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Editorial

Our themes for this midsummer issue are gardens and Her Majesty's 90th Birthday. Look on page 22 for the programme of celebrations planned at St Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, for the weekend of the Queen's official birthday, 10th- 12th June, and on page 23 to find out about gardens in Farnham Common, which will be open on the Sunday afternoon. Also on the subject of gardens - it is 300 years this August since the birth of the great landscape gardener, 'Capability' Brown, responsible for re-designing the grounds of nearby Stoke Park in the 18th century. Turn to page 21 to read about his many connections with the county of Bucks. The library outing is to his famous Hampton Court garden (see p.64). If you want inspiration for your own garden, you could always take a leaf out of the book of the 91-year old star gardener on page 30.

There have been some changes in the structure of our management committee and editorial team since our last issue. After several years in the hot seat, Charlotte Morrison has retired to take up new interests – see her letter on page 7. Her dedication to the task and organisational skills will be greatly missed. Jenny Harper-Jones and I are now co-Editors.

I was delighted with the positive response to the March edition of the magazine in its new style. If you have any ideas for subjects you would like to see covered, or contributions you hope we can include, please let Jenny or me know – and don't forget the earlier you get your copy in, the better chance there is of seeing it in print!

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Letter from a Retired Editor April 2016

Dear Readers,

I have decided to step down as one of the editors of the Farnhams Magazine. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with Daven Chamberlain, Jenny Harper-Jones and Jessica Houdret over the last few years.

The magazine is evolving continuously and the pace of change has accelerated since May last year with new committee members, new printers, new designs and new procedures. Daven left me an excellent framework to start with. With Jenny I have made some changes to layout and content, hoping that anyone could have

their say, tell the rest of the Farnhams population what was going on or have a good rant about something that had upset them. We have tried to keep you informed about what is going on locally – concerts, talks, open gardens, school fêtes and other events that did not require you to go to London. Sports clubs, schools, churches and scouts have sent us articles and photos. We have not forgotten that the magazine is owned by the Parish of Farnham Royal (which includes Farnham Common); the church news is always there.

We have had and continue to have excellent support from local organizations such as the Library and Burnham Beeches. Various branches of local government, particularly the parish council in the persons of Trevor Clapp and Hilda Holder, have given constant support and encouragement. They and all the contributors have become my friends and I shall miss my correspondence with them.

Jenny and Jessica both live in the Farnhams and have much better networks of local contacts than I do living in distant Gerrards Cross. I am sure that you will support them as they continue to move the Farnhams Magazine forwards. Jessica's arrival has already made a huge difference to the style and content of the magazine that I am sure that you are enjoying! I wish them both well.

Best wishes.

Charlotte

30th Anniversary for the Rector

Congratulations to our Rector Graham Saunders who is just about to celebrate 30 years in the Ministry. After working for 13 years as a chemist for ICI, he began training at Trinity Theological College in Bristol. He was ordained on June 29th 1986 by the Rt Revd Hugh Montefiore at St Philips Cathedral, Birmingham, then served his title at St Martin's in the Bullring, Birmingham. He went on to serve in Olton, Solihull and Bristol before coming to Farnham Common in 2002 to become Rector of the United Benefice of Farnham Royal with Hedgerley. Graham's licensing service took place in April 2002 at St Mary Farnham Royal. We would like to wish him all the best on this happy milestone and hope he will be with this Parish for many more years to come.

Rector's Letter

'Technophiles be aware — there is hope!'

Dear Friends

I have been noticing recently how I have been monitoring my smart phone's notifications with too much enthusiasm. I decided that this was beginning to affect my life in a negative way, so something had to be done. During my recent holiday I decided that I would not engage with any of my electronic devices apart from taking photos. While many other folk were 'tapping away' at the poolside I did absolutely nothing. But I was seriously tempted as there was excellent Wi-Fi everywhere in the hotel, by the pools and even down by the beach. However, I survived seven days without using my devices! I was resolved to take control of my technology before it took over my life. So, no emails, no web searching and no Facebook! Peace eventually descended on my soul.

I could be described as a 'technophile', which is someone who enjoys new technology. I am fascinated by new technological developments, but I do worry about the way such technology is taking over our lives. Are we in danger of developing artificial intelligence to the point that we could be 'taken over' and eventually eliminated by the machine? I have a sense of this already as I consider the use of my smart phone and whether I really am in control!

So as I lay on a sun lounger doing nothing, I simply looked at the beautiful blue sky and appreciated the colourful trees and plants. This was becoming very special and I realised that I didn't have to cram every moment. In all my frenetic activity using my technology I had begun to lose the

'still point' in my life. I had become driven by the need to respond to every notification on my phone (Ping! I wonder what or who that is!) I had become the slave of my devices. I was becoming dehumanised to the point where I was losing my sense of self and my realisation of God's presence.

The new word on the block is 'mindfulness' which is simply a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations. This is not new, but its practice in a secular or spiritual sense is a lifegiving antidote to our slavery to technology. Technophiles be aware – there is hope!

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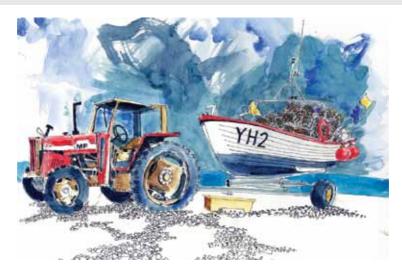
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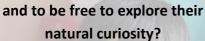
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Welcome

To the Summer roundup of Parish matters from me and Izzy, for all of you who wondering who the good looking one is in the photo.

Local Plan Developments

The PC have responded to the initial consultations to the SBDC emerging Local Plan. You may recall that this relates to the release of some areas of the Green Belt for development. There has been useful consultation with the community Group, who are able to circulate breaking information via their Facebook pages.



