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Photography competition winners



Front page: Green corn by Sam Caroen and an unusual winter pic of the Shepherd & Dog by Lee Holden. This page, above, Richard Corner's shot from above of a Fulking flyer is spectacular, while his rendition of a snow-covered Kent Cottage is 'very Fulking'. Near left, the Holdens' alpacas – of course, a quintessential item of English village fauna.

Amidst all the fuss and fun of the Fair, we return to the 'Wonders of Fulking' photography competition, and are pleased to publish most of the winning works here and on the front page. Congratulations to Sam Caroen, Lee

Holden and Richard Corner, who win a handsome bottle of wine – and, more importantly, their photographs were turned into greetings cards and sold at the Fair. And many thanks to Ade Caroen for organising it. No, he didn't judge!

Village Miscellaneous-ity

Clappers Lane – SLOW DOWN!

The Parish Council is in the process of writing to local organisations about our concerns over speeding traffic on Clappers Lane. The Council is aware of two recent traffic incidents, one involving a child and the other horses – both of which could have been avoided if users of these roads were aware of the dangers, and remembered to reduce their speed. We hope you will join with us in educating all users of Clappers Lane of the dangers of excessive speed, and help us prevent any such issues in the future.

Village Action Plan #1 – more good volunteering people

Terry and Linda Harris have kindly agreed to lead on Action 6 in the Environment section: 'Protect village assets, for example the telephone box, the Ruskin fountain, Ram house, the village archives, the letter box, two village hand pumps etc.' If any villager has suggestions for additions or amendments to the plan please email [Kate Watson](mailto:kate.watson4@btinternet.com) (kate.watson4@btinternet.com) so they can be discussed at the six-monthly meeting in January 2012. Bob Rowland Chairman Village Action Plan. (bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com)

Village Action Plan #2 – Activities

I am one of the members of the Village Action Plan Group and I'm looking for some help. Our investigations for the Action Plan raised the question of activities in the village for different age groups, especially children and young people. To help us make some progress on this topic, I would be grateful if you could let me have your thoughts about needs, possibilities, difficulties etc. and also provide details of those activities you know are available which could perhaps be

extended to a wider audience. Please email your ideas, thoughts and comments to me, [Julia Snell](mailto:julia.snell@btinternet.com), at c.j.snell@btinternet.com or drop me a note at Stable Cottage, Perching Drove, Fulking so the Action Plan Group can consider steps for the future. [Julia Snell](mailto:julia.snell@btinternet.com)

Apple Day

What can we do with all our apples? Someone suggested doing a communal village juice / cider press day, which here at the Pigeon Loft we think is a fab idea. Meanwhile, plan to join people celebrating all things apple on Sunday 25 September in and around the orchards at Stanmer Park. Apple Day orchard tours, cookery demonstrations, a Sussex apple play, children's activities, and sampling apple crumbles, cakes and other goodies in the fresh air. www.brightonpermaculture.org.uk/apple-day

St Andrew's Edburton Church Harvest Festival...

... is on Sunday 16 October at 11am. Everyone is welcome. After the service we will be holding a 'Harvest Field' picnic. A ploughman's lunch will be provided, tied in a knapsack (a fabric bundle, like Dick Whittington's), which can be eaten in the church or, if fine, in the churchyard. The cost will be £6 to include a glass of wine and tea, or coffee or squash. There will also be a harvest raffle. To book a lunch ticket, which will be waiting for you at the Church, please contact [Jane](mailto:jane@lkhfield@yahoo.co.uk) on 07812 465559 or [Chris](mailto:Chris@lkhfield@yahoo.co.uk) on 322, or email lkhfield@yahoo.co.uk. Please provide contact details.

Neighbourhood watching buggy madness

Did you see an offroad buggy drive along the Back Lane between the pub and the

Poynings Road recently, probably between 7.30am on Thursday 8 and 7.30 on Friday 9 September? It damaged a wall on the way. If you have any details, please call the Police on 0845-60-70-999, crime ref 958 for 9 September. Please also call me, [Richard Corner](mailto:Richard@corner.co.uk) on 219.

Two Cats Need Homes

I am moving from Fulking and need to find either temporary or permanent country homes for my two cats. Both are four years old – one short haired tabby type and one long haired (like a Maine Coone) – both are neutered. They can be separated or go together. Can anyone help? [Sarah](mailto:Sarah@fouracres.co.uk), Fouracres, 393.

Soc Comm: Fair well, and show me the money

The Social Committee has been hard at work debriefing on the Fair. You'll be delighted to hear that there was a customer survey in which no less than 98 per cent of people voted our fair the best against others, and 100 per cent said they would they return next year. Things they liked most, in no specific order: Music, Dog Show, Beer Tent, variety of Stalls.

Treasurer [Bob Rowland](mailto:Bob@rowland.co.uk) reported comparative figures: in 2009 the Fair made £2214, in 2010 £1840, and in 2011 a cracking £2699. Our Social Fund balance currently stands at a proud £6,400. So villagers: we need suggestions for spending the money. What would you like to see improved in the village, what events or items should we consider to enhance our village? Email or phone Soc Comm chair [Jenny Tooley](mailto:Jenny@tooley.co.uk), shepherdanddog01@yahoo.co.uk, 382 or [Bob Rowland](mailto:Bob@rowland.co.uk), bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com, 271. All your suggestions will be brought to the next meeting (13 October) and put to the Committee.

Village Diary

Saturday 17 September, 7.30pm

CALL MY BLUFF WINE EVENING
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
Bob Rowland, 271

Tuesday 27 September, 10am
WASTE TREATMENT PLANT VISIT

Brookhurst Wood, Horsham
Book via wastematters@midssussex.gov.uk

Saturday 1 October, 10am
HONEY AND APPLE FAIR
St Peter's Church Centre,
Ardingly
<http://midssussexsustainability.org>

Thursday 13 October, 7.30pm
FULKING SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Village Hall
Jenny Tooley, 382

Saturday 15 October, 10.15am
NORTH TOWN FIELD
CLEAR UP!
North Town Field
John Hazard, 957

Sunday 16 October, 11am
HARVEST FESTIVAL + LUNCH
St Andrew's Edburton
Chris Wooldridge 322 or
lkhfield@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 29 October
QUIZ & SUPPER
Organised by Edburton
Church PCC
Preston Nomads Clubhouse
More details to come



Jen 'Babe Ruth' Green hits a sky-higher at the Village Picnic and Rounders Extravaganza, 28 August

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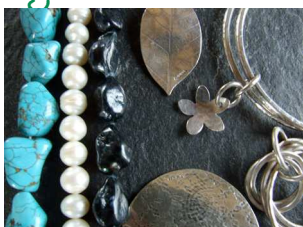
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