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POYNINGS NEWS



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DIARY DATES

- **Evergreens 6th April, 11th May**
- **Newtimber Place Open Garden 19th April**
- **Saddlescombe Open Day 26th April**
- **Parish Council AGM 19th May**
- **Poynings Garden Fete 6th June**
- **Pyecombe Flower Festival July 11/12**
- **Fulking Fair 26th July**
- **Poynings Fun Day 31st Aug**

LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER

Seventeen and a half years ago Steve Fernell and I discussed the possibility of starting this newsletter. Steve had recently moved to the village and I was lamenting the demise of the village shop.

Steve, who had previously ran a newsletter, offered to do the printing and the newsletter was born. Steve retires from work in March, so we will no longer have a regular printer. Many thanks, Steve, for being the printing backbone for so many years! The likelihood is that the newsletter will be mainly available electronically. Most of you will be able to access this through Colin's regular emails and web site.. www.poynings.net



The Poynings email has about 160 subscribers! If you want to receive updates and these comprehensive newsletters, register on the Poynings site. (Don't forget that you will receive an email asking you to confirm it was you who registered). Colin relies on you keeping him informed, so if you have anything happening that you would like to be announced, send an email colinw@vfemail.net

People outside the village can enrol so if you don't have a computer ask a friend or relation to enrol and print a newsletter out for you. Failing that ring Sheila on 01273857482 and I'll print one for you.

***There may of course be a chance to continue this publication in hard copy but just in case it is best to register on Colin's site .**

Parish Council Elections May 2015

As you probably know, the elections on May 7th will include the chance to vote for Poynings Parish Council members. Hopefully you are all registered to vote - if not register securely online www.gov.uk/register-to-vote For further information contact: Tel: 01444 477003. There are five places in all and you can choose whether you vote for one or more candidates.

Want to stand for Parish Council?

The nomination period runs from 30th March until 4pm on Thursday 9th April 2015. Completed nomination papers **MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON** by the candidate or their agent to the offices of MSDC during this period.

To provide reassurance to the person that all is in order before they leave, Electoral Services staff will offer to conduct informal checks of these papers before accepting them formally—it is best to make an appointment!!

Nomination packs are available via the Mid Sussex District Council website: www.midsussex.gov/ elections & click top RH tab – 'election services' and on the dropdown select '2015 Local Elections'.

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leaves Poynings Church –9.50

Arrives Hurst Health Centre—10.14

Leaves Hurst Church—11.50

Arrives Poynings Church—12.13

104 Monday only

9.55—Poynings school

10.10—Henfield High St

12.00—Henfield High St

12.15—Poynings school

100—Burgess Hill/Hassocks/Henfield/Stevington/Storrington

102—Storrington/Amberly/Pulborough/Storrington
(Guaranteed connection at Storrington between services 100 and 102)

Bus Passes

All holders of Sussex County Card are entitled to *free bus travel* after 9.30 am Mon to Fri and anytime at weekends & bank hols.

If you would like to apply for a bus pass & are eligible, please contact Nicki Cutress (857221—West End Cottage)

Railcards

If you do not have a bus pass & would like to apply for a subsidised Senior Rail Card phone Nicki (857221)

Millie Grover

1918–2014

Mildred Georgina Grover was born 22 February 1918 near Lewes in East Sussex. She hated Mildred and insisted on being known as Millie.



She lived with her family in Muddleswood (or Donkey Row as she called it) until 1938 when she and William Walter Grover married. Bill worked for Manor Farm in Poynings, and 1 Manor Cottages was their home until Bill died in February 1979.

They had two children, Eve born 1940 and George in 1943.

Millie worked in service most of her life – the longest for the Littler family, formerly of Downmere in Poynings. Judy and Merrilee Littler stayed in touch, visiting regularly throughout her retirement.

Ahead of her time, she travelled all over the UK and Europe on trips and holidays with Bill and with friends; her flat was stuffed with trinkets and knick knacks, memories of her travels. She loved flowers and working in her garden and, most of all, a chat over the fence.

She had a very strong religious faith, which she took much comfort from, worshipping at the Zion chapel and Poynings church.

We all have happy memories of family gatherings at Manor Cottage, and latterly in Mill Close, jammed round the dinner table with mountains of food and the best roast potatoes you'll ever taste. She leaves a great family legacy; two children, four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, and one more on the way in June.

Ron Reeves, husband of Judy, died 18th Dec 2014. He had lived in Poynings for 33 years.

**EVERGREENS**

Anyone aged 60 or over in the four downland parishes is welcome to join us for tea parties on the first Monday of each month.

Transport can be arranged—phone Betty on 857215.

We were spoilt in March at Gill and Ian Malby's at The Paddock, Fulking. We are looking forward to April at Jo-Anne and Stuart Cairns, Fulking Farm House and May at Charmaine and Harry's (*2nd Mon due to bank hol) at Downside, Fulking. June's tea party is at Shirley and John Murrells' at Rectory Cottage, Newtimber and July is at Rushfield's Nursery.

Betty

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting Village hall, Tues May 19th 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@btopen
world.com) or come to
the meeting...

