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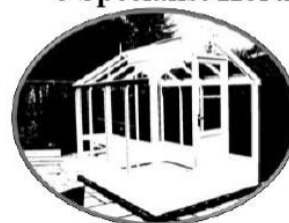
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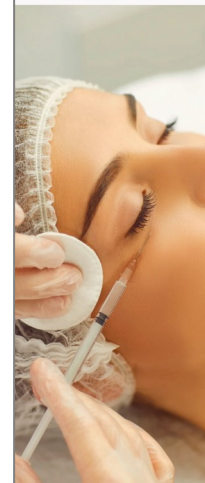
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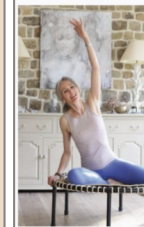
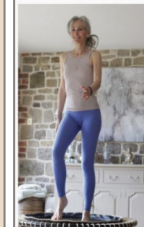
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FERNHURST REVELS2024

Sunday 19th May

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May Queen Applications

Girls living in Fernhurst Parish aged between 10 and 16 are eligible to be May Queen or one of her attendants, with a selection process on Thursday 21st March at 6pm in the Fernhurst HUB. Please contact Elaine Ewing on
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This year's FANCY DRESS THEME is NATIONAL COSTUMES

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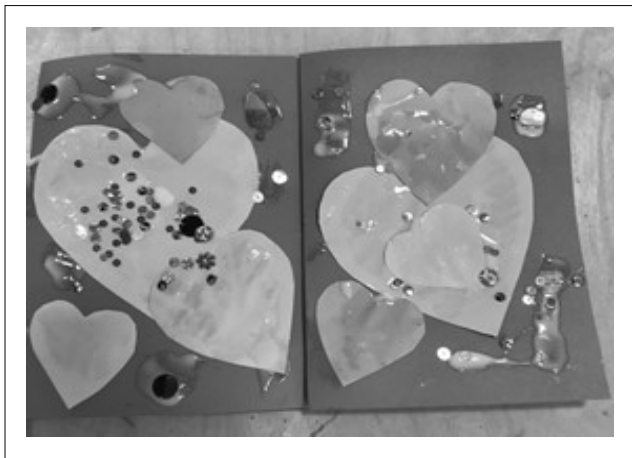
The Revels needs your help

Please consider joining the Committee, which has around six, relatively short, evening meetings per year, to help ensure that the much-loved and much-admired Revels will continue after 2024.

Any questions contact Heather Bicknell 01428 651245
Check out our Fernhurst Revels Facebook page
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March has arrived with a Spring in its step. This past month has been all about celebrations with lots of craft activities and story reading, learning about other cultures around the world. We started with Valentine's day, making cards and talking about the people we love. Next came Chinese New where we learnt how the Chinese people celebrate and that red is a lucky colour for them. We did lots of activities to support this and decorated the pre-school room with special decorations that were donated to us.



The children's valentine cards

The children have lots of events to look forward to this month, we have Pancake Day, World Book Day where the children can come dressed as a character from their favourite book and parents are invited to come and read with the children. Then it's full steam ahead to Easter and sharing all our exciting activities and Easter songs with the parents, and maybe a visit from the Easter bunny!

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HORT SOC NEWS

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There was a superb talk at the beginning of February given by Lyn Robinson, the Designer for 3 Chichester Cathedral Flower Festivals. Firstly in 2004 "Sussex and the Psalms – a Celebration of the English Countryside", secondly in 2010 "Poetry in Paradise", and most recently in 2022 "Life in All its Fullness". Lyn's talk gave a fascinating insight into the planning and background to these Festivals. Her own pencil sketches and water colour pictures showed her ideas for individual arrangements and the Festival programmes. Her presentation was illustrated with beautiful photographs of the flowers & foliage used in the numerous stunning arrangements over the years.

Quiz - Saturday 2nd March at 7pm

We hope you will have booked your tickets for this popular annual Quiz Evening.

Spring Show- Saturday 6th April

Please bring your exhibits down to the Village Hall between 11am and midday for staging.

All the categories are in your Hort Soc programme or on our website. You do not have to be a member to enter. The entry form should be completed if possible by the Thursday evening, 4th April, either online or drop it off at The Hub. There will be Committee members on hand on the Saturday morning to give you any help you might need.

Plant Stall at The Revels- Sunday 19th May

Please start to pot up and grow as many items as possible for our The Plant Stall at this village event.

