



June 2011

# Pigeon Post

# Fulking Fair



Midday - 5pm  
Sunday 31 July 2011  
Downside Meadow

BBQ, Live Music, Craft Stalls,  
Demonstrations, Dog Show, Beer Tent,  
Children's Amusements, Cream Teas,  
Produce and much much more!

Really kicking off now, we are, with preparations, plans, bookings and Lord knows what-all. Full list of activities next month; this is just a heads-up to remind you, and to say if you want to get involved, please contact co-

ordinators [Nick Hughes](#) (868) or [Bob Rowland](#) (271). If you want a stall, [Linda Comber](#) is your lady - 253.

We are particularly in need of volunteer helpers for many of the goings-on. Even humble

stuff like car parking is crucially necessary to make sure the day runs smoothly. Also note it starts earlier this year - no lying about in bed and bribing the kids to bring you tea and toast with your Sunday paper.

Extraordinary 'Triple Tombola'; drop your donations (in good condition) off to [Bob](#) and [Pam](#) (271) at Furze field, Clappers Lane as soon as you like. Plus 'The Wonder of Fulking' photography competition, details inside.

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**To all the villagers of Fulking:**  
I would like to thank all who contributed to the wonderful present presented to me at the Fulking Annual Parish Meeting on 2 June. With an extra special thanks to Bob and Pam Rowland for all their hard work, thought and secrecy in arranging the great surprise! Tony

## Lifetime contribution to the Village gratefully acknowledged

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 2 June, Tony and Doris Brooks were presented with a bespoke china bowl and two mugs decorated with village and personal scenes as recognition of the tremendous amount of work Tony has

contributed to Fulking. This has involved active membership of the Parish Council, The Social Committee and St Andrew's Church. Tony's wonderful book *The Changing Times of Fulking and Edburton* raised £3800

towards the glass doors at the entrance to the church. Ably assisted by Doris, he has been an example to all of us. We hear that Tony's favourite contribution to the village has been the grit bins! Bob Rowland

## Changes – ie cuts – to local bus services

As you may be aware, a decision has been made by West Sussex County Council to reduce financial support for non-commercial bus services by £2m. This figure accounts for around 2m of the 24m journeys made on the bus network each year. The reductions in financial support are phased over three years. Phase 1 - £0.5m during 2011/12; Phase 2 - £1m during 2012/13; and Phase 3 - £0.5m during 2013/14.

Changes to local buses affect many people who rely on them and therefore achieving reductions is a very complex task. A cross party working group has been working hard with officers and local operators to develop a list of proposals. More detail at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure/getting\\_around\\_west\\_sussex/public\\_transport/buses\\_and\\_coaches/possible\\_changes\\_to\\_local.aspx](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure/getting_around_west_sussex/public_transport/buses_and_coaches/possible_changes_to_local.aspx). You can download a pdf listing those services that

might be affected.

After a four-week impact assessment with the public, a final decision on Phase 1 is due to be made week commencing 20 June. There is a proposed reduction in the number 17 service. Should you wish to comment please email [buses@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:buses@westsussex.gov.uk) or speak to a Parish councillor – or better still, come to the next Parish Council meeting and air your views. [Thanks to Colin Warburton]

## Regrettable local 'crime wave' continues

**1** 'Between 2000 hrs on Saturday 28 May and 1200 hrs on Sunday 29 May at The Street, Fulking, a Land Rover was broken into and the heated front seats stolen. If you saw anything suspicious around that time or if you have any relevant information please call Sussex Police on the non emergency number 0845 60 70 999 quoting reference 0761- 29/05/2011.' Eve Maryan,

PCSO 27921, Rural Villages.

**2** 'At about 11am on Friday morning 3 June my parked car was hit by a delivery van in Clappers Lane. A neighbour heard the collision and saw a green box van with he thinks the words 'ON TARGET' on the back, disappearing towards The Street. Did anybody in the village get a delivery at about this time, from a company with green

vans, with wording similar to this on the back? The driver failed to stop and the damage is not insignificant.' Alison Cooper, 593.

**3** There were two break-ins at Rushfields Nursery recently within two days of each other. Two small scooters, one electric blue, were seen at Rushfields and at The Crossways. If you have seen them or have any information contact the police.

## Village Diary

Saturday 18 June, 7.30pm  
BRAHMS REQUIEM  
Sung by Chanctonbury  
Chorus and Shoreham  
Oratorio  
Lancing College Chapel  
01273 465495

Thursday 7 July, 7.30pm  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Village Hall  
Jenny Hartley, 07814 788407

Sunday 31 July, 12 noon  
FULKING VILLAGE FAIR!  
Bob Rowland, 271  
Jenny Tooley, 382

Saturday 17 September,  
7.30pm  
CALL MY BLUFF WINE  
EVENING  
Preston Nomads Clubhouse  
Bob Rowland, 271

## Nomad News



As well as the weekly Saturday and Sunday cricket matches – you are always welcome to come along and watch – there will be 20/20 Cup games for our 2nd XI on Sunday 26 June, with the Sussex Finals of the 20/20 Cup at Nomads on 31 July.

