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www.fernhurstsociety.org.uk

Thursday 25 April

'The Romance of Letter Boxes'

Fernhurst Village Hall, 7.30 pm for 8 pm.

Talk by Tony Cross

Early letter boxes were designed by a local man.

Do you know where there is a Victorian letter box in Fernhurst?

Sunday 28 April

Bluebell Walk

Annual popular Bluebell walk led by Bob Smalley.

**Meet Crossfield Car Park, Fernhurst, at 1.20 pm
for departure at 1.30 pm.**

Wear appropriate footwear, it may be muddy! No stiles.

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SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024

FERNHURST REVELS

Come and join the fun at the Fernhurst Revels, which starts at 12.30 pm on Fernhurst Recreation Ground with the crowning of the May Queen, followed by Maypole dancing, a fancy dress competition, great entertainment, and food and drink for the whole family. Entertainment includes the Coastline Jazz Band, falconry displays, the Petersfield Bowmen, Punch and Judy, children's races, a fun dog show, and classic cars.

Revels stalls/Tombola and Silent Auction prizes

The Revels' Committee will be running several stalls to raise funds for village organisations – a beer tent, tombola, silent auction, tea stall, produce stall and bric-a-brac. **Please help by donating prizes for the silent auction or non-perishable items** (bottles, tins and other small items) **for the tombola**. You can leave your items at the Fernhurst Hub, or instead contact Judith Turner on 01428 653790 or jtandjt@btinternet.com.

Produce stall items required!

Please produce cakes, jams, marmalades, pickles, bread, quiches, sausage rolls and so forth for our ever-popular produce stall and bring them to the stall on 19th May, preferably before noon. Please list each item's ingredients to assist people with allergies who might buy them.

Stallholders

Space is still available for any organisation or individual that require a stall at the Revels. Please e-mail Rob Walker for a booking form: robwalker4719@gmail.com

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

The theme for this year's fun competition is national costumes: think of your favourite country and dress like them. Meet at the pavilion car park from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start.



Volunteers wanted!

And finally we still need volunteers to help us run the Revels on Sunday 19th May. Please sign-up to help us – or ask your relatives or friends to do so - by going to: <https://volunteersignup.org/F9TBL>

**Pleasering Heather Bicknell on 01428 652145
if you have any questions.**



Well, Spring has certainly sprung in the pre-school garden this month. The splendid display of daffodils puts a smile on our faces every time we see them. The weather has improved, and we have been able to spend more time out in the wonderful garden without having to wear our winter clothes and waterproofs!

We celebrated World Book Day where the children brought in their favourite books to share with the other children and the staff, some of the children also made their own books to take home.



Enjoying World Book Day

March was a busy month, the children made some beautiful handmade cards and biscuits for Mother's Day, and we will soon be making our Easter crafts. We are also holding a small Easter celebration and an Easter bonnet parade with the children and parents, and we will also be doing an Easter egg hunt in the pre-school garden.

If you are looking for a space for your child in the summer term or for September, please call on 01428 652579 or email us to arrange a visit: pre-school@fernhurst.w-sussex.sch.uk

Are you entitled to 2-year funding? Some 2-year-olds in England can get funded early education and childcare. You can check if you are eligible by clicking on <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/childcare-options-and-funding/free-childcare-for-2-year-olds/>

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The Hort Soc Quiz on 2nd March, a social evening for our members was fantastic. Quiz master Judith Turner produced excellent questions and the new format of having answers, questions and scores projected on the screen worked well. A very big thank you to the many people who ensured such a great evening run smoothly. The raffle made a profit of £320 which will be divided between Fernhurst lunch Club and Friends of Haslemere hospital.

The Spring Show, Saturday 6th April **Open to all Fernhurst residents**

All details are both on our website and in our schedule. The most important part is to enter, to turn the village hall into a floral garden to celebrate Spring. We have classes for children too. Create a bookmark or decorate a stone. Many committee members will be on hand to help you display your entries, so please do ask for any help you may need.

The entry forms should be completed if possible by Thursday 4th April either online or drop off form at the Fernhurst Hub.

Revels Plant Stall

Another highlight of our growing year is the plant sale at the Revels. We need you to sow a few extra seeds for us, veg and annual flowers always very popular. Also if you are dividing any plants as the weather warms up do save some for us. Any pots of spring bulbs that are surplus, just label well and keep them for us.