Mottisfont

There is going to be an outing to Mottisfont on Tuesday 11th June – car share.

Jottings

After what seems like weeks of rain this winter, it was a relief to have a few really cold and frosty days with a sprinkling of snow. Looking out at my garden, there were many uncut stems of plants that I had left for the birds to eat. The seed heads were either unpalatable or the birds were preferring my bird food – there is work to be done before spring !

My 'Winter Beauty' Clematis, which had died back the last two winters, had green leaves and numerous cream flowers this January. A pale blue Iris was flowering as well as an early yellow Primula. I gave my daughters bowls of early Narcissus for Christmas but they grew leggy and weak stemmed and were over in November, yet one stray bulb looked perfect in a pot in my garden after Christmas.

An Amaryllis that flowered 2 years ago, only produced a few leaves last winter but recently grew strong leaves and one beautiful 4 foot tall deep maroon flower stem with 4 flowers almost 8 inches across – never give up ! The Pointsettia I was given in November continued to thrive on my kitchen windowsill and it will go outside once the risk of frosts is over and it will be happy all summer.

The 'Hugh Evans' Camelia which I planted on the north side of our cottage 2 years ago has produced its first welcome pink flowers and a young Forsythia next to it has grown extremely strongly and looks like it will be covered with early yellow blossom again. I inherited a pale cream Japonica (or should I say Chaenomeles) in this front garden which was covered with numerous buds and the flowers arrive before the leaves show and is always an early spring joy. The only downside is I seem to have to prune this shrub several times each year or it would grow enormous.

On the subject of pruning, a year ago I took a brave decision to cut down to almost ground level 2 elderly Clematis, I think 'Montana', that were growing 30 foot up a fir tree. They have both survived and this summer produced a huge amount of new growth and flowers that I am attempting to keep to shoulder height. Lengths of dead stems fall down from time to time and no doubt the tree is happier without the weight of the Clematis.

Other bulbs are beginning to show and I'm looking forward to finding out where I planted one pot full of 'Pheasant Eye' Narcissus – remember to write a label ! I always look forward to our Spring Show but sadly I have to be in London this year so I am hoping one kind Committee member, or perhaps more than one, will arrange my exhibits for me?

Mary Biggs



Fernhurst Cricket Club

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"I won't practice too much", says one of the shining wits of the Sunday XI, "It stifles natural talent". And so indoor nets are underway for the 2024 season: the team with the longest fixture list is always the Sunday friendlies team. April 21st will be the traditional curtain raiser against the Ancient Mariners but we won't hold our breath because, traditionally, it gets rained off.

Fernhurst's Sunday XI has always been a very important part of the club (the team photo is from the Ventnor match during our 'overseas tour' to the Isle of Wight last year). The younger members of that team all now play for the Saturday league sides - but they got their first taste of senior cricket on a Sunday, where the atmosphere is more relaxed. We like to win but the amusing repartee and the actual tea are bigger deals. The new pavilion bar was much enjoyed last season for a post-match chat with the visitors.

A lot of hard recruitment work over the past 15 years means we now have a squad of more than 40 players which is great because people can pick and choose which weekends they want to play. We are also very lazy and won't travel too far - in fact the furthest we go on a Sunday is to the Arundel Castle villages festival in May, which is definitely worth the trip. We are lucky that so many wandering teams want to spend an afternoon in Fernhurst: the Mariners are the longest-standing 'nomad' fixture, followed by Sir Tim Rice's Heartaches. We also have local derbies with villages like Ebernoe and Lynchmere.

So if you fancy dusting off your pads, please come on down or get in touch via the website. And if you want to watch the newest Fernhurst youngsters starting out in senior cricket then do pop by the Rec on a Sunday afternoon. Probably not April 21st though..

Simon Vigar, Captain, Sunday XI



Fernhurst Tennis Club

Spring is only a few weeks away, but it is worth pausing to reflect on Fernhurst Tennis Club's 2023 before looking forward to the warmer months to come. Most significantly, FTC completed the scheduled re-surfacing and painting of the tennis courts, which are now in tip-top condition. This, in conjunction with the new pavilion at the recreation ground makes FTC a brilliant place to play tennis, with some of the best facilities in the area.



