

# POYNINGS NEWS



**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

<i>Evergreens</i>	2
<i>Parish Council</i>	3
<i>Website</i>	3
<i>Gardens</i>	4
<i>Church</i>	5
<i>Cricket</i>	3
<i>Royal Oak</i>	6

## GARDEN FETE SAT 26TH 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 treasure hunt, a puppet show and a raffle. Even if you missed Betty's meeting, help is needed in every department and most welcome. Please don't hesitate to contact Betty on 857215. If you have any quality bric-a-brac, phone Rene on 857558, it can be collected.

**End of Summer**



### Holidays Village Party -

**Village Hall grounds Sunday 29th Aug**  
 Reviving an old tradition, complete with fancy dress parade from the Royal Oak and races including sack, three legged, egg and spoon and wheelbarrow. There will also be a cross country running race, greasy pole, tug-o-war and a tea

and cake stall in aid of the Church upkeep. As well as this will be a raffle in aid of other village social activities and possibly a dog show nearby. You are invited to bring your own picnic. Leaflets will go out to remind you. Offers of help on the day or cakes, raffle prizes, etc. phone Sheila 857482

### DIARY DATES

- **EVERGREENS - 5th April, 3rd May**
- **Newt Place Open Gdn -11th April**
- **Saddlescombe Open Day -25th April**
- **Parish Council AGM 11th May**
- **Fulking Barn Dance—19th June**
- **Poynings Garden Fete -26th June**
- **Newtimb Rect Cott Open Gdn 18th July**
- **Fulking Fete 1 Aug**
- **Vill Party Aug 29th**

## DOGS AND LIVESTOCK

See enclosed RSPCA leaflet re advice for dog owners. Horses and chickens, as well as sheep, can be very upset by dogs. It is important to keep your dogs under control when close to

livestock. Even when your dog is 'just being playful' it can still seriously disturb farm animals, particularly pregnant ewes, causing them to lose their unborn lambs! For this rea-

son, it is legal for farmers to shoot troublesome dogs.



**BUS SERVICES**

No 17 Horsham to Brighton bus—Mon to Sat—From Poynings Crossroads ring Stage-coach— 0845 1210170

Sunday/public holiday ring Compass Travel  
01903 233767

Hassocks Community Bus—  
Tuesday only

leaves Poy Church –9.50  
Arrives Hurst Health Centre—  
10.14

Leaves Hurst church—11.50  
Arrive Poy Church—12.13

104 Monday only

9.55—Poynings school

10.10—Henfield High St

12.00—Henfield High St

12.15—Poynings school

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

102—Storrington/Amberly/  
Pulborough/Storrington

(Guaranteed connection at  
Storrington between services  
100 and 102)

**Bus Passes**

All holders of Sussex  
County Card are entitled  
to **\*free bus travel\***  
after 9.00 am Mon to Fri  
and anytime at week-  
ends & bank hols.

If you would like to apply  
for a bus pass & are eli-  
gible, please contact

Nicki Cutress  
(857221—West End Cot-  
tage)

**Railcards**

If you do not have a bus  
pass & would like to ap-  
ply for a subsidised Sen-  
ior Rail Card phone  
Nicki (857221)

**HARRY BOXER**

Regular frequenter of the Royal Oak, Harry The Dog will be sadly missed by many. The Church was packed for his funeral, where Christopher Willoughby spoke and songs 'I heard it on the Grapevine' and 'Hurry up Harry' were played. Harry's dying wish was to be buried in Poynings.

**Thanks to all who donated towards the funeral costs.**

A true Eastender, Harry originally worked the Thames as a lighterman, like his father before him. In his 20's he travelled the world as a roadie for rock bands, Chicken Shack and Fleetwood Mac. He was constantly surrounded by beautiful women, marrying two of them. He had many a tale to tell of his very interesting life, most of which were true though obviously not the tongue in cheek ones of fighting in WW1! He went on to work as a painter and decorator. Harry moved to West Road Cottages, Newtimber, 20 years ago, having previously been host to many a party in his 10 years in Albourne. He became very close to neighbours, Gary and Tania and their two young sons, regarding them all as family. They looked after him constantly as his illness really took hold in the last few months, even promising to look after his dog; dogs were always very important to Harry. He was never afraid to 'call a spade a spade' which was sometimes his undoing! People used to tease him that Mikey's Bonfire guys looked like him –

