

POYNINGS NEWS

WINTER 2017



Children's Christmas Party

Friday December 15th Royal Oak 4-6pm Once again a huge THANK YOU goes to both the Poynings Golf Society who have very kindly raised money for the party, and our hosts the Royal Oak. Invitations will be going out soon, if you are new to the village and have children under the age of 10 please call/email me to make sure you get your invite! The bar will of course be open for you to get a glass or whatever you may need. Hot food is on the menu, along with entertainment from Potty the Pirate and of course Father Christmas himself!
Sarah 07740 531284 and sarah.corney@hotmail.co.uk

Cricket

2017 was another successful year for Poynings CC for both senior & junior cricket. Our first XI finished 4th in a highly competitive Division 1 whilst our 2nd XI finished 6th in their first ever season in Division 5. The creation of our 2nd XI has given opportunities to many of our junior players, as well as our new recruits from the village! The main highlights of the season were our Development XI winning the Stoner Mid Sussex Conference for 2nd season running & the inaugural game with Poynings CC & Poynings Village which attracted over 100 people to the ground on a Friday night. This game was organised by many volunteers from the club & village in an attempt to raise the awareness of our thriving club which has clearly worked. Our junior teams continue to grow, this summer we ran 5 age groups from U10-U14 giving opportunities to over 60 players. Our stand out teams were our U11 & U13 teams who both narrowly missed out on 1st place in their respective leagues. A lot of these players have now represented our adult teams by playing in either the 1st XI, 2nd XI or Development XI & are now considered the future of the club. At the end of the season we rewarded 4 of our junior players by nominating them for Sussex Junior Trials. I am pleased to report that 3 made it through to a 9 week pre-xmas training programme. We are all thoroughly excited for 2018 across the whole club & we will keep the village posted with our fixtures & events that take place. As ever we are looking for new recruits so if there are any junior or adult players interested in joining for 2018 please contact me gary.wallis-taylor@sussexcricket.co.uk

Editorial

Hi village folk, due to unforeseen circumstances, this Winter Newsletter has taken an abbreviated form. As usual there have been numerous social events since the spring, including various competitions at the Royal Oak. There were also golf and cricket days, the launch of the new table tennis table at the recreation ground (bats & balls by 21 Mill Close driveway) and Caroline and Alan's leaving party to name but a few. Welcome to the village to Will, Amy and Jago Selby. Welcome to the world to Renee Skye Simeon daughter of Claire and Adam. Goodbye and good luck to Adam and Jess

Parish Council

Meetings are every two months at the village hall at 7.00 on a Tuesday, with some extraordinary planning meetings too.

Got something to put on the agenda?

Contact Colin on 01273 857024

2018 meeting dates:

Jan 9th, March 6th, May 8th

July 3rd, Sept 4th Nov 6th

Chairman's Update

Although Jan Nichols has joined the Parish Council, we now have another vacancy to replace John Digby.

We thank John for all his work with us. His endeavours included the arranging for the planting of spring bulbs on the roundabout. The bulbs were supplied by Rushfields. If you can spare some time and would like to know more about the role of Parish Councillor please let me or Colin our Clerk know.

Our flood prevention work for this year has been completed. We will apply for funds for further work to be carried out next year. Poynings Fireworks attracted 1,200 to Mark's field. The Parish Council oversaw the arrangements for the Torch-lit procession along the road. Sufficient donations were collected at the gate to pay for the display. The council is again giving financial support to 'Ye Olde Villagers' Christmas Supper' which will be held on Wednesday, 6 December, at The Royal Oak for those over the age of 65 years.

The Poynings Website—www.poynings.net

Have you signed up to the Poynings email yet? We now have over 180 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 announced, send an email to colinw@vfemail.net

Church News

Harvest:

Generous donations from Poynings village, families and the children at Good Start enabled us to deliver 4 huge crates of food to the Brighton and Hove Mission. It had a value of £200. With thanks to everyone who contributed.

Fete:

We enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the Rectory garden with the usual attractions - splat the rat, mini golf, the flower and cake stall, cream teas, puppets, champagne throw, raffle and maypole dance to name a few!

Thanks to all those from Poynings and further afield who contributed their time.

We raised over £2500 which will go toward the upkeep of the church.

We are working out where to hold the 2018 fete .. Watch this space!