Email Contact List

We are trying to build a database of people to email when there are matters of interest in the Parish, following the points raised during the discussion over the Local Plan developments. If you would like to be on this list please email the Clerk at clerk@farnhamroyal-pc.gov.uk

Parish Plan

A big thank you to all of you who have, so far, responded to the questionnaire that was circulated with the last magazine. The response has been fantastic. This is a reminder for those of you that still have not returned one that we will start analysing the responses on 1st August - so if you want your thoughts to be considered, get a paper or on-line questionnaire to us by then.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended and we thank David Banks and Vicky Thompson for their motivating talk about community involvement. In these pages you will find a précis of the minutes which are available in full on the Parish Council Website. As are the agendas and minutes for all PC meetings. It was rather a shame to see so few bodies coming to the meeting to present their reports. We do like to hear from you in person you know.

Banners

The Clerk co-ordinates the hanging of banners at Temple Dell for charities and societies to publicise their events. Please contact the Clerk to organise this, because if you just go and put it up, it will disappear just as quickly.

Parking on verges

There are some verges which have been ruined by cars and lorries parking on them. This poses many problems. Do we pay to reinstate ruined verges, or just not cut them? Where residents put stakes in to stop damage, how do we cut the grass? The Community Group suggestion that the PC should put up warning notices about the problems caused by such parking was not taken up.

So the message is - don't park on the verges and let us have your suggestions on how we tackle this growing problem, now that the maintenance is our responsibility.

Footpaths

We are still waiting to hear why the hold up in relocating the statutory services in Mayflower Way has not been resolved. Until it is, the footpath remains in a terrible state.

We have approached Transport for Bucks with regard to footpath improvements and have been told that the Local Area Forum monies are committed until 2017; and with their focus being on young people, libraries, traffic and transport, and older people, funding for footway works is unlikely to be forthcoming.

Planning

As the Planning talk by SBDC did not materialise at the Annual Parish Meeting, we hope that this will be re-scheduled soon, so that the community can have the opportunity to raise questions directly.

At SBALC (South Bucks Association of Local Councils) raising monies from development to assist in local infrastructure improvements was discussed, concerning the District Council applying Community Infrastructure Levy together with Section 106 levies. This would mean that smaller parishes could benefit from the one-to- two house developments, which at present do not attract Section 106 contributions. SBALC are writing to SBDC and Chairman Cllr. Bagge about this idea. If you feel that infrastructure improvements are necessary as a result of all the new house developments, you could write to him too.

Planning Applications

15/02066/FUL Two houses have been granted permission to the rear of 8 Fairfield Lane despite concerns from the Parish Council

16/00156/FUL Permission under a certificate of lawful development has been granted for dropped kerbs to properties at the junction of Langtons Meadow and the A355. This is good news and will stop the verges being damaged by cars driving over them.

16/00237/FUL Attempts to overrule previous decisions that removed permitted development rights at Shergill Cottage are in planning at the moment, looking to convert the garage and build an outbuilding on the site. It will be interesting to see what the outcome of the development is and if it makes a financial profit.

16/00347/FUL sees a proposal for four houses on the site of Fold Cottage and land behind Linden Lea on Victoria Road.

Hooray for Her Majesty

We are supporting both the official and state celebrations for the Queen's birthday(s). Make sure to join in and enjoy yourselves waving a flag.



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 7th March 2016.

This is a brief summary of the reports received – a full copy can be obtained on request from the Parish Council Clerk.

The Parish Council Chairman's report

Cllr. Trevor Clapp reported that a major initiative was the production of a Parish Plan and that a questionnaire had been delivered to every household in the Parish. He emphasized the importance of the exercise to strengthen the Council's position when it comes to fighting for what we need. The results of the questionnaire will be produced later in the year.

Cllr. Clapp also said, "We are proceeding with the devolution process from BCC for general grass cutting and some roadside maintenance in the villages and are tendering the works at the moment. It means the upkeep of our public spaces will improve whilst the County reduce the service that they provide to others. Accordingly we will be raising the precept in stages to ensure that we are prepared for when funding from County will disappear in approximately four years time.

"Our Open Spaces group has been busy maintaining our green spaces and woodland areas - carrying out bi-annual tree surveys and regular maintenance – and we will be looking at remodelling Kingsway Green. A major project is the renewal of the playground in Farnham Common, including the Guide Hut site. Sadly the Guides are leaving the Parish to partner with the Hedgerley Scouts.

"A huge challenge will be the proposed changes to the Local Plan. There is concern that planning is becoming easier for the developers. Certainly the lack of funds means SBDC appear to want to avoid expensive appeals.

"Central Government is changing Planning Policy and we will see the majority of offices disappear from the village. They have set new housing targets for SBDC to plan for, and substantial areas of Green Belt throughout the District are being earmarked for development. Here it is the area between Farnham Common and Farnham Royal on the east of the A355 (Farnham Park Playing Fields).

"Quite clearly this will have a fundamental impact on the infrastructure of the area. The area will change and we must have a say on how it changes. The southerly section of the area that SBDC have identified should be retained as a Green Buffer. If required, further areas could be released to the west of the A355 at the north end of the existing Green Belt".

Report by Bucks County Councillor

Cllr. Lin Hazell said that the estimated shortfall of Government funding over the next four years will be in the region of £53 million and Council tax will have to be increased by 3.99% over the next four years and there will be service reductions. Over the last five years £95 million has been invested on our roads and BCC anticipate spending a further £47 million over the next four years, £15 million of which will be in the 2016/17 financial year. £4 million structural repairs will be invested over the next four years in footpaths.