**BARBARA  
FREAKS**

Sadly dressmaker Barbara Freaks, wife of Cider Frank, died in January after a long illness. She lived in one of the West End Cottages near Tates Garage. Condolences to Frank

watch this space!  
Tania and Sheila

**If anyone has any ideas for the wording on Harry's headstone, please contact Tania and Gary on 857911.**

**EVERGREENS**

We had a most enjoyable afternoon with Sue and Ian Currie at Pangdean Farm in November, as usual we had the added pleasure of Sue and Nicky's cooking and of course Ian's mind boggling quiz.

Our Christmas Party was held at Hobbs Cottage with Wendy and Terry and what a party it was, Christmas tree, Mulled wine and the room beautifully decorated.

Thank goodness the snow cleared in time for us to have our February meeting at The Royal Oak a lovely roaring fire and Matthew looking after all our needs. We always look forward to joining Joanna at Fulking Farmhouse in March; sadly this was not possible this year. I must say I was more than grateful when Geoffrey kindly said we could

meet at Downmere. The garden was an absolute picture; the snowdrops were in full bloom and many members were able to walk around the garden.



In April we will be at Newtimber Place with Carol and Andrew and in May we will be back at Downside in Fulking with Charmayne and Harry, PLEASE NOTE this will be on the 10th of May (second Monday). June we will join Lambert at The Old Rectory Newtimber and all being well we will be at The Old Edburton School

with Joan and Bill in July. Please come and join us if you are over sixty or if you are housebound or lonely, we can arrange transport just give me a call 857215

**A BELATED THANK YOU.**

The dreadful snow in January is just a memory now but not the kindness we received. On the first day Jason and Stephen turned up to clear the snow from our paths, then along came Angela to check that we had enough provisions. Although we were housebound it was no problem, Laura, Angela and Tara with their 4x4's were on call each day and to top it all along came Mark with his tractor to clear the drive. We often say Poynings is not like it was in the old days, believe us when the snow arrived it was just the same as the old days, the same old spirit was there. With many thanks to you all, Bob and Betty Powell.

**ANNUAL  
STOOLBALL MATCH**

The annual match will be held at Pyecombe on Saturday 10th July. We are looking for players, so if you are interested in joining us, please give me a call Betty Powell 857215.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Next Meeting**  
**Village hall, Tues**  
**January 5th 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@btopenworld.com) or come to the meeting...

Hopefully, with the aid of a grant, we will very soon have replaced the fingerpost

at the Church.

### Parish Council dates for 2010

**5th January**  
**2nd March**  
**11th May**  
 (+ AGM 7.30 )  
**6th July**  
**7th September**  
**9th November**

All at 7.00 pm - village hall



Village hall

### Parish Council Members

Mark Lee  
 Sheila Marshall  
 Malcolm Johnson  
 Astri Souch  
 Colin Warburton

## Poynings Cricket Club

Cricket nets will start on Tuesdays at Preston Nomads at 6pm from 20th April  
 Anyone interested come along or contact me, Matt on 857221.



### Babysitter

Mature, responsible and reliable babysitter available. Lives locally and has own transport. Covering Poynings, Fulking, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Burgess Hill and surrounding. Rates £15 per night, then £5 per hour for every hour (or part of) after midnight. Call or text Solveig on 07881 581178

## PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Poynings Parish Council will be holding their AGM on 11th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Guest speakers from Mid Sussex District – Susanna Kemp, the Police – Eve Todhunter (PSCO) and National Trust – Charlie Cain will

hopefully be there to update us on what is happening in Mid Sussex and The National Park. Refreshments will be served after the meeting when informal chat continues. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a glass of wine and sa-

sage roll. Invites will be sent out in April and we hope to see you then.



