

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fulking Village Spring Clean-up** Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10.30am *see details below*. Come along to keep our village tidy and free of rubbish!

**Edburton Parish Council Annual Meeting** Sunday, April 15, St Andrew's, Edburton. All are invited to the APCM (annual meeting) following the 11.00 service – a chance to catch up with goings-on and future plans at St Andrew's.

**Seedling Sunday** Sunday, May 6, 11.00-14.00, Fulking Village Hall. Bring plants and produce to sell or swap. Accompanied by tea and cakes, this has become an enjoyable social event, as well as a place to buy very cheap plants, so get planting and do come along!

**Bluebells at Furze Field** Probably at their best around end of April beginning of May. All villagers and well-behaved children welcome. Sorry no dogs. Call Bob and Pam on 271 first.

**Books, Bric-a-Brac, Coffee and Cream Teas** Saturday, May 26, time tba, Fulking Village Hall.

**'Hymns and Pimms'** Sunday, July 22, 18.00. St Andrew's 'Songs of Praise' followed by pimms.

**Call My Bluff Wine Quiz** Friday July 27, 19.00, North Town Field marquee. Tables of eight £110 or £15 a person, contact Bob 857271.

**Fulking Fair** Sunday July 29, 12.00-17.00, North Town Field, *see below for details*

## REGULAR EVENTS

All events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

**Yoga** Mondays 9.30-10.30. Drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson 255

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**Evergreens** This group for the over 60s meets on the first Monday in the month (second if Bank Holiday) from February to December (not January). Location varies each month. Contact Linda Jones 032 or Betty Powell 215.

**Craft and chat** Second and fourth Thursday in the month, 14.00-16.00. Contact Tricia Robinson

**Toddlers / family coffee mornings** Wednesdays 10.00-11.30. A friendly group for toddlers, older children and carers. Toys, activities, singing, refreshments. £1 donation. Tricia Robinson

**Games evenings** Once a month on a Friday from 19.30 pm. Contact Jen Green [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk) or tel 552

**Book Nook**, Fulking Chapel. Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 and 2nd Sunday in the month 11.00-16.00

**Messy Church** Fun activities and supper for children and carers. Third Friday in the month except July 13, 16.30-18.00. Contact Chris 322

## SERVICES AND USEFUL CONTACTS

**fulking.net** Fulking's community website with news and current events, calendar, useful contacts, articles about village life and history and much, much more...

### Fulking Parish Council

Chair: Miles Firth. Clerk: Trevor Parsons  
Contact [parishclerk@fulking.net](mailto:parishclerk@fulking.net) or tel 846310.  
Notice of FPC General and Planning Meetings are posted on [fulking.net](http://fulking.net) and on the FPC noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

**Fulking Village Mailing List** alerts villagers of Parish Council news, events and matters that concern the community, to join contact <http://fulking.net/join-the-village-mailing-list/>

### Fulking Social Committee

Fulking Social Committee aims to raise money for the social benefit of the village. We help to fund maintenance of the Village Hall, North Town Field and its children's play area. To achieve this we organise social and fundraising activities through the year, including the award-winning Fulking Fair in July. New members welcome, contact Bob Rowland 271

### The North Town Field

Fulking's village green, located off The Street, has a children's playground. It is run by the North Town Field Committee, which protects the field from development and organises maintenance including twice-yearly clear-ups of overgrown vegetation. Chair: Tricia Robinson

**Community Police Officer** PCSO Jane Harrison  
26987 Work mobile 07789 374213 Burgess Hill  
Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Fulking Village Hall** Yoga, family coffee mornings, craft, games evenings and public meetings take place here. To book the hall for a public meeting or private event such as a party, contact Carolyn Loveless 280.

The hall is run by the Village Hall Action Group, part of Fulking Social Committee. The group welcomes new members, contact Jen Green [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk). Please consider giving a donation or better still, a standing order to help with overheads such as heating and insurance. Just £5 or £10 a month will really make a difference. Contact Nick Hughes on 868 or [nickhughes100@btinternet.com](mailto:nickhughes100@btinternet.com).

**Church Services** St. Andrew's Church in Edburton is our local church. Family Communion Services are taken by Revd. Graham Jeffery on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11.00. See <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

**Community bus services and Public Transport** see <http://fulking.net/public-transport-page/>

**Neighbourhood Watch** Richard Corner 219 or <http://fulking.net/category/neighbourhood-watch/>

#### **Environmental issues**

**Recycling** For up to date recycling information see [www.thinkbeforeyouthrow.co.uk](http://www.thinkbeforeyouthrow.co.uk).

**Light pollution** Turn off outside lights at night.

**Composting** Avoid bonfires. Compost or get a garden waste bin.

**Potholes** Get the Love West Sussex app on your phone to report these.

## **2018 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Winter 2017-18 in Fulking**

Well, it has been a long winter hasn't it? Writing this on Easter Saturday, and it is just 46°F (7°C).

This winter has been characterised by mud, and lots of it. The steps down from the North Town Field have been muddy and dangerous for months. A snorkel has been needed at the bottom of the big field below the North Town Field! Potholes have reappeared on Clappers Lane despite work done a little while ago, and there's a deep one in The Street which keeps coming back. The horses in the field next to the Town Field have escaped on two occasions, leaving hoofmarks in the soggy Town Field and an adjacent garden. On one occasion they were found on The Street and bravely encouraged back

to safety by several villagers! The snowy interlude in March was pretty but bitterly cold, and I am sure other gardeners experienced damage to newly budding shrubs. On the bright side, villagers enjoyed tobogganing for a couple of days. Daffodils are still out because of the cold weather, and primrose and celandines are blooming! It's looking good at last for Seedling Sunday on May 6. Chris Gildersleeve

**Fulking Xmas Party** A belated thanks to Fulking Social Committee for organising the annual festive knees-up, held last year on December 8. Mulled wine flowed freely, the finger food was delicious and the company convivial as always!

### **Downland Calendar 2019**

Due to popular demand, Fulking villagers are putting together another photographic calendar to be published in 2019. The aims are to celebrate the beauty of our village and the South Downs, and to raise funds for Fulking Village Hall. So – please email your best photos of the following to [photos@fulking.net](mailto:photos@fulking.net): Fulking and environs through the seasons, landscapes of the South Downs, scenic Downland villages, also wildlife, farming life, community life. You will be fully credited and receive a free copy of the calendar.

Photos should be landscape format (horizontal) if possible, and preferably of a minimum pixel dimension of 2500 x 1700. Deadline for submissions: May 31, 2018. Get snapping and send in submissions! Jen Green

### **Fulking Village Spring Clean-up**

Sunday, 15th April 15, 10.30am. Please come along to help keep our village smart! There are four meeting points: **Party 1** starts at corner of Clappers/Holmbush lanes and moves south. **Party 2** starts at the corner of The Street / Clappers Lane and moves north. **Party 3** meets at the Ram House by Shepherd and Dog and moves up The Street. **Party 4** meets at The Deans in Poynings Road and moves towards The Street. Any queries ring Bob Rowland 271

### **Fulking Fair**

We are hoping for a repeat of last year's sunny weather for the fair on July 29. There will be a variety of stalls and fun activities in the North Town Field and along The Street, with teas in the Village Hall. This year the show will feature music from Shoreham Allstars, and Martha Scott Dancers will open the event; Allsorts Dog Rescue Fun Dog Show 12.30-15.00, pony rides, owls. Preceded by a Call My Bluff Wine Quiz on July 27. Contact Bob 271 to help or book a stall.