

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Andrews Day Annual Quiz: Friday November 29, 19.00 for 19.30, Preston Nomads Cricket Club. Bar & Raffle. Tickets £7.50 per person (teams of four people) to include Ploughman's Platter. ring 07812-465-559 or email StAndrewsEdburton@yahoo.co.uk

Fulking Christmas Party Saturday, December 7, 18.00–20.00, Village Hall. Drinks including mulled wine provided. Bring a plate of finger food and all the family!

Carol service Pyecombe December 8, 18.00

Cotillion at Newtimber Saturday December 14, 19.00, a festive evening of songs, poetry and story-telling. Tickets in advance £10 adults, £4 for under 18s. Contact Lucy 01273 831877 lucy.newtimber@icloud.com or Gill gillian.bedlam@googlemail.com 01273 835013

Carol service Edburton December 15, 18.00

Toddlers Christmas Party December 18, 10–11.30 Village Hall. Father Xmas is attending with presents! Bring a plate of food to share, drinks provided. Visiting little ones & carers welcome.

Carol service Newtimber December 22, 14.30

Carol service Poynings December 22, 18.00

Crib service Poynings December 24, 15.30

Midnight Mass Edburton December 24, 23.30

Christmas Day service, Newtimber 10.00

Climate Change Resolutions Saturday, January 11, 19.00, Fulking Village Hall. Film and discussion group, See article below

Fulking Social Committee AGM Friday January 31, 19.30, Village Hall. All welcome.

Village Hall Action Group Meeting Saturday, February 22, 9.30, followed by quick clean up / maintenance. All welcome.

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.

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, 14.00-1600. 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 December 13. Fun activities and supper for children and carers. Third Friday in the month, 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...

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 aims to raise money for the social benefit of the village. New members welcome, contact Bob Rowland 271

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 or 857552.

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 Jen Green. Many thanks to those who have done so!

Church Services St. Andrew's Church in Edburton is our local church. Family Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month at 10.00. For details of other services in the benefice see <http://www.downlandchurches.co.uk>.

AUTUMN 2019 NEWS

Autumn in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve
Well, it's definitely winter now, with a heavy frost and icy windscreens! We have had a mild if rather wet autumn, with some plants fooled into believing it is spring (our crab apple came into bud)! No major dramas that I know of. We had a packed farewell evening for Nick Hughes and presented him with some lovely glassworks by Pauline Findlay and wine to say thanks for all he has done. His shoes wait to be filled!

Environment matters by Pam Rowland
We're back to long, dark evenings and some of us need to put on outside lights to help us get around. However, please remember to turn them off when everyone is home, our wildlife do not need artificial lights and manage better without them! Don't forget the grit bins are there for us to use when icy weather arrives. If you have a drain near your property, run a brush over it now and again to keep it clear of debris so it doesn't get blocked. Feed and water the birds in bad weather, pick up rubbish – and have a good winter!!

Helpful neighbours

Some Fulking, Poynings and Edburton folk have been talking about setting up an informal network, through which local people could offer and receive help. The kinds of things we have thought about are: dog walking, lifts to the GP, grass-cutting, shopping, loan of tools or resources, simple computer help, sitting with someone so a carer can get a break. Or it may be that you'd like someone to check in on you, for example if there is an emergency, either weather-related or during a water or electricity cut.

If you have some time and feel you could offer help, contact Chris gilder6646@aol.com, or 07891062956. If, on the other hand you need help with something, or know of others who might, contact me. We can't do it without you! We hope that this network will strengthen community ties and improve quality of life for everyone involved. There is no reason you could not be both a helper and someone who receives help! Chris Gildersleeve and Samantha Leader
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Which party do you support?

On Saturday December 7 from 6 till 8pm all villagers and their families are invited to the annual Fulking Christmas party in the village hall. Forget the election on December 12, ignore all the other parties that are canvassing for your support and come along to enjoy mulled wine and other drinks, meet County and District Councillors and bring a plate of savoury nibbles. This event has been put together by the Social Committee, and it would be good to think that politics and Brexit will be taboo for the evening. It is on occasions like this that we can appreciate how fortunate we are to live in such an idyllic village. It would be good to have as many teenagers as possible come along to meet up and perhaps have regular meetings in the form of a young peoples' club. Includes a raffle.

New Year's Resolutions for Fulking, Edburton and Poynings on Climate Change

Saturday, January 11, 19.00, Fulking Village Hall. Join an inter-village consultation on what we can do individually and together locally to make a difference to reduce our impact on the environment. We'll watch a couple of short David Attenborough videos on climate change to get the ball rolling. We'll then open the floor to discuss what we can do, in an effort to make new resolutions for 2020 and beyond. Bring pencil and paper and practical ideas. Pot-luck snacks available. Samantha_habitat@yahoo.com

ASK ELSIE

Do you have questions about the way of life in Fulking? Elsie Aisher has lived and worked here for 80 years and will be happy to tell you...

Q Elsie, was the stage in the Village Hall used much when you were young?

A Oh yes. Shows and plays and concerts. A local man, Paul, made and painted wonderful scenery, and helped with costumes and scripts. There was always a good pantomime. There were several talented musicians: a very good trumpeter, some beautiful singers. It was well supported up to about 1965.

Q Did Fulking have allotments like Poynings does?

A There were allotments in the fields opposite the last houses on the road to Poynings. Some food was short even after the War had ended.

DIY AND GARDENING IN FULKING

Mark Wagner is available to do local DIY jobs, such as carpentry, brickwork, plastering and decorating, also gardening. Ring 07970 461414 or email wagner.mark1@gmail.com