Junior Coaching Session at FTC

2023 was a busy and successful year, with plenty of innovation and highlights:

- FTC provided 8 teams in the LTA's East Hants Tennis Summer League, playing 73 matches. Well done to the Men's and Women's A teams; they won their respective divisions!
- The annual Richard & Ruth Paine Trophy and Turner Tankard Trophy tournaments were held. The latter raised money to provide advice and support for parents who have suffered the loss of their young children.
- An 'Open Day' at the Revels saw the courts in constant use all afternoon for coaching 'taster' sessions, pickleball, the serve speed competition or just 'having a knock'.
- "Go Tennis" was appointed our professional coaching partner. The LTA accredited coaches delivered programmes for all ages and standards as well as individual lessons.
- Two Junior Camps were run in the summer and new half-term Junior Camps introduced.
- The new *Pay&Play* online court booking system for non-members was introduced, which has proven to be very popular.
- Conversion from *calendar-year* to *12-month rolling* memberships.e.g. if you join in April this year membership renewal is in April next year, not on 1st January.

There'll be more to come in 2024. If you or your children want to get fit, take up tennis as a new sport (or revive an old one), meet new people or simply have fun playing, come along to a Saturday morning or Monday morning 'roll-up'; you will be made very welcome. For more information 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.

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We had a wonderful afternoon with Amanda Ewbank who with hints and tips and lots of encouragement helped us produce some amazing portraits. Who would have thought that with just the slightest rearrangement of a line one can make such an improvement to a likeness. Inspiration to persevere.

On 13 March we will be concentrating on trees throughout the seasons which promises to be most interesting and challenging. On 27 March (our last indoor session) we will be practising watercolour washes.

Members, please remember to come up with suggestions for our summer venues.

Tina Ridgway

Fernhurst Lunch Club

18th January: Manika gave everyone another delicious lunch of salmon and potato bake, leeks and roasted cauliflower with apple pie and custard for dessert and tea/coffee and mints.

And, as you know, there are always alternatives to the menu as not everyone, for example, likes fish. A comprehensive list is kept, so no need to worry.

1st February: Everyone enjoyed today's lunch which was sausage, Dauphinoise potatoes and fried cabbage. Then came sticky toffee pudding and custard, tea/coffee and mints with diabetic and gluten-free requirements catered for. I know Manika has many varied and delicious lunches to come.

Well, the evenings are getting lighter and Spring bulbs are showing. A happy thought.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly club and have a nice lunch and meet new friends. Perhaps you are recently retired or new to the area. Do get in touch with our membership secretary, Ann Pope, on 01428 641263 (annpope58@yahoo.co.uk). No need to worry about getting to Lunch Club—transport is available.

I look forward to seeing you on the 7th and 21st for our March Lunch Club sessions. Best wishes.

Penny Self

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We are already going full steam ahead, having held our first four meetings and enrolled some new members. The first January speaker gave us a fascinating glimpse into the work done by Canine Partners – a wonderful charity which trains dogs as assistants and companions for people who are incapacitated in some way and find life difficult. They used to be based in Heyshott so were always well-known to us, but have recently re-located to Leicestershire.

Readers may like to have an idea of some of our forthcoming meetings this year. Our programme includes:

Talkson: France and its customs, the Glamour and Mystique of the old Orient Express to Baghdad, the fascinating lot of a Policeman, the Golden Age of Transatlantic Travel, the exciting exploits of a lady explorer in China and Beyond, and the recent Poppy display at the Tower of London and in France.

Musicalafternoons include: Folk songs with a guitar, the Haslemere Ukulele group, the Fernhurst schoolchildren singing to us, and a professional harpist.

We will sometimes have tea in beautiful local gardens. There will be two Ploughman's Lunches, and an Outing – and in December a full Christmas Lunch with carols.

COMING UP IN MARCH: On March 13th Fabienne Spears will talk to us about her life in Fernhurst and all things French and on March 27th Maureen Pavey will entertain us singing folk songs accompanied by her guitar.

All in all, we do a lot, eat (quite) a lot, learn a lot, enjoy life a lot and make a lot of friends. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2.30 p.m. in the village hall (unless we are having a lunch or a visit out). If you would like to find out more about becoming a member do look us up online. Or you could ring Rosemary on 01428 653266 or me on 01428 653059

Sue Hodge

Springteaser: What is a...

a) SNOLLYGOSTER? b) GAMMERSTANG? c) PANDICULATION?

Answers on P14.

From the Vicarage



I have to admit, it took me a bit by surprise.

My piece in this magazine last month on how I became a vicar generated a considerable amount of interest. You, know, me falling and breaking my back and all that. A number of people asked me if I could write a bit more about my story. So, being an obliging sort of chap, I will...