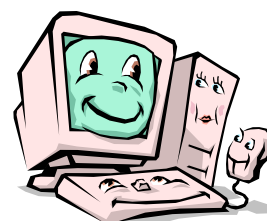
## The Poynings website - www.poynings.net

The Poynings email is going full swing and now has about 60 subscribers! If you want to receive updates in between these comprehensive newsletters, register on the Poynings site. (Don't forget that

you will receive an email asking you to confirm it was you who registered.

I rely on you keeping me informed, so if you have anything happening that you would like to be

announced, send an email on colinw@vfemail.net



## The Hiker's Rest

Sussex cream teas refreshments & hot organic food



At Saddlescombe Farm

10.30 am - 3.30 pm week days  
 11am - 4 pm weekends  
 Closed Wednesdays

## CHILLI COMPETITION

Al Kelly's annual 'Chilli Competition' and fund raising event for the Children's Christmas Party will this year be held on Saturday 26th June, so get those recipes out and start collecting those secret ingredients!

### RECTORY COTTAGE NEWTIMBER OPEN GARDEN

**Sunday 18th July 2-5**  
Teas and homemade cakes sold in aid of Newtimber Church (which will be open).

### NEWTIMBER PLACE OPEN GARDEN

**Sunday 11th April and  
5th Sept 2-5.30**

£3.50 admission (Children free) in aid of the National Gardens Scheme, which supports various charities. Teas and homemade cakes sold in aid of Newtimber Church.

### SADDLESCOMBE FARM OPEN DAY

**Sunday 25th April**  
10-30 am to 4-00 pm  
Adults—£4.00,  
Children—£1.50  
Parking—£1.00

Watch working horses and vintage tractors working the fields. Try your hand at traditional carpentry and other crafts. Discover the 17th century farm buildings. Teas and cakes.

### FULKING

**BARN DANCE -6.30 Sat**  
**19th June North Town**  
**Field—Bob -857271**  
**VILLAGE FETE**  
**Sun 1st August**

### SLOE GIN COMPETITION.

Following in Al Kelly's footsteps, Sheila both organised and won this competition, kindly judged by Marjorie Dundas of Fulking. A merry night was had by all as we sampled each other's sloe gin!

## SUNFLOWER VEGETABLES

Once the rain finally stops and the soil dries out a bit, Sunflower Vegetables will be getting their spring plants in. We are looking forward to delivering fresh tasty veg to you again this year. But a word of warning, our early June deliveries will be somewhat disrupted as we are expecting our own delivery, as Henri is expecting a baby! This also means that we possibly will not be able to have our usual stand at Poynings Fete. We do expect that deliveries will be back on track by mid June!!

If you are already on our mailing list you will be hearing from us once our crops are ready. We deliver to Poynings, Fulking, Edburton, Newtimber and Saddlecombe so if you want any locally grown, freshly harvested and very tasty veg and you are not on our mailing list then please contact us on [sunflower.vegetables@googlemail.com](mailto:sunflower.vegetables@googlemail.com).

With all good wishes  
Phil and Henri



### An official 'Greening Campaign' supported by Nick Herbert MP was launched in Henfield on 6 February.

This campaign is set to involve the whole village in a series of green challenges. The green leaf logo will appear where households and businesses have achieved a number of challenges such as changing to low-energy light bulbs and switching off stand-bys. Living in a more sustainable way is not just for the 126 communities in the Greening Campaign or the 138 Transition Towns in England. **Poynings** does not have to wait for a campaign to tell us how to live more sustainably. Our village website [www.poyning.net](http://www.poyning.net) already gives information on how to save energy and money.

#### Electricity – Economic sense

Money sitting in the bank and not earning much interest? The Government has recently announced the Feed In Tariff for people installing renewable technologies such as PV panels which create electricity. You could be paid 41.3p for all units generated even if you have used the units. Power drawn from the grid costs on average 13p per unit. You could make £700 a year from your generation and also save £200 from buying electricity. An income of £900 per year! Tariff payments are guaranteed for 25 years and are index linked. You would have to spend nearly £9,000 but that could be a lot less than a car which only takes your money! Worth thinking about?

Mike Airey

## BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Local horticulturalist 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.

