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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Fulking Village Hall History Social**

Sunday 7 June · 10-12noon Village hall

**Open Gardens in Fulking** 13 June, see below

### **Preston Nomads Community Cricket event**

Sunday 5 July 2026 from 12:30pm PN

## REGULAR EVENTS

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

**Yoga** My Monday evening class 6.30-7.30pm is now in the hall or the North Town Field if fine weather. Other classes are all on Zoom. 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](mailto: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 second Sunday of the month, 11-4pm, or by arrangement with Jane Warne <[lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lkhenfield@yahoo.co.uk)>

### **Open Gardens in Fulking on June 13**

Fulking Farmhouse and Woodlands gardens are opening for villagers (and friends) from Edburton, Fulking and Poynings to raise money for Fulking Village Hall. A lovely opportunity to relax and chat in beautiful gardens, with delicious

cake, coffee and tea served from the summer house at Fulking Farmhouse. The gardens are very different, so do visit both. They are open 10.00-12.30 on Saturday June 13.

**Fulking Farmhouse**, The Street, BN59LX (on the northeast end of The Street).

**Woodlands**, The Street BN59LT (on the sharp bend as you approach Fulking from Poynings, entrance down the bridlepath. We look forward to seeing you! Joanna Cairns and Carolyn Loveless [carolyn.loveless@outlook.com](mailto:carolyn.loveless@outlook.com)

### **Fulking Village Hall History Social Event Sunday 7 June · 10-12noon**

Save the date! Fulking Village Hall has been in use for exactly 100 years! This month's Sunday Social has a theme: the history of our village hall. We'd love to gather your old photos, stories and memories to add to the hall website and our village archive. Bring along a snap, a clipping, or just a story to share. Or just come for tea, cake and a catch up with neighbours. All welcome. Donations on the day go towards hall upkeep.

### **Preston Nomads Community Cricket event**

Preston Nomads & Fulking Village Hall are delighted to announce our Summer headline collaboration! Join us for a FREE Community Event on Sunday 5 July 2026 from 12:30pm for an unmissable day of T20 cricket featuring players from Sussex County Cricket Club and Preston Nomads!

Hosted at Preston Nomads Cricket Club, there will be a pay-as-you-go BBQ, tea and cake stall and a well stocked bar! Please register here so we can update you on news and plan all the logistics. We hope to see you there! <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fulkingvillagehall/2159215>

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

#### **North Town Field**

Fulking Parish Council (FPC) considers the North Town Field (NTF) which is owned by the North Town Field Charitable Trust (NTFCT) to be a valuable community asset acting as the village green and has historically provided some financial support for maintenance. The new lease completed earlier this year formalises FPC funding of the mowing.

FPC's public liability insurance requires weekly safety inspections which must now be completed for the whole field under the terms of

the new lease. I would like to thank fellow Councillor Tom Kardos for his help. In addition to being a Parish Councillor for Fulking he is also a Councillor for the neighbouring Parish, Upper Beeding. Tom has kindly arranged for the playground inspector at Upper Beeding to undertake a weekly inspection of the NTF at no charge, saving FPC a significant sum. Thank you! Recognising the health and safety risks FPC has also arranged and paid for a tree survey of the field which will be taking place in June.

### **Playground**

The two benches in the playground have recently been refurbished and we have arranged for the professional cleaning of the soft floor areas. We await the findings of this year's Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) report which is due to be completed in June.

### **Fulking Village Hall website – Coming soon!**

by Cara Courage

We are developing a new Fulking Village Hall website to promote the hall and local events. We'd love to build a rich library of images that reflect the life of the hall across the years – its activities, events, and the community around it.

Do you have any images to share? These could be from any period and might include events, gatherings, or everyday moments that capture the spirit of the hall. Both digital and hard copy photographs are very welcome. If possible, please include a short note about what the image shows (e.g. event, approximate date, people if appropriate), and a photographer credit where known. Images can be sent to me in the first instance: by email: [cara@caracourage.net](mailto:cara@caracourage.net) Or by hand to 15 Clappers Lane. We're aiming to gather materials over the next month, but anything you're able to share sooner would be helpful as we begin the design process. Hard copies will of course be returned. Thank you in advance – it will be wonderful to celebrate the hall's history through your contributions.

### **For Hire!!**

Tables, Crockery, Cutlery, Chairs, Marquees... If you are planning a party, the village has some items for hire.

**Tables** x 6 (6' x 2' each) (wooden – folding legs) - £4 each

**Gazebos** x 2 (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

We also have two **marquees** – 8m x 4m and 4m x 4m. These require extra manpower to erect – please advise any dates required and we will try to provide assistance. You can of course also hire the hall itself. To hire anything, email Carolyn

[cjlovelessalt@outlook.com](mailto:cjlovelessalt@outlook.com). All proceeds to Fulking Social Fund.

**Fulking Village hall Update** by Jen Green  
Having raised our target £85,000 to buy Fulking Village Hall last year, the sale is proceeding slowly but surely. Meanwhile we will be undertaking essential repairs. As you'll see above, we will be launching our own website to advertise events and make it easier to book the hall, but for now please contact

[carolyn.loveless@outlook.com](mailto:carolyn.loveless@outlook.com) to book. On April 12 our Sunday Social / coffee morning raised £465 for the Marfan Trust, which supported Lucie Woolley-Robinson. Seedling Sunday on May 3 raised £400 for hall upkeep. Upcoming events include the Village Hall History Social on June 7 and the Charity Cricket match on July 5. We are always looking for volunteers to help organise local events. If you're interested please contact SallyAnn Brownie or Tricia Robinson.

### **Spring in Fulking** by Chris Gildersleeve

It has been a strange spring with unpredictable and chilly weather, but some plants flowered early, and the bluebells put on a fantastic show at Saddlescombe. Now we have suddenly entered summer, with a late May bank holiday heatwave, and watering has become essential! Particularly challenging weather for local farmers... unusually, David has planted linseed in the field nearest the farm, so with any luck we will have a show of pale blue flowers later in the year, and a healthy crop.

### **Shepherd and Dog Friday nights**

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

### **Church News by Jane Warne**

July 1 is the Book Nook's thirteenth birthday! During that time we have raised over £21,000 through book sales. Children's books are 5 for £1 and all others are £1 each or 3 for £2. All profits go towards maintaining local heritage and upkeep of our special churches. Recently they have all had their five yearly inspection and a massive quarter of a million pounds is needed for repairs, so every penny really does help. If you would like to help to run the Book Nook please get in touch. And don't forget there will always be a warm welcome if you join us on the first Sunday in the month for our service at St Andrews at 10am, or afterwards at 11am for bacon butties, coffee and cake. Thanks again for your support.

**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](mailto:jengreenuk@yahoo.co.uk) – deadline is one week before.