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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 four 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



FULKING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 24th November, 11 am – 4 pm
Fulking Village Hall, Fulking

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH EDBURTON
Invites you to join us for our St Andrew's Day

QUIZ

30th November 2012

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Preston Nomads Cricket Clubhouse
Fulking BN5 9NH

teams of four people

Tickets £7.00 per person, to include

Ploughman's Platter

to book phone 857322 or 07812 465559

Bar * Raffle

In aid of Church funds



Ade Caroen, with thanks to Nick Bremer

Nota Bene our Xmas Bazaar, Village Hall 24 November, 11am – 4pm, and the famous FULKING XMAS PARTY on Friday 14 December, Village Hall, 6.30pm – plus the kids' version on Sunday 16 at 2pm. Please bring a plate of savoury finger food, and ideally supply (beforehand) a prize for the Tombola. Carolyn Loveless is co-ordinating the grown up one; 280 or cj@roger153.plus.com. Louise Holman is doing the kids: 773 or jayandlouise@gmail.com. Thanks, gentlewomen!

Likewise the St Andrew's Day Quiz – at Preston Nomads, 7pm on 30 November. Be there!

Ladybrook Spring



Ladybrook Spring – not looking very attractive with the cones, due to be replaced with a temporary fibreglass plate until it has been properly fenced off. WSCC and the PC would like to know: does anybody have any interest/ideas to make a feature of the spring? WSCC have indicated funding may be available. Andrea Dickson, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01444 451060

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12

Family coffee mornings

Village Hall

Alternate Fridays (23 Nov, 2 Dec) 7.30pm: Games Evenings.

Table tennis, pool, darts. Pub afterwards. Jen Green, 552

Saturday 24 November, 11am–

4pm Christmas Bazaar. Village Hall. More stallholders welcome.

Jen Green, 552

Edburton Church Carols Choir Practices @ The Keep, Fulking:

Sunday 25 November, 6pm

Sunday 2 December, 7pm

Thursday 6 December, 7pm

Thursday 13 December, 7pm

Alison 705, Tricia 255

Sunday 25 November, 8.30pm

Toad in the Hole Competition. Shepherd and Dog.

Friday 30 November, 7 for 7.30pm

St Andrew's Day Quiz.

Preston Nomads Clubhouse

Jane Warne 07812 465559

Friday 7 December, early evening

Village Singsong (TBC)

Village Hall. Kate Slavin, 361

Sat 8 Dec, Fri 14 Dec, Thur 20 Dec

Music @ The Shepherd & Dog

Friday 14 December, 6.30pm

VILLAGE XMAS PARTY!!!!

Village Hall. Carolyn, 280

Sunday 16 December, 2 – 4pm

VILLAGE CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY!!!

Village Hall. Louise Holman, 773, jayandlouise@gmail.com

Sunday 23 December, 6pm

Carol Service

St Andrew's Church Edburton

Alison 705, Tricia 255

Fri 4, Sat 5, Sun 6 January 2013

Snow White & the 8 Dwarfs Holy Trinity Church, Poynings
www.poynings.net

Saturday 5 January 2013, 10am

Village Hall Action Group Meeting Village Hall. Jen Green, 552

Thursday 10 January 2013, 7.30pm.

Parish Council Meeting.

Village Hall

Saturday 19 January 2013, 7pm

Call My Bluff Wine Evening Village Hall. Bob Rowland, 271



No chance we'll make the 'unreadable' mistake with this one. The Poynings Panto, intriguingly with one extra dwarf (are we allowed to say that any more?) is on 4 January at 8pm, 5 January at 3pm and 8pm, and 6 January at 3pm, in Holy Trinity Church, Poynings. Tickets £7 or £8, or £3 for kids, from www.poynings.net

An Even Longer Village Miscellaneosity

Clappers Lane – Early Warning of Closure

West Sussex County Council has received a request for a Temporary Traffic Regulation to close Clappers Lane throughout its length for carriageway patching, starting on 22 February 2013, lasting six days. The diversion route will be via the A281 eastbound then southbound, to Poynings Road westbound and vice versa. All access will be maintained. The application is currently being processed and details are to be confirmed.

Traffic Engineering Team, Engineering Solutions, Communities & Infrastructure, West Sussex County Council, 01243 642105, road.closures@westsussex.gov.uk

Card making day

This day was most enjoyable although it is a pity it was not better attended! If you didn't come you missed a lot of fun! All the children who came had a splendid time with glitter, paint stencils etc and the adults definitely got in touch with their younger selves too! All in all about 20 people came. Thanks to [Kate Slavin](#) for her delicious chocolate cake! [Chris Gildersleeve](#)

Community Bus Service...

