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FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council cordially invite
all Parishioners of Fernhurst to attend the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 2024

**Wednesday 8 May 2024
7.00pm Fernhurst Village Hall**

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 May 2023.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. The Chairmen of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, Planning Committee and the Property, Highways & Environment Committee, to report on Parish Council business since the last Annual Parish Meeting.
5. County & District Councillors' reports.
6. Invitation to local organisations to make a brief report on their activities during the year.
7. Parishioners' Question Time.

Light Refreshments Will Be Served After The Meeting

Kevin Jones - Clerk to Fernhurst Parish Council
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FERNHURST NEWS

Fernhurst News is a community magazine printed by our local Blackdown Press.

If there are issues that you think are pertinent to the village and would be of interest, we would be happy to hear from you. Don't forget to tell us about your events for the Village Diary.

The Editorial Committee takes no responsibility for the views and accuracy of the contributors' articles nor for the quality of the services and products advertised.

Anyone wishing to obtain extra copies of the Fernhurst News can do so from The Hub at Crossfield, St Margaret's Church, the Post Office. The Fernhurst News is online at www.fernhurst.net/fernhurstnews.pdf

**Queries and info on advertising, please contact
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Copy for the June issue to Elaine by 9th May please.

Needle Felting with Hilary Charlesworth



**Tuesday 28th May
10am - 4pm**



If you go down to the Hub today, you're sure of a big surprise! For every participant will make a needle felted Teddy Bear to take home with them.

Join us for a relaxed and fun day with Hilary Charlesworth. The course will run from 10am to 4pm at the Fernhurst Hub and is suitable for complete beginners as well as those with some experience of needle felting. All materials will be supplied.

Cost: £40.00 (including materials)

To find out more and book a place go to.....

www.fernhursthub.org.uk

Fernhurst Felons

If you faced the choice of poaching or stealing to seeing your family starve, what would you do?

A search by Robin Ellks in the Petworth Quarter Sessions and Rolls in the early 19th cent shows that a lot of Fernhurst men were forced to take these desperate measures, and what happened if they were caught. Crimes were usually those of necessity – the theft of vegetables, hay or livestock, or most commonly, setting traps for game. A typical case was that of George Hull in 1832, who was convicted of trespass in search of game, fined £2 with 12 shillings costs, in default two months hard labour in Petworth House of Correction.

Although fines were routinely imposed as punishment, most could not pay and were sentenced to the dreaded Petworth House of Correction.

The gaol had a deserved reputation for a cruel and unforgiving regime of total silence accompanied by pointless and relentless work. The prisoner would spend ten hours a day, alone, facing a blank wall endlessly cranking a wheel or on a treadmill only to return to his solitary cell for sleep or meagre rations of bread, gruel (a thin porridge) and water. The gaol was famed as being at the cutting edge of prison reform and would thus rehabilitate offenders, but, in reality, it had the opposite effect and many came out broken men.

If you would like to know more about this story, or research other local topics, the Archive, based in the Village Hall, is open on Tuesdays 2.30-5pm, other times by arrangement.

Christine Maynard - Fernhurst Archive



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The Fernhurst Society

www.fernhurstsociety.org.uk

Visit our stall at the Revels

on Sunday 19 May

Come to our stall to find out more from the Fernhurst Archive team who have some surprising answers for us:

Are you sure you live in Fernhurst?

Maybe you live in Diddlesfold or Woolavington?

Or you might even be a Hampshire Hog!

Where was Fernhurst (or Farnhurst) Gate?

One of our Archivists has carried out research on a photo of a local toll sign and tracked it down to The Weald and Downland Open Museum.

The Museum has kindly lent the sign to us for The Revels. Learn more about the old Toll Road at our stall.

Found under a cricket ground

There will be a display of historical items discovered under a local cricket ground. Find out more at our stall.

