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AUTUMN 2018 SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Concert** Saturday, September 1, 15.00, Fulking Village Hall. Pyecombe Village Choir perform songs from the musicals. Tea and cake, everyone is welcome to join in! Donations in aid of Fulking Village Hall.

**Harvest Festival** Sunday October 21, 11.00. Traditional Harvest service at St Andrew's, Edburton, followed by 'Harvest Field Picnic' or indoor 'Picnic in the Pews' if wet. Picnic lunches must be ordered in advance, ring 07812 465559.

**Downland Calendar 2019 Launch** Friday, November 2, 20.00, Fulking Village Hall

**St Andrew's Day Quiz** Friday, November 30, Preston Nomads Pavilion, probably 19.00 for 19.30. Last year tickets were £7.50 per person (in teams of four) to include ploughman's platter. For more details and to enter ring 07812 465559 or email [StAndrewsEdburton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:StAndrewsEdburton@yahoo.co.uk)

**Fulking Xmas Party** Saturday, December 8, 18.00-20.00, Fulking Village Hall

## 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** group for the over 60s meets first Monday in the month (second if Bank Holiday) from February to December (not January), 15.30-17.00. 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 10.30-11.30 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: September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14, 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.

### **SUMMER 2018 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Summer in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve**

What an amazing summer! May, June and July brought day after day of blue skies and warm, sunny weather, with meals in the garden, balmy evenings, beer in the pub garden, barbecues etc. On the less positive side, along with worries about global warming, there was need for a lot of garden watering (luckily no hosepipe ban), and the sight of hills and lawns turning brown. For farmers, the lack of grass meant feeding animals with winter feed, which will be expensive.

Sadly, the end of the heatwave and long drought came on the very worst day, with lashing rain and strong winds on the Sunday of Fulking Fair. The fair had to be cancelled – what a shame after all that hard work and planning.

This bad luck was slightly redeemed when the dog show was held the following Sunday, when the weather was just what we wanted the week before! This was a very pleasant event run by All Sorts Dog Rescue. The category of Best Allsorts Rescue Dog had so many entries it brought the organisers to tears at the sight of so many successfully rehomed animals. Since then the cooler, wetter weather has turned the brown hills green and revived lawns, but let's hope for an Indian summer some sources are predicting.

#### **From Bob's Observation No.46 August 2018**

##### **Call My Bluff**

We have been doing a Call my Bluff evening for quite a few years now and the original formula seems to continue to be popular. On Friday July 27 the evening was as riotous as ever with some really obscure wines. Eight tables of eight contestants and the winning table succeeded in spite of protests about skulduggery. Once again many thanks to Dave and Emily from the Shepherd & Dog for all their generosity and hard work, Jackie for her knowledgeable performance, Michael for his complicated scoring, Jay and Louise for such a good raffle, Nick for everything and to everyone who helped clear up afterwards.

### **Fulking Fair**

The Fair was cancelled due to incredibly unlucky stormy weather in the middle of a heat wave. This was most disappointing after all the hard work that had gone into all of the preparation. The Social Committee and helpers give up a lot of their spare time to create an annual event which has become a feature of the Sussex summer. Many thanks to all of them.

### **Allsorts Fun Dog Show**

Allsorts Dog Rescue Fun Dog Show was postponed for a week due to disastrous weather on the day of the fair. On Sunday August 5, eleven classes were competed for very successfully. It had originally been intended for the show to continue until 16.00, but the extreme heat caused the whole event to be concluded in two hours! The organization was excellent and Allsorts raised over £700 on the day. Four good food stalls and tombola went some way to alleviate the costs of the cancelled fair. It is to be hoped that this Allsorts Dog Show could become an annual event.

Sharon of Allsorts wrote to Bob: "We have all had the best day ever. It had a lot to do with your kindness, help and Nick's... also all your local volunteers who helped with parking and traffic management etc. We raised a massive £716 – oh my word. In shock with that amount. We are now able to pay off three-quarters of our vet's bill. How amazing is that? We would love to do it again if you invite us."

### **Bob's Community Café, Poynings**

Bob's Community Café at the Recreation Ground in Poynings officially opened on Monday, July 30. This is intended as a 'community hub' to bring people together. Sheila Marshall and her team will be selling espresso, teas, homemade cakes, fresh sandwiches, ices and more. There is indoor and outdoor seating with a grandstand view of the recreation ground and outdoor table tennis table! The café is conveniently close to the children's playground.

Opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11.00-17.00 until the football season starts.

**Downland Calendar 2019** is about to go to press, and will be on sale in local outlets from late October. It will be launched with a slideshow of all the beautiful photos that were submitted, probably on November 2. More details to follow.

### **OVERS**

**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/>

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

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