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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pyecombe Flower Festival, September 3-4, Pyecombe Church. Refreshments, stalls; organ recital and Songs of Praise on Sunday.

Parish walk September 4, starting Edburton, see Church leaflet for details

Harvest Festival Sunday, October 2, see Church leaflet for details

Concert at Newtimber Church, Saturday October 15, details to follow

St Andrew's Quiz Friday October 28, Preston Nomads cricket club.

Christmas Coffee morning, Saturday November 26, Adastra Hall, Hassocks

REGULAR EVENTS

Events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Yoga Mondays 6.30-7.30pm in the hall or North Town Field if sunny. Continuing online Mondays 9.30-10.30. Both classes drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson 255

Quotations Mondays 11am. Discussion group reflecting on quotes from the world's faiths. Contact Samantha Leader 07479 458323

Craft and chat First and third Thursday in the month, 2-4pm. Contact Tricia Robinson

Toddlers / family coffee mornings Returns September 7, Wednesdays 10.00-11.30 during school terms, in the North Town Field if dry, in the hall if wet. A friendly group for toddlers, older children and carers. Toys, activities, singing, refreshments. £1. Tricia Robinson

Table tennis Twice a month on Fridays from 7.30 pm. Contact Jen Green jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk or tel 552

Book Nook, Fulking Chapel. 2nd Sunday in the month 11-4pm, or by arrangement with jane warne <lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk>

Massage Clinics by Calluna Therapies
Mondays 10-1.30pm (Fulking)
Tuesday 2-7pm (Hurstpierpoint)
1st Saturday of the month 10-1pm (Fulking)

Parish Council News by Mark Hind, Chairman, Fulking Parish Council (PC)

Sussex Police Village Surgery

Our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Nathaniel Wales attended a meeting in the village hall on 25th August. Issues discussed included an increase in antisocial behaviour and low level crime in the village. For example, dogs are being allowed to foul the North Town Field and cars have been damaged in Clappers Lane.

Nathaniel advised that it was important that any non-emergency crimes or anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police either by calling 101 or using the Sussex Police online service: www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline. The online report page provides different categories for reporting crime, antisocial behaviour, stolen vehicles etc. It is important all instances are reported, however small, otherwise the police do not get the full picture of what is happening in our village. In an emergency the police should be contacted on 999. The PC is also working with Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) who have a team who provide support to deal with antisocial behaviour. You can report antisocial behaviour to MSDC via email to antisocialbehaviour@midsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 458166. More information to follow.

Clappers Lane: new signs

Following a suggestion from a resident in Clappers Lane the PC has bought and installed two new "Single Track Road" signs in an attempt to reduce the number of vehicles using the road. We remain in discussions with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to extend the 20 mph limit up Clappers Lane to its northern entrance.

Clappers Lane: drainage works/road closure

The PC has received funding from WSCC to undertake drainage repairs. The road will be closed from 0930-1700 from Monday October 10 Wednesday Oct 19. The closure is from The Street to Holmbush Lane with works taking place 30m north of property The Sands. Access for emergency services, residents and walkers.

Quotations Group by Samantha Leader
Our regular Monday meeting provides a chance to think 'outside the box' with others. We discuss all manner of subjects such as change, fear, compassion, climate change and optimism. Starting with quotes from the world's religions,

scientists, philosophers, writers, North American Indians and anyone with something relevant and worthy to say! All welcome Mondays 11am in the village hall. Contact Samantha 07479458323 or Chris Gildersleeve 857552 for more info.

Fulking Fair 24 July 2022 by Sally Brownie
Glorious sunshine blessed our annual Village Fair and RSPCA Dog Show. A wonderful success for the RSPCA, and such a good turnout from dog owners and families young and old. In general footfall was down this year as it was the first weekend of the school holidays, with some families going abroad after years of staycations. However we made £1470 after expenses for loos, insurance and catering for teas and BBQ were taken out! This is excellent news for the repair funds for when the storms next hit and we lose a tile off the VH roof or the fence in NTF gets blown over. Thanks to everyone who generously gave their time and also contributed to our tombola stall, that raised an incredible £500... Entry donations raised a brilliant £513. Clive donated all profits from the BBQ, while other stall holders gave a percentage. Thanks also to the Shepherd and Dog. This was Bob's last fair living in the village. After years of being the heart and soul of the fair and he will be sorely missed, but will still be giving his expertise especially in the daunting task of planning for next year. All of us in the Social Committee will be working hard to live up to Bob's expectations!

Many thanks by Pam Rowland

Bob and I were blown over by the extremely generous gift given to us by you all. But my goodness you know us well, an amazing present. We are going to have tremendous fun spending it. The first thing we did was sort out the birds, and a feeding station and bird bath have been provided. Next we have to plant shrubs etc for the bees and butterflies. The gorgeous crab apple has been designated the correct pot, compost has been bought, just need some muscle now!! We can't thank you enough, sheer heaven.

Summer in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

We are living in interesting times! I imagine we have all enjoyed the sunny weather, but have also been concerned about the lack of rain. We had just been banned from using hoses when a wonderful thunderstorm filled rain butts and refreshed our gardens. For me, one benefit of the hot weather has been a great tomato and cucumber crop. We also had great weather for the first, very successful, Farm Open Day and Fulking Fair. On a less happy note, we have just said farewell to Bob and Pam who have moved to Henfield. However, new folk have moved in, and Sallyann has been persuaded to fill Bob's very large shoes in relation to the fair!

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Farewell to Fulking

As I write this I feel as though I am in another world! After 30 years of quite demanding work being custodians of a unique three acres of oak and hazel woodland and a glorious spread of bluebells in spring, we have moved to a delightful bungalow in Henfield. Moving was not the big wrench we expected, just very hard work. Rich, Sarah and Archie will be our very dedicated successors. A tremendous and very moving farewell was our great good fortune; held in the village hall and attended by so many village friends. Sufficient to say, I was never able to encourage a Social Committee meeting of that size! The leaving gift was quite amazingly generous and we were both very humbled by it. Many, many thanks to all of you. I fear my few words of thanks at the time turned into something of a hopeless drivel, rather like recent question times in the House of Commons. If only to achieve my century it has been suggested that I might continue with Bobservation a little while longer, which pleasure I hope you will grant me.

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Mid Downland Parish news by Jane Warne

Following the recent rain the churchyard is now looking beautifully green and verdant. It is well worth a visit and is a wonderful place for peace and reflection.

Bacon Butties and Coffee are now a regular fixture following our services on the first Sunday in the month. All welcome.

Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 2nd when we will be collecting dry goods and tins for local foodbanks. Donations may be left in the church or in the porch at the Book Nook.

And finally: The next edition of Pigeon Post is due out on Dec 1. All contributions welcome, by email please to jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk – deadline is one week before.