Save the date June 11th

For our forth coming trip to the Rose/Perennial gardens at Mottisfont. This will be a car share trip.

Please let us know if there are outings you would like to go on, plant knowledge, garden skills you want to learn more about, or maybe share.

Also if you have small 9cm square pots lurking in your shed please contact Louise on 645197.

APRIL GARDEN NOTES

By Louise Buchanan

Time to get busy in the garden.....

I've not written for a while but I am still scavenging the bargain (nearly dead) plants from the reduced sections at Squires and Rotherhill nurseries.

Recent acquisitions have been lavender plants and grasses. I repot them on into just slightly bigger pots . My current favourite potting compost is Home Base own brand peat free multi-purpose compost. I combine this with gravel to get a free draining mix.

April is the time to start seed sowing, although French beans and runner beans I will wait till warmer May weather arrives as they have a strong tendency to just rot. Most seeds I start off in small seed trays rather than direct sow. In my garden direct sowings get lost, eaten by slugs or birds.

My top tip is to read the seed packet **VERY** carefully, apart from the over ambitious early sowing dates. Make sure the compost is lump free by either putting through a garden sieve or mixing by hand. Once the compost is in your container firm it down well, either pressing down with a similar sized spare pot or by hand. Place the tray/pot into a tray filled with water and allow this to wet from the base up, for about 10 mins.

Sow a minimal amount of seed. Well spaced. Small seeds can be picked up using the damp end of a cocktail stick. Think about where you can place newly sown seeds, an unheated greenhouse can still get very cold. Initial germination might still be best on a bright window ledge. Keep watching. The compost needs to stay moist ,but not over wet. Peat free compost can look dry on surface but actually be wet underneath. Get used to how heavy the tray feels. I gently brush over the emerging seedlings with my hand to encourage sturdy stems.

As seedlings develop they need space around themselves, so either 'prick' out or gently remove the weaker seedlings. That's the bit I find really hard to do, but it makes a big difference. Once germinated, move onto cooler but bright conditions. An over warm kitchen will otherwise make for a very tall straggly plantlet.

I met a lady who uses several large candles in her greenhouse on cold nights, as well as layers of horticultural fleece. There could be cold nights well into May.

We are holding a propagation course in July—watch out for more details.

—- HAPPY GARDENING —-



Fernhurst Cricket Club

femhurstcricketclub.org.uk



Our men's 1st XI can't wait to get going after their barn-storming 2023 season when they won the l'Anson Division 3 title. They are back in Div. 2 at the first attempt. Captain Joe Unwin says "The new season brings a lot of excitement to our league teams. After a very strong 2023 we are looking to solidify and show we deserve to be near the top of the l'Anson".

Formed in 1901, the l'Anson is the oldest village league in continuous existence. Fernhurst was admitted when it opened up to more members and created more divisions in the mid -1990s. "The jump from Div. 3 to 2 will be huge," says Joe. "Playing many teams we have previously faced in Division 1 a few years ago! We expect to face stronger competition this year. As a team, we feel we deserve to be in Div. 2 and can, at our best, push for the top of the league. However, solidifying our place in Div. 2 is the main aim."

Familiar names like Frensham, Peper Harow and Puttenham await them. Joe says "We had multiple juniors make their first team debut last season. I am looking forward to seeing them become a core part of the team as they continue to improve." The season begins on May 4th with a trip to Brook and a home game the following Saturday. Please do pick up a fixture card at the pavilion or search us on Play-Cricket.com. There will always be a home game as the 1st XI and 2nd XI alternate their weekends in the village. Come on Fernhurst!

Simon Vigar, Captain, Sunday XI



Fernhurst Tennis Club

Fernhurst Tennis Club has a tremendous programme of events planned for the upcoming spring and summer season, which will include:

- Our regular 'American' Doubles and Charity Doubles tournaments.
- A new Pickleball tournament for mixed and family teams
- Doubles and Singles Championships leading to the Club Finals Day
- An Open Day at the Fernhurst Revels – come along on the 19th May and join in the fun!
- A number of social events open to all are being planned e.g. Quiz Night, Race Night.

We're pleased and excited to make our courts available for use by Fernhurst Primary School to trial tennis as part of the year-4 pupils' summer curriculum. Tennis is a great sport for children; in addition to being great fun, playing tennis provides whole-body exercise and its wide-ranging, life-long physical, social and wellbeing benefits are well documented.

