

April 2015

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lambing Open Days	Saddlescombe	10:00-15:00
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Edburton Church Service	St. Andrew's Edburton	11:00-12:30
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lambing Open Days	Saddlescombe	10:00-15:00
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fulking Parish Council Meeting	The Village Hall	19:30-21:30
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lambing Open Days	Saddlescombe	10:00-15:00
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lambing Open Days	Saddlescombe	10:00-15:00
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	NT Live - The Hard Problem	Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint	19:00-22:00
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall Meeting	The Village Hall	09:30-10:00
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall Maintenance Working Party	The Village Hall	10:00-13:00
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Edburton Church Service	St. Andrew's Edburton	11:00-12:30
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Newtimber Place Gardens	Newtimber	14:00-17:30
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saddlescombe Farm Open Day	Saddlescombe	10:30-16:00
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00

### **Call for Parish Councillors**

No apologies for making another call for Parish Councillors. The short nomination period is now upon us: 30<sup>th</sup> March until 9<sup>th</sup> April.

If nobody stands for election, control of our village will pass back to MSDC, so it really is vital that people come forward if we want to continue to have a say in what happens in our community.

### **Bobservation No. 6 – Water Supply**

Discussions between South Eastern Water, Southern Water, The National Trust and West Sussex County Council have led to a proposal to implement a villager's idea that the water supply system emanating at the Ram House by the Shepherd & Dog could be reinstated.

The advantages of this would be free drinking water available to villagers and passers-by at both village pumps, availability of fresh water for washing at the Ruskin Fountain and a supply of water in the village in times of drought.

The disadvantages for some would be the permanent disconnection of the current water supply to all properties in the Street. This would, of course, mean that water for household, garden and indeed swimming pool use would have to be obtained by hand.

Admittedly this would prove to be an anathema to some villagers although in some cases the gardener could provide the necessary manual labour involved

It is proposed to hold a public meeting and take a vote of those attending in which case a majority of villagers would decide the outcome of the proposal. 1/4/15

### **Strimming at St Andrew's**

Churchyard attendants are urgently required. Two people with petrol trimmers are needed to join us in May by helping to trim the grass round the graves. This work usually takes place once a month on a Saturday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm during the summer months, weather permitting. If you are able to help, please contact Tony Brooks on 200 for more details.

### **Shepherd & Dog licensing**

A lively meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March to obtain the community's views on the new licensing application from the Shepherd and Dog. This application includes a garden bar facility which, if granted, would also permit the playing of live and recorded music outside as a consequence. Viewpoints were heard from the licensee and residents. Minutes of the meeting are available on the website. Search for: "Licensing"

### **Seedling Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am-3pm**

A date for your diary. This is the fourth time we have held this enjoyable village event in the hall.

Please bring any seedlings you can spare and swap them for others, or buy seedlings at very reasonable prices.

There will be a range of flower seedlings (best seller last was cosmos, so I will be growing even more this year!), and vegetable seedlings as well. We will also be serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes as usual!  
Chris Gildersleeve

### **Bluebells**

Towards the end of April/beginning of May bluebells should be good at Furze field. All villagers and their friends welcome. Regret no dogs. Children under control. Please ring on 271 before coming.

### **Craft and Chat**

Possibly one of the best kept secrets in the village has come to light...

While nobody was looking, Trish Robinson has established a Chat & Craft group which meets in the Village Hall on Thursday every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month – 2 to 4 pm.

The idea is that you bring along whatever (transportable) craft project you are undertaking and do it in the company of other like-minded types, a cup of tea and lots of interesting conversation.

It's open to all – and as you may have guessed the emphasis is on the chat more than the craft!

