

August 2016

Mon 1 st	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 3 rd	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Mon 8 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 10 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 11 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Sun 14 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
Mon 15 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 17 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Fri 19 th	Much Ado About Nothing	North Town Field	19:00
Mon 22 nd	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 24 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 25 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Fri 26 th -29 th	Craft Beer Festival	Shepherd & Dog	All Day
Mon 29 th	Poynings Fun Day	Poynings	
	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 31 st	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30

Bus to Hassocks: Every Monday and Thursday 10:05 -12:00

Bobobservation No 22. The Parish of Fulking

Walking on Newtimber Hill on a fine morning this week I looked down on the amazing view across the Downland Villages of Poynings, Fulking and Edburton. In particular the long shape of the parish of Fulking stretches out from the Downs to Holmbush Lane and what a wonderful sight it is on a summer's day.

How fortunate we are to live in this wonderful part of the country and enjoy all the benefits of the rural life.

Fulking itself has so much to offer; a great pub, a refurbished village hall, a fair, yoga, toddlers mornings, a book shop, beagles, a highly successful cricket club, a good size field for village events. The location of the village is only five minutes to shopping, fifteen minutes to a main line railway station and access to a half hourly bus service to Brighton, Burgess Hill or Horsham and 30 minutes to Gatwick.

It is so easy to just accept this great privilege without realizing that there are few places that offer a better way of life for us, our children and grandchildren. We are indeed very lucky.

You may think I have rambled on too long and sound like an Estate Agent's pitch but I do want you to know how much I appreciate living in Fulking. I hope you do too.

Lepidopterist?

There's still time to be involved in the Big Butterfly Count, supported by the South Downs National Park, which continues until 7th August. Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather and send your results to www.bigbutterflycount.org. Much more information on that website.

Bank Holiday Refreshment

It's been a busy summer for the Shepherd & Dog – and there's more to come. The 26th – 29th August sees the Fulking Craft Beer Festival which celebrates beers from “home and far flung corners - the favourites, the whacky and the downright crazy!”

Live music will also be available.

Inbox not full enough?

Not everyone can spare the time to visit www.fulking.net or receives a paper copy of *Pigeon Post*. Now there's a way for villagers

to be even better informed, via our new beefed-up email list.

You can have email alerts for urgent items like road closures, weather warnings, lost pets, etc., or be told of impending social events, or perhaps sent copies of this esteemed journal, as well being notified as council and planning meetings. ...but most importantly, you'll only be sent the critical stuff to avoid clogging your inbox.

Behind the scenes there's a new system which is more secure and allows you to manage whether or not you subscribe.

Everyone already on the list will receive an email explaining this soon, but if you want to join, just wait until the end of the first week of August and send an email to: village-subscribe@fulking.net with no subject or contents – it's as easy as that.

Much Ado...

Sarah Mann's acting troupe is bringing Shakespeare to the North Town Field on 19th August at 7pm.

It promises to be a great event, especially if it is warm enough for picnics. Please come if you can and bring friends too, as there'll be plenty of space for everyone. And there's the Shepherd and Dog afterwards!

The ticket prices are: £17.50 adults, £9.00 concessions, £45.00 family ticket (2 adults/2 children)

Tickets are available from Alison Taylor (cash only) at The Keep. Otherwise there'll be some tickets available on the night.

Village Parking

A proposal was tabled at the Parish Council to extend the 'grasscrete' to the west of Ladybrook Spring. This would increase capacity on busy pub weekends by allowing herringbone parking. At the same time a scheme to discourage parking on both sides of the road will be considered.

While not a complete solution, these plans follow on from improvements to The Street by Stammers Hill and aim to increase the chances of 'free-er' traffic movement and emergency access at busy times.

Your council intends apply for a grant to fund this. If you have comments, please let one of your councillors know.

