

SPRING/SUMMER 2016

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POYNINGS NEWS



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DIARY DATES

- Newtimber Place OpenGarden 17April
- Saddlescombe Open Day 24th April
- Evergreens April 4 May 2, June 6
- Parish Council AGM 10th May
- Garden Fete 18th June
- Pyecombe Flower Festival July 2 & 3
- Fun Day 29th Aug
- Golf Day 8th Sept
- Apple Day October

GARDEN FETE SAT 18TH JUNE

Please join us at our traditional village fete in the rectory garden from 2—5 pm. This event helps fund the general upkeep of our beautiful Norman Church. There are games and stalls for all ages—golf, toys, plants, cakes, books a raffle and a tombola. Enjoy a scrumptious cream tea and watch the maypole



dancing with a glass of Pimms. We are also looking for new helpers so please let Nigs know : nigsdigby@aol.com If you have any homemade cakes or jams please phone

Nicky Cutress on 857221. Bring your family and friends for a traditional summer afternoon in picturesque Poynings!

Village Fun Day Monday Aug 29th Village Hall

As always there will be traditional children's games with prizes and the infamous tug of war. We'll also have a Pimms stall in aid of 'Ye Oldies Xmas Night' as well as the usual raffle in aid of village social events & a Church Tombola.

In the morning there will be races for all ages, probably in the Blacksmiths Field, organised by Mike Airey.



2013 winners Mike, Sarah & Andrew

Prize giving for the races will kick off the afternoon event. Stalls run by locals are very welcome. Offers of help with either children's games or the raffle or any raffle prizes would be good! Sheila 857482 sheila@oakpoynings.freeserve.co.uk

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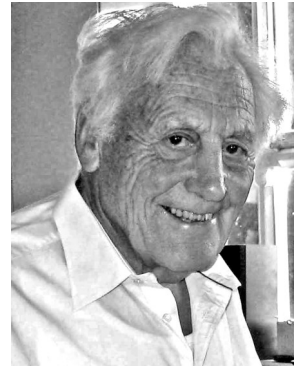
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OBITUARY OF JOHN MURRELL 2nd. March 1932 - 25th. January 2016

John died after a short illness, cared for by Shirley and their four children, Catharine, Luke, Ruth and Adrian, until the last few days when he was admitted to St. Peter and St. James Hospice. He lived at Newtimber with his family for 51 years. John was a scientist and FRS (Fellow of the Royal Society) and enjoyed a stimulating career as Professor of Chemistry at the University of Sussex. He had many other interests which he was able to develop during retirement. Foremost was gardening, particularly growing unusual vegetables such as the chayote, a prickly squash type fruit. He was active in the Hurstpierpoint Horticultural society, judged allotments and gardens for Poynings, lectured and wrote articles for The Garden. He also enjoyed fishing and was a member of a small fly fishing club with ponds near Edburton, where he introduced his grandchildren to catching their first fish. An active man who played tennis into his eighties at Wickwood's tennis club and went with Shirley on South Downs Society walks, though he preferred foraging the countryside for fungi, blackberries and firewood. He was at one time a governor at Albourne primary school and recently Clerk to Newtimber Parish Meeting. He loved his home and the beautiful surroundings and is greatly missed by his devoted family.



Shirley Murrell



EVERGREENS



Any one in the Downland
parishes is welcome to join us
for tea parties on the first
Monday of each month.
Transport can be arranged—
phone Betty 01273 857215.
Christmas was at Pangdean
with Nicky and Ian Currie and
we had a terrific time with

Nicky's savouries
followed by carol singing
which we all enjoyed.
We had a lovely time at
The Royal Oak in
February. We enjoyed
March at Jo-Anne Cairns
at Fulking Farm House
and look forward to April
at Gill and Ian Malby's at
The Paddocks, Fulking
and are looking forward
also to May at Charmaine
and Harry's at Downside,
Fulking.

Betty

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Village hall,
Tues May 10th
7 pm

**Got something
to put on the
agenda?**
Contact Colin on
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**2016
meetings 7pm**
Village Hall
Tuesdays

May 10th
July 5th
September 6th
November 8th



Parish Councillors

Mike Airey (chair)
Sheila Marshall
Jake Richards
John Digby
Matthew Cuttress

Poynings Cricket Club

The 2016 cricket season is due to start in what we hope will be an exciting season not only for our senior side but also our 4 junior teams - U10s, 11s, 12s & 13s. This season our seniors will compete in Mid Sussex Division 1, having secured promotion last season and our junior teams will compete in the South Area Cricket League. NEW for this season is the launch of our Conference team who will play a series of low key fixtures as part of the Stoner Mid Sussex Conference. The aim is to introduce some of our junior players to adult cricket which will hopefully lead into the senior team in the future.

