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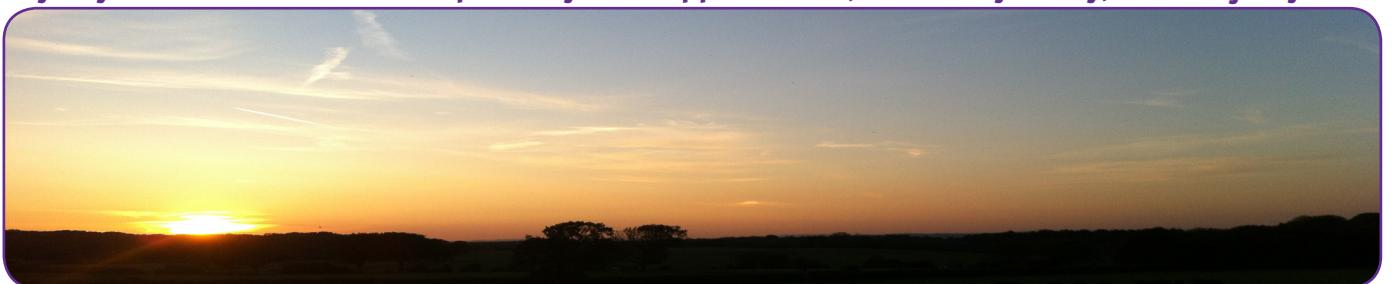
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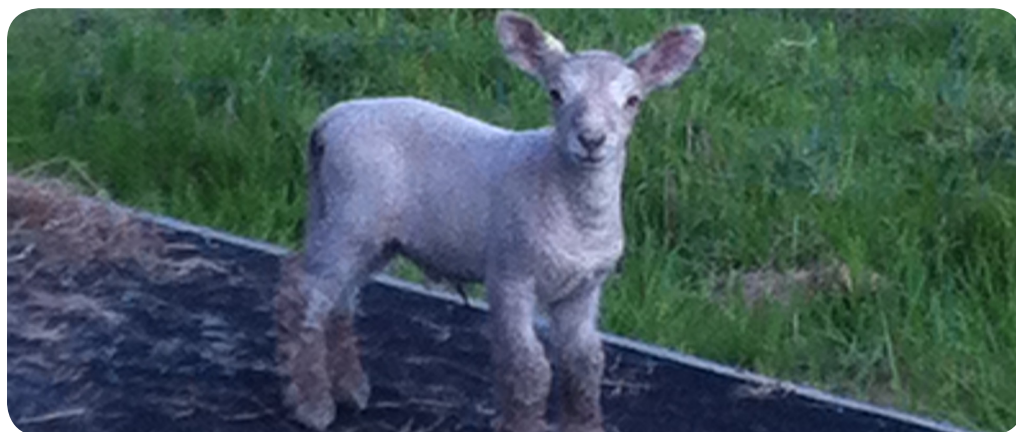
FLAMIN' JUNE!



Bit pathetic for a local newsletter / newspaper / pamphlet ('What am I, exactly?' ponders the Pigeon...) to complain about the weather, but a good journal never misses the opportunity for a ghastly pun, or in this case *double entendre* (French). We're entitled to moan about the coldest May in 300 years (which then turned tropical, see below), but if we could remember past this time last year or indeed most early Junes we wouldn't be sanguine about getting anything else anyway. The British summer's speciality is disappointment, wouldn't you say, Your Majesty?



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Laat Lammetjie, pronounced 'lart lammakie', is, as you may or may not know, what South Africans call a late-born child. Fulking's very own Late-but-Loved Lamb arrived in Tessa and Bill Schaeffer's section of the South Town Field, much to their surprise, in mid May. He is doing well and has gone with his Mum back to her lodgings at Danny House, from which she was taking a sheepish holiday



F.F.F. Fab.F.F.F.Fulking.F.F.F.Fair

This year's Fullking Fair, the *crème de la crème* of Sussex village fairs, is taking place at Downsview Meadow from noon till 5pm on Sunday 29 July. It promises, given reasonable weather, to be the best and biggest yet. BUT to achieve the success the village deserves we need more helpers! The areas we need covered are Parking, BBQ, Childrens' games, Tombola, Homemade cakes and biscuits,

