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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulking Christmas Party Friday December 2, Village Hall. 6.30 - 8.30 pm including Father Xmas 6.30-7.00. Raffle; bring a platter of finger food. For full details see below.

Toddlers' Christmas Party Wednesday December 14, 10-11.30 Fulking Village Hall

Candlelit Carol Service Sunday December 18, 4.30pm St Andrew's, Edburton

Carol singing around Fulking Tuesday December 20, starting 6pm from 37 Clappers Lane and finished at the Old Bakehouse for mulled wine and mince pies.

REGULAR EVENTS

Events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Yoga Continuing online this winter Mondays 9.30-10.30 and 6.30-7.30pm. Both classes drop in, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson

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 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, 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 (FPC)

Planning issues MidSussex District Council
Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) has recently launched its new draft District Plan and is going through a consultation period which ends on 19th December. The District Plan is a statutory planning document which sets out a vision for the district for at least 15 years. It includes the strategy, proposed level of development and a number of planning policies.

Although the South Downs National Park Authority controls all the planning decisions for our village we are affected by the planning decisions made by MSDC. In particular there is a plan to build 2,000 homes South of Reeds Lane in Sayers Common. The plan has both challenges (such as additional traffic and 15 years of construction disruption) and benefits (such as a new secondary school) for Fulking. More details of the draft plan and how to submit your comments can be found at <https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplanreg18/>

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)

The SDNPA Planning Committee recently rejected an application to change the use of land to provide two gypsy plots on land known as Small Acre on Clappers Lane. The applicants have the right of appeal to the Planning Inspector.

Drainage works – good and bad news

The good news is that the drainage works recently completed near Perching Drove on Edburton Road seem to have stopped most of the runoff of chalk from the Downs. The bad news is that the works on Clappers Lane have not been as successful. We are in discussions with the contractor Land Build to undertake remedial action to help solve the problem.

Fulking Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party takes place on Friday December 2. Children from 6.30pm for Father Christmas — please let Sally Brownie, Sally Brownie <sallybrownie@hotmail.co.uk>, know if children are visiting Father Christmas so he can bring enough presents! All welcome from 7pm for mulled wine, mince pies and merriment! Bring a platter of finger food, but most importantly your company. All villagers from

Poynings, Edburton and Newtimber are cordially invited. Raffle with great prizes donated by the Shepherd and Dog, Royal Oak, Rushfields Nursery, Swains Farm Shop, Tottington Manor, Solo Gym and Clive Miller...See you there!

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.

Autumn in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve
What strange weather we have had: drought in the summer, a new high in October temperatures and torrential rain in November. Ardingly Reservoir was literally almost empty in late summer, but is now replenished by recent downpours. Our garden plants seem to be quite confused, with spirea, geum and nasturtiums flowering out of season.

Our Whatsapp group has been brilliant in communicating flood dangers, closed roads, lost dogs and straying sheep! We were somewhat puzzled by the portacabins which appeared some time ago at the bottom of the field, and only a notification of this major sewage project this week!

Fulking Christmas party has been efficiently organised by our great new chair of social events, SallyAnn. Bob Rowland is still coming to our thriving quotations group which is usually held in the village hall. Come and join our interesting discussions on such topics as gender, motivation, action and change. The planned purchase of the village hall has stalled for some time at the moment as we wait for the Church and FPC to agree fine details, hopefully there will be news on this soon.

Bobervation No 99 December 2022
'Baz' Parmar

My very good friend Baz passed away on the 4 November. He had been fighting a quite horrific type of cancer for a long while and had until quite recently been in remission. A quiet and unassuming man who had been a most successful orthodontist. My respect for him was huge. He was one of those remarkable Asians who had come to Britain as a result of the crisis caused in East Africa by Idi Amin. We should all consider these national advantages before criticising any form of immigration to our shores.

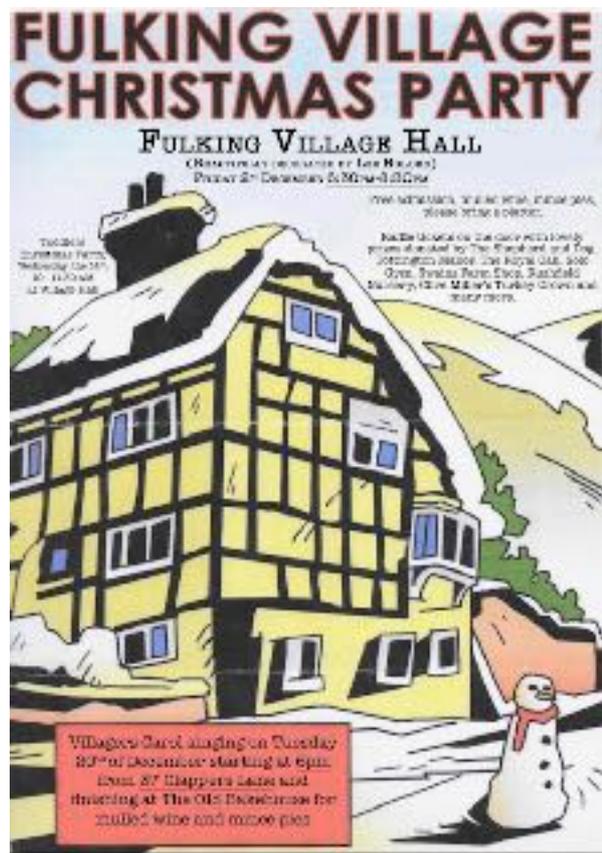
Nick Bremer

So hard to know what to say. Both Nick and Jill were my inspiration for getting involved in this wonderful village. Nick was a fine artist who designed and produced the so attractive village pictorial sign posts. Even though old age has made it necessary for us to move to Henfield we still have fine watercolour of the bluebells at Furzefield that we commissioned Nick to create, reminding us of happy days. Wonderful sense of humour, great friend and colleague on the Fulking Parish Council. See you next Thursday, you old devil!

Mid Downland Parish news by Jane Warne

Happy Christmas from us all at St Andrew's! We are holding a candlelit Carol Service in our beautiful church on Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm and look forward to you joining us. There will be mulled wine and mince pies following the service.

Thank you everyone who has supported us during the year – particularly with all the books and bric-a-brac donations which raise valuable funds towards the upkeep of the church. We have attached further news to this Pigeon Post along with details of all the Mid Downland Parish Christmas Services.



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