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SUMMER 2019 JUNE–AUGUST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulking Social Committee Meeting Wednesday
June 12, 19.30 to plan for Fulking Fair.

Village Hall Action Group Meeting Saturday,
June 15, 09.30 followed by maintenance
morning. All very welcome!

Poynings Fete June 15, 14.00-16.30

Newtimber Fayre June 23, 10.30-16.30

Pyecombe Fayre & Flower Festival, July 7,
11.00-16.00

'Hymns and Pimms' Sunday, July 21, 18.00 St
Andrew's, Edburton. Service followed by Pimms

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 and the Street. See below.

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

Quotations Mondays 10.45. Discussion group
reflecting on quotes from the world's faiths.
Contact Samantha Leader 07479 458323.

Fulking Foxes Mondays 19.00, North Town
Field. Walking / running group. More details
below. Contact Samantha Leader.

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>.

SPRING 2019 NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS NEW COUNCILLOR ELECTED

Following the retirement of Michael Trist from the Parish Council after many years of service, a new Parish Councillor, Samantha Leader, was elected in May. She joins Miles Firth, Chair; Mark Hind, Vice-chair; Linda Dyos and Karen Healy. Parish Clerk: Trevor Parsons.

SPRING IN FULKING by Chris Gildersleeve

We have had a lovely spring, if a little too dry. The bluebells were magnificent again this year, including at Furzefield, and the May blossom has been spectacular. The exterior of the village hall has been repainted in a nice blue-green, with a contrasting red door and smart new sign. Money raised by the 2019 Downland Calendar was used to fund this work. The village hall garden is lovely at present, and is being jointly maintained by the PCC and Village Hall Action Group this year. There have been no more horse escapes, thanks to our new Stammers Hill resident Mark Wagner, who has repaired the fence below the North Town Field. He is also renovating the near-derelict house at 2, Stammers Hill – a great improvement to our surroundings.

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FULKING FAIR & DOG SHOW 2019

This year's Fulking Fair will be more extensive than ever. It will be held in the North Town Field, Fulking on July 28 and will incorporate the Allsorts Dog Rescue Fun Dog Show. Free parking will be in Downside Meadow and there will be many stalls along The Street. The fair will be opened at 12 noon with dancing by the Marta Scott Dancers. Dog show from 12.30 to 15.00. There will be teas and cakes in the village hall, beer and Pimms in the marquee and local food stalls. Trade stalls will include plants, jewellery, woollen goods, pet portraits and many more, with exhibitions / demonstrations from the National Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust, Brighton & Hove Textile Art Group and others. There will be live music and children's events including pony rides, puppet show and coconut

shy. Tombola for adults and for children and tug of war competition for all ages, shapes and sizes.

CALL MY BLUFF WINE QUIZ

There are still some places left for the Call My Bluff wine quiz in the fair marquee on Friday 26 July at £15 a head. This will include good nibbles and fantastic wines supplied by Toby Peirce of Quaff the Hove wine merchants. Tables are of teams of eight, a good chance to meet and enjoy the company of other villagers! To book, email bob.pamrowland@btinternet.com but hurry! places are going fast.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

Our photo competition is ongoing. Please send images of local landscapes, wildlife and village life to photos@fulking.net. In December we hope to hold another slideshow with the chance to vote for your favourite picture, so get snapping!

SAY NO TO PLASTIC! by Chris Gildersleeve

Recently I was at Steyning Farmer's Market. A group of Steyning residents launched a drive to reduce plastic locally, and were distributing cards to encourage people to reduce their plastic usage. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless in the face of this gigantic global problem, but what we can do is to take steps to lessen our own dependence on plastic. So a few of us thought it might be a good idea to do something similar in Fulking. As a result of this, this edition of *Pigeon Post* includes an additional flier, which invites you to either give up or reduce use of particular plastics. We also invite you to put pressure on supermarkets to reduce plastic packaging. It may seem a small contribution to solving this horrendous problem, but as someone once said, "every journey begins with a single step".

FULKING FOXES: A sociable walking and running group. Come and join us in the North Town Field every Monday evening at 19.00. You don't need to be a runner. Bring your dog for a walk or kids for a scamper. It's a way of getting out, exploring the countryside and meeting each other. At 19:45 we reconvene at the village hall for tea and cookies. Contact Samantha (07479 4583243) or Kevin (07901 820878).

QUOTATIONS: Mondays during term time, 10.45 in the Village Hall (after yoga). A chance to read, reflect and discuss quotes from the world's faiths. We focus on a different universal human value each week, such as justice, unity, empathy etc. Start the week with inspiration and uplifting conversation. All welcome. Hosted by Samantha; any questions call 07479 4583243.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC!

Plastic waste is poisoning our oceans, rivers and wetlands. If we don't do something to reduce our current high use of plastic, by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the sea!

Follow these simple steps to reduce your plastic use:

DON'T:

1. Use single-use plastic bottles
2. Use takeaway coffee cups – bring your own refillable cup instead
3. Use wet wipes unless plastic-free
4. Use cotton ear buds, which usually have plastic stems
5. Use disposable nappies – these take 450 years to biodegrade
6. Use single-use shopping bags. Reuse or bring cloth bags
7. Buy cheap plastic toys
8. Buy six-pack tins held together with plastic rings. These can kill wildlife if not cut.
9. Buy plastic-packed ready meals
10. Buy plastic-packed fish, fruit and vegetables

INSTEAD, DO:

1. Ask supermarkets for paper bags instead of plastic ones. Morrisons supermarket chain recently banned plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables.
2. Take your own bags / containers to the butcher, fishmonger, greengrocer etc.
3. Consider a little direct action – remove packaging at supermarket checkouts and leave it there.

We know it's hard to avoid all single plastic use, but if everyone carries out just a few of these ideas, it will add up to a big effect.

Chris Gildersleeve for **Fulking Plastic Pioneers**