



July 2012

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SUMMER'S MALICE



Fulking Fair

CANCELLED

9am - 5pm
Friday 29 July 2012
Downside Meadow

BBQ, Live Music, Craft Stalls,
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WEATHER SCUPPERS FULKING FAIR

Members of the Social Committee received this sad missive last week:

'Please note that at a meeting of the Fulking Social Committee held on the evening of Wednesday 11 July it was decided that, due to the state of the fair site caused by the continuous wet weather and the forecast over the next weeks, this year's fair will be cancelled. Bob Rowland, Treasurer, Fulking Social Committee.'

H'mm. Joking aside, Oh Lord of the Clouds, we think this time you've gone a bit far. A bit of damp here and there, and even the odd soaking from a violent thunderstorm or two, is kind of what we expect, although we all in our hearts yearn for the sensuous golden afternoons and t-shirt evenings of a really cracking British summer. The truth of 2012's summer is not only disappointing, it is bitter. Bob was persuaded to add a more personal note:

'I can assure you no one is more disappointed than I am at the cancellation of the Fair due to the weather causing the waterlogged state of Downside Meadow. A tremendous amount of work has been put in by the Social Committee in preparing for the event, and I know the others on the team will not mind me singling out Linda Comber for a very special thank you for the way she has handled the stall bookings. Fulking Fair has become, in a very short space of time, one of the major village fairs in the county and this year promised to be even better. Roll on Fulking Fair 2013!!'

For those who wonder why an alternative date was not proposed, the Soc Comm discussed it at length but for various logistical reasons a suitable one could not be found. Shame. You owe us one, Oh Lord of the Clouds. Titchy white fluffy ones in a blazing blue sky for August and September, please. And you might as well throw in October too for good measure. Or our money back.

Crime Corner

Burglary

There was a burglary in the area w/c 2 July. Cash and jewellery were taken. The owners were out for just 40 minutes, unusually leaving no car on the drive, although television and radio were left on. There has also been a cold caller, claiming to be deaf and trying to sell his artwork, but only carrying a small rucksack. He could be genuine, but he could be checking if properties are unoccupied. Please be extra vigilant, especially with this time of year being the holiday season.

Residents urged to keep personal details safe

Residents in Mid Sussex are advised to be extra careful when sharing personal information such as bank account details. There have been a few incidents in the area when individuals claiming to be employees of a

local Council or the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have asked residents for personal information. The callers suggested that the residents may be entitled to a Council Tax refund or other benefit credit and that the residents' bank account details are required to make the payment. Residents are reminded that the Council will never ask for bank account details over the telephone and asks all residents to be mindful of these bogus callers.

Here are some tips from Action Fraud:

- Don't give out any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
- Don't click on web links in emails that pretend to be from the bank.
- Destroy and preferably shred

receipts which have your card details on.

- Sign up to 'Verified by Visa' or MasterCard 'Secure Code' for shopping online to add an additional layer of security.

- If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for things you haven't bought or from financial institutions you don't normally deal with, query the information as identities may have been stolen.

Visit www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040 to speak with a specialist fraud advisor.

Metal theft

Theft of metal from public buildings and installations such as railways and building sites is now one of the fastest rising crimes, with costs to the UK economy estimated at £770m each year. 'Metal theft is the

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

Thursday 19 July, 7.30pm

Village Plan Meeting
Village Hall. Kate Watson, 767

Monday 27 August, time TBC

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

Sunday 2 September, ??pm

Theatre Supper plus performance.
Paythorne Barn. 07812 465559

Sunday 9 September, 2-5pm

Family Fun Day.
Knowles Tooth Children's Centre BN6 9EZ. 832363

Friday 21 September, 7.30pm

Village Hall September Supper.
Nick Hughes 868

Sunday 7 October, time?

Harvest Festival Service plus picnic.
St Andrew's Edburton,
Details from 07812 465559

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.
Village Hall

hot topic today,' says Kathy Burke, volunteer chair of Sussex Crimestoppers. 'Many of us may well have felt the impact of metal theft on our day to day lives: train cancellations from cable and track theft, loss of phone and internet connection, school closures. Crimestoppers offers a safe and anonymous way to stop the thieves by contacting us on 0800 555 111 or using our secure, online form direct from a mobile phone at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.'

A Shorter Village Miscellaneosity

Craft day in the village hall

We are hoping to run a craft day in the Village Hall on 13 October. If you do any craft work and would be prepared to show others how to do it please get in touch. We will be reimbursing for material costs. We hope to have a range of crafts for people to sample – we already have glass painting and silk painting. Please let me know if you are interested in coming or sharing your skills

with others! Should be a fun day with refreshments available. [Chris Gildersleeve, 552](#)

Family Fun Day...

At local charity Knowles Tooth Children's Centre on Sunday 9 September, 2-5pm. A relaxing afternoon for the whole family enjoying stalls, dance display from Lets Dance, bouncy castle, activities, BBQ, beer tent, fun dog show and much more.

Adult entry £2, children and parking free. 01273 832363 or www.familysupportwork.org.uk Knowles Tooth Children's Centre, Langton Lane, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex BN6 9EZ

North Town Field Play Equipment

The Parish Council will be conducting weekly checks on the equipment in the playground to ensure it is safe for use.

However, if anyone notices any damage/ excess wear and tear, please could you advise our clerk, [Andrea Dickson](#) at andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com

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Village Hall September Supper

Do come to our Village Hall September Supper in the Hall on Friday 21 September at 7.30pm.

There will be a delicious three course sit down meal but please bring your own wine and soft drinks.

The tickets are £12.50 per

person but there are only 50 places available so you really do need to book now by calling [Nick Hughes](#) on 857868 or emailing nickhughes100@btinternet.com

Apart from the meal together the evening is an ideal opportunity to catch up with

villagers and other local friends.

Tickets are now available. Pay cash or cheque made payable to The 'Fulking Social Fund' please. All proceeds will go to the restoration of the Village Hall.

[The Village Supper Committee](#)

News of Events from St Andrew's PCC

On 2 September we are holding a theatre supper in the lovely barn at Paythorne Farm when the 'Rather Average Theatre Group' will perform 'When the Fat Lady Sings', the last play in the Edburton Trilogy. Many of you will remember the two earlier plays and we look forward to welcoming you again. Tickets (on sale soon) are £15 and include supper and a welcome drink.

7 October is the date set for our Harvest Festival. Last year

the Church was full to capacity for this annual celebration and the singing lifted the roof! Many stayed afterwards for our 'Harvest Lunch' and enjoyed a harvest picnic wrapped up in a knapsack while chatting among friends and enjoying the ambiance and atmosphere of our beautiful Church. We will be running this again this year so look out for more details.

And then on 30 November we will be holding our 'St Andrew's

Day Quiz' at Preston Nomads' pavilion. Last year we had a great evening and raised much needed funds towards maintaining the Church. Again, look out for details later in the year – but note the date now!

All Pigeon Posters are always welcome at our services, which are held at every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11am, and at our events. We look forward to seeing you.

[Jane Warne, 07812 465559](#)



Nostalgic photographic fillers from F.F.Fulking F.F.Fair 2011...



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