## Logs

£30 Load  
(5 Wheel Barrows)  
£55 Builders bulk bag  
(1 cubic metre)  
£105 (2 Builders bulk bags)  
£155 (3 Builders bulk bags)  
Kindling £3 a bag

Call Oliver on  
07891 182978  
or  
01273 857239



£4 a bag

### STONESTAPLES MEAT

Home bred, home reared,  
grass fed,  
Beef and Lamb.

For more information, contact Poynings Grange Farm  
01273 857347

### FLOWER POWER

Fresh cut flowers for any occasion!

For orders phone (by Wednesday) Jackie on 857581 or 07760 310070

### Watch out for toads crossing Clappers

#### Lane, Fulking!

The toads are late this year in their annual perilous crossing of Clappers Lane, most likely at, and for a few hours after, dusk on slightly warmer evenings, particularly wet ones. They usually cross in the area of the kennels, cattery and riding stables. **Please drive carefully here during March and April!!**

### BADGER KENNELS AND CATTERY



Loving care  
and attention  
Spacious kennels  
and runs  
Clappers Lane,  
Fulking  
857205

# CHURCH NEWS



*Evening Prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week will take form of meditations on the Cross*

**28 March 2010**  
**10am Holy Communion**

**Palm Sunday**  
**Pyecombe**

**1 April 2010**  
**7.30pm Holy Communion**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Poynings**

**2 April 2010**  
**12 – 1pm Reflection**  
**12 – 1pm Reflection**

**Good Friday**  
**Pyecombe**  
**Edburton**

**4 April 2010**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
**11am Holy Communion**  
**11.30am Easter Egg Hunt**  
**12 noon Children’s service**

**Easter Sunday**  
**Poynings**  
**Edburton**  
**Pyecombe**  
**Pyecombe**

*For other Sunday and weekday services, see notice boards*

## Rectory Ramblings

Most cultures and religions in the Northern Hemisphere have celebrated the return of Spring. In fact, it is likely that the word ‘Easter’ is actually taken from that of Eostre - the great mother goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe. Spring is a time to celebrate new life, and nowhere is this more apparent than in villages such as Poynings. Snowdrops line the church path, and we all wait with expectation for the daffodils and some warmer weather. So the rabbits, flowers and eggs that adorn our Easter cards are true to a very ancient tradition. There is a superficial parallel between this thankfulness for the return of Spring and new life and the Christian festival of Easter. For we too celebrate new life, and the theme of resurrection is often most easily understood with reference to a bulb that lies dormant and dead looking, but has the potential for re-growth and new life. Such parallels can be helpful when we are trying to understand a mystery. But they can also be deceptive if they lead us to think that the Christian belief in resurrection is about something that inevitably comes round (as Spring does) or which happens because this is the way things are made (as the flower comes from the bulb because of its nature). What Christians celebrate at Easter is that the way of sacrificial love does in the end triumph. The Easter message is that ‘all that separates and injures and destroys has ultimately been overcome by what unites and heals and creates’. It is a message that is not as easily understood as our simple and natural pleasure at the return of Spring, but it is one that has the potential to change our lives completely – just as it did for the first Christians. There are many modern day stories that demonstrate the truth of this message. Now, as then, they involve people who are willing to put others first, perhaps to die for a greater cause. People who often do not, in their own lifetime in this world, see the good that flows from their actions. Perhaps you can think of your own examples? The more we explore this theme, the more meaning it can give to our own everyday lives. Resurrection is not just something that we celebrate in Spring – or something that happened long ago - but something that has the potential to run through all of life, and to turn it around. Definitely something to celebrate. Do join us at one of our Easter services – you will find details here and on the website. This year, our Easter Sunday service is in Poynings – do come along at 10am – all are most welcome. Happy Easter and all good wishes  
 Caroline

### CROWTHER BUILDING SERVICES

For all your building requirements, loft conversions and extensions.

Please call Ollie on 07760306592 for free estimates

### TSA Building Services

Home maintenance and improvements.

For friendly, reliable and quality work,

ring Tim on 01273 857502 or 07919374402

### PRS Plumbing & Tiling

All Plumbing and Ceramic Tiling work undertaken.

From a dripping tap or replacement radiator, to a new kitchen or bathroom!

