

# Pigeon Post

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## FLOWERS POWER THANKS AT ST ANDREW'S

After the special service on Sunday 6 September to celebrate the completion of the restoration of St Andrew's Church, we move on to the Flower Festival.

St Andrew's will be filled with flowers for three days, Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September. Over 40 spectacular displays will show off the historic church and the results of the major restoration programme for which our small local community raised an impressive £260,000.

Local flower arrangers from the Henfield Flower Club are staging the event, putting together the displays with the theme of 'Country Ways'. Individual displays will cover 'Arable farming' to 'The Blacksmith' and 'Windmills' to 'Village Cricket'.

All the flowers have been generously donated by the parishioners and Friends of St Andrew's in memory of their loved ones.

The festival's driving force and designer, Jean Sinclair-Young, Vice President of the Henfield Flower Club, who proposed the theme, explains: 'St Andrew's has always been at the heart of a rural community, so celebrating

activities that have helped shape the community over the past millennium and more seemed most appropriate.'

The flower displays alone will make the festival an event not to be missed. The large internal space, complemented by excellent natural lighting, makes the Church an ideal setting. The previous flower festival, held seven years ago as part of the fund raising campaign, drew visitors from all over Sussex and beyond.

Anyone with even a passing interest in heritage, architecture, or just natural beauty, will have an equally compelling reason to make the visit. The Church is an architectural gem and of considerable historic importance, having been founded by Eadburgh, granddaughter of Alfred the Great, in the first half of the 10th century.

The restoration is a major achievement for this small local community of around 150 households served by the Church. Fundraising began over seven years ago and the work has been completed in stages as the necessary funds have been raised. The determination of the community has ensured that

this important church has been preserved for its parishioners and visitors for another millennium. Although the programme of work initially planned has now been completed, further restoration work has recently been decided and maintenance work will always be necessary so fund raising will continue.

St Andrew's, on the Edburton Road just at the eastern edge of Edburton, will be well signed. Car parking will be in a field 20 yards west of Spring's Smoked Salmon shop. Admission is by programme costing just £3; children go free.

The festival is open from 10am to 5pm on all three days. There is good wheelchair access and refreshments will be available.

There could hardly be a better opportunity to see the historic St Andrew's Church than in its floral glory celebrating its restoration that will preserve over 1,000 years of history for future generations.

Richard Rawlings, 857776

• If you wish to donate a cake, bring it to the Church on any of the three mornings. Email Marion Strachan, [Marstrach@aol.com](mailto:Marstrach@aol.com), to let her know when.

### Village Diary

11-13 September, 10am-5pm

FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Church Edburton

Friday 11 September, 7pm

ST ANDREW'S RESTORATION  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St Andrew's Church Edburton  
BY INVITATION ONLY

Friday 11 September, 7.30pm

GAMES EVENING

Village Hall then Pub  
Jen Green, 857552

Friday 18 September, 6pm

BASEBALL / ROUNDBALL

North Town Field (if dry!)

Jen Green, 857552

Saturday 19 September, 10am

NORTH TOWN FIELD TIDY UP

North Town Field  
John Hazard, 857957

Thursday 1 October, 8pm

FULKING MUMS' NITE

Shepherd & Dog  
Marie, 857668

Wednesday 7 October, 7.30pm

VILLAGE MEETING

Re: Social Committee  
Village Hall

Thursday 8 October, 7.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Village Hall  
Paula Hazard, 857957



Photo Trevor Dale

## Beachdown cancellation sad for some: organisers strive to find compensation

### Controversial music festival looks for help for ticket holders

From [www.beachdownfestival.com](http://www.beachdownfestival.com):

'The Beachdown directors advise all ticket-holders to hang on to any Beachdown tickets as it is our intention to set up a series of free-entry events with collaborating venues across Brighton which will provide you all with as much as we can the face value of the ticket purchase. As yet we obviously haven't had time to put this schedule together but as soon as we have we will post the event information on the Beachdown website.'

One such compensation is half price tickets to the Out of The Ordinary Festival, a 'green and family friendly' festival at Knockhatch Adventure Park near Hailsham, 18-20 September. £35 for a three-day adult camping pass sounds very good. But you **MUST** have your existing Beachdown ticket and you must buy the discounted ticket in advance via PayPal – no discounted tickets can be had at the gate. Call 01273 688788 or visit [www.outoftheordinaryfestival.com](http://www.outoftheordinaryfestival.com)

## A few more notes on Fulking Fair – aftermath, thanks, plans



### The 'washup' meeting on 11 August rendered thanks to Caesar and looked forward to next year

#### More Thanks

We did miss some names, but the owners have been too nice to mention it – or they don't read *Pigeon Post*. Nominated by AN Other member of the community, a warm thank you to **Joanna** and **Stuart Cairns**, who helped in all directions, especially the Trists' book and DVD stall and the putting up and taking down of assorted gazebos. Also many heartfelt thanks to **Gordon Richards**, distinguished local veterinarian: thank you, Gordon, for judging the dog show with such care and professionalism.

