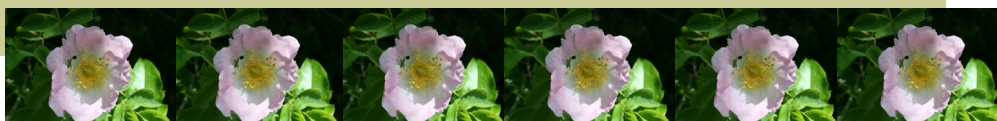


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DIARY DATES

- Garden Fete meeting 7th April
- Newtimber Place Open Garden 13 April
- Saddlescombe Open Day 27th April
- Evergreens 12th May, 2nd June
- Parish Council AGM 13th May
- Poynings Garden Fete 14th June
- Dyke Farmhouse Open garden 29 June
- Fulking Fete 27th July
- Fun Day 25th Aug

GARDEN FETE SAT 14TH JUNE

Please join us at the traditional village fete in the rectory garden (2-5 pm), which helps fund the general upkeep of our beautiful Norman Church. There are games and stalls for all ages, Sally's cream teas and cakes as well as maypole dancing, a puppet show and a raffle. The pre fete meeting will be at 21, Mill Close on Tuesday



7th April, 7.00 for 7.30p.m. We are looking for new ideas and if anyone would like to have their own stall (£10) please let Betty Powell know 01273 857215.

If you have any quality bric-a-brac or raffle prizes phone Rene on 857558 or homemade cakes Nicky Cutress on 857221

Village Fun Day Monday Aug 25th Village Hall

As always there will be traditional children's games with prizes and the infamous tug of war. Will it be the North or South end of the village that wins the Royal Oak Trophy? We'll also have the Royal Oak beer tent. In the morning there

will be races probably in the Blacksmiths Field, organized by Mike Airey.

Health & Fitness

A jogging group for beginners to prepare for the races - watch for a leaflet after Easter.

Prize giving for the races will kick off

the event, with the raffle draw (to cover prizes etc) to finish. Any stalls run by locals are welcome.



Bus Services

No 17

Horsham to Brighton. Monday to Saturday. From Poynings Crossroads. Ring Stagecoach: 0845 1210170. Sunday/Public Holidays, Compass Travel 01903 233 767

No 104 (Monday only)

09.50 – Woodmancote Parish Hall

09.55 – Poynings School

09.56 – Poynings Royal Oak

09.58 – Fulking Parish Hall

09.59 – Fulking Shepard and Dog

10.00 – Edburton School Cottages

10.01 – Springs Smoked Salmon

10.03 – Horton Corner

10.05 – Small Dole Post Office

10.10 – Henfield High Street

12.00 – Henfield High Street

12.15 – Poynings School

No 100 Burgess Hill/Hassocks/Henfield/Steyping/Storrington

No 102 Storrington/Amberly/Pulborough/Storrington

Guaranteed connection at Storrington between services 100 & 102

Hassocks Community Bus (Tuesdays only)

Poynings Church – 09.50

Hurstpierpoint Health Centre – 10.14

Hurstpierpoint Church – 11.50

Poynings Church – 12.13

Bus Passes as from 1st April 2006

All holders of Sussex County Card will be entitled to *free bus travel* after 9.00am Mon to Frid and anytime at weekends & bankholidays.

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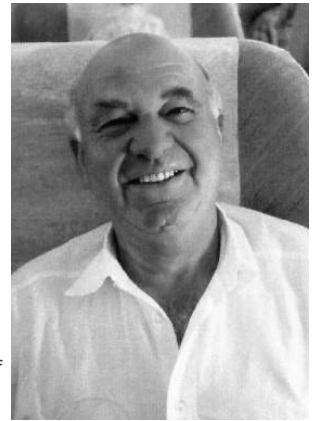
Railcards If you do not have a bus pass & would like to apply for a subsidised Senior Rail Card phone Nicki (857221)

