

The stricken Land Rover that careered straight down Fulking Escarpment just near Truleigh Hill last Sunday 12 May in fog, mist and drizzle. The three occupants were released by a total of about 20 rescue workers and a helicopter which airlifted the worst injured to hospital. Sheena Trist heard them calling for help in the mist and fog and called the emergency services, none of whose fleet of vehicles could get up the hill. It's left to guesswork about exactly how and why the accident happened. Online accounts differ only in emphasis and detail. More on www.fulking.net, and video at http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2323750/Three-men-hurt-Land-Rover-rolls-600ft-hill-sparking-huge-rescue-operation.html?ITO=1490&ns mchannel=rss&ns campaign=1490

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District Plan

Formal Publication

Have your say from 7th May 2013 - 17th June 2013 at

www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan or see the District Plan at

Parish, Town and District Council offices, Help Points or libraries

across Mid Sussex



District Plan Consultation

Mid Sussex District Council and South Downs National Park Authority are seeking reactions to the District Plan before it is submitted to the Government.

Essentially it gives a broad outline of development in Mid Sussex over the next 20 years. The consultation period finishes at 4pm on Monday 17 June, the deadline for responses.

The Plan can be seen at www. midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan, and is also available to view in paper form at libraries, Help Points, District Council offices, the South Downs National Park Authority office, and town and parish council offices.

Submit your comments online or send them to: Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath RH16 1SS.

Water Management Plan Takes Shape for the Future

From Paul Seeley, Asset Director at South East Water:

The Draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP) is now published. It outlines how we intend to meet the demand for water – for both current and future customers – between 2015 and 2040. This 25-year plan will be vital in securing drinking water across a region in serious water stress, with considerable housing and population growth, while feeling the impacts of climate change.

The draft plan indicates we will need up to 145 million litres of additional water every day by 2040 to meet demand. As well as a number of ambitious demand management initiatives, including metering and further driving down leakage, our preferred plan includes proposals for:

• Developing five groundwater sources at Forest Row, Coggins Mill and Cowbeech in East Sussex, Maytham Farm in Kent and Boxall's Lane (Aldershot) in Hampshire during 2015 to 2020.

• Developing six water transfer schemes to share water with Thames Water, Southern Water, Sutton and East Surrey Water, Portsmouth Water and Affinity Water between 2020 and 2040.

• Developing and improving two existing water treatment works at Bray in Berkshire and Barcombe in East Sussex by 2020.

• Developing two water reuse schemes at Aylesford in Kent and Peacehaven, East Sussex between 2025 and 2030.

• Building a new reservoir at Broad Oak, Kent by 2033.

• Construction of a brackish desalination scheme at Reculver, Kent by 2034.

• Extending our existing Arlington Reservoir, East Sussex by 2036.

We have considered our customers' preferences on the

range of options that could meet the shortfall in water, and their willingness to pay for them.

Everyone who uses water has a part to play in the successful delivery of our 25-year water resources plan and help ensure there is a secure, sustainable supply of water in the future. That's why we are now carrying out a 12 week statutory consultation process. We have a dedicated section on our website at www.southeastwater. co.uk/yourwateryoursay where the full plan and supporting documentation are available to view and download.

We are also holding dropin exhibitions at key locations where we are proposing new water infrastructure. Visit http:// www.southeastwater.co.uk/ about-us/our-plans/waterresources-management-plan/ your-comments#.UZf7PivEp7F to make your comments or email wre@southeastwater.co.uk

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12 Family coffee mornings Village Hall Thursday 23 May 7.30pm Fulking Social Committee Village Hall Bob Rowland 271 Friday 24 May, 7pm Village Hall Action Group Meeting Village Hall Jen Green, 552 Saturday 8 June, 7pm Pot Luck Partv! Village Hall, Bring your own dish and booze. Check and coordinate with Paula Hazard, 957 Thursday 11 July, 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Village Hall Chris Gildersleeve, 552 Friday 26 July, 7pm Call My Bluff Wine Quiz The Marguee, Downside Meadow Bob Rowland, 271 Sunday 28 July, 12 – 5pm FULKING FAIR!!!! Downside Meadow Bob Rowland 271, Jenny Tooley 382

Fulking Social Committee announces as a prelude to Fulking Fair

CALL MY BLUFF WINE QUIZ Friday 26 July 2013

7.00 pm for 7.30 start sharp in The Marquee, Downside Meadow, Fulking Entrance in Clappers Lane

Parking

12 Tables of 8 guests each: £15 per ticket or £100 per table of 8

4 exciting white and 4 exhilarating red wines!

To reserve tickets or a table phone Bob on 271

Early booking essential!

