



# Pigeon Post

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Many thanks to Alicia Tolhurst for this absolutely amazing picture of our sweet home, glowing gold and green under a dramatic sky. Who cares if it's photographic or computer wizardry, all we know is that pictures like this make life more real than life itself, and for that we're grateful

## FULKING FUN ROUND THE CORNER

Unless you have only just got back from an extended sojourn on the Planet Vulcan – or can't (or won't) read *Pigeon Post*, you will already know that we have a whole series of major social events about to break forth upon a fully suspecting village.

First is the **FULKING MIDSUMMER WEEKEND**, which happens... ahem, on MidSummer weekend, that is to say Friday 18 June and Saturday 19 June, with some options still open for Sunday 20th.

On Friday 18 June, the **WINE CALL MY BLUFF** quiz starts at 7pm in the North Town Field (we are reliably informed that it will

be under cover). Only a couple of tickets left, we are equally reliably informed. Lots of fun for the vinologists, aka drinkers.

On Saturday 19 June, the **GRAND FULKING VILLAGE BARN DANCE** takes place in that selfsame location, a whopping great big tent in the North Town Field. Start time for buns, beer'n'burgers is 6.30pm, and dancing will begin in Earnest (who?) at 7.30pm. This event is also heavily subscribed, and if your thing is dancing rather than drinking (why not both?), then get a wriggle on to get your tickets – not least because the 'early bird' discounted price of £8 per ticket

ends this weekend (12/13th June), and after that you have to pay a full tenner.

**Bob Rowland** on 271 may be persuaded to part with the last couple of wine quiz tickets, and the dancers have a choice of sources: tickets are available from **Jenny** in the Shepherd & Dog (382), **Carolyn** (280), **Alison** (705), and **Bob** or **Pam** (271).

The Barn Dance also needs **volunteers** to work the door, taking tickets from those smart enough to have bought in advance, and selling tickets to those ne'er-do-wells who always leave everything to the last moment. Call **Bob** again on 271.

### Fulking Fair Sunday 1 August

After last year's resounding success, this year the bit is firmly between the village's teeth. **Linda Comber** is doing the worrisome and wearisome – but highly necessary and very much appreciated – job of co-ordinating the stalls and activities. If you want to run your own stall, please contact **Linda** in the first instance on 253. We will print as full a list as we can cram in next month, but just for now let's say that the attractions are slated to include the Dog Show, the Alpacas, kids' games, cream teas, music, and of course unlimited beers'n'burgers. More to come!





## Gifts, presentations, farewells

Left to right, the presentation of The Big Cheque to Pam Rowland for the North Town Field play equipment; Jenny Vaughan bows out as Parish Councillor; and Richard Rawlings, departing chair of the St Andrew's Parish Church Council, deep in conversation with Peter Hudson of Viridor, a big supporter of the Church's work. Specific paeans and political calls to action follow:

### A Rewarding Moment

Pam Rowland, Vice Chair of our Parish Council, is presented by WSCC Councillor Peter Griffiths with a cheque for £2,850 at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 13 May. This will complete payment for the new equipment to be installed in the play area.

Last year Hollie Trist and Anna and Lily Frost came to a Parish Council Meeting asking for another play item in the North Town Field and said they would fundraise to help buy it. Hollie's team raised £350, a very noble effort, and this was followed with donations from the village appeal and the social committee. With the cheque from the WSCC at last the whole scheme became possible.

We could afford one steel item, or seven pieces of wooden equipment with a 20-year

guarantee for the same money! With some 60 children now in the village, more can enjoy the equipment at once.

We all say a big huge thank you to Pam for her efforts and time. Tony Brooks, P.C. Chairman

Note from Bob Rowland, the Social Committee Treasurer: 'Hi hedonists, I am issuing a cheque for £1905.69 in favour of Fulking Parish Council being the donations collected as a result of Pam's appeal. This includes the original £350.69 raised by Hollie Trist. Villagers who contributed should feel proud of themselves. Well done Fulking!'