The Community bus travels between Hassocks and Fulking on a Tuesday and Friday. The bus has two official stops in Fulking, The Old Post Office and Perching Manor Farm. Or you can hail the bus at any safe point along the way. Bus passes are accepted on this service, otherwise the fare for a journey will be between £1 and £2 depending on the distance. As this is an important service The Parish Council has agreed to donate £100 towards the running

costs for the current financial year. This will be reviewed on an annual basis. See <http://www.hurstandhassocksbus.org/internetlinks.htm> for further route/timetable information. The Community Bus, it should be made clear, is distinct and separate from the (now discontinued) Compass commercial service, about which [Gill Milner](#) had this to say, on 29.10.12..

...rurally isolated in a hard-up county?

Is that true? Are we now officially 'rurally isolated'? That's what it says on the bus shelter. I recently advertised the joy of our bus link to Brighton on Mondays. Today, having waited for it in vain I phoned the Compass Bus company and was told it would no longer come here, would I please remove the timetable. West Sussex no longer required it here. In place of the timetable was a notice from Henfield Community Bus explaining it was available on request to anyone who was 'rurally isolated'. The criterion: you have to be 500 yards from a bus stop. That's us now folks. Our nearest working bus stop is at Poynings Crossroads. And our Bus Stop? Fictitious street furniture to go with our waterless fountains and the school sign. [Gill Milner](#)

Webby thankful

A VERY BIG Fulking thank you to [John Hazard](#) for the marvellous updated Fulking village website. Villagers, look at it regularly! Get news much quicker than in [PP!](#)

P.P.P.Pooch Poo Pickup

A reminder for dog owners to pick up their pooches' poo in the North Town Field park. I know most people are doing so, but it's just the few who need reminding. Children play here! [Myriam Brenner](#)

Choir Practice dates

Those vocalists who want to exercise their chords in readiness for the Carol season are invited to join choir practice at the Keep in The Street on Sunday 25 November at 6pm, Sunday 2 December at 7pm, Thursday 6 December at 7pm and Thursday 13 December at 7pm. St Andrew's Edburton Carol Service itself is on Sunday 23 December at 6pm. Phone [Alison](#) on 705 or [Tricia](#) on 255 for more info.

Downland Churches Carol Services

Pyecombe: Sunday 9 December, 6pm – with Brass Band; Newtimber: Sunday 23 December, 2.30pm, followed by tea in church; Poynings: Sunday 23 December, 6pm; Edburton: Sunday 23 December, 6pm, as above.

Trim hedges and edges

With winter approaching, it is good practice to cut hedges back to help visibility. The PC has also been asked by West Sussex Highways to point out to residents that they are responsible for maintaining the verges/banking and hedges bordering their properties, so they do not cause an obstruction or hazard to walkers/riders/traffic on the adjacent road.

Shed security

Mid Sussex Community Safety Partnership gave local people the opportunity to protect their property from opportunist thieves looking to target poorly secured sheds. As the evenings grow longer shed security can be even more of an issue. With this in mind the Partnership has now purchased additional shed alarms and residents who missed out can now get a discounted alarm. The shed alarms are

available at the reduced rate of £7, which is £11 cheaper than the normal retail price of £18 and are available to buy from Town Help Points in Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath. Residents are also being encouraged to take a few simple steps that will help to keep their shed safe and secure:

- Use a good quality padlock or mortice lock on the door of your shed;
- Protect the boundary and access to your garden with fences, walls and lockable gates;
- Make sure the door panel on your shed is strong enough;
- Put up security lighting around your shed;
- Lock valuable items together to prevent them being removed easily;
- Help to track your property by registering it for FREE at www.immobilise.com

Travellers

You may already be aware that we have a large group of travellers in the district. They will be looking for areas of land where they can park their vans. We would ask that you report any concerns about incursions to Sussex Police on 101 (non-emergency) 999 (emergency) or if on District Council land please either email travellers@mdsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 458166.

Call my Bluff wine evening

It's in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 January 2013, start 7pm for 7.30 sharp. Numbers are limited to six tables of eight people, and tickets at £15 a head are available from [Bob Rowland](#) on 271. That includes seven wines. Book early as we shall have [Toby Peirce](#) of Quaff which has been voted Independent Wine Retailer of 2012 by the International Wine and Spirits Competition.

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