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UPCOMING EVENTS *For details see below*

Board games evening Sunday 8 June, 7.30pm

Sunday Social Brunch Sunday 15 June,
10:30-1pm, Fulking Village Hall *see below*

Poynings fete 21 June pm Rectory, Poynings

Farm Open Day Saturday 28 June (3-8pm)

Hymns and Pimms Sunday 29 June 6pm, St
Andrew's, Edburton

Cotillion: The Last trip home 4 July 7pm
Newtimber church

Wimbledon Garden Party Sunday July 13
(3-7pm) Customary Cottage, Fulking

Garden Open Day Friday 18 July (2-5pm),
Woodlands, Fulking & Orchard, Poynings

Charity Cricket Match Sunday 3 August
(12.30-5.30pm) Preston Nomads Club

Ceilidh Saturday 27 September (7-10pm)
Preston Nomads

REGULAR EVENTS

*Events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless
otherwise stated.*

Yoga Monday evenings 6.30pm till 7.30pm, in
North Town Field (playground) or the hall if cold
or wet. My other classes are on Zoom. I have a
medical background & still work in the NHS. I
have taught yoga for over 40 yrs. I teach mixed
ability classes. Contact Tricia via text or
WhatsApp 07729688636.

Quotations Mondays 11am. Discussion group
reflecting on subjects such as kindness, death,
resilience, truth etc. Members contribute quotes
from world faiths, philosophers and writers for
discussion. New members welcome, contact
Samantha Leader 07479 458323

Craft and chat First & third Thursdays 2-4pm,
with refreshments. A friendly group, you can
bring any activity to work on, there is plenty of
help & advice. Donations towards the hall &
heating are gratefully received. Contact Tricia.

Toddlers A friendly group for the under 5s, on
Wednesdays, 10-11.30am. Babies & children
need to be accompanied by an adult. We meet in

the hall or playground in fine weather. We have
refreshments, plenty of toys & sing at the end.
Please make a donation towards the hall &
refreshments. Contact Tricia or
toddlers.fulking@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>

VILLAGE HALL APPEAL UPDATE — A HUGE THANK-YOU

The campaign to save Fulking Village Hall is
now in full swing. The Trust formed to save the
hall, called Fulking Village Hall CIO, has now
produced a 60+ page business plan setting out
our vision for the future of the hall and chapel. A
summary has been delivered to every house in
Fulking, and you can read the whole plan on
fulking.net. We need to raise £85,000 to buy the
hall and chapel from the Church.

At the time of writing, thanks to the
generosity of residents, the hall appeal fund
stands at £35,000, a brilliant one-third of our
target. It's a fantastic achievement, but we still
have a long way to go to save the buildings and
renovate them to meet the needs of the modern
community. To do that we need your help.

We really need to reach at least half of
our target this summer. Some of the money will
be generated through business sponsorship and
fund raising, by way of the events we are running
through the year. However we are also asking our
community to dig deep and make a donation if
you are able to.

Fulking residents are known for their
generosity, for example we raised the money to
buy the North Town Field in the 1960s. Now
we're calling on that generous spirit again. There
are 130 households in Fulking. We really
appreciate how costs have gone up for everyone,
but if half of the households in the village
donated, for example, £500, we would be well on
the way to our goal. A donations plaque will be
placed in the hall thanking all donors. All
donations are being very carefully recorded, and
if the sale falls through for any reason, all
donations over £100 will be returned. Please
consider making a donation sooner rather than
later, either by BACS to Fulking Village Hall
CIO, sort code 08 92 99, a/c no 67391765, or

to [Fulking Village Hall Donations - JustGiving](https://fulking.net/save-fulking-village-hall/).

For full details on donating see <https://fulking.net/save-fulking-village-hall/>.

We are happy to chat at any time. A huge thank you for your support from Trustees Peter Boarder, Sallyann Brownie, Jen Green, Mark Hind, Tim Jagger, Roger Loveless, Ben Murray, Tricia Robinson, Nick Stace and Michael Trist

Save The Dates - Fundraising Events 2025

Sunday 15th June (10:30-1pm) Sunday Social
Join us for tea, cakes and bacon butties in Fulking Village Hall and browse at the Book Nook. Residents and visitors welcome!

