POYNINGS NEWS



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DIARY DATES

- Newtimber Place
 OpenGarden April23
- Saddlescombe Open
 Day Sun April 23rd
- Evergreens May 8th June 5th
- Parish Council
 AGM May 9th
- Garden Fete Sat Tune 10th
- Fulking Fete Sun July 30th
- Pyecombe Flower
 Festival July 1 & 2
- Poynings Fun Day
 Aug 28th

GARDEN FETE SAT 10TH JUNE

Please join us at our traditional village fete in the rectory garden from 2—4.30 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 or puppet



show with a glass of refreshing 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!

Poynings Fun Day

August 28th Village Hall

As always there will be a tug of war - Poynings v Fulking maybe? There will be the usual traditional children's races with lots of prizes, a raffle in aid of village event funds and a Church tombola.



Stalls run by locals are encouraged. Offers of help with either the children's games or the raffle are very welcome. If you have any raffle prizes contact Sheila 857482

Refreshments and music are to be decided on.

Leaflets will go out nearer the time with exact times etc.

BUS SERVICES

Half Hourly No 17 Horsham to Brighton Mon to Sat—From Poynings Crossroads. Ring Stagecoach— 0845 1210170

> Sunday/Public Holiday. Ring Compass Travel 01903 233767



Hassocks Community Bus
Monday and Thursday only
Via Albourne & Hurstpierpoint
Leaves Poynings bus shelter 10 .00am
Leaves Hassocks 12.00 noon

From Ginger Fox

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

(Guaranteed connection at Storrington between services 100 and 102)

102—Storrington/Amberly/Pulborough/
Storrington

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 and bank holidays.

If you would like to apply for a bus pass and are eligible, please contact Colin on 01273 857024

Railcards

If you do not have a bus pass and would like to apply for a subsidised Senior Rail Card phone Colin 01273 857024

Tim Alford 1950-2017

Tim sadly passed away in January 2017 after a long and debilitating illness.

Tim loved living in the friendly and beautiful village of Poynings and after building the family home enjoyed many years of running, cycling and walking through the stunning Sussex countryside with family and friends.



His family would like to extend their thanks for the many warm and heartfelt messages which they received and also to those who attended his funeral service. Thanks also goes to the NHS which, over the years, provided a high level of kind and thoughtful treatment.

Caroline



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

21 villagers attended the March training sessions provided by Henfield Area Response Team (HART). The machine is in the phone box at the garage and can be

taken and used on any occasion of a sudden collapse in the period before an ambulance arrives. We learnt about chest compressions and how the machine is able to assess the action needed. The defibrillator's speaker announces what needs to be done. HART wish to thank those who have given a contribution toward the cost. They are a charity and depend on contributions to install these machines in public places. Donations can still be given at http://www.henfieldresponders.org.uk

EVERGREENS &



June Nunne as Her Majesty at fete 2016

Anyone over 60 in the

Downside, Fulking (to be second Monday May to join us for tea parties on the first Monday of each month.

Transport can be arranged— Newtimber in June and phone Betty 01273 857215.

We had a lovely time at The Royal Oak in February. We

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once again enjoyed March with Joanna Cairns at Fulking Farm House and look forward to April at Gill and Ian Malby's at The Paddocks, Fulking. We are looking forward also to May at Charmaine and Harry's at Downside, Fulking (the 8th). We are going to Shirley Murrell's, Newtimber in June and to Rushfields Plant Centre in July. Betty

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PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting Village hall, Tues May 9th 7 pm Got something to put on the agenda? Contact Colin on 01273 857024. colin@thefinancehouse .co.uk

As you may have noticed, Adam and Jess of Green Lotus Gardens are working on the roundabout with more plants to come!

seeing you there.

2017 meetings 7pm Village Hall **Tuesdays**

May 9th July 4th September 5th November 7th

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Poynings Parish Council will be holding their AGM at 7.30pm

interesting talks from Paul Boichat - Senior Project Manager,

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

PC. Everyone is welcome, and with wine and nibbles being

served after the meeting, it should be a great evening! You

should receive an invitation in April and we look forward to

BT and Tony Steer - Wolstonbury Ltd and Bolney



Parish Councillors

Mike Airey (chair) **Sheila Marshall John Digby Matthew Cuttress** Jan Nichols

Poynings Cricket Club Poynings Cricket Club are due to start the 2017 season next month under the guidance of new Club Captain, Michael Prodger. Our 1st XI will be playing in Mid Sussex Division 1 while our newly formed 2nd XI, led by Mike Morgan, will compete in Mid Sussex Division 5. We will also be running 5 junior teams from U10 - U14 who will play in the South Area Leagues and there will also be a Development XI available, who will play a series of Sunday friendlies throughout the year. Club training will take place at Poynings Cricket Field on Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday 19th April, 6pm. New junior or adult players are welcomed and if you would be interested in joining please contact Gary Wallis-Tayler on gary.wallistayler@sussexcricket.co.uk Fixture booklets will be distributed around the village and will be available via our main club sponsor, The Royal Oak Pub. Your support is always welcomed so feel free to pop in at any point during the season! The management committee and players are thoroughly looking forward to the new season ahead and we hope to see you during the summer. Best Wishes Gary

