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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulking Christmas Party Friday December 12, Village Hall, 6.30-8.30pm.

Champagne Music Night Saturday Dec 13, 7-9pm, Fulking Village Hall. with singer-songwriters Ryan O'Reilly and Jadea Kelly. £20 ticket includes two glasses of champagne.

Christmas carol service December 14, Pyecombe, 6pm.

Carol singing around Fulking Tuesday December 23, starting 5pm from 37 Clappers Lane for mulled wine and finishing at the Shepherd and Dog.

Christmas services: December 24, 4pm Crib service, Poynings; 9.30pm Bethlehem Midnight mass St Andrew's Edburton

December 25, 10am St John the Evangelist, Newtimber

Fulking Village Hall Trust (CIO) AGM Friday March 6, 6.30pm village hall, all invited.

REGULAR EVENTS

Events take place in Fulking Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Yoga My classes including Monday evenings 6.30-7.30pm are all on Zoom for the winter. I have a medical background & still work in the NHS. I have taught yoga for over 40 years. 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

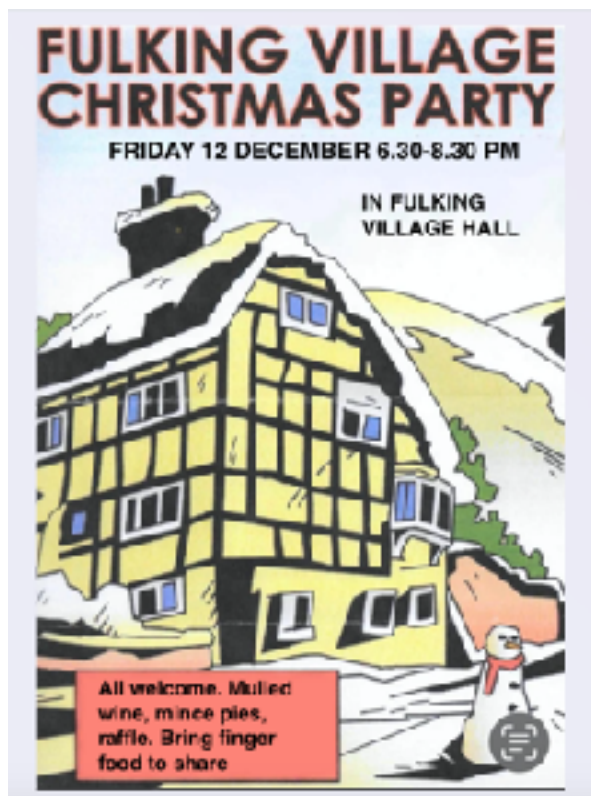
Craft and chat First & third Thursdays 2-4pm, with refreshments. A friendly group, you can bring any activity to work on, there is plenty of help & advice. Donations towards the hall & heating are gratefully received. Contact Tricia.

Toddlers A friendly group for the under 5s, on Wednesdays, 10-11.30am in Fulking Village Hall. Babies & children need to be accompanied by an adult. **Children's Xmas Party** with Santa

on December 17 after which we break for Xmas. 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 2025 A YEAR OF COMMUNITY

What a year it's been for Fulking! Following a community consultation in January, we launched a bid to raise a daunting £85,000 to save our village hall. There followed a year-long programme of fundraising events, from Seedling Sunday, Farm Open Day and the Wimbledon Garden Party to the Charity Cricket Match, Ceilidh and Call My Bluff. The Shepherd and Dog came up trumps with a £1 voluntary donation on every table, raising an incredible £4,000 to date, and most recently Sally Gunnell's

quiz at Preston Nomads raised over £3,600. **Still to come are the Fulking Xmas Party on Dec 12 and a Champagne Music Night on Dec 13.** You can buy tickets for this last at <https://tickettailor.com/events/fulkingvillagehall/1913050> (the Xmas Party is of course free!).

The good news is that with £80,000 in the pot, we've very nearly made it, and the hall purchase is going ahead as we write. An enormous and heartfelt thank-you to everyone for your incredible generosity and support. The even better news is that the whole community has come together behind the project as never before! Any surplus funds will go to hall improvement.

2026

In the New Year we plan to continue the momentum. Now the hall is ours, it's time to use it fully and revitalise it. What groups, meetings or events would you like to see here? Please let us have your ideas! To book the hall contact carolyn.loveless@outlook.com. We will also set about making the hall more attractive, sustainable and welcoming to all. The CIO (Village Hall Trust) is looking for more Trustees, particularly with experience of fundraising, finance, admin or community engagement, so if you think you might like to join us, please email fulkingvillagehall@gmail.com to learn more. From the Trustees of Fulking Village Hall CIO, Peter Boarder, Sallyann Brownie, Jen Green, Mark Hind, Tim Jagger, Roger Loveless, Ben Murray, Tricia Robinson and Nick Stace

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

Village Hall

At the meeting on October 9 the Parish Council agreed a grant funding request of £2,500 from the Fulking Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to fund around 50% of the running costs of the hall in 2026/27. To provide this grant, it will be necessary to increase the precept charge to the village by £2,500 next year.

Playground

As previously advised the playground equipment is gradually deteriorating and the PC is proposing to raise the precept by £2,500 each year in order to create a fund to cover maintenance costs and replacement equipment when needed. Your council would like to hear your views on this proposal and invites you to attend the next Council meeting at 1930 on January 15, 2026 when this will be discussed.

Planning

A retrospective application for the siting of two static caravans and an amenity building at Market Gardens, Clappers Lane was discussed at a public meeting held in the village hall on November 25. A decision from the Planning Inspectorate regarding enforcement action and an application

for one gypsy plot at Small Acres, Clappers Lane is still awaited.

Call My Bluff!

A huge thank you to all who supported our Call My Bluff evening on November 7 in the Village Hall. A hilarious time was had by all thanks to our fantastic team of bluffers, Ben Murray, Karen Gold and El Parry, whose company Enotria / Majestic very generously donated the booze. Wine and food flowed freely thanks to the team including Sally Brownie, Tricia Robinson and Rosemary Donovan. We raised £1,400 for the village hall appeal.

Fulking Christmas Party!

This year's Christmas party takes place on Friday, December 12, 6.30-8.30pm in the hall. Mulled wine and soft drinks provided. Our tantalising **raffle** offers the chance to win an amazing Fortnum and Mason hamper, Molton Brown gift box and other goodies. All from Poynings, Edburton and Newtimber are cordially invited. Bring a plate of finger food to share. A great chance to meet / catch up with neighbours!

Quotations Group by Bob Rowland

This long-running group continues to meet in Fulking Village Hall at 11am on Mondays. It is a friendly group of villagers who have become good friends. Each meeting focuses on a word chosen by popular demand as a catalyst for discussion. Attendances are rarely more than ten, which we have found is an ideal number for a discussion. We welcome new members, contact Samantha Leader 07479 458323.

News from St Andrews by Jane Warne

We are delighted that the Village Hall has now been sold to the Village (or very nearly) and look forward to watching the hall continue to thrive for many years to come. We are pleased too, that the Book Nook will continue in the chapel for the foreseeable future.

This year our services have been well attended and bacon butties are available afterwards. Our own quiz was a sell out again in October. Book sales continue to tick along nicely and we hope to raise just under £2,000 this year.

We were very sad recently to hear of the death of Elizabeth Baldwin age 96, a long-time resident of Edburton and a wonderful friend and supporter of our church.

Our Christmas services are all in the attached card. Thank you once again Jen and all your helpers for delivering. All of us at St Andrews wish you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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.