The season is due to start in May with our first senior home game on Saturday 14th May vs. Ashdown Forest. New players are always welcome at Poynings CC. If anyone would like to join our seniors, conference or junior teams please feel free to contact me -

garry.wallis-tayler@sussexcricket.co.uk

Everyone is welcome to come and watch our games and stay for tea or join us in the pub after the game! We are once again sponsored by the Royal Oak and we thank Jan and her team for their continued support. 2016 fixture cards will be available in the Royal Oak from April so feel free to pick one up!

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING MAY 10TH

Poynings Parish Council will be holding their AGM at 7.30pm in the Village Hall straight after the Council meeting at 7pm.

There will be the usual speakers from our Local and District councils. We hope to have the National Trust telling us what is happening on the Dyke followed by an interesting talk from Tony Steer about safe roads and pathways.

Everyone is welcome, and with wine and nibbles being served after the meeting, it should be a great evening! You should receive an invite in April and we look forward to seeing you there. Colin Warburton



MSDC

Community awards

This year the Parish Council nominated Caius Sheppard for many years of 'behind the scenes' work for the village.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Are we travelling too slowly? I mean as a council. It does take time to get things right. We have worked with WSCC to ensure parish funds are not spent when Highways are responsible. By being patient we have saved £7,000 by not having to subsidise 'Operation Watershed' (remedial work for flood relief).

Villagers at our September meeting heard from Highways Area Manager, Richard Speller, on how WSCC prioritises on matters such as flooding and pot-holes. Our Clerk, Colin, has since completed a survey of the village with Richard and further work is planned.

We have arranged for Colin to write to Alan Curren at the Holy Trinity Church to inform the Diocesan Advisory Committee of the Parish Council's support for the planned developments at the church. We have indicated that the council may contribute towards the development and in particular we hope to be able to help provide toilet facilities at the church. Mike

Defibrillator

This will be sited soon in the telephone box at the garage. Can you help restore the box? Helen has glass that can be fitted. It would be good to give the box a fresh coat of paint before our defibrillator is installed. The installation has been delayed for an electrics link up. Training dates for the defibrillator will be advertised.

To help on the restoration, ring Mike 857985 or contact airey2005@btinternet.com

Fulking Fair back 2017**SADDLESCOMBE FARM OPEN DAY****Dates: 24 April 2016****10:30am—4.00pm**

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Lambing Open Days 10—4.00

Saddlescombe Farm
2nd, 3rd, 9th & 10th April.
Adults £6 children £3
Family £15 (2 children)
No need to book.

SLOE GIN COMPETITION.

A fabulous evening!
Helen Woodhams won the Sloe Gin Cup for the third time, closely contended by Sheila.
In third place was Jan of the Royal Oak.
Sue Lee won the Best Liqueur for the second time, with Helen second & third.
'Best of Neighbouring Villages' was won by Jenny Tooley with her sloe Gin.
£112.50 was raised in a raffle for the Youth Club.
Thanks to hosts, The Royal Oak, Helen, judges, John and Vicky Lord, Dawn, Linda, Des, John, Tara and Cheryl.

The Hiker's Rest

Sussex cream teas
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Gardens, Produce, Events, Competitions, Points of View**POYNINGS PING PONG**

A fund raising marathon at the village hall (indoors or out), involving a tournament and general fun ping pong games for all the family too!

Date and number of marathon hours to be decided.

If you are interested in either playing or helping email
sheila@oakpoynings.freemove.co.uk

Pyecombe Village Weekend
2nd and 3rd July
Including a Flower Festival at Pyecombe Church

APPLE DAY

Don't let your (or anyone else's) apples go to waste!

After last year's resounding success, we hope to repeat the event late September/early October at the village hall. This year we will be a bit more organised re apple washing and queuing. Not sure as yet whether to repeat the 'Best Apple Cake' competition but apple chutney will certainly be a category—it tastes better with age, so the sooner you get making, the better—any apples will do!
Sheila

GOLF DAY

The sixth annual Poynings Golf Day was attended by a record number of entries, all of whom embraced the spirit of the day and made it a tremendous success. The overall champion was Adam Virgo, with a team from the Royal Oak winning the pairs trophy. Further awards went to Marianne and Riz for longest drive and nearest the pin. The day ended with a charitable dinner at the Oak which raised a healthy £230 for OAPs' and kiddies' parties. I'm sure we can do better next year!!

The tournament will be held this year on Thurs 8th Sept and as places will be limited anyone wishing to enter should email alankelly@sendmeemail.co.uk to book a place—details to follow later. Until then dust off your clubs and get some practice in!
Al Kelly

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followed by
Strawberry tea at
Newtimber Place

Annual Verge Sale

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Chilli Con Carne Competition

Al's competition will occur some time in June at the Royal Oak.

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BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Sadly we have lost our judge, John Murrell, whose idea it was, but we will continue this competition with the usual 'best flower garden, best hanging baskets and pots and best vegetable garden or allotment'. Garden designer and teacher, Sue Craske, will visit our gardens in mid July. Please ring Sheila on 857482 if you want to give her access to your back garden.

