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Fulking Village Hall One Year On

The First of February marks the first birthday of the Village Hall in its current manifestation.

It's been exactly a year since villagers took over management of the Hall from the Church PCC, with responsibility for paying running costs estimated at £200 a month.

And what a year it's been! With generous help from villagers, we have been able to meet running costs and even start a contingency fund for essential repairs. The Hall, which was practically unused this time last year, is now in very regular use, with groups such as Yoga, Mother and Toddler, Games Evenings and Youth Club taking place weekly or regularly. With the help of our resident DIY experts and an enthusiastic working party, the Hall has been redecorated and maintained inside and out and is now clean, shiny and much more welcoming, with new chairs courtesy of Fulking Social Committee. We have also received a grant from West Sussex County Council to replace all six windows.

In the year since February 2012 we've held a number of highly successful events in the hall. Fulking's Got Talent, Seedling Sunday, Card-making Day, Call My Bluff Wine Quiz and the Christmas Bazaar were all great successes, both as social events and fund-raisers. The Hall is also regularly used for private parties, our own Fulking Christmas parties and for Parish Council and planning meetings. Three very well-attended defibrillation training sessions were recently held in advance of the defibrillation machines being installed outside the Hall and at the pub. More, bigger and better events are planned for 2013 – watch this space!

Don't forget the Hall is available for use by villagers for the knockdown price of just £1 per villager per session or £10 per hour for non-Fulking / Edburton residents. To book contact Carolyn Loveless, preferably by email, on cj@rogerl53.plus.com or call 280.

All in all, it's safe to say that the Village Hall is in much

better nick and in better heart one year on. The PCC has been pleased with progress and the future of the Hall seems more secure. A big thank you to all who have donated equipment and contributed ideas and enthusiasm.

All that said, we do need your continuing support

to meet running costs and undertake repairs. A special thank you to all who set up a standing order this time last year – that regular money has been absolutely invaluable. New standing orders would be more than welcome – just £5 or £10 a month will genuinely make a real difference. And a gentle reminder to all who gave a donation rather than set up a standing order – your help was much appreciated last year, and would be more than welcome again! [Jen Green](#)

Standing order forms from, or cheques or donations to: [Jen Green](#), 3 Stammers Hill, 552, jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk, or [Nick Hughes](#), Perching Holt, Edburton Road, 868, nickhughes100@btinternet.com.

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12

Family coffee mornings
Village Hall

Friday 15 February 7.45pm

Games Evening, Village Hall
[Jen Green 552](#)

Friday 1 March, from 6pm

Charity Cider Night in aid of HART, with Hog Roast and live music from [The 2 Hungry Men](#).
[Shepherd & Dog 382](#)

Friday 1 March 7.45pm

Games Evening, Village Hall
[Jen Green 552](#)

Saturday 2 March 10am

North Town Field Clear-up
[John Hazard, 957](#)

Saturday 9 March 10am

Village Hall Action Group Meeting
[Jen Green 552](#), [Nick Hughes 868](#)

Saturday 16 March 10am

Village Hall Maintenance Working Party
[Jen Green 552](#), [Nick Hughes 868](#)

Saturday 16 March 2.30pm

Family Beetle Drive
Preston Nomads ClubHouse
Tickets £5 adult, £4 child under 12. [Christine Wooldridge 322](#)

Sunday 24 March 10.30am

Village Clear-up
[Andrea Dickson 01444 451060](#)

Fulking's defibrillators

That's the people as well as the machines...

[This is an edited version of the story that appeared in the *West Sussex County Times* on 4 February.] Fulking's [Tricia Robinson](#), a health visitor, nurse and midwife for 42 years – and based at Henfield Medical Centre since 1986 – has co-ordinated the defibrillator training for the two defib machines recently installed in the village – one in the porch of the Village Hall Chapel, and one in the Shepherd & Dog. Tricia's daughter [Lucie](#) died, aged 24, two years ago after a Sunday morning emergency in which she was revived by Tricia – but sadly died a week later. 'It has been since then I have wanted as many people as possible to be trained in

resuscitation techniques,' says Tricia.

Tricia, who has lived in Fulking for 22 years, has given money in Lucie's memory for the defibrillator cases and villagers have also raised funds. HART (Henfield Area Response Team) founder [Dave Fletcher](#), an award-winning paramedic, took the classes over three weekends at the Village Hall, assisted by other HART responders. 'Tricia and the people of Fulking have shown great initiative and the defibrillators will be ideally



Photo Mike Beardsall

located in this remote area,' says Dave. 'Being able to use defibrillators is a major step in helping where heart failure has occurred.' People living in Edburton and Poynings will also benefit. A big thank you, says Tricia, to HART for giving us the defibs, maintaining them, and training so many of us. Anyone can use them, trained or not. [Tricia Robinson, 255](#)

On the cover

The response to the call for Snow Pix for the Pidge's front page was overwhelming, especially given the woefully short time that the birdkeeper allowed. Many thanks to [Chris Agg](#), [Geoffrey Bush](#), [Pippa Bush](#), [Myriam Brenner](#), [Neil Cooper](#), [Polly Nye](#), [Jo Ryan](#), [Tessa Schaeffer](#) and [Jenny Tooley](#), and sorry if I wasn't able to squeeze one of yours in. The two big ones are from [Geoffrey Bush](#) and [Jo Ryan](#) – [Geoffrey](#) insisted on sending a picture of his dog, rather than himself, to celebrate his Deputy Lieutenancy – and from left at bottom we have [Lydia Cooper](#)'s snow rendition of her sister [Ruby](#) – a 'Snow Ruby' – [Pippa Bush](#)'s Robin, [Tessa Schaeffer](#)'s sheep, and the Snow Shepherd, sans Snow Dog.