Geoffrey Harris

Geoffrey passed away in the Sussex County Hospital on the 4th December 2013. His funeral was held at Worthing Crematorium on the 13th of January. He was one of the very few left of his generation who had been born in, lived in, Fulking/Poynings all their lives. Geoffrey was born in 1929 at Perching Manor, he grew up and worked on his father's farm as did his brothers. During the war, although under age, he was a member of the Home Guard where he became a crack shot winning many trophies and cups. Whilst visiting

Findon, Geoffrey met Jo, his wife-to-be. They married in 1950 and moved into the house called "The Perch" on the Edburton Road. By 1963 Geoffrey was running his own farm at Findon. As their family grew, they moved to "The Springs".

With a family of three growing lads, Jo decided they had to find an additional source of income to supplement the household budget. Jo's father had a smoked fish business in Suffolk which was working very well so she decided to try this idea out. With Geoffrey's assistance they built their first small smoker. This was a success and soon they were having trial sales of the products and the business started to become established. Finally, the point was reached where Geoffrey had to decide to give up farming and concentrate entirely on the fish smoking business. His decision changed the whole of their family's lives. "The Springs Smoked Salmon" was established and grew from strength to strength. They were soon supplying the airlines and top London restaurants with smoked salmon and other smoked items. Whilst working very hard, they also found time to enjoy life with their well earned success. Occasionally he would recount fascinating stories of the wonderful holidays he and Jo had enjoyed in parts of the world which, in those days, were not as readily accessible as they are today. In 1978 Geoffrey and Jo moved to "Downmere" in Poynings and, in 1990, they retired leaving two of their three sons to run the business at Edburton, whilst the third son went to Australia and started his own successful "smoked fish" business there, following in the family tradition. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Tony



EVERGREENS



Everyone over 60 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 had a super Christmas party at Hobbs Cottage with

Wendy and Tony Desborough and had a lovely time at The Royal Oak in February. We enjoyed March at Jo-Anne Cairns, Fulking Farm House and April at Gill and Ian Malby's at The Paddocks, Fulking. We are looking forward to May at Charmaine and Harry's (2nd Mon) at Downside, Fulking and June at Shirley and John Murrells' at Rectory Cottage, Newtimber. Betty

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting Village hall, Tues May 13th 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...

2014 meetings -7pm Village
Hall—Tuesdays
March 11th
May 13th
July 1st
September 2nd
November 11th

Operation Watershed

The Parish Council
has been allocated
monies by WSCC to
undertake remedial
work for flood relief
from roads to ditches
and drains. The Par-
ish Council carried
out a survey of the
drains and gullies
through the Village
and are arranging for
them to be cleared
as required. Other
works will be carried
out as required.



Parish Councillors

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

Overhanging trees

have recently been cut
back between the Church
and Sussex 4 Wheel
Drive, improving road
safety.

Poynings Cricket Club

The cricket season is
now fast approaching
with the season due to
start later this month.
Our senior cricket team
will start outdoor train-
ing on Tuesday 14th
April, 6pm at the Poy-
nings Cricket Field. We
are always actively
looking for new players
for league or social
cricket, if you would be
interested in joining
Poynings CC please
contact club captain-
Gary Wallis-Taylor
gary.wallis-taylor
@sussexcricket.co.uk.

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Poynings Parish
Council will be holding
their AGM on 13th
May at **7.30pm in the
Village Hall.**
Guest speakers as
usual from the Local
and District councils
and the National Trust
**plus farmers at
Saddlescombe Farm,
Camilla & Roly.**

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
and we hope to see
you there.
Nicki Cutress



VILLAGE STOOLBALL

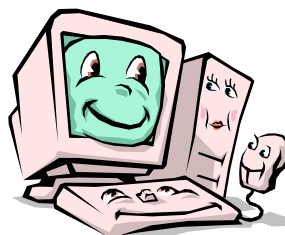
The annual stoolball
match against
Pyecombe was
cancelled last year.
If anyone is interested
in playing on Saturday
12th July this year,
please contact
Nicki Cutress
(Cutress.family@
btopenworld.com)

The *NEW* Poynings website (www.poynings.net)

The Poynings email
is going full swing
and now has about
150 subscribers! If
you want to receive
updates in between
these comprehensive
newsletters, register
on the Poynings site.

