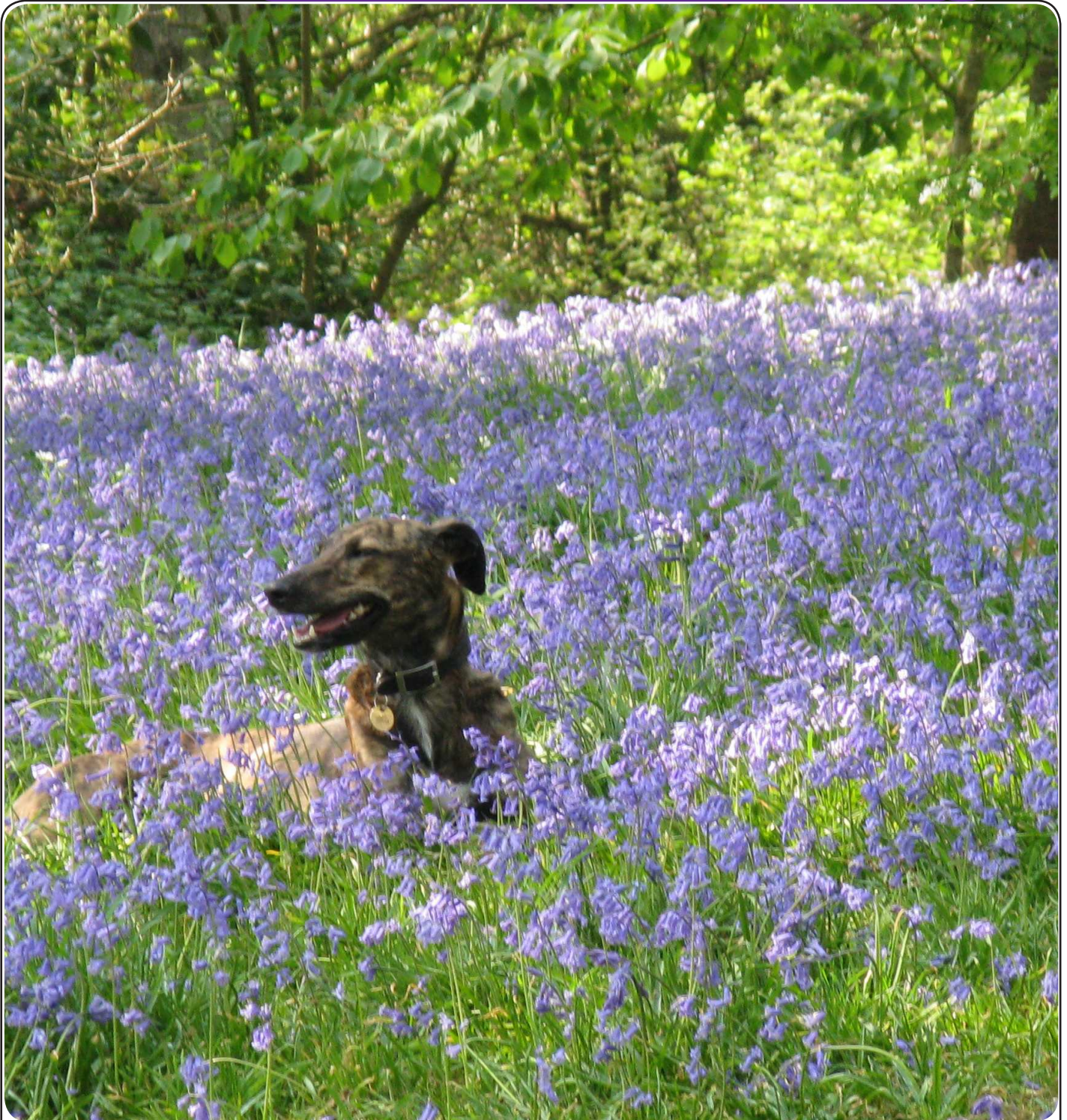




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LOCAL DOG LOST IN BLUEBELL REVERIE

She ain't lost of course, Lola is quite at home amongst the gorgeous array of heartrendingly beautiful – all the more so because so short-lived

– harbingers of true blue spring... caught out a bit this year because we seem to have launched straight into summer. Thanks to [Bob](#) and [Pam](#).

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Egg-cellent: the story in pictures of the great Easter Egg Hunt and North Town Field play equipment official opening, Friday 22 April 2011



Village Diary

All remaining May weekends

ART AT KENNEL COTTAGE
Including work by Jen Green &
Chris Gildersleeve
88 East End Lane, Ditchling
BN6 8UR
Jen Green, 552

Thursday 19 May, 1 - 5pm
MID SUSSEX RURAL LINKS
MEETING
Scaynes Hill Millennium
Centre, RH17 7PG
Faustina Bayo, 405885

Thursday 19 May, 7.30pm
SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Fulking House, The Street
Jenny Tooley, 456

Friday 20 May, 7.30pm
GAMES EVENING
Village Hall, then pub
Jen Green, 552

Monday 23 May, 7pm
HERMITAGE ENSEMBLE
St John The Evangelist,
Newtimber
Shirley Murrell, 353

Thursday 9 June, 7.30pm
VILLAGE PLAN MEETING
Village Hall
Bob Rowland, 271;
Kate Watson,
kate.watson4@btinternet.com

Saturday 11 June, 2 - 5pm
POYNINGS GARDEN FETE
Poynings Rectory Garden

Sunday 31 July, 12 noon
FULKING VILLAGE FAIR!
Bob Rowland, 271
Jenny Tooley, 456

All pictures by John Hazard – thanks John, fab as usual. Thanks also to Mr Peter A.D. Griffiths – Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, West Sussex County Council – who did the honours, and of course to Rachel Lightfoot and Jen Parmar for making it happen!

