

Winter 2018

POYNINGS NEWS



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Thank you to all those who sponsored this news sheet.

Welcome to the village to Rosa, Matt and Thomas and to Francesca, Duncan and Genie.

Goodbye and good luck to Claire, Rio and Renee.

POYNINGS

PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are every two months at the village hall at 7pm on a Tuesday, with some extraordinary planning meetings in between.

Got something to put on the agenda?

Contact Colin on 01273 857024

2019 Meetings

January 8th

March 5th

May 14th

July 2nd

September 3rd

November 5th

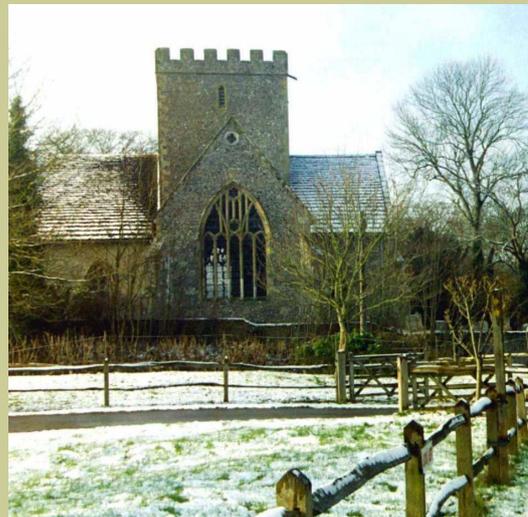
POYNINGS CHURCH NEWS

Garden Fete

We were so lucky to be back at the Rectory this summer, with huge thanks to the tenants Jane and Memo. Everyone had a fabulous time, it was a perfect afternoon to sit and enjoy the sunny weather the Maypole dancing, the Pimms and cream teas, puppets, kids games and various stalls. A real community event. Thanks to all who contributed with lots of hard work, especially those who are new to the village and also the children who all rolled their sleeves up to support Holy Trinity Church, raising £2000.

The Reverend Tim Harford will start his ministry in the Downland villages of Poynings Fulking Pyecombe Newtimber and Edburton on Wednesday 28th November, when the Bishop of Horsham comes to Holy Trinity church here in Poynings and Fr Tim becomes our new rector. Rector is an old term for the priest who looks after a particular church, but it carries more history than either vicar or priest-in-charge. Fr Tim will live in the rectory with his wife Jodi and their son Jake. This will be the first time we have had a school age child in the rectory for a quarter of a century. He has been most recently working with large Christian charities, and before that he was rector of Knebworth in Hertfordshire. You may already have seen the family either walking their dog or working in the rectory garden. Come and meet him in Church soon!
Patrick

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 16th December

10am Family Communion

11.30am Family Communion

6pm Carol service with mince pies and mulled wine

Sunday 23rd December

10am Holy Communion

2.30 pm Carol Service by candlelight with mince pies

6pm Carol service with mince pies and mulled wine

Monday 24th December

Crib Service 3.30

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December

10am Family Communion

Third Sunday in Advent

Poynings

Edburton

Edburton

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Pyecombe

Newtimber

Poynings

Christmas Eve

Poynings

Pyecombe

Christmas Day

Poynings

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ho Ho Ho, the annual Poynings Kids Christmas Party will be held on 14th December! Once again a big THANK YOU to AI for his fund raising throughout the year and our kind hosts The Royal Oak. This

is an Invitation Only event for kids up to and including Year 5 and Santa's Elves will be posting invites soon. If you are new to the village, please get in touch with Sarah 07534 737478

POYNINGS WEBSITE

www.poynings.net

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We now have 210 subscribers!

Register on the above site & you will receive a reply to confirm.

colinw@vfemail.net



ROYAL OAK

Charitable events at The Royal Oak this year have included the ever popular Chilli Competition (won this year by Barbara Sargent), Cake Bake Off (won this year by Sue Lee), and Pie Bake Off (won this year by Alan Kelly.)

Some of the funds were gifted to replace the children's slide. We also hosted a Charity Ball in July, which was organised with Alan Kelly to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer Charity, over £500 was raised for the charity. The evening was a great success with live music, dancing, delicious food and a raffle.

The Royal Oak will be open as usual over the Christmas period.

Christmas Day bar opening times are 12-2pm.

New Year's Eve, we would like to invite our neighbours and friends in Poynings to join us for our New Year's Party.

There will be a DJ with dancing, complimentary bubbles and nibbles at midnight, bar open until late. All are very welcome! We would like to wish all our patrons a very merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for your custom and support in 2018.

Best wishes Claire Banner.

General Manager

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Downland Calendar

This lovely calendar with photos of the area by local people is an ideal Christmas present at £7.00 and is on sale at Rushfields, the Royal Oak, the Shepherd and Dog and Bob's Cafe. In aid of the Fulking village hall fund.

BOB'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The café evolved out of a conversation between myself, Sheila, and MSDC councillor, Anthony Watts-Williams, at the launch of the table tennis table in the recreation ground (bats and balls are available from a tub in Betty's drive). I communicated the wishes of various parents for a cafe there. Coincidentally the pavilion was about to be revamped by Mid Sussex District Council, who rent the area from the Lee family (thank you to all).

