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UPCOMING EVENTS

MacMillan Coffee Morning Sunday 27
September, 10-12, Fulking Village Hall

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz Saturday 14
November, 6pm, Fulking Village Hall

Christmas Fayre Adastra Hall 26 November
Hassocks

Fulking Christmas Party, Friday 4 December
5-7pm, Fulking Village Hall

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 the village hall, Toddlers returns on Wednesday 9.9.26. 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 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>

Fulking Village Hall Update

Dear all,

On behalf of the Fulking Village Hall trustees, we would like to provide an update regarding the purchase of the hall and chapel from the Mid Downland Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to complete the purchase, and our current negotiations have stalled. We remain fully committed to resolving any outstanding issues so that we can get the process back on track and complete the purchase of the hall for the benefit of our community as soon as possible. To achieve this, we are currently reaching out directly to the PCC as well as to senior diocesan leadership.

The level of public support over the past 18 months has been incredible, clearly demonstrating just how much everyone values the hall and its vital role in our village. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported this journey so far. This includes our private donors, local business sponsors, the 300+ people who have attended our events, the Parish Council, and our wonderful army of volunteers who helped bring our community together to ensure we hit our fundraising target. All funds generously donated to the Village Hall CIO remain safely held in readiness for its purchase.

We remain entirely focused on completing the purchase so that we can continue organising events and activities for the benefit of our community for many years to come. We will update everyone in the Autumn once we have further information, when we will also hold a public meeting to answer anyone's questions.

Thank you again for your continued patience and support. With warm regards, The Trustees of the Fulking Village Hall CIO

Fulking Parish Council News by Mark Hind Village Hall

FPC is aware that negotiations for the Fulking Village Hall CIO to acquire the hall and chapel from the Church have "stalled". It offers its full support to the CIO and hopes that negotiations can be successfully concluded in the near future.

North Town Field

The registration of the new lease for Fulking Parish Council (FPC) covering the whole of the North Town Field has now been completed with the Land Registry. The North Town Field Charitable Trust remains responsible for maintenance of certain aspects of the field,

however the playground area is fully maintained by the Council who also pay for regular mowing. The tree survey undertaken in June has identified a number of issues which are being worked through between FPC and the Trust.

Planning

Following a nearly two-year wait the Council has finally been advised that the Planning Inspector is to hold a hearing in Midhurst on Tuesday 25th August regarding Small Acres. This will consider the Enforcement Notice issued and the application for one Gypsy plot rejected by the South Downs National Park Authority in September 2024. Representatives from FPC and Mid Sussex District Council will attend to present the views of the local settled community.

Fulking Village Hall History Social

The Sunday Social on 7 June celebrated the centenary of Fulking Village Hall, which was built in 1925 as a reading room for the working men of Fulking. Villagers shared photos, magazines, stories and memories of the hall as well as tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

Preston Nomads Community Cricket Day

Over 200 people gathered at Preston Nomads Cricket Club on 5 July to enjoy a T20 fixture played between Sussex Cricket XI and Nomads XI to raise funds for Fulking Village Hall.

We were treated to some fine play from both Sussex Cricket and Nomads players. The Nomads ultimately ended up clinching the win much to the delight of the home crowd! This event was far more than a game of cricket. It was about bringing everyone together to have fun. We are so grateful to all who came along and made it the day we hoped it would be for our community! A huge thankyou to Nomads' barman Phil Brown and resident Michael Finlay for organising, and to the players who entertained us on the day. Thank you also South Downs Butchery for providing meat for the BBQ.

Fulking 'Round Robin' emails

Every Fulking resident should receive occasional emails from Fulking Parish Council updating us on important news and events. These are usually sent by our Parish Clerk, Trevor Parsons. If you don't get these, email Trevor, clerk@fulking-pc.gov.uk to make sure you are on the list.

Fulking Social Events – Save the dates!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Join us in the village hall on Sunday 27 September, 10am-12 to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support who support the almost 3.5 million people living with cancer in the UK. Last year's event raised over £600 but most importantly brought people together to discuss their own cancer journeys or those of

loved ones. We hope everyone can join us again for a catchup with friends, tea, coffee and cake!

Saturday 14 November - Call My Bluff

Do you fancy an evening of getting tipsy, eating delicious food and having a laugh with friends and neighbours? Oh, and taking part in a wine quiz! Come to the village hall at 6pm and test your taste buds with a series of mystery wines. Our panel of "experts" will each give you a description, but only one is telling the truth. Can you spot the bluff? Tickets on sale in September, but be quick as this event sells out fast...

Friday 4 December – Fulking Xmas Party

Join us in the village hall 5-7pm for the annual Christmas Party! Bring a plate of your favourite festive food to share and enjoy a cosy evening with friends and neighbours. Free mulled wine, laughter, music, and plenty of Christmas cheer – the perfect way to start the festive season!

Summer in Fulking by Chris Gildersleeve

This has been the hottest summer since 1976, when I remember the same yellow dry grass everywhere. Garden flowers bloomed early and apples and blackberries have already ripened. Although we struggled in the heat we have enjoyed outdoor life! On August 12 we enjoyed a spectacular solar eclipse from the downs or the North Town Field. Last week we were grateful for a bit of rain but hope for more!

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I have been involved with Fulking for the last 35 years and in that time I do not recall ever hearing of a villager being given the honour of a peerage. Nick Stace OBE and his family have been around in Fulking as long as I have. I am sure Nick fully deserves the honour and equally sure villagers will join me in offering him our congratulations.

Mid Downland Parish Church services

Held on the first Sunday in the month at Edburton, on the second Sunday at Newtimber, on the third Sunday at Poynings, on the fourth Sunday at Pyecombe and on the fifth Sunday (children's activity service) at Poynings. Book Sales take place in Fulking on the second Sunday in each month 11am-4pm or by arrangement with Edburton.

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.

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