how this will play out, but one wonders if the original timescale of holding elections for a shadow unitary authority in 2027 with the authority fully in place in 2028 will be realistic, especially given the current government's track record of cancelling and postponing elections.

In parallel to local government reorganisation, there is a plan to devolve more power from Westminster to the regions. This will take the form of a Combined Strategic County Authority covering the whole of East and West Sussex, as well as Brighton & Hove and would have an elected mayor. Work is already underway to set up this authority and elections for the mayor are due in 2028.

Cllr Martin Griffiths

Chair of the Rother Association of Local Councils
working group on local government reorganisation.

Calling all Gardeners

[with a little spare time]



As every gardener knows, there's always something waiting to be done. But perhaps that 'something' is to contribute a little of your time and skills to the community.

The Parish Council would like to plant some wildflower areas in the Parish, starting with the triangle on the left of the Recreation Ground. As you'll know, it's important to control the grass thoroughly before seeding

with wildflowers.

So, if you could find a little time for our **Recreation Ground Wildflower and Tidy Up Project**, that would be greatly appreciated by many in the village.

We would like to follow that in the autumn with **Bulb Planting on the Village Green**. But we would like to start planning soon, so would appreciate your expertise.

After that, who knows? Perhaps you do! Certainly many areas in the Parish could be improved with some planting and attention.

If you would like to take part in these or similar projects, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Tracy Dixon on clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk. We look forward to working with you.



Brede Village Hall



The hall continues to have a busy diary with lots of varied classes for all ages, as well as our regular group activities. We are also pleased to say that we now have a 'natural medicine and wellness' practitioner renting the treatment room.

At the end of March, we held our AGM and it was really pleasing to see a resident attend and even more pleasing to receive a lovely letter from one of our hirers. I've copied an extract from the letter below:

'Brede Village Hall has given me the chance to build a business that works around family life. But, beyond my own situation, the impact on the wider community has been genuinely remarkable. We now have a group achieving fantastic things with their health and wellbeing. It's been incredible to watch, and it simply wouldn't be possible without access to the hall.'

The Audited Annual Accounts for the year to Oct 2025 were received.

These accounts reflected the fact that the hall was hired much more frequently and, as a result, our income increased 30% from the previous year.

The upturn in income was fortunate because, at the same time, a Fire Risk Assessment identified significant work needed to meet current Fire Regulations. Not all of these costs could be met from grants, resulting in having to draw on our reserves.

The challenge this year will be to try to maintain our increased income and break even as we complete the remaining works.

The trustees would like to thank our Treasurer Penny for managing our finances so well and keeping us on the straight and narrow. As well as producing the accounts and having them audited, Penny is also our Booking Clerk and has done a brilliant job in attracting new hirers. I'm also pleased to tell you that at the AGM all of the Trustees/Committee members decided to carry on for another year. Without their dedication and willingness to give up their free time so enthusiastically the Hall would not be as successful as it is.

Moving away from the AGM, some of you may have noticed the dilapidated state of the Millenium seat at the entrance to the Car Park. The seat is beyond safe repair, and the Trustees have decided to replace it.

We are extremely grateful to the Friday Farmers Market Tea Ladies group who have kindly donated £500 towards the cost of the replacement. Thank You for your generosity.

It is hoped that the back of the Millenium seat can be salvaged and preserved and mounted on an outside wall.

Finally, the trustees have two pleas for you:

1. We recently had a major issue with blocked drains due to wipes and other items being flushed down the toilets – **please only flush toilet paper!**
2. Despite various 'experiments' to encourage 'closer' parking we still see large spaces between vehicles which reduces the number that can get in our car park. Please park sensibly and close to the car next to you to maximise use of our limited space.



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

Life at Brede Primary School is never dull, with its usual brilliant mix of charity, community, and wonderful organised chaos! The school was transformed into a living storybook as pupils (and teachers!) arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. From classic Roald Dahl heroes, to modern comic book legends, the creativity on display was a testament to our children's love for reading. In a fantastic show of support for our hard-working PTA, the whole community also turned up with hair styles filled with neon colours, gravity-defying spikes, and glitter in support of the school's annual summer fair to be held on Saturday 27th June 2026

Beyond the classroom, our pupils have been challenging themselves, building teamwork skills, and punching above our weight in regional sports. Energy levels have been sky-high with recent basketball and bench ball competitions. Meanwhile, our older pupils took to two wheels around the village for Bikeability, mastering essential road safety skills and gaining the confidence to cycle safely around our roads. A special mention must go to our incredible girl runners in Year 5 and 6 who made it all the way to the finals of the Sussex Schools Cross Country Competition. Competing against much larger schools from across the county, our athletes showed both determination and stamina. We are incredibly proud of them!

