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VILLAGE MISC 2014

Christmas, remember?

A big thank-you to all who helped make the Christmas Fair a great success, whether by helping to get the hall ready, publicising the event, baking cakes and/or helping out on the day. It was a fantastic joint effort and we made about £230 for the Hall Fund, as well as putting on a really great event.

Jen and Chris, 552

Christmas, remember? #2

The annual village Christmas party was held in the greatly improved village hall on Friday 20 December. The evening was very well attended and many thanks to the principal organisers Jennie Wild and Carolyn Loveless, as well as all the other villagers who assisted. The mulled wine was excellent. A very successful Tombola, which was enhanced by a magnificent hamper, donated by Jeremy's the Greengrocer in Henfield, raised £233 which well covered the existing shortfall in the amount required for the new fencing in the North Town Field.

Bob Rowland, 271

The Pigeon and the Web

A number of Pigeon Lovers have been asking if the front page

could include a link straight to Fulking.net. (I am trying to make this work throughout. - Ed.) The site has very interesting articles and carries a huge amount of local information to supplement PP – as we have said before, a very different animal, and one you certainly want to engage with if you want up-to-date village and local news and views. There is a move afoot to discontinue emailing PP directly to Folkingites and making it exclusively a download from the website, fulking.net. This is proving something of a debating point, so this month we are hoping the link will work and next let's try the hot link. All you have to do is go to <http://fulking.net> and click on the pic of the current front page of PP. Hey presto, it downloads and away we go. More to come on this; your thoughts are welcome. Aidan Walker, editor. aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk

Village Hall Meeting 24 January

The new cooker, microwave and fridge have been installed, and also the new heater. Many thanks to Margaret Rawlings for the appliances and to Nick Hughes

for fitting them: a lot of work. New heater is working well. Roof repairs: Nick and Lee Holden braved the gales to reattach the corrugated iron sheets on the roof. Thanks very much! Finances: Nick reported that after expenses we have £3293.47 in the bank. Regular outgoings / overheads include fee to PCC of £30 monthly plus electricity and water costs. It was felt that considering we have had a lot of expenses this year, this was quite a healthy sum, but we need to bear in mind that we received £1000 from British Telecom this year, which won't be repeated. Donations or new standing orders please! Nick Hughes 868 or Jen Green 552. Next Meeting: Friday 21 March 6.30pm. Jen Green

Psychodogy?

Sussex University is looking for four-legged volunteers to help PhD students studying dog psychology at Falmer. If you and your hound are willing, please contact Vicky Ratcliffe on 07962 324770 or V.Ratcliffe@sussex.ac.uk to book a time. My mutt has taken part in a voice and sound recognition test (enthusiastically because they

gave him lots of treats). It takes about 30 minutes. If you can think of any other dog owners who might be game, please pass this on. Hazel Silver

Saddlescombe News

We have just taken delivery of 1000kg of wild bird seed to start feeding some of the farmland birds during what is known as 'the Hungry Gap'. This will help birds survive the leanest months of winter. We will start spreading the seed in particular areas on the farm every few days, looking to help some of the key farmland birds such as the skylark, corn bunting, grey partridge, yellowhammer and tree sparrow which we are particularly trying to help on the farm. Camilla and Roly, 062

Visible Village Money

Accounts for the social committee and the fair are always available from the Treasurer Bob Rowland on 271.

The Front Page Pictures

Many thanks to Tony Brooks for his spectacular 'Dawn Over Fulking' study. (It rained two hours later.) Plus one of the Ed's own humble evening efforts.

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10 – 12

Family coffee mornings
Village Hall

Wednesdays 10-11.30 and Saturdays 1.30-3.30

Book Nook
Village Hall Chapel
Jane Wame, 07812 465559

Sunday 16 February

10am Holy Communion Holy Trinity Poynings, 11am Family Communion St Andrews Edburton.

