



# Pigeon Post

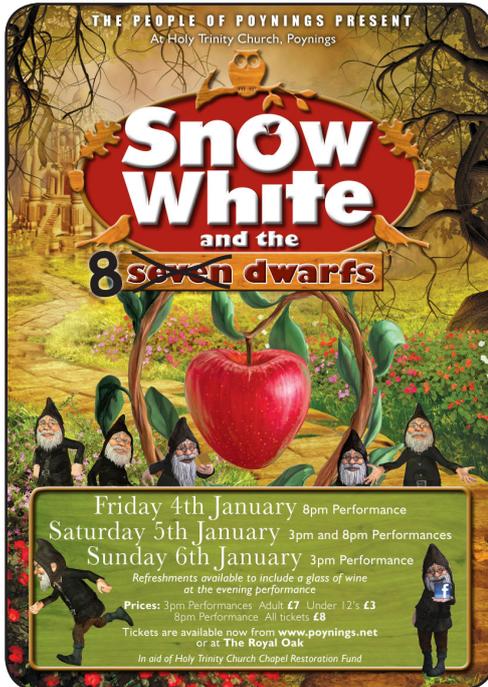


## A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Don't miss the Famous Fulking Christmas Parties, Folkingites. Grown ups in the Village Hall this Friday 14 December from 6.30pm; Kids on Sunday 16, 2-4pm (not as shown on our wonderful new Village Hall banner, with its 'next event' panel – a great addition to the Village, but ahem, a small matter of the wrong date! Harry and Charmayne Diamond have handmade and presented the most wonderful hamper for the Tombola at the grown-up version; contributions either to Bob Rowland (271) or Carolyn Loveless (280) a.s.a.p. Don't forget to bring your plate of savoury finger food. Thanks and Good Cheer to Ade Caroen (via Nick Bremer) for the fab image.

## Your village needs you!

Fulking Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. The Council consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and three other Councillors making five in total. It currently only has four members, which is proving difficult to operate. Duties include attending four Parish Council meetings per year, plus one Annual Parish Meeting, generally on Thursday evenings, as well as the odd planning meeting, generally on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact either Pam Rowland on 271 or Kate Watson at [kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com)



The Poynings Panto, intriguingly with one extra dwarf (are we allowed to say that any more?) is on 4 January at 8pm, 5 January at 3pm and 8pm, and 6 January at 3pm, in Holy Trinity Church, Poynings. Tickets £7 or £8, or £3 for kids, from [www.poynings.net](http://www.poynings.net)

## St Andrew's News

Our quiz, which was held, appropriately enough, on St Andrew's Day, was a huge success, with tickets to the event selling out over a week before it took place. Twenty gathered to pit their wits against each other in the lovely pavilion in Clappers Lane, by kind permission of Preston Nomads Cricket Club.

The quizmaster, David from Brighton, offered a great variety of questions on all sorts of subjects. Do you know what the 'Winnie' as in 'Winnie the Pooh' is short for?

In the end the winners were a team from Henfield, but only by one point from one of our more local teams.

During the evening the Church Mice served a delicious 'Ploughman's Platter' which they had earlier prepared, and everyone went home having had a thoroughly enjoyable evening whilst raising much needed funds for the Church.

December is now time for our Christmas Services. Our Carol Service, when mulled wine and mince pies are served, is on 23 December at 6pm, and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on 24 December. We look forward to welcoming 'PPers' to our services, and wish you a Happy New Year.

## Village Diary

**Every Wednesday, 10 – 12**

Family coffee mornings  
Village Hall

**Fri 14 & Thur 20 December**

Music @ The Shepherd & Dog –  
The 2 Hungry Men on the 20th!

**Friday 14 December, 6.30pm**

VILLAGE XMAS PARTY!!!!  
Village Hall. Carolyn, 280

**Sunday 16 December, 2 – 4pm**

VILLAGE CHILDREN'S XMAS  
PARTY!!!

Village Hall. Louise Holman, 773,  
[jayandlouise@gmail.com](mailto:jayandlouise@gmail.com)

**Thursday 20 December, 5.30pm**

Carol Singing. Gather at Skylarks,  
Clappers Lane for mulled wine

**Sunday 23 December, 6pm**

Carol Service  
St Andrew's Church Edburton  
Alison 705, Tricia 255

**Fri 4, Sat 5, Sun 6 January 2013**

Snow White & the 8 Dwarfs  
Holy Trinity Church, Poynings  
[www.poynings.net](http://www.poynings.net)

**Saturday 5 January 2013, 10am**

Village Hall Action Group Meeting  
Village Hall. Jen Green, 552

**Thursday 10 January 2013, 7.30pm.**

Parish Council Meeting.  
Village Hall

**Saturday 19 January 2013, 7pm**

Call My Bluff Wine Evening  
Village Hall. Bob Rowland, 271

**Saturday 19 January 2013, 7pm**

Deltcho Deltchev plays Bach,  
Buxtehude, Beethoven and  
Brahms.

