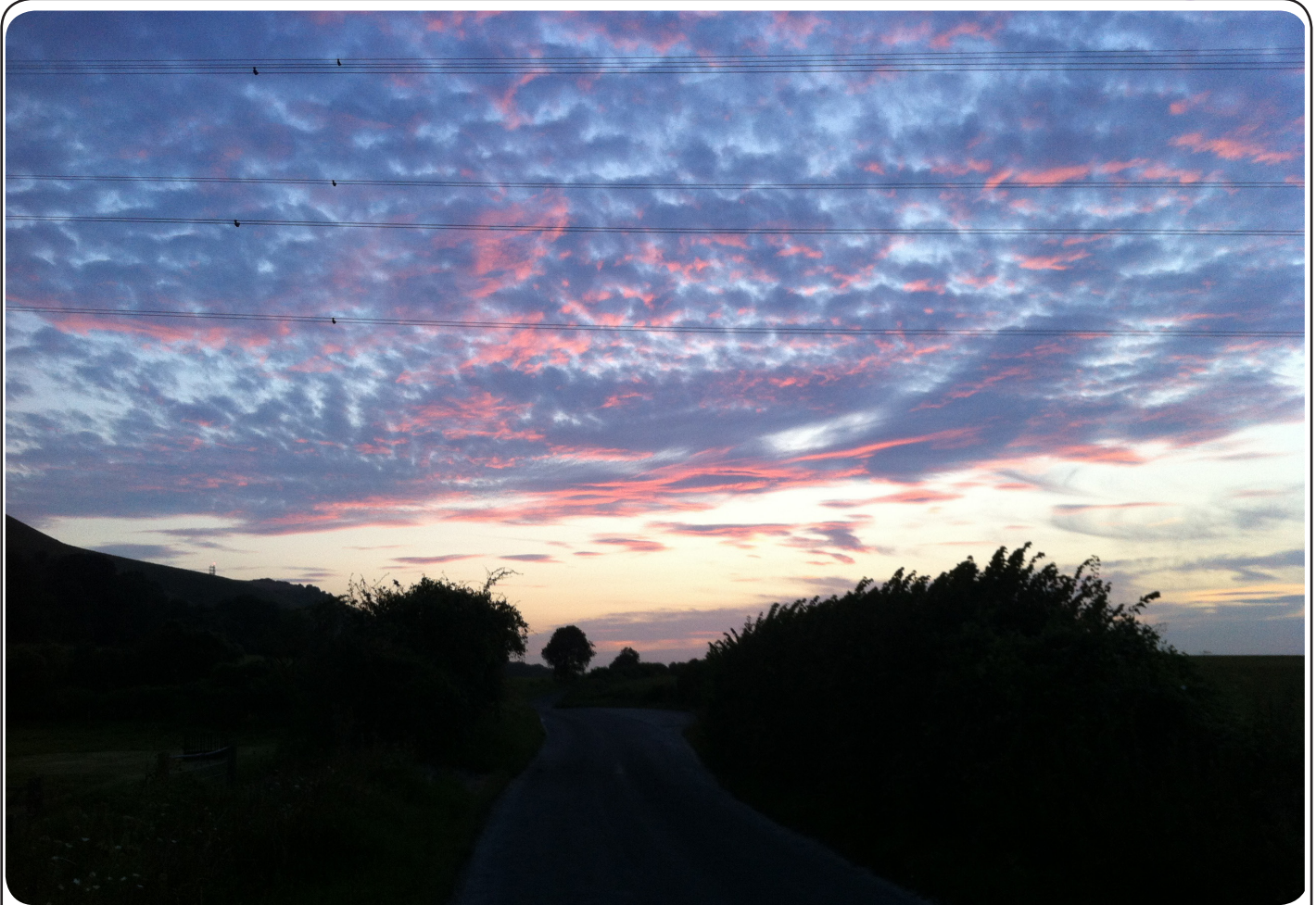




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Above, September's mackerel sky promises good things to come... Right, one of them is already here. Fulking's new website is a cracker

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On 15 November 2012, you will have the chance to go to the polls to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the police area you live in.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be responsible for overseeing policing and community safety in their area on behalf of local residents.