Learning at our village school doesn't stop at the classroom door. The children have been out and about experiencing the very best of our local landscape and heritage. From brilliant hands-on farm experiences where the children learned about sustainable agriculture, met the animals, and connected with the countryside that surrounds us, to a day of discovery and getting up close to the wildlife at Drusillas Park. The pupils also turned into budding scientists and geographers for the day at Rye Harbour, exploring the unique coastal nature reserve.

Thank you to everyone in the parish who continues to support our school. We are incredibly lucky to be at the heart of this community. Here's to our exciting next chapter!

Julie Knock Headteacher





Trinity Methodist Church

Udimore Road, TN31 6DG

At Trinity we have now moved our Welcome Wednesday to the afternoon, 2-4 pm, with activities, crafts, discussions and plenty of time to chat over tea, coffee and cake. Anyone is very welcome to join us.

Don't forget we also have a drop-off point for Hastings Food Bank and a bookswap for paperback fiction.

We are delighted to be working regularly with Brede Primary School. We've had some very good sessions with various classes, both indoors and using our wildlife garden. Several of our members took part in a whole school assembly in the chapel before Easter. There will be another whole school assembly at the end of the summer term to say goodbye to those leaving for secondary school.



Our wildlife garden continues to be enjoyed by members of the community. Several of our nestboxes are in use, butterflies are starting to be seen and slow worms are nearly always present. Come for a wander round or just sit and relax looking over the delightful Brede valley.

We visit Whitegates care home in Westfield on a regular basis and had a lovely Easter service with the residents. David, our lay worker, also visits Roselands regularly - a singalong with the residents and some of our members was greatly appreciated.

Our services are at 10.30am on Sunday mornings and, when a month has a 5th Sunday, we have an informal service at 3pm in the hall. It would be lovely to see you.

Details are all on our website www.trinitybroad oak.org.uk.

You can contact me on 01424 753295 or 07950 790339

Angela Pepper-Coleman



St George's Brede

Regular Sunday Services:

Holy Communion at 9.30am

A message from Francesca (Fran) Reid, the recently inducted Rector for the Benefice of Brede with Udimore and Beckley and Peasmarsch.

'Hello everyone at Brede, Udimore, Beckley, and Peasmarsch! I am absolutely delighted to be your new Rector, and I am so looking forward to joining you all in due course and getting to know you.

I thought I would tell you a little bit about me. I grew up in Kent, near Tonbridge, and I came to faith as a teenager after deciding to pick up a Bible and have a go at praying! I studied Classics at Oxford, then, after spending a year as a church intern in Hackney, East London, I studied for ordination at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. For the past three to four years, I have ministered as Assistant Curate in St George's and Holy Trinity, Wolverton, at the northern edge of the city of Milton Keynes. I have really enjoyed getting involved in the local community there. I have been a Public Governor for Milton Keynes University Hospital, I have worked closely with the Town Council at Civic events, and have had experience as a School Governor at the local Infant School, and I really enjoy working with all the local schools in many different ways.

Outside of ministry, I have a strong passion for singing and choral music. I have sung in the chamber choir Polymnia in Milton Keynes and the Arcadian Singers in Oxford. I also love nature and going for walks and hikes with my husband Hugh, who is also a priest, and we both love Onyx, who is our very fluffy cat.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all, getting to know you, and working together to serve Our Lord in our community.'



Brede Mothers' Union met on Wednesday 6th May beginning with a visit to Sheila. It was so good to see her so well after her recent stay in hospital. We had an amusing hour chatting about past events. We then travelled on to Tibbs Farm for cheese scones, tea and more chatter. The one thing that came out of our chatter was the importance to have a purpose. Some climb out of bed in the morning with no purpose and dread the day ahead.

Next month we are having an open garden on Wednesday 3rd June to raise money for the Mother's Union Caravan at Winchelsea Beach (AFIA) Away from it all, where people can go who cannot afford a holiday but desperately need to go away, can have a subsidised week for £25. We are also raising money for Family Support Work.

