

## March 2015

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Woodland Work Day	Tottington Wood	09:30-13:00
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Edburton Church Service	St. Andrew's Edburton	11:00-12:30
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	FPC - Lady Brook Spring	The Village Hall	19:30
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book sale at Book Nook	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	10:30-12:00
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	FPC - Planning Meeting	The Village Hall	18:30
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Of Horses and Men	Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint	20:00-21:30
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Woodland Work Day	Tottington Wood	09:30-13:00
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book sale at Book Nook	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	11:00-16:00
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book sale at Book Nook	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	10:30-12:00
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	NT Live - Behind the Beautiful Forevers	Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint	19:00-22:00
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodland Work Day	Tottington Wood	09:30-13:00
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Edburton Church Service	St. Andrew's Edburton	11:00-12:30
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book sale at Book Nook	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	10:30-12:00
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Social Committee Meeting - Fair	The Village Hall	19:30
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Games Evening	The Village Hall	19:30-22:00
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Woodland Work Day	Tottington Wood	09:30-13:00
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book sale at Book Nook	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	10:30-12:00
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Locke	Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint	20:00-21:30
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken Run	Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint	15:00-16:30
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Woodland Work Day	Tottington Wood	09:30-13:00
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wild Woodies Spring Holiday Club	Woods Mill	09:00-16:00

## Games Evenings

Don't forget the lively games evenings in the Village Hall – the next one is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. Jen Green will be officiating.

## Bobseration No. 5 – Parish Councillors

Elections for Parish councillors will be held, on May 7 this year.

Parish councils are a chance for villagers to express their opinion on local matters through their elected representatives. The Parish Council has no political allegiance.

Fulking Parish Council normally has five councillors, which is the number expected to be elected next May and, so long as only five villagers put their names forward for election, they will become the Parish Council. If more villagers put their names forward there will be a ballot on the same day as the Parliamentary election. The councillors then elected will appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. Parish councillors are unpaid but the Parish Clerk who is appointed by the Parish Council is a paid employee. This time we will have a new Parish Clerk, Derek Blackhall, as Andrea Dickson, is moving on.

Although occasionally frustrating, the rewards are being involved with the democratic process at its primary level, learning a great deal about Fulking, getting to know many villagers, and deciding what is in the best interest of the parish. In my experience you will make many friends as well as a few enemies but the satisfaction is very real.

I do encourage you to think about it seriously. Nominations need to be made between March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> and details of how to apply will be on the village website.

Fulking deserves to be served by a sensible, dedicated Parish Council. If you choose to stand you will not regret it.

## Solar Eclipse

They don't come around that often, but on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> March there will a partial solar eclipse (90%). Apparently this is the best eclipse that we have been able to see

since 1999. It will be visible from around 8:40 to 10:40 am. As always, you should take care not to look directly at the sun. Let's hope it's not too cloudy...

## Comment and feedback

We are now on our 5<sup>th</sup> 'Bobseration'. The aim of these articles was to stimulate comment and discussion in our community. This month we're publishing (on the website) the alternative views of villagers on the subject of Preston Nomads (*Bobseration No 2*). They point out historic applications to develop the club have appeared to conflict with the Village Plan and that while villagers have indeed been tolerant, they need to remain vigilant. Read the full article on the website. May the debate continue...

## Lady Brook Spring Handover

FPC was instrumental in obtaining a grant to improve the spring following a public outcry about the structure that highways had created. As the structural work has been completed by Community Volunteers and local residents it is now time think about planting and putting the finishing touches to the project.

On Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm (Village Hall) the FPC is holding a meeting to discuss the handover of the spring. If you'd like to become involved, please contact Michael Trist at [perching@btinternet.com](mailto:perching@btinternet.com)

## Rave Review

Some villagers scratched their heads when the Sussex Police announced that they were unable to stop a rave last year due to rain, darkness, numbers of officers/'ravers' present ([fulking.net](http://fulking.net) 26/5/14). They'll be delighted to learn that following a review, police will be "told sooner and decision making speeded up" – so that's ok then!

## Summer's almost here...

Get in the right frame of mind by taking part in Poynings Garden Fete on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. If you want a stall (£10.00) ring Nigs on 857298.

