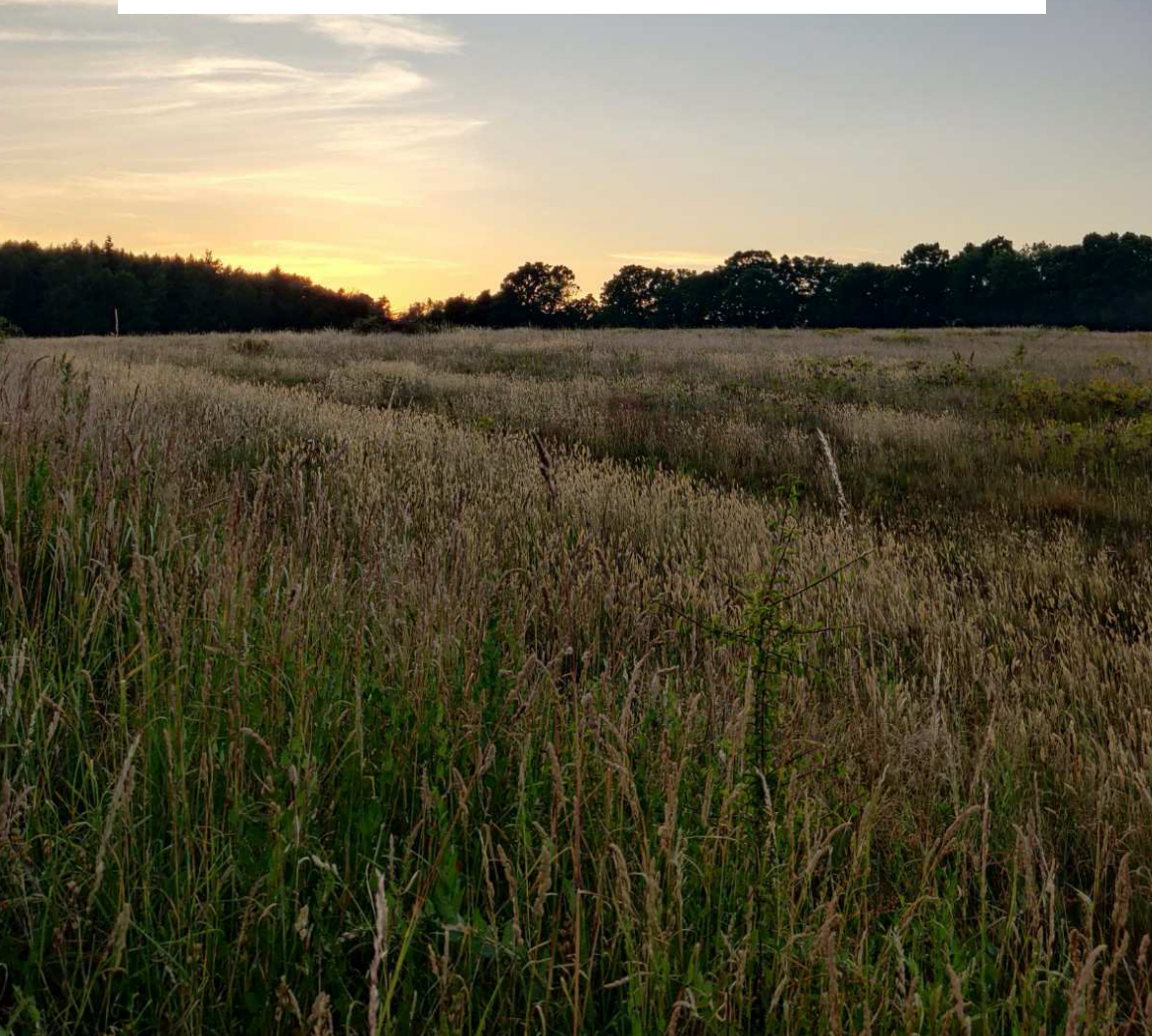


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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER





INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Hello, my name is Simon Barnard and I would like to welcome you to the first edition of the Parish Council's Newsletter, I hope you enjoy it. I and the other members of the Parish Council very much want to involve more residents in the activities of the Parish Council. We need to know what you think the Council should be doing. 2020 has been quite a difficult year, a new experience for us all. As you may know the monthly Parish Council meetings have all been done



online since March – not the best way to hold a community meeting! So, if you can't come to us, we'll come to you – hence the newsletter. Please get in touch and let us know what you think. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best to you and your family.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Parish Council's aim is to produce a regular newsletter whenever we have something interesting to share. In the future we would very much like to include items from our parishioners. Any subject that you think would be of interest please do get in touch.

We would also like to give the newsletter a name. A prize will be given to anyone who can come up with something suitable, please send in your ideas to the Clerk of the Parish Council: clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk

FIRST, A BIT OF BACKGROUND

Stedham with Iping Parish Council was formed in 1972 following some boundary changes and held its first meeting in November of that year. A parish council is a civil local authority and is the lowest tier of local government in England. It is an elected corporate body and has the power to raise tax from the parishioners via Chichester District Council. The amount can be seen on your Council Tax Bill. For the year 2020/2021 £23000 was raised in this way from Parishioners. The Parish Council spends some of this money on grass cutting and general grounds maintenance of the two churchyards and the two play areas.



About 10% of this year's budget has been allocated to tree safety in the villages. Part of the budget also goes to the salary of the clerk and financial officer.

REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Council can also apply for grants, mainly from Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park. Currently the Council is planning to spend about £13000, all raised from grants, on repairing and replacing play equipment in both recreation areas. There is a plan to further map out and provide information on walks around the area. Many of the paths around the Parish have ancient origins and were once the only routes from village to village. Visit the Parish website for details of the budget.

STEDHAM AND IPING MILLS

The parish of Stedham with Iping contains some 450 dwellings with upwards of 800 residents, this includes the hamlets of Ingrams Green and Minsted. The river Rother runs through both villages and there were, in the past, working mills in both Stedham and Iping.



Iping mill dates back to the 17th century. It was a wheat mill, built on the site of an old fulling mill, then a malt mill. It later became a paper mill. Destroyed by fire in 1920, bringing to an end 900 years of manufacturing and milling on the site.

Image: Postcard dated 1906. With thanks to the Gravelroots Archive Group.

Stedham mill was also destroyed by fire at the beginning of the 20th century. It was rebuilt and turbine driven but demolished in 1927. The bridges in both Stedham and Iping are 17th century and are of similar design.

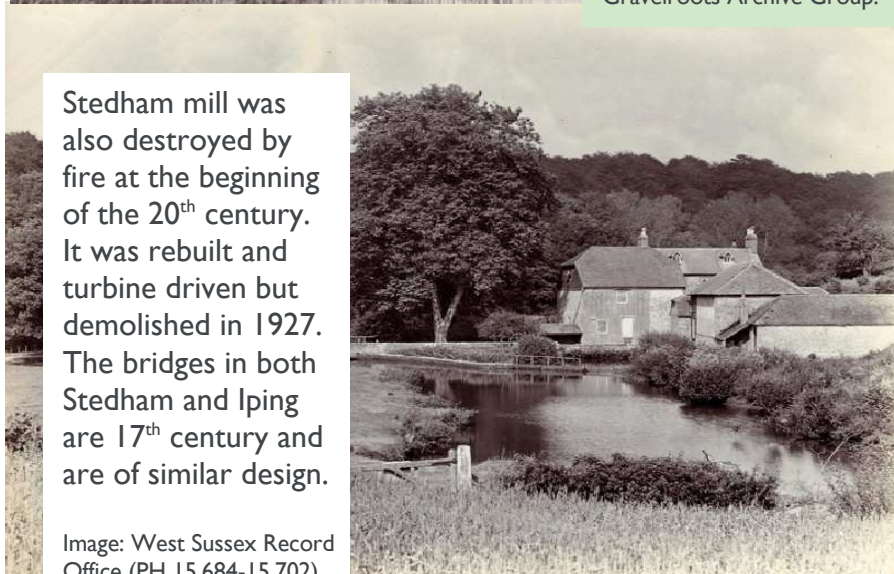


Image: West Sussex Record Office (PH 15,684-15,702)

STEDHAM WITH IPING GREEN SPACES

This year we have a new mowing contractor and we hope you will agree that he is doing a good job, keeping the recreation areas and graveyards looking tidy. Earlier in the year a group of volunteers spent a weekend trimming overhanging branches from the Common View recreation ground. Our thanks to Matt Harridge for dealing with the waste.