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Police and Crime Commissioners are replacing Police Authorities, the groups of Councillors and independent members of the public that currently oversee police forces in England & Wales.

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What does it mean for me?

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be there to make sure that the police are doing a good job and tackling the issues that matter to you. This election is an important opportunity to have your say in policing where you live.

In the months leading up to the election date, potential candidates for the role will be coming forward, putting together their plans for the job and campaigning for your vote.

Find out more

The Home Office offers more information about Police and Crime Commissioners on its website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk

You can also contact your local Police Authority for information about transition preparations they are making for the Police and Crime Commissioner in your area.

Sussex Police Authority
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Brooks Close,
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Tel: 01273 480563
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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

Sunday 9 September, 2-5pm

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

Friday 28 September, 6.30pm

'Mozart's Magic Flute - More Than Meets the Eye'. Talk with musical illustrations by Jonathan Hinden. In aid of Newtimber Church. Newtimber Place, tickets £12. Carol Clay, 07960 582 552 or carol@newtimber.co.uk

Sunday 7 October, 11am

Harvest Festival Service plus 'Harvest Field' 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

Friday 30 November, time tbc

St Andrew's Day Quiz.
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Jane Warne, 07812 465559

Thursday 10 January 2013, 7.30pm. Parish Council Meeting.
Village Hall

Our new site is now to be found on <http://fulking.net>. Why not change your browser shortcuts now?

We will be publishing a series of local history articles over the coming months. The first two are already on the site. So keep your eyes peeled for new ones.

Finally if anyone has any ideas for a new page or topical news story, spots an error, typo or inaccuracies etc, please get in touch by email on webmaster@fulking.net or give me a call on 957. The website belongs to all of us!

Your village needs you!

Fulking Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. The Council consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and three other Councillors making five in total. It currently only has four members, which is proving difficult to operate. Duties include attending 4 Parish Council meetings per year, plus one Annual Parish Meeting, generally on Thursday evenings, as well as the odd planning meeting, generally on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact either Pam Rowland on 271 or Kate Watson at kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com

Water metering comes to Fulking

Southern Water is installing water meters in our area as part of a five-year work programme across the South East. Under the programme, we are installing more than 500,000 water meters in Hampshire, Sussex and Kent by 2015 to help secure water resources for the future. This is alongside tackling leakage and developing new resources. Water resources in the South East are under pressure and our region is classified as one of 'serious water stress' by the Government. We are introducing metering as households on a water meter tend to use 10 per

cent less. Together with the majority of our customers, we also believe that households paying for the amount of water they use is the fairest way to charge. In addition, it puts our customers in control of their bills. The new meters we are installing are 'intelligent' and are equipped with leak alarms which will help us, as a company, detect leaks on supply pipes and inside properties, as well as on our own mains network. The scheme is progressing well with more than 200,000 new meters installed to date, across Sussex, Hampshire and Kent. We will be installing

meters in the BN5 postcode area from late summer 2012.

For more information, call our Metering Customer Contact Centre on 0333 2003 013. Detailed information about the programme is at: www.southernwater.co.uk/metering.

Customers can input their postcode to find out when their meter is due to be installed.

Or contact Mark Walker on 01732 375409, or by emailing southernwater@springboard-marketing.co.uk.

Darren Bentham, Director, Universal Metering Programme, Southern Water

<http://fulking.net> - A word from our new webmaster John Hazard

I'm pleased to announce the new Fulking Village website is now live. As reported in June PP, I have taken over from James Lightfoot after his three-year stint. I am sure all in the village

would like to thank James for his great efforts. You may have noticed that the old site has not been updated as efficiently as James did it. This is because I wanted to get it in a form I

could easily maintain. So I have completely reworked the layout of the site and brought most of the old content across to the new site. I have also added a new and improved interactive diary.



A rather sparse audience of village children and their mums and dads turned up in the hall on 29 July for the Punch & Judy and Magic show performed by the celebrated Jonathan Cann. He was originally booked for the Annual Village Fair which was cancelled due to the very wet weather. Jonathan opened the show with a dazzling display of magic, followed by an excellent traditional Punch & Judy show (which incidentally was introduced to Britain 350 years ago by Samuel Pepys.) The show concluded with a display of balloon sculpture. Many thanks, Jonathan. Bob Rowland

A Longer Village Miscellaneosity

Craft day becomes Card day?

