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WINTER 2018 DECEMBER-FEBRUARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Carols around Fulking village December 21,
meet 17.00 at Tricia's, contact 255

Christmas church services

Carol service December 9, 18.00, Pyecombe
Nine lessons and carols, December 16, 18.00,
St. Andrew's, Edburton, refreshments

Christmas eve crib service, December 24,
15.30, Poynings;

Midnight mass, 23.30, Pyecombe

Christmas Day December 25, 10.00, Poynings

Fulking Parish Council meeting January 17,
19.30, Fulking Village Hall. See below

Social Committee AGM, February 7, 20.00

Village Hall Action Group Sat, Jan 12, 9.30

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
Mondays 18.30-19.30. Drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson

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 evening Twice a month on Fridays from 19.30 pm. Contact Jen Green 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: 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 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. 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.

Church Services St. Andrew's Church in Edburton is our local church. Family Communion Services are taken by Revd. Tim Harford on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11.30. See <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

Environmental issues by Pam Rowland

The grit bins have all been topped up. They are not just for the nearest property to use but for all of us. Do use them when icy weather arrives to help prevent accidents. A small amount should be scattered thinly, not thrown down in lumps.

Be vigilant and pick up the rubbish on your boundary, it does make a difference. Remember that each household is responsible for cutting back the vegetation that borders the highway, be it pavement or road.

Be aware of light pollution now the long hours of darkness are with us. Install down-lighters... don't light up the night sky. If another "Beast from the East" arrives help the birds by feeding and giving them fresh water (no salt!!).

AUTUMN 2018 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Autumn in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

Apart from a brief cold snap in early November, this autumn has been great. Even last week all the oak trees were still in golden leaf, looking spectacular in the sunshine. The fields are a beautiful spring green now that the wheat has sprouted. Now, however, we have definitely entered winter, and have to settle for those long, dark evenings, hopefully in the warm by the fire.

This autumn has seen the sad event of the retirement of Graham Jeffery, our lovely vicar who has served our community for so many years. Graham had time for everyone, believers and non-believers alike, and had a packed church for his farewell service. He will be much missed.

Another happening has been the production of the 2019 Downland Calendar, led by Jen Green and Richard Rawlings. This beautiful calendar with local views is on sale in many local outlets, see below. All proceeds go to maintain our village hall, which will need a coat of paint next spring. The Calendar Launch on November 2 was a great success, offering the chance to look at over 240 stunning photos which couldn't be included in the calendar.

The next village event is the Christmas party on December 8. Come along and enjoy the mulled wine, nibbles and conversation – this is the one occasion when you can have a drink without worrying about driving! The festive spirit will continue with carol singing around the village on December 21. Meet at Tricia's at 5pm.

Graham Jeffery's last service by Jane Warne, Edburton PCC

Over two hundred people squeezed into St Andrew's Church Edburton on November 18 to celebrate with Graham his last service before a well-earned retirement. In a very moving address Graham outlined his long association with Edburton, which started back in the early eighties

when he was Rector of the four Downland parishes. He left through ill health in the early nineties but returned to Edburton as Curate in 1997 and has cared for us all since then.

The service was concluded with a standing ovation and rousing chorus of 'For he's a jolly good fellow', which must have been heard up at the Dyke! He will be missed by us all and we wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Graham's successor, the Rev Tim Harford, will be installed as Rector of the Downland Benefice (Poynings, Edburton, Newtimber and Pyecombe) on Wednesday November 28 in Poynings Church at 7.30pm.

Parish Council meeting January 17, 19.30

Chairman Miles Firth says: 'There's quite a lot to discuss: progress on "Watershed" funding to reduce flooding in Clappers Lane, action to secure the long term future of the Village Hall, and parking problems in the village. Our District and County councillors are usually there so you can hear what they have to say. If you have an issue you want on the agenda contact the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@fulking.net) or look at the website for councillor details.'

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It will be something of a strange Christmas without Graham's Carol Service at St Andrew's. I cannot understand, whatever the ramifications, why he had to leave in mid-November. Surely another few weeks would have been the civilized way for him to bow out. However, life goes on and the annual village Christmas party is on Saturday December 8 from 6 till 8pm. The Social Committee have invited Graham, councillors from County, District and the neighbouring parish of Poynings. Wine, beer and soft drinks will accompany savoury finger food brought by villagers, so please bring a plate. This evening is a great chance for all villagers to get together. Children are most welcome. Occasions like this make Fulking such a vibrant community so do come along even if only for a short time.

What a splendid Christmas present to be able to report that refurbishment is taking place of the run-down properties in Stammers Hill.

The Social Committee Annual General Meeting will be held on Thurs Feb 7 at 8pm. The Financial Report for 2018 will feature, and the Chair and Treasurer will be elected. All welcome.

Downland Calendar – the ideal Christmas gift

at only £7. On sale at Rushfields Plant Centre, Swains Farm Shop, Stokes in Henfield, Springs Smoked Salmon Edburton and Shepherd and Dog, or contact Jen Green on 552