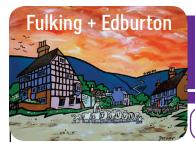
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# Pigeon Post

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# **AUTUMN SHADES**

What a magnificent pic from John Hazard, exceptionally talented photographer of this village, and nothing too much trouble. An editor's dream, in fact. You may or may not have noticed that the little PP 'logo-pic' top left of this page next to the masthead (yes, magazines have those, as well as ships), taken from Nick Bremer's colourful village signs, undergoes subtle changes according to the season and the time thereof. The Pigeon is nothing if not seasonal, and reckons himself a lucky bird to have at his disposal the artistic talents of so many gifted villagers – and, of course, ex-Villagers. Thanks!

## **Fulking Social Committee Acquires Clout**

Wow. A wet and windy night and still a good turn-out! The meeting on 7 October to formalise the Social Committee's status was planned in the heat of the Fulking Fair euphoria – in the past the Soc Comm has always been an informal gathering.

It was quickly agreed that although some formality might be wise, as little as possible might be wiser. A Chairperson and Treasurer needed to be elected but there was no call for voluminous written rules. It will come as no surprise that the elected Treasurer is the same as the 'informal' one: none other than Bob Rowland, doughty accountant of this parish. The proposed chairperson is being approached, and we will announce his or her name when he or she agrees to take it up.

Possible future events: the Christmas party, a separate kids' Christmas party... and for 2010? Perhaps a Wine Quiz, a Barn Dance, a Second-hand Sale, a Play, a Fulking Olympiad, and of course another Summer Fair.

Will all these events actually happen? With enthusiasm running high it's easy to think that they will. In reality, success will depend on each and every person in the Village. You are vital. You don't have to come to every meeting; just choose which event you want to help with and lend a hand. The next Soc Comm meeting is on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Come and join in. Nick Hughes

## Village Diary

Saturday 31 October, 5pm TRICK OR TREAT Meet outside The Keep

Thursday 5 November, 8pm FULKING MUMS' NITE Shepherd & Dog Marie, 857668

Saturday 7 November, 6.30pm POYNINGS BONFIRE & FIREWORKS Blacksmith Field behind Forge Garage

Wednesday 18 November, 7.30pm SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING Village Hall

Thursday 10 December, 8pm WINE TASTING & COMPETITIONS Shepherd & Dog

Friday 18 December, 6.30pm VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY! Village Hall

Sunday 20 December, 6pm CAROL SERVICE St Andrew's Church, Edburton 2 Pigeon Post October 2009



## Success for St Andrew's Thanksgiving and Flower Festival

The congregation at St Andrew's was treated to a feast for the eyes and ears on 11 September. The wonderful opening music from the Lancing College Choral Scholars provided a fitting start to a most memorable service, arranged to formally mark the completion of the extensive restoration at the church. To add to the splendour of the occasion, the service was timed to coincide with the opening day of the Flower Festival that ran throughout the weekend: every nook and cranny was festooned with beautiful flower arrangements that had been sponsored in memory of loved ones from within the parish and beyond, following a theme of 'Country Ways'. Over 40 spectacular displays were designed and assembled by local flower arrangers from the Henfield Flower Club, with the help of members of the Steyning Flower Club and local parishioners. Presiding for this special service were Rev. Graham Jeffery, along with contributions from The Ven. Roger Combes, Archdeacon of Horsham, Canon Alan Spray, and Rev. Caroline Currer. Graham blended his unique sense of humour with his ability to connect with each person's own feelings to leave all those who attended with memories to cherish long after the event. Many thanks to all those whose hard work and dedication made it possible. *Michael Trist* 

### Chris' Eco and Nature Corner

Number 17 bus no go!

I have now contacted Stage
Coach and West Sussex County
Council about extending the
no. 17 bus route. No success I'm
afraid. Stage Coach sent a terse
letter saying that it was in fact
the business of West Sussex to
increase routes. The West Sussex
chap said they had no money and
indicated that he thought people
who couldn't drive shouldn't live
in places like Fulking! I pointed
out that people may be able to
drive when they come here but

may not be able to later on. He was not convinced. So there we are! How about a village car share?

#### **Update on Green Energy**

We've signed up for Good Energy, which provides all your energy from 100% renewable sources. It's quite easy and the customer service people are very helpful. Do you bit for the planet – go online and do it today! www.goodenergy.co.uk Chris Gildersleeve, 857552



It's been a bumper year for spiders and butterflies. You'll probably notice those big hunter spiders appearing in your bath, but don't kill them, they are an important part of the ecosystem. Look out for those beautiful webs on clear mornings with dew sparkling on them.

