

The Bersted Buzz





Welcome to the May edition of the Bersted Parish Council newsletter

May Meetings

Planning Committee:

Tuesday 1 May at 7pm

Full Council Meeting & AGM:

Tuesday 8 May at 7pm

Community Resources Committee:

Tuesday 15 May at 7pm

Finance Committee:

Tuesday 22 May at 7pm

Parish Festival Update

Don't forget that this year's Bersted Parish Festival will take place on Sunday 15 July. The event will be held on the Jubilee Field (off Chalcraft Lane) from 10 am to 4 pm and the format will largely remain the same as the 2016 event, with the main focus being a 4+ hour long programme of live music. Since the last update well known local band 'The Feel' have unfortunately had to pull out but they will be replaced by another popular local act, country & western band 'Rowdy Yates'. Also, we will have the always entertaining Barnham Ukulele Group (BUGs), the Sussex Steel Band and the band of the Nautical Training Corps so there will be something for all musical tastes.

Editorial .



Many thanks to those who attended our recent Annual Reception & Awards evening last month. We were pleased to give out £1600 in community awards which will make a big difference to the various recipient organisations. Star of the show (much to her surprise!) was former councillor Phillipa Seager who received special recognition for her many years of service plus her continuing work on behalf of the annual Bersted in Bloom competition. On which subject, Phillipa is looking for more entries this year, especially from Willows Edge & Bersted Park. Do you take pride in your garden? Do you have green fingers? Big or small (there's even a window box category), why not show off your achievements and have a go? Entry forms are available from the Parish Council offices or the Chalcraft Garden Centre.



Phillipa Seager is looking for more Bersted in Bloom entries this year! Could you be one of our next winners?

In other news, we are sad to report that both Councillors Paul Ralph and Trevor Marshall have been compelled to resign from the council due to their other commitments. We are grateful for the work that they have done for us, especially Trevor who has been overseeing our compliance with the new Data Protection legislation which comes into force soon. Happily we can report that we already have 2 applicants to take their places. As they say across the Channel, plus ça change!