Ding Dong - Avon Lady in Poynings! Call Jackie on 01273 857581/

Gary Wallis-Tayler

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Colin Warburton—Parish Clerk

What we do. Parish Council meetings are open to all. In this last quarter the Council met in November, January and twice in March. Jan Nichols has been co-opted to make up our number. We have looked at numerous planning applications. The destruction of Pondtail Wood has remained high in our concerns. I was due to attend an appeal hearing in support of the Enforcement Notices. The appeal has been withdrawn. The South Downs National Park Authority are pleased with the current outcome. Both the new owner and former owner have signed an agreement not to lodge further challenges.

From 1 April the SDNPA take over planning control from Mid Sussex District Council. Parish councillors have attended briefings with SDNPA and recently linked with Fulking councillors to discuss matters of local concern to this area.

To help keep the village clean and tidy, we have arranged for additional road sweeping and John Digby is overseeing a local clean up of accumulated litter. The council has received further funding from the County Council to continue our local works to help prevent flooding in the village. We have said goodbye to WSCC Councillor Peter Griffiths who has given great attention to Poynings. Peter will stand down from the county elections in May. Mike Airey



MAY 9TH

07760310070 **MSDC**

Community awards

(Garden Party) This year the Parish Council nominated our vicar, Caroline Currer, and her husband, Alan Currer, for all their hard work for the Church and local communities these last eight years.

SADDLESCOMBE FARM OPEN DAY

23rd April

10:30am - 4.00pm

Discover this ancient downland farm that was once owned by the Knights Templars. Tours of the 17th century buildings, the surrounding downs and the walled garden.

£5.00, £2.00 & £13.00

Call my Bluff wine quiz in the marquee in the North Town Field on the evening of Friday 28 July 7 for 7.30pm. Free parking.
Tables of 8 quizzers at £15 per person to include superior wines and very tasty finger food.
Prize for winning table.
Contact Bob Rowland on tel 857271
bob.pamrowland@btinternet.

SLOE GIN COMPETITION.

A fabulous evening!
Thrice runner up Ella Johnson won
the Sloe Gin Cup and Helen
Woodhams came second. Sue Lee
won the Best Liqueur for the third
time, as well as coming second &
third. 'Best of Neighbouring Villages' was won by Jon & Vicky Lord
of Woodmancote with their sloe Gin.
Tara guessed closest in the Mystery
Drink. Thanks to all who bought raffle
tickets. Thanks to hosts, The Royal
Oak, judges Jon, Linda, Tara, Jan,
Sue & John.

Fulking Fair 2017 will take place in the North Town Field, Fulking on Sunday 30 July from 12 noon till 5pm. There will be free admission and parking, Shepherd & Dog marquee and bar, live music, Punjabi Street food, Fish & Chips, Rushfields' pies, childrens' games including stocks, bouncy castle, puppet show, coconut shy, tombola, demonstrations of country crafts, many stalls selling local produce and crafts, tug of war & many other events.'

Gardens, Produce, Events, Competitions, Points of View

POYNINGS PING PONG



Sorry for the delay folks -problems with positioning the table on the site! We have some volunteers to help dig out the base but need more. Also there will be topsoil available - contact Sheila 857482 sheila@oakpoynings.freeserve.c o.uk

Pyecombe Village Weekend incorporating a Flower

Festival at the Church will take place this year on 1st & 2nd July.

APPLE DAY

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

Come and get your apples pressed into delicious juice.

Wash beforehand and jump the queue or wash on site.

Leaflets will go out for a Sunday late September/early October.

Let Sheila know if you've made any apple chutney—857482

POYNINGS PANTO

The Poynings Panto this year was 'Beauty and the Beast'. As a new member of this wonderful village little did I know there was such talent at the foot of the Dyke! Firstly, Colin's talents in set