LENT AND EASTER CHURCH SERVICES



20th March	Palm Sunday	
10am Holy Communion		Poynings
11am Family Communion		Edburton
with the blessing of palm crosses		
24th March	Maundy Thursday	
7.30pm Holy Communion		Poynings
25th March	Good Friday	
12 – 1pm Reflection		Pyecombe
27th March	Easter Sunday	
8 am Holy Communion		Newtimber
10am Holy Communion		Pyecombe
11am Holy Communion		Edburton
11.30am Easter Egg Hunt with		
12 noon Children's service		Pyecombe

For other Sunday and weekday services, see notice boards

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craft! We used to meet
one evening a month,
but due to various
things, the meetings are
on hold at present,
although I am always
happy to start them up
again if there is enough
interest. Meanwhile, you
can find our Facebook
group under Happy
Hookers (Poynings), and
would love to see you
and your projects and
ideas there. You can also
contact me, Helen,
857425. Happy hooking.

Church News March/ April 2016

Our Benefice Easter service this year is at Pyecombe, not Poynings – but we still hope you might join us. Other services are listed elsewhere. The early daffodils (or Easter lilies as they used to be called) may be over by then, but chocolate eggs will still be in season!

The message of Easter is about new life, and we are working hard to breathe new life into our lovely old (but cold!) Church building. Thank you to all who have been interested in the development plans and supportive of them. We have met a few setbacks in the planning and approval stages, but are trying hard to get the final permission we need to go ahead.

And we do need your help. From our annual meeting in April, Poynings Church will be short of both a Church Warden and a Treasurer. To be a Church Warden, you do need to become a Church member (though that need not involve coming every Sunday) but that is not a requirement for the Treasurer. We would also be interested to see if there is anyone willing to work with us by leading a building project – including applying for grants – if we gain permission to put a toilet and kitchen extension onto the church.

If you think you have some time you could give to help out in any of these ways, do contact me by phone or e-mail. It always amazes me how much can be achieved when people pull together. We have a lovely village and a beautiful church building – could you help to keep it alive? Happy Easter.

Caroline

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ROYAL OAK

Village Night - "Sixes and Threes" **Each Monday Evening during March**

Monday is "Village Night". Each Monday evening from 6pm we offer a home-made Soup for £3, a Main Course Dish for just £6 and a Pudding for £3.

The menu, which changes weekly, is posted on our Facebook page during the weekend immediately preceding. We hope to see many of our friends from Poynings and the surrounding villages but EVERYONE is welcome, so feel free to bring your families and friends.

Chris Wood's Easter Quiz

Tuesday 22 March

Steak & Chips £10 - Please reserve your quiz place - £2 per person.

"Mexican Night"

Thursday 31 March

Reserve your table now for another of our very popular "Buffet Style" Theme Nights. Help yourself to a range of home-made main course dishes (including vegetarian options) and classic side dishes. Just **£12 per person for two courses.**

Easter Weekend

**Friday 25 March
to Monday 28 March**

Our usual menus will be available throughout the Easter holiday period. The gardens will be open and weather permitting, we may even operate the Barbecue. On the other hand, we could stage a snow-man competition. Who knows?

Monday 21 March to Wednesday 23 March

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 March

Bar 11am to 12 midnight

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 27 March

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 28 March

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Tuesday 29 March onwards

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

We strongly advise making a table reservation over the holiday periods. Call us on 01273 857389, any day from 9.00am.

Easter Highlights !



Saturday 26 March - Easter Saturday

There will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT** in the Royal Oak Gardens. Weather permitting so do call us on the day for an update and further information - or follow us on Facebook.

Forthcoming Events

April 'Quiz' & April 'Oriental' Theme Night

Dates to be arranged

May Bank Holiday Dates

Saturday 30 April

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 1 May

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 2 May

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Saturday 28 May

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 29 May

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 30 May

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

June – Al's Chilli con carne Competition

July – Poynings Bake Off

Summer – New Barbeque & Bar Area in the garden

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Thanks to Helen & her band of helpers for organising and running another great night at the Royal Oak! Huge thanks also to hosts Jan and Steve at the Royal Oak and their staff for hosting and supporting this event. Thanks also to Paul & Lewis, the Parish Council and all who helped fund the event. Helen will be fund raising at Fun Day, Apple Day and more—watch out!

Welcome to the village to (belatedly) Rosie and baby at Park Farm Cottages, Carla and Vincent at Brewery Cottages, Toby Crowther & Louise at Manor Farm Cottages & **recently** to Robert, Sandra family near the Village Hall and to John & Mija, their daughter Astrid in Dyke Close and also **Congratulations** on the birth in February of their baby girl!



Goodbye and Good Luck to Paul & Lewis after 19 years as Royal Oak landlords and living in Newtimber.



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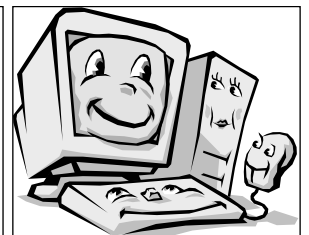
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