Farnhams Magazine Report

The Revd. Graham Saunders reported that in July 2015 it was decided to distribute the magazine free to the whole parish four times a year - effectively increasing circulation from 10,000 copies to 16,000 copies per annum.

He said that Jessica Houdret has led the editorial team and implemented all the changes necessary for a new-look magazine with regard to content and editing, design and layout, with the continued help of editors Charlotte Morrison and Jenny Harper-Jones. A local firm, Prontaprint, have taken on the printing and helped to upgrade the presentation of the new 'all colour' magazine.

A new business team, consisting of Jerry Houdret, Peter Lidstone and Roger Home, have been brought together to ensure financial viability and a new treasurer will, in due course, be appointed. The Revd. Saunders expressed gratitude to Farnham Royal Parish Council for their support.

Burnham Beeches Report

Martin Hartup reported that Burnham Beeches had received a number of awards and many local and national events had been held there this year. He said that budgets had been thinly stretched and accordingly car park prices will increase from April. However, the proposed Open Spaces Act will allow more flexibility to increase lease terms and utilise redundant buildings.

He further reported that they were looking to graze as much of the land as they could and were trialling invisible fencing on 76% of the site. The aim at Stoke Common was to restore heath and habitat and the area was also grazed. Rare plants were reappearing after 40 years of absence. Mr Hartup emphasised that they owed a great deal to their volunteers.

Farnham Common Community Library Report

Michael Mills said that over the last year they had issued 8.3% more books than in 2014. Much of this improvement could be attributed to the work they have been doing with children - notably Stoke Poges Infants School. The library has an adult Reading Group and social events have become an established feature. This year there will be an Open Gardens Event on June 12th to coincide with the Queen's birthday celebrations.

He reported that after installing Wi-Fi, they now run regular I.T. clinics and at the end of last year started a Facebook page. The number of library supporters has continued to grow and they now have over 350 registered Friends who support them financially.

The library has continued to be well supported by BCC. The first 5-year agreement with BCC expires in October and they are confident that it will be renewed on similar terms. Mr Mills pointed out that they do not have any paid staff but use volunteers to run the Library. He said he would like to thank the management committee and everyone who contributes both their time and money.

Talk by David Banks and Vicky Thompson

Mrs. Thompson stressed the importance of community led action especially in the light of Government cuts. Mr. Banks had prepared a power point presentation of the views of local residents on what they liked about the villages and what would be good to change. It appeared that the residents loved the friendly environment and atmosphere, the open spaces, especially Burnham Beeches, and the local amenities and facilities. Things that could change included affordable housing, the problems caused by traffic and parking, the desire for improved play areas, litter problems and the need for more shops and a secondary school.



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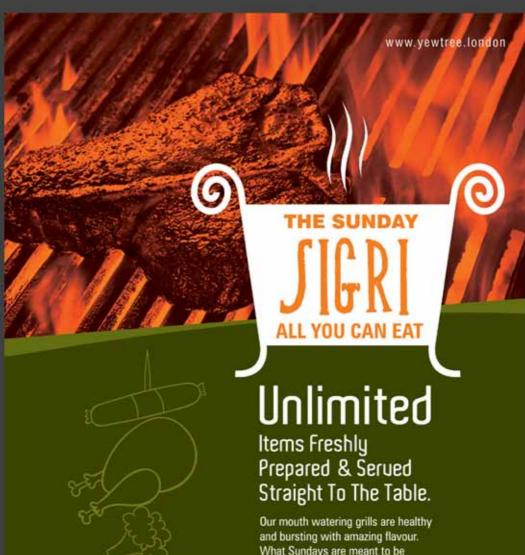
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Mrs. Thompson finished by saying that she was looking at projects to support the most vulnerable in society, including the elderly, the socially isolated and the young.

Written Reports were received from:-

St Mary's CE Primary School

Miss Vania Williams reported that they had a Grand Opening of their School Library following a total refurbishment in March 2015 thanks to PTA volunteers. The school's annual Third Age Christmas Lunch was yet again a great success and is now in its 16th consecutive year. Another initiative is an open afternoon for the parents each term. On Remembrance Day the School Council went to the Farnham War Memorial to pay their respects with other schools in the area.

Ofsted visited in November 2015. The inspectors noted how the pupils are so caring of one another – they now recognise St Mary's as a GOOD school!

Farnham Common Junior School

Andrew Parry reported that they have found it difficult to recruit a Head Teacher, but were delighted that Mrs Fischer would act as Head Teacher for both the Infant and Junior Schools for a year.

The Department for Education has introduced two major changes with a new curriculum and are changing the way that pupils are assessed and reported on. This is the first year of these changes and full details are contained on the websites of both schools. The school is close to its full pupil complement of 240 children. Through funding provided by the PTA, the old kitchen has been renovated into a first-rate teaching kitchen. Key Stage 2 showed a continued growth in results for reading, writing and maths, all well above the national average.

Congestion and vehicular obstruction around the school continues to be a concern about which they can do very little.

Farnham Royal Village Hall

Stanley Swann reported that 2015 was a steady year for the Hall. The Management Committee are voluntary helpers with Trustees who continue to give sound advice. The biggest challenge is to make sure the fabric of the Hall is kept in good shape and that hire fees remain competitive. Caretakers Marie and Vincent have done an excellent job over the past twelve months.

Farnhams' Community Orchard

Alan French reported that the Community Orchard planted in 2011 is now overseen by the Parish Council. The trees are developing well and last autumn saw the first crops. This year, thankfully, has been free of vandalism.

