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Fulking Fair



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Noon to 5pm
Sunday 28th July 2013

Downside Meadow
Poynings Road
Fulking

More information call: 01273 857271

BBQ, Live Music, Pony Rides, Puppets,
Cream Teas, Dog Show, Gladiators,
Bar, Free Parking and more.

Admission: Adults - £1.00 Children under 13 - Free

Loads of Fun for Kids!

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FAIR'S HERE

Fulking Village Fair – Sunday 28 July 2013
Downsview Meadow – 12 noon till 5pm

A must for everyone's diary, cancelled last year due to bad weather. The Fulking Social Committee has worked hard to ensure this year's fair will be even more fun for all the family. Children's games and entertainment, Pimms, local ales, homemade cider, Birds of Prey, live music including Brighton City Singers, homemade cakes, ice creams, cream teas, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Dog Show and over 45 various stalls and country demonstrations. We look forward to seeing you there.

We need help at the fair in the following areas:

- Bookstall helpers;
- We need cakes for the cake stall. Also savoury items like cheese straws, scones, pizza slices etc will be required nearer the time;
- Tombola prizes;
- We need another person to help with the teas in the dog show area;

General helpers required even if they can only spare a few hours, so others can have a break.

All items can be dropped off with Bill Schaeffer, Bob Rowland or at the pub.

If you can spare a few hours to help, please call Bob on 271. Thanks! See you there!

Jenny Tooley, Chair, Fulking Social Committee



Brighton City Singers

One of the fair's musical high points will be the Brighton City Singers, a collection of enthusiasts who have been known to number 200 or more. In 2009, the Singers sang at Royal Festival Hall in London, as well as raising money for Anchor House and the Brighton and Hove Samaritans. If that wasn't all, the choir sang the vocal track for the documentary 'Wild Ocean', an IMAX documentary about

whales, written and produced by the dance group STOMP, with worldwide distribution.

For seven years running, the choir has taken part in the Brighton Festival Fringe. In May 2009, the Brighton City Singers performed alongside the South London Choir, musical director MJ's London-based ensemble, in a concert of entirely new choral music, giving composers, singers and musicians the opportunity to create original choral music and

have it sung and heard in public. The show was titled 'Sex & Drugs & Rock'n'Roll...Oh Yeah!', arranged and directed by MJ.

The picture above is a collage of the Singers doing their lustily vocal thing at a recent Brighton Festival Fringe. Be sure not to miss them at the Fair. They will be performing at 3pm. A host of other musical contributions are being lined up as we speak (or read, or think). More details to come.



Books Wanted

For the Fulking Village Fair on 28th July 2013.
Support the village by donating your books.



Books can be dropped off at the following locations;

Lucy Smart; 29 Clappers Lane, Fulking
Joyce Harris; Paythorne Farm, Edburton Rd, Fulking
Bob Rowland; Furzefield, Clappers Lane, Fulking
Bill Schaeffer; Arbor Vitae, The Street, Fulking



Or phone Kate on 07531 427151 to arrange collection.

Any books that remain unsold on the day will be donated to
Fulking Village Chapel Library

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12

Family coffee mornings
Village Hall

Thursday 20 June, 7.30pm

Fulking Social Committee
Village Hall

Bob Rowland 271

Friday 5 July, 7pm

Village Hall Action Group Meeting
Village Hall
Jen Green, 552

Thursday 11 July, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

Andrea Dickson, 01444 451060

Friday 26 July, 7pm

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz
The Marquee, Downside Meadow
Bob Rowland, 271

Sunday 28 July, 12 – 5pm

FULKING FAIR!!!!

Downside Meadow

Bob Rowland 271, Jenny Tooley 382

Fulking Social Committee
proudly announces
as a prelude to Fulking Fair

CALL MY BLUFF WINE QUIZ!

Friday 26 July 2013

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Hedges, nesting birds and dogs...

The Parish Council would like to remind everybody about their responsibility towards wildlife, particularly at this time of the year.

This is the time of year when everything starts growing madly, and as a consequence, this is when we start pruning and trimming to make our gardens look their best.

