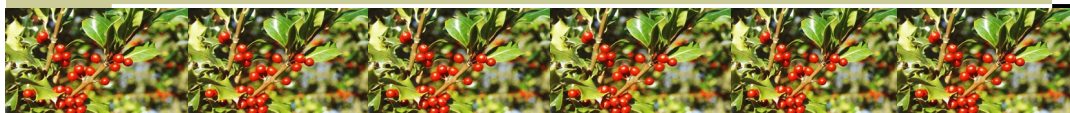


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DIARY DATES

- **CHILDRENS' XMAS PARTY** Fri 12th DEC
- **CAROL SERVICE** 21st
- **EVERGREENS** 15th DEC
- **YE OLDE VILLAGERS' XMAS** WED 17th DEC
- **CHRISTINGLE** 24th DEC
- **PARISH COUNCIL** 6th Jan
- **PANTOMIME** Aladdin 9th, 10th & 11th JAN
- **Burns Night** 25th Jan
- **Sloe Gin Night** Feb
- **Film Night** Feb

YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER

This year's prestigious event will be on **Wednesday December 17th in The Royal Oak.** Drinks at the bar from 7pm for a 7.30 sit down. It's that time of year again and the invitations from my VIP guest list are almost ready to go out.

This is a lovely evening at the Royal Oak, which has been going for over 20 years now. It is set up for those aged 60 or over from the villages of Poynings, Newtimber and Saddlescombe. I have a great team of helpers to wait on you with a drink at the bar and then to serve you a delicious traditional Christmas dinner with wine, followed by a scrumptious pudding. Helen will be around



selling raffle tickets on the night, which will be drawn after pudding. The evening is put together by myself and a great team, with funds which have been raised beforehand, raffle takings on the night and a generous donation from our Poynings Parish Council. This year we held a 'Posh Sausage and Mash' night at the village hall back in October and raised a grand total of £350! Thank you to

everyone who supported the very successful evening at 'The Manor'.

Any extra help is always appreciated, so let me know if you can. PLEASE let me know if I have any new guests to be invited this year, I don't want to leave you out. Tara x
Tel: 01273 857064 e: tarastanning@outlook.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday December 12th 4—6pm Royal Oak.

Entertainers, elves and other surprises!

Christmas tea will be provided by the Royal Oak...

Invites will go out but if you are new to Poynings

or Newtimber Parishes or know someone new— contact Laura

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12.00—Henfield High St
12.15—Poynings school

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**GOODBYE****Johnny Johnson**

William 'Johnny' Johnson, died earlier this year, on
6th June (D-Day) after a brave battle with cancer,
over the last few years.

He was born in 1926, on a farm on the Blackmoor
estate, in Hampshire, and moved to Brighton with
his family when he was a young lad.

Johnny met Poynings girl Ella Hollingdale, and they
married in January 1954, whilst he was still in the
army, after WW2. He would come back to the
village on leave, staying at Ella's family home at
Glebe Cottage, and always enjoyed going to the
Royal Oak for a Watneys brown ale and a game of
darts with the locals. Johnny and Ella settled in
Poynings after his army career ended, although
being recalled to go off to the Suez crisis inter-
rupted life for a time.

For many years, whilst their children were small, he worked for 'Felco Hoists', at
Crawley, driving a lorry to all parts of the country, delivering cranes. Along the way
he gathered a large stock of tales to tell about his travels. He then went to work for
British United Airways, at Gatwick, and remained at the airport till he retired, work-
ing for British Caledonian, and finally British Airways.

When he did retire, he always wanted to keep busy doing something, and took on
various gardening and driving jobs in Poynings and Fulking.

He had always been a good driver, and it was very hard for him to finally accept giving
up driving, when his eyesight started failing in later years.

He was always a good timekeeper, and hated to be late for any appointment, or to let
people down. He never wanted to live anywhere other than Poynings.

Johnny was always a great family man. He and Ella celebrated their Diamond wedding
anniversary in January this year and is very much missed by Ella, Sandra and Malcolm,
son-in-law Bill, and grandsons Liam and Jake.

