

UPCOMING EVENTS

Poynings County Fete 24 June, 2-4.30pm, The Rectory Garden, Poynings

Poynings Art Exhibition Holy Trinity Church, 24-25 June, see article below

Fulking Fair 16 July 12.00-17.00 Longclays Field, Fulking see article below

Songs of Praise evening service, 'Hymns and Pimms', Sunday 30 July, 6pm, St Andrew's Edburton.

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. Zoom yoga on Tuesdays at 7pm and Fridays at 9.30am. All are drop-in classes, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson via the Community Skill Swap WhatsApp.

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. Contact toddlers.fulkingvillagehall@gmail.com.

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 and 1st Saturday of the month 10-1pm in Fulking

FULKING FAIR 2023 - July 16

by Sally Brownie

The Fulking Fair and RSPCA Charity Fun Dog Show is back! Put a date in your diary for a traditional village fair with fun for all the family.

This year's award-winning event (*Argos* 2014) will be taking place in Longclays Field which

runs between Fulking and Springs Smoked Salmon in Edburton on Sunday, 16th July from 12 noon until 5pm. Parking provided.

There will be 50 stalls including RSPCA, Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife, food, drink (Shepherd & Dog bar) ice cream, cakes etc, also books, jewellery, clothes, arts and crafts... We are also planning children's games, competitions for kids and adults, entertainment and music. Volunteers are still needed to help with planning and on the day. Contact Bob Rowland or Sally 07970 330429 / at the Bakehouse.

Appeal for Cakes for Fulking Fair

Dear Village Bakers, we need your help for the cake stall at the Fulking Fair on Sunday 16th July. Please could you drop off your lovely baking to Longclays field between 11am and 12 noon on the day of the Fair. (You can also ring Angela on 07752 822925 to arrange a collection the day before). The cake stall usually makes a good contribution to village funds, and your baking is greatly appreciated. If you are able to help with the stall for an hour or so during the Fair, please let Angela know.

With thanks, Angela and Tricia

Tombola Appeal for Fulking Fair

All contributions to the Tombola Stall will be gratefully received. We are looking for any sort of bottles - alcohol especially! - but also toiletries or foodstuff etc. Please leave your contributions in the porch of 31 Clappers Lane, Fulking BN5 9ND. If delivery is difficult, we are happy to collect. Please email

rosemarydovonan53@gmail.com or send a message via the Community Skills WhatsApp. Thanks in anticipation of your kind donations. Rosemary and Mick Donovan

Parish Council News by Mark Hind, Chair of Fulking Parish Council (PC)

Local Government Elections

I'd like to thank Karen Healy, Lucy Mehta and Tom Kardos for putting themselves forward to be Parish Councillors for the next four-year term. I was elected again as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 18, and so I am pleased to be serving the community again for the next four-year term. Also, I would like to thank Linda Dyos, who has just stood down as a Parish Councillor after eight years, for her hard work and dedication to supporting our village. We wish her all the best for the future and

continued progress in her recovery from her unfortunate accident which occurred over the Christmas period.

We are looking forward to working with Geoff Zeidler, the newly elected District Councillor for our Downland Villages ward. Geoff worked hard to engage with our community prior to his election, and I am sure his experience, including previously being Chair of LAMBS (Local Against Mayfield Building Sprawl) will be invaluable to us as we seek the support of Mid Sussex District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to help our village.

Full Fibre Broadband Scheme - Update

Installation started in January and many properties now have access to Superfast Broadband. It is anticipated that installation will be complete across the whole of the village by the end of the summer.

Playground

The Parish Council owns the playground equipment in the North Town Field, and as part of the insurance arrangements Councillors undertake a two-weekly safety check. In addition RoSPA Play Safety undertake an annual safety inspection with the next one due in June/July. Unfortunately, as the equipment is aging, an increasing number of repairs are being required. We are to seek the help of MSDC to see what support/grants may be available to assist with the rapidly increasing costs.

Spring in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

Well, spring finally arrived! At present it is at its best with may blossom, chestnut candles and buttercups. The rapeseed has flowered, and there are beans growing in the field below the North Town Field. I suppose we have got used to the intrusive buildings related to the sewage works at the bottom of the field, and hopefully they won't be there for too much longer. Let's hope this summer is not as dry as the last. Not much drama here in Fulking that I know about! Fair preparations are continuing under the guidance of Sallyann, and we are slowly working towards the purchase of the village hall. Preparations are also underway for an art exhibition in Poynings church on June 24/25. I am sure we are all enjoying the warm, sunny weather and the chance to spend more time in our gardens at last.

Mid Downland Parish news by Jane Warne

At St Andrew's in Edburton we continue to hold a service on the first Sunday in the month at 10am. Bacon butties and coffee are always served after the service at about 11am. Everyone is welcome to join us for our service, refreshments or both. Services are held in one of our other Mid Downland churches at 10am on the other Sundays. Those in Poynings Church on the

third Sunday every other month are 'All Age Services' where there are refreshments are provided and activities and singing for children. The next one is on July 16.

Our **Songs of Praise** service, 'Hymns and Pimms', will be held on Sunday evening July 30 (6pm). If you enjoy hymn singing then please do come and share the evening with us – it is always a happy joyful service. We attach a leaflet with details of other Mid Downland events and look forward to your support. Remember we collect Books and Bric-a-Brac throughout the year to sell in the Book Nook, Fulking (second Sunday in the month) and at various outside events. Contact 07812-465-559 for more details.

Poynings Art exhibition and sale

As last year, we are organising an art exhibition and sale at Holy Trinity Church, Poynings on 24-25 June to coincide with Poynings Fete. We will be open 2-5pm on Saturday 24, and 10-5pm on Sunday 25. It's a great chance to visit our historic church and enjoy the work of local artists. If you'd like to take part contact Marie Louise on 07941175917 / mltt@mac.com or Leanne 07915658528.

Poynings Country Fete
Saturday June 24th 2 - 4.30pm

The Rectory Garden, Poynings
Pimms * **Live Music**
HOBBY HORSE GYMKHANA
BOOK STALL **RAFFLE**
CREAM TEAS * **BOTTLE TOMBOLA**
Lots more fun for all the family!

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