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FULKING VILLAGE MISCELLANEOUSITY

Drumming & Percussion

Join West Sussex Music tutor Steve Morley in Poynings Village Hall from 2 – 3.30pm on Sunday 30 March, with a view to meeting on the last Sunday of each month. The emphasis will be on enlivening but relaxed music making for adults using traditional West African djembe rhythms; no experience is necessary. £7 per person. Instruments provided but do bring your own drum if you have one. [Steve Morley](#), 590.

Village Fair meeting

Thursday 24 April, Village Hall, 7.30pm. The Fulking Social Committee's income is principally derived from the annual fair proceeds and is used to finance village needs, including funding [Pigeon Post](#). The provision

of such funds facilitates the receiving of grants and reduces the amount required by the village precept, which forms part of the Council Tax.

The Fulking Fair will be held in Downside Meadow, on Sunday 27 July 2014 from noon till 5pm. On Friday 25 July there will be a Call my Bluff for 96 people in the Marquee, 7 pm for 7.30pm, with superior wines supplied by Quaff. Tickets £15 a head (includes 8 wines and nibbles).

Those who have attended the fair in previous years will appreciate that it takes a lot of volunteers to organise and run it. We are desperately in need of such help from villagers to man events and to provide relief for those already involved. If you would like to get involved please call [Bob Rowland](#) on 271.

Seedling Sunday 11 May

Please remember to plant those seeds for the third seedling Sunday, which is now becoming a village institution! This nice weather should bring them on nicely! [Chris Gildersleeve](#)

Holly is Johanna

Come and see local Fulking girl Holly Diamond play the part of Johanna and enjoy the astonishing chorus from Tuesday 8 – Saturday 12 April in HAODS' production of 'Sweeney Todd'! Tickets from The Capitol box office, 01403 750220 or www.thecapitolhorsham.com

Baby sitting

Responsible 16 year old boy available for babysitting in Fulking/Poynings /Edburton area. Contact [Fiona](#), 07896 994170.

Village Clean Up, 10.30am Sunday 30 March

Please get involved! There are four meeting points: Party 1 starts at the corner of Clappers/Holmbush lanes and moves South; Party 2 starts at the corner of The Street/Clappers Lane and moves North; Party 3 meets at the Ram House by the Shepherd and Dog and moves up the Street; Party 4 meets at The Deans in Poynings Road and moves towards The Street. Take care of traffic and wear bright colours and please bring suitable gloves and bin liners to collect the rubbish. Dispose of collected rubbish in your wheelie bins. If this time is not convenient choose your own time and do your bit. [Bob Rowland](#), 271

Volunteers needed to help older people in West Sussex

Royal Voluntary Service (formerly WRVS) is calling on local people to dedicate a couple of hours a week to help older people in their community. The charity's Community Meals on Wheels service provides older and housebound residents with much more than a hot meal; the service is a source of vital social

contact for people who might not otherwise see anyone else from one week to the next. Royal Voluntary Service volunteers also perform 'safe and well' checks to make sure the older people who use the service have everything they need to stay safe, healthy and independent in their own homes.

David McCullough, Royal Voluntary Service Chief Executive, said: 'This is a really vital service for older people in the community. Taking someone to the shops or having a chat may not seem like much, but it makes a massive difference to the older people who use the service. Our volunteers are

fantastic and really enjoy what they do; they get as much out of volunteering as they put in, but we always need more helpers.' Volunteers can give as much or as little time as they are able. Contact the charity on 0845 600 5885 (quoting West Sussex) or visit www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/westsussex

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10am – 12noon

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 23 March 10am

Holy Communion The Transfiguration Pyecombe.

Sunday 30 March (Mothering Sunday) 10am

Holy Communion Newtimber.
www.downlandchurches.co.uk

Friday 21 March, 7.30pm

Open Evening to update on building works.
Pyecombe Church
[Rev Caroline Currey](#), 456

Friday 21 March, 6.30pm

Village Hall Meeting
Village Hall
[Jen Green](#), 552

Friday 28 March, 7.30pm

Michael & Teenie Harcus in concert (see pic right)
Newtimber Church
[Shirley Murrell](#) 353

Sunday 30 March, 10.30am

Village Clean up!
[Bob Rowland](#), 271. See above

Sunday 30 March, 2pm

Drumming & Percussion Group
Poynings Village Hall £7 pp.
[Steve Morley](#) 590

Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 April

Lambing Open Weekend
Saddlescombe Farm
www.camillaandrolly.co.uk/saddlescombe-farm

Thursday 24 April, 7.30pm
Social Committee Village Fair Meeting.

WE NEED HELPERS! ALL WELCOME!

Village Hall
[Bob Rowland](#), 271

MICHAEL and TEENIE HARCUS

Singer / songwriters from the Orkney Islands, Scotland.



Newtimber Church, 28 March 7.30pm

Sunday 11 May

Seedling Sunday
Village Hall

[Chris Gildersleeve](#), 552

SUNDAY 27 JULY 12 NOON – 5PM

FULKING VILLAGE FAIR!!!!
Village Hall

On the cover: thanks to [Myriam Brenner](#) and [Andy Coupland](#) for the atmospheric pix (plus Ed)



Above and right, two recent and very much appreciated additions to the 'fabric of the village'. Most of us remember Lucie Robinson with affection and admiration; her mother Tricia has commissioned this bench in the North Town Field to preserve happy memories. Don't miss the way the sun projects her name in shadow onto the tree trunk. And a panoply of plaudits to Nick Hughes and a bevy of anonymous benefactors who took it upon themselves to restore and revive the lamp post just near the entrance to the NTF. It's all wired up, says Nick; just needs someone to connect it...



Before and after...

Mid Sussex Times MAYFIELD MARKET TOWNS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Years of blight and angst for rural residents

Mayfield Market Towns' scheme to build 10,000 new homes between Sayers Common and Henfield is equivalent to a new town nearly the size of Haywards Heath and will blight the area for years to come



'They are ruining people's lives - is that right?'

Anthony Watts Williams
LAMBS chairman



'All development can cause blight in some way'

Lee Newlyn
Mayfields director

Two local development initiatives don't look at all good for the local countryside. Mobilisation is needed

1) From the editors of lambs.org.uk:

'Planning blight is a 'fact of life', according to **Lee Newlyn**, one of the directors of Mayfield Market Town. Follow the story in the local papers – The Mid Sussex Times, The County Times (South Downs Edition) and the West Sussex Gazette [all carry content on this extraordinary proposal.]

'The website <http://lambs.org.uk/> (Locals Against Mayfield Building Sprawl) is being continually updated so log on whenever you can. We are delighted to be approaching 600

followers on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mayfieldprotest?ref=ts&fref=ts>.

'We sincerely hope none of you have been affected by the flooding and can confirm we are keeping a log of rainfall and flooding in our area.'

One of the many stories on the site – even local MPs are against Mayfield – is the effect it will have on the Adur water table. After our wettest winter ever, should surely give pause for thought? <http://lambs.org.uk/thousands-of-homes-could-be-wiped-out-by-new-development/>

2) Meanwhile, look seawards to find the Director of Planning for the South Downs National Park, Tim Slaney, saying: 'The Rampion wind farm proposals would harm the landscape and cultural heritage of the South Downs National Park, introducing 175 turbines into the iconic views from the Sussex Heritage Coast and cause large scale disruption to the landscape of the National Park through the construction of a 14km long and 30m wide cable corridor. The Secretary of State should refuse to grant permission.' <http://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news>





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