design and building, supported by a loyal band who risked pneumonia from the long hours they worked in the church, took my breath away. (Their breath you could sometimes even see!) His talent for wearing the Dame's frock and a colourful wig has to go down in history. Andy, the postie, took on the enormous role of Beauty's dad with comedy and style. Beauty, played by the talented, lovely Laura was a treat. Tina, and her daughter Jasmine, entertained us highly each night. The beautiful Tina, putting aside her bubbly personality to play the evil, villainous witch, while clever Jasmine, created the lovable yet stupid character 'Snot'. Andrew, playing the arrogant Gaston, looked very at home wearing a muscle I believe Claudia, his wife, was happy to see him strutting around the house with it on. Ellie, had a wonderful Gallic accent and brought great comedy to her part as Gaston's side-kick, French Frank. All threw themselves into the challenge of singing, dancing, comic timing and eliciting audience participation whenever they could. But the big surprise for me was the wonderful Phil, who turned up to play a very small part and ended up playing the Beast! His secrets are out - he can act with subtlety, stage fight and sing! To the younger members of the cast a huge hip-hip-hooray! The little ones in the church all wearing hot water bottles, but still managing huge smiles; the older girls, singing and dancing with terrific verve; never complaining but giving 100% commitment and enthusiasm, are images that will long stay with me. To all the helpers who sold tickets, chaperoned, made refreshments, conjured up raffle prizes, worked back stage, and cheerfully did anything that needed doing: you are all super-stars. It could not have been done without you!!!Special thanks to Kevin for his expertise in sound! Lastly to our amazing vicar, Caroline, who will be sorely missed, our very welcoming and understanding host. How generous to trust her 14th century church into our amateur hands. The panto raised funds for the church, but her contribution to the event was priceless. But Caroline was not the only woman involved who entrusted me with getting this year's panto on... Nigs, who has directed several previous Poynings pantos and has been a mainstay of this event, had to risk putting it into my hands while she concentrated on arrangements for her son's wedding. I was happy to step up and work with such a lovely, hardworking group of people. It was a total pleasure. Let's hope the next vicar is as wonderful as Caroline and lets us take over the church again in 2019! But without our audiences, young and old, who thronged to the church, booed and hissed, and sang along with gusto there would have been little point. My biggest thanks are to them. See you next time! Sandra

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Races

The annual village 2 mile race will be held on a date best suited to those wishing to run. Let me know if you want to be included. Mike 857985

Annual Verge Sales

in aid of Newtimber Church & other Charities Unwanted bric a brac? Lucy 01273 831877

Concert and Strawberry Tea Sat July 1st Newtimber Church Teas in Newtimber Place garden Tickets £20.00 lucy.newtimber@iclou d.com 01273 831877 Do you need a baby sitter or dog walker? I am 18, have a first aid certificate and transport. Please contact Jack on 0796100949



STONESTAPLES MEAT

Home bred, home reared, grass fed, Beef and Lamb. For more information, contact Poynings Grange Farm 01273 857347

NEWTIMBER PLACE National Garden Scheme Opening

Sunday April 23rd 2.00 - 5.30 pm

Adults £4.00 Children free

Teas and homemade cakes in aid of Newtimber Church

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LENT AND EASTER CHURCH SERVICES



Pyecombe

9th April Palm Sunday
10am Holy Communion Newtimber
6pm Evening Service Pyecombe
with the blessing of palm crosses

13th April Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion Poynings

14th April Good Friday 12 – 1pm Reflection Pyecombe

16th April Easter Sunday
8 am Holy Communion Newtimber
10am Holy Communion Poynings
11am Holy Communion Edburton
11.30am Easter Egg Hunt with

Children's service

12 noon

For other Sunday and weekday services, see notice boards

Church News April 2017

From a very early Easter last year, this year it is very late – surpassed only in two years' time and in 2030 when it will be as late as it can be. The dates of our services are above, and this year our main service on Easter morning falls on a third Sunday so will be at Poynings. Do come and celebrate at 10 am, or indeed at any of our other services. We also have two weddings at Poynings that week, as well as two more later in the year.

In May we are holding 4 special services at which couples are invited to renew their wedding vows, and to celebrate their relationship. This is for everyone who would like to come, whether married in one of our 4 churches, or living in the village or just interested in taking up this opportunity. Invitations are being sent out to those who were married in one of our churches recently, and there will be fliers put round the village. The Poynings service will be on Sunday 28th May, but if this date is inconvenient, there are similar services at Edburton on 14th May, Pyecombe on 21st May and Newtimber on 4th June. All 4-5pm and followed by a glass of bubbly and a slice of 'wedding' cake. Children will be welcome. Do ask me for more details if you have any queries.

There are no further developments yet on plans for development in the church, although we have been delighted to have repairs to the West Door (and a new pair of wire screen doors) together with a new curtain rail and curtain, all of which have been paid for by a very generous donation. We are grateful to Peter Jones, Malcolm Johnson and Gillian Keith for their skill and work.

