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SPRING 2020 MARCH – MAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Green Resolutions March 8, 19.00 Fulking Village Hall. Green issues discussion group, see article below

Annual Village Cleanup Sunday March 29, details nearer the time on fulking.net.

Easter Sunday service April 12, Newtimber

Fulking Social Committee Meeting April 16, 19.30 Village Hall. All welcome.

Village Hall Action Group Meeting Saturday, April 18, 9.30. All welcome.

Seedling Sunday May 3, 11.00-14.00

Green Resolutions May 10, 19.00 Fulking Village Hall.

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, 14.00-16.00. 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. Contact 07812-465-559 for more details or to arrange collection of books / bric-a-brac

Messy Church 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>.

Green Resolutions by Samantha Leader
The first meeting on Green Resolutions, aiming to reduce our individual and collective impact on the environment was held on January 11. We had a high turnout (35) from Fulking and Poynings, a good atmosphere and fruitful consultation. The minutes are on both village websites. Do check them out, as there are several initiatives underway: eco oil club, car pooling site, kitchen gardening mentoring and recycling. The more

people who take action, for example on switching to renewable energy providers, the more impact (links to do this in the minutes). There will be follow up meetings on March 8, 19.00 and on May 10. For more information contact Samantha (samantha_habitat@yahoo.com).

Community Skills Swap

Our local volunteer group for Fulking and Poynings is up and running. If you or anyone you know needs a bit of help (this includes borrowing tools), please phone Chris on 07552 488777 or email gilder6646@aol.com, or send a message to WhatsApp group community skills swap.

Fulking Foxes running group

Fulking foxes will restart after the clocks change. The first run will meet at 7pm in the North Town Field on March 30. All welcome. For more details contact Samantha 07479 458323.

Winter in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

Well, this has been the wettest winter. Everybody is fed up with dark skies, rain and mud. A few frosty bright days would be good, but this might damage spring plants such as daffodils, which are now flowering early. The strong winds last week caused some local damage – a sheep field lost its fence, allowing sheep onto the road, and various walls and fences have blown down. Two rabbits went AWOL when their hutch lost its roof, but were found unharmed. Sadly two of our Fulking families have left the village this winter: the Sapsteds and the Slavins, who will be much missed for their contribution to village life.

Seedling Sunday

Seedling Sunday is being revived this year on May 3, 11-2, and we will be selling flower and vegetable seedlings as usual. We need gardeners to donate vegetable seedlings such as tomatoes, cucumbers, also plant cuttings. So please get planting! This event supports the importance of growing our own food locally. There will be tea, coffee and cakes. In addition we are having a stand with crafts and local produce, such as jam, pickles, so contributions are needed. All proceeds go to support the village hall, which has regular maintenance needs. Chris Gildersleeve

Environmental Matters by Pam Rowland

The flowers in my garden tell me spring is here but as I write this, even more wind and rain batters our poor island, and my brain tells me otherwise! Now is the time to buy your seed potatoes and select your seeds for spring/summer sowing. It is also time to clean nest boxes ready for this year's baby birds. If you don't have any

why not put one or two up, it is lovely to watch the parents going back and forth with food. The annual village clear up will be on Sunday March 29, details nearer the time on fulking.net.

Good job, well done! by Anne and Mark Hind

We are often sad and frustrated by the rubbish that is thoughtlessly thrown on the roadside and hedges of our local lanes. So we regularly pick up plastic and glass bottles, cans, plastic sheeting, coffee cups, sandwich wraps and other litter that has been dumped onto the lanes around Fulking and Poynings. Imagine our amazement and delight today (February 22) when we met three teenage boys picking up litter on Poynings Road while they were out for a bike ride, just as we had stopped our car to also pick up litter. Speaking with them (one was from Clappers Lane) it was obvious they were also frustrated by the thoughtlessness of others and disregard for our beautiful countryside. Young people often get bad press. We drove home feeling very grateful and very impressed by these boys who deserve a big thank you for a good job, well done!

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Parish Clerk

I have known several Parish Clerks during my time in Fulking, and they have varied in efficiency and goodwill. However I think it is generally agreed that the present Clerk, Trevor Parsons, has outshone all his predecessors. A parish council relies on the professionalism of its clerk and over the last twenty years the demands on the clerk have steadily increased; in particular with knowledge of the law as it needs to be enacted. I hope you will all join me in saying thanks to Trevor for the service he provides.

Funereal matters

If you wish to save your next of kin a bob or two it is quite simple to donate your body to the London Anatomy Office (LAO) (0207 848 8042). Subject to certain circumstances the body will be donated to medical services involved in research or teaching. This will obviate the need for a funeral, which these days is quite expensive. The oldest donated body yet was a gent of 107!

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

