

probably return on January 4, and then January 18 (1st and 3rd Thursdays). All of Tricia's yoga classes are on Zoom until the clocks change and it's warmer!

Carol singing

This annual Fulking event is planned for Thursday December 21. We will gather at 5pm outside Tricia's house, 37 Clappers Lane with mulled wine on offer! Hopefully we will finish at the Shepherd and Dog for refreshments...

Parish Council News by Mark Hind, Chair, Fulking Parish Council (FPC) Speed limits – Clappers Lane and Poynings/ Edburton Roads

I am pleased to advise that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) have now agreed the permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on Clappers Lane and we anticipate signage being installed soon.

In addition, we are discussing with Poynings and Upper Beeding Councils a joint application to WSCC for the introduction of a reduced speed limit from Poynings along Poynings Road and Edburton Road to its junction with the A2037. Further information in due course.

Parish Priorities Statement

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) decided in May 2022 that it would review parts of its Local Plan in line with government policy and to ensure the Plan delivers on corporate priorities relating to Climate Action, ReNature and a National Park for All. One way in which town parish councils can contribute to the Local Plan is through a Parish Priority Statement (PPS).

Neighbourhood Priority Statements (NPS) as a concept were introduced in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB), which was published by the government in May 2022. NPS are statements prepared by local communities that summarise the principal needs and prevailing views for their local area. In line with the government's NPS initiative the SDNPA are inviting parish councils to prepare a PPS to assist them in their Local Plan. Fulking PC will be discussing whether to proceed with our own PPS at our next meeting on Thursday January 11 at 1930. Please do come along if you want to find out more. Further details following this meeting.

Autumn in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

We have definitely had what is often called an Indian summer, haven't we? The autumn leaves have been magnificent and colourful right to the frost at the end of November. The Poynings pumpkins have been plentiful, and my roses were still blooming until two days ago. Strangely, some narcissus bulbs I put in for the spring have already bloomed! Not much transition to winter — straight to minus zero temperatures in one

day! The fields north of Fulking are green with cattle beans. Christmas is looming, and the village hall is already decorated, thanks to Lee. The craft group hosted by Tricia has already got the Christmas spirit and made wreaths together.

Fulking Social Events 2024 by Sally Brownie

A number of us have been discussing how to move forward with Fulking Fair into 2024. One suggestion is that the Fair is held every other year with a different event in the year in between, such as a Call My Bluff quiz and/or Barn Dance.

Another suggestion is that we hold a much smaller, non-commercial 'fun' event in 2024 back in the North Town Field with some music, food and games for both adults and children such as tug of war, egg and spoon, three-legged race etc, and perhaps rounders. We could invite the surrounding villages, friends and families, and all bring a picnic. Suggested date is Sunday June 30, 2024, from 2pm onwards.

The next committee meeting will be held on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 12 noon in the Village Hall. Please come and share your views and ideas to make a lovely fun day for us all in the coming year.

Bobobservation No 110, by Bob Rowland Village Speed Limits

I understand that the speed limit in Clappers Lane is being reduced to 30mph. In view of the fact that the Street is already 20mph and that Clappers Lane is, in places, highly dangerous at 30mph with walkers, horse riders and cyclists having to take evading action to avoid disaster, it seems to me that 20mph would have been much more sensible. Of course, without any deterrent any speed limit is unenforceable and meaningless. Personally, I have found the psychological effect of electronic 'thank-you' signs in and around Henfield to act as a very good method of reminding drivers of the speed limit. I imagine that these signs do not come cheaply, and it is perhaps unlikely that Fulking could have them installed, but without them a serious accident may happen one day.

Christmas Party

The organisers, Carolyn Loveless and Jen Green, tell me the annual Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 8. Please bring a plate of suitable nibbles and lots of dosh for the tombola! We have been holding this party for many years now, and it is always a great get-together. If you are new to Fulking, it is a wonderful way to meet the locals, and the booze is free! All villagers and their families are welcome.

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.