Our popular Junior school holiday camp programme commences in the Easter holidays with a 5-day camp running from Monday 8th to Friday 12th April, 10am-3pm daily. Two more junior camps will be available in the summer holidays. All the camps are organised into three age ranges 6-8, 9-11 and 12+ years.



Fernhurst Tennis Club

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Child with Easter egg

People playing tennis

Summer term junior coaching sessions re-start after the Easter holidays on Saturday afternoons for the same age ranges. You can book a place for the camps or the summer term junior coaching programme with Jasper and Harry our GoTennis coaches using the QR code here. Adults aren't forgotten, as Doubles Improvers coaching, and Cardio Tennis sessions are also available to book on a weekly basis.

News for more accomplished players... this summer the Club will be entering ten (yes, ten!) men's, women's and mixed teams playing over 90 inter-club matches in the local LTA doubles league. If you're not already a member, it's not too late to join and put your name forward for a match team.

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

Michael Burnham – FTC Secretary

info@fernhursttennisclub.org.uk



So, how many sound engineers does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: One. Two. One. Two. One. Two. One. Two. One. Two. *ISTHISMICROPHONEWORKING?!*

In virtually any public gathering these days you'll find some sort of amplification. Speech and music need to be heard clearly by everyone. So, there'll be a sound system. Microphones. Loudspeakers. That sort of thing. And where there's a sound system, there's usually a sound engineer to operate it. We usually see them, if we see them at all, at the back of the venue, sitting behind the mass of knobs, sliders and dials which make up the sound mixing desk. Their work has often begun long before the event started – they've set everything up, often heaving all the equipment around themselves; they've plugged in dozens of cables, and they've done all sorts of sound checks. Their work goes on long after the event finishes, too – it all has to be unplugged, dismantled and packed up again.

I think that sound engineers are the unsung heroes of the entertainment industry, and I always try to thank them if I can.

Here's the thing about sound engineers. You never notice the good ones. The few bad ones you do notice – they make themselves known by unwanted squeals, squeaks and pops, by microphones not being switched on (or off) when they should be, and by sound levels which are too quiet, too loud, distorted, or indistinct. You don't notice the good ones because they make the sound system 'transparent', so that you hear only the true performance, and don't really notice that it's amplified at all. But even the best sound engineers can be caught out by equipment failures and so on – and also by performers misusing the equipment. So, often, their only contact with the public is when the complaints come. And they're almost never given the benefit of the doubt. Whatever the problem with 'the sound', it's the sound engineer's fault. One absolutely essential requirement for any sound engineer is a thick skin.

There are many jobs like that. We, the great British public, have been encouraged to expect perfection wherever we go, and also encouraged to complain whenever we don't get it. This leads to very competent people in all walks of life being put under great pressure. Why? Because perfection is impossible. We're all imperfect human beings. The fact that so many things in our society are actually done to such a high standard, by many very talented people, perhaps just reinforces the myth.

Now, I'm not saying that we should be content with poor standards. It's reasonable to expect that all of us should aim for the best in everything we do, at least professionally. But not at the expense of our humanity, or by being inhuman to others. Let's not allow the modern self-obsessed 'moaning malaise' to rob us of our humanity, or our appreciation of what others do for us – whether they're on the stage and in the limelight, or backstage, hidden, making it all happen anonymously. There's only one Person at work in this world who is perfect.

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Nick

And now from the Pew...

The film 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' has provided a rich source of material for this year's Lent course, held each Wednesday evening in the Parish and Community Room (PCR). Titled 'Living life to the full', written by Anita, and led by different people each week, we've been able to think and discuss various aspects of how we live our lives- attentively, authentically, fearlessly, compassionately, purposefully and beautifully, with clips from the film to prompt our thoughts.

Lent is a very important season in the Christian calendar and these courses enable us to grow spiritually along with others. Mothering Sunday falls half way through, this year on 10th March, and as is traditional at St Margaret's, every mother, grandmother and carer was presented by the Sunday Club, with a beautiful posy of spring flowers made by Elizabeth Tyler. During coffee and chat afterwards a piece of simnel cake added an extra something!

