



July 2013

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Pigeon Post

Fulking Fair



Sunday 28 July, 12 noon – 5pm, Downside Meadow, Poynings Road, Fulking. Parking in top field off Poynings Road. Selected highlights from previous years below...





About a week ago (8 July) I was driving out of the village towards Edburton when I saw what I thought was a large grass snake writhing in the road. I stopped to have a look. It was certainly a snake, about a metre long, but it wasn't a grass snake, nor an adder, nor anything else British. I'm no snake expert, but the markings looked vaguely python-like. I've reported it to the Police, but meanwhile, I suggest non-snake lovers consider one of three actions: (1) Keep a close eye on any pet rabbits or Chihuahuas; (2) Wait for winter when hopefully snake-eyes will perish in the cold; (3) Write to your MP suggesting reptile- (and other dangerous or exotic animals) owning laws be tightened to discourage abandonment of 'pets'. Mike Wooldridge

Fulking Village Fair Sunday 28 July 2013 Downsview Meadow 12 noon till 5pm

Children's games and entertainment, Pimms, local ales, homemade cider, Birds of Prey, live music including Brighton City Singers, homemade cakes, ice creams, cream teas, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Dog Show and over 45 various stalls and country demonstrations. The best local fete in Sussex, some say! But to make it as good as ever if not better, we need:

- Bookstall helpers;
- Cakes for the cake stall. Also savoury items like cheese straws, scones, pizza slices etc will be required nearer the time;
- Tombola prizes;
- Another person to help with the teas in the dog show area;
- General helpers, even if they can only spare a few hours, so others can have a break.

All items can be dropped off with Bill Schaeffer, Bob Rowland or at the pub (addresses in the Books Wanted box below). If you can spare a few hours to help, please call Bob on 271.

Book Nookery

The bookstall at the Fair, the proceeds of which are being shared between St Andrews and the Social Fund, will donate all unsold books to the 'Book Nook'. Please have a really good search through all those old (and recent) books which have been read by all the family and are just gathering dust. Drop off at Bill Schaeffer, Bob Rowland, Joyce Harris or Lucy Smart – addresses in the 'Books Wanted' box below.



Books Wanted

For the Fulking Village Fair on 28th July 2013.
Support the village by donating your books.



Books can be dropped off at the following locations;

Lucy Smart; 29 Clappers Lane, Fulking

Joyce Harris; Paythorne Farm, Edburton Rd, Fulking

Bob Rowland; Furze Field, Clappers Lane, Fulking

Bill Schaeffer; Arbor Vitae, The Street, Fulking

Or phone Kate on 07531 427151 in arrange collection.



Any books that remain unsold on the day will be donated to
Fulking Village Chapel Library

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Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12

Family coffee mornings

Village Hall

Thursday 18 July, 7.30pm

Pre-Fair Social Committee Meeting

Village Hall

Bob Rowland, 271

Friday 26 July, 7pm

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz

The Marquee, Downsview Meadow

Bob Rowland, 271

Sunday 28 July, 12 – 5pm

FULKING FAIR!!!!

Downsview Meadow

Bob Rowland 271, Jenny Tooley 382

Friday 6 September 7pm

Village Hall Group Meeting

Village Hall

Jen Green 552

Sunday 8 September time TBC

Cream Teas and Fete

St Andrew's Church Edburton

Jane Warne 07812 465559

Fulking Social Committee
proudly 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, Downsview
Meadow, Fulking
Entrance in Clappers Lane

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Early booking essential!

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South Downs National Park News

The South Downs National Park Authority has been developing a range of publications, from food trails to walking routes and transport guides. They are being distributed across the park and to surrounding towns, but we're aware that some parishes may wish to order their own copies to use locally. The ones below can be ordered straight away:

- Food and drink trail – covers Alton / Selborne trail and Stansted Park / Singleton;
- Guide for dog walkers – covers responsible dog walking issues;
- Transport guide;
- South Downs View – our newspaper for the summer season, with events listings;
- Walks near Lewes and Southease;
- Walks near Arundel;

- Walking near Steyning, Chanctonbury and Washington;
- Heritage walks around Hamsey;
- Walking near Cheriton;
- Walking near Telscombe and Mill Hill;
- Walking near Plumpton;
- Walks near Buriton and East Meon;
- Walks near Amberley;
- Walks near Midhurst and Duncton Mill;
- Cycle ride around Bishop's Waltham;
- Cycle Rides near Amberley and Bignor Hill;
- Cycle rides near Petersfield and Rowlands Castle;
- Cycle rides near Lewes and Falmer.