For more info on The Fernhurst Society contact Judith Turner
Tel: 01428 653790, email: jtandjt@btinternet.com



Fernhurst Cricket Club

fernhurstcricketclub.org.uk

A strong sports club is built on its junior section and Fernhurst CC is no different. Rob Unwin has masterminded junior cricket for a decade: organising, coaching and umpiring hundreds of sessions. As he stepped down, we gave him our thanks ... but only after a quick debrief!

What was the proudest moment?

Seeing our then U13s giant-kill their way through to the Sussex County Cup semi-finals beating much bigger clubs en route. Plus seeing so many of our juniors progress to senior cricket, which was the reason why the junior section was formed. Mission accomplished!

What was the unexpected challenge?

Our numbers grew very quickly so it was ensuring all the children received quality coaching with the opportunity to participate in competitive matches.

How important is junior cricket in instilling standards and good behaviour?

Very. We always instil the importance of respect and good sportsmanship, we are not 'win at all costs' but we always want to be competitive.

How do you describe Fernhurst now they are no longer 'underdogs'?

A small village club punching well above its size! A place where the bigger clubs get caught out by our strong team spirit.

How important are clubs in filling the state school 'gap'?

Huge. Unless they are very lucky, little cricket is offered to children in state education, putting them at a huge disadvantage. FCC offers opportunities not available to some in terms of coaching and match experience.



Rob Unwin umpiring junior talent.



If you had a magicwand, what is the main reform you would like to see?

Cricket not being a sport traditionally viewed as an upper class game with more children from state education participating, something that must be led by the county. On retirement from the committee Rob became one of our Vice Presidents. He has left a strong team in place with the various age group managers co-ordinated by Mark Langridge. Rob says "I'm looking forward to seeing the junior section go from strength to strength and being able to sit and watch matches without the coach/manager's hat on!"

Simon Vigar



Fernhurst Tennis Club

fernhursttennisclub.org.uk

Fernhurst Tennis Club is looking forward to The Revels on Sunday 19th May at which the Club is hosting an Open Day from just after 1pm to 4pm for anyone to try their hand at Tennis & Pickleball. Our LTA accredited coaches Jasper Allen and Harry Gray will be offering FREE adult and junior coaching taster sessions, cardio tennis, introduction to pickleball and open doubles play. Rackets will be supplied. There will also be a Serve Speed Competition, with a small entry fee, with prizes for the fastest man, woman, junior girl and boy servers. Just turn up on the day or book a slot ahead of time via the *Events* page on our website.

Come along and get involved; join us for a fun afternoon and of course enjoy the Revels as well!

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The beauty of tennis is that it can be played throughout life; adjusting the level of exertion to whatever feels comfortable. Bjorn Borg characterised a tennis match as "a thousand tiny sprints." Frequent short bursts of high-intensity activity,

interspersed with less vigorous periods, is essentially what is now known as 'interval training'. This is a great way to boost cardiovascular fitness. Numerous studies have attributed playing tennis regularly to significantly reduced risk of heart disease and stroke, in addition to improvements in; the immune system, body-fat percentage, bone health, muscle strength, balance, cholesterol levels, aerobic fitness and older-age mobility. No time to lose to pick up that racket!

For more information about visiting or joining the Club, just type *FernhurstTennisClub* into your web browser to find our website, which has full details of our Club. Alternatively, simply contact us via the email address below.

Michael Burnham – FTC Secretary info@fernhursttennisclub.org.uk



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The Scouting term started a couple of weeks ago with St. George's Day. This was an activity afternoon, with other groups from Haslemere and District, where our members, along with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from other groups, were able to take part in lots of different activities such as garden archery, craft activities and tin pan alley. This was followed by a renewal of our promise and the presentation of awards to Scouters.

Scouting celebrates St. George as he is the patron saint of Scouting and was chosen by the founder of Scouting Lord Baden Powell, because of his qualities, such as truthfulness, dedication to help others, and responsibility.

The Scout section will have completed their first camp of the year. They spent the weekend camping near Farnham. It was very much a Scouting skills weekend concentrating on camp skills, cooking, tent pitching. It was supplemented with a few activities such as climbing on the climbing wall. The Scouts also finished off last term with a local hike. They walked in a circular walk from Fernhurst taking in Bell Vale, Marley common and Marley Heights. Highlights included finding out about newts, badger poo and steel making.

