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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulking village hall meeting / maintenance, Saturday 9 September, 9.30am meeting, followed by 10.30 maintenance hour, please join us!

HART session on using the defibrillator, 16 September 10.30am, village hall, see below

Annual Church Quiz, Friday 27 October, Preston Nomads, to book see below

Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 18 November, 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. Zoom yoga on Tuesdays at 7pm and Fridays at 9.30am. All are drop-in classes, mixed ability. Contact Tricia Robinson 255 or 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 from 13 September, in the hall or North Town Field if sunny. 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>

Fulking Fair 2023 by Sally Brownie, Chair of Fulking Social Committee

What a wonderful day this turned out to be, although there was a strong wind, which caught many unawares with airborne gazebos and flailing dogs' ears in our new spectacular location courtesy of David and Angela Ellin. It really was truly a fun day with music from Steeltribe, Tenderhooks, and Poynings Village Choir. The dog show was a great success too.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped this year, from designing the posters to organising the rubbish. Special thanks to Richard and Sarah Sheridan, who designed the new fair layout and marked it out, and to Roger Loveless for erecting the marquees. Thanks to everyone who came and supported us, to make the day a truly memorable one. Funds raised were in the region of £1,500 towards village charity.

Finally I'd like to convey huge thanks to Angela Iverson who is stepping down from Soc Com after many years of commitment to the village and its events, never missing a meeting and always being dependable for the Xmas party raffle and delicious cakes at the summer fair. You have been an absolute 'rock' and shall be sorely missed. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you all at the Xmas Party, in just 14 weeks!

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

New Parish Councillor

I'd like to welcome Linda Comber onto the Parish Council. Linda has lived in Fulking for many years and following a vacancy put herself forward for the Council, which unanimously approved her co-option at our last meeting.

Clappers Lane Traffic Regulation Order

In response to resident complaints, we have been investigating what we can do to help reduce the speed of some traffic travelling along Clappers Lane. I am pleased to advise that West Sussex County Council have now proposed a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This will introduce a 30mph speed limit on Clappers Lane, from its junction with Holmbush Lane, south to the existing 20mph speed limit by the cricket ground. Our request for a lower speed limit was assessed by WSCC, which decided that a 30mph speed limit was most suitable for the road. Public consultation on this TRO ended on 24 August and we are hopeful this will be approved.

Playground

The annual independent safety check was undertaken at the end of July. Unfortunately, the suspended logs element was identified as an immediate safety risk so has been removed. The safety report also identified that the agility trail may be beyond the point of economical repair. We are seeking the help of Mid Sussex District Council to see what support/grants may be available to assist with increasing costs. We

would also like to see what assistance villagers can provide to help maintain this valuable resource. The playground will be on the agenda at our next meeting on Thursday 12 October.

Remembering Anne Hind by Julia Snell

Remembering my friend Anne Hind who died so suddenly on 30 May.

When you look back, it is strange how friendships happen. A chance conversation over a garden gate about, of all things, motorbikes and then some 30 years later Anne and I were still chatting. We didn't have a regular routine for getting together to catch up but each time we met, even after long intervals, we would pick up from where we had left off.

Anne was always full of good ideas, sound advice and common sense so that we could find the right answers for whatever we were considering, however complicated the subject matter. I am very grateful for the help and support she gave me during my Dad's illness and following his death earlier this year.

On reflection, most of my strongest memories revolve around giggling, laughing, food and drink. The waitress who asked 'Who are the two tarts?' when delivering our filled pastry starters; looking at each other with blue lips and tongues after eating a local bilberry dessert in Alsace; being taught an instant cure for hiccups by a French restaurant owner when she delivered a bill containing two extra zeros in the total cost. It is impossible to drink Chablis without being reminded of Anne's decision to order a premier cru, whatever the expense, to celebrate our joint holiday! There will now be an empty hole where there used to be fun and chatter, but the memories will continue to help fill that space.

