

# POYNINGS NEWS



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## DIARY DATES

- **EVERGREENS - 7th DEC, 1st FEB**
- **RUSHFIELDS CRAFT MARKET- 5th-6th & 12th-13th DEC**
- **CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY—11th DEC**
- **YE OLDE VILLAGERS XMAS SUPPER –16th DEC**
- **CAROL SERVICE – 20th DEC**
- **CHRISTINGLE-24th DEC**
- **PARISH COUNCIL - 5th JAN**

## YE OLDE VILLAGERS CHRISTMAS SUPPER

**Wednesday 16th December, at The Royal Oak, 6.30 pm for**

**supper at 7pm.** Once again, the time has come to seek out those 'Evergreens' amongst you! As most of you may know, once a year a Christmas Supper is arranged for any resident of Poynings aged 60 or over. I have my 'usual suspects' but if there are any new members, please let me know! It's your chance to have a wonderful FREE Christmas dinner with wine, at The Royal Oak, with funds raised throughout the year by myself, the volunteers who help



and last but not least the Parish Council.

Invitations will be sent out very soon to those who qualify.

I also need some help! If any one could spare a little time during the evening to help with anything from transport to and from the pub, or helping with waitress-

ing and making everyone feel welcome, PLEASE contact me as it will be very much appreciated.

Tara Stenning 857064 or e-mail:

tarastenning@fsmail.net

Many thanks and

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 4-6 pm** The Poynings children's Christmas party is upon us again. A huge THANK YOU to everybody who contributed to the organisation and running last time. Big thanks to those who entered the Annual Chilli Competition in June. The latter was a huge success and helps to fund this annual get together for the Children of Poynings, Saddlescombe and Newtimber. This year, as so many before, the party will be very kindly hosted by the **Royal Oak**. Due to the expanding young population of the village, this year will be strictly by invitation only. If you have children under the age of 10 and have recently moved into either Poynings, Newtimber or Saddlescombe, just call me to make sure you get your invite! Invites will be delivered by Santa's little helpers in November – so keep a look out! The bar will of course be open for you to get a glass of whatever you may need! Hot food is on the menu along with local entertainment by Sheila with Dandelion Puppets and of course Father Christmas himself! Laura 857952.



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**RAYLENE CROWTHER**

This Autumn Poynings Church was packed to overflowing for Raylene Crowther's funeral. She made her last journey to the Church in a black carriage pulled by two black horses, followed by her

husband Mike, four sons, their wives, Indy and eight grand children.

Lewes and Felix spoke and Rich sang 'Here Comes The Sun' and 'Yellow is the Colour' to guitar.

Ray was a very outgoing and hospitable person, extending her arms well beyond her large family and will be greatly missed by many.

**1st Dec 1961 -War Bride arrives back from Canada with eleven children!**

Forty eight years ago newspapers were full of how a Poynings woman (nee Jean Hollingdale) had arrived at the airport with her eleven children after her Canadian husband had died. She met Joe Tighe when he was stationed in Poynings during WW2 and moved with him to Nova Scotia. The family moved to Poynings. Jean and two of her daughters, Ella Willoughby and Jo-Anne Lockyer, still live in Poynings as well as grand children Tara, Christopher, Emily & Maria and great grand children Amelia and Sarah.

**EVERGREENS**

We have enjoyed our tea parties throughout the summer despite the weather. Our Host and Hostesses make us very welcome in their homes, shifting their furniture around to make us comfortable when we were unable to sit and enjoy the sun in their beautiful gardens. We were lucky in the month of June when the sun came out - Lambert's garden was a picture.

July was full of surprises, Geoffrey Harris very kindly ask us to join him at Downmere, although the weather was poor several members were able to walk around his lovely garden.

At the end of July Margaret Cutress invited us all to Twitten Bend for tea. The monthly meetings were launched at Twitten Bend some sixteen years ago and in

recognition of this Margaret wanted to say thanks to all the hosts and helpers before she left for Red Oaks in Henfield. Our thanks to all the Cutress family for the



wonderful spread and for making the afternoon so special for us all.

High winds when we went to Manor Farm, thank goodness for Carol's lovely sponges they made up for the weather. Sun thankfully in September when we went to Joan and Bill at Edburton. Lovely sunny days followed but when it came to our October meeting with Joyce

at Paythorne Farm down came the rain but who cares? we had another enjoyable afternoon. We will be with Ian and Sue at Pangdean Farm in November and our Christmas party will be at Hobbs Cottage with Wendy and Terry in December. Remember if you are over sixty and are in need of some pleasant company and a tasty tea ring me and I will arrange transport if required. Betty 857215

**ANNUAL STOOLBALL MATCH**

Our annual match at Pyecombe in July was rained off. Adrian is quite willing to have a few practice matches if anyone is interested in joining us. Betty 857215

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Next Meeting**  
**Village hall, Tues**  
**January 5th 7 pm**

Got something to say? Why not either drop a line to or ring the Parish Clerk, Nicki Cutress, on 857221, or email (cutress.family@btopenworld.com) or come to the meeting...