Looking ahead, May brings a cub camp for our members, along with cubs from elsewhere in the district. They will be completing tasks to go towards their Outdoor Challenge Badge on the Saturday with a hike up Titty Hill on the Sunday (which I am sure will bring a lot of giggles from the Cubs!!)

May also brings Fernhurst Revels, a fun event, and a fundraiser for the Scout Group. Do come and find us to buy your lunch, sampling our burgers and hotdogs. The meat we use is top quality, sourced locally from Michael Courtney's butchers shop in Midhurst. We also have our usual coconut shy, with our coconuts kindly donated by Julie and Steve at Crossways Fruiterers.

Our members are also involved in the opening ceremony, with several members taking part in the Maypole dancing, a Scout and Cub are St. George and the dragon, and cubs sitting on the base of the maypole. One of our Scouts also is the crown bearer for this years Maypole. It is great to see so many of our members taking part in this amazing community event.

As always, if you are interested in joining the group, in any capacity, leaders, supporter, trustee board, or your child wishes to be added to our "Register of interest", please get in contact at the email address below.

Sue Gibbon
Group Scout Leader
fernhurst.scout.group@gmail.com



Springtime is all about new life and we have certainly been lucky enough over the past month to have witnessed first-hand plenty of new life at pre-school. We have been looking at lifecycles with the children, observing and talking about the changes over time. We started with tadpoles and watched them turn into froglets before taking them back to their original habitat. We also had some caterpillars, which turned into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. There is no better way than to learn about lifecycles than to experience these at first-hand. The children have learnt so much by observing and talking about the changes that they saw.



Observing the tadpoles.

Some of the tadpoles.



We have also been busy celebrating Easter. Parents joined us at pre-school to enjoy listening to the spring and Easter songs that the children learnt and to watch the Easter Bonnet parade, there were some amazing creations and homemade bonnets on show. We also had an Easter egg hunt around the pre-school garden and made lots of Easter crafts.

One of the amazing homemade Easter bonnet creations.



Are you entitled to 2-year funding? Some 2-year-olds in England can get free early education and childcare. Check to see if you are eligible by clicking on <https://www.gov.uk/free-early-education> If eligible, you can start claiming after your child turns 2. Places are subject to availability, please call 01428 652579 or email pre-school@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk if you fit the criteria



What an amazing school community!

One hundred and five volunteers came to Fernhurst Primary School as part of a termly working party day. Supporters included all of the teaching staff, parents, carers and family members as well as members of the wider village community. One parent volunteer remarked:

"It was great to club together alongside local residents, other parents, and with every teacher turn up to grab the tools and support the school - a real sense of community and team spirit. It would have taken a long time to do that in smaller chunks so dedicating the effort as a group made a real difference to the environment the children can enjoy - definitely worth doing again!"

While another reflected "...so great to be part of this wonderful school"

One area that saw development was the developing sensory garden. The project has been financially supported with the successful grant from Tesco and the school are delighted to be able to start this work. Students from the University of Chichester have been involved with this as part of their creativity project work as they train to be teachers. Local gardener Greg Bedson is taking the project further with a range of new paving and plants to enhance the work that has been started. Assistant Headteacher, Sarah Allen, commented "We are so lucky to have such amazing support for our children".

Other areas of the school that were developed on the day included a new sensory room, a safe space to promote nurture, library development and enhancing the Early Years outside area. "It was a really lovely morning, lots of hard work and fun!" commented a member of the community as they considered what had been achieved.

Fernhurst Primary School received sponsorship for the event with The Red Lion in Fernhurst providing them with soft drinks to keep the volunteers hydrated, the village shop and post office donating an array of sweet treats and Pizzaman in Haslemere providing a selection of pizzas to compliment those that were provided by the PTA resident chef. The support of the wider community was gratefully appreciated and Headteacher Jennifer Thornton shared that "the school should be at the heart of the community and it was wonderful to see such support for this event."