However, please spare a thought for our wildlife, in particular the birds. This is the season when they have already chosen their nesting sites and are bringing up their chicks; taking down or hard pruning of established hedges and trees

can be disastrous for them. Using electric hedge trimmers for prolonged periods can scare away the parent birds, meaning abandoned nests and chicks. If possible, try to plan hard pruning before 1 March and after 31 July at the earliest – ideally end of August – and keep tidying to a minimum during these times. Many birds have two or three broods, especially if weather conditions are adverse.

It is actually an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 intentionally to take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built –

for example, if you know there is an active nest in the hedge and still cut the hedge, damaging or destroying the nest in the process, you are in contravention of the law.

We also need to be aware of ground nesting birds, such as skylarks, pheasants and meadow pipits, when walking our dogs, especially when walking through 'open access land' (in our area Fulking escarpment and the north face of the Downs). From 1 March to 31 July, dogs must be kept on a short lead on open access land to protect these ground nesting birds. At all times of the year, dogs should

be kept on a short lead when in the vicinity of livestock. We are seeing an increasing number of incidents on Fulking escarpment where dogs chase cattle and sheep and the owners are unable to call them back under control. As a reminder, farmers are within their rights to shoot dogs which are worrying their livestock.

We live in the countryside, and wildlife and livestock are a large part of this. We as residents should try to set an example and politely remind the visitors who use and enjoy this beautiful area of their responsibilities towards it. Then we can all enjoy it – including the birds.

Miscellaneous Village Miscellaneosity-ness

Grow your own orchard

Action in Rural Sussex and Brighton Permaculture Trust have now guided over 70 community groups and schools through the process of designing, planting and maintaining a small orchard (and occasionally a larger one!).

If you have ever thought that you would like to help the landscape of Sussex return to its former abundantly fruitful self, or to share with a new generation the pleasures of fresh orchard fruits and local apple varieties, just use the link below. Community orchards offer a fantastic opportunity to grow an array of apples and other fruits you won't find in the shops. They are a haven for all kinds of wildlife, and are lovely places to enjoy at all times of year. It's an unusual idea, but give it some thought.

<http://www.brightonpermaculture.org.uk/community-orchards>

Please do get in touch to find out more or ask any questions. Email me on this address for all

orchard enquiries:

anne-marie.bur@brightonpermaculture.org.uk

Anne-Marie Bur, Co-ordinator
Local Produce, Action in Rural Sussex, 212 High Street, Lewes East Sussex BN7 2NH, 01273 407310, 07849 233294

Rogue trader

Worthing magistrates fined Matthew Cohen (M C Driveways), 51 Downs View, Small Dole, on 19 April for serious offences, basically taking deposits for work and then supplying nothing. He was touting for business in Fulking on Friday 31 May. The Sussex Police reference to this activity is 1200 of 31 May 2013. If you have problems, phone 101 for Police and refer to this number. See the WSCC Trading Standards Dept link:

<http://www.shorehamherald.co.uk/news/local/rogue-trader-is-fined-after-failing-to-finish-driveways-1-5042500>

Ignore him!

Richard Corner,
Neighbourhood Watch

Sussex Broadband – hope springs eternal

From WSCC, April /May 2013: 'We are delighted to announce that we have signed a contract with BT Telecommunications PLC to transform broadband speeds across West Sussex. Fibre broadband will be rolled out to around 98 per cent of West Sussex homes and businesses within the next three years, following a multi-million partnership project between West Sussex County Council and BT. The Better Connected West Sussex Broadband project builds on BT's on-going commercial fibre deployment across the county, and will provide broadband infrastructure to over 44,000 premises with superfast speeds of at least 24Mbps by Spring 2016. We anticipate that our target of 90% of premises at superfast speeds will be exceeded once the project is complete. On completion of the roll-out, the aim is for all premises within West Sussex to receive a minimum of 2Mbps but

with a vast majority achieving speeds well in excess of this.

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/broadband/what%20%80%99s_better_connected_all/news.aspx

Selected notes from the minutes of the Village Hall Meeting 24 May

Nick Hughes reported that we have £3,950 in the bank (including BT's £1000). All bills up to the present are paid in full.

Jen Green reported that we made £148 at Seedling Sunday from plants and teas (donations were not requested).

Tricia Robinson reported that the Parochial Church Council intends to use the Chapel as a library, where books could be exchanged or taken for a small donation. It would be open on Saturday mornings. Before this can be implemented, spare chairs and bits and pieces need to be removed. The Church has also decided to have a new noticeboard, which could include notices for the Village Hall.



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