

## February 2017

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sloe Gin & Homemade Liqueur Comp.	The Royal Oak	20:00
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dark Skies Festival	South Downs N.P.	To Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	11:00-16:00
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	The Village Hall	16:30-18:00
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Beer Festival	Shepherd & Dog	All Day
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Nook	Fulking Chapel	10:00-11:30
	Toddlers/Family Coffee	The Village Hall	10:00-11:30
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft & Chat	The Village Hall	14:00-16:00
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring North Town Field Clear-up	North Town Field	10:00-12:00

Bus to Hassocks: Every Monday and Thursday 10:05 -12:00

## Winter Beer

Beers festivals aren't only for the warmer months, as the Shepherd & Dog will be demonstrating with their Winter Beer Festival. It happens on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February – although there probably won't be much garden activity...

## Bobseration No 28

Our knowledgeable and interesting village web site gives details of the census data for Fulking in 2011. I appreciate that this is some 6 years old now but I find some of the information quite fascinating.

Fulking had 137 dwellings of which 130 are considered households. Of these households 10 had one bedroom, 25 had two bedrooms and 45, 32, and 18 had three, four and five bedrooms respectively. Five had no central heating and six relied on solid fuel.

Flats numbered 7, terraced households 7, semi-detached 40 and detached were 76. All households had at least 3 rooms and 29 had 9 or more rooms. Vehicles per household were nil in 7 households, one in 36, two in 68, three in 13 and four+ in 6 households. 53 households were owned outright and 51 were subject to a mortgage or loan. 19 rented from private landlords, one was rent free.

The oldest villager was aged 97 and the next oldest was 91 and then there were two aged 90. Ten were aged 47 as were those aged 56, these were the highest for any age group. One was less than 1 year and three were aged one. Of the 303 residents, 272 were born in England, 4 in Germany, 3 in Kenya, 3 in the USA and 3 in Hong Kong.

Christians numbered 184, no religion 90, two were Hindu and one a Buddhist, there were no Jewish or Moslem residents, although 24 residents did not state a religion. No one lived in a Commune or was sleeping rough. 27 residents had a second address and of these 15 were outside the UK. Females numbered 161 and males 142.

This is just a selection from the very extensive web site and I hope is of as much interest to you as it was to me.

## Winter Nights

Some may be aware that in May 2016 the South Downs National Park became the world's newest International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR).

Between 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February they're celebrating this by throwing 'Star Parties, talks and other family activities across the half term week. Including a special Stargazing South Downs event. There's much more detail on the SDNP website [www.southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/events/event-s-calendar/?event\\_type=dark-skies-festival](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/events/event-s-calendar/?event_type=dark-skies-festival)

## Winter Pooches

Dog walkers amongst us may have noticed that a dog waste bin has appeared on the North Town Field. Another is due to be installed at the corner of the Clappers Lane opposite Market Gardens, completing the north-of-the-village dog walk.

These bins are emptied weekly (sometimes more frequently) by Mid Sussex County Council. Please encourage other dog owners to deposit dog waste in them. It's so much better than hanging bags on bushes of stepping in said waste!

## Everyone's a win(nt)er

The Parish Council was asked the following about community assets. But it applies equally to personal treasures...

Do you own something broken that you'd love to see restored? Nestled deep in the British countryside is The Repair Shop, a place where broken and battered beloved artefacts, antiques, and curios come back to life. In a new series for BBC TWO a team of Britain's most skilled crafts people will rescue broken objects and restore them to their former glory. If you have a damaged heirloom, a loved one's treasured possession, or anything else that needs restoring contact 01273 224 829 or [repairs@ricochet.co.uk](mailto:repairs@ricochet.co.uk)

## Stop Press: Summer fun

Fulking Fair will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July in the North Town Field where you will find live music, a Shepherd & Dog drinks marquee, kids games, puppet show, exciting new food stalls, Tug of War competition and many other attractions including villagers stalls in the Street and teas in the Village hall.

Definitely a date for your diary.