**To be involved in future events, please contact the school on
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SCAN TO SEE
OUR PAGE



SCAN TO SEE
OUR WISHLIST

Hi Everyone! We'd like to introduce you to the first Friends of Fernhurst School monthly page in the Fernhurst News

The FoFS, as we are better known, are a team of parents within the school who help put on fundraising events for our local primary school. But these events are not just for us! This year, we would like to extend our calendar to the wider community and invite you to join some of our exciting events!

Each month, we will share updates on our fundraising endeavours, let you know of any upcoming events you may wish to attend and generally fill you in on our small but mighty village school!

SAVE THE DATE!



Friday 26th April



COMEDY NIGHT!

Search Fernhurst comedy night and book your tickets through Eventbrite (£15)

Sunday 19th May



FERNHURST REVELS

This year we're adding some fantastic games for children and adults to our stall!

Sunday 21st July



SUMMERFEST

Join us as we go bigger and better this year at our annual summer fair - don't miss it!

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So how could you help? Maybe you could...

Volunteer?

We are always on the lookout for local volunteers to help run our events.

Sponsor us?

Sponsor any of our big events and help make them a success (while we shout about how great you are on our social media pages!)

Donate?

We welcome one off donations of any amount from individuals and organisations to put towards resources for our wonderful students.

Join us?

Come to one of our events and purchase a cup of tea! It all helps to raise money and boost our community spirit!



I saw something awful the other day. This couple started screaming at each other. Then it escalated when the woman started punching the man in the head. Then he punched her back and she fell to the floor. A policeman turned up and it got even worse. He tried to arrest the bloke but the bloke started hitting the policeman with a great big stick he happened to have. And a big crowd of people, including many children, were standing watching it! Then a crocodile came along and stole some sausages.

Here's the thing. I bet that, until you read that final sentence, you were prepared to believe that I was talking about real people. You might have had some slight suspicions at the mention of the great big stick, but the only real give-away was the crocodile and the sausages. So, thankfully, it wasn't real people getting hurt, but just some glove puppets in a stripy booth, all operated by a bloke with a swizzle.

But, moving away from the quite appalling levels of fictional mayhem perpetrated by Mr. Punch *et al*, it's worth noting that we hear so much about war and violence these days that our first reaction on hearing yet another graphic story is to sigh and to conclude that this is just another example of all that's wrong with the world. That there is little hope for those growing up in our country. That fear is all around us. That everything everywhere in the world is on a downward slide. And so on and so forth.

It's a natural tendency, I suppose; and the very real pain and injustices in the world can easily overwhelm us. The question is, what do we do about it? Do we simply get depressed?

I think that there might be another response. Perhaps we could model something different in the way we live our own lives. Because small things can make a tremendous difference. Little acts of kindness. Showing appreciation for what others do for us. Thinking about what might help build up people, relationships, and community. This is summed up beautifully by the contemporary hymnwriter Paul Field in the following song:

Go peaceful, in gentleness
through the violence of these days.
Give freely, show tenderness
in all your ways.
Through darkness, in troubled times,
let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom, let faithfulness
burn like a flame.

*Godspeed you, Godlead you
and keep you
wrapped around His heart:
May you be known by love.*

Be righteous, speak truthfully
in a world of greed and lies.
Show kindness, see everyone
through heaven's eyes.

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With every blessing,

Nick



FERNHURST REVELS VILLAGE FETE Sunday 19th May 2024

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|-------|---|
| 12.30 | Crowning of the May Queen
St George and the Dragon
Maypole Dancing
Fancy Dress Competition |
| 1.30 | Fun Dog Show |
| 1.45 | Punch & Judy |
| 2.15 | Falconry Display |
| 2.45 | Punch & Judy |
| 3.15 | Falconry Display |
| 3.45 | Children's Races and Games |

THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON

Archery
BBQ
Beer Tent
Coastline Jazz Band
Silent Auction
Tombola
Veteran and Classic Car Show
AND many, many stalls

FREE ENTRY

FREE PARKING

The Fernhurst Revels
are held at the Recreation Ground
GU27 3HY
near the Red Lion pub.