I suppose the seed might have been sown when I took my driving test. I remember it well, even though it was, er, some time ago. I remember the tension of the whole thing. I remember seeing the examiner's fingers and knuckles whiten on the dashboard as I performed a very satisfying emergency stop. I remember doing the best three-point turn of my life up to that point. I remember being held up by, of all things, another learner driver who was crawling along at twenty miles per hour in front of me. And I remember the examiner turning to me after he had asked me to pull up by the side of the road (I didn't realise at first that it was the end of the test) and telling me that I'd passed.

Then, while I took in this momentous announcement, he paused and said, "You're a very serious-looking young man. Are you going to be a vicar when you're older?"

Well...

Of course, it was probably his standard way of breaking the ice at the end of a successful test. He'd probably said it to hundreds of young people who, like me, had been concentrating fiercely during their tests and inevitably looked rather serious about the whole thing.

But it stuck in my mind. At the very least, from then on I filed 'vicar' mentally under 'vaguely possible life choices.' Reflecting on it later, though, I started to think, why should being a vicar mean looking serious all the time? Had the examiner known a particularly grumpy vicar? Why should 'religion' be equated with a lack of humour and humanity? And, of course, it shouldn't, even though there have been many through history who have tried to be 'holy' by being glum and boring. Christ most definitely wasn't like that. He spent a lot of his time at parties. He said that he came to bring us life in all its fulness.

And that life that he brings to us as he breaks the power of death on Easter Sunday is full of godly and holy hope and happiness, despite what life may throw at us. All things become possible through his love and power.

Even becoming a vicar. With a sense of humour.

With every blessing,

Nick

And now from the Pew...

Spring will be here by the time you read this, with blossom and flowers, but I am writing this in wet, cold February.

The feast of Candlemas, 2nd February was celebrated at St Margaret's on the last Sunday in January. The feast day reminds us of the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. He is at once recognised by the aged Simeon as the promised Messiah. Simeon says 'Lord, let thy servant depart in peace.' He is ready to die now and describes Jesus as a light to lighten the Gentiles. Everyone was given a candle as they entered church and during the service these were lit from one candle at the altar. The congregation processed round the church with their candle as they sang 'Colours of Day'

The following Sunday, the first in the month, gave us Celtic Evening Prayer at 7pm in the south aisle led by Nick and Anita with music provided by Penny Sydenham on violin, Lissy Kettle on cello and Maureen Pavey and Nick on guitar. There was an inspiring talk on the theme of 'Lightening the Load' with specially chosen songs.

February also saw the beginning of Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter. We'll be half way through with Mothering Sunday on March 10th. The Lent Course will be in full swing with sessions every Wednesday in the PCR at 7pm. This year the course is based around the film 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' which provides themes for reflection and discussion. A course designed by our own Anita Haigh but led by different people each time. You are welcome to join in.

Also during Lent, the Lent Lunches are taking place every Friday with the final one on March 22nd. Homemade soup, bread, cheese and tea and coffee will be available in the PCR from 12 noon. Payment is by cash donation and the money raised will go to the Haslemere Food Bank whose services are in great demand at this time. Please come to one or more.

Going on all the year round is a group called PARCHE. This is a movement of churches which take services to residents in nursing homes in their parish. A group from St Margaret's have been going to St Magnus on Marley Common for several years. They have developed an order of service which includes a talk, a bible reading, the Lord's Prayer and three hymns of which the favourite is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Their visits are much appreciated. If you would like to be part of this group contact Ann Smith - mannsmith74@hotmail.com.

People may not be aware that if you are housebound you can have Holy Communion delivered to you at home. Some people find this very comforting. If this is something you would like contact Ian Pavey on 656592.

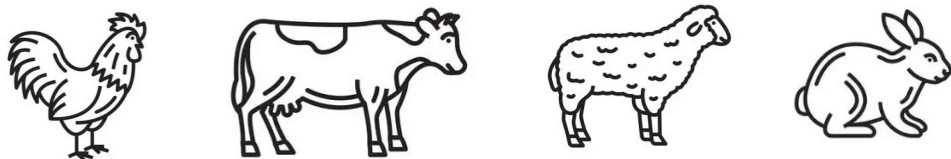
Easter falls early this year. I like that it is a Movable Feast dependant on the phases of the moon. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 24th March and leads on to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Details of the Services for Holy Week and Easter are elsewhere in this magazine.