Farnham Royal Relief in Sickness Charities

Peter Cathcart reported that the Charities currently have approximately £4,000 available for distribution. This year two worthy cases have between them received £1260 by way of grants. Anybody who feels they might benefit is encouraged to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Royal British Legion

Naomi Arnold reported that during the year they have had a number of fundraising and social events. For the Poppy Appeal in November 2015 their Branch collected £21,909.30 (a record amount for recent years). Thanks go to Cherry and Dave Marriott.

Sadly, during the year, they lost their much decorated Veteran, John Cooper, who had been the Standard Bearer for many years, and who served on the Committee right up to the time of his death.

Farnham Common Sports Club

Pauline Gregory reported that the old flat roof had been replaced with a new sloping roof and that installation of floodlighting on the top two tennis courts was also completed. Membership at the club continues on a fairly even keel. Social activities continue to thrive, with some excellent themed dinner evenings, a bridge club and a highly successful quiz team.

The Sports Club is an important part of the community which is still managed and run by volunteer members to whom thanks are extended.

Farnham Park Baseball and Softball Club

Satvinder Bhandal reported that they opened in Farnham Royal in 2015 and this was the UK's first 'Super Club'. They have an ambitious programme of expansion by 2024, aiming to have a four-tier adult baseball programme playing in the National League, together with adult women teams, slowpitch teams and local little leagues for baseball and fastpitch. They also plan an outreach programme for companies and schools. The main projects for 2016 are starting a local youth league for boys and girls aged 9-13 and various new participation programmes including a SEGRO league.

A programme of events, supplied by the club, is available through the Clerk.

Farnham Common Village Hall

Marilyn Rolfe reported that they have had a really busy year working on improving the premises. They have re-finished all of the floors in the various halls and all the windows in the large hall were replaced with double glazed windows.

They have several events planned in the coming months, including an art exhibition and a new online booking system. There are also fund raising initiatives planned to help the hall, including a loyalty card scheme, a dinner and a Joint Freshers Fair on the 25th September. They are urgently in need of a treasurer.





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Protect

Explore the parental control feature of your chosen search engine. Google is a firm favourite with the Child Internet Safety family and if you look on www.childinternetsafety.co.uk you will find a video which explains how to activate safe search.

4. Prevent

Use your internet connected devices as a family. If your child expresses an interest in playing a game or watching something on your phone or tablet, spend a little time understanding and explaining what to do to access that content. Try to make it fun and interactive so they know they are going online to watch a favourite programme or nursery rhyme.

A Community Initiative Promoted by Farnham Common Junior and Infant Schools and Farnham Common Community Library. Working through these local centres we aim to improve the awareness of children, young people and parents about using the internet and social media safely.

Source:www.childinternetsafety.co.uk

Signed by e-WarenessNetwork Team

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

Programme of Events for the Weekend of Her Majesty the Queen's Official Birthday Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th June

In this special year when the Queen celebrates her 90th birthday, the Parish Church of St Mary, Farnham Royal, whose origins go back 900 years, will be holding a series of events over that weekend to mark the occasion.



- Floral displays with a royal theme, by all three Churches in the United Benefice.
- A display of 'Birthday Cards for the Queen' made by the children of St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School.
- 900 Years of History showing how St Mary's Church has evolved over the centuries.
- An explanation of the recently completed re--ordering works in St Mary's Church.

Friday, 10th June - The Church will be open from 12 noon -- 5pm

2.15pm – There will be a short service with St Mary's School Choir singing 'Happy Birthday' and concluding with the National Anthem.

Saturday, 11th June - The Church will be open from 11am - 6pm

- Teas and refreshments will be available throughout the day.
- 3pm -- A ceremonial cutting of the celebration birthday cake.
- 12noon -- 3pm Children's Craft and Activity tables Make your own Crown!
- 4pm -- A team of 8 guest bell--ringers will ring a quarter peal, consisting of 1,260 changes and lasting about 45 minutes.

Sunday, 12th June

- 11am -- St Mary's Patronal Festival a United Benefice Service, to include Anthems by St John's Choir, with the Revd Canon Andrew Blythe presiding.
- · Buffet Lunch with wine in the North Aisle, following the service.

At St John's Church, Farnham Common Sunday,12th June, 6.30pm

Choral Evensong with special celebratory music.
 The bell--ringers are very experienced having rung over 8,000 quarter peals cumulatively. They will be ringing in a method called 'Grandsire Triples', the composition being the work of famous Farnham Royal bell--ringer Joseph J. Parker (1853--1937), Tower Captain at St Mary's, Farnham Royal, and still celebrated today for the skill of his change--ringing compositions.



our Glorious Summer Gardens

Farnham Common Open Gardens 2016 Sunday, 12th June, 1pm – 5pm

Following the success of this event last year, Farnham Common gardens will once again be open to visitors. **Pat Marshall** has the details.

As it is the Queen's official birthday weekend, we will have a royal theme, with lots of red, white and blue bunting and plants with royal names, such as clematis 'Princess Charlotte' and 'Royal Velours'. A Royal Treasure Hunt for adults and children, with a souvenir prize to be won, is also planned.

We have 10 gardens taking part this year, one new one and nine that have been open before, with all proceeds going to Farnham Common Community Library. Last year we raised nearly £2,000 for library funds – so we hope for a good turnout. Farnham Common Nurseries are very kindly sponsoring the whole event and will give a 10% discount to anyone who presents their Open Gardens ticket when shopping there.

The Brian Jubb Hall will be open from 2pm, with plants, books, a raffle and refreshments on sale. Donations of labelled home-grown plants are welcomed either at the library during the week before, or at the hall on the day. Free pots are available from Helen, phone 01753 648319.

Tickets are £5 per adult, with children under 16 free, available in the library, or from Pat Marshall, on 01753 645924. marshallpat@hotmail.com.



