March '23 Peasmarsh Periodical



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The ongoing Regulation 16 Public Consultation for the PNDP and the upcoming local elections make this a particularly important Periodical.

The Regulation 16 Consultation, the second and final one, will close at the end of the month. This time it is being run by Rother. Full details of how to view the documents and submit any responses can be found on page 2.

Our electoral system is important for good democracy, refreshing the various levels of councils that govern us. This year sees the start of new 4 year cycles for our parish council and for our district council [the new East Sussex cycle will start in 2025 and parliamentary elections must be before late 2024 / very early 2025].

Our parish councillors are encouraging us to stand for election as a parish councillor – see page 3. There won't even be a parish election unless there are more people standing than the number of seats required.

Finally, a very important point : to reduce election fraud we will have to have an **accepted photo ID** in order to vote in person. More information is available on page 4.



Rother District Council has published the submission version of the Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Plan and is providing the opportunity for representations, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

You can view the Plan and associated documents online at <u>www.rother.gov.uk/PeasmarshNP23</u> or in person at **Bexhill Town Hall,** London Road, TN39 3JX or at Rye Library, 30 High Street, Rye TN31 7JG, during normal opening hours.

The period for making representations runs as above.

Visit <u>www.rother.gov.uk/peasmarshnp-reg16form</u> and complete the online representation form in order to make your representation.

Alternatively, you can download the paper form from <u>www.rother.gov.uk/PeasmarshNP23</u> to print and complete by hand and then either email it to <u>peasmarshnp.rep@rother.gov.uk</u> or post it to **Planning Policy, Submission Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Plan, Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JX**.

For more information about the Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Plan, visit:

www.rother.gov.uk/PeasmarshNP23



Peasmarsh Parish Council Election

Peasmarsh Parish Council is looking for people passionate about this community to stand for election in this May's parish council election.

We are looking for committed people wanting to make long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

The work that the council does is exciting and rewarding. An integral part of a councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups and businesses to determine their needs, making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward, and getting involved to ensure services meet the community's needs.

To find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor, please visit :

https://www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange

The next Parish Council election is being held on **4th May 2023**.

The procedure for nominations, whilst not complicated, must be strictly followed. Rother District Council, responsible for conducting the election, will publish the full procedure and the forms to be completed in due course.

However, the timescale is set by law so it is already known that Rother will accept nomination papers between Monday 27th March and Tuesday 4th April.

Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Her email is :

Photo ID for Voting

Local elections will be taking place on Thursday May 4th in the Memorial Hall when we will be voting for our Rother District Councillors and, if necessary, our Peasmarsh Parish Councillors.

However, for the first time ever, we will need to present an **accepted form of photo ID** in order to vote. These include :

Passport

Driving licence / Blue badge

Certain travel cards [e.g. older person's bus pass]

Identity card with PASS mark

Defence identity card

If you don't have a suitable form of ID then you can apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate** if you intend to vote in person.

You can find out more on the Rother website :

Photo ID to Vote in Person

Chicago Bridge Drive

The Friends of Peasmarsh Parish Church are holding a Bridge Drive in the church on **Tuesday 21st March at 1.45pm**.

Tables of four are welcome : come and enjoy an afternoon of Chicago bridge with an excellent home-made tea. Tickets are ± 12.50 per person / ± 50 per table.

For more information please email www.email.com www.email.com www.email.com www.email.com www.email.com www.email.com

What's On in Peasmarsh

The next two pages will help you find something of interest. Most are regular events but there are some one-off events returning to the parish as well. All are in the **Memorial Hall** unless noted otherwise :

bookings.peasmarshmh@gmail.com.

Lunch Club – call Sosi on 07798 556 999

Run by Sosi from Hands of Hope on the <u>first Monday of the month</u> from 11am to 2pm - coffee, lunch and entertainment for just £7.50. Popular with older people, the club supports independence and wellbeing and has a positive impact on nutrition.

Film Club – call Hilary on 01797 230205

The Film Club meets on the <u>second Friday of the month</u> : doors open 7.15pm and the film starts 7.30pm. The film on April 14th is Mrs Harris goes to Paris [Ada Harris, a widowed London cleaning lady, becomes obsessed with a haute couture Dior dress of one of her clients ...]

New Members always welcome - come along for a trial showing!!

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council meets on the <u>first Tuesday of the month</u> at 7.30pm. The public may attend but not participate but there is a 15 minute slot for public contributions at the start of the meeting : **have your say!** Your District and County councillors try to attend each meeting which allows your views to be brought to the attention of those councils.

Flower Arranging – call Dierdre on 01797 230208

The Flower Arranging group meets <u>every second Wednesday of the</u> <u>month</u> from 10am to 12 noon.

Pilates – email lizzietuff@gmail.com

The Pilates group meets every Thursday from 11.15am to 12.15pm.

Games Club

Warmth, company, board games and hot drinks <u>every Thursday</u> from 2 to 4pm. Come along or come and help.

There is more 'What's On' over the page ...

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Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

Holy Eucharist is celebrated in our parish church <u>on alternate</u> <u>Sundays</u> at 10am. We typically start in Peasmarsh with the first Sunday of the month and alternate with Beckley.

Yoga – call India on 07946 043 919

The Yoga group meets <u>every Tuesday evening</u> from 5.15pm to 6.30pm.

Variety Class – call Julie on 07877 088 318 or email canz2004@yahoo.com

The Variety Class group meets <u>every Friday morning</u> from 10.30am to 11.30am. Include chair/line dancing, singing and dance routines.

Healing Angels – call Lindy on 07594 660 950 or email <u>mlindyalton@yahoo.co.uk</u>

Reiki, Massage, complementary therapies and more at the hall, bookable by appointment.

Dress Making Group – call Celia on 07778 181 346 or email <u>celiapollington@aol.com</u>

A regular activity on the $\frac{4^{th}}{2}$ Monday of the month from 1.15pm to 3.15pm, starting January 23. Mixed ability classes – all welcome.

Art Exhibition

There will be an art exhibition in the Memorial Hall over Easter. Opening times are 10am to 5pm on Saturday 8th and 10am to 4 pm on both Sunday 9th and Monday 10th.

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