Ella Johnson

**EVERGREENS****Everyone in the four Downland Parishes who is either over 60 or in need of company**

We usually have our tea parties on the **first Monday of the month** but the Christmas
party at Hobbs Cottage, Pyecombe, with Wendy and Terry Desborough is on the **15th
December**.

Our new host, Tim Stace, made us very welcome with a warm fire and music in
October in Fulking. In November we enjoyed Nicky's lovely food with Ian Currie at
Pangdean Farm, Pyecombe.

Earlier in the year, in April, we were at Gill and Ian Malby's at the Paddocks, Fulking
and in May we were at Charmaine and Harry Diamond's, Clappers Lane, Fulking.
June took us to Shirley and John Murrell's at Rectory Cottage, Newtimber, where we
had the pleasure of viewing their magnificent garden.

In July we were treated to sitting outside at the Rushfield's cafe and in August we
enjoyed the company of Carol and Maurice Ravel at Manor Farm, Poynings.
Nigs and John Digby treated us at Dyke Farmhouse, Poynings, in September.

If you would like to join us, we can arrange transport.
Contact Betty on 857215.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting

**Village hall, Tues
January 6th 7pm**

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

As you are probably aware, a lot of work has been done to clear the drains and gullies.

The trees opposite the Forge Garage will be further cut back soon, involving a road closure.

We had a very interesting talk from the new farmers at Saddlecombe Farm at the AGM and they thanked the Lee family for all their help settling in.

Parish Council dates for 2015 - 7.00 pm village hall Tuesdays

Jan 6th

March 3rd

May 19th

July 7th

Sept 1st

Nov 10th



Village Hall

Parish Council Members

Mark Lee

Sheila Marshall

Colin Warburton

Mike Airey

BONFIRE NIGHT

Amazingly, despite the appalling weather, we actually pulled it off!

Many thanks to the usual crew—Mark, Michael, Nicky, Matt, Helen, Ryan and Dan, Mike, Colin and Sheila and to Mikey for his 18th guy, not to mention Henry for his drumming. Thanks of course to Jim and the firework crew for a

gallant effort and to the burger van people. Thanks to all Mike's traffic crew—Al, Hari, Keith, Tony, Drew, Mike, Fergus and to Chris & Capt. Mike Spencer RM who carried the guy. Thanks also to Colin's torch bearers—Malcolm, Linda, Helen, Ian and Tom. There were only half as many people, incurring a shortfall. The Royal Oak contributed to the funds -



thank you - and the Parish Council made up the rest.

Thanks to all who turned out on such an inclement night!

The Poynings website - www.poynings.net

Have you signed up to the Poynings email yet? If not you may be missing out. We now have nearly 160 subscribers! If you want to receive updates in between these comprehensive

newsletters, register on the Poynings site now at www.poynings.net. (You will receive an email asking you to confirm it was you who registered). If you have anything happening that you

would like to be announced, send an Email to colinw@vfemail.net.



Poynings Cricket Club Season Review 2014.

Unfortunately, the 2014 season was slightly disappointing for Poynings CC. Our senior side were relegated from Division 1, following a major struggle with player availability and we will now compete in Division 2 during 2015. Although we have been relegated, we remain positive and we remain hopeful of an immediate return to Division 1 whilst being able to give our younger players a chance to develop and experience playing regular league cricket.

The major positive of 2014 was the continued development of Poynings Juniors where we ran teams in the U10 and U11 age groups. The junior side is now continuing to grow, with more children joining, and parents being introduced into Poynings CC. The plan for 2015 is to run teams in the U10, U11 & U12 age groups.

As always we welcome new players into our adult or junior teams. If you are interested in joining Poynings CC please contact Gary Wallis-Taylor gary.wallis-taylor@sussexcricket.co.uk

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Village Talks and Films

It is intended to continue with film nights and talks in the village hall. We've seen films and had talks on the Devil's Dyke Railways as well as an episode of Country Ways featuring this area. We have also had a presentation about RAF Truleigh Hill. Let Sheila have your ideas re talks and films.

**FULKING XMAS
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**CHILLI
COMPETITION**

The Chilli Cup was won this year by Ian, followed by Ernie! Thanks to Laura for running this fun event which raises funds for the Childrens' Christmas Party, also hosted by the Royal Oak—thank you.

BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Judge John Murrell awarded Helen Woodhams the long overdue Pots and Hanging Baskets Cup for her tubs and boxes. Relative newcomers, Liz Bubez and Steve Morley were awarded the Flower Cup for best overall garden and 'Old Hands' in the cup sense, Jan and Keith, won the Vegetable Cup for their allotment.

Flooding

Driest September ever! Now it is time for the floods. Wineham Lane Bridge on 13 October 2014.

(Photo from the Lambs website)

1 ½ inches of rain in two days. Lambs, Locals against Mayfield Building Sprawl. The threat of a new Market Town north of our village is still there. See latest information www.lambs.org.uk General flooding in Poynings is being addressed by the Parish Council. A fund known as 'Watershed' from WSCC is being used to clear drains and additional measures are planned to help prevent flooding in the village. Mike Airey

**Fitness Group**

In July a running fitness group started meeting at the Royal Oak car park a 4pm each Sunday. The group was for regular runners as well as beginners and children. Numbers varied between 3 and 6 each week and on the last couple of sessions it was down to just one. Perhaps the timing is wrong. Let Chris Jones know if you would prefer to meet at another time or just turn up on a Sunday to see if anyone is there. Chris Jones 857736.

**Sloe Gin Competition
February 2015 Royal Oak**

Don't forget to save some of this year's
sloe gin or other liqueur
back!

We now have two sections, one for
neighbouring villages.

**GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN IN
AID OF YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS
SUPPER** £80.10p was raised from two pumpkins provided by Rushfields and positioned in both the Royal Oak and Rushfields Farm Shop. Both venues gave a prize of a bottle of champagne. Locally Nick Terrim's daughter Jasmine came joint second and Al Kelly was fourth.

**HURSTPIERPOINT
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

Sheila is delighted to announce that she won 2 firsts and 2 seconds in the Autumn Show, albeit including 'Most Humorous Mishapen Vegetable' & 'Fun Vegetable Collection'! Sue Brooks equalled her, including a first in Dahlia, and winning many firsts & seconds in the earlier two shows.

John Murrell wiped the floor with everyone as usual, winning the Vegetable Cup in the summer Show & The Fruit Cup in The Autumn Show! There are talks every month & it is only £5.00 to join so if you are interested phone John Murrell on 857353.

**Dyke Farm House
Open Garden**

Nigs and John Digby opened their garden at Dyke Farm House on 29th June, raising funds for The Martlets Hospice. In all, visitor donations and sales in the tea room meant a total of £1000 was presented to the Hospice. The afternoon was a sunny affair and everyone enjoyed wandering around the garden, which has a variety of styles; formal borders, a woodland walk, productive vegetable patch and a cottage garden. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and helped serve teas.

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Services

(other services as usual)

Sunday 14th December

6pm Carol Service at

Pyecombe with the Mid

Sussex Brass Band.

Sunday 21st December

2.30pm Carol Service at

Newtimber followed by

tea in church – a service for all ages.

6pm Carol Services at



Poynings and Edburton – both followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Wednesday 24th December

6.30pm at **Poynings**.

Christingle Service for children of all ages - with oranges and

sweets.

Wednesday 24th December

11.30pm at **Edburton** and

Pyecombe. Midnight services of Holy Communion

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day 8am Short

quiet service of Holy Communion at **Newtimber**.

10am Holy Communion for

Christmas Day at **Poynings**.

ALL WELCOME!

CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 2014

Christmas is coming, and with it the chance to look back on another year and forward to the year ahead. This year we have again lost some key members of both our village and our church communities – people who we remember together every year at our All Souls service. For the first time, we enjoyed at that service the benefits of the new lighting installed in the chancel area of the Church – and also the splendid Poynings banner that now hangs above the organ, thanks to Ernie and Ian Lee Smith of Mill Close. Looking ahead, another brilliant pantomime is planned for January – see details elsewhere – and rehearsals in church have already begun. I am always amazed by the talent and sheer hard work of all who take part. There are also plans, slowly but steadily progressing, to heat the South Chapel area so that it can be better used. This project has turned out to be more complicated than we thought, which has led to delays, but a positive benefit is that some of us have learned a lot more about the de Poynings family, and we hope that our church will soon display its history more boldly for visitors to see. Watch out for more news of these plans. So what about Christmas itself? As ever, there will be four carol services to choose from in the Benefice, and the usual array of Christmas services. I do hope you will come along. Christmas is not always an easy time, especially for those who are recently bereaved or who face family troubles. But it is a time when we all seek to reach out in love and care – whether through the cards or messages we send to friends and relatives, or through getting together as families or with friends and neighbours. The Christmas message is ultimately one of hope, especially for those going through hard times. ‘Fear not’ says the angel, not just to Mary but to the shepherds and also to us. We need to hear that message. Anxiety and fear paralyse individuals and nations and crush creativity. We may be fearful of growing old, of being alone, or of losing what we have. Perhaps that is why ‘fear not’ is so commonly found in the Bible – 366 times, in fact, once for every day of the year, even in a leap year. Whatever our personal circumstances, let us seek this Christmas to hear the song and the message of the angels – perhaps in Church through the carols we sing, perhaps just in our own hearts. Remember the Church is there for everyone – do use it, and let me know if there are things that we could be doing differently or more often in 2015.

Caroline

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Poynings Pantomime

We are performing **Aladdin** on **Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January**.

This year sees village newcomer and former Albion Captain Alan Virgo as well as three home grown notorieties joining the cast! Due to the aforesaid there will probably be a rush on tickets once the wider ads go out so book early to avoid disappointment! See the back page poster for more details.

***We are short of two large top hats, a large tail coat & large velvet curtains.**

Village Garden Fete

Another lovely affair, with the best ever maypole dancing building to the full 16! We had the pantomime chorus, including Tina Ware, now famous in country band ‘Sold As Seen’, which toured other fairs. We had the usual stalls, games, Sally’s teas and Sheila’s puppet show. We raised just over £2000.00 for the substantial running and maintenance costs of our 14th century Church. Thanks to all who helped, participated or came along to make this event its usual success!



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December,
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Each Monday Evening**

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 website 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.

**"Festive" Curry Night
Wednesday 3 December**

Reserve your table now for the last Curry Night of the year! Let's get Festive - the log fires will be crackling and the decorations will be up!

Help yourself to a range of home-made main courses dishes (including vegetarian options) and classic side dishes. **Just £12** per person !

**Tanya's "Happy Quizmas"
Wednesday 17 December 7.30pm**

Get together a team of up to four players, the entry fee is £2 per player and the winning team takes all!

Chef will be offering a hearty **"Steak & Chips" supper for just £10**. Optional of course and available to all, whether joining the quiz or not.

Call us to register your team and reserve a table - or just come along on the night.

**Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24 December**

The bar will be open from 12 noon 'til late and we'll be taking table reservations from 12 noon until 9.30pm. There will be complimentary mince pies and sausage rolls later in the evening.

**Christmas Day
Thursday 25 December**

The bar will be open from 12 noon until 2pm. There will be mulled wine, complimentary nibbles and EVERYONE will be welcome.

**Boxing Day (& beyond)
Friday 26 December
to Tuesday 30 December**

The bar will be open from 12 noon 'til late and we'll be taking table reservations from 12 noon 'til 9.30pm.

**New Years' Eve
Wednesday 31 December**

We will be taking reservations for lunch and supper from 12 noon 'til 9.30pm. Expect Lounge Music until about 10pm followed by our own Resident DJ until late!

For those of you not wishing to dine, EVERYONE will be welcome to join us for a glass or three - the bar will be open from 12 noon until late.

**New Years' Weekend
Thursday 1 January
to Sunday 4 January 2015**

The bar will be open from 12 noon 'til late. We'll be taking reservations for lunch and supper from 12 noon 'til 9.30pm.

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2014-2015

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Friday 19 December & Saturday 20 December

Bar 11am to 12 midnight

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 21 December

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 22 December & Tuesday 23 December

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Wednesday 24 December

Bar 12 noon to 12 midnight

Bar 12 noon to 9.30pm

Thursday 25 December

Bar 12 noon to 2pm

Kitchen CLOSED

Friday 26 December & Saturday 27 December

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 28 December

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 29 December & Tuesday 30 December

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Wednesday 31 December

Bar 12 noon 'til late

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Lounge Music 'til 10pm, DJ 'til late !