The Revels have been a tradition in
Fernhurst for over 100 years.



On this day, the new May Queen is crowned.

She is Elizabeth Johnston.

Following the May Day Prayer,
led by Nick Haigh, the Vicar of St. Margaret's,
Elizabeth will be crowned by Lucy Hughes,
the 2023 May Queen.



Next comes the battle of St George & the Dragon



Followed by Maypole dancing



And then we have a Fancy Dress competition

This year's theme is

NATIONAL COSTUMES.

To take part, meet at the Recreation Ground at 12.15



Please note that the event may be photographed,
and the pictures may contain images of the attendees

ATTRACTIONS

include

BBQ run by The Scouts
Beekeepers
Beer tent
Bouncy castle
Children's races
Coconut shy
Competitions
Craft stalls
Dog show
Dylan's ice cream
Face painting
Falconry - static & flying display
Hog roast
Jewellery
Live jazz Band
Petersfield bowmen
Photography
Picnic area
Pizza van
Plants, herbs and gardening
Punch & Judy
Raffles
Silent Auction
St Margaret's Sandwich Stall
Tea, cakes and other food
Tombola
Veteran, vintage and classic cars
Waffles

The Fernhurst Revels is a Wonderful family day out

It includes a fancy dress competition,
many attractions, entertainment, music, competitions,
games, hot and cold food, teas, a produce stall,
and a beer tent.

The emphasis is on having fun, with a variety of events
throughout the afternoon. Most stalls are run by local people,
raising funds for village organisations, clubs and charities,
but others are run by people from outside the village, which
adds an extra dimension and increases the variety offered.

So come and join the fun!

Want to help?

The Fernhurst Revels is organised by a small team of
volunteers who help make it a special day for Fernhurst.

On the day we need more people to help set up and run stalls
and games. If you can make some cakes, jams, marmalades,
pickles, bread, quiches, sausage rolls etc. for the produce stall
that would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them along on
the day before noon.

If you can help in any way during the morning or
afternoon, or if you would like to join the team for next year,
please contact Heather Bicknell on 652145



HORT SOC NEWS

www.fernhurst.net/hortsoc/

The Spring Show, April 2024

What a joy it was

The colour and variety of exhibits was impressive, considering the adverse weather conditions that we have been experiencing.

Do check out our website or Facebook page for photos.

The children's section was also of very high standard showing imagination and talent. Well Done.

Thank you So much to All who helped.

Sunday 19th May—Plant Stall at The Revels

This is always extremely popular. Please continue sowing extra seeds. Vegetables and herbs are always welcome and snapped up. Anything that you have managed to split /divide and pot up will be gratefully received on the day. Labelling is of paramount importance. Thank you in advance. If you need me to collect/store or transport, please contact me (Theresa Kennedy - kennedytheresa@yahoo.co.uk).

Tuesday June 11th

Outing to see ancient trees, babbling brooks, rolling lawns but most of all world –famous old- fashioned roses, which flower in June!

This is car sharing or by mini bus (16 seater).

Please find booking forms on website.

Email me to book a place kennedytheresa65@yahoo.co.uk

July Summer Propagation Workshop

Date to be confirmed.

May Gardening News

Sweet May hath come to love us... Flowers, trees their blossom don.
And through the blue heavens above us the very clouds move on...

May is here- blooming with the full splendour of spring and radiating an uplifting energy that encourages us to relish every blossoming tree and bright sunny day! It is a month of colouring renewal, continued growth and heart warming promise of sunny days ahead/ I WISH!

Who is going to practice 'no mow May'? I would like to mow paths and leave some grass along with my wild meadow for my bees.

Provide a feast for pollinators, tackle pollution, reduce urban heat extremes and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground.

So much to do right now. As seeds we've sown are growing madly and need to be planted out, but don't be fooled we may still get a frost.