On Monday 6th July we will be attending the District meeting instead of having our Wednesday meeting.

Rhiannon Oliver
Brede Branch Leader
Bexhill MU District Chairman



Brede Friendly Circle

Last month we travelled to the Fish Farm and had a wonderful morning drinking coffee and having scones or a full breakfast and a lot of chatter.

Wednesday 15th July is our Garden Party and it will be in Maureen's Garden in Furnace Lane at 2pm. Please note the time change.

If you would like to go out for coffee once a month with a friendly bunch of ladies, then please phone Carol on 01424 883262. She will be pleased to hear from you. We can still offer lifts but, if you are a car driver that wants to join us, we will welcome you with open arms as our transport is nearly full.

Brede & 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 chef Spencer and his team.

The cost of the meal is £15 pp. Coffee, teas and other drinks to complement your meal, can be purchased at the bar. Our monthly gathering always finishes with a generous raffle! For information about the Lunch Club, please contact:

Frances Parnham (Membership Secretary) T. 01424 882007

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Conquest Hospital		0330 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 - 12 noon 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 and Newspapers

Rye & Battle Observer	Brede Column, Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037 07375 957244
Brede Parish Church Magazine/Monthly	David Oliver	01424 882037
Brede Parish Council Newsletter	Tracy Dixon	clerk@brede-pc.gov.uk

Groups in the Village	Contact	Phone Number	Venue	When	Time
1 st Brede Scout Group/Beavers and Cubs	Cherry McCleery	07761 730956	Scout Hall	Mon& Tues	See pg 21
Bookswap	Stephen Hampson	01424 882690	Trinity Methodist Church	Weds	2-4pm
Brede & Udimore Lunch Club	Fran Parnham	01424 882007		4 th Tues	12.30pm
Farmers Market Email: Farmersmarket@bredevillagehall.org.uk	Ruth Burgess		Village Hall	Fridays	10am – noon
Brede Friendly Circle	Carol Baxter	01424 883262		3 rd Weds	10am
Wednesday Welcome	Angela Pepper-Coleman	01424 753295	Trinity Methodist Church	Weds	2-4pm
Friends of Brede School		01424 882393			
Mothers' Union	Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037	St George's Church Room	1 st Weds	1.30pm
Beginners Yoga	Jodie Creaser	07583 469584	Village Hall	Tues & Weds	7.30pm 9.30am
Pilates	Geraldine Bennett	07811 141873	Village Hall	Thurs	6.30pm
Adult Ballet Barre Class	Aysha Janie	01424 883238	Village Hall	Thurs	11am
Little Giants Baby and Toddler Group	Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037	St George's Church	Thurs (term time)	9.30am

Groups Continued	Contact	Phone Number	Venue	When	Time
Bell Ringers	Wendy Burchett	01424 882727	St George's Church	1 st & 3 rd Sundays	8.45am
Brede Crafters	Jacqui Armstrong	01424 883091	Village Hall	Last Weds	2-4pm
Women's Institute	Jemdrew1925@gmail.com Susan.orchard4@btinternet.com		Village Hall	2 nd Weds	2-4pm
Brede Steam Engine Society	Jane Moody	07788 903153	Brede Waterworks	1 st Sat	10am-4pm
BSARS	m0nuc.bsars@gmail.com		Scout Hut	Tues & 1 st Sat	
Design with Flowers	Rhiannon Oliver	01424 882037	2 Bellhurst Cottages	2 nd Mon	7-9pm
Painting for Pleasure	Anne Cootes	01424 882542	Village Hall	Tues	9.30am
Angling Club	Donna Bolton	07842 790237			
Cricket Club	Graham Dining	07941 228660/01424 852413			
Short Mat Bowls Club	Sue McGavin / Lynne Bramley	01424883566 07795 202733	Village Hall	Fridays	4-6pm
Rye and District National Trust	Keith Sellens	07940 777250	Village Hall	3 rd Thurs	2pm
Vocality	Nadia Florence-Marshall	01424 882948	Village Hall	Thursday (not 3 rd)	2pm

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 information 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. Contact Ann Cootes on anniecootes@icloud.com

Art Exhibition 29th, 30th and 31st August. Brede Painting for Pleasure Group will be holding their annual exhibition of work by local artists. Entry and parking are free. There will be refreshments and a raffle: the prize being an original piece of artwork.



