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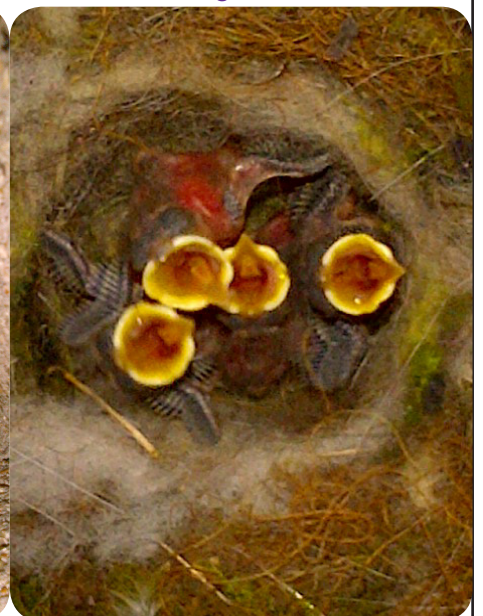
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Pigeon Post

THE MISTS OF TIME



Well, we all know it's our beautiful Downland home, don't we, but at first glance you could be forgiven for thinking we'd hit on a pic straight from the Lost World. No apologies for printing yet another of these 'mist rolling over the hills' pix. It was decided at the pre-flight Editorial Roost that this one – by Andy Coupland, fab stuff Andy – was worth its weight in page space. Below, more from Andy: a woodpecker and two of a bluetits' nest in a stack of building blocks



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FULKING VILLAGE MISCELLANEOUSITY

Badger watch

More badger action, this time with cubs! The new video is 18 min long, edited down from 30 min of activity. You can stream or download it, along with the previous video, from

<http://1drv.ms/1gpOqHy>

Roger Loveless

Gatwick New Runway?

The Airports Commission has included Gatwick in its shortlist of potential locations for the next runway in the UK and Gatwick Airport has been holding a public consultation on its options.

The Airports Commission will make its recommendations to the Government in 2015. The full consultation document can be found at www.gatwickairport.com/consultation. Public exhibitions are being held in various towns and villages around the airport.

Great Garage Sale!

We are holding a 'Great Garage Sale' at The Dean, Fulking, on Monday 26 May (weather permitting) from 11am to 4pm. Lots of bargains for sale – bric a brac, toys, books etc and also home made cakes. All supporting St Andrew's Church Edburton.

Art in Ditchling

Chris Gildersleeve and I are showing our art in Ditchling as part of Brighton Open Houses scheme in May. We are at venue 16 on the map – Kennel Cottage, 88 East End Lane, Ditchling BN6 8UR. We are open every weekend in May and the Bank Holiday from 11am to 5pm.

Chris is showing fired sculpture of human figures, natural forms and Buddhist themes, and I am showing landscapes in watercolour, prints, woodcarvings, mosaic mirrors and cards. The Ditchling Art Trail is a great place to view art combined perhaps with a Downs walk or visit to a local pub! Our venue has a lovely garden and this year we are offering tea/coffee and cakes. Chris or I will be there for much but not all of the time – you could email if you want to coincide with one of us so we can welcome you! You can always visit my art website on <http://www.greenartandcraft.co.uk/> for a taste of what to expect! Jen Green

Hall cleanup

Village Hall maintenance and cleaning session Friday 23 May 6-8. Please come and join in this short evening session to keep

the village hall spick and span!

Jen Green 552

Hire tables, crockery, cutlery

If you are planning a party, the village has some items for hire. Tables x 6 (6' x 2' each) (wooden) – £4 each; Gazebos x 4 (9' x 9' each) – £4 each; Crockery – chunky, but up to 80 dinner and side plates, bowls, cups & saucers – up to £10; Cutlery – up to 80 knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, serving spoons and forks – up to £10.

Carolyn Loveless, 280

Ladybrook Spring update

Structural work is due to begin at the start of next month. Volunteers will be rallied once the main work has been completed, to plant and decorate the feature. More details will follow in the next PP and on the village website fulking.org.

Could you foster?

West Sussex County Council needs foster carers to provide security and stability to children who are taken into care. A national campaign called 'Foster Care Fortnight' is running in May, from Monday 12 to Sunday 25 May, to raise the profile of fostering, highlight the need for

more people to become carers, and to let people learn more about what the role entails. As part of Foster Care Fortnight, the County Council's Fostering Recruitment Team will be running two informal drop-in sessions at libraries around the county – as well as encouraging more people to find out about fostering. A drop-in session will be held at Shoreham Library on Thursday, 22 May, and at libraries across West Sussex throughout 2014. Running from 10am to 4pm, they are an opportunity to discuss what fostering entails in a friendly and relaxed environment. Foster carers come from all walks of life and from a range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. People from a variety of backgrounds can apply to foster, regardless of their marital status or sexuality. Fostering can be either short or long-term and can range from just a few days to several years. Foster carers receive a comprehensive support package from the Council, including ongoing training and financial allowances to meet the needs of children and young people in their care. For more information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering or telephone 0330 222 7775.