Entrance gate and general relief helpers so that everyone gets time to enjoy their fair as well as take part. If you can spare some time on the day, no matter how little, please give me a call on 271 or email me at bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com. **Bob Rowland**

So far we have: Alpacas, Bar & Beer Tent, BBQ, Bookstall, Bouncy Castle, Brighton City Choir, Childrens' Games

& Activities, Craft Stalls & Demonstrations, Cream Teas, Dog Show, Fresh Orange Juice, Gladiators, Homemade Cakes, Ice Cream Tricycle, Live Music, Parking, Produce & Plant Stalls, Punch & Judy, Steam Engine, Story Teller and Tombola. PC Anika Clough will be bringing a police vehicle to ogle at – or in.

BIG ASK: EVERYONE BRING HOME MADE CAKES & BISCUITS to the FFFair on 29 July!!!!

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 - 12

Family coffee mornings
Village Hall

Alternate Fridays 6.30 -

8.30pm: Youth Club. For ages 10 - 15. Village Hall. Call Nick Hughes 868, or Nicole Walker 735 for next meeting

Wednesday 20 June, 7.30-10am

Biker's Breakfast: Cycle Hub, Haywards Heath Station

Wednesday 20 June, 7.30pm

Fulking Social Committee Village Hall. **BIG FAIR PLANNING MEETING, PLEASE ATTEND!**

Friday 22 June, 7.45pm

Games Evening
Village Hall then pub.
Jen Green, 552

Saturday 23 June, 2 - 5pm

Poynings Village Fete
Rectory Garden

Saturday 23 June, 7.30pm

Puccini's *Missa in Gloria*
St Andrew's Church Steyning

Saturday 30 June, 10am

Village Hall Action Group
Village Hall. Cleanup first!

Sunday 1 July, 2 - 5pm

Dyke Farmhouse Garden Open Day

Thursday 12 July, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting.
Village Hall

Sunday 29 July, 12 - 5pm

FFFULKING FFFAIR!!!!
DOWNSVIEW MEADOW!!!

Monday 27 August, time TBC

Poynings Fun Day at Poynings Village Hall & Blacksmith's Field
www.poynings.net for details

Friday 21 September TBC

Harvest Supper
Pigeon Post and www.fulkingvillage.co.uk for details

Thursday 11 October, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

Saturday 24 November, 11am - 4pm

Christmas Market 'pencilled in'
Village Hall

Thursday 10 January 2013, 7.30pm. Parish Council Meeting

The Usual Village Miscellaneosity

Kind words

The pictures on the front page of *Pigeon Post* are invariably stunning (*Thank you Gill, we do try*). Last issue (May) was really uplifting too. What a lovely picture of young people and talented children. It's so good to know that there are lots of young families back in Fulking. Did anyone make a recording (sound or total)? I missed the real thing. *Gill Milner* (248)

www.fulkingvillage.co.uk - James off, John on

The Fulking Village website webmaster, the estimable, industrious and much valued *Mr James Lightfoot*, is moving on. No, he's not leaving the village; just leaving the job. Other commitments are calling too loudly, just at a time when the site needed a complete rebuild. I'm sure everyone in BN5 9•• will join me in giving a Fulking Great Big Thankyou to James, who has worked tirelessly to make the site what it is and genuinely created a pivotal communication tool for the community. Good job, Mr L.

The e-hat, baton and cape go to *John Hazard*, local IT wiz, photographer and cyclist extraordinaire. Welcome John, hope you enjoy. Fulking folks wishing to upload content, please get in touch with John at webmaster@fulkingvillage.co.uk. Expect updates!

Village Hall Action Group meeting 19 May – edited minutes

- Harvest Supper at the village hall planned for 21 September. 50 tickets at £12.50 a head.
- Finance reasonably healthy with £170 a month in standing orders.
- High attendance at the toddler group, with children and carers enjoying the sessions and music. They are looking for a stairgate

to put on the front door for their sessions if anyone has a spare.

