



Udimore Parish Council Newsletter

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Next Council meeting

*The Parish Council will meet on
Wednesday
18th March 2015*

*At 6.30pm in Udimore
Community Hall.
All are welcome to attend*

The agenda at a glance

Electronic Communication

Plaque for memorial tree

Library visits and hall use

Annual Parish Meeting

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The January parish council meeting

At the January meeting the Parish Council decided to keep the precept – the part of the council tax that is received by the Parish Council, unchanged at £5800 for the year 2015-16.

The Parish Council also decided to commission a traffic and speed survey to be conducted in the spring by East Sussex County Council.

Next meeting of the Parish Council

On Wednesday 18th March at 6.30 in Udimore Community Hall. The agenda includes noise reduction equipment for the hall, an update on traffic and speed surveys and the plaque for the memorial trees.

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Mobile library and St Mary's Community Hall.

Arrangements have been made for the hall to be open and tea and coffee available when the mobile library visits on 25th March, 15th April and 6th May. Beyond this the hall will continue to be open on library days only if there is sufficient support by library users and by others.

St Michael's Hospice

The hospice is organising community tea parties on or around 24th April and is seeking volunteers willing to host a party for friends and neighbours.

Further information can be obtained from 01424 456380 or fundraisingatmichaelsospice.com. Volunteers will receive a participants' pack

National plant monitoring scheme

The Parish Council has been notified of a national plant monitoring scheme that will commence in Spring 2015. The scheme is organised by the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland and other conservation and ecology bodies.

Its aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity. The scheme is seeking volunteers who can identify plants, or who are keen to learn. You do not have to be an experienced botanist.

Volunteers will be allocated a local one kilometer square, within which you will record indicator species in about 5 plots. The scheme is a scientific survey so the recording will need to be accurate and consistent. To this end the scheme will provide training at free workshops.

If you are interested please look at npms.org.uk. If we have a number of volunteers from Udimore, I would hope that it would be possible to organise collective efforts.

Elections to the Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting on 18th March will be the final meeting of the council elected in May 2011. If you wish to stand in the election to be held on 7th May, the same day as the General Election and district council elections; nominations must be received by the returning officer in Bexhill no later than 9th April.

If you are considering standing for the council please contact any councillor or the clerk, who will provide further details.

Sussex Policing

We have received a message from Chief Constable Giles York on the Local Policing Programme, which will be implemented over the next four years. More details can be found at www.sussex.police.uk

The chief constable's message has 10 paragraphs, one of which begins 'like many public sector organisations, we will be smaller in future'. The other paragraphs elaborate on what this will mean.

Udimore planning applications

All planning applications are decided by Rother District Council. Udimore Parish Council is always notified of new applications in the parish so that it can submit relevant local information or comments to the planning department at Rother DC. Since your last newsletter there has been one planning decision:

RR/2014/2821/L and RR/2014/2820/P Chatsby, Udimore Road, Udimore. Form a new opening to the existing modern addition on ground floor level in order to enlarge existing toilet and form a shower room and also enlarge existing bathroom above.

Decision: Listed building consent and planning permission granted.

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found at <http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/361/Online-Applications-and-Decisions>

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