The 11 July sees the MCC play a touring side from Australia, the Melbourne Crusaders and our midweek XI play the Crusaders Chairman's XI. The MCC will be back at Fulking on Wednesday August 17 playing in our Cricket week too! Spectators are always welcome!

Finally, Saturday 17 September has now been fixed for the village 'Call My Bluff' Wine evening to be held at the Clubhouse. Bob Rowland (271) has full details!

Jan Smith, Secretary, Preston Nomads Cricket Club

## Parish Council open for business with new Clerk and members



A big welcome to our new Parish Clerk, **Jenny Hartley**. Jenny, who lives in Horsham, is a professional Clerk and looks after five other local councils – Albourne, Woodmancote, Shermanbury, Loxwood, and Plaistow & Ifold. She has 'clerked' for more than six years, following a career in

customer service administration. She is currently embarking on the quality Clerks award course 'Cilca' this year.

We are also delighted to say that the Council itself is quorate. Your new representatives are: **Michael Trist** (Chair); **Kate Watson** (vice chair); **Pam Rowland**; **David**

**Slavin** and **Linda Dyos**. Welcome to one and all, and we'll hear more from them in the next issue of PP.

The next Parish Council meeting is 7.30pm on 7 July in the Village Hall. Come and show your appreciation of our dedicated members!

## 'Wonder of Fulking' photography competition

Why not put some of your Fulking photographs to good use? The Social Committee is running a competition to find the best photographs with the theme 'The Wonder of Fulking'. Photos can be of the village itself, the surrounding countryside, wildlife (animal or human), anything that goes to make Fulking what it is.

The best three photographs will be printed as notelet cards and sold at the Fulking Fair with all proceeds going to the Village Social Fund. Winners will also receive a bottle of wine. Photographs will be judged by esteemed local author **Tony Brooks**, Fulking Social Committee Treasurer **Bob Rowland**, designer

(and originator of the idea) **Ade Caroén** and **Pigeon Post** editor **Aidan Walker**.

All photos should be emailed to Ade Caroén as low-resolution images by 7 July. They should also be available as high resolution. Ade's e-mail is: [adrian.caroen@seymourpowell.com](mailto:adrian.caroen@seymourpowell.com). Or call him on 902.

## Kids' Activities

As one of the members of the Village Action Plan Group, I'm looking for help from PP readers.

Our investigations for the Action Plan raised the question of activities in the village for different age groups, especially children and young people. To help us make some progress on this topic, I would be grateful if you could let me have your thoughts about needs, possibilities, difficulties etc. and also provide details of those activities you know to be available which could perhaps be extended to a wider audience.

Please e-mail your ideas, thoughts and comments to me at [c.j.snell@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.snell@btinternet.com) or drop me a note at Stable Cottage, Perching Drove, Fulking so that the Action Plan Group can consider next steps! **Julia Snell**



**Elsie Aisher's photographic archive of post-war Fulking Amateur Dramatics appears just in time to inspire Myriam Brenner and Natasha Berry and their new 'AmDram' group, now working, we are reliably informed, on no less than two plays for September – 'A Quiet Life', a tale of village perfidy, and 'A Little Box of Oblivion', an 'absurd one act play', both by Stephen Bean. More to come!**

### Villagers Sing Brahms

Chanctonbury Chorus and Shoreham Oratorio are singing the Brahms Requiem on 18 June in the lovely Lancing College Chapel, start 7.30pm. Tickets from **Jen** or **Chris** (552), who are singing or at the door.

### Running crazy

Late on Saturday, July 9 this year, if you happen to gaze up at the Downs, there's a small chance you may see the running, walking or crawling silhouette of Fulking's **Ade Caroén** as he attempts to complete the South Downs Way in 32 hours. He starts in Eastbourne at 8am and hopes to get to Winchester late Sunday

afternoon after the 100-mile slog. This madness is only part of Ade's running adventures this year (remember the completely bonkers 'Marathon des Sables'? Yep, that's him), with 700 miles planned before December including a 346-mile Ireland epic.

All this, not just for fun, but to support Breakthrough Breast Cancer. If you would like to make a contribution, go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/breakthrough700>.

### Thankyou Viridor

Fulking Parish Council wishes to thank Viridor Credits Environmental Company for the grant of £5000 towards the

cost of replacing the very old, dirty, dusty and unsafe bark pit in the North Town Field children's recreation area with a modern cost saving safety surface for the future.

### Sorry you're going!

I was sad to see that the Jacob's sheep – long an institution in Fulking – have gone and that **Di** and **Kevin** are probably going too. I've been here 15 years now and can remember the little spinning group led by **Joanna** in Arbor Vitae, when people chose fleece to spin. It has always been lovely to see the lambs every spring. You will all be missed. **Chris Gildersleeve**

### Energy Saving Investment

I urge everyone to consider investing in photo-voltaic panels on a (preferably) south-facing roof. We have recently had 12 panels installed. Installation is around £10,000 but the 'Feed-in-Tariff', by which the government pays you for electricity you generate, gives you 41.3p per KWh, index-linked, tax free, and guaranteed for 25 years. We get about seven to eight per cent return tax free on the investment, save on our electricity bills and get more for selling surplus electricity back to the Grid. You need planning consent. If anyone wants to discuss this give me a ring on 271. **Bob Rowland**

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