The cafe is run by volunteers and the delicious homemade cakes are donated - many thanks to both volunteers and cake makers! Thanks also to those who have offered practical services. This is essentially a community hub and is named after Bob Powell who originally secured the recreation ground for the village from The Crown (who then owned it) and encouraged the villagers to fund raise in order to build the pavilion. We recently raised £250.00 at our Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning—thanks to all who helped or participated.

**Our winter opening hours are
Fridays 11.00 am—5.00pm and
Sundays 9.00 am—12.00pm**

<https://bobs-cafe-poynings.business.site>

Or FB page Bob's Cafe Poynings.

We have a 'Craft 'n Natter group' 11-1 (all welcome) on **Fridays** and also an 'After School Club' with board games, colouring etc and a

£2.50 'meal deal' at 4.00pm

Locals and footballers enjoy bacon sandwiches and good coffee on **Sunday mornings**

We continued the 'Surplus Vegetable Stall', raising over £50.00 for Poynings Church and sell cards, calendars and other goodies made by local people.

We pay rent to MSDC and also pay insurance and coffee machine rental. There were also considerable set up costs.

The seesaw in the play area has been a great success thanks to £5000 in grants from district and county councils and a top up from Al Kelly and the Royal Oak's charity fund—thank you to all involved, including the volunteers.

POYNINGS CRICKET CLUB

2018 has been another hugely successful season for Poynings Cricket Club both on and off the pitch. During 2018 our 1st XI secured promotion to Division 6 (Central), our 2nd XI won Division 11 (South Central) and our Development XI won the Conference for the 3rd successive season.

Our junior section continues to grow with 5 teams running from U10 – U15, with lots of our U13s, 14s and 15s representing Poynings in our 1st/2nd XIs, which will serve us well for the future. We currently have over 70 juniors at Poynings, including our first ever female representing the club, with opportunities created for all to play.

Though we have had a successful season, there were two main highlights 1) The annual Poynings vs. Villagers game which saw Poynings take revenge for their defeat in 2017! This was another wonderful evening which saw the local community come together for an evening of cricket, food and drink! 2) Our U15 Captain George Mitchell-Phillips scored his maiden 1st XI 100 vs. East Grinstead 3s, leading us to victory in the process, a fantastic achievement from a young player that I hope will go on to represent Poynings for many years to come.

The success of our club is down mainly down to the hard work and commitment of several key volunteers at the club. However, I would just like to say a special thank you to The Royal Oak and Jan & Steve in particular who kindly sponsored us again this season and without their generosity we wouldn't be able to provide wonderful opportunities for our playing members.

2019 is not far away and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead. As usual anyone interested in either joining Poynings Cricket Club, juniors/seniors or want to know more about the club, then please feel free to contact me gary.wallis-taylor@sussexcricket.co.uk

**EVERGREENS
[OVER 60'S
TEA PARTIES]**

Our tea parties take place courtesy of various kind hosts on the first Monday of every month.

All over 60's from the four downland parishes welcome. Transport can be arranged
Betty 857215

Film Nights in the village hall to resume in January. These are usually the last Friday of the month, 7.30 for 8.00, entrance £1.00.

Poynings Pantomime Jan 11th, 12th, 13th

We are delighted to announce that this year's Panto is everyone's favourite classic, Cinderella. We have a star-studded cast, many you will have seen before with a few exciting new faces. We have a stocking full of silliness, the beautiful Cinderella searching for her Prince, but will her sisters get to him first? The lovable Buttons totally besotted by Cinderella sharing his cheeky fun and games. The famous, Fairy Godmother trying to make wishes come true. The classic Panto Dames - The colourful Ugly Sisters causing havoc wherever they go. Baroness Hard-up with her scandalous evil giving lots of opportunity for the audience to hiss and boo. Baron Hard-up the much put-upon husband and father to Cinderella, Devilish Dandini causing mayhem with his wise cracks and mischief. Our cute team of village children showing off their singing and dancing skills and simply having fun. Don't miss out on this super treat to scare away the January blues. Come and support the villagers as they take you on a magic fairy-tale journey full of delight and wonder.
Sandra



**Mid Sussex District Council
Community Award**

This year the Parish Council nominated Church Warden, Nigs Digby, for all her hard work for the Church. This includes looking after the Churchyard, directing the Poynings Panto, running the Village Garden Fete and dealing with the Rector vacancy.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

A new tarmac surface has now been completed to prevent flooding behind School Cottages and also along the north end of The Causeway. The ditch installed last year, in the field beside The Causeway, has been draining well. These were both financed by grants from WSCC. The edges of the road, between Village Hall and the church have been repaired. A more permanent repair is not a high priority for the County Council. We had wanted this in conjunction with a new footpath/bridleway towards the church. We will continue our efforts to have a path along this section. We have supplied a new shed to the cemetery and have arranged for the brambles at the rear of the churchyard to be removed. The new path at the front of the church was financed by the county council following the efforts of our Clerk, Colin. The Parish Council is at its full strength of five, having now co-opted Nigel Evans. All five places will be up for election on 2 May 2019. The Clerk or I can let you know how to apply.
Mike Airey.



Bonfire and Fireworks

Thanks to all who helped, in particular to Mark Lee and his family for the loan of the two fields and for looking after the magnificent bonfire. Pictured above, Mikey, with his fabulous 20th guy!