I've had no response to the suggestion of a craft day in October – or any offers from others to contribute craft ideas – so I guess this won't be happening! I am wondering however about us doing a half day of card making – I could bring stuff and you could bring pictures, anything to stick on cards. If anyone is interested let me know! This could be on 13 October, which was earmarked for the craft day.

Chris Gildersleeve, 552

Lee's good service well recognised

Congratulations to Lee Holden, who was nominated by the Parish Council for a Community Service Award. Lee attended the Jubilee Garden Party at Borde Hill Garden, hosted by Councillor Mandy Thomas-Atkin, Chairman of Mid Sussex District Council, and was presented with his award. Thanks to Lee for his hard work in our community.

Mozart's Magic Flute – more than meets the eye

Mozart- and music- lovers should be at Newtimber Place on Friday 28 September at 6.30pm to hear Jonathan Hinden's light-hearted and non-technical talk, with musical illustrations by piano and voice, on the Magic Flute. It is one of the world's

great masterpieces – simple and profound, comic and spiritual and of unmatched beauty. This talk is a celebration of Mozart's genius, and also finds an important central message amid the great diversity of characters and ideas. Jonathan has been a principal coach at Glyndebourne for many years, and is a popular lecturer for NADFAS and many other musical and cultural societies. Entrance to the event, which is held in aid of Newtimber Church, is by ticket only. They are £12 each, including wine and nibbles. Contact Carol Clay on 07960 582 552 or email carol@newtimber.co.uk

September Supper becomes Spring Supper

The Fulking Supper Committee has regretfully postponed the Village Supper in the village Hall, scheduled for Friday 21 September, to the spring. Watch this space for a new date.

Harvest Festival Service

We would like to invite all our parishioners, congregation and friends to join us on Sunday 7 October for our Harvest Festival Service at 11.00am. Please stay afterwards for our Family 'Harvest Field' Picnic – a Ploughman's Lunch tied in napsack bundle like Dick Whittington's. It costs £6 including a glass of wine or juice,

and may be eaten in the church or, if the weather is fine, outside in the churchyard. Lunch must be ordered via Chris on 322, Jane on 07812 465 559 or email lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk and leave your details.

Police matters

Please look out for suspicious people looking for access to fields that they can illegally camp on. A group of 60 people have been evicted from Hurstpierpoint's Recreation Ground (after breaking a gate to get in), and are now in Hassocks. If you see problems, please contact Sussex Police on the non-emergency number 101. Fulking's Police Community Support Officer is Anika Clough, 07884 202596, and Hurstpierpoint's is James Josling, 07748 702234.

Village Plan Action Group

The Village Plan Action Group met on Thursday 19 July. (The updated plan may be found on the village website, fulking.net.) It was agreed that, as the Parish Council has recently investigated the issues surrounding speeding and decided on the advice of West Sussex Highways to keep a low profile, further action would not be taken. The Parish Council will discuss quiet lane status and the possibility of a sign at the north end of Clappers Lane

saying: 'Do not follow Sat Nav, not suitable for HGVs' at the next PC meeting on 11 October. Broadband will be raised at the Joint Parish Council meeting taking place in September to encourage other parishes to highlight the importance of registering to their parishioners. Sussex Police (via Anika) have very kindly donated £250 to the village hall fund. As the actions were now mainly achieved and/or ongoing, the next meeting will be held on 18 July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Childrens' Christmas Play in the Village Hall

Following the success of the summer Fulking Drama Workshop, Sarah Mann the drama teacher and actress is proposing to run a course just before Christmas for 8-11 year olds, aiming for the children to perform a play for villagers on Saturday 22 December. She is offering to do this, either by taking the group every Saturday morning from 17 November, or running a full week's course from 17-22 December inclusive. Her courses are always reasonable and the course fee will depend upon how many children attend. In order to put this together, I would be grateful to hear from any parents who might be interested by 30 September. Alison Daly, 705.

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