Bedding plants, pot grown dahlias, frost tender vegetables and sweat peas can go out now. Go peat free if possible. Prepare soil for bedding plants.

Keep on top of weeding and hoeing and watch out for those pests. Try organically/naturally if possible. I use baked egg shells to keep the slugs away.

Gardening, like mindfulness, is a way of finding calm in a chaotic world.

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At the Hub we are pleased to offer something for all ages and Easter was a time when we entertained the younger members of the community. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which has been running for 20 years, was a triumph with a record 83 children turning up with parents and grandparents on Good Friday. They collected their maps and then headed out to the village to locate the hidden chicks. We watch the forecast carefully the week before with fingers crossed for a dry day and had anticipated 50 children, so there was a slight panic when we saw so many people arriving at the Hub. Additional maps had to be printed and eggs purchased so no one went home disappointed. It really is lovely to see all the village coming together for this popular event.

One of our wonderful volunteers then ran a craft afternoon, which was a sell-out event for children 5-13 years old who created their own automata.

George Simpson's colourful and vibrant art exhibition was much admired by all visitors to the Hub. It's so good to be able to offer a space for local artists to show off their talent. The next person to exhibit is James Roe whose paintings will be on display from 17th May, so do come and take a look – all these stunning pictures are for sale.

Dates for your diary in June

Wednesday 5th June – Cream Tea Party to celebrate the Hub's 21st Birthday (1400 – 1600)

Saturday 8th June – Summer Fayre (1000 – 1300)

Saturday 22nd June – Antiques Valuation Day (100 – 1300)

Children's Weekly Activities

Tuesday Music Makers (£2.00)

Wednesday Sing & Learn with Jo (£2.00)

Time: 0930 - 1000 (no booking required)

Create a Bespoke Piece of Jewellery – A 2-hour Workshop

If you're interested in jewellery this workshop is for you! Catriona Godson of Madmac designs has been making jewellery for many years. She will lead you through the process of creating your very own bespoke piece of jewellery. You can choose from a variety of colourful semi-precious stones and spacers to make a necklace, bracelet, or earrings.

Date: Thursday 9th May

Time: 1900 – 2100 hrs

Cost: £15.00 (to include all materials)

Needle Felting a Teddy Bear

If you go down to the Hub today you're sure of a big surprise – for every participant will make a needle felted teddy bear to take home with them. This one-day course is suitable for complete beginners as well as those with some experience of needle felting. All materials are supplied.

Date: Tuesday 28th May

Time: 1000 - 1600

Cost: £40.00 (to include all materials to complete a teddy bear)

Carers and Friends Monthly Meet Up

We are joined this month by Lois Proud from Haslemere Museum who will bring a box of items and give an interesting talk on WW2. There will be time for discussion. This free event is open to anyone who might be interested in the topic of the day.

Date: Friday 3rd May

Time: 1430 – 1600 (no need to book)

To book all events and for more information see 'What's On' section of the website: www.fernthursthub.org.uk

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Mon - Tues - Thurs & Fri 10 - 4
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Fernhurst Art Group

Contact: Margaret Hill
margaretsilvesterhill@gmail.com

Another big thank you, this time to Angela Parrott, a founding member of the group, who gave a brilliantly illustrated talk on drawing and painting trees in all seasons. There are some lovely trees in and around Fernhurst, especially the big oak by the cricket ground which is a stunning example, showing its 'bones' in the winter and fully dressed by summer! We will have the opportunity to practise on our first visit to the Green in April.

Our outdoor sessions start at 10 a.m. During May we will be visiting the following venues:

1st May – St Luke's Church, Milland, GU30 7JL.
Just off the old A3 between Liphook and Rake.

15th May – Kingsley Green

29th May – Benbow Ponds &/or Cowdray Ruins.

