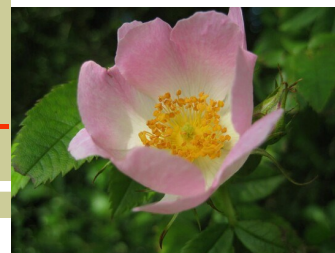


Spring/Summer 2019

# POYNINGS NEWS



Many thanks to Caius at Grains of Gold for sponsoring this news sheet.

## POYNINGS

### PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are every two months at the village hall at 7pm on a Tuesday, with some extraordinary planning meetings in between.

Got something to put on the agenda? Contact Colin on 01273 857024  
2019 Meetings

May 14th

July 2nd

September 3rd

November 5th

Poynings Pantomime

Thanks to all who helped us raise £1968.30 for our Church.

Cinderella DVDs

For sale behind the bar in the Royal Oak—£5.00

## POYNINGS GARDEN FETE SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2-4.30PM

The weather is getting warmer, lambing time is upon us and we have a spring in our step. The Poynings Summer Fete is just around the corner. A fantastic ,fun, family day out. With stalls, puppet show, games, live music, the famous Maypole and the Best Cream Tea ever. Come along and join in the fun and have a go on the wonderful Tombola and amazing prizes as usual in the raffle.

The village will welcome you with open arms .

Put the date in your diary and give your family a real summer treat!  
Sandra

*Proceeds towards Church maintenance.*



## EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday 14th April, Palm Sunday**  
10am Benefice Communion Newtimber  
6pm Evening Service Pyecombe

**Thursday 18th April, Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Last Supper Communion Poynings

**Friday 19th April, Good Friday**  
12.00 noon Good Friday Liturgy, Pyecombe

**Sunday 21st April, Easter Sunday**  
10am Benefice Communion, Poynings

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 14TH MAY 7.30PM

The Annual Parish meeting will be held at 7.30 pm after the Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm.

We will have Simon-Noris Jones from The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust giving an interesting 45 minute talk with slides.

Everyone is welcome and wine and nibbles will be served when the meeting breaks into informal discussion.

You should receive an invitation in April and look forward to seeing you.

Colin Warburton — Parish Clerk

### THE POYNINGS WEBSITE

[www.poynings.net](http://www.poynings.net)

Have you signed up to the Poynings email yet? We now have 210 subscribers!

Register on the above site & you will receive a reply to confirm. [colinw@vfemail.net](mailto:colinw@vfemail.net)

## ROYAL OAK

The pub is open as usual over Easter. 11am to 11pm each day. Our outdoor kitchen and bar open all weekend, and we have a special Easter egg hunt for the children on Saturday 20th April from 11am.

Upcoming events this summer:-

Friday 3rd May - Pub Quiz. Teams of 4 with cash prize for the winners + Steak & Chips for only £10.

Saturday 8th June - Chilli Competition. Al Kelly starts his round of village Masterchef! £5 to enter.

Saturday 22nd June - Fun Dog Show with prizes in each category. Dog portrait artist, raffle.

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July - Royal Oak Beer & Cider Festival. Local ales, ciders, gin tent, with live music all weekend. Bbq, kids face painting, raffle & tombola. A fantastic weekend,

27th July - Jazz & Seafood Festival. Live jazz in the garden with a sumptuous seafood menu.

Fresh oysters, crab, lobster and champagne!

Saturday 10th August - Village Cake Baking Competition.

Saturday 17th August - Family Fun Day.

Children's entertainer, face painting, games, lucky dip.

Saturday 6th October - Village Pie Baking Competition.

### .Sloe Gin Night

This February

Ella Johnson won the Poynings Sloe Gin cup with Sheila coming 2nd

Sue Lee won Best Liqueur Jon Lord won the Neighbouring Villages section with Marilyn Roberts coming 2nd.

## BOB'S CAFÉ

Helen Nixon's **Crafty Natterers group** (Fridays 11–2) gradually increased in number over the winter, producing some great knitting and crochet as well as some good yarns!

Friday's **After School Club** (3.45 –5.00) with board games, colouring and meal deals is thriving too.

Food wise we have now added bacon sarnies and home-made vegan soup and bread to our list with ploughman's and homemade pizza to come. We will soon be opening Wednesdays as well as Fridays.

**APPLE PRESSING DAY** will be at the village hall (Sept)

## Bob's Bench

Betty, Linda and Jane would like to say a big thank you to Matt and Mark for arranging not one but 2 very successful stoolball matches raising a huge amount of money towards the cost of buying and erecting seat which has taken pride of place in the Playing Field where Bob spent many hard working but happy hours. We are also grateful to the Royal Oak for displaying a gift box which also raised a great deal of cash, and thank you Sheila for your part in this. None of this would have been possible but for the generosity of those who took part in the stoolball evenings and the patrons of The Oak, thank you all.

## EVERGREENS

[OVER 60'S TEA PARTIES -1ST MONDAY

Another year has started for our over 60s tea parties. It started off in February at the Royal Oak followed in March at Joanna and Stuart Cairns, Fulking Farmhouse. We had a hiccup in April but Preston Nomads came to our rescue and all enjoyed a lovely sunny day with beautiful views and a delicious tea given by our band of helpers who do such a wonderful job. Our next meeting is 13th May and Harry and Charmayne Diamond have very kindly offered their new house in Partridge Green as our venue. A big thank you to our hosts for inviting us into their homes. Over 60's from the four Downland parishes are welcome.

Ring Val 857706 or Betty 857215

## EVENTS IN NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES

**Saddlescombe Farm Open Day** Sunday 23 June 10.30–4pm

**Newtimber Place Open Garden** Sunday 14th April. 2–5.30

**Newtimber Church** April 27th 7pm—folk group Cotillion tell the story of the last of the working horses. Tickets from Lucy 01273 831877

**Fulking Fair** Sunday 28th July from 12.00 fun dog show, live music, stalls

**Pyecombe Music festival** Sat Aug 31st. **Pyecombe Fayre and Flower Festival** 6, 7 July 11–4 **Cream tea Fulking** 11–4 May 25 books bricabrac **Newtimber Country & Vintage Fayre** June 23rd crafts, rural traditions, cream teas, hog roast 10.30

## Retiring Parish Council Chairman's Update

The Parish Council has been at its full strength of five, for the last few months. Much has been achieved over the last four years. We were deeply involved in preventing the further destruction of Pondtail Wood and liaising with the National Park to have it replanted. Flood protection work has been carried out with grants from WSCC. This includes; repair of drains, renewal of tarmac paths and making and maintaining drainage ditches. Crossways roundabout has been fully restored and is currently showing off its spring flowers. We still need to employ someone to keep it weed free. A new traditional finger post is due to be installed near the roundabout. The church yard has had brambles removed, the path resurfaced and a new shed provided. Arrangements are in hand for maintenance work at Cora's Corner. A Defibrillator is now available at the garage phone box and training courses were provided. There is a core of volunteers who offer to help maintain the village. The Parish Council has supported and helped pay for improvements to the children's playground and the installation of the outside table tennis table. Cycle racks are due to be installed at the roundabout Bus Stop and Playing Field. Parish Council meetings are open to all and the minutes are available on the website: [poynings.net](http://poynings.net) Mike Airey.

## Dark Skies

The SDNP is the world's newest dark sky reserve and domestic uplighting can destroy this precious resource. If you would like the opportunity to look through a good telescope (or even your own binoculars) with others in Poynings contact [andy@andycoupland.com](mailto:andy@andycoupland.com)