2016 Village Show

A date for your diary – Sunday, 11th September, at 2pm, the Village Show will be held at Farnham Common Village Hall, Victoria Road. New entrants are always welcome. We look forward to seeing the produce from your gardens and allotments.

Exhibits include: Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Flower Arranging, Crafts, Photography and Children's Art. There will be an Auction of Produce, Raffle, Prize-Giving, Face-Painting and Refreshments. **Admission is Free** – Please see our show schedule (available from the library and local shops) or visit our website www.farnhamshedgerleyvillageshow.co.uk, for details of how to enter.

Organised by the Farnhams and Hedgerley Horticultural Society (Affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society).

Capability Brown in Bucks

2016 is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Continuing our 'summer gardens' theme, **Jessica Houdret** looks into his many connections with the local area.

Lancelot Brown was one of Britain's greatest and most influential landscape designers, best known to all by his nickname 'Capability'. The soubriquet is said to have come about through his habit of announcing that a landscape had 'great capabilities'.

Brown changed the face of gardening in England during the 18th century and his style was widely copied across Europe and in many other parts of the developed world. Formal designs, topiary and intricate parterres were swept away, substituted by a naturalistic, if highly contrived, landscape of undulating meadows, lakes, strategically placed clumps of trees and small classical buildings. He worked on a grand scale, incorporating farm buildings and extensive parklands in his designs, linked by wide carriage drives.

Born in Northumberland in August 1716, Lancelot Brown moved to Buckinghamshire as a young man, where he established his reputation and designed some of his finest gardens. Aged 26, he became head gardener for Lord and Lady Cobham at Stowe, a post he held for ten years. Then and later he took on freelance commissions from the owners of many large estates. His designs have stood the test of time and have adapted well for use as golf courses, school grounds and public parks as well as those which remain as the gardens of stately homes.

Brown's many commissions made him wealthy, with Blenheim Palace, Hampton Court and Chatsworth amongst his most famous. There are 20 sites in Buckinghamshire he is associated with, more than in any other single county. Some are very close to the Farnhams area, including Chenies Manor, Chalfont House, Denham Place, Fawley Court, West Wycombe, Wycombe Abbey, Taplow Court, Langley Park and Cliveden. One of the nearest is Stoke Park – now a prestigious country club and golf course.

In 1750, following the death of her husband, Lady Cobham moved back into Stoke Park, a house she had inherited from her father and asked their former head gardener to re-design the grounds. It was one of Brown's earliest commissions and his landscape plan included linking five separate pools to form the current river-like lake – a feature he repeated in other locations.

After Capability Brown's death in 1783, the gardens at Stoke Park were much altered by Humphrey Repton, who added the bridge, but the serpentine lake remains, a lasting tribute to this great and most innovative of garden designers.

The images that he created are as deeply embedded in the English character as the paintings of Turner and the poetry of Wordsworth

(Oxford Dictionary of National Biography)





- An 18th century painting of the Capability Brown lake in front of Stoke Park mansion. The bridge was added by Humphrey Repton.
- Pictures Courtesy of Stoke Park Club

Langley Park - The 4th Duke of Marlborough commissioned Lancelot Brown to design a landscape for Langley Park sometime around 1758 while he was working at Blenheim. Brown's account book lists the contract as £2,810, or about £250,000 in today's values. 52 hectares of the original 193 are now a country park open to the public, administered by Bucks County Council. For opening times, directions and details of what's on, go to: www.buckscc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture-parks/langley-park



20 Sites in Bucks Associated with Lancelot 'Capability' Brown

Ashridge (NT) Boarstall (NT); Chalfont House (Golf Course) Chenies Manor (Private with Opening Hours) Cliveden (NT) Denham Place (Private) Ditton Park (Open for Events) Fawley Court (Garden Centre) Gayhurst Court (Private) Harleyford Manor (Golf Course) Hartwell House (NT)

Langley Park (Countryside Park) Latimer Park (Open by Appointment) Stoke Park (Country Club and Golf Course) Stoke Place (Hotel) Stowe (NT) Taplow Court (Buddhist Centre) West Wycombe (NT) Wotton House (Limited Opening Hours) Wycombe Abbey (School)

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Vibrant Art at the Village Hall

An Art Exhibition at Farnham Common Village Hall showcases the work of local school children as David Banks describes.



On 11th April children of Farnham Common Infant School and Farnham Common Junior School took part in an art exhibition to brighten up the Farnham Common Village Hall. They produced art of incredible vibrancy and range, and can be so proud of their breathtaking efforts. They focused on the buildings of the village in differing medium, whether printing on fabric, water colour, marble painting, line drawing, pop art or charcoal. One form also did incredibly vibrant paintings of Burnham Beeches.

At the exhibition Mrs Tracy Thorne ran a workshop on painting techniques and I ran a competition of drawing their homes and sticking them to an enormous map of the Farnhams and Hedgerley.

The Trustees are so impressed that every painting is being laminated or framed to remain in the hall for the future. Our thanks go to Miss Murphy and Mrs Feaver for organising matters at the schools. The event was such a success that we hope to make it an annual event.

Please come and see the art in the hall when you're taking part in something there - you will be impressed.

Farnham Common Junior School's Impressionist style paintings of buildings in the village.

Annabelle Watson Dance at Farnham Royal Village Hall

Annabelle Watson is a life member of the Royal Academy of Dance, where she studied for her ballet exams, danced professionally and trained as a registered RAD teacher.



Lto R: Heather Moor, Sandeep Kular, Emily Lue Fong, Annabelle Watson, Rebecca Smith, Olivia Hollings, Zosia Jakubow

Almost twenty years ago, a friend of mine recommended Farnham Royal Village Hall as an ideal venue for my Royal Academy of Dance ballet classes. With its sprung wooden floor and attractive beams it does indeed make a perfect dance studio. We now even have wall barres. The hall is always clean and warm and, for this, Marie and Vincent Edwards must be thanked for their helpful efficiency.