Hurstpierpoint Players Theatre.  
Tickets Adults £8 Children £5.  
833397.

Sunday 20: Deltcho's students  
play their own concert at the  
Players' Theatre. Details from  
[aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk](mailto:aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk)



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## Christmas Church Services

### Poynings

Carol Service 6pm Sunday 23 December, with local choir  
followed by mulled wine and minced pies  
Christingle Service 3.30pm, Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December)  
for children of all ages!  
Christmas Communion 10am Christmas Day, Family Communion

### Newtimber

Carol Service 2.30pm Sunday 23 December followed by tea in church  
Christmas Communion 8am Christmas Day - a short reflective service

### Edburton

Carol Service 6pm Sunday 23 December, with local choir  
followed by mulled wine and minced pies  
Midnight Service 11.30pm Monday 24 December.

### Pyecombe

Midnight Service 11.30pm Monday 24 December.

# A Christmas Village Miscellaneosity



**Christmas Bazaar!** What a fantastic response to the dedicated effort by the Village Hall Action Group to put on this seasonal event. Lots of people turned up and showed interest. The content and display of the stalls was brilliant and the refreshments great value. There really was a feeling of going forward with the village hall and the improvements to the interior make it a very acceptable venue to hold village events. I am looking forward to holding the Call My Bluff evening there on Saturday January 19 to fund some of the cost of the 50 stacker chairs the Social Committee has purchased. (Bob Rowland.) Despite the foul weather, the Xmas bazaar was a runaway success – and packed out all morning! It was great to see so many people in the hall. The village stall, teas and stall fees made £300 for the hall, which is fantastic. And I reckon stallholders together must have cleared well over £1000, which made it well worth doing. A big thanks to all who helped with publicity, baked cakes and made gifts, put up signs, decorated and gave so much time to run the village stall, do teas and anything else I can't think of... "Roll on next year" was one comment... with best wishes, Jen Green and Chris Gildersleeve

## Winter wisdom

### Do's:

- Follow the Parish Winter Management Plan.
- Move snow to a porous surface such as a grass verge or garden.
- Spread salt/grit evenly and at appropriate spread rates.
- Spread salt/grit before frost.
- Clear any excess salt or grit once the snow/ice has melted.
- Inform the Parish Clerk if grit is running low.
- Look out for your neighbour.

### Don'ts

- Use water to melt snow and ice if there is a risk it will refreeze.
- Move snow where it will create another risk such as where people are likely to walk.
- Use excessive salt or grit that creates a new or worse risk once the snow/ ice has melted.

<http://fulking.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Fulking-PC-Local-Winter-Management-Plan-Oct-2012.pdf>

## Mainly Musical Matters

### Tabla Taster workshop

Steve Morley – the man selling the magic toys at the bazaar – has offered to come and do a free taster workshop in January – but we need some people to commit to this if he is to come! Tabla are the little Indian drums which use the fingers. You can almost play tunes as well as amazing rhythms on them. No experience is required, and older children would be fine as well as adults. Let me know if you would like to come or it won't happen! Chris Gildersleeve. January 12, 2-4pm is current date planned.

### Carol Singing

In fine voice, Fulkingites? Then gather at Skylarks, Clappers Lane, at 5.30pm on Thursday 20 December to fortify yourselves with mulled wine before sallying forth and soothing the collective village soul with carols and celebratory melody. More details from Alison Taylor, 705

### Piano Extravaganza

Bulgarian born Deltcho Deltchev, international concert pianist and teacher extraordinaire, in whose firm but loveful charge a goodly number of village children are learning the true meaning of 'virtuoso', is giving a recital to promote his new CD at Hurstpierpoint Players' Theatre on Saturday 19 January at 7pm. Deltcho knows what starting young is like: he began playing at the age of five, entering the Special School for Gifted Children in Haskovo as one of their youngest students. He has arranged with the Theatre for his students to play a concert the following evening, the 20th. Both events will be evenings to remember, and not just for doting parents. Details in Diary column.

## Ash dieback



Our local tree warden Barry Leppard warns of the spread of *Chalara Fraxinea*, a fungus causing leaf loss and crown dieback in ash trees which may well lead to the death of the affected tree. It hasn't been found in the natural environment in the UK yet, although a shipment of trees from Europe was recently found to be infected. Leaves suffer from wilting and black-brown discoloration, the entire crown can show leaf loss and dieback, lens-shaped lesions appear on the bark and shoots and twigs are also affected. If you think you are seeing this, contact Barry on 857881. More at [www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/protectingtrees](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/protectingtrees)

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