Tina Ridgway

Fernhurst Lunch Club

We have just one Thursday Lunch Club this month on 16th May - the Village Hall is being used on the 2nd May for Local Elections

4th April: a good attendance. We enjoyed a lovely lunch of roast lamb rump nestling in a mint vinaigrette and salsa verde, garnished with oregano, root vegetables with mixed herbs for a really flavoursome gorgeous taste. Must have a pudding though! Lovely sticky toffee pudding and custard; and fruit salad and cream for our members with special dietary needs.

I was on pinny duty and we were all kept happily busy. As I have said before, Manika (our chef) keeps so calm and professional with so much preparation and so many pots and pans bubbling away.

If you are early retired, new to the area, please think about joining our friendly club. A warm welcome awaits you. Just ring Irene on 643378 for more information. You deserve a break from your kitchen!

**Find us at The Revels on Sunday 19th May
where we are raffling some
Wonderful Food Hampers**

My best wishes to you all.
Penny Self

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

Our first meeting this month on Wednesday May 8th will feature a talk by Jeff de Mesquita. Titled 'A Policeman's Lot **is** a Happy (and very varied) One'. Jeff is a retired policeman and I'm sure will have some interesting stories to tell.

On Wednesday 22nd we have our Garden Visit. Every summer we visit a different garden in the village. This year we are kindly invited by Mrs Frances Carver to her garden at Glebe House, Church Road. A garden famous for perfect flower beds full of a wide variety of beautiful flowers. There is plenty of parking in Church Road and so after a stroll round the garden we can sit and chat before enjoying tea and cake in the sun, we hope. Frances says there's room indoors if the weather is not so good.

Looking back to March, our first speaker on Wednesday 13th was Fabienne Spears who talked about being a French lady living in England. Actually, Fabienne, who lives in Fernhurst has now been living here longer than her days in France. She arrived as an Au Pair at the age of nineteen, fell in love with our country and has remained here ever since. She talked with great spirit about the regions of France and made me want to return to that beautiful country.

We had eagerly looked forward to welcoming back Maureen Pavey for our second meeting of the month. Maureen has a beautiful voice, perfect for singing folk songs and ballads as she plays her guitar. Many of her songs have refrains which are easy to join in with such as 'Loch Lomond ' 'Gypsy Rover' and 'Wild Mountain Thyme'. Then there was 'Gallipoli ' a ballad about the tragic loss of life of Australian troops in World War 1. The refrain 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda ' was repeated as the story unfolded. A comic song about CHOLESTEROL then made us laugh and we also liked the ballad of John Barleycorn. He seemed dead in the earth before springing up and suffering further indignities before ending up a jug of ale to be drunk by all.

Good Companions is a club for older people in Fernhurst. Come along to the village hall on the second and third Wednesday in the month at 2.30pm. You will be made welcome, make new friends and enjoy what the programme has to offer.

For more information ring Sue Hodge on 653059 or me on 653266.

Rosemary Foster



Fernhurst Village Hall

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**The 2024 Annual General Meeting
of the Fernhurst Village Hall will take place on
Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 7.00 pm
in the Community Room at the Village Hall**

Notices will be posted in the village 21 days before this date. Any adult living in the Parish of Fernhurst may attend this meeting and you are cordially invited to come along on 7 May. Appointments of the Hall Trustees will take place and all nominations are welcome.

If there any questions or any matters you wish the Trustees to consider at this meeting, they should be submitted to the Secretary before 1 May.

Copies of the agenda, minutes of the 2023 AGM and accounts will be available prior to the meeting from the Secretary to the Trustees:

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Thursday 16 May
Lodsworth Village Hall, 7.30 pm

E H Shepard, Sussex and Winnie the Pooh

This year is the 100th anniversary of the publication of Winnie the Pooh, and the 70th anniversary of E H Shepard's move to Lodsworth. The talk is being given by James Campbell, the husband of Shepard's great grand daughter, James Campbell, who has written a couple of lovely books about Shepard's illustrations. The cost of entry for two is £10.

Haslemere Museum Fundraising Plant Sale

Saturday 11 May, 11.00am-1.00pm

Organised by Haslemere Museum volunteers, all proceeds will go towards the Museum. A wide range of garden perennials, house plants and vegetables plus and lots, lots more. Cafe open.