Village Diary

Every Wednesday, 10am – 12noon

Family coffee mornings
Village Hall

Wednesdays 11.30-2.30 and Saturdays 1.30-3.30

Book Nook
Village Hall Chapel
Jane Wame, 07812 465559

Fridays 4pm

Children's Play Hour
North Town Field
Myriam Brenner, 115

Every weekend in May and Bank Holiday weekend 23 – 26 May 11am – 5pm

Sculpture, watercolour, prints, woodcarvings, mosaic mirrors and cards by Jen Green and Chris Gildersleeve
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Friday 23 May, 6pm

Village Hall Maintenance & Cleaning Session
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Monday 26 May, 11am

'Great Garage Sale'
The Dean, Fulking
Jane Wame 07812 465559

Thursday 19 June, 7.30pm

Village Fair Meeting
Village Hall
Bob Rowland, 271

Friday 20 June, 6.30pm

Village Hall Action Group Meeting – then:

Games Evening 7.30 – 9pm

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Saturday 28 June

Village Summer Barbeque – TBC!!! Watch this space!!!

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Thursday 10 July, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Village Hall

Andrea Dickson, 01444 451060

Friday 25 July, 7 for 7.30pm

Call My Bluff Wine Evening
The Fair Marquee, Downside Meadow. Tables of 8, tickets £15pp. Bob Rowland 271

SUNDAY 27 JULY 12 NOON – 5PM: FULKING VILLAGE FAIR!!!!

Downside Meadow
Bob Rowland 271

Thursday 9 October, 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

Andrea Dickson, 01444 451060



Bench Marks the Garden Spot

Colin Langridge of Rushfields, who donated the bench, cuts the ribbon for the formal opening of the restored Village Hall garden on Sunday 11 May. From left to right, Peter Jones, who carved the inscription, Michael Trist, Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Gill Milner, Colin, Jen Green and Chris Gildersleeve. Unable to attend, Helen Zeilinger designed and implemented the garden restoration. In addition to Rushfields in Poynings, local sponsorship was provided by AVS Fencing in Woodmancote, who assisted with the fencing,

Swains Farm Shop in Henfield, who offered turf, and Hamfelds of Henfield, who supplied many of the plants.

The bench and garden were formally opened as part of Seedling Sunday, for which a great selection of plants and cakes were donated by villagers and in addition it was a lovely social occasion. A visitor commented that the villagers were very welcoming. Many thanks to everyone who helped us make this a success and raise £130 for the village hall.

Chris Gildersleeve

Fulking Fair

Noon to 5pm
Sunday 27th July 2014
Downside Meadow
Poynings Road
Fulking

BBQ, Live Music, Pony Rides, Puppets,
Cream Teas, Dog Show, Gladiators,
Bar, Free Parking and more.

Admission: Adults - £1.00 Children under 13 - Free

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Local Development & Environmental Issues

If it's not Gatwick Airport (see opposite), it's E.On's 175 wind turbines in the channel and their 14km long by 30m wide 'cable corridor' (see PP March 14). Then there's Mayfield New Town, which even local MPs are opposed to (also see PP March), and if that wasn't enough, now the fracking preliminaries are coming to a different part of Sussex – Fernhurst, admittedly further from us than Balcombe, but still a place of natural beauty very much threatened.

The intention is 'exploratory drilling', just as it was in Balcombe (Cuadrilla, the company involved, is now saying it won't be fracking there), and even the short-term impacts are highly damaging. Greenpeace is mounting a campaign: go to

www.frackfreefernurst.com/

And as for Mayfield, Michael Brown of the Council for the Protection of Rural England writes in the Mid Sussex Times: 'Both Horsham and Mid Sussex District Councils are in advanced stages of developing long term plans for their Districts: neither of their plans calls for any new market town to meet their Districts' housing needs. As to location, it is difficult to envisage somewhere less suited to a mega-development than the lovely open countryside around Wineham with no significant local unemployment, with no road, rail or other infrastructure, and on low lying fields prone to flooding from the Adur. Not to mention the barn owls, nightingales and other wonderful wildlife.'



We challenge Mayfield to publish the ecological and flood reports that it claims to have commissioned so that we can all judge for ourselves.'

The CPRE's picture showing the area round Wineham severely flooded brings the message home; we don't want to be NIMBYs, but this one doesn't make sense at any level.



Stop press: on Monday 19 May a cow attacked a woman walking on top of Fulking Escarpment. Air and off-road ambulances were in attendance; she was saved from more serious harm by a passer-by with a stick. Be warned!



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