With all the Easter celebrations this year in March, time seems to be rushing forward! Our Palm Sunday Holy Communion service will be at 10am on the 24th. It marks the beginning of the Easter festival when Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday evening there is a joint Holy Communion Service (7.30pm) for the whole benefice, to commemorate Jesus's last supper with his disciples and the vigil will allow time to recognise the importance of His humility, selflessness and service to others and reflect on ours. The traditional walk of witness – a public display of our faith - from the village crossroads at 9.30am marks the start of Good Friday. The Holy Communion that follows, being the most solemn and heartfelt as we consider the awful death Jesus suffered on the cross. Trusting that the weather is fair there is a ramble from St Peter's Church, Lynchmere, beginning at 2pm and concluding two hours later with a time of reflection.

During Saturday the flower arrangers will be busy transforming the church with beautiful displays which will include lilies donated by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones. Easter Sunday dawns an hour earlier than the day before as Summer Time begins overnight! I wonder whether those planning the Easter Day services were aware of this when they set the times for these celebrations? The dawn vigil at 6am will feel particularly early but those attending it will enjoy a special time together ending with a delicious cooked breakfast. For regular worshippers the main Holy Communion Service will be at **9.00am**(feeling like 8 not 10!). Many thanks go to Penny Sydenham who has enthusiastically been preparing a choir to lead the singing with Susie Walker ably accompanying.

Looking towards the future and hopefully dryer, warmer and sunnier days, there is an exciting opportunity for families with primary school age children to enjoy a weekend at Stedham Campsite and Outdoor Centre over the 7th to 9th June to have fun and worship with others in our deanery. There is a poster in church with more details including the QR code and booking website.

Ann Smith



Fernhurst Art Group

Contact: Margaret Hill
margaretsilvesterhill@gmail.com

Our two sessions with Les Colcutt on all aspects of perspective proved extremely useful. Les went to a great deal of trouble to supply exercises to complete whilst seeing how and what to do with power point illustrations. We learned about vanishing points and eye levels which were sometimes quite bewildering! A huge thanks to Les for his patience in getting across what turned out to be a lot more complicated than some of us anticipated. A most professional delivery. Thanks too for the wonderful 'gizmo' called an angle-ometer which will be invaluable in achieving the correct angles in our drawings.

We are now looking forward to a big improvement in the weather so that we can sit on the village green in some comfort during our first outdoor session on 17th April. Anoraks and fingerless gloves are usually required! Luckily there is hot coffee available nearby. Most likely the angle-ometer will be seen out on active duty!

Tina Ridgway

Fernhurst Lunch Club

April: Thursday 4 and 18

Hello to you All.

February 15th: What's not to like about roast lamb with a mint salsa, roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, mange tout and green beans with lovely apple crumble and custard, to round off another of Manika's inspiring and inventive lunches.

March 7th: A very busy time today with many members enjoying a chicken curry and rice and cucumber raita. Non poultry-eaters had a nice lamb and rice dish. There was also a vegetable pasta so, as I always say, all dietary needs are catered for. Oh, must not forget ginger pudding and custard for dessert. And to round it all off, tea, coffee and mints.

If you would like to sample what our club has to offer, please contact Irene on 643378. Transport can be arranged and we would like to welcome early retirees too.

The club is now in its 27th year so I must have seen hundreds of lunches being served and have met many interesting people. Lovely memories.

My good wishes to you all.

Penny Self

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

We invite anyone in the village who loves a good meal to come to our Ploughman's Lunch on April 10th:

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WEDNESDAY April 10th

12.30pm in the Village Hall

For ticket (£7) please ring: 01428 648979

People who come to our **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH** will be provided with a delicious meal in good company – and will be helping to fund our activities throughout the year.

Did you know that the spy Mata Hari used to meet her contacts in the luxury of the fabulous Orient Express, en route from Paris to Baghdad? Hear more about this legendary train from our speaker on **April 24th**: 2.30 pm in the village hall.

We had a fun afternoon on St. Valentine's Day hearing members' views on the subject of ideal love, how to propose and what falling in love does to the human body! There were some touching stories and a lot of laughter. (See below for two mystery quotes on the subject!) At our subsequent meeting, on a wet and windy winter afternoon, we were treated to a series of films clips: some were hilarious, some moving and some just very entertaining or beautiful to watch.