Saturday 28th June (3-8pm) Farm Open Day

Join Angela & David Ellin at Perching Manor Farm for a locals' farm tour with tractor and trailer rides, activities, BBQ and bar.

Sunday July 13th (3-7pm) Wimbledon Garden

Party Watch Wimbledon men's tennis final in the garden at Customary Cottage with your hosts Emma & Nick Stace. Strawberries, Pimms & summery refreshments provided!

Friday 18th July (2-5pm) Garden Open Day

Join Roger & Carolyn Loveless at Woodlands for a tour of their garden and enjoy tea and cake.

Sunday 3rd August (12.30-5.30pm) Charity

Cricket Match: Middlesex v Preston Nomads
An Unmissable Day of cricket & community with a match featuring players from Middlesex County Cricket Men's, Ladies and Disability Squads and talks from ex-England international players at Preston Nomads cricket ground. Plus money-can't-buy auction and raffle, live music, cricket tea, BBQ and bar. *Tickets on sale soon*

Saturday 27th September (7-10pm) Ceilidh

Social & Dance Join us at Preston Nomads to dance and enjoy live Scottish & Irish music.

Shepherd and Dog appeal

Our own Shepherd and Dog is supporting the Fulking Village Hall appeal with a £1 voluntary table donation, every penny of which goes to help save the hall and chapel. They say 'Every small contribution makes a significant difference, which is why we have added a £1 donation per table.' All the more reason to visit the pub!

Fulking Parish Council News by Mark Hind

RAM Pump Roof The roof has now been repaired, which will hopefully reduce any further water ingress into the pump house.

North Town Field

The field is a valuable asset for the village owned by the Fulking North Town Field Trust. The PC as part of its role in supporting the community is responsible for the playground and also pays for mowing of the field and servicing of the dog bin.

Village Hall

The PC registered the Village Hall as an asset of community value with Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) in 2020. We have now been advised formally by MSDC of the owner's intention to sell the hall, which means legally the community has up to six months to raise the money to buy the hall.

A business plan has been prepared by the Fulking Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and includes a contribution of £2,500 per annum from the PC to fund some of the running costs of the hall. Should the PC decide to support this request it would require an increase in the precept i.e. an increase in Council Tax. The CIO will discuss their business plan and funding request with the PC at our next meeting in the hall on Thursday 3rd July at 1930 and I would encourage everyone to attend.

Open Gardens in Fulking and Poynings

The Orchard in Poynings and Woodlands in Fulking are both opening for the National Garden Scheme charity on 12th June and 17th July. Both gardens are also open on 18th July specifically for villagers (& friends) to raise money for charities close to home, ie the purchase of Fulking Village Hall and our Downland Churches.

Friday 18th July 2-5pm

Woodlands, BN5 9LT – tea and cake served in the garden to raise funds for Fulking Village Hall. We would love to see locals! Entry by donation. The Orchard, BN45 7AA – no teas but a stunning garden! Entry by donation to our Downland Churches. Carolyn Loveless and Nigs Digby
carolyn.loveless@outlook.com

News from St Andrews by Jane Warne

Everyone is always welcome to join us at Edburton on the first Sunday in the month for our service and bacon butties.

21st June is our annual fete in the Rectory Garden, Poynings – a lovely old-fashioned fete with cream teas and traditional stalls (including a Pimms tent). On Sunday 29th June at 6pm we hold our annual Songs of Praise service, Hymns and Pimms. We continue to collect books and bric-a-brac and are grateful for your donations.

Cotillion: 'The Last Trip Home'

A celebration of the final days of the working horse and ox, in folk song and verse. Join us at Newtimber Church Friday 4 July 7pm to enjoy an evening of stories, song and verse inspired by the seasons and English countryside. Bring a picnic from 5.30 to enjoy in our beautiful churchyard. Bar including tea & coffee available. £10 entry [cotillion-newtimber.eventbrite.co.uk](https://newtimber.eventbrite.co.uk) or nigsdigby@aol.com

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.