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SUMMER 2018 JUNE-AUGUST

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Poynings Country Fete** Saturday June 9, 14.00-16.30, The Rectory Garden, Poynings. Pimms, live music, maypole dancing, puppet show, cream teas, tombola – fun for all the family

**'Hymns and Pimms'** Sunday, July 22, 18.00. St Andrew's 'Songs of Praise' followed by pimms

**Call My Bluff Wine Quiz** Friday July 27, 19.00 for 19.30, North Town Field marquee. Tables of eight £110 or £15 a person. Contact Bob 857271, *see below for details*

**FULKING FAIR** Sunday July 29, 12.00-17.00, North Town Field, *see below for details*

**Harvest Festival** Sunday October 21 Traditional Harvest service and 'Harvest Field Picnic' at St Andrew's, Edburton

## REGULAR EVENTS

All events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

**Yoga** Mondays 9.30-10.30. Drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson 255

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**Evergreens** This group for the over 60s meets on the first Monday in the month (second if Bank Holiday) from February to December (not January). Location varies each month. Contact Linda Jones 032 or Betty Powell 215.

**Craft and chat** Second and fourth Thursday in the month, 14.00-16.00. Contact Tricia Robinson

**Toddlers / family coffee mornings** Wednesdays 10.00-11.30. A friendly group for toddlers, older children and carers. Toys, activities, singing, refreshments. £1 donation. Tricia Robinson

**Games evenings** Once a month on a Friday from 19.30 pm. Contact Jen Green [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk) or tel 552

**Book Nook**, Fulking Chapel. Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 and 2nd Sunday in the month 11.00-16.00

**Messy Church** Fun activities and supper for children and carers. Third Friday in the month except July 13, 16.30-18.00. Contact Chris 322

## SERVICES AND USEFUL CONTACTS

**fulking.net** Fulking's community website with news and current events, calendar, useful contacts, articles about village life and history and much, much more...

### Fulking Parish Council

Chair: Miles Firth. Clerk: Trevor Parsons  
Contact [parishclerk@fulking.net](mailto:parishclerk@fulking.net) or tel 846310.

**Fulking Village Mailing List** alerts villagers of Parish Council news, events and matters that concern the community. To join contact <http://fulking.net/join-the-village-mailing-list/>

### Fulking Social Committee

Fulking Social Committee aims to raise money for the social benefit of the village. We help to fund maintenance of the Village Hall, North Town Field and its children's play area. To achieve this we organise social and fundraising activities through the year, including the award-winning Fulking Fair in July. New members welcome, contact Bob Rowland 271

### The North Town Field

Fulking's village green, located off The Street, has a children's playground. It is run by the North Town Field Committee, which protects the field from development and organises maintenance including twice-yearly clear-ups of overgrown vegetation. Chair: Tricia Robinson

### Fulking Village Hall

To book the hall for a public meeting or private event such as a party, contact Carolyn Loveless 280. The hall is run by the Village Hall Action Group, part of Fulking Social Committee. The group welcomes new members, contact Jen Green [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk). Please consider giving a donation or better still, a standing order to help with overheads such as heating and insurance. Just £5 or £10 a month will really make a difference. Contact Nick Hughes on 868 or [nickhughes100@btinternet.com](mailto:nickhughes100@btinternet.com).

**Church Services** St. Andrew's Church in Edburton is our local church. Family Communion Services are taken by Revd. Graham Jeffery on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11.00. See <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

## **Environmental issues**

### **North Town Field dogs reminder**

Please clear up after your dog using the bin provided, regularly emptied by the Council.

## **SPRING 2018 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Spring in Fulking**

What an odd spring we have had! A cold and grey April, with daffodils out at the same time as primroses. Farmers experienced a three-week delay in planting as they could not take tractors into sodden fields. Villagers trying to grow plants for the May plant sale found their seeds reluctant to germinate. They eventually emerged and there was a good selection of vegetable and flowers for **Seedling Sunday** on May 6. Sadly we were lacking in visitors to consume the delicious cakes and buy plants. This was disappointing as it takes considerable time and care to produce plants and make cakes.