We are a club for retired people. If you are new to the village and would like to join us in our activities of talks, entertainments, summer visits to gardens, cream teas or musical afternoons, please ring 653266 or 653059 for more information. We would love to welcome new members. It costs £7 for the whole year, which includes everything except meals and outings. A cup of tea each time (which, when we first started 70 years ago, cost 3d.) is now FREE! That's progress.

Sue Hodge

On the subject of romance... Who said?

1. "Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses."

And who agreed? by saying:

2. "A girl who is bespectacled
Seldom gets her neck tickled."

Answers on P14.

FIGHTING THE FROST WITH CANDLES AND ICE

Sounds unlikely, but it's true!

Blossom time at ICI Plant Protection orchards at Surney, on the eastern side of Fernhurst, could mean sleepless nights for people in the Growing Dept.

Overnight frost was an ever present threat from late April to the end of May for the vulnerable apple and blackcurrant blossoms. Alarm bells were installed in the homes of several employees' houses and if it sounded, usually at around 2am, they would have to turn out to monitor the situation.

For the apples, it was large specialised candles in containers the size of a large square biscuit tin placed round the bole of each tree. The flares gave out just enough heat to protect the delicate buds.

The blackcurrants were protected with an overhead sprinkler system emitting a fine mist. The physical action of the water turning to ice provided enough latent heat to protect the plant.

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

HASLEMERE CHARTER FAIR—MONDAY 6TH MAY

Roll up, roll up as Haslemere's much loved, traditional Charter Fair returns to the heart of the town on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024. The Fair is open to the public from 11am to 5pm is a wonderful day out for all the family!

There will be a free Courtesy Bus which follows a route from Shottermill (the bus stop outside the Working Man's Club) direct to the Fair. The buses will run from 11:30am to 5:00pm. There are no admission charges and many local charities and organisations benefit from the tremendous feeling of goodwill and joy that has been the essence of previous years.

For more information: www.haslemere.com/charterfair
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Answers to "Who Said?" p.13

1. Dorothy Parker
2. The Poet and humorist Ogden Nash



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As many of you know, part of the fun of being in Scouting is that our members achieve a variety of badges, and below you can see the varied activities our amazing leaders have provided to enable them to do this.

The Beavers spent an evening trying different experiments for the Scientist Badge. This included blowing up balloons with bicarbonate of soda and making rockets using matchsticks for propulsion. As mentioned last month they have also visited Haslemere Library, where Ellen, one of the librarians, read them a story and the Beavers explored the library, and this counted towards their book readers badge.

Fernhurst Cubs, their leaders, and some parents, have been honing their DIY skills. This was the first time we have worked on this badge. Over two weeks the Cubs found out about different DIY tools, including hammers, hammering nails into wood, and learning how to use them safely. The second week they made a bird feeder for their gardens. To make this they learnt how to use saws, drills, and screwdrivers, and we have been told that birds have actually visited some of them up in the gardens! We were very proud of our Cubs as they behaved very well, ensuring we completed the activities safely. We have also found out about what a Jamboree is as one of our leaders, Baloo (Wayne) who was "interviewed" by the cubs as they tried to find out about his adventures at the World Jamboree in Thailand, in 2003.

Last term the Scouts achieved two badges during the regular evening meetings. They all achieved their Local Knowledge badge over the course of 2 weeks. The first evening was spent walking around the village answering questions about the locality. They all now know, among other things, how many people died in the Blackdown air crash. The second evening took the form of a quiz on local knowledge, including things they had learned the previous week. The second badge earned was the Fire Safety badge. This combined the theory of fire, with some practical work. Thanks to an appeal on Facebook we were donated two old fire extinguishers, which the Scouts had great fun letting off and using.

At the end of March the Cubs and Scouts took part in a joint hike. The Scouts hiked from the village onto Marley Common, via Belle Vale Lane, where they met up with the Cubs, and hiked back down to Fernhurst. This meant those who participated achieved a "Hikes" badge.

As always, if you are interested in joining the group, in any capacity, as a leader, supporter, trustee board member, or if 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

It's wonderful to see the Hub so busy every day, not just as a meeting place but as a venue where languages, bridge, ukulele and other crafts and skills take place. Our summer term starts after Easter, so do look at our website and contact us if you are interested in signing up.

This month our 'Walk & Talk' group will meet on Thursday 4th April at 0930. The length of the walk is always tailored to those attending.

Nick Haigh, our local vicar, will be in the Hub on Thursday 11th April, 1030 – 1200.

