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IT'S ALL OVER NOW: BEACHDOWN OPINIONS



Credit: Gareth D

It all seems a long time ago now but a number of Villagers have points to make about the Beachdown Festival, and by no means all negative

Sheila Marshall clears up the 'free ticket' confusion

I was never entirely happy about Fulking only getting 46 free festival tickets but if it wasn't for a few Poynings residents there would only have been a hand full of freebies in total. As soon as I heard about the festival I contacted the organiser to find out more and included a page in the Poynings News. I gave a few copies to Fulking folks and this precipitated the meeting at Fulking.

To my knowledge, at this meeting the festival organiser mentioned that there would be some free tickets and that people had to contact him. Those that did immediately got tickets but those that left it much later

did not. Some got the impression that all those attending the meeting were promised tickets but I don't remember a name sheet going round. After a while the organiser was just too busy to send out tickets so I guess this is why he wanted me to deal with the Fulking tickets too. Every resident was not promised a free ticket.

The situation resulted from a few of us negotiating and compiling a Poynings and Newtimber ticket wish list of 110 wanting free tickets. The Fulking 40 was an addition, allocated by the organiser in the light of a seemingly negative response to the festival from the residents. Once people here had been promised tickets

and a cap of 150 had been put on the total by the festival, it was impossible to undo.

We contacted a few individuals in Fulking to spread the word about the 40 tickets on a first come first served basis and they were gone by 1 June. I suppose we didn't think of the Pigeon Post as its front page usually had a 'How to fight the Festival' article on the front page. [Not strictly true, Sheila!] It became all too clear, after the tickets had all gone, that Fulking, like Poynings and Newtimber, had a lot of people interested in going to the festival. I do feel bad about this but we had only originally set out to get a good deal for Poynings locals as the festival is in our Parish.

Fiona Shafer had 'A Positive Experience'

I may be in the minority who actually found it a positive experience, given the general hoo hah in the run up to the festival itself.

I attended on the Sunday, which turned out to be a glorious, sunny afternoon. I was very impressed by the overall location and layout of the event, which allowed wonderful views of both sea and downland.

The variety of great music appeared to suit most people's needs and the atmosphere seemed very friendly and relaxed. I met a number of

people from both Poynings and Fulking who seemed to be of the opinion that the festival had been a great success and they hoped it would be back next year. I thought there was far less traffic and people in the village compared to other Bank Holidays, and as for the noise levels – it was a lot quieter than I thought it would be.

And from Linda Dyos:

Apart from seeing vehicles on the Dyke horizon, I can't honestly say that I noticed the presence of the festival or heard anything at all from Clappers Lane, and would have no objections if the

festival were to continue next year. I wonder if some people in the village over-reacted a little.

Jen Green:

Personally we felt Beachdown was no bother at all.

Tony Brooks says: Do we want this?

If any one wants to object to the Beachdown Festival, the organisers will soon be putting in their application for a seven-year festival licence. The Argus carried claims by a Mr J Pidgeon that it was a great success, next year it will be bigger and better with maybe 15,000

Village Diary

Thursday 9 October, 8pm
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Village Hall

Friday 31 October, 5.30pm
Halloween 2008
Annual village trick-or-treat.
Gather outside The Keep.
Alison Daly, 857705

Saturday 1 November, 10am
NORTH TOWN FIELD
AUTUMN CLEAN-UP
All welcome to help tidy up.
Please bring tools!
John Hazard, 857957

Saturday 8 November, 6.30pm
POYNINGS BONFIRE
More details: <http://www.poynings.net>
See ad on back page

Friday 19 December, 6pm
VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY!
Raffle donations to Carolyn Loveless at Woodlands or call 857280 for collection. More to come in PP December

Wednesday 14 January, 7pm
SUSSEX FILM ARCHIVE SHOW
Village Hall
Tickets £5. See p2

people, and it will become an annual event, eventually rivalling Glastonbury with perhaps 50,000. Do we want this? Remember the noise cannot be controlled as this site is very windy and plays havoc with 'sound containment'. Write to John Jory, Chief Executive of Mid Sussex District Council.

PP's news about itself

Thank you to Richard Linford

Can I express my personal thanks to Richard for all his excellent efforts in editing *Pigeon Post* with such energy, enthusiasm and good humour. I know how much hard work and constant chasing up of other people have been involved in both editing *PP* and his continuing work as Chair of the Clappers Lane Action Group, and I just wanted to say a big thank you Richard, it's all been much appreciated. Don't go away and hide, will you – your talents are as much needed now as ever!

Linda Dyos

GoodBye, Hello, Eds – #1

Welcome to our new editor and we look forward to receiving his first October edition. We wish Aidan great success and hope he enjoys the new challenge (for he has a hard act to follow), also the return of paper copies. Good luck Aidan.

May we also thank **Richard Linford** very much for his editorship in the last two years, which has provided us with information about our village plus all the village news and events.

How he has worked in the *Pigeon Post* with all his stage and theatre commitments we shall never know. So thank you again Richard. We are all very grateful for your hard work, you did a wonderful job.

Tony Brooks

GoodBye, Hello, Eds – #2

Just to wish you good luck with *Pigeon Post* – thinking of you all in Fulking.

Nick Bremer, ex-PP editor

High Barn, Chillaton, Loddiswell, Near Kingsbridge, S. Devon

YOUR PP GOES BACK TO PRINT – OR CHOOSE EMAIL?

Thanks to **Trevor Brooks** and **Burgess Financial Services** – and to **Bob Rowland**, who has put up the money – we are now able to print *Pigeon Post* again. Only in black and white, but that's better than just digital. And thanks to all members of the distribution team.

I will keep sending the digital version out to the village database. If you no longer want to receive it by email, and want your name taken off the email list, please let me know at aidan@aidanwalker.co.uk.