2015 meetings - 7pm
Village Hall—Tuesdays

May 19th
July 7th
September 1st
November 10th

Elections May 7th See front page if you want to stand. .

Nomination forms window 30th March— 9th April take to MSDC



Parish Councillors

Mark Lee (chair)
Sheila Marshall (vice)
Colin Warburton
Mike Airey

The Miarkowska family
would like to say thank
you very much to the
Parish Council for fixing
the drains where they
live.

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Poynings Parish
Council will be holding
their AGM on May
19th at **7.30pm in the
Village Hall.**

Guest speakers as
usual from the local
and district councils
and the National
Trust.

Also a talk on the
proposed Church

refurbishment from
Alan Curren.

Refreshments will be
served after the meet-
ing when informal chat
continues. Everyone is
welcome to come along
and enjoy a glass of
wine and a cheese
straw! Invites will be
sent out in April & we
hope to see you there.



POYNINGS GARDEN FETE Sat June 6th 2.00 – 4.30pm Rectory garden.

Teas, cakes, stalls, puppets, maypole, live music
*and a local clairvoyant has predicted that there will be a dastardly
murder that day, maybe someone you know? If you're not there,
you won't find out.*

If you want a stall (£12.00) ring Nigs on 857298,
have cakes or preserves to donate ring Nicki on 857221,
or have bric a brac, books etc to give ring Rene on 857558

**Any excess garden plants and/or produce? Please take to the rectory on
June 5th (day before fete) for the plant stall.**

Proceeds in aid of running costs and general maintenance of our
beautiful 14th century Church.

Poynings Cricket Club

Poynings Cricket Club will be
competing in the Mid Sussex
Cricket League Division 2 as
well as various cup competi-
tions during 2015. New players
(young or old!)
are always welcome to join our
friendly, ambitious club. Our
weekly training night is on
Tuesdays at Poynings Cricket
Field from 6pm, if you would
be interested in
joining or for further informa-
tion please contact Gary Wallis-
Tayler on [gary.wallis-
taylor@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:gary.wallis-tayler@sussexcricket.co.uk)

Also during 2015 Poynings
Juniors will be running sides in
the U10, U11 and U12 age
groups. These age groups have
been entered into leagues for
2015 and as
always new faces will be wel-
comed. We currently have over
30 junior members (aged be-
tween 8 – 12) and we are ac-
tively looking to increase our
membership. Our
weekly training night is TBC at
Patcham High School in Brigh-
ton from 6pm, if you would be
interested in joining or for fur-
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Dates: Sunday 26 April 2015

10:30am – 4.00pm

Price: Adult £5, Child £2,

Family £13

Discover this ancient downland farm that was once owned by the Knights Templars. Tours of the 17th century buildings, hurdle making, homemade cakes...

Newtimber Place National Garden Scheme Opening

Sunday April 19th

2-5.30 pm

Adults £4.00,

Children free

Teas in aid of Church

SLOE GIN COMPETITION.

A packed out and fabulous evening! Thanks to hosts, The Royal Oak, judges, John and Vicky Lord, Dawn, Ian, Des, John and Tara. The Poynings section judges said the quality had steadily improved & was now excellent! Dawn Leppard won best in Neighbouring Villages Sloe Gin and Liqueurs for her sloe gin for the second year running and Sue Lee won best Liqueur in Poynings as well as guessing nearest to Helen's mystery drink—plum vodka/ dark rum. Helen Woodhams has retained the Poynings Sloe Gin Cup with Ella Johnson, a very close 2nd for the third time!

CHILLI COMPETITION

The Royal Oak's annual 'Chilli Competition' and fund raising event for the Children's Christmas Party - early evening Saturday 6th June. You can drop off at the pub in the morning (after 11) or even the day before

Gardens, Produce, Events, Competitions, Points of View

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Newtimber Place
July 5th
Shirley Murrell 01273
857353
Lucy 01273 831877

PYECOMBE FLOWER FESTIVAL AND VILLAGE WEEKEND July 11th/12th

Dandelion Puppets—show, puppet making & picnic lunch in aid of and at Newtimber Church Wed May 27th 11.30 – 1.30 (half term) Children £10.00 inc lunch & puppet/Adults £5.00 inc lunch. Bookings (4—8 yrs sheila@oakpoynings. freeserve.co.uk

Poynings Apple Day
October - date to be decided Poynings Village Hall
Come and get your apples pressed, sample toffee apples and local cider, try apple bobbing or enter the 'Best Apple Cake' competition!

Poynings Fun Day Monday August 31st 11.00am - 4.00pm



Afternoon Party—Tug of war, beer tent, traditional children's races, raffle, charity barbeque, music

Poynings Races (morning)

Although the 2014 race was wet with very few entrants, we did have a record breaking run by Mark Ansell, currently Poynings' fastest man. Come and race this August. There will be several categories including Juniors and a Fun Run for adults. A lap of the Blacksmith's field is just over half a mile. **Fitness**

The village fitness group will re-start in warmer and drier weather. Not just running, but likely to include walking or walk and jog groups. Mike Airey or Chris Jones will circulate the details. **A Walk to the Dyke Railway.** Mike hopes to arrange a walk to visit the ruins of the Dyke Railway Station.

BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Local horticulturist John Murrell will judge best flower garden, best hanging baskets and pots and best vegetable garden or allotment. He is more interested in

actual plants than tidiness. He will visit our gardens in mid July — please ring Sheila on 857482 if you want to give him access to your back garden.



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Fulking Village Fair

Sun 26th July
12 noon

Dog Show
Stalls

music
Dandelion Puppets
Beer Tent
Cream Teas
Want a stall? Ring
Bob 857271

LAMBING OPEN DAYS Saddlescombe Farm

April 5th 6th 11th 12th
10 – 3
Adults £6, Children £3
Families (2a 2c) -£15
Cash only
No need to book
Bring your wellies

LENT AND EASTER CHURCH SERVICES



15th March 2015 Mothering Sunday

10.00.am Family Communion

Poynings

11.am Family Communion

Edburton

with posies for the children to give to their mothers

29th March 20 Palm Sunday

10am Holy Communion

Newtimber

with the blessing of Palm Crosses.

2nd April 2015 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist

Poynings

3rd April 2015 Good Friday

12 – 1pm Reflection

Pyecombe

5th April 2015 Easter Sunday

8 am Holy Communion

Newtimber

10am Holy Communion

Poynings

11am Holy Communion

Edburton

11.30am Easter Egg Hunt with

Children's service

Pyecombe

If you are ever in doubt about services, do check out our website:

www.downlandchurches.co.uk or ask Caroline to put you on the e-mail list for the monthly news sheet (also available in church in hard copy).

Church News 2015

Time and harsh weather have not been kind to the windows of the village church. Extensive repairs to the stonework surrounds are now necessary.

The work will cost an estimated £20,000, but the good news is that Holy Trinity has been offered a generous grant by the Sussex Historic Churches Trust, as well as an anonymous – equally generous – gift.

It is hoped to get the work under way in the spring. Because Holy Trinity is a Grade 1 listed building dating from the 14th Century there is a lengthy process in getting permission from the church authorities.

The repairs are due to be carried out by a Brighton firm of stonemasons under the supervision of the church architect, who makes a major inspection every five years.

Plans to improve the chapel are going ahead. It has been necessary to make a detailed study of the chapel's history before any changes. One aim is to open up this area for community use – in comfortable surroundings!

Brian Izzard Church Warden

Poynings Pantomime

This year's Panto 'Aladdin' featured the usual cross-dressing village thespians, welcomed back Big Blue Al and destined for stardom, a constabulary comprising two Willoughbys and a Sargent (would you know it?). Jazzy Ware was glorious as Princess Jazzy (glad of valid stage to spar with her mother, the Empress Tina) ~ we were thrilled Andy Emery our retired postie, dragged himself out of his arm chair to deliver a wicked 'Ave a mars bar' (Abanazer) and were relieved that talent has finally arrived in the village in the guise of Adam Virgo.

A delightful chorus line of talented and beautiful girls added much sparkle and joy to the performances.

Grateful thanks to all back stage support ~ in all we raised £2225.62 (including sale of DVDs—a few left—£5.00 from 857391) for Holy Trinity Church.

Nigs

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sheila@oakpoynings.
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Thanks to Mike and Chris for
delivering this newsletter.

Congratulations to Mick the Rig and Louise on the birth of Nicolas and to Jemima and Nigel on the birth of Rufus.



Welcome to the village to — Martin and Suzie

Goodbye and Good Luck to Tara, Chris, Amelia and Sarah and to Adam and Kate (for a minute there we had four Adams in the village—who'd Adam and Eve it!)

POLICE—Local team - PCSO Joel Havicon & PCSO Jade Harrison

SUSSEX POLICE –Tel: 101

Emergencies (crime being or about to be committed, or life threatening situations)—999



YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER - the 'ins and outs' of it all!

An exceptionally good evening and very well attended! Thanks to Tara and her helpers, our hosts the Royal Oak, the Parish Council and all of you who gave raffle prizes and /or bought raffle tickets or gave donations. Many of you have asked about the finances involved:

- When the event started, about 24 years ago, a small group of individuals fund raised the whole thing and shortly afterwards the Parish Council helped out. We still needed many hours fund raising on the run up to the night for the next 12 years or so.
- Then the Parish Council increased their subsidy, ticket sales on the night increased and numbers dwindled enabling fund raising beforehand to tail off.
- Numbers have gradually increased over the last few years as well as expenses, necessitating serious fund raising once again.

The meals cost an average of £20.00 per person including all drinks. With present numbers, a third of this is covered by Poynings Parish Council. Raffle sales on the night bring in a substantial amount but a fund raising event prior to the evening is now necessary. Watch out for this nearer the time and donations are always welcome!

Tara has organised the event for the last nine years and is retiring as she has now moved to near Haywards Heath. She did a great job on this and other events during her time here and will be greatly missed.—good luck!

The Parish Council have nominated her for the MSDC Community Awards (provided this still exists after the election) for all her services to the community. Helen Woodhams is taking over and we wish her the best of luck in organising the Christmas Supper and any fund raising events.



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