Sunday 23 February

10am Holy Communion
The Transfiguration Pyecombe.
www.downlandchurches.co.uk

Friday 7 March, 7.30pm

Village Games Evening!
Village Hall, then repair to pub
Jen Green, 552

Saturday 15 March, 10.15am

North Town Field Clear-Up
John Hazard, 957

Saturday 15 March, 7pm

Quiz Night
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Jane Wame, 07812 465559

Friday 21 March, 6.30pm

Village Hall Meeting

Village Hall

Jen Green, 552

Friday 28 March, 7.30pm

Michael & Teenie Harcus in concert

Newtimber Church

Shirley Murrell 353

Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 April

Lambing Open Weekend
Saddlescombe Farm

www.camillaandroly.co.uk/

saddlescombe-farm

Sunday 11 May

Seedling Sunday
Village Hall
Chris Gildersleeve, 552



Quiz Night

Date: Saturday 15th. March 2014
Time: 1900 for 1930 start

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BADGERAMA I recently set up an automatic camera in the badger sett above us, writes [Roger Loveless](#). The result was quite interesting so I thought fellow Fulkingites might like to see it too. The camera collected a series of 10 second clips from 4:40 pm to 3:40 am (selection above). I have compiled them into a single video which can be downloaded from or viewed on the village website: <http://fulking.net/badgers-in-fulking/>



In Memoriam: Geoffrey Harris

Geoffrey Harris passed away in Sussex County Hospital on 4 December 2013. His funeral was held at Worthing Crematorium on 13 January. Geoffrey was born in 1929 at Perching Manor. As he grew up, he worked on his father's farm with his brothers. During the war, although under age, he joined the Home Guard and became a crack shot, winning many awards.

Geoffrey married Jo in 1950 and they moved to 'The Perch'. In 1960 the family moved to 'The Springs'. Geoffrey had been farming in Findon but gave up the farm in 1964 when he and Jo had established Springs Smoked Salmon.

In 1978 they moved to 'Downmere' in Poynings. They retired in 1990 and two of their sons took over the Edburton business. The third went to Australia to start his own smoked fish company.

Geoffrey had an amazing wealth of knowledge on life in Fulking before and after the war and the vast changes the village went through from a village of farm labourers, small holdings, nursery staff, etc to the very different village we know today.

He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. [Tony Brooks](#)

The full version is here <http://fulking.net/in-memory-of-geoffrey-harris/>



Thanks to the villagers who are transforming and using the Village Hall and thanks to local businesses who have supported them. For example: the Hall garden and our 'Bench with a View'. [Helen](#) from Arcadia volunteered to improve the garden – do you remember the sad green plastic fence and patchy turf? When Helen shared her ideas with [Rushfields Plant Centre](#), they donated the bench! The attractive wooden fencing, from [AVS Fencing](#) in Woodmancote, was put up by

Helen and Mike. Helen also planted the flower border and watered it through the driest summer. [Swains Farm Shop](#) and Garden Centre in Woodmancote offered new turf and more next spring if needed. The beautiful lettering on the bench was carved by cabinetmaker [Peter Jones](#) of Nettle-down. Do please sit there and enjoy the view and the garden and perhaps be greeted by a passer-by. Or join those who weed and paint and carry to keep the Hall going! [Gill Milner](#), Old Post Office

MICHAEL and TEENIE HARCUS

*Singer / songwriters
from the Orkney
Islands, Scotland.*



A concert of country and western, rock and gospel music will be given by [Michael and Teenie Harcus](#), singer/songwriters from the Orkney Islands, at Newtimber Church on Friday 28 March at 7.30pm. www.michaelharcus.co.uk. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for under 18's, including refreshments, from [Shirley Murrell](#) 353, shirleymurrell@btinternet.com, or Lucy Dalrymple, 01273 832009, lucy@arboreaters.co.uk. Also, I am pleased to announce that the church has completed its

renovation and modernisation. After 700 years, a toilet suitable for the disabled has been built, and a small kitchenette placed in the north transept. The Chancel has been reconfigured to make a larger area suitable for both church and general activities. We now have a very comfortable building which we hope will be widely used. We welcome all to our services on the second and fifth Sundays in the month. If you wish to use the Church building, please contact me – details above. [Shirley Murrell](#), Churchwarden

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