Finally, the *From the Pew* team - Ann, Angela and I - would like to wish you a joyful Easter.

Rosemary Foster

JUST IMAGINE ...

Life without electricity, running water, main drains or gas. Your only modern convenience a telephone. That was the reality for John and Rosemary Northway who lived at Stanley Farm, the furthest north-western corner of Fernhurst Parish, where it abuts Liphook. Stanley was a working farm with sheep, cattle, chickens and rabbits.



Water was drawn from a well 186ft deep by hand until the landlord eventually installed a mechanical pump. Fresh water took too much hard work to use it for washing, that was done using rainwater. Cooking was done on an open fire or on a paraffin stove.

The lavatory, of course, was a little shed outside, just a bucket and a wooden seat.

Their drive was a mile long to reach a very minor road and another mile before they reached the village. The journey was always done by bicycle or on foot. Their children, three boys, therefore had a long walk before they even caught the bus to school.

After about 40 years, John Northway's declining health meant that they had to move to a house in Hammer with modern facilities in 2000.

When asked what the best thing about moving to a modern house, Rosemary said 'Oooh, having a vacuum cleaner!'

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

Spring Teaser answers

- a) An unscrupulous person, particularly a politician.
- b) An awkwardly tall person.
- c) The stretching of mouth muscles in a yawn.



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If you are walking past the Scout Hut one Sunday in March, you might see a lot of people busy working at the hut. This will be a working party made of parents and group trustee members as we continue to improve and tidy the hut. We have recently had the electric meter and fuse box in the hall enclosed in a wooden cupboard and one of the jobs will be to paint that to fit in with the rest of the hut. We are also hoping to put up some shelves in one of the back rooms to make equipment more accessible to leaders. It is important that we make our headquarters as "user friendly" as possible for our leaders, as we are all volunteers and I am so grateful to all the leaders, and trustees for their time they kindly offer to the young people in our group.

Our Beavers are off to the library! This will be to work towards their Book Readers badge, and they will be thinking about how to care for books and making a bookmark. As well as their visit they will need to read 6 books. I wonder who will be their favourite author?

At the beginning of term, the Cubs chose names for some of our leaders. As you may already know often in Cubs the leaders are given names from the Jungle Book. Shere Khan and Bagheera are two of our leaders who have been with the pack for a while, and they have now named are two newer leaders Baloo and Ikki (Ikki is a porcupine!) The Cubs have also been working towards their DIY badge! This is a new badge for our leaders but has been fun to work on. They will be making a bird feeder for their gardens, using wood, and, with lots of guidance, using saws and drills! This should be a fun evening!!

The Scouts this term are also targeting a badge. They are doing the fire safety badge. As one of the favourite activities is fire lighting and cooking on an open fire they are going to learn the safety side of using fires, how to stop things going wrong and what they should do if it did. This isn't just an excuse to light more fires, that is just an added bonus.

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



The Hub has held four art exhibitions over the last two years including the very popular Open Call where 32 different artists showcased 54 pieces of work. We are now excited to welcome local artist George Simpson to exhibit his paintings during March - all his pictures are for sale.

Our Craft Group meet every Monday afternoon from 1400. There's no need to book just bring along whatever project you are working on and come and chat with fellow 'crafties'.

With Spring in the air you might like to join our monthly Walk & Talk group that meet at 0930 at the Hub. The next date is Thursday 7th March.

The retail area is well stocked with beautiful cards and gifts for Mother's Day and Easter. We have a lovely range of reusable tote bags, candles, mugs, soaps and much more, all very well priced. So if you need a present, or a treat for yourself look no further to do your shopping.

Children's Activities at the Hub

Easter Egg Hunt - Good Friday 29th March (meet at 1400)
Make sure you put the date in your diary for this popular event. All children welcome up to the age of 11 years.
Cost: £1.00 per child (a boxed egg for all who complete the trail)

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 so your automaton comes to life.
Cost: £5.00 (suitable for ages 5 -13 years old)

Children's Weekly Activities at The Hub (these will not run over the Easter holidays)
Tuesday Music Makers (£2.00)
Wednesday Sing & Learn with Jo (£2.00)
Time: 0930 - 1000 (no booking required)

Mother's Day Cupcake Demonstration and Workshop

During this fun two-hour workshop, professional cake baker Tessa Whitehouse will teach you how to pipe a range of stunning flowers in buttercream. You will leave with 4 delicious and beautiful cakes – perfect as a gift for someone special.