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An All-Round Village Miscellaneosity

Use the Fulking website! Log on to www.fulking.net

Another reminder of just how much quicker and more detailed all our village stories are on www.fulking.net. News is always immediate, there is far more space for the interesting stuff, parish council and local government matters get a full airing, and the site has all the good things that a good local website should have. Use it!



Bluebells Best

The time is now! Bob and Pam Rowland welcome villagers who would like to wander around Furzefield in Clappers Lane to feast their eyes on their bluebells. Please phone first (271). Regret no dogs, and children under strict control!

Potluck party!!!!!!!

Come along to the Pot Luck Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 8 June at 7pm! The idea is to make it as informal as possible so that everyone can get involved by making their favourite food. And to make it hassle-free we're cutting down on washing up by asking everyone to bring along their own plates and cutlery. Just let me know what you're planning to cook to make sure we have a good range. We might have oodles of salads but be desperate for puddings. Or we might be short on savouries so we might ask if you can bring along that type of dish. So what's left to bring? ...the booze, of course! Email Paula Hazard on paula@ hazzy.net or call evenings on 957.

Council Matters

The Annual Meeting of Fulking Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting were on 2 May.

Kate Watson was elected as Chair and Michael Trist as Vice Chair.

Finances: the annual precept has increased by 15% to £7,303.

Highways: continuing problems with flooding despite six meetings with WSCC over the past 10 months. Fulking is now part of 'Operation Watershed', a scheme by WSCC to address local flooding issues.

A community grant has been awarded by WSCC to make a feature of Ladybrook Spring.

Village Hall: continuing to do well, thanks to the Village Hall Action Group. A grant of £1,000 was awarded by BT awards scheme and a grant was received via MSDC and WSCC to replace the windows.

Guest speaker Roy Little, Planning Link Officer with the South Downs National Park Authority, gave a brief overview of the agency agreement with MSDC to provide the planning service on behalf of the SDNPA.

The PC thanked the following people :-

Bob Rowland for helping the the PC accounts at the beginning of last year; Nick Hughes for his work on the Internal Audit; Aidan Walker for his continued good work on PP; John Hazard for his hard work on the website; all the Village Hall Action Group for their efforts in maintaining and improving the Hall.

Date of next Ordinary Parish Council meeting: Thursday 11 July at 7.30pm. Full draft minutes of the APM are on wwwfulking.net and the noticeboard

Parish Council Budget

Fulking Parish Council set a budget of £7303 for the coming financial year at its meeting on 10 January 2013. Parish Council budget covers items such as the grass cutting and maintenance of the playground at NTF, street lighting and repairs, public liability insurance, website hosting, cost of audits, subscriptions to local societies, and a donation to the Hassocks & Hurst Community Bus as well as additional training for Councillors and Clerk and the Clerk's salary. The budget has increased by £960 on last year which means the average payment by a household will rise by approximately £6.80 for the year based on a Band D property. A full copy of the budget is available on www.fulking.net

For Hire – Village Tables, Crockery, Cutlery...

If you are planning a party, the village has some items for hire: • 6 Wooden Tables 6ft x 2ft (1800 x 600mm) – £4 each; • 4 Gazebos 9ft x 9ft (2700 x 2700mm) – £4 each; • Crockery – chunky, but up to 80 dinner and side plates, bowls, cups and saucers – up to £10; • Cutlery – up to 80 knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, serving spoons and forks – up to £10. If you would like to hire anything please call Carolyn on 280. All proceeds to Fulking Social Fund.

Seedling Sunday Thanks

Thanks to everyone who made our second seedling Sunday such a success! Growing plants, making cakes, helping on the day – it all came together brilliantly and the weather cooperated.

We made £138 for the hall fund. Apart from the money it was a lovely community event, enhanced by a singing / walking group who happened upon us and came in for tea, and then sat in the garden and sang a song about May for us! This has inspired me to offer afternoon teas sometime in the summer! Chris Gildersleeve

Ladybrook Update

The Parish Council held a public meeting on 1 May to discuss the Ladybrook Spring Community Project. WSCC has agreed to fund the community project up to £3-4000, to source and provide materials and a volunteer workforce. After much discussion at the public meeting the following basic design principles were agreed:

• The inside of the spring should have brick on all four sides, with additional boulders and a hedgehog ramp on one side, making for easy escape should children/animals fall in.

• The outside would be similar to the design shown below with a plaque on the top of the wall. It is suggested that the wall be between 2ft (600mm) and 2ft 6in (750mm) high.

• The back of the spring enclosure would be raised by a mix of boulders and tree stumps in filled with plants.



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