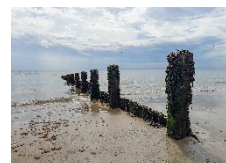




Bathing water quality

Some months ago, we reported discussions with Southern Water about local bathing water quality. Sorry about the delay on any further news, it's taken time to move things along, but momentum has gathered pace. On 31st March we hosted a meeting with Southern Water, other councils and representatives of local interested parties, as a forum to ask questions and raise the many concerns, and for Southern Water to report on steps being taken to address matters. Another meeting is being planned. Meanwhile, there has already been ongoing work and discussions between Southern Water, the Environment Agency, the County and District Councils to implement improvements. A previous cause of surface flooding was Aldwick beach outfall pipes being blocked by pebbles, and we're told that approval has been reached between all authorities to extend pipes further out, which will significantly reduce any likely repeat. The bathing water status is evaluated on 4 year seasonal data, and it's widely anticipated that the next round of data will see the Aldwick rating improved to at least satisfactory, or maybe even good.



Blue Plaque for RC Sherriff You might remember that we reported recently on the removal of the blue plaque commemorating author RC Sherriff's time spent here, which inspired his novel set in Bognor Regis, *The Fortnight in September*. The former Sandmartins, where he stayed, was being demolished for new development, and the owners sent the blue plaque to the RC Sherriff Trust in Surrey. We've been trying to negotiate its return for posterity and as part of local history, but unfortunately this has not proved fruitful so far. We'll keep trying and at least if unsuccessful we know that the blue plaque is in proper custodianship and not lost – but it would be nice to have it back in Aldwick!

Free summer youth activities coming soon!

We're making final plans for free sports sessions two days a week from 27th July to 21st August, delivered by South Coast Sports at parks in Aldwick. Free skateboard coaching sessions by South Coast Skate Club are also planned to return for Fridays twice daily at Avisford Park from 24th July to 28th August. At time of writing, all these are still subject to Arun District Council licence approval, so do check out final details of all the play / skateboard sessions in our next newsletter, on our website and parish notice boards, or contact the Clerk, Heather Knight, at the office for information.

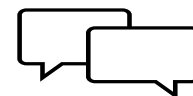


New trees for Aldwick

We're once again participating in the County Council Donate a Tree scheme. We're ordering 10 young trees, to be planted in various roads in the parish over the winter period in suitable locations. The West Meads Drive and Princess Avenue areas will have a number of new trees, to continue previous plans for 'greening up' there. Other planned sites are in Craigweil Lane, Aldwick Road and Aldwick Street.

Councillor Surgery

Our next drop-in here for residents is on Friday 26th June, 10am-12noon, a great way to have a chat with one or two of your council members if you've got something you'd like to discuss, or just want to meet them.



Council Meetings: Please check our website for details in case of changes. Public are welcome to attend, and there's an item for public questions on agenda items. **Planning Committee, Tuesdays, 7pm** - 2nd June and 7th July. **Full Council, Tuesdays, 7pm** - 23rd June and 21st July.