- The idea of a flower arranging taster session and possible regular sessions was met with enthusiasm. Tuesday evenings possible?
- A craft evening has also been requested; *Rebecca* of Badger Farm suggests Thursdays.
- Christmas market now pencilled in for Saturday 24 November from 11am – 4pm.
- *Lee Holden* (and helpers?) plans to tidy up the garden and paint the front door.
- Next meeting 30 June at 10am with a clean-up before hand.

Crime time

- *Anika Clough* at Sussex Police writes: Just to inform you all of my new email address and name change (I used to be *Anika Arnold*). I have just returned to work from my honeymoon! anika.clough@sussex.pnn.police.uk.
- Please report all non-urgent Neighbourhood Watch problems promptly to Sussex Police on 101 (15p per call). If you don't report problems, the Police can't tackle them! Log the incident reference number, plus date, that the Police will give you. However – if you think you are seeing a 'Crime in Progress' (even if it seems minor) call 999 – the staff are trained to check all the details with you, and also to decide how urgently a police/ fire/ ambulance response is required. If you are deaf or speech impaired, you can text a mobile phone message describing the problem to 65999. Our Police Community Support Officer *Anika Clough* can be contacted on 101, ext 22316, or on 07884 202596 as well as the email above. Also it's important to report burglaries/ damage to *Richard Corner*, on 219. It helps me to link which crimes are related, and helps the Police catch the offenders. If

there's any urgent news, I'll post it on the PCC noticeboard, and www.fulkingvillage.co.uk. *Richard Corner*

- Here is the (shortened) link to the West Sussex Crime & Community Safety survey which is now live on the West Sussex County Council website. Responses will be used to improve satisfaction with West Sussex services and help the West Sussex Strategic Community Safety Partnership identify priorities and prepare for the introduction of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Please send this link to friends, colleagues and family living in West Sussex. It runs until 31 July. <http://bit.ly/llrxdv>

Good people, bad weather

There was a great turnout on a very average summer day for the Queen's Jubilee Picnic. Well done all those who enjoyed meeting up on such an important day. It got rained off after a couple of hours – no time for rounders unfortunately. Some hardy souls did indeed retire to village hall for games, but we didn't have a tournament as such. *Bob Rowland and Jen Green*

Fulking Email List

The Parish Council is compiling an email list for the village which is nearing completion. It will be used primarily to inform villagers of any important matters including planning and Parish Council meetings. A test email will shortly be sent to everyone. To ensure that your household is included, please email me ASAP: kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com. Please include your full name and home address. Thanks! *Kate Watson*

Puccini's Missa

Chanctonbury Chorus is singing Puccini's *Missa in Gloria* at St Andrew's Church in Steyning on

23 June at 7.30. *Jen Green* and *Chris Gildersleeve* will be singing. Phone 552 if you want a ticket.

Dog lover but no dog – or need more exercise?

'Allsorts Dog Rescue' kennels its dogs in Badger Kennels in Clappers Lane, and badly needs dog walkers – so if you can spare an hour or so between 9 and 11am, especially on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, AllSorts would be very grateful. The dogs only get one walk a day and spend a lot of their time shut in their runs. They will be very pleased to see you! Please ring Shelley on 07446 256761.

Chris Gildersleeve

Recycle your old mobile phones for a good cause

Has anyone got any old mobiles lurking in drawers? If so I would be very grateful to have them. I'm trying to raise some money to help *Regan*, a young Tanzanian man, to finish university – he had a full scholarship but this year the government has halved all the scholarships, leaving him with a shortfall of £400. His parents were killed in a road accident so he has no family support. He is determined to finish his course and has been working in a bar until late at night to raise money, but this makes him very tired and he has not been able to go home for vacations because he can't pay the bus fares. Mobiles are like gold dust in Africa and he could sell them on for parts or as whole phones if I could send him some. *Chris Gildersleeve* 552

Mid Sussex's moment to shine

On Tuesday 17 July the Olympic flame will be travelling through Copthorne, East Grinstead and neighbouring areas. Details at www.midsussex.gov.uk/ plus information on road closures and business continuity.

Amazing deal! Advertise in Pigeon Post for just £7 per issue or £60 for 11 issues. Contact Aidan Walker, details above

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