

April 2017

Mon 3 rd	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	9:30-10:30
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Wed 5 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Sun 9 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
Mon 10 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	9:30-10:30
	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 12 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 13 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
	Fulking Parish Council Meeting	The Village Hall	19:30-21:00
15 th -17 th	Easter Egg Hunt	Stone Seat, Devils Dyke	11:00-15:00
Mon 17 th	Egg Rolling Competition	Stone Seat, Devils Dyke	10:45-12:00
Wed 19 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 20 th	Social Committee Meeting	The Village Hall	20:00-21:00
Fri 21 st	Messy Church	The Village Hall	16:30-18:00
Sun 23 rd	Saddlescombe Farm Open Day	Saddlescombe Farm	10:30-16:00
Mon 24 th	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	9:30-10:30
	Yoga Drop-in Session	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Wed 26 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 27 th	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00

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

Meet the Author

The Villages Read is a new fundraiser for local churches. The idea is to read a book about area and then have a meet-the-author event to discuss it (probably in June). 'Belonging' by Umi Sinha has been chosen. Get your copy at the usual outlets or from downlandbenefice@icloud.com where you can also find out more. Get reading!

Bobobservation No 30

Hats off to Central Government for proposing that District Councils should extend the 'bedroom tax' to private properties and raise additional Council Tax by imposing an extra band to cover unoccupied bedrooms in properties rated at bands F and above.

I understand that the amendment will not take place until 1st October 2017 and Council Tax bills will be amended as necessary on that date. The sums raised will be earmarked for the improvement of social care for patients leaving hospital and this should in turn relieve the pressure on hospitals by freeing-up bed space.

It is proposed that the necessary information regarding what bedrooms are or are not occupied will be by written submission from the immediate neighbours, who will be invited to disclose the necessary details to the District Council in the strictest confidence. I suppose there will be some who may consider this a 'snoopers' involvement but fair minded villagers will realise what an important step this will be to relieve pressure on the NHS.

And on a less taxing (!) note. Hats also off to David, Emily and George for once again organising the 'Mad March Quiz' and donating the food. This event in aid of local hospices, deserves much better attendance by villagers. To make amends you can put Friday 28th July in your diaries for an old style 'Call my Bluff' in the Shepherd & Dog marquee located in the North Town Field. Tables of 8 quizzers, £15 a head, lots of great wine and food. Call (271) or email bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com to reserve places.

Lead-st original idea?

South Downs National Park's 'Take the Lead' Campaign is underway to promote responsible dog ownership.

It features a less than original 'Creature Comforts' style cartoon about dogs discussing their owners – see if you can stay awake for the whole sequence!

If you can't, the message is about putting dogs on the lead around livestock, picking up dog mess, and being aware of sensitive wildlife such as ground nesting birds. More on www.southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead.

Broadband for all!

These days access to high speed broadband is pretty much considered a basic human right. "Very interesting", say the majority of the village, who already have it.

However, it only extends for a relatively short distance from the 'box' on Poyning's road, leaving many residents of Clappers Lane, Perching Sands and Edburton Road still in the inter-web dark ages. A link from the Poyning's exchange has been long promised, so pressure needs to be kept on West Sussex County Council (broadband@westsussex.gov.uk) and BT/Virgin (apply for high speed broadband, then add you name to waiting list).

PP delivery squad

As many of you will know, Tony and Doris Brooks are leaving the village this month. They will be much missed for their long and generous contribution to village life.

However, as Tony also delivers Pigeon Posts in his part of Clappers Lane, we now need to find his replacement. This involves delivering to about 10 houses between Tony's and Furze field. Will anyone volunteer?

Chris organises the 11-strong distribution team, contact her on gilder6646@aol.com.

Stress Relief?

Responsible 17-year-old available for babysitting in Fulking and Poyning's.

Contact Emma on 07477 590087

Smoke Alarm

Some residents have noticed quite a few bonfires lit recently in the middle of the day on lovely sunny days which spoil the atmosphere, especially if washing is out. Mention was made of an unwritten rule about lighting bonfires after 6pm!

