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January 2020 News

Leaves on the Roads:

Although the bulk of the leaves have fallen now, there are still lots lying about in the driveways of homes and on the pavements. Could the Parish Council make a plea to householders not to sweep or leaf-blow their leaves into the streets and roads of our villages? This will cause residual damage to the highways as the leaves block the gullies that are there to drain surface water from our roads. If the gullies are blocked the water flows along the top of the road, making a hazard for drivers and also leading to wear and eventually potholes in the surface. If you sweep your leaves up and put them in your brown bin, on your compost heap or bag them up wet in black plastic rubbish sacks and over the winter they will rot down into useful leaf-mould to mulch or dig in to improve your flower beds next year. Thank you.

Speeding in Town Row & Catts Hill:

The Parish Council's Speed Indication Device (SID) which you see flashing your speed at you around the village, recorded a vehicle travelling at 73mph in the 30mph limit by Padfield Close in Town Row at 4.30pm on October 31st. Bearing in mind this was just 200m from the near-90-degree bend opposite the Cuckoo Line Stores this was an incredibly stupid and reckless action, considering that it was dark but school buses were still in operation, putting children in serious danger as there is no footpath from Yew Tree Lane to Padfield Close. However, on the upside, of the 48,000 vehicles clocked by the device, 13,500 were travelling at 25-29mph, 16,500 at 30-34mph, 9,500 at 35-39mph and 2,000 or so at 40-44mph. So the bulk of drivers using Catts Hill and Station Road are driving reasonably responsibly; it's just a few thoughtless individuals seem to think that the Road Traffic Act does not apply to them.

Bin Collections Calendar – moving online:

We would like to remind you of this message from Wealden District Council:

"More than 15,000 residents already receive a personalised weekly email telling them about their next household waste, recycling and garden waste collection." said Alex White, head of Customer Services at Wealden District Council. "MyAlerts is a free weekly reminder sent to your email

account. You can access it on your smartphone, tablet or pc. It also contains other useful news about local activities including local planning applications. You can subscribe to MyAlerts and receive your free weekly reminder of bin collections at www.wealden.gov.uk/myalerts



"We'll make sure people get information about the changes to collections over the Christmas period. There aren't any other changes. What we will not be doing this year is spending more than £30,000 to post a printed version of a calendar to



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every household in the District just to tell them that nothing has changed.

"This uses a tonne of paper which at the end of every year becomes redundant."

"You can download a calendar of your bin collection dates for 2020 from our website, if you would prefer to print one out yourself. Residents with no online access can phone our Customer Service Team on 01323 443322. We will then ensure you receive full information about your collection dates in a suitable format."

Attempted Burglary in Court Meadow Close:

We were informed about an attempted burglary in Court Meadow Close on Friday 6th December 2019 and want to remind all parishioners to remain vigilant at this time of year. We would also ask all residents to keep a special eye out for their elderly neighbors during the dark winter months.

Village Direction Signs:

Signs throughout the Parish are currently in the process of being repaired or cleaned as necessary. Two direction signs attached the corner of Rotherfield Stores were repaired this month by local Sign-Writer and Artist David Peacock. When the old signs were removed, by some brave Parish Councilors, David found a handwritten note on the back from himself with the date that they originally went up – the signs had lasted just shy of 20 years having gone up in 2000. We aim to have the new the direction signs up in early January.





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VE Day 75th Anniversary:

In this issue of the Parish Magazine, you will have no doubt glanced upon a “Save the Date” poster for the Parish VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations. The Working Party of Parish Council and other Village Organisations/societies have now agreed the timings for the Bank Holiday Weekend:

Friday 8 th May 2020:	12:00pm	Street Party and Entertainments (North Street leading into Recreation Ground).
	3:00pm	National Toast
	6:45pm	Lighting of the Beacon
	7:00pm	Ringin' out for Peace
Sunday 10 th May 2020	10:00am	VE 75 th Anniversary Service – St Denys' Church

Further information will be coming out over the next couple months and each household in the parish will receive an invitation. We hope that as many people as possible, from across the whole Parish, will join us to mark this occasion.



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Whilst we are always pleased to receive posts and tweets from residents on our Facebook and Twitter sites please could any messages seeking or requiring action be made via email to clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk, or if urgent phone 01892 664245. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Council & Committee Meeting Dates

If you have any issue that you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk. All are welcome to attend our meetings and if you have an issue that you would like to raise please forward it to the Clerk so that a response may be considered. Please be aware that if a matter involves a decision from the Council it must appear on the agenda of a meeting and it is suggested that notification is advised at least a week before the meeting date.

January 2020

Tuesday 7 th January	Parish Council Meeting with Planning & Building Matters	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 14 th January	Highways, Lighting & Transport	Mark Cross Community Centre
Tuesday 21 st January	Recreation & Burial Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 28 th January	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Thursday 30 th January	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Village Hall

February 2020

Tuesday 11 th February	Communications & Social Media Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 18 th February	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Thursday 27 th February	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Village Hall

All of the above meetings start at 19:30 and are generally held in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall unless otherwise stated on the Agenda. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Draft minutes of meetings are added to the Parish Council website, and circulated via Twitter and Facebook, approximately 5 days after each meeting.

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