

## **Remembrance Day**

The Parish Council will commemorate Armistice Day as usual on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with a short, secular service in the Millennium Garden off Pryors Lane. All are welcome to join us for the simple ceremony, wreath laying and two minute silence, and should assemble by 10.50am. We are usually joined by representatives of local armed forces services, veterans and cadet groups who help us to mark this important day. A hot drink will be available afterwards in our meeting room.

#### **Donate A Tree Scheme**



We've mentioned the trees ordered from the County Council and thought you'd like more details. Planting is between November-February. They'll be staked, container grown 'extra heavy standard' (approximately 2-3 metres tall), with strimmer guard and irrigation tube. Species are a mixture of Whitebeam, Ornamental Pear, Cherry, Crab Apple, Hawthorn and Scots Pine, appropriate to location. In the first three years, they'll

have an annual visit from the Young Tree maintenance Team, who will inspect and carry out any routine maintenance and formative pruning. If you spot a new tree near your home, any help keeping it watered in its first year or so in very warm or dry weather will be much appreciated to help ensure it thrives.

# Register for school places 2025

Applications are now open for children who start in reception at primary and infant schools across West Sussex in September 2025 and should be made before 15th January 2025. Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are eligible to start school next September. Children who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school will also need to apply for



a place to start at junior school in September next year. Information about applying can be found on the County Council website at www.westsussex.gov.uk. Those unable to apply online can request a form be emailed or through the post by calling 033 301 42903.

#### It'll soon be Christmas!



Plans are well in hand to have the lit Christmas tree at Rose Green as usual, after a return last year following its absence for a while. We're hoping to go bigger and better this year, subject to some additional safety measures, so look out for the cheery glow on winter afternoons in late November/early December.

# ...and continuing with the festive thoughts...

The first of no doubt lots of local Christmas fairs and events has come to our notice – Christmas Fair and Market, Sunday 8th December at West Meads Community Centre, 10.30am-3.30pm - food and drinks, arts and crafts, gifts, meet Santa, fun and games and much more. Let us know if you have a community, charity or local enterprise event coming up and we'll do our best to help publicise it.



Meeting dates Public are welcome to observe our meetings and can ask questions on agenda items during a short adjournment item. Agendas are on our noticeboards and website about a week ahead, at www.aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk.



<u>Planning Committee</u> - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7pm; Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7pm ('short' meeting, planning applications only); Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm; Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm ('short'). The 'short' meetings precede Full Council meetings. Full Council meetings therefore start at approximately 7.15pm at the earliest.

Full Council - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.15pm; Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.15pm.