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Winter 2017-2018

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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 tricia.robinson@sky.com or tel 255

Yoga Mondays 18.30-19.30. Drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson

Toddlers / family coffee mornings Wednesdays 10.00-11.30 Contact Tricia Robinson

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

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.

Games evenings Once a month on a Friday from 19.30 pm. Contact Jen Green jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk or tel 552

Book Nook, Fulking Chapel. Wednesdays 10.00-11.30 and 2nd Sunday in the month 11.00-16.00

Messy Church Fun activities and supper for children and their parents/carers. Third Friday in the month 16.30-18.00. Contact Chris 322

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Andrew's Day Quiz Friday, November 24, 19.00 for 19.30. £7.50 per person (in teams of four) to include ploughman's platter. To enter email StAndrewsEdburton@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07812 465559

Fulking Christmas Party Friday, December 8, 18.00-20.00 Fulking Village Hall. Mulled wine, raffle, bring a plate of finger food to share, see separate invite

Christmas Wreath Walks Create your own Christmas wreath with material collected from the Downs. Saddlescombe Farm. December 18, 19, 20, 10.00-12.00

Christmas church services Nine Lessons and Carols at St Andrews, December 17, 18.00. For more details of Christmas services see <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

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: Derek Blackhall, parishclerk@fulking.net or tel 846186. Notice of FPC General and Planning Meetings are posted on 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

Chair: Bob Rowland 271

Fulking Social Committee aims to raise money for the social benefit of the village. We help to fund maintenance of the 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, held in July. Additional activities include Call My Bluff wine quizzes and the ever-popular Christmas Party. In addition, the Village Hall Action Group holds events to maintain and improve the Village Hall including the Christmas Craft Fair and Seedling Sunday in May.

In the past, fund-raising has enabled us to fund tree work and fencing in the North Town Field, provide support for local groups, and contribute to installing defibrillators.

New members welcome, contact Bob 271

The North Town Field

Fulking's village green is located off The Street opposite Laurel House. It has a children's playground. The field 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 in The Street is the only interior public space in the village. Yoga, family coffee mornings, craft, games evenings and public meetings take place here. You can book the hall for a public meeting or private event such as a party, contact Carolyn Loveless 280.

The village is responsible for all expenses and repairs to the hall, which is run by the Village Hall Action Group, part of Fulking Social Committee. The group meets regularly and welcomes new members, contact Jen Green 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.

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

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

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

2017 HIGHLIGHTS AND DRAMAS

Downland Calendar 2017

This lovely calendar, a first for the village, was a great success and sold out last year. It was put together by a group of villagers, particularly Richard Rawlings and Jen Green, to raise funds to help maintain the Village Hall.

Great photos of the village and South Downs were contributed by villagers to form a very special product. The creation and marketing of the calendar was a great example of what the community can achieve together!

Seedling Sunday

This yearly event organised by Chris Gildersleeve takes place in early May. Villagers grow plants for sale or swapping. 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 for next May!

Fulking Fair

The annual summer fair was held on a sunny day on the last Sunday in July in the North Town Field. It was preceded by an excellent Call My Bluff Wine Quiz compered by Bob Rowland, Tania Leach and David Pearse.

These events organised by Fulking Social Committee are another example of what the village can achieve. There were a variety of stalls and fun activities in the North Town Field, along The Street and in the Village Hall. The fair raised £1,450, which went to the upkeep of the Village Hall. The 2018 Fair will be held on July 29 – put the date in your diary, and contact Bob Rowland to lend a hand or book a stall.

Bottleneck in The Street

On a very hot day in July a car transporter and the school bus met head-on in the village and obviously could not pass! The transporter then backed into Clappers Lane, hitting an electricity cable and sparking a fire. The Fire Brigade was duly called and dealt with the fire. Eventually everything was sorted and traffic flowed again, but the fire had cut the electricity supply in the village! Having sat in my hot car in the traffic jam, I had hoped for a nice shower when I got home, but alas no power!

Birdman crash

In October the Poynings Road was temporarily blocked by rescue vehicles when a hang glider got caught up in a tree below the launch site on the Downs in Poynings. The pilot, who had been on his first solo flight, was suspended 80 feet up in the tree for over two hours, but was finally rescued unhurt. The Kent and Sussex air ambulance and Coastguard rescue helicopter also attended! You can't say nothing happens here!

Chris Gildersleeve

BOBSERVATION No 37 November 2017

Migration

At the risk of being corrected over omissions, I think that over the last seven years, the number of properties sold, for sale or for letting in Fulking has been interesting. A little research shows that 32 out of 137 or 23% of properties were either sold, let or offered for sale! In Fulking there is an old world feeling of permanence of residence, which obviously is incorrect. As for Furzefield, I think the impossibility of finding a suitable property in Henfield to move to may scupper any hopes you may have of stopping future Bobservations! Most recent emigrants are Clive and Kate, both of whom we shall miss. Kate was a very good Chair of the Parish Council at a difficult time. Parking will be easier in the Street!

Fun Dog Show

It has been agreed to hold a fun dog show in the North Town Field as part of the fair on Sunday July 29, 2018. If someone would like to take on the organisation of this light-hearted event please contact me on 271.