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UPCOMING EVENTS

Concert Friday June 14, Poynings Church, 7pm.
Pyecombe Village Choir and the students of
Hurst College in aid of Family Support Work

Fulking Fun Day Sunday June 16, 12-5pm
North Town Field / village hall 2-430pm, see
details below

Poynings Fete Saturday June 29, afternoon, the
Rectory Garden, Poynings

Songs of Praise service 'Hymns with Pimms'
Sunday June 30, Edburton church, 6pm

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. 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 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, social, village event in the North
Town Field on **Sunday June 16, 12-5pm**. Bring
a picnic (with blanket and chairs if needed). BBQ
by Clive Miller, a bottle tombola, Pimms O'
Clock. Music from the Steel Band tribe from
2pm. Games for children and adults. Tug of War

between villages. Tea and cakes in the village
hall 2-4.30pm. All from Fulking, Poynings and
Edburton, and their family and friends very
welcome. NB - Cash only event.

Bottles please! by Rosemary and Mick Donovan
We will be very grateful to receive any
contributions for Fulking Fun Day tombola.
Please leave all donations in our porch, at 31
Clappers Lane Fulking BN5 9ND. As always,
thanks in anticipation of your kind support.

We need cakes! by Tricia Robinson
Please could villagers bake cakes for the teas in
the hall on 16th June. You can drop them off at
the hall on the day, from 1pm. Thanks so much!

I ❤️ Fulking Merchandise by Sarah Brett-
Sheridan

You may, or may not, have heard about Fulking's
new merch! We have for sale a **Tea-towel**
(£13), **Enamel Mug** (£12) **Tote Bag** (£15)
branded with I ❤️ FULKING 50.8895° N,
0.2257° W. Pre-order this first batch by
requesting an order
form ilovefulking@gmail.com. Collect your
items at the Fun Day. Stock will be available to
buy on the day. CASH ONLY. Our aim, if a
success, is to sell these souvenir products
throughout the year to raise much needed funds
for the village.

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

Full Fibre Broadband Scheme

The Council worked with Poynings Parish
Council on a joint scheme to make superfast
broadband available to the village. Most
properties can now have access subject to
payment of the appropriate tariff.

Planning

All planning applications for our village are
decided by the South Downs National Park
Authority (SDNPA). An Appeal Hearing
regarding an Enforcement Notice issued to Small
Acres by the SDNPA was held by the Planning
Inspector at the SDNPA head office in Midhurst
on February 27. Subsequently the Planning
Inspector upheld the enforcement notice issued
by the SDNPA requiring mobile homes and
caravans to be removed from the site within the
next 12 months.

Speed limits

We are still awaiting feedback from West Sussex County Council regarding our joint application with Poynings and Upper Beeding Parish Councils to reduce the derestricted sections of Poynings and Edburton Roads to 40 mph.

Village Signs

The three village signs have been gradually deteriorating over the last few years and two of them were blown down in the winter storms. The Council has arranged for the signs to be refurbished by local resident James Lightfoot and they will be reinstalled over the next few weeks.

FOR HIRE!! by Carolyn Loveless

If you are planning a party, the village has some items for hire:

Trestle tables x 6 (6' x 2' each) (wooden – folding legs) - £4 each

Gazebos x 4 (9' x 9' each) - £4 each

Crockery – chunky, but up to 80 dinner & side plates, bowls, cups & saucers – up to £10

Cutlery – up to 80 knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, serving spoons & forks – up to £10

Wooden folding chairs – £1 each

Marquees – We also have two marquees – 8m x 4m & 4m x 4m. These require extra manpower to erect – please advise any dates required and we will try to provide assistance from villagers who have experience of using. If you would like to hire anything, please email Carolyn cjlovelessalt@outlook.com. All proceeds to Fulking Social Fund.

Don't forget **Fulking village hall** is also for hire for public meetings, groups, private parties and events of all kinds. With a main space measuring 12 by 5m, the hall includes a stage, PA system, small but well equipped kitchen, table tennis table and small garden. Hall hire rates as follows: Fulking residents - £7 1 hr, £13 2 hrs, £20 3 hrs, £25 4 hours, £30 5-8 hrs. BN5 residents: £10 1 hr, £18 2 hrs, £27 3 hrs, £35 4-6 hrs. Commercial use: £10 / hr. To book, contact Carolyn Loveless on cjlovelessalt@outlook.com.

Bobversation No 115 and 117

Quotations Group

Meeting on Monday mornings at 11am in Fulking village hall, the Quotations group is a chance for discussion for adult villagers and ex-villagers in friendly surroundings. Very ably led by Samantha Leader, a subject is chosen by mutual agreement and discussed the following week. A voluntary donation of £1 each week covers tea and Samantha's marvellous shortbread. Quotations relevant to the chosen subject are invited and printed out each Monday to be read out at the meeting. This is an

informal get together and a very good way to meet other local residents.

Open Gardens in Henfield

I am very proud to say that our garden at 17 Hewitts is one of several gardens in Henfield that will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, 11am-5pm. Pam has spent a great deal of time creating what, in my opinion, is a very relaxing and interesting area and is intended to be butterfly, bee and bird friendly. This open garden event in Henfield has been operating for some years now and any gardener, or indeed non-gardener, will find an amazingly diverse selection of gardens to enjoy. It is also a great opportunity to explore the fascinating maze of twittens within Henfield.

Readers

In my April communication I asked how many of you actually read Bobversation. Many thanks for the replies from Sue, Ros, Laurence, Tracey, Roger, Richard. So good of you to take the trouble to reply. Interesting that several friends and acquaintances assure me that they look forward to reading my thoughts. So, for the time being I will drivel on.

Note from editor: Bob, we read you!

Church news by Jane Warne

Our services at St Andrew's, along with bacon butties, continue to be well supported by both local parishioners and those from our other Mid Downland Churches – everyone is always welcome to join us. We are so grateful to Jen and her team for delivering news leaflets for us along with the Pigeon Post, and today we are sending our new Parish booklet with this issue.

We continue to support **Family Support Work, (FSW)**, a Sussex based charity which supports families in need. Donations of dried and tinned goods are always welcome and may be left at the church or the Book Nook.

Our annual Songs of Praise Service, **'Hymns with Pimms'** is on June 30, when we sing along to favourite hymns while fortified with a glass of Pimms! We would love you to come and share our service with us.

We continue to collect books and bric-a-brac and we regularly find books left for us outside the Book Nook which raise valuable funds for the church. Details of all our events are posted on the village notice board and published on Facebook and via the Whatsapp group.

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.