We still want to make the paper version happen in the glorious technicolor which it well deserves. I am keen to use pictures wherever and whenever I can, so please send in your digital snaps – especially if you are contributing some text for publication. It is always nice to put a face to the words, helps animate the pages of your *PP*, and helps people recognise each other in *The Street*, too. Nature and unusual / amusing shots are also welcome.

I only want to say how happy I am to be editing *PP* and sorry for the slightly delayed first issue. Richard is a tough act to follow, but he is a very gentlemanly previous incumbent, and thanks to him for all his help. A special word also for **James Ellis-Brown**, who has made production nights fun and inspirational.

Pigeon Post is for the people of Fulking and Edburton, and lives by your contributions. Please pen us a few lines about what interests / pleases / bothers you in and around village life. We need personal and personality stories, events in local culture and history, rural observations... even fiction, poetry. You name it. Enjoy.

Aidan Walker, Editor

Sussex and the cinema



'Sussex on Film' Film Archive show in Fulking, 14 January

This special film event at the Village Hall presents rare films made in Sussex since the 1890s. We'll visit Victorian Brighton, see the Devil's Dyke switchback, visit Hastings in 1914, celebrate the Silver Jubilee of 1935 in Chichester, enjoy the beach at Bognor, sheer sheep, make a trug basket and enjoy Shippam's paste. The evening is presented by **Dr Frank Gray**, Director of Screen Archive South East. Tickets are £5. See next month's *PP* for exactly how and who to pay. www.brighton.ac.uk/screenarchive

Pictures: No information on the romantic cinematographer at the top, but we do know that Chichester had a Shippams Paste factory. Here is an edited memoir from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/h2g2/A452260>: "Shippams": The old man, Basil, decided to boil a cow up into paste and put it into a tiny jar in Victorian times, during which era housewives' basic nutritional advice was: "If it tastes bad, it must be doing you some good". Like all Victorian admirers my mother put Shippams paste on my sandwiches. Like all children of Victorian inspired parents I lobbed my sandwiches into a hedge as soon as I was out of sight of my house.'

A neat idea to beat the cost of winter heat

www.Boilerjuice.com promises that group buying will make heating oil cheaper. Here is an email from [Rachel Wheeler](#):

'We've just spent £1300 filling up our tank (ouch!) My brother told me about an oil supply website – boilerjuice.com – which groups orders in the same postcode area together to obtain a bulk discount. I took a look on the site and if I'd used them it would have saved us £250 – too late for us for now but if anyone else is thinking of filling up, definitely worth a look. They do an instant quote on the site. It also means less polluting/street clogging lorries delivering to the village.'

It doesn't look like Boilerjuice do Calor gas, but research is being undertaken to see if the same benefit can apply to gas.

The site itself explains how group buying can work: 'There are 3 ways this can be done:

- Set up your own buying group with friends and neighbours locally using the website.
- Buy oil today and if there are other orders in your postcode area, BoilerJuice will group your order with them. If sufficient volume is achieved (typically 2400 litres) any discounts achieved will be automatically passed on to all buyers in the postcode group.
- Join a weekend buying group.' More information on the site.

It also explains the downsides for those with 'offset pipes', ie the fill point and the tank are distant from one another: 'For safety/environmental reasons

most suppliers decline to deliver to offset fill locations (where the delivery driver cannot see the tank whilst filling). We recommend you make arrangements direct with a regular supplier.'

More explanation from Rachel: 'As I understand it the website searches the oil providers for the cheapest in your postcode and provides you with details of the provider. You then speak to the provider listed on Boilerjuice and seek further discounts based on volume through grouping orders together. I suspect we need to try this to see how effective it is. Had we just looked at Boilerjuice and not grouped orders we would still have saved £250.'

And here is a welcome suggestion from [James Lightfoot](#): 'I suggest we compile a list of

estimated dates when people anticipate needing a supply. That way, we can group people together by fill-up date. I'm happy to coordinate the list if people want to send me anticipated fill-up dates. I'll then email you back the names in each group. Then it's up to those people to coordinate within their group. Going forward, the list can be adjusted to account for different levels of consumption.'

Many thanks James. Report back on how it works, please. Although James has kindly offered to co-ordinate, all he is doing is putting people in touch with each other. From then it's up to the individuals to deal direct with each other and with Boilerjuice. [James Lightfoot - james@lightfootart.com](mailto:james@lightfootart.com).

Neighbourhood Watch

Please make your house look occupied if you're out for the evening.

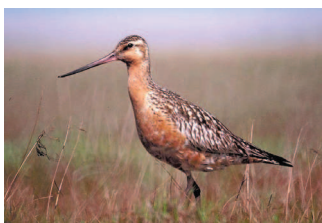
Report all non-urgent problems promptly on 0845 6070999. Log the incident reference number that the Police give you.

'Crime in Progress' (even if it seems minor) call 999. The staff are trained to check all the details with you, and also to decide how urgently a police/ fire/ ambulance response is required. If you are deaf, or speech impaired, you can now text a mobile phone message describing the problem to 65999.

Our new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is [Sharon Botting](#), who also covers Poynings, Pyecombe, etc. She can be contacted on 0845 6070999, ext 26671.

Please also report burglaries/damage to myself, [Richard Corner](#), 857219.

Chris's Nature Notes



Bar-tailed godwit

Did you know that this long beaked wading bird, which can be seen in England in the winter, has been confirmed by satellite tracking, as flying from Alaska to New Zealand in just over eight days! (Of course it does have a following wind.) It is thought to do this huge flight in one hop without re-fuelling. It is also known to fly from New Zealand to Northern China which is 10,200 km! Amazing!

Chris Gildersleeve

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