

December 2016

Thu 1 st	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Fri 2 nd	Studio Shards Open House	Broadreeds	17:30-19:30
	Games Evening	The Village Hall	19:30-21:30
Sat 3 rd	Studio Shards Open House	Broadreeds	11:00-16:00
	Christmas Oratorio	Steyning Church	19:30
Sun 4 th	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	The Keep, Fulking	18:30
Mon 5 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 7 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 8 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Fri 9 th	Christmas Party	The Village Hall	18:30-20:30
Sun 11 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	The Keep, Fulking	18:30
Mon 12 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 14 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Fri 16 th	Messy Church	The Village Hall	16:30-18:00
Sun 18 th	Carol Service	St. Andrew's Edburton	18:00
Mon 19 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Tue 20 th	Village Carol Singing	All over the village	17:00-19:00
Wed 21 st	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 22 nd	Craft & Chat (tbc)	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Mon 26 th	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 28 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 29 th	Midwinter String Ensemble	St. John's, Newtimber	19:30

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

Oh Carol (singing)

No, Chuck Berry won't be making an appearance to sing *Oh Carol* in Fulking, but please join Tricia, Jen and many others to sing carols around the village on Tuesday Dec 20th. Meet at Tricia's (Skylarks, Clappers Lane) at 5.00 for a 5.30pm start.

Bobervation No 26. Christmas

Before wishing you all a very Happy Christmas let me first congratulate the Village Hall Action Group on the launch evening for their magnificent calendar. Not a bad turnout, and even the Chair of the Parish Council was there, mind you he took the majority of the pictures! It was so good to see Kath from Rushfields who are one of the sponsors and have been a major sale location.

At the time of writing the sales have exceeded 500 calendars, a second printing has been selling well, and the comments from outside the village have been very positive.

The Christmas Market/Fair in the village hall just gets better and better. Lots of helpers but hats off to Jen and Chris for driving it along every year. It has become another fixture on the Fulking calendar.

Christmas in a village like Fulking takes on a warmth not found in more urban environments. We should do everything we can to preserve that atmosphere. To this end the Social Committee have delivered invitations for the annual Christmas party on Friday 9th December to all villagers. There will be mulled, red and white wine and a tombola. The only thing we ask of you is to bring some savoury finger food. The party is from 6.30 to 8.30pm and children are welcome. Please try to be there.

The Shepherd & Dog is putting on its usual Kids Christmas Party on Saturday 24th December. What a good chance for mums to get a bit of space by sending dad out with the kids! It is a great fun event.

You must get sick of me nagging you month after month so, just for a change, my thanks to all of you who helped this year, in any way, to create such a wonderful place to live. HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

OART!

...stands for the Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust and they want to alert us to the dangers of phosphates in streams around Fulking.

These days phosphates get into streams and rivers mainly from cleaning materials such as dishwasher detergents, food via the sewerage system, as well as farm run-off. Phosphates are plant nutrients that encourage algae growth which in turn reduces oxygen supply in rivers. The solution? Start by switching to phosphate free cleaning products and watch our rivers improve. More at oart.org.uk.

Birthday Celebrations

One and all are welcome at these services:

Carol Services:

- Sun 11th Pyecombe, 6pm with Mid Sussex Brass Band and refreshments
- Sat 17th Poynings, 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
- Sun 18th Newtimber, 2.30pm, followed by tea in church
- Sun 18th St Andrew's, 6pm, Edburton, mulled wine & mince pies afterwards.

Christmas Eve:

- Christingle at 3.30pm in Poynings, for children, with oranges and sweets.
- 11.30pm at Edburton and Pyecombe. Midnight services of Holy Communion

Christmas Day:

- 8am - Short quiet service of Holy Communion at Newtimber
- 10am - Holy Communion for Christmas Day at Poynings

Open Houses

Don't forget that 'Artists Open Houses Christmas Festival' is going on in and around Brighton this month. 56 venues are exhibiting on 3&4th and 10th & 11th December. Go to aoh.org.uk to learn more.

Make your own Xmas Wreath

Take a festive walk with the National Trust and collect your holly and ivy. Return to historic Saddlescombe farm to make Christmas decorations - log burning stove, mulled apple juice, mince pies and roast chestnuts will all be included in the £6 fee.

19th & 20th Dec, 10:00-12:00 & 14:00-16:00.

Check the National Trust website for more details.

