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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fulking Village Hall CIO AGM / Open Meeting**  
March 6, 6.30pm followed by refreshments

**The Line of the Land drypoint and etching workshop** by Rob le Grice, March 21  
9am-2.30pm, Fulking Village Hall, see below

**Fulking Spring Clean** Sunday March 22 10.30 am, see below

**Fulking Monthly Sunday Social** April 12, 10-12 noon, Fulking Village Hall, refreshments

**Easter services** as follows:

**Mothering Sunday** March 15 10am Poynings

**Palm Sunday** March 29, Poynings 10am

**Easter Day** April 5, Edburton 10am

## 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 will inform everyone when we are returning to the hall. 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. 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](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk) or tel 552

**Book Nook**, Fulking Chapel. Open March 8, April 12, May 10, 11-3pm, or by arrangement with Jane Warne <[lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk)>

The flyer is divided into two main sections. The top section is for 'The Line of the Land Drypoint Etching Workshop'. It features a background image of a landscape with a tall tower. Text includes the title, a description of the process, and workshop details. The bottom section is for 'Big, Brave Drawing', which is a Saturday workshop on March 21st, 2026, from 9.00am to 2.30pm at Fulking Village Hall. It highlights a cost of £80 and limited availability.

**The Line of the Land** Drypoint Etching Workshop

Drypoint is a printmaking process where you physically scratch lines and marks into an etching plate and print evidence on paper using a press. RLG

The workshop starts outside, making observations of the landscape. That's followed by hall-studio time, turning your sketches into drypoint etchings. The workshop is based on my own drawing/printmaking practice.

Only 10 places available  
**Cost £80**

**Big, Brave Drawing**  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026, 9.00am – 2.30pm  
FULKING VILLAGE HALL

Cost includes: A day of art-learning at Fulking Village Hall. Artist tuition. All tools and materials. Tea, coffee and cake.

Led by Rob Le Grice, Artist-Educator  
For enquiries: [robertlegrice67@gmail.com](mailto:robertlegrice67@gmail.com)

**Fulking Village Hall Appeal Update** by Jen Green for Fulking Village Hall Trust (CIO)  
We made it! We are delighted to report that in December the Village Hall Appeal reached our target of £85,000. This is all thanks to the incredible generosity of residents, and a fantastic programme of events in 2025. The sale is currently going through, and any new funding will go towards improvements. To book the hall contact [carolyn.loveless@outlook.com](mailto:carolyn.loveless@outlook.com).

The Trust is already hard at work to make the hall more welcoming and sustainable. To find out more about our plans, come along to our **AGM on Friday March 6** at 6.30om, followed by refreshments. We are also planning a series of events through the year based around the hall. This will include art and craft workshops, Seedling Sunday, and hopefully also a summer fair, cricket and/or Wimbledon party, farm day, ceilidh, call my bluff... Our first event is a **Monthly Sunday Social** on 12 April 10am-12 noon.

## Seedling Sunday

Coming soon to Fulking Village Hall on a date yet to be announced, so please get planting and tending those flower and vegetable seedlings!

## Shepherd and Dog Friday nights

Friday night is villagers' night! The S&D is offering residents a choice of a meat or vegetarian main course, with a glass of wine to wash it down, for just £20. Contact Karen on the S&D website to book.

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

### **North Town Field (NTF)**

The North Town Field Charitable Trust (NTFCT) was set up in 1964 in order to provide Fulking inhabitants with an open space and “recreational facilities” in perpetuity. After representations by FPC in 2019 the South Downs National Park designated the NTF a local green space (ref: LGS17-105) through the adoption of Policy SD47 (Local Green Spaces), in the South Downs Local Plan. This provides additional legal protection for the NTF under the National Planning Policy Framework.

In 1994 a lease was agreed between NTFCT and FPC for part of the NTF which enabled a playground to be established by FPC in the field. A new lease was agreed in 2011 and following expiry of this lease FPC and NTFCT have been discussing how best to move forward.

FPC Councillors and NTFCT Trustees are all unpaid volunteers who seek to protect and manage what may be considered the village green. A new 40 year lease for the whole of the NTF has been completed which is the best way to ensure that the public liability cover previously provided by FPC is effective going forwards. It will also make it easier for FPC to seek funding for future refurbishment of the playground.

### **Parish Council Precept Increase 2026/27**

All villagers were invited to attend the FPC meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 where precept increases to support the Village Hall and North Town Field were discussed. The feedback at these meetings was favourable and as previously advised the PC agreed a grant of £2,500 to the Fulking Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to fund around 50% of the running costs of the hall in 2026/27. In addition, at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January it was agreed that a similar amount should be set aside to support repairs and refurbishment of the NTF playground.

The increase to support these initiatives represents a significant percentage increase to the current precept of £12,000. However in monetary terms it is relatively modest when spread over each individual property. A £5k increase represents on average a £31 per annum increase for each property in Fulking subject to Council Tax. However, the actual cost per property will depend on Council Tax Bands which will be shown on the Mid Sussex Council Tax Bill's when issued in mid-March.

### **Fulking Annual Spring Clean**

Please come along on Sunday March 22 at 10.30am to keep our village free of rubbish. There are four meeting points: Party 1 starts at the north end of Clappers Lane and heads south; Party 2 starts at the south end and works north. Party 3

meets by the Shepherd and Dog and moves up The Street; Party 4 meets at The Dean in Poynings Road and works to The Street. For more info contact Jen Green 552. If you can't make the suggested date and time, just make your own time and do your bit to keep our village looking beautiful.

### **Bobson No 137 February 2026**

#### **Richard Rawlings RIP**

It saddens me to have to report the death of Richard Rawlings who was a stalwart of Fulking village and a great benefactor of St Andrews, Edburton. I had known Richard for some thirty plus years and the one thing that I like to think we had in common was being opinionated about most things. Richard will be greatly missed by all Fulking villagers who knew him well. I count myself as one of those.

#### **Fulking Village website**

I urge you to have a look at the Fulking Village website which has been updated. John Hazard, assisted by Miles Firth, has given the old website a complete spring clean and made it all more attractive. I get the impression that, if it wasn't for the village hall fundraising, only a few villagers would take the trouble to look at the enormous amount of information stored there.

#### **Village Hall Entrance**

Now that the village hall acquisition is almost complete, I am sure one of the improvements that will eventually have to be made will be to the front door. This door opens outwards above a few quite steep steps. If the door was opened in a hurry anyone on the steps could be knocked off; this might cause serious injury. Needless to add, access by wheelchair is impossible.

#### **Church news by Jane Warne**

Christmas at St Andrews was a magical time. Now, despite all the recent rain spring is coming and our churchyard is looking lovely with snowdrops, and now daffodils adding colour. Our church is the most beautiful ancient building. We are always looking for more help so if you think you can spend a couple of hours a few times a year please let us know.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Richard Rawlings, a great friend of St Andrews. He was one of the driving forces in raising money for the church's restoration just over twenty years ago.

Details of our Easter services are in the attached flier. A very Happy Easter to everyone.

**And finally:** The next edition of Pigeon Post is due out on June 1. All contributions welcome, by email please to [jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk) – deadline is one week before.