

# POYNINGS NEWS



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**DIARY DATES**

- Saddlescombe Open Day 17th April
- Evergreens 9th May, 6th June
- Elections May 5th
- Parish Council AGM 10th May
- Newt Church music concert 23 May
- Poynings Garden Fete 11th June
- Fulking Fete 31 July
- Vill Party Aug 29th/Sept 4th
- Newtimber Place Fete 11th Sept

## GARDEN FETE SAT 11TH JUNE

Please join us at the traditional village fete in the rectory garden (2-5 pm), which helps fund the general up-keep 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. Even if you missed Betty's fete volunteers' meeting (18th April 7pm for 7.30), help is needed and very welcome. Also if you want a stall for a small fee, please don't hesitate to contact Betty on



857215. If you have any quality bric-a-brac or raffle prizes phone Rene 857558 or homemade cakes – Ella Johnson 857358.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

There will be a vote for best photo at the Garden Fete and all photos will be

considered for a future village calendar. Photos (any subject) need to be taken in Poynings or surrounding area, A5 or less, max 6 photos per person, name & phone on back. Post through 2 Brewery Cottages door (middle one to left of phone box) by Bank Holiday May 30th for Daniel and Marion.

## End of Summer Holidays Village Party / Fun Day

This will take place some time at the end of the Summer Holidays (leaflets will go out). As last year there will be a fancy dress procession from the Royal Oak (dress code 'B'), traditional games and a tug of war (contact Al). In the morning there will

be races (contact Mike Airey) including a 'Veteran' category. Additionally this year there will be tea and cakes in the village hall, a bar, small marquees and possibly a burger van. We'll also have wet sponge and welly throwing and

hopefully a greasy pole at your own risk. There has even been talk of five aside football and a horse trek in the morning!



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Arrives Hurst Health Centre—  
10.14

Leaves Hurst church—11.50  
Arrive Poy Church—12.13

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9.55—Poynings school  
10.10—Henfield High St  
12.00—Henfield High St  
12.15—Poynings school

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**Michael Peters**

In February, we lost one of our Church wardens, Mike Peters, who died aged 68 years. Mike was not a Poynings resident, but was honoured 2 years ago for his services to the Church in Poynings. His picture was on the front of the news letter last year driving a quad bike preparing for the summer village fete. The church was full to overflowing with Rotary & other friends, including some of his motorcycling colleagues in full leathers. Mike did a great deal for the church here & will be sadly missed. Another former warden from Hove, Shirley Cullen, was buried here in March.

Stan was born in the same house that he lived in all his life. He will be greatly missed!



**Stan Hollingdale** Born in Saddlescombe 85 years ago, he worked on the farm as a cowman into his 70's. His father was a shepherd & his brother was the last working shepherd on the Dyke. Stan originally worked for the Robinsons & as a child knew Maude who wrote the famous book. Stan remembered days when farm workers had no holidays or rights. Stan loved nature & was a kind man, looking after his sister Grace when she got poorly, and sold vegetables on a stall outside his house for charity.

war bride, Jean Tighe, Eileen came to live in Poynings as a teenager with her mother & 10 siblings & later married John Stenning and had children Tara & Wayne, who gave her four grand children.

**Barbara Reynolds**

She lived in Poynings since 1961 when her husband Don ran the Forge Garage with his brother Stan. She worked until she was 70 and then had time to enjoy the village with Ami, her little poodle. Her funeral was in April.

**Mrs Morley (Millie)**

Sadly Mrs Morley, who lived in Mill Court for over forty years, died recently at the age of 98. A sociable lady, who enjoyed following sport, she regularly made her lemon drizzle cake for 'Evergreens' even using talking scales when her eyes got bad. Her memorial was held at Poynings Church in January.

**Eileen Stenning**

Daughter, mother, sister and wife to those living and working in Poynings, Eileen, whose memorial took place in a packed Poynings Church just before Christmas, will be greatly missed. Born in Canada to Poynings

**EVERGREENS**

Our Christmas Party with Wendy and Terry was a great success as usual and it was lovely to be back at Royal Oak in February. It really is very kind of Paul and Lewis to allow us the use of the lounge and we would like to thank the staff at The Oak who were, as usual, so helpful.

We really are very lucky with our hosts and hostesses. In March another pleasant afternoon was spent with Joanne at Fulking Farm House and by the time you read this newsletter we will have spent an afternoon at Downmere with Geoffrey. Our May meeting will

be on the second Monday, the 9th May, so please try to come along to Charmaine and Harry's at Downside in Fulking.



In June we will be back with Lambert at Newtimber Old Rectory when hopefully the roses will be in full bloom. Our July get together is at the Edburton Old School House with Joan and Bill and in August, although it may be a little presumptuous of

me to say so, we will be with Carol and Maurice, who at this present time are away, but as everybody knows Carol has a very kind heart so I am keeping my fingers crossed.

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 Betty Powell.

**ANNUAL STOOLBALL MATCH**

Players wanted for this year's match against Pyecombe. They gave us a hiding last year so we need to trounce them this July. Please contact me if you would like to play (01273857215) experience not required as its a fun game.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Next Meeting**  
**Village hall, Tues**  
**May 10th 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...