We now have a grant to replace the finger-post at the Church.

**Parish Council dates for 2010 :**

**5th January**  
**2nd March**  
**11th May - AGM**  
**6th July**  
**7th September**  
**9th November**

All at 7.00 pm - village hall



Village hall

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## BONFIRE NIGHT



**Firstly apologies to all those who missed the fireworks. Jim, the firework man, had to ignite them**

**as soon as it rained otherwise they may not have gone off at all— 10% didn't!**



Thanks to all who made this another spectacular event, in particular Nicki, Mark, Michael, Phil and Helen, Mikey, Colin, Malcolm, Sheila, Barbara and Tony, Mike, Fergus, Al and last but not least, Jim and the firework crew. Thank you all for your donations which just covered costs.

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## WEBSITE—What's happening in Poynings and thereabouts?

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I have been asked if it is possible to keep people informed by email of events in Poynings. If you go to the Poynings website at www.poynings.net you will see a box asking for

your email address, fill this in and I will send you emails when events are coming up. You will have to confirm your email so that I don't get accused of spamming.

I have to rely on people keeping me informed, so if you have anything happening that you

would like to be announced, send me an email on colinw@vffemail.net



**Christmas Tree Recycling**  
 You can take your real Christmas tree to be composted to sites across Mid Sussex between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Full details of sites will be available on the website / on request closer to the time.

**Christmas & New Year Refuse & Recycling Collections**  
 Due Collection Date  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
 New Collection Date  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 Due Collection Date  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December  
 New Collection Date  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December  
 Due Collection Date  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 New Collection Date  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 Collections resume as normal from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

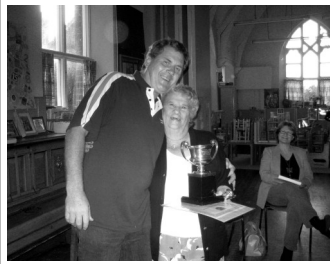
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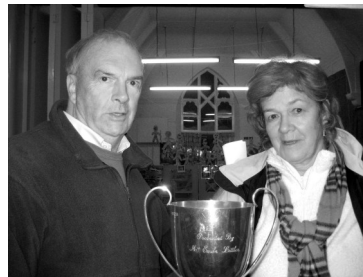
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**BEST GARDEN COMPETITION**



Local horticulturalist John Murrell chose June Nunne's (above) garden at Mill Court for best flower garden - 'lovely flowers'. John Mason at 2 School Cottage won best baskets and pots for his

'wonderful boxes of begonias'. Keith Fowers and Jan Nicols won Best Vegetable Garden for their allotment (see below). Allotments were much better this year and Dyke Farm House and Dyke Lane House gardens were praised.



**Poyning's Environment Group**

A group is to be established to support environmental issues in Poyning's. By working with the other downland villages it is hoped that we can do more to promote local food, transport and energy efficiency. The group will research and publish useful information. If you want to get directly involved contact Mike on 857985 or airey2005@btinternet.com



**Garden Talk—Poyning's village hall**

'Best Garden' judge John Murrell gave a very lively and entertaining talk on improving our vegetable growing as well as encouraging us to grow more unusual vegetables. Thirty people from Poyning's, Fulking, Saddlecombe and Newtimber enjoyed the evening which included home-made cakes and a raffle. Thanks to John, Mike, Chris, Marjorie and Sheila. You can download a summary of John's talk from [www.poyning's.net](http://www.poyning's.net) and order a copy of his and Shirley's book (£5.00) on growing and eating unusual vegetables - 8573.

**SUNFLOWER VEGETABLES**

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**HURSTPIER-POINT FLOWER SHOW**

John Murrell of Newtimber won 12 firsts in the Summer show and a medal for most prizes in the year. Shirley Murrell won the cookery cup in the Autumn Show. Sheila Marshall won a first for her garlic in the Summer show. Sue Brooks won firsts for carrots, hybrid tea rose and broad beans in the Summer Show and in the Autumn Show firsts in beet and marrow amongst other prizes. If you would like to join the horticultural society which meets for interesting talks every month phone John

**Saddlecombe villagers raised £159.00 for Cystic Fibrosis by selling their left over garden produce from a stall outside Stan Hollingdales' to passers by.**