Over the years Annabelle Watson Dance has seen many students, both girls and boys, join the school. Although the primary focus is classical ballet, the school has extended the teaching repertoire to include creative dance, Zumbini, street dance, modern dance, contemporary dance and musical theatre. This has allowed the students to explore movement through different dance and musical genres. Dance benefits aside, a weekly dance class in the local community encourages our young to make new friends, work as a team and gain new skills and confidence.

My experience as a dance professional is highlighted within the dance shows and the school has regularly presented many of the traditional classical ballets. The Nutcracker, Coppelia, Alice in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella have all been choreographed and adapted for the students, all of whom start in the corps de ballet but progress to perform a major role. To a dancer nothing is more exhilarating than performing 'the big solo' or pas de deux. Every show donates all profit to charity and, to date, the school has raised almost £10,000 for local charities which are close to the dance school families' hearts - William's Fund, Reach, Alexander Divine, Soft UK, Homestart to name a few

I feel hugely fortunate to have taught so many wonderful local children and the greatest accolade is that they grow to love dance, with it becoming a part of their lives, whether by continuing as adults or enjoying going to the theatre. The students above have all been dancing with me since their early years, one of whom was two, and have achieved so much from Royal Academy of Dance examinations to further training and performances with the likes of The Royal ballet, National Children's ballet, National Youth ballet, Centre for Advanced Training and Tring Park.

Younger students aside, I also offer classes for adults, and Ballet, Barrefit, Zumba and Pilates are all timetabled into each week. Increasingly, the attendance of a weekly Pilates class is benefiting many adults, whether it's to maintain a healthy body or rehabilitate from aches and pains.

I look forward to continuing my classes at Farnham Royal Village Hall.

St Mary's Farnham Royal C of E School

Vania Williams describes the school's activities and how they are building on the recent Ofsted success.

This term has continued to be an eventful one, working closely with the community and ensuring the very best for our children. Following the recent 'Good' rating from Ofsted we have now included additional focus in continuing to strengthen this success!

The regular Teaching & Learning walks undertaken by the SLT continues to show solidly good or better teaching and pupil voice enforces the engagement in the variety of lessons. The year groups' termly topics have been reinforced with trips and workshops to bring 'life' to the topics.

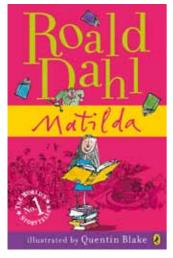
For the National event, World Book Day, the school created a World Book Week meaning that each year group themed their weekly planning and activities through a book from the local author, Roald Dahl. The final day was a celebration of dressing up as a character of the book and prizes were given to children in each year group.

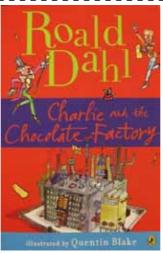
Maths Week was also an event created by the school to encourage the link of Maths in all of the curriculum. This was followed by a presentation to the rest of the school to display their hard work and creations.

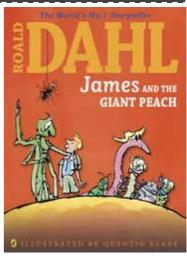
The Easter service was held at the school hall, due to church renovations, and this accommodated the community and whole school. The Rev. Graham Saunders took the service and the children had an opportunity to show off their elaborately made Easter Bonnets.

During the end of the term, the annual Music and Arts Night was an exciting focus for both parents and pupils and auditions have been underway to perform. The successful applicants have been practising tirelessly over the Easter Holidays.

Books by Roald Dahl provided the theme for a week of activities to celebrate World Book Day







A Platinum Couple

Aubrey and Mia Bass, who have recently celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary (yes, that's 70 years!) tell Jenny Harper-Jones about a well-kept wartime secret and reveal the key to their apparent youthfulness.

This delightful couple met while at school and married at the end of World War II, during which he had served in the Fleet Air Arm and she was in the Wrens. Meeting them, it is difficult to believe they are in their tenth decade. Their advice on staying young, amply borne out by their life style, is: "Stay active and have plenty of social contacts!"

Aubrey (91), still plays nine holes of golf each week, takes great pride in mowing the lawns and tending the borders himself in their large and beautifully kept garden, and belongs to an art group, consisting of 17 ladies and himself. Mia (90) is an accomplished pianist, who writes poetry as well as enjoying reading it. Until recently the couple went on holiday twice a year with a group of 30 old friends, but now just go out for lunch locally with the few who are still active.

On the strength of her knowledge of German, Mia spent three years at Bletchley Park during the war. She remembers sleeping in a dormitory of bunk beds, once Queen Victoria's dressing room, in Woburn Abbey, and eating sardines in the middle of the night. Long hours were spent working on a "bombe", a device which decoded the intercepted messages, before they were taken to the Enigma machine and finally translated from German into English. Winston Churchill believed that the Enigma code breaking shortened the war by two years.

A few years ago Mia was awarded a gold medal and the freedom of Bletchley Park in recognition of her services. Her husband, however, knew nothing of her wartime work until 1970 when a book on Bletchley Park was published.



"We were told never, under any circumstances, to disclose the secret work we were doing, especially not to our families, and not for the rest of our lives – so I didn't", explains Mia, "until it all came out." Her father, who was a senior civil servant in the Air Ministry, told her: "Don't worry, I've got influential friends in the War Office and I will find out from them what you are doing." But he never did.

