

The Rye Run

Over 200 runners took part in the 2nd year of the Rye10 Road Race on Sunday 26th May in aid of The Peasmarsh Memorial Hall refurbishment

The race is an important part of the running calendar as it is the only 10 mile race in East Sussex and is rated as a Grand Prix event

The weather was ideal with the temperature at around 15c and sunny with runners starting to register at the Cock Inn as early as 9am for the race which started at 10am

The start and finish was at Jempson's car park with the race being run along Tanhouse Lane, Starvecrow Lane, Moore's Lane, Furnace Lane, Horseshoe Lane and back to Jempson's via Starvecrow Lane and Tanhouse Lane

This year's winner was again Jeff Pyrah of Hastings AC who ran the 10 miles in an impressive time of 56.23min which is an improvement of 3 minutes on his winning time of last year

Our thanks go to Martin and Cathy Burke of Nicework for their on-going support and without whom this race would be impossible, also to Jempson's for again allowing us to use their car park for this event and The Cock Inn for the use of their garden for the runner registration and the use of their facilities

A very BIG thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday morning to make this a success by helping to man water stations and act as marshals during the race.



Many thanks to Jempson's for a cheque of £72.75 from their Peasmarsh store collection box in aid of the Memorial Hall refurbishment and to all of the customers for their generous contributions

Visitors to Peasmarsh Church Flower Festival enjoy the sunny weather



There will be another **Family Service** on June 30th. Come and enjoy the new organ! Or bring your pet to the special Pet Service at Beckley at 10am on July 14th

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Concerned residents and the Parish Council have been consulting with the Police and with the Highways department of ESCC in an effort to reduce speeding through the village and the subsequent accidents and damage to property.

Several villages in the area have taken advantage of a police offer to train a team of residents to operate speed cameras with successful results.

Would you be willing to become part of such a team? We need 8 – 10 volunteers. If so, speak to any member of the parish council.

It would be good to have this in operation before the heavy summer traffic builds up.

Don't forget the **Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival**, taking place this month from June 20th to 23rd. Concerts take place in Peasmarsh Church, except for the one on Friday evening 21st which is at St Mary's Church, Rye.

Brochures are in the church, or call the festival box office at 253178.

Peasmarsh Revived

Peasmarsh Memorial Hall Refurbishment Project

Last month we reported that it was hoped to complete work by the end of June.

This turned out to be an overly optimistic assessment, and it is now more likely that the building work will be finished in mid-July. Then there will obviously be some additional time needed to get the surrounding grounds in order and install various extra fittings.

A more realistic date for the hall to be available for users is the beginning of August, with a tentative date for a "GRAND OPENING" at the end of August.

It will be possible to check booking details and hall availability online (see address for the new hall website at the bottom of this page).

We are looking forward to a whole range of new activities and facilities for residents from September onwards. In addition to the new enlarged hall (with underfloor heating) and entrance lobby, the "committee room" at the rear has been greatly extended so that there will be the option of splitting it into two smaller rooms with a divider.

The kitchen will be fitted out to a standard where it will actually be possible to cook meals.



HOUSING & PLANNING

Housing and Planning are always controversial issues. Almost all of us are resistant to change in principal. Nobody wants a new housing estate over their back fence, even if it is only 3 or 4 houses. In Peasmarsh we are especially conscious of the age and limitations of our drainage system and our power supply.

In company with every other village in Rother we are concerned lest the rejection of the Local Plan should result in a greatly increased housing allocation between now and 2028. We need to work with our local authority to enable them to submit an alternative plan which does make provision for more housing, since failure to do so will put us at the mercy of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Developers.

Under the most recent proposals discussed by the parish council with Norman Kwan from Rother DC it is likely that our allocation would only increase by about 10 houses above that in the original plan, over the next 15 years.

This is still in the discussion stage. We will keep you informed as matters progress.

Meanwhile radical changes to the law regarding change of use and extensions to private property have already come into effect.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

During the past year, at the request of a group of residents, a grit bin was supplied to the Maltings roundabout and as long as there are public-spirited people prepared to be responsible for its use the council will keep it filled. If you think you need one in your street it is up to you to get together with your neighbours and form a group to take responsibility for its use and then approach the council.

Don't leave it till December!!

Addresses for the new Memorial Hall Website:

Web address - peasmarshmh.org.uk or peasmarshmh.btck.co.uk

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