Thursday 5th May - local election and national referendum day. No one outside of the Parish Council put themselves for-

ward, so there will not be an election for Parish Council.

**Parish Council dates for 2011**

**10th May**  
 (+ AGM 7.30)  
**5th July**  
**6th September**  
**8th November**

All at 7.00 pm - village hall



Village hall

Parish Council Members until May 5th  
 Mark Lee  
 Sheila Marshall  
 Malcolm Johnson  
 Astri Souch  
 Colin Warburton

## Poynings Cricket Club

Cricket nets starting at the cricket ground from 12th April. Come and join us !! From 6 pm Anyone interested come along or contact me, Matt on 857221.



## Babysitter

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## PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Poynings Parish Council will be holding their AGM on 10th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Guest speakers as usual from the Local and District councils, police and the National Trust.

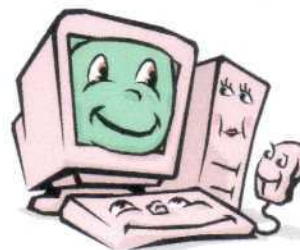
Refreshments will be served after the meeting when informal chat continues. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a glass of wine and sausage roll! Invites will be sent out in April and we hope to see you there.



## The Poynings website - www.

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



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**NEWTIMBER PLACE**  
**Garden Fete**  
**Sunday 11th Sept**

A community event in aid of Newtimber Church.

Interested in **ZUMBA DANCE IN POYNINGS?**  
Phone Debbie 857881 or Natalie 07720321594.

**Fulking Village Fair**  
**Sun 31st July 12 noon**  
Bob Rowland 857271  
Jenny Tooley 857456

**SLOE GIN COMPETITION.**  
Paul & Lewes won the cup for best sloe gin, closely followed by Nigel of Glebe. Tara won best for 'any spirit + fruit' for her blackberry vodka followed by Cheryl's rhubarb vodka. Ernie & Ian won 'best mature' for sloe gin, closely followed by Ella Johnson's sloe gin. Thanks to Al for prizes, the Royal Oak for venue and to Dawn, Liz, Dom & Dave for judging.

**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 11th June, so get those recipes out and start collecting those secret ingredients!

**GARDENS, ANIMALS, ENERGY, POLLUTION, FOOD**



**Lower energy bills?**  
As the cost of oil, gas and electricity are increasing, now could be the time to invest in renewable energy. Cash in the bank being saved for a 'rainy day' could be used on a 'sunny roof' now to produce all your hot water for some of the year and even reduce the cost in the winter. There are many Solar Thermal suppliers. If you would like to look

at a system and find out more, contact Mike or Chris Airey on 857985.

**Red beams and Garden lights**

The Poynings night sky has a special clarity as we are hidden from the lights of Brighton. An Aircraft Warning Lamp on Truleigh Hill has been upgraded and now focuses its intense red beam over Poynings. Andy Coupland is leading a campaign for all the lamps to remain at a medium intensity. Garden lights also add to light pollution so it is best to keep their use to a minimum.

Mike Airey.

**Mad dogs and English pyromaniacs .....**

I don't know about you but there are two things that always manage to ruin a lovely spring/ summers day for me and my family- barking dogs and bonfires!!!! As a dog owner myself I know that they are not always quiet (mine are partial to barking at the postman!) but there is a limit of acceptability. In my garden I am surrounded by neighbouring dogs, some bark aggressively when someone walks past their gate others just yap at anything and everything, another plagues our walk in the fields, the minute it sees us it barks continuously until we are out of its view- what ever happened to a lovely quiet walk in the countryside? In the warmer months when we have the window open at night one neighbour's dog becomes our alarm clock when let out in the garden very early in the morning! I am unsure of the solution, the methods that can be used are down to the individuals willingness to try different methods to control the barking. So fellow dog owner next time your dog is barking think of the people living around you- they might be as fed up with it as we are! My other summer stress is bonfires and I know I am not alone on this one! Why is it that the minute we get a lovely sunny day (and throughout the warm days) fellow villagers feel the urge to become pyromaniacs? Some people light their fires at night, some during the day and some are left to smoulder throughout the day, leaving us with windows shut, sitting indoors and washing stinking of smoke- this is not right! I appreciate that bonfires are a great way of getting rid of rubbish and garden waste but there are more neighbour friendly ways to get rid of rubbish without smoking out your neighbours and ruining a precious summer day. You could contact Mid Sussex District Council about their Garden Waste Collection Service or you could take your rubbish/ garden waste to Burgess Hill Civic Amenity Site where they have facilities to recycle garden waste as well as waste oil, furniture, old clothes, newspaper and cardboard. ANON

**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.

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**LOST DOG RESCUE**

After living rough around Poynings for nearly a year, the lost dog was finally caught by Tony Sargent, whose wife, Barbara, had been regularly feeding it for over 10 months!