Having said that, the Parish Council is embarking on a project to plant wildflowers in these areas. The aim is to create wildflower corridors to support bees and other pollinators. We are hoping to get a grant from South Downs National Park in partnership with Bee Lines, to assist us with this project. These wildflower areas will remain uncut for part of the year.

We have plans to refurbish the two telephone boxes in Stedham and Iping and also the Finger Arm & Post directional signage. Grant money will be used for these projects.

*Want to join the
Phonebox
working group?
Contact details
on the next
page.*



HAVE A COMMUNITY PROJECT IDEA?

We have some funding available, so please get in touch with your ideas. Deadline for this year is the end of November 2020.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events in 2020

Litter Pick

Saturday 21st November
9.30am start
arrange to be in
comply with
COVID-19 Rules. Please
volunteer and contact the
Clerk.



Christmas Celebration: Recreation Ground

Date to be confirmed
A Christmas Tree will be
erected on the Recreation
Ground and further
celebrations are being
planned, the final events
will, however, depend on
the COVID restrictions in
place at the time, but
please keep an eye on our
website and the notice
boards for more details.

CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk for the Parish
Council, Morag Birch:
clerk@stedhamwithiping-
pc.gov.uk

Events in 2021

VE+I Day

Saturday 8th May 2021
Recreation ground

Please keep an eye on
our website and village
notice boards for more
upcoming events.

JOIN US

Most of us on the Parish
Council are fairly new to
the job and are all keen to
learn and welcome ideas/
input from our
community. There are
three vacancies at present
and we would love to
hear from anyone who
would like to join us!
Council meetings are
generally held on the
second Thursday of each
month. At the moment,
due to COVID these
meetings are held on
'Zoom'. Why don't you
come along and listen, just
contact the Clerk for the
necessary passwords and
joining details.

I-SPY

Where in Stedham would find this door? What animal is seen on the door knocker?

Send your answers to the clerk, Morag by the 27th November and the first correct answers out of the hat will win a prize!!



Photography Competition Open to all ages.

Share with us your local photographs of and around Stedham and Iping. The winning photograph will feature on the front cover of a future Stedham with Iping Parish newsletter.

Send your entries to the Clerk by 1st January. One entry per person.



Children's Autumn Craft Competition

Turn to the back page for an autumn leaf craft activity. Share a photograph of your design to the Clerk for a chance to win a prize. Remember to include your name and contact details.

MAILING LIST

Would you like to be on the mailing list? To receive regular emails and updates about our projects. Email: clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk

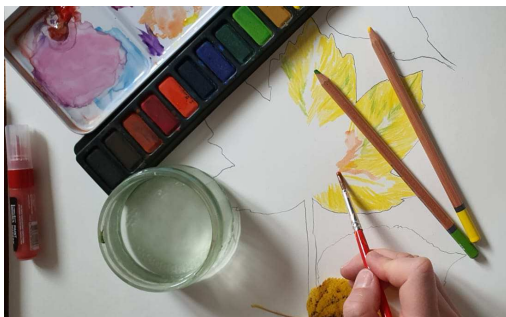
AUTUMN LEAF ACTIVITY



Begin by collecting some interesting leaves.



With a pencil and paper, begin to trace around your leaf.



Use any and a mixture of materials to decorate your leaf.



Carefully cut out your shape leaf. Ask an adult for help.



Use string, cord or wire and attach to the stem of your leaf.



You can now hang up your leaves. Why not display them in a window, for others to enjoy.