

Cllr Gareth Delany's

LABOUR ROSE

Pebsham & St Michaels | Spring 2025



TABLE TENNIS! at Pebsham Community Centre



Pebsham and St Michaels Ward has long been one of the most inactive wards in the district, with limited opportunities for younger people to get involved in activities. To address this, I've helped launch a new table tennis initiative at Pebsham Community Hub, in partnership with Table Tennis Rother.

Following our successful launch event in December—attended by Mayor Cllr Paul Henry-Wilson and the Chair of Rother District Council, Cllr Richard Thomas—the Hub has been hosting weekly table tennis sessions every Friday (term-time only) from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, aimed at young players aged 7 to 14.

As attendance grows, we aim to expand capacity by adding more tables and enhancing our coaching support. To achieve this, we are exploring a partnership with Bexhill College, providing local students studying coaching and sports science with valuable hands-on experience while contributing to their community. We are also looking to offer adult table tennis sessions and are in discussions with Active Rother to secure funding for these daytime sessions, starting after Easter.

Table tennis is the perfect all-weather activity, improves hand eye co-ordination as well as enhancing strength, stamina, agility and reflexes. It's a sport that can be enjoyed at any age, offering a great way to stay active, improve fitness, and meet new people.

For more information or to sign up for sessions, visit www.tabletennisrother.co.uk or call Kevin on **07803 138881**.

NEED HELP? COME TO ONE OF MY ADVICE SURGERIES

My Councillor advice surgeries are **10.30am to 11.30am** on the first Saturday each month at **St Michaels & All Angels**, 20 Glassenbury Drive, TN40 2NY in the 'Small Hall' (up the drive to the top on the left). Upcoming dates for 2025 are:

05/04/25, 03/05/25, 07/06/25 and 05/07/25

Restoring a Piece of Bexhill's Heritage The Third Avenue Bus Shelter



As District Councillor for Pebsham and St Michaels Ward, I am committed to preserving and celebrating Bexhill's rich history. That's why I've been working closely with Bexhill Heritage to restore a forgotten but significant local landmark—the Third Avenue bus shelter.

Despite years of neglect, the shelter remains a recognisable example of an Art Deco-style transport shelter, likely built in the late 1950s alongside the development of the Pebsham estate. Though it had fallen into disrepair, we saw its potential—not just as a functional space, but as a meaningful part of Bexhill's story.

The first step in restoring the shelter was clearing overgrown vegetation and allowing the structure to fully dry out. Bexhill Heritage will begin restoring it to its former charm this Spring, enhanced by a special transport-themed mural on the back wall—an artistic nod to its historical role in the town's public transport network.

We are delighted that WAVE Arts will be collaborating on the mural, bringing their creative expertise to transform the shelter into a vibrant and engaging community landmark.

For those interested in learning more about this and other heritage projects, Bexhill Heritage will host an Information Point at Shelter Number 4 on East Parade on Friday, 28th March, from 10am to 12.30pm.

This restoration has been made possible thanks to funding secured from Bexhill Town Council, whose support has been instrumental in helping bring this important community project to life.