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# Pigeon Post



## INDEED IT HAS!

Extraordinary village we live in, populated by extraordinarily talented people, offspring and parent alike. An eager audience crammed the hall to hear the second edition of Fulking's Got Talent on 22 April, whose programme this year went like this:

**Ruby Cooper** playing a violin piece from *Schindler's List* called *Remembrances* by John Williams.

**Oliver Jagger** playing *Las Vegas Tango* on saxophone.

**Katie Prothero** playing *La Villageoise* on flute by Jean Phillippe Rameau and *The Waltz* by Romo.

**Ciaran Walker** performing a *William The Explorer* monologue by Richard Crompton.

**Ethan Walker** – youngest performer – playing *Military Minuet* by Joseph Haydn followed by *The Sandman* by Johannes Brahms.

**Imogen Jagger** singing the *Dalmation Cradle Song*.

**Alice Daly** on violin playing *Traumerei* Schumann.

**Emma Prothero** singing *Jar of Hearts* by Christina Perry.

**Thomas Daly** playing *Largo* and *Allegro* by Handel on the flute.

**Lara Harris'** gymnastics piece: Lara is Sussex Under 11 Immediate floor and vault champion.

**Rebecca Loveless** playing *Rumba* by Paul Harris on flute.

**Katie Prothero** singing *Like You* by Adele.

**Lydia Cooper** playing *Carolans Air* on violin.

**Lara Harris** performing a monologue called *Mum* by Brian Patten.

**Thomas Daly** playing *Allegro in F* (Anon) on the piano.

**Robert Loveless** playing *Chilli con Salsa* by Mike Mower on flute.

**Emma Prothero** debuting her band Four in a Row with *Valerie* by Amy Winehouse followed by *Me and You*, written by Four in a Row.

**Joss Harris** and his band playing *Space Oddity* by David Bowie, *Into the Great Wide Open* by Tom Petty, *Jealous Guy* by John Lennon and *Stand by Me...* by... just about anybody.

Many thanks to all, esp. **MC Robert Loveless**, Organisers **Nicole Walker** and **Alison Daly** & of course **Victor Taylor**, our esteemed accompanist!

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# The Usual Village Miscellany...

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## NEW VILLAGE DIGNITARIESx2:

### 1. New PCSO...

**Anika Arnold** says: 'This is to introduce myself as your new village Police Community Support Officer, as **Eve Maryan** is on maternity leave. I will be covering Bolney, Warninglid, Twineham, Slaughtam, Hickstead, Poynings, Pyecombe, Fulking, Newtimber & Albourne. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me and I am happy to attend any meetings/ community events to get to know the community better (availability depending!). PCSO **Anika Arnold**, 07884 202596 or [anika.arnold@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anika.arnold@sussex.pnn.police.uk), Burgess Hill Police Station, The Brow, Burgess hill, West Sussex, RH15 9BU, 101 Ext.22316

### 2. ... and the new Parish Clerk!



The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome **Andrea Dickson** as its new clerk. 'I was appointed Fulking Parish Council's Clerk in April,' she says. 'This is my first job for eight years, having been a homemaker since 2004. My husband works for London Underground and I have three children of school age. As a family we enjoy walking in the South Downs and surrounding areas.' [andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com). The PC would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Sheena Trist** and **Bob Rowland** for helping out over the past few months.

## FULKING SEEKS PARISH COUNCILLOR

Because of work commitments, **David Slavin** will be standing down as Parish Councillor. If you would like to join the Parish Council and become more involved in our community, please contact **Kate Watson** ([kate.watson4@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.watson4@btinternet.com)), 07730 502 698 or **Pam Rowland** ([pacrowland@gmail.com](mailto:pacrowland@gmail.com)), 271. If you'd like to find out what's involved, please feel free to contact us for an informal chat.

### Parish Council meetings...

... will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on: Thursday July 12, Thursday October 11, Thursday January 10, 2013.