Parish Council: temporary limbo, but welcome to new Clerk

Villagers could be forgiven for wondering what, if anything, has been happening with the Parish Council of late. Last month's issue of PP explained that the Annual Parish Meeting was

on 12 May, but it had already been suggested at the April PC meeting that this may not happen since we wouldn't have a Council as such. Apologies to those who appeared for the

meeting, which had indeed been postponed. Always check on www.fulkingvillage.co.uk!

We say goodbye and thank you to the outgoing members, not least to **Paula Hazard**, tireless

and uncomplaining Clerk to the Parish Council; and a very warm welcome to **Jenny Hartley**, who takes over from Paula. Her email is fulkingpc@live.co.uk and her mobile number 07814 788407.



Art in Ditchling

Jen Green and **Chris Gildersleeve** are exhibiting again this month as part of the Brighton Open Houses programme. They are at Kennel Cottage, 88, East End Lane in Ditchling every weekend in May. Jen is exhibiting new paintings, prints, carvings and mosaic mirrors (above), Chris is exhibiting sculptures. They hope to see you and do email Jen to co-ordinate a visit if you would like: jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk



Spot the deliberate mistake! Announcing a new (and almost certainly single) Pigeon Post Caption Competition! Email to aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk, (or send via pigeon post to 1 Septima Cottage) your witty, piquant and necessarily hilarious caption to the above image! Win... er... a free subscription to Pigeon Post, the South-East's most influential and inspirational global / local periodical! All village life is here!

Car crime in Fulking

From PC **Vicki Blythe**:

'Please be aware that we have had a further attempt break into an unattended motor vehicle in the village. The car was parked in The Street and a side window was smashed to gain access to the vehicle. This occurred just before midnight on 11 May. It appears that the alarm went off and disturbed the offender who was trying to get to a Satnav which was within the car.

'Please can this be distributed to your residents, we have been down to the village and placed car crime packs on the vehicles within The Street. In particular we are also asking that residents DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OF VALUE within the car. We will make further patrols in the area and would ask again that any

suspicious people or vehicles are reported to the police.

'If anyone else would like a car crime pack, then please ask them to make contact with either Eve or myself:

Vicki Blythe
Police Constable DB401
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Burgess Hill Police Station,
Tel: 0845 60 70 999 Ext. 12571'

Eve Maryan is our other direct neighbourhood policewoman, at the same number, email eve.maryan@sussex.pnn.police.uk. We should also remind you that **Richard Corner** (219) runs the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village, and quite rightly says that all such incidents, even suspicions, should be reported to him as well.

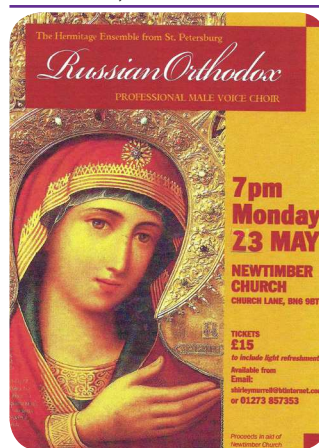
Fair pleases

Or this one does, at least. H'mm, have to start casting round for another set of punning headlines. Nother competition perhaps?

You all should know by now that the Fulking Village Fair, in its third year of this incarnation, is set for 31 July, starting earlier at 12 midday and running till 5pm. The Social Committee is beavering away in preparation; **Linda Comber** (253) is doing the stalls as before, and an array of committed villagers taking an assortment of responsibilities. Make sure we thank **Harry and Charmayne Diamond** for the use of their lovely field.

We plan to have an extraordinary Tombola on three tables, Cuddly toys for the kids, Bottles for the dads and Other Nice Prizes for the ladies. Please donate anything in good condition that you can and drop it off to **Bob and Pam** (271) at Furze Field, Clappers Lane as soon as you like. The more the merrier.

Jonathan Cann, the Children's Entertainer, has been booked to provide Punch & Judy, Balloon modelling and a Magic Show for the children (and adults?). More, much more, to come.



Charivari

Games evening

Games evening Friday 20 May, 7.30. Table tennis, boules, in pub from about 9.30. All welcome.

Village Picnic

Plans for a Village Picnic and Rounders game are afoot for Sunday 28 August. **Jen Green** in charge. Watch this space – and others, ie www.fulkingvillage.co.uk.

Pigeon Post: dates and times

Ahem, middle of the month again (or rather worse, you may notice). I try, I really do, but my huge editorial staff seem to go on holiday, maternity leave, get sick or resign all at once. Apologies. Due warning: the June issue will be similar, out around mid month. Hope to pull it back again after that. Allow me to recommend a regular squiz at www.fulkingvillage.co.uk, where you will find up-to-date news on village meetings and other events. **Aidan Walker**

Village Play

If you're interested in taking part in our very own Fulking/Edburton play, please get in touch asap, so I can arrange a date to meet up.

Natasha and I thought a comedy would be a good start but I still need more eager thespians and willing villagers who are willing to help on and off stage!

This could be great fun and according to my neighbour (born and bred in Fulking) it used to be a regular custom to have a play in the village hall many years ago. Let's revive it!

'Ultra-keen' **Myriam**, 115

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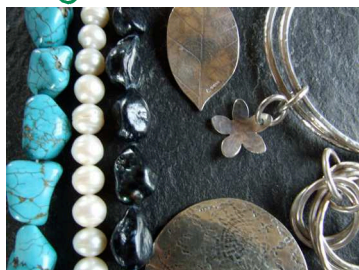
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