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SPRING 2019 MARCH–MAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulking Village Spring Clean-up Sunday, March 24, 10.30am *see details below.*

Village Hall Action Group Meeting Friday, April 5, 18.30. All very welcome!

Edburton Parish Council Annual Meeting Sunday, April 7, St Andrew's, Edburton. All are invited to the APCM (annual meeting) following the 10.00 service.

Fulking Social Committee Meeting Wednesday April 24, 19.30 to plan for Fulking Fair.

Bluebells at Furze Field Probably at their best around end of April / beginning of May. All villagers and well-behaved children welcome. Sorry no dogs. Call Bob and Pam on 271 first.

Books, Bric-a-Brac, Coffee and Cream Teas Sunday, May 25, time tba, Fulking Village Hall. Call 07812-465-559 to arrange collection.

'Hymns and Pimms' Sunday, July 21

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz Friday July 26, 19.00, North Town Field marquee. Contact Bob 857271 for information and tickets.

Fulking Fair Sunday July 28, 12.00-17.00, North Town Field

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 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 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 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 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 Sunday of the month at 10.00. For details of other Sunday services in the benefice see <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

Winter 2018-19 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas seems an age ago now, but the annual Christmas party went with a swing on December 8. Carol singing around the village on Dec 21 raised over £160 for the homeless charity Shelter. Thanks to the singers and all who donated so generously, and to the Shepherd and Dog for the mulled cider...

Jen Green

Chris reports: We have almost reached March without the month-long Arctic blast some had threatened. Now we are having a tantalising taste of spring, with primroses and daffodils blooming in balmy temperatures. Let's hope no 'Beast from the East' materialises this year!

The Village Hall Action Group are planning to give the hall a fresh coat of paint this spring. The Hall finances are healthy, due mainly to around £4,500 profit made by sale of the 2019 Downland Calendar. In the absence of a calendar this year, we plan to hold a photo competition. If there are enough entries, we will hold a winter slideshow, with a prize for the winner.

The village hall needs constant maintenance, and none of our brave band of volunteers are getting any younger! More volunteers to help with general maintenance would be most welcome.

Chris Gildersleeve

Bobervation No 54 March 2019 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Councils represent the base of democracy in our country, from Parish to District to County and thence to Parliament. Elections are held at Parish level every four years, and the next election for five councillors is due this May. It has always been a hard task getting villagers to stand for election. Accordingly I am encouraging all villagers who have not already done their bit as Councillors to give serious consideration to standing this May. There is some, not great, demand on your time, but the rewards in getting to know villagers and more about the village are great. You do not have to be particularly clever but it is essential that you care about protecting Fulking. I urge you to consider standing, you will not regret it. I still value the experience.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

For me, one of the highlights of 2018 was the Downland Calendar launch, with a slideshow featuring many of the 250+ photos that were submitted for the calendar. This year we are not producing a calendar, but will still run a photo competition. Please send new images of local landscapes, wildlife and village life to fulking.net: URL to be announced. At the end of the year we hope to hold another slideshow with the chance to vote for your favourite picture, so get snapping!

Jen Green

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN, Sunday March 24 at 10.30. Please come along to help keep our village free of rubbish. Four meeting points: Party 1 starts at the north end of Clappers Lane and works south; Party 2 starts at the south end and works north. Party 3 meets at the Ram House by the pub and moves up The Street; Party 4 meets at The Dean in Poynings Road and works to The Street. Please get together with your neighbours and do your bit, any queries ring 271.

MUSIC REHEARSALS IN THE HALL

Don't forget that the Village Hall can be booked for music rehearsals, and indeed any other public or private activities, at low cost. Contact Carolyn Loveless on 280 / cj@rogerl53.plus.com to make a booking. For more details on the hall as a rehearsal space see http://fulking.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Music_Rehearsal_in_Fulking_Village_Hall.pdf

FULKING FOXES: Monday eves from April

1. Come and join the "Fulking Foxes" in the North Town Field every Monday evening at 6:50 for a 7 pm start. A sociable walking, jogging and running club; a chance to explore old and new local routes and meet your neighbours. There will be a lead runner and tail sweep. All welcome: two-legged, four-pawed, all ages. We'll head out for 15 minutes and then turn back for 15 from wherever you have got to. Reconvene for tea and a catch-up at the village hall. Any queries contact Samantha (07479 4583243), Lydia (07724 091 607) or Kevin (07901 820878) and we'll add you to the whatsapp group.

QUOTATIONS, Mondays 12-1pm from

March 11. A chance to read, reflect and discuss quotes from all the World's Faiths. With a focus on a different universal human value each week, such as justice, unity, empathy etc. Start the week with inspiration and uplifting conversation, 12-1pm each Monday in the Village Hall. All welcome. Hosted by Samantha. Any questions call 07479 458323.