Remembering Gill Milner (28.12.1934 - 28.7.2023) by Tricia Robinson

Sadly we have lost our lovely Gill, who lived in Fulking for around 40 years. A remarkable lady, she was intelligent and kind. For many years Gill ran the Post Office / shop. This was paradise for children, with sweets, books and toys for sale. Gill stocked an array of goods, fresh milk and bread for sale, along with crafts, pottery, pictures and cards from local artists. Sadly patronage dwindled and the shop was closed.

Gill and Stuart supported village activities over the years. When residents took over running the village hall, Gill supported all activities. At the Toddlers group Gill was the main star! Having been a teacher, she really understood little children, and was like a magnet for them. At our Craft group Gill's creative ability outshone us all with her wacky projects! At Yoga she insisted on trying more advanced postures, which was scary for the teacher! Gill attended the Quotations group and enjoyed playing devil's advocate to stimulate discussion. She was a good listener, wise and clever, but

above all kind and thoughtful. Gill's family organised a beautiful celebration of her life at the Preston Nomads, which was attended by her family and friends. Thanks to everyone who gave flowers and cakes. It was a fitting tribute to Gill.

HART session on using the defibrillator

On Saturday 16 September at 10.30am the HART team from Henfield are coming to Fulking hall to run a session on how to use the defibrillator, situated on the wall outside. They will also include how to perform resuscitation. All ages welcome. A donation to HART please.

Bobobservation No 108 September 2023

Fulking Village Hall

Whilst the possible purchase of the village hall from the Church is being discussed by the Parish Council, it is relevant to point out that, whatever happens, the annual costs of running the hall will continue to increase because of the age of the building and, I guess, will be upwards of £3,000 pa. in the immediate future. On current performance it will be difficult to raise this sort of money (this year's fair raised between £800 and £900, some of which may be needed for the North Town Field). So far as I can see there is no easy answer to this and without a generous donor it will be difficult to continue. Perhaps a way forward is to ask the PC to look into whether it is possible for them to take on the expense of running the hall with an increase in the precept, in this way all villagers would share the cost. It might be a sensible path to take.

Church News by Jane Warne

Everyone is welcome to join us at Edburton for bacon butties and coffee at 11am on the first Sunday in the month, following our service at 10am. In addition to this, services are held at 10am at our other churches in the parish as follows: 2nd Sunday Newtimber, 3rd Poynings, 4th Pyecombe and 5th (when there is one) Poynings. Poynings hosts an 'All Age Service' every other month with refreshments provided and activities and singing for children. The next one of these is on 17 September.

Our **Annual Quiz** will be held at Preston Nomads on Friday 27 October – it will follow the same format as in the previous ten years! Teams of four and a ploughman's supper, raffle and bar. Numbers are strictly limited so early booking essential. Our Parish **Christmas Fayre** will be held at the Adastral Hall Hassocks on Saturday 18 November. If you would like to rent a table please let us know asap. Contact 07812-465-559 for more details.

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.

Massage Clinics by Calluna Therapies
Mondays 10-1.30pm and 1st Saturday of the
month 10-1pm in Fulking

There were sweets in jars, which Gill helped the children to weigh and put into little bags.

Gill also sold the *Evening Argos*, and various local characters would appear to buy a copy. Gill would patiently listen to their various moans about people, the weather and life in general!

Summer in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve
Well, the weather has been a bit strange this summer. Hosepipe bans in June which was verging on drought, followed by July and August which have been rather wet! Not sure if the ban is still on! ~~Villagers have been acquiring fibre-optic broadband, as have we. There seem to be more wires than ever!~~ Of course the fair has been the big event. Briefly, I think we should congratulate Sally for picking up the demanding role of organising it, and thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. Both Anne Hind's and Gill Milner's celebrations were packed with villagers, and were very moving. As usual, our Whatsapp group has been very useful in recommending various tradesmen, recycling stuff and warning of the seemingly endless road closures!

Some real beauties especially our newest village resident rescue, Byron, who most deservedly won most handsome boy!