Date: Wednesday 6th March
Time: 1400 – 1600
Cost: £25.00 (to include all ingredients & cupcakes)

How to Sell on 'Vinted'

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Due to popular demand, we are pleased to welcome back Dr Katie Armstrong. Katie will explain what the menopause is, how it manifests itself and what you can do to alleviate the symptoms. There will be time for Q&As.

Date: Wednesday 20th March
Time: 1930 – 2100
Cost: £12.00 (50% going to two menopause charities)

Carers Meet Up – Open to All

The charity **ageUK** will be at the Hub this month. The afternoon will include: a short local interest film, craft activities and refreshments. This is open to anyone; you don't have to be a carer to attend this FREE event.

Date: Friday 1st March
Time: 1430 – 1630

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

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See page 2 for more information

The Fernhurst Society is providing a prize for the most interesting piece of litter collected. It's amazing what you find by roadside, in hedges and in the fields and woods... past winners include a child's jousting tent.

For more info contact Judith Turner
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Easter Egg Hunt

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March 2024 Services

Date	Time	St. Margaret's Fernhurst (GU27 3HZ)	St. Peter's Lynchmere (GU27 3NG)
Sunday 3 rd 3 rd Sunday of Lent	08:00	Holy Communion	
	10:00		Holy Communion
	19:00	Celtic Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 6 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 10 th Mothering Sunday 4 th Sunday of Lent	10:00	Mothering Sunday Celebration with Sunday Club	Mothering Sunday Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 17 th 5 th Sunday of Lent	08:00	Holy Communion	
	10:00		Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Sunday 24 th Palm Sunday	10:00	Holy Communion	
Wednesday 27 th	10:00	Holy Communion	
Thursday 28 th Maundy Thursday	19:30	Holy Communion & Vigil	
Friday 29 th Good Friday	09:30	Walk of Witness followed by Holy Communion	
	14:00		Good Friday ramble followed by reflection at 16:00
Sunday 31 st Easter Day	06:00	Dawn Easter Vigil & Service of Light with Holy Communion	
	09:00	Easter Communion	
	10:30		Easter Communion

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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

MARCH 2024

Fri 1	2.30pm	Carers Monthly Meet Up (FH)	p.17
Sat 2		Fernhurst Horticultural Society Quiz (VH)	p.6
Mondays	2pm	Craft Group (FH)	p.16
Wed 6	2pm	Mother's Day Cupcake Workshop (FH_	p.17 & 18
Wed 6,13,20		Lent Course 2024—All Welcome (PCR) 7.30pm	p.21
Thu 7	09.30am	Walk and Talk (FH)	p.18
Thu 7	10.30am	Vicar's monthly surgery (FH)	p.16
Thu 7	12.30pm	Fernhurst Lunch Club (VH)	p.10
Fri 8	12 noon	Lent Lunch - donations to Haslemere Food Bank (PCR)	p.21
Sat 9-Sun 17		JOIN THE GREAT FERNHURST SPRING CLEAN	p.2 & 19
Sun 10		MOTHERING SUNDAY	
Wed 13	2pm	Fernhurst Art Group (FH)	p.10
Wed 13	2.30pm	The Good Companions (VH)	p.11
Fri 15	12 noon	Lent Lunch - donations to Haslemere Food Bank (PCR)	p.21
Wed 20	10.45am	Women's Group (PCR)	p.22
Wed 20	2pm	How to sell on 'Vinted'(FH)	p.17
Wed 20	7.30pm	Demystifying the Menopause(FH)	p.17
Thu 21	12.30pm	Fernhurst Lunch Club (VH)	p.10
Thu 21	6pm	Revels and May Queen selection (FH)	p.3
Fri 22	12 noon	Lent Lunch - donations to Haslemere Food Bank (PCR)	p.21
Wed 27	2pm	Fernhurst Art Group (FH)	p.10
Wed 27	2.30pm	The Good Companions (VH)	p.11
Fri 29	2pm	GOOD FRIDAY Easter Egg Hunt (FH)	p.16 & 18
Sun 31		EASTERSUNDAY	
		and British Summertime begins—move your clocksforward 1 hour	

APRIL 2024

Sat 6		Fernhurst Horticultural Society Spring Show (VH)	p.6
8—12	10am-3pm	Fernhurst Tennis Club's Junior Easter Camp (FP)	p.9
Fri 26	7pm	Epic Comedy—buy your tickets (FPS)	p.5

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