

# FAIRLIGHT PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)

## NEWSLETTER

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### **APRIL 2023**

At last, the rain seems to have abated and Spring appears to be on its way. Time to get out and about and enjoy this lovely locality.

#### **Parish Assembly and the John Lutman Award**

Thank you to all who attended the parish Assembly. It was good to have a chance to chat to residents about matters that concern them. The John Lutman Award was presented at the Assembly by Mrs Janet Lutman. The winner this year was Trevor Lewing, a well-deserved recognition of all the work he has done in the village. Trevor always seems to be around busily sorting things in his quiet but effective way.

#### **Fairlight Drop In Social Hub (aka DISH)**

Fairlight DISH has now taken over from Warm Up Fairlight. The Drop In Social Hub is open in the Village Hall every Monday from 10am to 4pm. Do drop in for a chat, refreshments/light lunch or if you need some advice or help with anything.

We are grateful to Jempsons who have given us a grant towards the costs of DISH. Also, many thanks to the Wednesday WUF volunteers and to St Andrews Church for letting us use St Peters on a weekly basis.

#### **Mountain Field and Hoads Wood**

You may have been wondering what is happening at the Beacon site on Battery Hill. Ollie Hunter has bought the lease of Mountain Field and Hoads Wood. He is going to manage it in a sustainable way. A low hedge has been planted to replace the broken fence. Ollie is also going to rejuvenate Hoads Wood, plant a “natural forest” made up of edible shrubs and small trees and run an organic market garden. He is passionate about sustainability and low food miles. In addition, Ollie is looking at ways of retaining the surface water from the site in ponds. He hopes the local community will be able to enjoy the views from the Beacon and get involved in some of the projects.

#### **District and Parish Council Elections - 4th May 2023**

A reminder that if you wish to vote at these elections you will need a Voter ID. This can be a driving licence, a passport, an older person's bus pass, or disabled person's bus pass. If you don't have one of the above you will need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or opt for postal voting. If you need help with either of these applications or just need the paper forms, please come along to the Drop In Social Hub on Mondays in the Village Hall and we will assist you.

The closing date for nominations for both District and Parish Council elections has now passed. Fairlight Parish Council received eight nominations for nine positions. This means that the election is uncontested and no poll will be required. All nominees will become Parish Councillors and take up their roles on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

A list of the new Councillors has been posted on local noticeboards. A co-opted vacancy will be advertised soon. In respect of the District Councillor nominations, a list is available on the RDC website and a poll is required. So cast your vote on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Communication with the Parish Council**

If you are reading this then you are aware of how to receive information from the Parish Council. However, more facts, figures and news are available in the Parish Council notice boards around the village, in the Fairlight Residents Association magazine, on the Parish Council's website - [fairlightparishcouncil.org.uk](http://fairlightparishcouncil.org.uk). The Parish Council and Councillor would also like to hear from you. Come to a meeting of the Full Council or a Committee, drop in to the social hub or write to the Proper Officer (address below) if you have any questions or issues. This is your village and we need your help, comments and feedback to continue to make it a great place to live.

Thank you

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