



# Peasmarsh Periodical



*February 2013*

## **Joe Rider**

We were all saddened to hear of Joe's death. He made a quiet, but valuable contribution to the village, serving for many years as Treasurer to the Recreation Ground Committee and to the Memorial Hall Management Committee. He always participated in the produce classes in the Flower and Craft Shows, and was a faithful member of Rye Baptist Church.

There will be a Memorial Service for this kind, friendly gentleman at the Baptist Church in Rye on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.45 am.

*Thank you to those of you who took the trouble to drop off volunteer forms last month. It's never too late to volunteer. If you missed the boxes you can drop your form round to Hilary at Spindlewood (Main Street) or to Jenny at Millwood (Mackerel Hill – just past Flackley Ash)*

## **Family Service at Peasmarsh Church**



**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.am.  
The Feast of the Presentation**

## **What is happening to Parish Council Tax this year**

*This may seem a rather boring topic, but the Parish Council felt that this account, written by the Clerk would help you to understand the changes:-*

The precept is the amount of money needed to maintain parish facilities and support the community. It is decided each year by the Parish Council following a budget process. The total amount required is notified to Rother District Council who collect this from Peasmarsh residents along with their Council Tax. The parish precept is shown separately on annual Council Tax bills.

For the last three years the precept has been set at £25,770. This sum is shared out among Peasmarsh Council Tax payers and in 2012/13 this meant that a band D property paid £47.96 for the year. Residents in lower band properties pay less, and residents in higher band properties pay more, with totals averaging out at the band D level.

From 2013/14 the Government has abolished Council Tax benefit. This was a benefit paid to help reduce the Council Tax bill for some residents on low incomes. In its place the District Council is required to offer Council Tax rebates to some low income residents. This is called a Council Tax Support scheme (CTS). However the Government is only going to give District Councils 90% of the amount previously refunded to them for Council Tax benefits. This funding gap will affect the rate of Council Tax across Rother and for Peasmarsh will mean an increase in individual annual precept contributions from £47.96 to £50.45 for band D. This will show on band D bills as an increase of 5.19%.

**To summarise**, Peasmarsh Parish's precept is staying the same for the fourth year running. The Parish Council has determined not to allow costs to rise and to manage with the same level of precept income. However residents' council tax bills will show that their contribution to the precept has increased. Each Council tax payer in a band D property will be asked to pay an additional £2.49 for the year to make up for the shortfall arising from the lower Government grant, with other bands paying proportional increases.



### **Peasmarsh Village Society**

The newly elected committee of the Peasmarsh Village Society met on Monday. 14th. January.

It was agreed that everyone in the village be automatically a member of P.V.S, so there will no longer be a membership fee or membership cards. It is "our" P.V.S. not "the" P.V.S. We aim to promote P.V.S. at the opening of the refurbished Memorial Hall, and opt in members of other village groups, particularly the Youth Club.

"Our village" P.V.S. will encourage get-togethers & joint coffee mornings with other local groups - to create a vibrant community in Peasmarsh.

It was agreed to maintain the original aims of the Society:

1. To promote the development and improvement of the village, structurally and as a community.
2. To protect our environment.
3. To co-operate with the Parish Council and other organisations within the village to achieve these aims.

The next meeting will be at the Horse and Cart Pub on Monday, 11th. February, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. See you there. *Sandra Farley.*

#### **VILLAGE LINKS**

##### **Peasmarsh Parish Council**

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##### **Memorial Hall Bookings & Enquiries**

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##### **Recreation Ground Fixtures & Bookings**

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##### **Churchwardens:**

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##### **Zumba**

Julie Fletcher Mob. 07794 838113

##### **Brownies**

Diane Nunn T. 01797 280257

##### **The Rye 10 Road Race (in May)**

<http://nice-work.org.uk/events.php?id=60>

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

##### **The Hall**

Congratulations to our contractors who continue to work steadily on the Memorial Hall despite all the cold and the wet. There is a lot of work yet to be done, and it will probably be nearer June before we can hold our "Grand Re-opening"

Also thanks to the Committee working tirelessly to make sure all the furniture and fittings will be as we want them.



##### **The Organ**

This work too is taking rather longer than we had hoped – partly because we now find we need a new "blower" and partly because once the organ was opened up a large family of mice were discovered to have taken up residence inside.

Nevertheless we still hope this work will be completed by Easter.



*Question: Are those umbrellas in a straight horizontal line, or not ?*

#### **The Coming Year.**

No Jubilee or Olympics this year, but plenty for this village to look forward to.

Mothers' Day on March 10<sup>th</sup> and an early Easter on March 31<sup>st</sup>

No date yet decided for the popular "Peasmarsh Archive Day" (usually in April) as that will have to wait for the hall to be open.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> you can vote (at the Pavilion) for a new County Council

The wonderful young Celan Quartet returns to Peasmarsh on May 6<sup>th</sup> for a concert and supper in the church

The last bank holiday weekend in May (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>) will be the Flower Festival and the Rye Run on the Sunday.

In June we shall have the Grand Hall Re-opening (watch this space !)

Also in June the Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival returns from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.