Call Paul on 01273 857067 / 07802 928679  
 BPEC(WREG) Certified & All work Fully Insured



### ‘Able 2’

## Home and Garden Maintenance

Free estimates.  
 Work arranged by Mike Airey  
 3 Dyke Close,  
 Poynings.

Tel 01273 857985

## SPRING 2010

### DANDELION PUPPETS

FUN TO LEARN  
ABOUT NATURE!

3—8 years

Birthday Parties,  
Nurseries, Schools,  
fetes.

Also games, prizes,  
workshops  
857482

Equity Member

[www.dandelionpuppets.co.uk](http://www.dandelionpuppets.co.uk)

**The Finance House**  
Mortgages, Building  
Insurance, Life Assurance,  
Wills, Debt Management.

Home visits at anytime to suit you.

Colin Warburton.

01273 857 024/07941 460  
582

[colin@thefinancehouse.co.uk](mailto:colin@thefinancehouse.co.uk)

[www.thefinancehouse.co.uk](http://www.thefinancehouse.co.uk)

The Finance House is an appointed representative of Ingard who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.

### Photography by Robin Cook

Weddings – Portraits –  
Company Events  
Shot on Traditional Film or  
Digital

[www.poyningsmedia.co.uk](http://www.poyningsmedia.co.uk)

Contact 857835

## Newsletter

*\*Thanks to all who helped contribute, produce, print and distribute this newsletter.*

*Contributions for the October Newsletter phone Sheila 857482.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO—** Niki and Brian Cannon on the birth of Sophie last June and to recently moved out Simon and Liz Parker on the birth of Kiera Elizabeth.



**WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE TO—**those who have moved into Rose Cottage, Mill Lane and also a belated welcome to Polly, Rhona and Max who have moved to The Street.

### POLICE

**Local Beat Officers -PC Nikki Young and PCSO Sharon Botting** Sussex Police –0845 6070 999



**Emergencies** (crime being or about to be committed, or life threatening situations)—999

### YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER

What with all the frost and snow we've had, the annual supper was a warm welcome to all those who came along. The evening went very well and our slightly earlier start of dinner being served at 7pm at The Royal Oak in Poynings has proved successful for the second year.

I must thank everyone who gets involved in helping the evening go smooth. Although I do my best to organize the supper, I cannot take the credit for all of the running of the evening as I had a brilliant team of helpers and supporters.

Thank you to my lovely waitresses who made sure everyone had a drink and enjoyed the evening including Astri, Kirshanda, Niki, Sharon, Ella and Jo-Anne. To Sheila who once again did a great job with running the raffle and to all who donated some wonderful prizes. Our generous supporters who kindly donated include Springs Smoked Salmon, The Cheese Man, Swains Farm Shop, The Royal Oak, Alan Woodward Butchers in Henfield and to Rushfields Plant Centre who gave everyone a gorgeous poinsettia.

We look forward to seeing you all again in December, and please let me know if we have any new 'members' for this year!

Tara x

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful Children's Party at the Royal Oak. Paul and Lewis, Alex and the team, and all who helped with organising food and children on the day... you know who you are! Thank you to Shelia with Dandelion Puppets for the entertainment which yet again was a great success. The children got to see Father Christmas and his Fairy who luckily came with presents for everyone; thank you to them wherever they may be! Great fun was had by all the children who attended from Poynings, Newtimber and Saddlescombe. For the majority of you who respected the 'strictly by invitation only' Thank you again. The annual 'Chilli Competition' fund raising event for the Children's Christmas Party will this year be held on Saturday 26th June, so get those recipes out and start collecting those secret ingredients! Details will follow later. Laura.

ALL HOUSE CLEARANCES  
 CLEARANCES  
GARAGES, SHEDS, OUTBUILDINGS  
ALSO CLEARED  
FOR A RELIABLE, PROMPT, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
PLEASE CALL  
07957 789272  
NO JOB TOO SMALL!

**POYNINGS CAR**  
Licensed and Insured  
COURTEOUS AND RELIABLE  
COMPETITIVE RATES  
AIRPORTS ANYTIME  
Please call me if I can be of assistance to you  
Roger Powley  
01273 857427  
mobile: 07799 810369