#### Merci beaucoup, Tristesse

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our

stall at the Village Fair and for all those who helped **Hollie** with the car washing. We took £198 on the stall and £55 for car washing, proceeds of which will be split between new play equipment for the North Town Field and the Boma Orphanage. More fund raising ideas to come – does anyone out there have any ideas as well? **Sheena** and **Hollie Trist**, 01273 857011.

#### Video link

At last I've managed to get some video I took at the Fulking Village Fair on to YouTube, all set to the glorious sound of the Fulking Flyers & Flyettes. Click (or cut and paste in your browser) the link below to feast your eyes and

ears and remember that fabulous summertime day when in Fulking the living was easy...

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghYPJ10ex3Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghYPJ10ex3Y)

I hope you enjoy it!

**Jay Holt**

#### Other meeting notes

- As we went to print the Fair's final accounts were still awaiting some incoming figures, but on the basis of current analysis, the profit from the Fair is a very healthy £2200-ish.

- It was agreed – yes, we should have the Fair next year – then in subsequent years it will be decided how to accommodate it with the Barn Dance and Call My Bluff Wine Tasting, the usual

Fulking summer events. Perhaps hold them on alternate years.

- Best weekend is 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August as per 2009. This will make the date **Sunday 1 August 2010**. Easy to remember.

- Dance, Wine etc should be in the North Town Field, Fair should be in Downside Meadow. Harry and Charmayne Diamond have generously agreed to let the village use the Meadow, 'all things being equal'.

- Social Committee. It's never been formalised, although the active members are... active. A **General Village Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to establish formal structure and members.



# Phulking's Mobile Phone Box?



Fish eye view: once a key part of village life, the phone box has become a relic of former, non digital days. But don't worry, we can buy it for a quid (photos John Hazard)

BT are going to withdraw the telephone service from the phone box in The Street, but it can be saved if the community can pay an annual charge to BT (currently £300p.a.). If the phone service is withdrawn then BT won't reinstall it a later date. If it

is decided that it's not possible or worth it to keep the phone service, then the phone box can be bought by the PC (for £1 – BT really don't want to keep these boxes) and then the PC will be responsible for maintaining it.

If the phone service is

retained now and it's decided later not to continue paying for it, the PC could buy the box at that time. There shouldn't be any danger of losing the box itself as it is Grade II listed.

The Parish Council is going to discuss at the next PC meeting

on 8 October whether people think the phone service is worth saving and how to fund it. If you can't make the meeting or want to let the PC know your views before then, email [paula@hazzy.net](mailto:paula@hazzy.net) or write to the PC at Laurel House, The Street, BN5 9LU.

## Barry Comber

It was with great sadness that Jill and I learnt of the death of Barry Comber. I had known Barry for near on 40 years, since I kept my horse at Badgerwood. We renewed our friendship when we moved to Clappers Lane in 1987, and found Barry and Linda to be the most wonderful neighbours, not just to us, but to all around. Always ready with a helping hand, a true social animal, he was a practical friend in every way. Barry was a great horseman, and ran his livery yard with expertise and compassion. He was, however, a builder by trade. His skills were well known in the village, for example the bus shelter, and beyond. Our love and best wishes at this time go to Linda, Michelle and Chantelle.

Nick Bremer

## Village Notices – for Villagers

### Green Energy

Did you know that you can switch to a green energy supplier which uses renewable resources and probably save money? Go to [GreenEnergy.com](http://GreenEnergy.com) armed with your electricity bill and compare suppliers. It's easy and you will be doing your bit to reduce CO2 emissions. [Chris Gildersleeve](#)

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Would you like to make up a shoebox full of goodies for a family in eastern Europe for Christmas? Collect a leaflet from the gate at Four Acres and follow the instructions re. what can be included. I will need filled boxes at Four Acres by 6 November, in time for packing and delivery to destination in time for Christmas. Many thanks. [Sarah 857393](#)

### Burglar alarms

Notice the police chopper overhead on 18 August? A resident in Clappers Lane returned home (with children) at around 5 to be confronted by a man in a blue T-shirt who ran out and got away. A reminder to keep homes secure. If you can help, please phone 0845-60-70-999 and quote incident ref 1463 of 18th August.

The usual Neighbourhood Watch ministrations apply. [Richard Corner](#) adds: Modern cars are hard to steal without keys, so thieves are driving round in pairs and watching for you to pop into someone's house for five minutes – and stupidly leave the key in the ignition! When you return, one thief will have driven your car away.

## Nature Watch



It's blackberry and elderberry time! Did you know that the blackberry at the end of the branch is sometimes called the king, because it is bigger than the others? Elderberry wine can be good for your joints. Apparently sailors used to drink it for their rheumatic joints! It's a good excuse anyway. If you want to borrow my homemade wine book, give me a ring.

[Chris Gildersleeve, 857552](#)

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