### New Parish Councillor

There is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor as Jenny Vaughan has moved away from the village. She appears above, receiving her gift and grateful consideration for all the work she has done as councillor. The post would just be for a year as the PC finishes its four-year term next year. So this would be a chance to try out the role for a year and, if you like it, put yourself forward as a candidate at next year's PC elections. If you are interested and want to know more about what's involved please ring one of the Parish Councillors: Tony Brooks (200),

Pam Rowland (271), Richard Corner (219) or Jen Parmar (626).

### Au revoir but not goodbye

I first joined the St Andrew's PCC in July 1990, says departing Chairman Richard Rawlings, so I will have served for 20 years. I think this is quite long enough and it's time for new energy and perspectives, which I am certain will re-invigorate the PCC. I have greatly enjoyed working with some talented colleagues. The last 10 years has been demanding, but rewarding, as we have averaged £30,000 a year through our restoration fundraising. I have been extremely fortunate that my time on the PCC has coincided with the exceptional ministries of Revs. Graham Jeffery and Caroline Currer.

Elizabeth Baldwin has this to say: 'Our Chairman, Richard Rawlings, has decided to retire from the PCC and we thank him so much for all the great effort, time and funds he has given us over the years. The success of our fundraising efforts, particularly during the refurbishment and the celebratory services are due in no small part to him and we shall miss his enthusiasm and professionalism.'

## Village Diary

Wednesday 16 June, 7.45pm

**GAMES EVENING**

Village Hall

Table tennis, boules, pub.

Jen Green, 552

Friday 18 June, 7pm

**CALL MY BLUFF WINE QUIZ**

North Town Field

Bob Rowland, 271

Saturday 19 June, 6.30pm

**BARN DANCE**

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

North Town Field

Bob Rowland, 271

Sunday 20 June, TBA

**VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT**

Possibilities?

Bob Rowland, 271

Wednesday 30 June, 7.30pm

**FULKING SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Village Hall

Jenny, 382

Thursday 8 July, 8pm

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Village Hall

Paula Hazard, 957

Sunday 1 August, 2pm

**FULKING VILLAGE FAIR**

Stalls: Linda Comber, 253

General: Jenny Tooley, 382



## Morris Mayhem

The Chanctonbury Ring Morris Men, wreaking their peculiar brand of havoc outside the Shepherd & Dog on 1 May. Complete with Man in Drag and pig's bladder (which was aimed at children's heads in particular) they danced to and fro and oncoming traffic had to simply remain patient and watch the spectacle! Myriam Brenner

## Get your Barn Dance tickets now!

From Jenny in the Shepherd & Dog (382), Carolyn (280), Alison (705), Bob or Pam (271)

## Nightingale notes



It's been a good spring for nightingales again. There have been several singing at Oreham Common, Woods Mill and Brian's barn – where they sing very close to the path on the way. They have also been heard down near the stream near Clappers Lane. They will stop singing round about now, so hurry if you want to hear their thrilling song! Sadly, the days when they sang in Fulking itself have long gone, perhaps (I'm told!) because people used to throw boots out of the window to shut them up at night! You don't know what you've got till it's gone!

Chris Gildersleeve

## Ruskin's Ram arrives at the Shepherd and Dog



The new ale at the Shepherd and Dog, for which this badge and label design is a work in progress by Ade Caroen, is the result of a long and winding road of effort on the part of mine hosts

Jenny and Geoff. 'The idea came from Geoff over a year ago,' says Jenny. 'At first we thought it would be great to make our own ale like the micro breweries, but we wanted something unique. The spring water sprung to mind, as you might say!'

'We spoke to Adur Brewery and sent samples of the spring water for testing. It confirmed the water was very pure, but hardness of the water was above average. This determined what type of ale we were able

to make, darker rather than golden in colour and also the 4% alcoholic volume. We then selected our hops for flavour and aroma.