Parent Pod – A Talk on Vaping

This group is for all parents and carers of pre-teens and teens to gain mutual support, advice and information. With a new tax on vapes announced in the spring budget, this is a timely session on vaping. This talk will be both informative on the facts regarding vaping and also allow time for discussion and deliberation, sharing of experiences and worries around the topic.

Date: Thursday 11th April

Time: 1930 – 2100

Please email: info@fernthursthub.org.uk to come to this FREE event

Children's Activities at the Hub

Children's Holiday Craft Afternoon - Wednesday 10th April (1400 – 1530)

Get creative colouring and making an automaton from a selection of designs. We will show you how to construct the hand powered mechanism to cause motion and make your automaton come to life.

Cost: £5.00 (suitable for ages 5 -13 years old)

Children's Weekly Activities

Tuesday Music Makers (£2.00)

Wednesday Sing & Learn with Jo (£2.00)

Time: 0930 - 1000 (no booking required)

Back to the Drawing Board – Complete Beginners

In this three week art course you will be given an introduction to drawing with pencil and will explore shape, pattern and perspective and improve your observational skills.

Dates: Mondays 8th, 15th & 22nd April

Time: 1830 - 2030

Cost: £60.00

Repair Café

We are pleased that the Repair Café returns to the Hub this month, and are very grateful to our talented team of volunteer repairers who will try to restore new life into your broken items with their expertise and skills. So if you are having a spring clean and discover broken items, think twice before throwing them away.

Date: Saturday 20th April

Time: 1000 – 1300

Cost: £2.00 booking fee

Carers and Friends Monthly Meet Up

This has become a very popular and enjoyable afternoon event enjoyed by anyone who might be interested in the topic of the day. This month we are joined by Aimee Cunningham from Carers Support West Sussex. Aimee always has a wealth of useful information particularly for carers. This gathering is very sociable, it's free to attend, no booking is required and we always welcome new attendees.

Date: Friday 5th April

Time: 1430 – 1600

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

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April 2024 Services

Date	Time	St. Margaret's Fernhurst (GU27 3HZ)	St. Peter's Lynchmere (GU27 3NG)
Wednesday 3 rd	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 7 th <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	08:00	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
	10:00		
	19:00	Celtic Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 10 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 14 th <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	10:00	Holy Communion Sunday Club	
Wednesday 17 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 21 st <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	08:00	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer <i>followed by APCM at 11.30am</i>
	10:00		
Wednesday 24 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 28 th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	10:00	Holy Communion	

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SUNDAY CLUB

14th April 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.

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FERNHURST MEN'S BREAKFAST

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Members of the Parish Council cordially invite
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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.

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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

APRIL 2024

Thu 4	09.30am	Walk and Talk (FH)	p.16
Thu 4	12.30pm	Fernhurst Lunch Club (VH)	p.12
Fri 5	2.30pm	Carers Monthly Meet Up (FH)	p.17
Sat 6		Fernhurst Horticultural Society Spring Show (VH)	p.6
Mon 8	6.30pm	Back to the Drawing Board—Beginners drawing (FH) <i>3-week course Mondays 8, 15 & 22 April.</i>	p.17
8—12	10am-3pm	Fernhurst Tennis Club's Junior Easter Camp (FP)	p.9
Wed 10	12.30pm	The Good Companions 'PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH' (VH)	p.13
Wed 10	2pm	Children's Holiday Craft Afternoon (FH)	p.16
Thu 11	10.30am	Vicar's monthly surgery (FH)	p.16
Thu 11	19.30am	Parent Pod—a talk on vaping (FH)	p.16
Wed 17	2pm	Fernhurst Art Group—first outdoor session 2024	p.12
Thu 18	12.30pm	Fernhurst Lunch Club (VH)	p.12
Sat 20	10am	Repair Café (FH)	p.1 & 17
Wed 24	2.30pm	The Good Companions 'Orient Express' (VH)	p.13
Thu 25	7.30pm	Talk: The Romance of Letter Boxes (VH)	p.2
Fri 26	7pm	Epic Comedy—buy your tickets (FPS)	p.5
Sun 28		Bluebell Walk from Crossfield Car Park	p.2

MAY 2024

Wed 8	7pm	Fernhurst Parish Council invite all parishioners to attend the Annual Parish Meeting	p.20
Sun 19	12.30pm	THE REVELS	p.3

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