The leaflets are free. Just visit www.brochureconnect.com/request to register and select which leaflets you are interested in. More to come.

Work on Ladybrook Spring

Work is due to start on the new look for Ladybrook Spring on Sunday 15 and Monday 16 September, when Volunteer Rangers organised by WSCC will start work on removing the existing structure. The structure is then due to be completed by Northbrook College Students. The date for this work has yet to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining the volunteer rangers please notify **Andrea Dickson** (Parish Clerk), andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com

Family Fun Day

We are holding a Family Fun Day at local charity Knowles Tooth Children's Centre on Sunday 8 September from 2-5pm. A relaxing afternoon for the whole family to enjoy stalls, a dance display from Lets Dance, bouncy castle, activities, BBQ,

beer tent, fun dog show and much more. Adult entry £2; children and parking free. For more information call 01273 832363 or visit our website www.familysupportwork.org.uk Knowles Tooth Children's Centre, Langton Lane, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex BN6 9EZ.



A Jazz garden party was held at **Tim Stace's** cottage on Sunday 30 June for the Brighton & Hove Macmillan Cancer Support Committee. Total funds raised: £4000! Thanks to **Tim**, and **Jill & Barry Morgan** for arranging it all.

FRACKING – DANGER TO WATER

Cuadrilla, a company specialising in the controversial process of 'fracking', will soon be granted a licence to dispose of millions of gallons of toxic and radioactive waste from a drill site in Balcombe. The Environment Agency has requested concerns be raised by 16 July, otherwise this proposal will be granted.

Fracking has been described by an eminent scientist as the most effective way to poison a population through its water supply. Millions of gallons of fracking fluid are pumped into the ground, containing over 600 chemicals, 25% of which are linked with cancer and mutations, 37% affect hormones, 40-50% affect kidneys and nervous, immune and cardiovascular systems, and 75% affect respiratory and gastrointestinal systems and sensory organs.

Toxic, radioactive wastewater is stored in open pits and sprayed

to evaporate quickly before being trucked away. This process releases lethal radon into the air which carries for miles. 60% of wells leak. Toxic fluids seeping through natural fractures can reach drinking water aquifers in as little as three years. 30-70% of fracking fluid is not recovered and stays in the ground.

Cuadrilla has licence to drill 1200 of these wells across the Sussex Downs, not to mention the numerous substations and mile upon mile of pipeline!

Please help stop this by signing this petition before the closing date of 16 July. Thank you.

http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop_the_poisoning_of_the_entire_Sussex_water_supply/?tXfEhab

Further reference:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/energy/10148552/Fracking-faces-tough-foes-in-leafy-Sussex.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/energy/gas/10139863/Drinking-water-contaminated-by-gas-near-fracking-sites-in-US.html>

<http://www.foe-scotland.org.uk/whatsitallabout>

CHURCH NEWS

A hot air curtain has been installed above the inside of the church door providing a cushion of warm air for everyone entering the church. This is going to be invaluable in winter and we are (eagerly!) awaiting a cold spell to try it out. Outside, and only last week, the paved area has been enlarged and the path widened. This greatly enhances our entrance and will be particularly appreciated at weddings as there is now this wonderful space for photos. We at the Church are so very grateful to **Tony Brooks** for donating the profit from his book for these projects.

FUTURE SCAPES

Rachel Whitfield, the South Downs Futurescape Community Engagement Officer, recently addressed the Parish Council on the collaboration between the RSPB and numerous rural institutions to preserve and protect Sussex wildlife, especially birds. Sadly there's not enough room here to detail everything they're doing, but it's all extremely good stuff. Here's an extract from their flier: 'The South Downs Farmland Birds Initiative is a compelling project and a perfect example of Futurescapes in practice, looking at ways of boosting key farmland bird species by using the management options available through Environmental Stewardship. The initiative concentrates on three priority farmland birds – lapwings, grey partridges and corn buntings.' More info: rachel.whitfield@rspb.org.uk, 07540 121466. www.rspb.org.uk/futurescapes



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Stone Pit Fire • Live Music
Morris Dancing • Owl Display
Puppet Show • Face Painting

Barn Dance - Saturday night, FREE entry! 7.30 - Late



For more information please visit:



The Shepherd and Dog, Fulking



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BARN DANCE

Saturday 20th July
7pm - Late

During our BEER FESTIVAL weekend on the Saturday night we will be hosting a barn dance!! So put on the cowboy hat and bring the whole family down for an evening of great ales and ciders, live musicians and dancing!

All we ask for is a donation to charity on the door



For more information please visit:

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