'Whilst all that was going on we held a competition to name our ale. We had over 300 entries and after much deliberation by a panel of local ales experts, the winner was 'Ruskin's Ram', an entry by Jade Lambert, a waitress at the pub, who is 16. It is after John Ruskin, the Victorian poet who introduced the first water system to the village, as we see in the pump house and the pump in the village. 'Ram' has a double meaning, the actual ram pump and the sheep on the hills. Needless to say she was unable to drink the gallon of ale and took a cash prize – knowing Jade, to buy a new pair of shoes!'

First RR arrival: Saturday 12 June.

## Church Sale: great result for hard work



I thought you would like to know that the final figure raised at our Good as New Sale was about £3,000. I cannot tell you how grateful we all are to those, like the little girl above, who contributed clothes, accessories publishing, art, food etc – and all the time given to make this weekend a success. All the unsold items have been passed on to Child Help-Hassocks and The Martlets Hospice in Hove to help them raise funds.

A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

Marion Strachan, for Church Mice

# Village notes and important stuff – read every word – twice!

## Village Action Plan Needs Actioners

The Parish Council would like to put out a reminder call for people to let the PC know if they want to join the Village Action Plan team. A few people have already come forward and we want to give people plenty of chance to be aware of the initiative and get involved. The PC will then discuss the next step forward in the July 8th PC meeting. Call Paula Hazard, the Clerk to the Parish Council, on 957.

## Wanted – items for Fulking Fair Book & Bric a Brac stall

Donations of items for the Book and Bric a Brac stall at the Village Fair are urgently needed. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate, please drop off at The Perch, Edburton Road or call Sheena on 011 for collection: Books, DVDs, Videos, CDs, Vinyl Records/Cassettes, small items of Bric-a-Brac.

Last year we raised nearly £200, so it would be great if we could top that. All proceeds will go to the Fulking Social Fund.

## Iron Man

Peter in TeaPot cottages is collecting metal. Let him know on 332 if you have any metal objects you want to get rid of – old garden chairs, office chairs etc – not fridges or anything big!

## Mirror Woman

Jen Green is always looking for left over ceramic tiles and broken pottery to recycle in her mosaic mirrors. Ring her on 552 and she will collect.

## Coloured Pigeons – Read and ACT!

Here we go again... and again and again... Hearty thanks to Jo Hudek for taking on the colour printing of Pigeon Post. But it isn't for her to give her money as well as her time! We are continuing to print

in colour, but we want to trim the numbers to keep costs down, and we are raising ad rates to bring in some more cash.

**So – READ THIS! IF YOU DO NOT WANT A HARD COPY OF PIGEON POST DELIVERED EVERY MONTH PLEASE LET ME KNOW. PHONE 735 OR EMAIL:**

**aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk**



## Local Produce goes Digital!

Phil and Henri, of local vegetable growers Sunflower Vegetables, have turned the corner from 'rustic' to 'techno' and joined the information superhighway with their new website – [www.sunflowervegetables.co.uk](http://www.sunflowervegetables.co.uk). The

site includes an easy to use online order form and keeps you up to date with what scrummy yummy offerings are available every week, delivery options, recipes and pictures of where your produce comes from.

Vegetables don't get fresher or tastier than this, so if you are not already on their mailing list for local deliveries either visit the website and sign up or email them at:

[sunflower.vegetables@gmail.com](mailto:sunflower.vegetables@gmail.com).

Phil and Henri say they will be developing this site and form over the next few weeks so any feedback is extremely welcome. Also, please send the link to anyone who you think may be interested in ordering from them, but is not yet on their list. Deliveries are usually on Wednesday evenings, but may be disrupted by the imminent arrival of their baby – early congrats and best wishes to them both.



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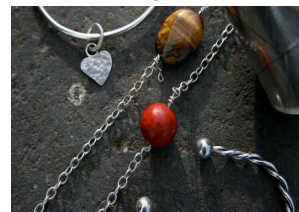
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