On a less cheerful note, there has been damage to one of the tombs in the churchyard, which has rendered part of the path unsafe – please keep dogs (and children!) on a lead since the unstable tomb top is very heavy. We hope to arrange for repair soon. Also some malicious damage in which the main fuses were removed from the porch. This was made right immediately but was also potentially very dangerous, and I was saddened to think that anyone would cause such damage to such a lovely old communal building. Having said that, these are the only such incidents in the past 8 years, so they need to be seen in perspective.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously before Christmas for homeless people in Brighton and Hove. We plan to continue our support in the summer. And also to all the cast and crew of the Pantomime, which now seems a distant memory but was another incredible success this year.

Our annual meeting will be held on Monday 10th April at 7pm in the Village Hall, when you can learn more about what we have been doing in the past year. Do come along.

With very best wishes and greetings especially at Easter tide

Caroline

CROWTHER BUILDING SERVICES

For all your building requirements, loft conversions and extensions.

Please call Ollie on 07760306592 for free estimates

Happy Hookers is a place for any of you who like (or would like) to crochet, knit or generally 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.

Open Garden Dyke Farmhouse Poynings Sunday 18th June 2-5

Afternoon tea served

in aid of Martlet hospices and Brighton Festival Chorus to help them raise funds for their concert in France celebrating the end of WWI next year. They are singing Britten's War Requiem. Any offers of help to bake cakes or run the cake shop Contact Nigs 01273 857298

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VILLAGE NIGHT

is

Now Every Tuesday Evening!

We hope to see all of our friends from Poynings and the surrounding villages but EVERYONE is welcome, so bring your families & friends.

Every Tuesday evening from 6pm until 9pm we offer home-made restaurant quality dishes at village prices.

Take your pick from a tasty soup for \$4, a delicious meat or vegetarian main for \$7 and a sumptuous dessert for only \$4.

The menu, which changes weekly, is posted on our Facebook page 'Royal Oak Poynings' the day before.

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 14th - Monday 17th April

This Easter sees the launch or our new

Prosecco Bar & Grill

Treat yourself to one of our lip smacking Prosecco Cocktails while enjoying a tasty lunch or dinner from our fantastic outdoor grill. (Starts on Saturday 15th April)

> Open every Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon (Opening more days in the summer months)

EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be holding our annual EASTER EGG HUNT on Saturday 15th April at 11am in the Royal Oak gardens again. (Subject to fair weather)

On **Easter Sunday** we will also have face painting and balloon modeling in the garden for the little kids (and you big kids).

Easter weekend will be busy and fun as usual. We may even have some live music in the garden.

We strongly advise making a table reservation over the Easter period. Call us on 01273 857389 any day from 9am to book your table.

Coming Soon at the Royal Oak

Songkran - Thai New Year

Thursday 13th April
A special Thai inspired menu will be available all day.
(as well as our usual at a carte menu)
See our facebook page for details and menus

LIVE MUSIC with SIMON JONES

Saturday 29th April

After a great gig in March, one man and his guitar is back!

Playing hits from the 70's until the present day.

Feel free to sing-a-long or ask Simon for requests. Starts at 8pm

May Bank Holidays

Saturday 29th April to Monday 1st May Saturday 28th May to Monday 29th May

PUP AID - Charity Dog Show

Sunday 10th June – 1pm – 4pm

This really is one of our summer highlights.

A host of local celebrities will be helping us put on a great day.

Enter your pooch into one of our special dog classes to win some great prizes.

See our website and facebook page for more details

Father's Day

Sunday 18th June
Again, please call us well in advance to book a table.
Why not tell us dad's favourite food on our facebook page
and we'll try and put it on the menu!

Al Kelly's Got A Big Chilli Con Carne Competition!

(Date to be confirmed in June)
Can YOU make the best chilli in these here parts?

The Great Poynings Bake Off

(Date to be confirmed in July)
Put your Mary Berry skills to the test and win notoriety as
the best baker in the area!

ROYAL OAK

The Street, Poynings BN45 3AQ telephone: 01273 857389 email: mail@royaloakpoynings.pub website: royaloakpoynings.pub

We strongly advise making a table reservation over busy periods. Garden is walk-ins only.

SPRING/SUMMER

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Children's Christmas Party at the Royal Oak was a huge success and enjoyed by all kids aged under 10 from Poynings, Saddlescombe and Newtimber. The magician David Tricks, and his real rabbit, entertained them all and then after some food, Father Christmas arrived with a big sack of presents! I would like to say a big thank you to Jan at the Royal Oak for kindly hosting this event and to Al, and his fellow golfers, whose annual Tournament generously raises funds to cover the costs Sarah

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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., the Parish Council, Al and his golfers and all who helped fund the event.

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Thanks to The Royal Oak, Sandra and Bob Slinger, Luke and Janet Littlewood, Steve and Sharon Vokins, Rys and Deborah Miarkowski and Martin Harris and Suzannah for sponsoring the printing of this newsletter.

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