May proved a welcome contrast to April and everything seemed to burst into life at once, with amazing bluebells this year. Later the hedgerows were splendid with may blossom and cow parsley. As far as wildlife is concerned, this spring was a little disappointing. Nightingales have returned and are in good voice at Oreham Common and Woods Mill, but not in Fulking itself. Our neighbour tells us they used to sing in the orchard in Stammers Hill every spring, and were so noisy people used to throw shoes at them to shut them up! As Joni Mitchell once sang, 'You don't know what you've got till it's gone'. Cuckoos have hardly been heard either. The weather is now fine and sunny, and hopefully we will have a great summer... Chris Gildersleeve

### **Village Cleanup**

The village clean up, as always, made Fulking look wonderful, so thanks to all those who took part. How about we make a big effort to keep our village clear of litter by doing our own frontage through the year? Pam Rowland

### **Downland Calendar – deadline extended!**

Due to popular demand, Fulking villagers are putting together another photographic calendar to be published in 2019. The aims are to celebrate the beauty of our village and the South Downs, and to raise funds for Fulking Village Hall. But we need your photos! Please email your best shots of the following to [photos@fulking.net](mailto:photos@fulking.net): Fulking and environs through the seasons, South Downs views and villages, also wildlife, farming and community life. You will be fully credited and receive a free copy of the calendar.

Photos should be landscape format (horizontal) if possible, and preferably of a minimum pixel dimension of 2500 x 1700. **The**

### **deadline for photos has been extended until 30**

**June** so we can include wonderful pictures of the South Downs in full leaf. So – get snapping and send in those submissions! Jen Green 552

## **FULKING FAIR 2018**

This year's fair will be held in the North Town Field, Fulking, Sunday July 29, 12.00-17.00, and will incorporate the Allsorts Dog Rescue Fun Dog Show 12.30-15.00. Entrance and parking both free. There will be tea and cakes in the village hall as well as several local food stalls including Rushfields pies, Artisan Bakehouse bakeries, Fish Story fish & chips, French Revolution crepes, doughnuts, candy floss, gourmet foods and Mavis & Mike's ice cream.

Live music will include the Shoreham Allstars and Marta Scott dancers as well as local entertainers. The marquee will house a Shepherd & Dog bar. Children's events include pony rides, puppet show, bouncy castle, stocks, sand art, tattoo painting, coconut shy and Paws Animal Sanctuary games. Exhibitions and demonstrations include National Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Tottington Woodlanders, Funjicolour spinners and weavers. Tombolas for adults and for children, and tug of war competition for all ages.

### **Teas at Fulking Fair – can you help?**

Once again Angela and her team are doing teas in the village hall on July 29, 12.00-16.00. And once again we are appealing for home made cakes. Ring Angela (326) or Pam (271) if you are able to make a cake! Also, we are in need of help on the day; please ring the above if you can spare some time – even an hour would be useful.

## **Bobobservation No44 June 2018**

### **CALL MY BLUFF**

We have been having Call my Bluff wine quiz evenings for the best part of 20 years now. The original one was in the village hall and quizzed by the staff from Wine Rack (alas long gone!) from Henfield. Since then there have been various locations, and the 2018 quiz will take place in the marquee in the North Town Field on Friday July 27 at 7 for 7.30pm. We will have 4 white and 4 red wines to taste and be quizzed on by the three 'experts'. This year a lady (incognito) whose knowledge of wines of the world can only be described as legendary will join the precocious duo of Dave (S&D) and Bob (DG). Tasty nibbles will be provided by the Shepherd & Dog. Tables of eight are £110 or single seats at £15. Book your table/seat now by phoning Bob on 271 or emailing [bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com).

OVERS

Fulking Fair was the winner of the Argus Community Event of the year: "Fulking is renowned for holding one of the best fairs ever to grace the county's glorious countryside."

PC Notice of FPC General and Planning Meetings are posted on fulking.net and on the FPC noticeboard outside the Village Hall.

Village hall entry reduced...

**Community Police Officer** PCSO Jane Harrison  
26987 Work mobile 07789 374213 Burgess Hill  
Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Community bus services and Public Transport**  
see <http://fulking.net/public-transport-page/>

**Neighbourhood Watch** Richard Corner 219 or  
<http://fulking.net/category/neighbourhood-watch/>