An All-Round Village Miscellaneosity

Seedling Sunday for May

After the succesful day in 2012 we are having another Seedling Sunday in early May – so please start thinking about getting your seeds in if you have any room indoors or a conservatory. Spring is coming! **Chris Gildersleeve** 552

Village Hall Windows

MSDC have confirmed that we have a grant to replace all six windows in the Village Hall with double-glazed units. The work is planned for Monday 4 March, and should be completed in the day. The Hall should be ready for yoga that evening! This date will be confirmed asap. Funding is via MSDC and WSCC, from the Department of Energy and Climate Change, through The Pioneer Places Local Authority Funding Competition (!) Many Thanks to them! **Nick Hughes**

Fulkingite appointed Deputy Lieutenant – for East Sussex

Local resident **Geoffrey Bush** has recently been appointed as one of six new Deputy Lieutenants for the County of East Sussex. The role of a Deputy Lieutenant is to assist the Lord Lieutenant, **Peter Field**, in the execution of his duties in the County on behalf of HM The Queen. Congratulations to Geoffrey.

Lost Scarf

I still have a scarf that was found after in the hall after the village party – a long mohair one in various shades of green. **Carolyn Loveless** 280

Potholes

Big problem, on roads suffering from the wettest winter since records began. Report them as soon as you can: more information at http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/roads_and_transport/roads_and_pathways/maintenance_of_

[roads_and/road_maintenance/potholes.aspx](#)

Window alarms

The Mid Sussex Community Safety Partnership is offering local people the chance to buy window alarms at cost price, just £2 each. The alarms use a vibration sensor, and if someone tries to force or break the window, a 110 decibel alarm will sound. They can be purchased from the following local police stations:

The Brow, Burgess Hill – open Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm;

East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead – open Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm;

Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath – open Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm and 3pm – 6pm.

All payments must be made in cash. Bring the correct money because change will not be available.

Wine Call My Bluff

The village hall held 48 wine 'experts' on 19 January for a Call my Bluff Quiz evening which raised £305 towards the recent purchase of very smart stacker chairs. The evening was organised by **Louise Holman** and **Bob Rowland**, and the wines were provided by **Toby Peirce** of Quaff Ltd, recently voted UK Independent Wine Retailer 2012. Visitors from Poynings and Ditchling were welcomed. Seven wines tested the ability of the six teams of eight. It was a most successful, rowdy, vulgar and noisy evening. **Jenny Tooley** adds: It was indeed a very good evening and I would say well done to Bob, who again, organised a great evening, despite a few dodgy jokes! Don't know why he spent his years as an accountant, he should have been on the stage!

Soc Comm Mini Misc

Fulking Social Committee has recently purchased 55 stacker armchairs for the much improved village hall at a cost of £350. Other recent expenditure has included the village and childrens' Christmas parties, a donation of £100 towards the Evergreens' Christmas party and treework to reduce the saplings in the banking of the North Town Field. The final cost of the electrical installation of the two new defibrillators is estimated to be around £550, of which £400 has already been donated. **Bob Rowland**, Treasurer, Fulking Social Committee

New Police Community Support Officer

The Community Support Officer for our area has changed. Temporarily it is **Teresa Bevan** who can be contacted on 07979 774054 or teresa.bevan@sussex.pnn.police.uk

1 March – Cider Charity Night at the Shepherd & Dog

We have our own brewery – Downlands Brewery – in Small Dole and last summer made some cider of which every penny, not just profit, usually goes to McMillan. But this year we have decided to donate any shortfall towards the outside defibrillator boxes (although we are nearly there with cost) and to HART. The date is Friday 1 March, 6pm onwards. Three-line whip for villagers. We will have a hog roast and live music from **The 2 Hungry Men**. Be there!

Playground x 2

1: Volunteers wanted

Do you use the playground regularly? Do you have an interest in maintaining the playground? Could you spare some time to help with the playground inspections for safety

and insurance? If so please contact the Parish Clerk **Andrea Dickson**, andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com, 01444 451060.

2: Bins away

The rubbish bins in the playground will be removed from 1 April as they are deteriorating and pressure on the Parish Council 's budget makes it unfeasible to replace them. Please take all your rubbish away.

Beetle Drive Sat 16 March

We are holding a family Beetle Drive on Saturday 16 March at Preston Nomads Cricket Ground. 2.30pm for 3pm start. Tickets are £5 per person and £4 per child under 12., including a cream tea. To book please phone 857322. We are hoping that lots of families will come as it should be a fun afternoon. All money raised will go to ongoing church maintenance. **Christine Wooldridge** (Don't know what a Beetle drive is? Think it has something to do with a popular German car? [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beetle_\(game\)#Beetle_drive](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beetle_(game)#Beetle_drive))

Village Clear-up Sunday 24 March 2013 from 10.30am

First group starts at the corner of Clappers/Holmbush Lane and moves South. Second group starts at the corner of The Street/Clappers Lane and moves North. Third group meets at the Ram House by the Shepherd and Dog and moves up the Street via North Town Field. Bring suitable gloves and bin liners. If this time is not convenient, choose you own, but please do your bit.

Half marathon people

Sandra Parsons of HART (492194) and **Gavin Healy** of Clappers Lane (394986) are seeking sponsorship for the Brighton run on 17 March. All in good causes.

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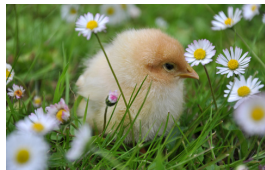
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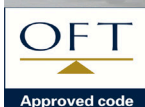
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