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UPCOMING EVENTS

Heritage Open Day at Newtimber Church

Saturday September 7, 10.30-4.00

Fulking Fun Day Saturday September 7,
12-5pm North Town Field 2-4.30pm, see below

Harvest Service at St Andrew's October 6, 10am

Preston Nomads Annual Quiz Friday Oct 25

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz, Friday November 8,
7pm, village hall, see below

Parish Christmas Fayre at Adastra Hall
Hassocks Saturday November 18

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 dry until it gets cold, then on Zoom. Other classes on Zoom: 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 Returns from Sept 4, Wednesdays 10.00-11.30 in term time, A friendly group for toddlers, older children and carers. Toys, singing, refreshments. £1. Contact toddlers.fulkingvillagehall@gmail.com.

Table tennis Once 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 Fun Day by Sally Ann Brownie
We're looking forward to seeing you at this year's smaller village event in the North Town Field on **Saturday Sept 7, 12-5pm**. Bring a picnic (with blanket and chairs if needed), ready to enjoy BBQ by Clive Miller, a bottle tombola Pimms O' Clock, I ❤️ Fulking merchandise.

Music from the Steel Band Tribe from 2pm. Games for children and adults. Tug of War between villages. All from Fulking, Poynings and Edburton, and their family and friends very welcome. NB - Cash only event.



Date for your diary, back by popular request!! **Call My Bluff Wine Quiz**, Friday November 8, 7pm. For more info contact sallybrownie@hotmail.co.uk or rogerloveless.uk@outlook.com

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

Speed limits

Our request to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) for a reduced 40 mph speed limit along Poynings and Edburton Road is being moved forward. It is now subject to a WSCC statutory 3 week Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation period which ends on the 12 September 2024.

If you would like to comment on this proposal full details can be viewed on the TRO page of the [West Sussex County Council website](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/comment-on-a-proposed-permanent-tro/). (see web address below) The website includes a response form for any comments or objections. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/comment-on-a-proposed-permanent-tro/>. People without access to a computer who wish to view details of the scheme should telephone the West Sussex County Council Contact Centre on 01243 642105 to receive the documents by post quoting the reference: MDS2404MM

Village Signs

One of the three village signs has now been restored and replaced. The other signs are also being restored and will be replaced in due course. A big thank you to local resident and artist James Lightfoot who has done an excellent job undertaking this work for us.

RAM Pump Roof

The roof of the RAM pump has been gradually deteriorating and we are now seeking quotations for its restoration.

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Heritage Open Day at Newtimber Church by Nigs Digby

Visit this hidden rural Sussex church, punching above its weight in global history! This rural gem has been witness to significant events in global history, with links to the enslavement of Africans in Jamaica, a prominent abolitionist as well as offering a resting place for the souls of the SS Mendi disaster of 1917.

Come and learn more about the unique imperial heritage of this 13th century church on **Saturday September 7**: Newtimber Church, Church Lane BN6 9BT. Refreshments will be served 10.30-4.00. Newtimber is also a perfect place to bring a picnic; there is road parking and a brick path up to the church. There are benches to rest and enjoy the views while children have a go at the free woodland summer activities or hide and seek along the mown paths. Newtimber is an open church where visitors are always welcome. There is a water station and a WC, but access is not wheelchair friendly. For more information contact nigsdigby@aol.com 07595255427

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Call my Bluff

I understand that Fulking Social Committee will be having a 'Call my Bluff' wine evening in November. Having been involved over quite a long time in previous evenings I am delighted that this very social fund-raising event is still going strong. The first time we ever had one was twenty odd years ago and it was hosted by the Wine Rack staff from Henfield. Indeed I still bump in to Jackie who was part of the team that evening in the village hall. Since then we have learnt to put together the requisite pieces to operate with a minimum of outside help. If you enjoy wine and are looking for an amusing evening this is for you and your friends. Details should be circulated shortly.

Village Hall

Doesn't it seem a long time since we heard anything from the Parish Council about progress, or lack of it, on the potential purchase of the

village hall from the Church? Surely something must be happening? Parish Council, please bring villagers up to date.

Summer in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

Well, we have had a pleasant summer, though the one day we wanted good weather for our village Fun Day was not great. Sadly we cancelled the day's activities except for tea and cakes in the village hall and garden. This at least was a great hit, with good attendance and lovely cakes made by village women. We have rescheduled the day for September 7 with optimism!

In the field below the North Town Field the sewage works were completed at last, getting rid of the temporary buildings which did not improve the view! The July election found us in the new constituency of Mid Sussex, with a historic change of party for our MP, which pleased some of us! Gardens have bloomed well because of rain and warm weather. Having just had a knee replacement, I am grateful to live in this beautiful place.

Church news by Jane Warne

We continue to serve bacon butties after our service on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's Edburton. Our **Harvest Service** at St Andrew's will be at 10am on October 6. All Age Services take place at Poynings on the third Sunday in alternate months (next one is Sept 16) when there are craft activities for primary age children and refreshments for all! We always welcome gifts of dried/tinned goods for the charity Family Support Work which can be left at the back of the church or by the Book Nook (checked at least twice a week).

Thank you for all your support. If anyone would like to help us at St Andrews please let us know. Contact StAndrewsEdburton@yahoo.co.uk/

Upcoming dates for your diary

Bric-a-Brac Sale Saturday October 5 at Small Dole Village hall, 11-3pm. All bric-a-brac welcome and we will collect! Please come and visit us, and any help welcome.

Preston Nomads Annual Quiz Friday October 25, usual format (teams of four). This usually sells out, so book early!

Parish Christmas Fayre at Adastra Hall Hassocks, Sat November 18. We sell Christmassy 'bits and pieces' and also run our popular 'win every time' tombola. If you would like to take a table at the Fayre (approx. £20) let us know – they are going fast! Raffle tickets for the Fayre available soon – win £100.00.

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.