

March 2017

Wed 1 st	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Fri 3 rd	Simon Jones Live	Royal Oak, Poynings	21:00-22:00
Mon 6 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	09:30-10:30
	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 8 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
	Mad March Pub Quiz	The Shepherd and Dog	19:30-20:30
Thu 9 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Sun 12 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
Mon 13 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	09:30-10:30
	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 15 th	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Fri 17 th	Messy Church	The Village Hall	16:30-18:00
Mon 20 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	09:30-10:30
	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 22 nd	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 23 rd	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Mon 27 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	09:30-10:30
	Yoga	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 29 th	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30

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

Droning On...

A drone was found shortly after Christmas in the village. Please ring Sue on 079 747 94102 if you think it may be yours. Good luck with that.

Bobobservation No 29 Spring at Furze field

We have lived at Furze field in Clappers Lane for 24 years and every year, as Spring approaches, it is a delight to see Crocus, Daffodil, Primrose and Snowdrop appearing.

Apart from the annual display of bluebells we have had the pleasure of living with many species of tree, including Oak, Hazel, Field Maple, Scots Pine, Spindle, Holly, Ash, Yew, Silver and Copper Birch.

The wild life has been extensive: mammals include Badger, Roe Deer, Grey Squirrel, Stoat, Weasel, Rabbit, Harvest and Field Mouse, Pigmy and Common Shrew, Bank Vole, Pipistrelle, Noctule and Serotine Bat. We have Common Lizard, Toad and Frog, Smooth Newt, Grass Snake, Glow-worm and Slowworm. Butterflies have numbered 27 different types including Purple Hairstreak and Clouded Yellow. Dragonflies are numerous.

Wild flora, as well as those already mentioned, Foxglove, Greater Stitchwort, Red Campion, Wood Anemone and Violet. One of the biggest attractions has been the birdlife, some 80 different species; the star turns being single sightings of Wryneck, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and Kingfisher. I should add the Hummingbird Hawk Moths.

It has been our aim to preserve the wildlife and manage the flora and although this means quite a lot of effort, the results have been very rewarding. The badgers are always entertaining and there are good views most evenings, particularly as the days lengthen.

As for the bluebells, some years are better than others, 2016 being particularly good but even in a bad year the display and scent are pretty impressive. It has been our pleasure to have villagers, their families and friends wander around at bluebell time, usually end of April and beginning of May.

Mad March Pub Quiz

The annual Mad March quiz is back at the Shepherd & Dog on Wednesday March 8th. The event is in aid of "Friends of Sussex Hospices", so if you have a team of 6-8 egg-

heads and would like to enter, please call Emily on 382 to book a table.

Seedling Sunday

Spring is here! (at least in theory). And Chris is starting to sow seeds for Seedling Sunday on 6th May, where you can buy and swap flower and vegetable seedlings. (this year she will be growing flowers.

If she's planting seedlings now, then that probably means that the rest of us should be starting now as well. So please get planting and turn up to this nice village event. It is helpful if you can let Chris what you are growing. gilder6646@aol.com

More Pubbery

We may not have many facilities in the area, but we are blessed with three pubs in walking distance – and one, the Royal Oak, is laying on some live entertainment on Friday 3rd of March at 9pm. Simon Jones will be playing covers from the 70s to the present day. Entry is free, so book a table to enjoy some food before the musical fun starts!

Property Season

This year it seems that the property market has already begun in earnest, with the website tracking several local houses that have come on the market and been quickly sold. It may not be connected, but all this attention coincided with at least one break-in during February. Don't forget to take the usual precautions if or when the weather warms up a little.

Mayfield, Maybe

Avid followers of fulking.net will have noticed that every few weeks Mayfield developers come up with some publicity, such as spurious surveys. They may also notice that the planning 'culture' is changing as witnessed by the hostile examination of MSDC's plan and the fact that Fulking is now being dealt with directly by South Downs National Park. So, don't assume that large scale housing development has been ruled out in our area.

Feeling Festive?

Don't forget that bookings are now open for most Brighton Festival events. Roll on May!