### **Outdoor sculpture? Goodwood has the best**



Far left, Lynn Chadwick's 'Ace of Diamonds': left, Jon Isherwood's 'Passages, Origins and Circumstance' You may not be interested, or not realise, but the world's best exhibition of modern British outdoor sculpture is only 30 miles away. I've been a fan of the Cass Sculpture Foundation for years. They're based at Goodwood, near Chichester. They're funding 40-50 sculptures in London parks in the run-up to the Olympics. Tel 01243 538449, or see www.sculpture. org.uk. It's open to the public until 8 November, so get moving! Richard Corner

## **Hurst Xmas Fair, 22 November**

This popular annual pre-Christmas Fair is at Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on 22 November from 10am - 4pm. This year some 24 stalls have been booked by top antique dealers offering ceramics, silver items, precious and costume jewellery, tableware, and collectables such as maps, prints, paintings, ornaments and glassware.

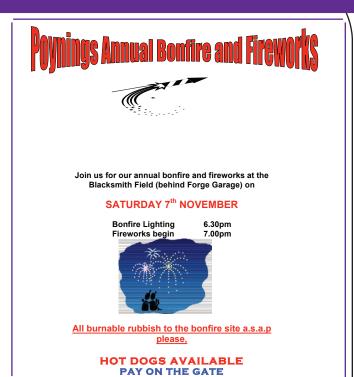
Children's toys and games will be on offer as well as special Christmas gift items and a Lucky Dip. The Fine Food Hall will have a mouth-watering range of seasonal food goodies from award winning Sussex suppliers such as Say Cheese, Stratta Oils,

Relish In Spice, Chocoholly and Pavne's South Downs Honey, wax candles and Christmas gifts.

Mrs Hutty's range of baked goods, cakes, pies and preserves will be back by popular demand. Booker's wines will be sold by the glass and bottle with special sparkling Christmas packs.

This year's featured charities are St. Catherine's Hospice and Knowles Tooth, Langton Lane. Hurstpierpoint which gives holiday breaks and support to children.

Entrance charge is 50p - free for accompanied children under 14. For more information please call Gina Field on 01273 843012.



#### Fulking Charivari, otherwise known as Vi llage Miscellany

#### Village Choir

We will be singing at the Carol Service at St Andrew's Church at 6pm on Sunday 20 December, and around the village during Christmas week and at the midnight service on 24 December. We will be rehearsing on Wednesdays: 25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December at 7.30pm at the Church. It's good fun and anyone is welcome to join the choir.

For more information phone Alison 857705 or Tricia 857255.

#### **Fulking Fair Final Figures**

Seems a long time ago now - but we made a net profit of £2,213.72. Very handsome, and many thanks to all. Bigger and better next year!

#### Potholes or floods?

County Councillor Peter Griffiths came to the PC meeting on Thursday 8 October and reminded people that they can report any of these types of problems directly to West Sussex County Council on 01243 642155. The Parish Council has reported the regular flooding problems at the corner

opposite Four Acres and just west of the Shepherd and Dog, and West Sussex Highways have removed silt from the gullies and jetted the pipes. They are investigating further.

#### **Running the Numbers**

Interesting. If you want to commit a crime with a car, it now seems to necessary to steal a genuine registration plate and bolt it to your (stolen) car - which would otherwise flag up whenever said car goes under Police CCTV. I always have thought that if some criminals devoted as much ingenuity to legal activities, they could be successful in business!

There have been several thefts of number plates from vehicles in the rural villages recently. Please be vigilant of any persons acting suspiciously around your or others' vehicles and report promptly to Sussex Police. Haywards Heath Police Station holds tamper-proof number plate caps that are available free of charge. They are easy to apply - they make the screws less accessible to thieves.

If you have any information or

further enquiries please contact me: nicola.stenning@sussex. pnn.police.uk. PC Nikki Stenning DS351, 0845 60 70 999 ext 19262.

#### **Phone scam**

Someone local received a call from a 'representative' of BT (on 0800-0800-152), informing them that he was disconnecting them because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31, or it would be £118 to re-connect at a later date. He offered to demonstrate that he was from BT by asking the householder to hang up and then try to phone someone - he would disconnect their phone to prevent this - and the phone was indeed dead until he phoned again. The Police are aware of this scam - don't fall for it!

#### **North Town Field Clear-Up**

All six Trustees and two Parish Councillors turned up for the clear-up at the North Town Field on Saturday 19 September and a great deal of work was successfully carried out. Thanks to Joyce, Tim, John, Michael, Tricia, Bob, Tony and Pam.

#### Car parking request

We're looking for off-street parking for one car and would like to know if anyone in the village has a spare parking space available, possibly to rent? Ideally it would be for a long period because we find parking outside on The Street leaves our car vulnerable to delivery lorries and other passing, speeding traffic. Not to mention the near misses during weekend congestion. If anyone can help we'd like to hear from you. Thanks in advance, Pegah & James, 2 Septima Cottages, 857018.

#### Pigeon dates

The November issue of Pigeon Post will be out around the middle of the month, like this one. We'll get it back to the first week of the month after the Christmas break.

#### **Anne Raylene Crowther**

Our hearts and minds go out to the Crowther family, who lost their beloved wife and mother Anne - 'Ray' - very recently. We wish them every possible strength and support at this saddest of times.

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

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