Singers wanted

Established by passionate music enthusiasts, 15 years ago, Vocality rehearses weekly, embracing a wide range of musical genres. No auditions are required; enthusiasm and a love of music are all you need.

Vocality is more than just a choir; it is a community hub where friendships blossom and local connections are strengthened. Members not only sing together, but also participate in social gatherings, charity events, and performances in local venues, supporting community initiatives and spreading joy through music.

Whether you are looking to improve your singing, meet new people, or simply have fun, Vocality offers a welcoming and enjoyable environment for all. Join us and discover the transformative power of music within your community.

The place: Brede Village Hall, (except on a third Thursday when we meet at Trinity Methodist Church Hall) – the time 2pm to 3.30pm. Plus a cup of well-earned tea and a biscuit. There is a modest membership fee to cover venue hire and sheet music etc. Any questions please call Nadia Florence-Marshall 01424 882948.

1st Brede Scouts



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

Mondays 5–6pm

Monday 6.30—8pm

Tuesday 7—9 pm

Beavers 6 to 8½

Cubs 8½ - 10½

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

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Beaver Scout Leader (6-8 yrs)

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Peter Clark 07702 407725
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Scout Leader (10½ to 14½ yrs)

Luciano Frige 07818 070807

Brede WI

The better weather in April was welcomed by Brede WI members, as our Croquet Club could start our new-season meeting weekly meetings in the beautiful garden of Dig Tree House. The afternoons are enjoyed by all, and a chilly wind has not dampened our spirits. Croquet continues through the summer until October.

We have had some excellent speakers at our monthly Members meetings this year. In particular David Allen gave a detailed and amusing account of Lady Poisoners of Victorian England, using members of the audience to bring the subject to life. Everyone entered into the spirit of the performance, and we shall certainly ask David to return with one of his other subjects.

2027 is going to be a big year for Brede WI as we celebrate our Centenary. We got off to a good start at our April Meeting by celebrating our 99th birthday with a visit from Battle Ukelele Group (BUGS). They played a selection of mostly 1960s and 1970s music, and we were literally dancing round our handbags! It was a great afternoon rounded off with a Birthday Tea, complete with a spectacular birthday cake made by Lesley, one of our members. BUGS have already asked to come back to celebrate the Centenary - they will be most welcome.

The various WI Clubs offer members the opportunity to take part in different activities; the Lunch Club in particular is always well supported. So far this year, visits have included the New Inn, The Two Sawyers and The White Dog with other venues planned including the COAST restaurant in Hastings College, where the students prepare and serve a variety of dishes in a coastal setting. It is certainly worth a visit. We are also looking forward to our Spring Lunch in Udimore Hall, when an excellent lunch is served in pleasant surroundings.

Meetings for the rest of the year includes a talk on forensics, Burlesque dancing and a presentation of a Tudor Christmas, which will be an Open Meeting in November.

If you would like more information about Brede WI, please contact

Sue Orchard, Joint President 0 07305693745



4 Charities

We are a local charity that holds a monthly get together on 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 which supports 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

May saw us doing Hogarth Curves. It is not the easiest of designs to do, but I think you will agree, as this is the first time these were done by the group, they did really well. I am so proud of their efforts.

On Monday 13th July, we will be doing a summer basket. For this, greenery is required along with flowers, secateurs, tape and a basket. The idea is to do the basket, leaving the handle free so that it can be picked up.

If you are interested in coming and having a go, please contact me on 01424 882037 or email rhannonoliver20@gmail.com

BREDE STEAM GIANTS - The Heritage Site on your doorstep.

The work on our new Power House is almost complete. It is surprising sometimes just how much has to be done to complete a project!

We now have a much-improved air system to enable us to run all the engines. We took the opportunity to install new emergency cut-off valves adjacent to the engines while completing the new pipework. Hopefully they will never be needed, but it is an improvement to the system and was best done while all the rest of the work was being completed. The electrical work is now finished and so we are now running all our engines using the new compressed air system, without the noise from any diesel compressors.

This has been a major upgrade 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 will 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 - cash only. 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 will be amazed!

We look forward to welcoming you all!





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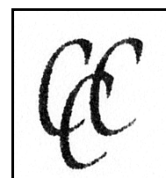
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Booking Clerk Mrs Penny Williams 07541 263991

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

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

Brede Scout Hut

Cherry McCleery 07761 730956 gsl1stbrede@hotmail.com

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

Trinity Methodist Church and Hall

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

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