Thursday 1 January to Saturday 3 January 2015

Bar 12 noon to 11.00pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 4 January

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 5 January onwards....

BUSINESS AS USUAL !

Bar 11am to 11pm

(12 noon to 10.30pm Sunday)

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

....and finally, some "DIARY DATES" for January 2015 and beyond!

Poynings Panto

Friday 9 January 8pm,

Saturday 10 January 3pm and 8pm

Sunday 11 January 3pm

Burns Night

Sunday 25 January

Fondue Night

Wednesday 4 February

Valentine's Weekend

Saturday 14 February

Chinese New Year

Thursday 19 February

CONGRATULATIONS TO Liz & Mark on the birth of baby Annabelle.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO Kirshanda, Wayne, Tom, Jasmine and Rupert, to Harold and Anne, to Paul, to Michelle and to Spencer Chapman and Carol Springgay. Also belatedly to Astri and family.

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE TO Adam & Jess, to Adam, Jessica & Will, to Sue and Mike, to Susie, Gavin, Millie and Bebe, to Jack and Liz, to Deborah, Riz, Sophia and Emilia, to Erin and John, to Michelle & Matthew and belatedly to Caroline, Rob & Jacob and to Liz Bubez & Steve Morley.

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Thanks to all who crammed into the village hall to save the day and a very wet and windy one it was too!

Special thanks to Keith the tent, Colin, Bob Powell for the rope, Mike and Sue, Katy, Dawn and anyone who helped with or supported the event.

Thanks to Rushfields for their fruit basket and to Tates Garage for their toys!

Children enjoyed traditional games, both inside and out, but the mud slide tug was too much for some!

Just half a dozen battled for the title of 'Poynings Fastest' this year with a very competitive race in damp conditions.

The fastest woman for the fifth year was Sarah Corney.

The men's winner was Mark Ansell.

Mark completed the two mile course of three laps of the field in a record time of 14 mins, 5 secs. Rupert Corney, a previous winner, came in close behind and was followed by Andrew Sturt. The damp conditions seem to have put off other entrants. Mike's son, Robin and grandson, Morgan were the only entrants for the one lap Fun Run and no one entered the one lap bike race. Plenty of medals left for next year. The crystal awards were presented at the village hall in the afternoon.



Newsletter

Thanks to Steve for printing this, Mike & Chris for delivering and to all those who wrote articles.

For the March Newsletter phone Sheila 857482.

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The village is surrounded by land which is run as a working farm with both arable fields and grass fields, used to graze our 700 ewes and their lambs.

There is a very good network of footpaths and bridleways through and around the village, plus we are very lucky to have the vast area of the South Downs just a “stones throw” away.

Some of our arable fields are in an Environmental Scheme. These fields have the head-lands around the outside left to grow wild to encourage the wildlife, wild birds and flowers. This cannot happen with people constantly walking around them.

When walking on a footpath through a field, please keep to it.

We have family that shoot vermin on the land, and this is becoming increasingly more difficult for them, with the amount of people straying from the footpaths

We have just put some lambs in the “Blacksmith” field, behind the Forge Garage. Within 1 week of them being out there we have had 3 cases of dogs worrying them. The footpath in this field only goes to the pond and then crosses over the weir and into the next field, joining the bridleway. This is not an “Open Access” field and the footpath does not go all the way to the bottom of the Dyke valley, where the fence is constantly being pushed down and walked through. If you come to a fence and there is no bridle gate, stile or ‘right of way’ sign, it is not a footpath.

When walking on a footpath through a field of stock, your dog should be on a lead.

You should, by law, keep your dog under control at all times. If it is out of sight or will not come back to you when called or whistled it is out of control and should be on a lead.

We would very much appreciate it, when walking anywhere in the countryside, if you would obey the countryside code and keep to the public rights of way.

For the countryside code, visit www.naturalengland.org.uk and follow the link ‘countryside visitors’.

Mark Lee and Family

Holy Trinity Church and Poynings Players Presents

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