Caroline and Alan's leaving:

Caroline and Alan had a joyful send off from friends of all four parishes & beyond. The church was full for an early evening concert with performances by three choirs, including the Poynings Panto Troupe as well & three talented young musicians. This was followed by a delicious buffet in the Lees barn, with thanks to Sue & Mark for their letting us decamp over there. It poured with rain but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Looking ahead:

While both Caroline and Alan are very much missed in church and around the village, church business goes on. Our services are being covered by visiting priests up until Easter, and if there are any matters you would like to contact us about, please try our churchwardens, Nigs Digby (01273 857298) or Sheelagh Pollicot-Reid (01273 542622). The Rectory number (857456) is still 'live' and will go through to Patrick Pollicot-Reid, who will lead on matters that crop up.

All Benefice matters can be found at our new website, which is updated weekly www.downlandbenefice.com

Off The Fence Antifreeze Initiative for the homeless. A collection list will be coming round—please drop off in the Church by December 18th.

We hope to attract a priest-in-charge during 2018, and can best do that by having a church which is actively engaged with the village and we hope to continue to do this. Reps from Pyecombe, Edburton, Newtimber and Poynings have prepared a profile of our Downland communities which will be placed in the Church Times shortly, and which we hope will attract a new priest very soon.

Christmas services in Poynings:

Sunday 3rd Dec at 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th Dec 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th Dec at 5pm Poynings Carol Service

Sunday 24th 3.30pm Christingle Service

Holy Communion will be held at Newtimber on Christmas day at 10am.

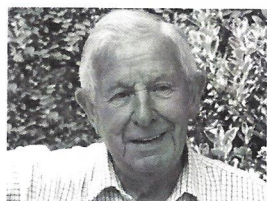
That's all for now folks!!

Nigs



MSDC Community Awards

Caroline and Alan were nominated by the Parish Council for their immense service to the Downland villages.



Bob Powell

Bob and Betty Powell moved to Poynings in 1950 and Bob first became involved in village life when Tony Cutress asked him to lend a hand with the scout troupe. Bob soon got stuck in and especially enjoyed the annual camp where he would ghoulishly demonstrate to the boys how to kill and skin a rabbit!

He later started up a village youth club in the old village hall and to raise funds built go-carts in the front room of 21 Mill Close which he would then take to

school and village fetes charging the patrons half a crown a ride (no health and safety in those days).

Some of the local boys wanted a football team but the cricket field was not suitable so Bob quickly found a way to obtain the piece of ground on the opposite side of the road. It soon became apparent that changing facilities were required so Bob set about raising funds to build a pavilion and used the free services of local tradesmen at weekends and evenings to get the pavilion built and it still stands today and is in regular use.

Alongside organising the football team Bob and Betty initiated a junior stoolball team with Bob umpiring and providing much of the transport and Betty scoring. From there they scored and umpired the adults very successful mixed stoolball team.

Bob was a man who could always fix things. If he hadn't got the tool or the aptitude to fix it himself, he knew someone who could. Bob was there for everyone.

Evergreens

Many thanks to all the kind people who hosted our afternoon tea parties throughout the year. For the first time we enjoyed tea with Barbara and Tony at their house in Dyke Lane, Poynings. Thank goodness everybody behaved themselves (no bun throwing). So I am very pleased to say that we will be making a return visit next year. On Monday 4th December we will be with Jane and Chris Warne at Knowle House, Horn Lane. The over 60s tea parties are usually held on the first Monday of the month.

Contact Betty on 857215

Poynings Volunteers

Now we are 22

Helping at bonfire, getting grants for children's play equipment etc

If you want to join us contact
sheilamarshall500@gmail.com

Goodbye Jenson -

Special dog, missed by so many in Poynings, Newtimber and Fulking, especially by his close friend Healey.

Downland Villages Cookery Book

Illustrations by Graham Jeffery. In support of our Churches Nicki Cutress 01273 857221

Vegetable Stall

Nikki and Malcolm raised £56.43 for the Church selling surplus village produce. Thanks to all who contributed.

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All aspects of building work from design to finish

**Pyecombe Church
Christmas Fayre
Hurstpierpoint Village
Centre Saturday December
2nd, from 12.30 to 3pm Lots
of stalls, inc BricaBrac,
Good as New, Books & toys,
Jewellery, Cakes and Raffle
& Tombola, Lunches and
refreshments also available.**

**Rushfields Late
Night Christmas
Event Friday
Dec 1st 4-8pm
Funfair, Santa,
free mince pies &
mulled wine,
sausage sizzle &
barbie, gifts etc**

Apple Day and more
Nigs raised £150 for the Church on refreshments & Betty won Best Apple Crumble. Likewise Shirley Murrell had won Best Apple Crumble at the Hurstpierpoint Horticultural Show & along with Sue Brooks, much more besides. Jan Scott won Best Pie at the Royal Oak & Al won the Royal Oak Bakeoff.