Following their wartime service they both trained as teachers. In 1957 Aubrey became Head of the new Farnham Common Junior and Infants School, before turning to teacher training at Bucks College of Higher Education at Newland Park. Mia became deputy head of Stoke Poges Infants School, then head of Whitehall School, Uxbridge for fifteen years.

Aubrey remembers his time in the Navy with wry humour, and says that he learned more in three years at sea than during the whole of his training as a teacher. His service in the Far East came to an abrupt end with the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and he was able to return home at 21 and marry his girl, who still had to stay in the Wrens for a further six months, ending up tomato picking in fields next to German prisoners of war, with whom they were told not to fraternise!

There seems every prospect of this youngat-heart couple celebrating their centenary together. What is the name for an 80th wedding anniversary, I wonder?



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Earthquake on Everest

Kirsty Watson's dream came true last year when she was invited to be Expedition Doctor on the assault of Everest, following the same route taken by her hero Mallory in the 1920's.

In a recent talk, Kirsty took us on a journey of how she had developed her medical career and her love of mountains. After graduating as a doctor, Kirsty embarked on a career in A&E. Following success at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, she became Major Watson, and felt a desire to specialize in the management of people in extreme conditions. She supported climbers and Sherpas in many ascents in the Himalayas and survived temperatures of -40 deg. on Mount McKinley in Alaska – all the time showing her unwavering care and consideration of others.

Escaping the pressures and emotional stress by walking alone in the mountains, she developed a love of their majesty and tranquility. "Being in the mountains was not only a humbling experience, but a place to commune with nature and with God", Kirsty explained. She began to turn her skills to helping ex-soldiers suffering from combat stress, monitoring their progress as they joined in the ascents with her, and raising money to help with their recovery.

Being a woman among an all-male team on top of a mountain presented its own problems, with not much privacy and few privileges - she left us to imagine the difficulties of spending a penny!

Preparing to climb the North face of Everest last year involved immense physical challenges to the team and their supporting Sherpas. They were already above 6000m when the earthquake struck. Fortunately they all got down safely, but for others and many Sherpa people the mountains had demonstrated again their power and impact on the fragile existence in Nepal.

Kirsty's talk was given in aid of the charity Combat Stress – to find out more about their important work or to donate, visit combatstress.org.uk





Jaws with a Spring in its Step

Johnny Ball latest round-up of the running club's activities

Jaws Takes on the World

In recent years, JAWS running trips have visited many foreign cities: Athens, Riga, Budapest, Istanbul, Madrid. While it may be a stretch to call it "foreign", Cardiff hosted the World Half Marathon Championships on 27th March.

While Mo Farah battled Kenyans and Ethiopians, nine JAWS runners took the opportunity to run in the footsteps of champions. Sadly a

place on the podium was rendered impossible when the elite were given a two-minute head start. However, there were some pretty impressive performances by our athletes.

M4 Good Friday traffic jams on the journey down were followed on race day by Storm Katie lashing rain, hailstones and 40 mph gusts of wind - a challenge to some and an endless source of excuses to others. However, all our runners agreed that the real heroes of the day were our soaked and frozen supporters. So sincere thanks go to Heather Coleman, Brenda Cox, Tracey Flower, Jonathan Keyne and Hilary Webber for bearing the JAWS banner and their smiling soggy faces after 12km to lift spirits for the final 8km. Amazingly four Jawees recorded personal bests despite the weather and three posted personal worsts in exactly the same conditions. Inexplicable!

The post-race dinner was great fun, as the Jawees were joined by the inspirational John Beeden, who recently became the first man to row solo and non-stop from North America to Australia, an epic voyage of 209 days across the Pacific Ocean, with constant daily radio support from Farnham Common by Jawee supreme Brian Webber. Congrats to all for making a great splash for our little club at such a prestigious event.

JAWS Table Footy Competition

Philip Savage, our new and esteemed social secretary, organised a Table Footy Competition on 13th February. Phil Cox's Aston Villa won the football quiz scoring 14 out of 22.

Of the 32 round matches, "Match of the Day" was between Aston Villa and Manchester United who fought a 12-12 draw. "Player of the Tournament" award, had there been one, would have gone to Lindi Bilgorri, tenacious on the table, gracious in defeat, just missing out being in the final, which saw Leicester (John Pugh and Linda Clark) thrash Manchester United - Hurray! Winners medals were presented by President Ron, no mean player himself.

To Err is Human - Two Walks is Healthy.

For the Jaws February walk seven dawdlers dawdled to Downley Common for a walk reminiscent of The Grand Old Duke of York with its significant ups and downs. They experienced chilly but decent weather, excellent views of West Wycombe church, some superb red kite mating displays and an excellent value lunch in the "Le De Spencer Arms".

For the March march (I jest) sunny weather enticed ten marchers to hare around the Hampdens, via the fields to Hampden Church and Hampden House, down to Hampden Bottom and the wee Little Hampden Church, apparently not dedicated to any particular saint - St Spreservus perhaps? Next uphill to Cobblershill, before coffee and biscuits and back to Hampden Bottom, up a steep muddy incline through Lodge Wood. Finally along someone's drive and garden? Now having missed a footpath, they took the fastest route to the pub. They had completed 6.5 miles with ascents and descents totalling 1,945 ft. Never had a pint of shandy tasted better.

JAWS Golf Competition, Chiltern Forest, 6th April

The event was organised by Barrie Luscombe who wrote, "Oh Ye of little faith! Did I not promise tranquillity and glorious sunny weather for our day out?" Well, apart from the early morning pheasant shoot and the sprinkling of rain half way round - gently cooling perspiring players - the day was exactly as promised. Twelve slackers, hackers and smackers took on Chiltern Forest where hospitality was excellent and the course and views were superlative.