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Dates: 27 April 2014 10:30am

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NEWTIMBER PLACE National Garden Scheme Opening

Sunday April 13th
2-5.30 pm

Adults £4.00,
Children free

SLOE GIN COMPETITION.

A fabulous evening!

Newcomer to the game, Helen Woodhams, certainly wiped the floor, winning the cup for 'Best 2013 Sloe Gin' as well as winning 'Best Liqueur'.

Sue Lee was a close second in the liqueurs as well as being third in sloe gin.

Ella Johnson was once again second with her sloe gin.

In the surrounding villages section Dawn Leppard won both best and second best with her sloe gin.

Thanks to hosts, The Royal Oak, judges, John and Vicky Lord, Dawn, Lindsay, Des, Ian, Tara and Lewis.

CHILLI COMPETITION

Al Kelly's annual 'Chilli Competition' and fund raising event for the Children's Christmas Party - early evening Saturday 14th 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



The Truth Behind the Dash for Gas – Film presented by Mike Airey
This new documentary film by Marco Jackson was shown in the Village Hall on 21 February. It told the story of the dangers of extracting gas from shale by Hydraulic Fracturing or Fracking. A serious film compared with films of local interest that had previously been shown but as there are applications to drill within the National Park, the subject should be a concern to us all. If you

missed the film you can see it on YouTube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xU_J6lyKZA4

Fracking can make a lot of money for oil companies but there are concerns over the fall in property values. Illnesses have been blamed on the chemicals used. Excessive quantities of water are needed. It was because of these concerns that the residents of Balcombe supported the protest camp there last summer. On 8 March this year the Balcombe Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose drilling at the Cuadrilla site there. Objections included concern over an increase in traffic, air, water and light pollution as well as matters affecting the ecology. It is worth knowing the whole

story.

The planned 'Fracking Debate' at the village hall has had to be cancelled as I was unable to obtain speakers in favour. Sheila

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Mayfield Market Town

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Lee Newlyn, one of the directors of Mayfields Market Town. Please do buy the local papers this week to

read the latest press – articles appear in The Mid

Sussex Times, The County Times (South Downs

Edition) and the West Sussex Gazette.

The website <http://lambs.org.uk/> is being continually updated so log on whenever you can and we are delighted to be approaching 600 followers on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mayfieldprotest?>

***South Downs National Park Local Plan—your chance to comment - ends April 30th - you don't have to comment on all sections. Hard copy comment form -0300 303 1053**
<http://consult.southdowns.gov.uk>
www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan

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.

Fulking Village Fair

Sun 27th July
12 noon

Dog Show

Stalls, music,
puppets

Beer Tent, Cream
Teas

Want a stall? Ring
Bob Rowland
857271

Dyke Farm House open garden Sun 29th June

Donations on the gate in aid of The Martlets Hospice.

You're welcome to bring a picnic. Help with cakes or manning the tea urn for an hour would be greatly appreciated!
Nigs (857298)

LENT AND EASTER CHURCH SERVICES



13th April 2014 Palm Sunday

10am Holy Communion

Newtimber

6pm Evening Service

Pyecombe

A service focussing on the characters in the Easter story

17th April 2014 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion

Poynings

18th April 2014 Good Friday

12 – 1pm Reflection

Pyecombe

20th April 2014 Easter Sunday

8 am Holy Communion

Newtimber

10am Holy Communion

Poynings

11am Holy Communion

Edburton

11.30am Easter Egg Hunt with

12 noon 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 March/ April 2014

Let there be light...

You may have noticed that the Narnia-type lamp-post over the Church steps is now working again – after some time. We have also at last obtained permission to put new and improved lighting in two key areas of the Church – the chancel, and the side Chapel. All that is to pave the way for some changes that will make the Chapel area more usable – thanks to money raised through the Pantomimes and other events. We are enormously grateful to everyone who has worked so hard – we hope to see some visible results before too long.

