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Xmas parties at Nomads this year



Nick Bremer

Three-line whip for the grown – up one, on Friday 16 December at 6.30pm in the Preston Nomads Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome of course, but please bring a plate of savoury finger food when you come. **Bob Rowland** emphasises that he is happy to co-ordinate offers of help for the party via his e-mail, but does not intend to organise the party itself. Volunteers?

The kids' Christmas Party will also be held at The Preston Nomads – on Saturday 17 December from 2.30 – 4.30. The social committee is funding the party this year and ALL village children and their parents are invited to attend. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share. The magic elves will provide food and drinks for the kids plus mulled wine for the mums and dads.

There will be lots of treats and activities for the children. Please note, Santa will have a present in his sack for every child but he can only do this if he knows they are coming! So parents, you MUST RSVP to either **Jennifer** 626, **Julie** 109 or **Rachel** 090 by 1 December to avoid an awkward conversation with your child! We hope to see loads of you at the party. Ho, ho, ho. . . **Jen Parmar**

Special Xmas Village night at the S&D



The Shepherd and Dog pub in Fulking is hosting a charity night on behalf of Macmillan cancer support. This is in their Centenary year and we thought it was a very worthwhile cause to support.

Southdown Brewery has made several batches of cider, using apples from a local orchard, which they will be donating for the event, with all proceeds going to the charity. This special

cider will be on sale at £2.50 per pint and £1.50 per half pint.

The brewery also produces an excellent Bitter called Ruskin's Ram, brewed with the spring water from the stream which runs through the pub's garden, which is now available in a number of establishments throughout Sussex.

On the same evening the brewery will be officially launching their latest brew

which will be a rich, ruby porter. There will also be a competition to name their next beer, a light hoppy ale, which will be produced in readiness for spring 2012, the chosen winner to receive a free meal at The Shepherd and Dog. So why not join us on the evening of Thursday 22 December for a very worthwhile cause and sample some excellent beverages?

Geoff and Jenny

Village Diary

Friday 18 November, 7.45pm
VILLAGE GAMES EVENING
Village Hall then Pub
All welcome
Jen Green, 552

Thursday 8 December 7.30pm
SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Shepherd & Dog Pub
All welcome
Jenny Tooley, 382

Saturday 10 December, 10am
PUBLIC MEETING re VILLAGE HALL WITH PC & PCC
Village Hall
Kate Watson,
kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com

Friday 16 December 6.30pm
VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Bring tasty nibbles!
Bob Rowland, 271

Saturday 17 December 4pm
VILLAGE KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Jen, 626: Rachel, 090: Julie, 109

Sunday 18 December 6pm
CAROL CONCERT
St Andrew's Church Edburton
Alison Daly, 705
Rehearsal details opposite

Thursday 22 December
VILLAGE NIGHT XMAS SPECIAL
Shepherd & Dog
Bargain homemade meals, discount ales and a little special Christmas surprise!!

Saturday 7, Sunday 8 January
POYNINGS PANTO 2012!
Holy Trinity Church, Poynings
Timings opposite
Cinderella, 456

Thursday 12 January 2012, 7.30pm
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Kate Watson,
kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com

Thursday 26 January, 7.30pm
VILLAGE PLAN MEETING
Preston Nomads Cricket Club
Bob Rowland, 271

Village Misc. Not to be Misced.

We need a new Parish Clerk

Anyone interested, please contact Kate Watson on kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com. More details next month.

Snow Mobiles...

Winter is here, and snow is round the corner. Perhaps. When proper deep snow settles round here it's suddenly very difficult to get about. People need their cars pulling out of ditches, or just up their drives, or it's a matter of a lift to the railway station or into Brighton. Your PP covering email has demanded the help of 4x4 owners in the village who are willing to help out in snowy times. Volunteers please email [Kate Watson](mailto:Kate.Watson@btinternet.com) – kate.watson.pc@btinternet.com – with name and mobile number, and then we can put a list of motorised Saint Bernards on the website. And why not anyway practise 'good neighbourliness' in harsh conditions, especially if you are aware of older, frail and /or immobile neighbours? Act now, it might snow tomorrow!

Quick counter-intuitive driving note for anyone and everyone; if it's slippery, DON'T BRAKE! Use low gears to slow you down. And if you get stuck, DON'T USE LOW GEAR TO GET OUT! Remember, HIGH GEAR, LOW REVS. That way the wheels are less likely to spin.