No entrance fee | No need to book

The Farthings of Lurgashall

The story of the family who ran the village shop for over 60 years.

Michael Farthing in conversation with Vernon Ellis

Friday 17th May, 6pm for 6.30pm

Tickets £12 (to include first drink and nibbles)

on sale at Lurgashall Village Shop or can be pre-ordered (for cash payment at the door) by email to archive@lurgashallvillagehall.org

Michael Farthing is the author of *Love in War*—a novel based on the young lives of his parents, Joan and D. Jack Farthing.

The evening is in aid of **The Friends of St Laurence** a new charity to help conserve the Church and Churchyard.



Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

More than 20 St Margaret's church volunteers are once again going to be knocking and delivering envelopes through your door during this week. Last year this national door to door collection raised £725,000 so worth doing.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity but together we can do our bit in Fernhurst to push it back.

We will also have a fundraising stall at the Revels

which will include cards, balloons, chicken feeding. There was a general shortage of jams, chutney and marmalade last year - hint hint!

If you can join the delivery team or help in any other way to raise money (musicians?), please get in touch with me on 0795 174 3616.

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Mary Papworth

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May 2024 Services

Date	Time	St. Margaret's Fernhurst (GU27 3HZ)	St. Peter's Lynchmere (GU27 3NG)
Wednesday 1 st	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 5 th 6 th Sunday of Easter	08:00	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
	10:00		
	19:00	Celtic Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Thursday 9 th Ascension Day	19:30	Holy Communion	
Sunday 12 th 7 th Sunday of Easter	10:00	Holy Communion (followed by APCM – see From the Pew page 13)	
Wednesday 15 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 19 th Pentecost (Whitsun)	08:00	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer
	10:00		
Wednesday 22 nd	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 26 th Trinity Sunday	10:00	Holy Communion	
Wednesday 31 st	10:00	Holy Communion	

SUNDAY CLUB

12th May 10am

Sunday Club is aimed at children 3-8 years but all are welcome. It takes place during the 10.00am service on the second Sunday of each month .

It's great fun on a Sunday morning.

Wednesday 15th May

Women's Group Dementia and the Church

Speaker: Deborah Callewaert

10.45 am - 12.15 pm in the PCR followed by shared lunch.

For further info: Maureen Pavey 656592

FERNHURST MEN'S BREAKFAST

is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Parish and Community Room. To join in, book your place with Keith Tyler 01428 658504 or Bob Pennington 01428 664406 as numbers are limited.

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Village Hall availability and bookings		07596 137660

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FERNHURSTVILLAGE DIARY of EVENTS

VH - Village Hall, PCR - St Margaret's Church Parish and Community Room,
 FH - Fernhurst Hub, RG - Recreation Ground, FP - Fernhurst Pavilion, CF - Crossfield Green
 FPS - Fernhurst Primary School

MAY 2024

See pages 22-24 for StMargaret's Church Servicesand events

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Thu 2	10.30am	Vicar's monthly surgery (FH)	
Thu 2		No Lunch Club today as VH is in use for Local Elections	p.18
Fri 3	2.30pm	Carers and Friends Monthly Meet Up	p.17
Wed 8	2.30pm	Good Companions: A Policeman's Lot (VH)	p.19
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Thu 9	7pm	Create a Bespoke Piece of Jewellery (FH)	p.17
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Sun 19	12.30pm	THE REVELSPROGRAMME See also pages 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, ,22	Centrefold
Wed 22	2.30pm	The Good Companions Garden Visit	p.19
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Wed 5	2pm	Cream Tea Party to celebrate the Hub's 21st Birthday	p.16
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A Resident's Plea

As we are now in the grass cutting season, could I ask that anyone dog walking in Church Road, please pick up their dog's waste from the grass verges and the grass areas around the Church. Unfortunately, dog waste and mower blades really do not mix!!! There are waste bins at both ends of Church Road.

Thank you very much. K.J.N.