## CHURCH NEWS

## Easter Services

As many people are aware, the four churches of Poynings, Edburton, Newtimber and Pyecombe do not all have a service each week. This year, there will be no service at Poynings on Easter Day itself, although the church will be open (as always) for visitors, and everyone is welcome at our shared service at either Pyecombe (10am) or Edburton (11am). At Poynings, we have a service the week before (on Palm Sunday) and on Maundy Thursday in the evening. The full list of services for Holy Week and Easter is below:



17 April 2011

10am Holy Communion  
11am Holy Communion

**Palm Sunday**  
Poynings  
Edburton

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

21 April 2011

7.30pm Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday**  
Poynings

22 April 2011

10am Reflection  
12 – 1pm Reflection

**Good Friday**  
Newtimber  
Edburton

24 April 2011

10am Holy Communion  
11am Holy Communion  
11.30am Easter Egg Hunt  
12 noon Children's service

**Easter Sunday**  
Pyecombe  
Edburton  
Pyecombe  
Pyecombe

**Lent Study Group** 2.30pm – 4pm Wednesdays at Pangdean Farm  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April

If you are ever in doubt about services, do check out our website: [www.downlandchurches.co.uk](http://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).

## Winter is perhaps behind us, but...

We had a couple of super fund raising events and are most grateful to those who gave their time and talents. **The Calendar** sales raised over £1000. Thank you to Sheila for her organisation, to Daniel Esmond for designing and producing it, to Francois-Xavier Beaugrand, Robin Cook, Marion Curdy, Daniel Esmond and Sheila Marshall for photos and to L&S Printing for their generosity. After the photography competition (see p1), hopefully we'll have fuel for another one!

Then the evening of improvisation by John Cremer's group 'The Maydays' also raised over £1000 after gift Aid was claimed, and was great fun for all who came. The church was full and the performers incredibly skilled. Thank you so much. Get your wigs, costumes and bad jokes ready for the Poynings Pantomime for next winter— calls for committed involvement will be coming through in the early Autumn.

## Sadly....

We have said goodbye to a number of friends in the past few months (see p2).

## On a happier note....

2011 seems to be a poor year for weddings in all our churches, but bookings for 2012 are booming. Still, we have a couple of village weddings to look forward to at Poynings this summer, as well as baptisms.

## Church Tots

This is a newish venture in the village for children under school age (0 – 3s welcome with parents or other carers). We have songs, story-time and prayers and lots of playtime and coffee. Fortnightly on a Tuesday at 10 – 11am, currently at The Rectory. Dates currently planned are 19<sup>th</sup> April; 3<sup>rd</sup> May; 17<sup>th</sup> May; 31<sup>st</sup> May; 14<sup>th</sup> June; 28<sup>th</sup> June – check the website.

## Village Fete June 11th

Homemade cakes needed—phone Ella Johnson on 857358

## Happy Easter

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**Friday 22 April to Monday 25 April**

Our usual menus will be available throughout the Easter holiday period. The reservations diary is already open.

The gardens will be open of course, and weather permitting we may operate the Barbecue. For up to the minute information call us on the morning of your visit.

Kids - watch out for the Easter Bunny, or even the Easter Chicken, who might be seen hopping around the gardens!

**EASTER WEEKEND**  
**2011**

**Monday 18 April to Wednesday 20 April**

Bar 11am to 11pm  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**Thursday 21 April to Saturday 23 April**

Bar 11am to 12 midnight  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**Sunday 24 April and Monday 25 April**

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm  
(Doors open 11.30am)  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**Tuesday 26 April onwards**

BUSINESS AS USUAL  
Bar 11am to 11pm  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**THE WEDDING WEEKEND**  
**2011**

**Friday 29 April**

Bar 11am to 01.00am  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**Saturday 30 April**

Bar 11am to 01.00am  
Kitchen 12 noon to 9.30pm

**Sunday 1 May**

Bar 12 noon to 10.30pm  
(Doors open 11.30am)  
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## Newsletter

*\*Thanks to all who helped contribute, produce, print and distribute this newsletter. Contributions for the October Newsletter phone Sheila 857482.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO— Tim & Liz on the birth of Maisie last Autumn, to Pet and Ashley on the birth of baby Natalie and to Dave and Siobhan on the birth of their son.



### WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE TO

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### YE OLDE VILLAGERS' CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Thanks to Tara, her helpers, the Royal Oak, Rushfields, people who donated or bought raffle tickets and everyone who worked together to make this evening such a success!

Extra special thanks to Tara this year who made such a superb effort at a very sad time for herself and her family.



### Andy the postman's send off

A very well attended event, thanks to Nicky, Mark, the Royal Oak and everyone who helped to make this night one to remember!

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### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas party was once again a huge hit - thank you to Paul and Lewis and all the staff at the Royal Oak for their contributions and hard work and to everyone else who helped on the day to make this event a success—there are too many to name but you know who you are! Despite the weather the children of Poynings, Saddlescombe, and Newtimber enjoyed entertainment by Tomfoolery and a visit from Father Christmas and his fairy. Funds for this event are raised through the VERY competitive Annual Chilli Competition, so start collecting those ingredients and look out for posters for the up-coming event ( June 11th!) We hope to see you there, and who knows you may even win the trophy! Laura

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