... and immobiles

Grit bin keyholders, to be contacted if you see a bin is running low, are as follows: Bin 1, opposite the Old Bakery towards the pub: [John Hazard](#), 957. Bin 2, next to the signpost in The Street outside Fulking Cottage: [West Sussex Southern Area Office – Winter Service Duty Manager](#). 01243 642 105, highways.southern.westsussex.gov.uk. Bin 3, Sunny Acres layby in Clappers Lane: [Phil Milward](#), 092. Bin 4, outside Furze field, Clappers Lane

north end: [Pam Rowland](#), 271. Bin 5, just into Holmbush Lane at the very north end of Clappers Lane: [West Sussex Winter Service Duty Manager](#) as above.

Carol Concert & Rehearsals

The Christmas Carol Concert at St Andrew's church Edburton is at 6pm on Sunday 18 December. Rehearsals will be held at 'The Keep' in Fulking at 6pm on Sunday 20 November, 27 November and 4 December, and at St Andrew's church itself at 6pm Thursday 15 December. Everyone welcome, please come and add your dulcet tones!

North Town Thanks

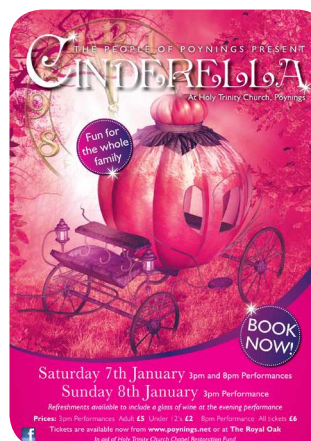
Thanks to the Trustees of the North Town Field; [Joyce](#), [Trish](#), [Tim](#), [John](#) and [Bob](#), ably assisted by [Pam](#) and [Tony](#), for the great work they put in on Saturday 15 October clearing part of the entrance to the field and the west facing flint wall. Still a lot to be done but they are getting there. Also a mention for [Mark Stepney](#), the contractor, who mows the field and keeps it in the best looking condition it has seen in years.

i-canhelp.posterous.com

i-canhelp is the local website that gathers and collates offers of practical help of almost any sort with those that need it. The list of i-canhelpers is up on the Poynings noticeboard and [Kate Watson](#) will oblige when the new noticeboard arrives in Fulking. There is a suggestion that we expand the list so it can help bring groups of people together for coffee, literature, music appreciation etc etc. What a great idea! I will be adding a new category to handle this. Also please promote the site by word of mouth. I'll put some resources up to make it easier to advertise the link etc. Thanks! [Paul Brewer](#)

Poynings Panto

We are very excited to announce the inaugural Poynings Christmas Panto! We will be holding three performances of 'Cinderella' over the weekend of 7/8 January 2012 in Holy Trinity Church, Poynings. Times are Saturday 3pm and 8pm and Sunday 3pm. Refreshments will be served and are included within the ticket price. (£5 Adult and £2 Under 12s for the matinee performances, and £6 for the evening performance, to include a glass of wine.) Tickets are available from www.poynings.net or can be purchased at the Royal Oak pub. All proceeds



from ticket sales will go towards the restoration of the Chapel at Holy Trinity Church. Thank you! [Cinderella and friends](#)

January 12 PC at Nomads

As the Village Hall is so cold in January, the next Parish Council meeting – on Thursday 12 January 2012 at 7.30pm – will be at Preston Nomads Cricket Club.

Police 101

For non-urgent police calls, anywhere in the UK, you must now phone them on 101 (replaces 0845-60-70-999). 101 calls cost 15 pence, whether from a mobile or landline, and irrespective of how long the call is. [Richard Corner](#)

No dog gates – bad for dogs, bad for sheep

As monitors of footpaths and bridleways under the Village Action Plan, we have received a number of complaints from dog owners about dog gates not being provided in several fields in the parish that have recently been fenced for sheep. Dog gates allow dog owners to keep their pets under full control as they pass through fields with livestock. Some owners report their dogs are unable to climb stiles, so the lack of a dog gate means the owners are denied access to their favourite walks on public footpaths. Other owners report their dogs can't be persuaded to climb stiles on leads. In these cases, failure to provide a dog gate could result in owners' being unable to control of their pets, which in turn could put livestock at risk. The people who complained to us believed it was in both the farmers' and pet owners' interest for dog gates to be provided.

[Jen Green and Chris Gildersleeve](#)

Don't park close to NTF gate!

Please don't park close to the gate of the North Town Field, as this area is sometimes used for turning by people who live in Stammers Hill.

A word on the Hall

Public Meeting with the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council, Sat 10 December, 10am.

'Thanks to the Pigeon for the summary of the arguments around our embattled village hall in last month's PP. I believe that the village hall has a very important place in our community as a public meeting space, and heads a very short list of our public amenities. It's vital for our community to save it – and find ways of utilising it more fully when we do.' [Jen Green](#)

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