## CHURCH NEWS

**Christmas services at Poynings will follow the traditional pattern:**

**Carol Service at 6pm on the Sunday before Christmas (20<sup>th</sup> December), followed by mulled wine and mince pies.**

**Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 3.30pm.**



**Other services in the Benefice will be held:**

**Christmas Eve (Midnight Mass at 11.30pm in both Edburton and Pyecombe)**

**Christmas Day (10am in Newtimber).**

**You will be most welcome at any of these services.**

### 'Poynings Yesterday'

**A history book in aid of church funds—£12.50  
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## Rectory Ramblings

We arrived in Poynings some weeks after the village fete, and now it is autumn already and will soon be Christmas. I can't believe how the time has gone. Alan and I are so much enjoying being here, and particularly the Downs and the view up to the Dyke. I grew up in Brighton, so it is familiar but always new, especially as we now have such a magnificent view from the back of the Rectory. Here the seasons are so evident and so vivid – and of course the work of a priest is also tied up with seasons of various kinds: the seasons of life as we celebrate baptisms, weddings and funerals; and the seasons of the Church's year too. November brings All Saints tide, All Souls (when we think of all who have died) and of course Remembrance Sunday as well. It is a month for remembering those who have given us all so much in different ways. Then December brings the season of Advent – one of my personal favourites. Advent is not just the countdown to Christmas, but a special time of preparation, expectation and longing. Do join us for one of our services – you will be most welcome. And please do get in touch if there is any way in which I might help you – I am here for everyone, not just those who come to church. My contact details are below.

The pattern of services that was set up before I arrived seems to be going well, although it can be confusing for people who don't come regularly since there is not a weekly service in Poynings Church. We meet in Poynings at 10am on the first and third Sundays – and in Pyecombe and Newtimber on other weeks. Details can be found outside the church and in the porch. Caroline

The Revd Dr Caroline Curren, The Rectory, The Street, Poynings, BN45 7AQ

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## COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR POYNINGS CHURCH WARDENS



Together with other award winners, Michael Peters and Keith Chittenden were delighted and honored to attend a Sunday tea party with their wives at Ravenswood Hotel, Ardingly on 12th July 2009. This was hosted by the chairman of Mid Sussex District Council Cllr Jane Keel.

The award and its certificates followed nominations by various council bodies in recognition of community work. Michael and Keith were nominated for their work involving Holy Trinity Church, Poynings. The presentations were followed by tea, photographs and a tour of the beautiful garden.

It has yet to be confirmed that the award permits the wardens to drive a flock of sheep through Poynings at rush hour annually.

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## VILLAGE FETE

What a wonderful day it was, due to everyone's hard work (especially the church wardens). We raised £2,225.00. Special thanks to Rushfields Nursery, who support our plant sale so magnificently, and to all helpers, patrons etc. Our next big project will be a Church Loo, so will need all your efforts in 2010. Rene

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## Newsletter

*\*Thanks to all who helped contribute, produce, print and distribute this newsletter.  
Contributions for the March Newsletter phone Sheila 857482.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO—** Simon and Liz Parker, Dave and Sarah Willoughby and Phil and Justine Willoughby on their marriages this year.

**WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE TO—** Cheryl, Stuart, Ruari, Finn and Tess and to Steve, Sharon, Izzie and Freya Vokins who have all moved to Mill Lane. Also welcome to the two couples who have moved to the Street near the phone box and to Mark and Elisabeth moving to Shepherd's Hey.



**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO** Simon and Liz Parker who are moving to Henfield.

### POLICE

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### POYNINGS CRICKET CLUB

A few notes from the cricket season Poynings had another successful season, finishing fourth in the Mid –Sussex league, only 12 points behind the champions. John Brennan was the Leagues leading wicket taker with 28 wickets. Our Sunday cricket continues to be a lot of fun and we try and encourage the Poynings youngsters to play as much as possible. For the 2010 season we have a new captain Tom Brookes (Margeret Cutress's grandson) and we hope to have indoor nets at the county ground at some time during the winter. If you are interested in playing contact Matthew Cutress on 857221.

### Guess the weight of the pumpkin

Mike Crowther correctly guessed the weight at 56 and a half pounds, winning the bottle of champagne. Proceeds of £80.00 went towards the cost of the Ye Olde Villagers Christmas Supper. Thanks to the Royal Oak and to pumpkin grower and donator, Paul Mileman.

### CHILLI COMPETITION

Another highly successful event at the Royal Oak, organized by Al Kelly. A substantial sum was raised for the Childrens Christmas Party. One of the Royal Oak chefs won the 'Best Chilli Con Carne' cup.

**Rushfields' Craft Market**  
28th—29th November  
5th—6th December  
12th -13th December

### Best Sloe Gin Competition

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