Planning meetings are provisionally planned for the first, third and fifth (where available) Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

### Village Hall Action Group

The Village Hall Action Group meets this coming Saturday 19 May at 10am. Come a little early if you want to help tidy up. On the agenda: New initiatives, Harvest supper, Teas and maybe an art exhibition – if enough people are interested. Film club? Volunteers needed to get this going... **Jen Green** 552, **Trish Robinson** 255

### Jubilee Picnic

The Jubilee Picnic is in the North Town Field Picnic at midday on Tuesday 5 June. Bring things to eat, drink and play with. And a sunny disposition, if we can't have the weather.

### Seedling Sunday Report

This turned into a great afternoon with about 50 people in all attending. Lots of seedlings despite a cold patch just before (might make it later next year!) and lots of lovely cakes made by kind women in the village. A

good time was had by all and we raised £182 for the Hall fund. The Hall looked nice too, with its new curtains and floor. Thanks to the Church for the loan of the tea urn! Essential equipment! **Chris Gildersleeve**

### CRIME WAVE x3

**1.** We had five shed break-ins in Fulking reported to the Police in the last week of April. Padlocks were cut with bolt croppers and then sheds entered. In most cases nothing has been stolen, but some items have been moved or stolen, including canoes and bicycles. I have sent a Neighbourhood Watch message out and spoken to each victim. **Anika Arnold**, Neighbourhood Policing Team PCSO

**2.** A blue Y-reg Subaru with three male occupants was seen driving on the bridleway known as 'the back way' behind the houses on The Street, Fulking leading to The Shepherd and Dog pub. This was deemed as suspicious due to recent shed breaks in the area. If you see this vehicle in the area again acting suspiciously please call 101 quoting Serial 1448 of 17/04/12.

**3.** Did anyone see anything in the Street, at about midnight of the evening of Saturday 6 May? Three cars were attacked (one in The Street and two in Clappers Lane) and incurred criminal damage, one car had its windscreen smashed, another I believe had a side mirror smashed and my car had the driver's window completely smashed in. **Linda Dyos**

### Help at Fulking Fair!!!

This year's fair 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. To achieve the success the village deserves we need more helpers. The areas

## 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 16 May, 7.30pm

Social Committee Meeting to discuss **FULKING FAIR**. Village Hall

### Saturday 19 May, 10am

Village Hall Action Group Meeting. Village Hall

### Tuesday 5 June, 12 midday

Jubilee Picnic. North Town Field. Bring eats, drinks, games.

### Wednesday 6 June, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Plan

### Saturday 23 June, 2 - 5pm

Poynings Village Fete. Rectory Garden.

### Thursday 12 July, 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting. Village Hall.

### Sunday 29 July, 12 - 5pm

**FULKING FAIR!!!! DOWNSVIEW MEADOW!!!!**

### Thursday 11 October, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall.

### Thursday 10 January 2013, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall.

we need covered are Parking, BBQ, Childrens' games, Tombola, Homemade cakes and biscuits, Entrance gate and generally relief helpers so that everyone gets time to enjoy the 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 857271 or email me at [bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com). **Bob Rowland**

### Neighbourhood Plan

We meet to discuss this on Wednesday 6 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All Local Authorities have asked if Parishes would like to submit...>



# FIELDS, HILLS, DOGS AND CATTLE

## ‘Your dog could be shot if it worries livestock’

by CAROLYN ROBERTSON  
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DOG owners are being warned not to let their pets run freely in the countryside where livestock is grazing or they could see them shot.

At least 15 sheep were killed by dog worrying attacks in Mid Sussex last year. Now, with farmers seeing lambs being stillborn due to Schnallenberg disease, they are likely to be more on their

guard to potential threats, warns Sussex Police.

Wildlife Crime Officer PC Geoff Bennett said: “Sheep and other livestock worrying is an on-going problem and as the South East fills up with more and more people, there are more and more dogs around. Unfortunately, people think they can let their dogs off the lead in a field and let them run but that is not a right and the dogs and the owners should stick to

footpaths. If a dog starts to worry livestock be it sheep, cattle or horses and a farmer has a shotgun with him then he will shoot.”

PC Bennett reminded people that a dog on a lead in a field with cattle was no protection as cattle would charge, a situation that was known to have caused human deaths.

