

December 2015

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| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 10:00-11:30 |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Toddlers/Family Coffee       | The Village Hall      | 10:00-11:30 |
| Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Edburton Church Service      | St. Andrew's Edburton | 11:00-12:30 |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Evening Prayer               | St. Andrew's Edburton | 18:00-19:30 |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 10:00-11:30 |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Toddlers/Family Coffee       | The Village Hall      | 10:00-11:30 |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> | Craft & Chat                 | The Village Hall      | 14:00-16:00 |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> | Messy Church                 | The Village Hall      | 16:30-18:00 |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> | Indoor Musical Cooks & Disco | The Village Hall      | 19:30       |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 11:00-16:00 |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> | Evening Prayer               | St. Andrew's Edburton | 18:00-19:30 |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 10:00-11:30 |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> | Toddlers/Family Coffee       | The Village Hall      | 10:00-11:30 |
| Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Christmas Party</b>       | The Village Hall      | 18:30-20:30 |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> | Edburton Church Service      | St. Andrew's Edburton | 11:00-12:30 |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> | Carol Service                | St. Andrew's Edburton | 18:00-20:00 |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> | Evening Prayer               | St. Andrew's Edburton | 18:00-19:30 |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 10:00-11:30 |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Toddlers/Family Coffee       | The Village Hall      | 10:00-11:30 |
| Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> | Craft & Chat                 | The Village Hall      | 14:00-16:00 |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> | Bus to Hassocks              | Fulking Bus Shelter   | 10:05-12:00 |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> | Evening Prayer               | St. Andrew's Edburton | 18:00-19:30 |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> | Book Nook                    | Fulking Chapel        | 10:00-11:30 |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> | Toddlers/Family Coffee       | The Village Hall      | 10:00-11:30 |
| Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> | Literary Evening             | The Shepherd & Dog    |             |

## **Bobservation 14 – Christmas Party**

This year the party is being held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 6:30pm in the Village Hall as usual (although it was once held in the former clubhouse at Preston Nomads).

We have tried all sorts of variations in the past, carol singing (no one listened!), having a kids' party at the same time (pretty chaotic!), charging for entrance (someone had to be on the door!) , dimming the lights (dangerous with mulled wine!) and finally ended up with what we do now: talk, nibble and drink!

Over the years it has become a wonderful way of introducing newcomers to the village to other villagers and getting them to see what a welcoming and hospitable village Fulking is. All villagers, their families , and former villagers are welcome and although the event is principally for adults, if you cannot get a babysitter, do bring the kids with you. Incidentally, the Shepherd & Dog is having a children's Christmas party on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00pm.

We gave up having an entrance fee some years ago (see above) but, if you are coming, please bring a plate of savoury eats with you. Wine both mulled and unmulled and soft drinks are supplied by the Fulking Social Committee and the cost is usually defrayed by having a Tombola, for which we need both adult and child prizes (drop them off at 13 Clappers Lane (Louise, 773) or Furzefield, Clappers Lane (Bob, 271). Help in passing wine and nibbles around is always appreciated, as is clearing up afterwards.

If you are free on the evening of December 18<sup>th</sup>, I do urge you to come along. I promise we will make you welcome and you will enjoy the company.

## **Park for less**

Several Mid Sussex towns are reducing the cost of parking in the run up to Christmas. Parking on Saturdays will only be £1 in MSDC car parks in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath. Parking on Sundays will be completely free. Details at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/parking](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/parking).

## **Literary Evening**

The Shepherd & Dog is to host a Great Gatsby-themed dinner and dance with a jazz band on New Year's Eve.

## **Carol Service at St. Andrew's**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

## **Local Politics in Action**

The long saga of Market Garden in Clappers Lane reached a conclusion as Mid Sussex Council, on behalf of South Downs National Park, granted permanent permission for this site. This followed the planning officer's unexpected recommendation for permanent approval.

After an earlier consultation meeting, the Parish Council opposed it at the planning meeting, as did the MSDC council member for the area. There was support from the applicant's agent and one villager.

MSDC voted strongly in favour of the planning officer's recommendation for permanence, citing government guidance that temporary permissions shouldn't go on indefinitely.

## **Gullies & Drains**

In the November rain and gales many villagers will have noticed that drains and gullies have become blocked and roads flood as a result. The authorities are clearing them if notified, but have also asked that villagers help to keep them clear of mud after cleaning..

## **Playground Repairs**

The playground slide has been repaired and is now in full working order.

## **A Garage to Rent?**

Adrian Caroen needs a garage or under cover car storage close to the the village. He lives in Poynings Road, Fulking. Call him on 902 if you can help.

## **Has Bins**

Instead of the usual Mondays, the garbage collection days over the holiday period will be:

**Recycling:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January; **Landfill:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December

There are no garden waste collections between 17<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January but you can dump your Christmas tree at Rushfields prior to 15<sup>th</sup> January.