The roof is now mended. We were a bit worried to see water pouring down a wall inside the church in the very wet weather at the beginning of this year, but have been assured this was just from the excess of water that had accumulated in the walls. Let's hope so: it is dry now. The next task will be repair work to some of the windows and their surrounds.

Dr Keith Chittenden, our senior Church Warden, is retiring at our Annual Meeting this year after 11 years service to the Church and village, for which he and his colleague Mike Peters – sadly no longer with us - were recognised by a community award some years ago. Mike will be remembered after our service on 6th April when we will bless a new seat in the churchyard in his memory. We are grateful to them both, but now particularly to Keith as he steps down. The job of the warden is actually to represent the people of the village – so if there is anyone willing to step forward, do please ask me – or our other warden Brian Izzard - for more details of what is involved.

And so we look ahead to Easter – a time of real celebration of our faith that love is stronger even than death. As most of you will be aware, our Sunday services rotate around 3 churches, but this year the Easter service on 20th April will be here in Poynings at 10am. Details of all our services are listed separately and on the website. And do remember that on the first Sunday of each month we have a family friendly service at Poynings at 10am – about 45 minutes in length, and with some activities to involve children of all ages. Do come along.

Caroline

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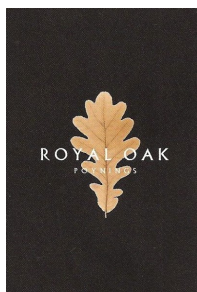
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07710 937815**

The Poynings Pantomime

This year's village panto, Dick Whittington, was another hit, entertaining locals and audiences from further afield. The cast delivered great song and dance routines and raised the roof with panto gags and capers. At the same time they raised £1900 towards the development of underfloor heating for the Church side Chapel. Huge thanks to all who participated and supported the event in any way. If you missed a performance, **DVDs are available from www.poynings.net costing just £5.00 .**

Wish list for next year—large velvet curtains, unwanted sound and lighting equipment
Nigs



**ROYAL OAK
APRIL 2014**

Village Night - "Sixes and Threes" **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 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.

Our Next "Curry Night" **Thursday 10 April**

Reserve your table now for another of our very popular "Buffet Style" Curry Nights.

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

Easter Weekend

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Friday 18 April

to Monday 21 April

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 stage a snow-man competition. Who knows ?

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

Easter Weekend

Friday 18 April

to Monday 21 April

Monday 14 April to Wednesday 16 April

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 April

Bar 11am to 12 midnight

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Sunday 20 April

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm

(Doors open 11.30am)

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Monday 21 April

Bar 12 noon to 11pm

(Doors open 11.30am)

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Tuesday 22 April onwards

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Bar 11am to 11pm

Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

Easter Highlights !

Saturday 19 April

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.



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Huge Thanks last time to Chris Wood, Dawn and Laurie Shaw and
Colin Warburton!

Massive Thanks to Steve who has largely printed the newsletter
over the last 17 years after a conversation with Sheila at the newly
acquired pub, with the demise of the village shop imminent.

Big Thanks to Mike and Chris Airey for delivering the majority of
the newsletters over the last seven years.

YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER



Thanks to Tara & her band of
helpers for another great night
at the Royal Oak! Huge
thanks also to the Royal Oak
staff for another fabulous
meal. Thanks to all who
bought or donated raffle tick-
ets. The event is funded partly
by the Parish Council & partly
by the raffle on the night.
Funds are short at present so
watch out for fund raising
events around the village. We
hope to have a 'Guess the
weight of the pumpkin'.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Thanks to Laura for another superb
party, thanks to hosts, the Royal
Oak, who generously provide the
meal and thanks to anyone else who
helped—you know who you are!
Don't forget Al's Chilli
Competition on June 14th, Royal
Oak, which funds the event.

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