He said anxious farmers were reporting around 15 per cent of lambs being stillborn

due to Schnallenberg disease and any further losses would be traumatic. The high demand for lamb meat for curry restaurants was also likely to cause reduced breeding stock, shortages and price rises. Sheep killed last year suffered horrific injuries with others aborting their lambs and having to be put down. Incidents of livestock worrying should be reported to Sussex Police by dialling 101 or 999.

Notwithstanding the ever so slightly dubious reference to ‘curry restaurants’, I have been asked to run the above piece – I guess from *The Argus* – about dogs in the countryside. The cattle on the hill have also been making themselves unpopular again, although this time not to the point of fisticuffs in the Village Hall. The recent rain has enhanced their mud-making activities to a point where walking on the hill has become more of a chore than a delight, and Villagers have become vocal about it. Philippa Morrison-Price, the South Downs National Park Ranger, explains:

‘Andrew Triggs our LDF Policy Officer has asked me to get in

touch about concerns raised at your recent community meeting regarding Fulking Escarpment. As the South Downs National Park Ranger for this area I would like to explain about the work that is happening there.

‘Fulking Escarpment is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its chalk grassland habitat. Landowners have a statutory obligation to manage SSSI’s which is why the National Trust has been carrying out scrub clearance and grazing cattle to improve the condition and biodiversity value of the site which is currently classed as “unfavourable recovering” by Natural England. The South Downs National Park has

contributed funding towards this and our volunteers have helped to clear some of the scrub.

‘Grazing is a traditional form of management on chalk grassland sites and provides favourable conditions for wild flowers and invertebrates. It keeps the taller, rank grasses down, allowing for the more desirable chalk grassland herbs to flourish. Bare ground created by the cows’ hooves encourages seed germination and their dung is valuable to a number of invertebrate species. There are areas of Tor grass on the site, which if left unmanaged would spread and reduce the quality of the grassland. Grazing cattle in the spring is the most effective

way of keeping this invasive grass under control.

‘Due to the wet spring we are experiencing, the cows may have caused some poaching at the bottom of the slope. I have spoken to the National Trust and they are doing everything they can to prevent any further damage, by splitting the herd and reducing numbers.

‘I hope that this has addressed the concerns you raised, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.’

Philippa Morrison-Price, Ranger, South Downs National Park Authority, Stanmer Park, Lewes Road, Brighton BN1 9SE, 01273 625242. Aidan Walker

<...a ‘Neighbourhood Plan’, which is similar to the village plan produced in Fulking last year – ie it is a ‘wish list’ of what the Parish would like/not like to happen in future years, including land use allocation within the Parish. The difference is that a Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document and, if accepted and voted for by the community, has to be adopted by the District Council, although it can still be overridden. It is not compulsory to submit a plan –

and may not be necessary for Fulking, taking into consideration its size, location within the SDNPA/AONB and also being a conservation area. If you can’t come to the meeting but want your views known, email our clerk, Andrea Dickson, [andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com).

### Change to footpath 4F

Herewith the contact details for the person dealing with the request to have footpath 4F redirected below Perching Sands

House, across the fields and rejoining the old path forming a T junction: Judith Grimwood, Rights of Way Department, Chichester Council, 01243 777619, or [judithgrimwood@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:judithgrimwood@westsussex.gov.uk).

### Folkingites’ Art in Ditchling

Announcing Jen and Chris’ latest exhibition as part of the Brighton Open Houses programme. We are exhibiting at Kennel Cottage, 88, East End Lane in Ditchling all weekends

in May: 5,6,7; 12/13; 19/20 and 26/7, 11-5 pm. It’s a lovely venue with a beautiful garden. Jen is exhibiting paintings, prints, wood carvings and mosaic mirrors, Chris is exhibiting stone and cast sculptures. We are at venue 8 of the Ditchling Trail, with the Downs for country walks nearby and pubs in Ditchling, see <http://www.artinditchling.co.uk/>.

Hope to see you and do email or phone us if you would like to visit. Jen Green 552, [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk)

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