

February 2016

Mon 1 st	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 3 rd	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 4 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
	Social Committee AGM	The Village Hall	19:30-20:30
Mon 8 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 10 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 11 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Fri 12 th	Winter Beer Festival	The Shepherd and Dog	
Sat 13 th	Winter Beer Festival	The Shepherd and Dog	
Sun 14 th	Winter Beer Festival	The Shepherd and Dog	
	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
Mon 15 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 17 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 18 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Fri 19 th	Messy Church	The Village Hall	16:30-18:00
Mon 22 nd	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
Wed 24 th	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 25 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00
	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Fri 26 th	Village Hall Committee	The Village Hall	18:30-19:30
Mon 29 th	Bus to Hassocks	Fulking Bus Shelter	10:05-12:00

Beer Jackets

...are available from the Shepherd and Dog to beat the cold weather during their Winter Beer Festival from 12th to 14th February.

Beer Jacket: The invisible coat you wear over your T-shirt/short sleeve shirt/bare chest when walking home on a freezing night out without feeling the cold.

Bobervation 15 - Social Matters

There was a response from four of you about what we can do to improve the attendance at the annual village Christmas party. The consensus, with which I agree, was to hold it a week earlier, which would be Friday 9th December. A suggestion was made to have music, but I am of the opinion that the hall is too small to accommodate talking, drinking and music at the same time.

Does anyone have any further thoughts on this?

The Annual General Meeting of the Social Committee will be in the hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 February. We will be discussing, inter alia, the ongoing talks with the Shepherd & Dog to hold a Call my Bluff in a marquee at the pub on the evening of Friday 29 July and a smaller fair at the pub and the North Town Field on Saturday 30th July.

If you would like to be involved in this and willing to help, then please come along to the AGM.

Great Roof News (maybe)!

Campaigners, Residents, the Social Committee and Parish Council were all bracing themselves to find a way to raise money pay for the repair of the Village Hall roof – likely to cost around £6,600.

But, according to Councillor Peter Griffiths, West Sussex Big Society Panel is likely to award most of it, after the Village Hall Committee applied to them last year. Note that it is subject to confirmation in mid-February. Fingers crossed – well done Jen and the team!

Don't forget: Village Hall Committee meeting Friday 26th Feb, 6.30pm, Village Hall.

Now is the winter of our discontent...

...with potholes and blocked drains. Remember to report these as soon as you can to the strangely named 'Love West Sussex' website: love.westsussex.gov.uk. If it's not

reported, then it's likely that nothing will happen. If it's just leaves – have a go at removing them yourself, if you can safely.

Road Closure 1: 15th – 19th Feb, Poynings at the junction of Poynings Road and the Street. Diversion via Saddlescombe Road.

Road Closure 2: Until 22nd Feb, A23 Dale Hill slip road, Pyecombe. These bridge road and slope erosion repairs continue for most of February. Diversions via A23 Northbound (use next junction to go southbound) or 'Shaves Thatch' corner.

For the latest information see:

http://westsussex.cdmf.info/public/traffic_tab

Planning

The planning appeal for 'Conifers' went ahead in January with the government planning inspector. Three Parish Councillors and two residents' representatives attended and were able to table the points from the village meeting (see last month's PP). This was followed by a site visit. A decision is expected in a few months, although no precise date has been given.

Following this and the previous decision on Market Gardens a high level 'clear-the-air' meeting was held between the Parish Council and MSDC represented by Gary Wall, the council leader, the Assistant Chief Executive and our three local councillors. Topics addressed included ways to improve communication, and perceived planning inconsistencies by MSDC on behalf of the South Downs National Park. More information will be available at the next FPC meeting and a similar meeting is now being sought with SDNP.

The aim is to force an improvement in understanding of the residents views at all levels of local government.

Clock Watching

Mass clocks are primitive medieval sundials to be found on the walls of some of the oldest churches in the country – many in Sussex. Our very own Gerald Gazdar will be giving a talk about these at Beeding & Bramber Local History Society at 8:30pm in Upper Beeding Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd March.