London Marathon

Finally, and sadly, this year was the last time in which a Jaws group officiated at the London Marathon. Brian Webber, who worked for the Marathon for 17 years, retired on race day and his intrepid team of Hillary Webber, Di Ball, Jonathan and Pauline Keyne and Paul and Pam Naish have annually shepherded the elite winners and runners to disrobing tents the instant they crossed the finishing line, to be re-dressed and towelled down ready for the TV cameras. They had become well known to all the regular competitors over the years and it has been an honour and privilege for them, which they are sure to miss. Well done!



The 'soaked and frozen' supporters at the World Half Marathon, Cardiff in March.



Hedgerley Scouts

Chris Leicester Crow tells us about a 'beard removal' exercise for a worthy cause.

Mark Barnes is a founder member of the BASIC activities group that run activities for Beavers, Cubs & Scouts in the District and very honorary 1st Hedgerley Leader. He has been growing his beard for exactly one year.

What originally started out as a bet became a serious fundraising activity for a friend of his daughter who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Mark now intends to donate money raised from the 'removal' of his beard to a fund set up to help send the family on a holiday of a life-time to America.

In March, to help the fundraising further, he agreed that for a small donation, 1st Hedgerley scouts could snip a SMALL amount from his beard

Great fun was had at Dorney Wood campsite and over £500 was raised with still more to come in. We all wish the family best wishes for a memorable trip.





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Sports

Alan Morgan, Communications Officer, outlines the many opportunities for getting involved in sports this summer.

Farnham Common Tennis Club

Would-be tennis players living in Farnham Common, Hedgerley and the surrounding area are fortunate to have a small, friendly tennis club, with great facilities, on their doorstep. Farnham Common Tennis Club is part of Farnham Common Sports Club and has six courts, two of which have floodlights. Members can use the courts at any time and we have Men's, Ladies' and Social tennis nights every week, as well as regular tournaments throughout the year. Our Saturday morning coaching of tennis minis and juniors is very popular - please contact our Head Coach, Stephen Wright if you are interested. For serious players there are three Men's, two Ladies' and two Medley teams entered into the Bucks LTA summer shield doubles competition, as well as several teams in the winter. Members are also eligible to enter the club's ballot for Wimbledon tickets and every year several lucky adults and juniors travel down to SW19 for that great festival of tennis

As part of the larger Farnham Common Sports Club, several tennis members play other sports as well - rugby, cricket, hockey and squash are available - and all of us use the excellent club house and bar. Multi-sports discounts are available for all members, with a Racquets membership of squash and tennis being very popular.

If you would like to join or to find out more about Farnham Common Tennis Club or Farnham Common Sports Club please look at our website: fcsc.org.uk

Farnham Common Cricket Club

When the daffodils are out in spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of cricket. The 2016 season is well underway at Farnham Common Cricket Club in One Pin Lane. Friendly matches started towards the end of April with the league season kicking off on 7th May. The home game on that day was a tasty encounter between Farnham Common and their dear friends from Farnham Royal!

The club has three sides who play in the competitive Thames Valley Cricket League. The First and Second



XI play in Divisions 5 and 7, the Third XI who play in Division 9, focus on youth development whilst also offering a gentler approach to the game for some of the more 'senior' members.

As well as the three Senior cricket sides that play League Cricket on Saturdays, there is a very active Colts section on Sunday mornings, catering for boys and girls aged 8-16. Last year saw the opening of a brand new, state of the art nets facility, providing a top quality practice area.

Whether you're looking to start or return to cricket, get your kids involved, play league or friendly games, be a scorer, umpire or supporter, Farnham Common Cricket Club would love to welcome you. It's not too late for this season and there is a range of membership options for all who want to be a part of this great club. If you fancy getting involved take a look at the club's website (www.fcsc.org.uk) and get in touch.

South Bucks Hockey Club

It's been a very positive season for South Bucks Hockey Club who are based at Farnham Common Sports Club. There have been a number of changes to the teams following the departure of many key players from the men's and ladies' sides a couple of seasons ago. There is now a vibrant and much stronger section culminating in the men's team winning their league (MBBO Div 6) with four games to spare and achieving a winning margin of at least 12 points. (The second placed team has one outstanding fixture at the time of writing). The ladies are a developing team with great spirit and an exceptionally strong junior section. The greatest challenge has been to the old men of the Wrinklies in maintaining their core players, but they are developing some talented junior players to supplement their side.

Wednesday night training for the ladies and juniors has been exceptionally well attended during the season, come wind or rain, and strongly supported by the senior players to help out.

During the season they kindly received shirt sponsorship from the Royal Oak in Farnham Common and are now the proud of owners of shirts with the Royal Oak logo. Many, many thanks to them.

The Pitchero South Bucks hockey website has been revamped (www.pitchero.com/clubs/southbuckshockeyclub) and there are plenty of hockey pictures and full results on the website. There is also a Facebook page which is particularly well used by the Ladies.

Looking towards 2016/17 the Club is keen to attract more players to supplement all sides particularly as the men will be playing in a stronger league next season. They will also focus on continued development of the Ladies Juniors and ensure that the Vets have a bigger core of regular players.

If you are looking to start out in the game, or miss it from your school days, do get in touch with the club on 01753644190 and info@fcsc.org.uk



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Farnham Common Post Office goes WH Smith Local

Mukund and Usha Sondagar, sub-postmasters at Farnham Common Post Office, tell **Jerry Houdret** about their exciting new plans for offering our village additional facilities

From the middle of July, the village post office will become a WH Smith Local as well as keeping almost all the Post Office facilities previously offered. The Sondagars explained that all Post Offices are being made to change, and to offer more choice to customers. With that in mind, the one thing the village lacks is a good stationery shop, with everything from children's school items to stationery for business.

"There will be quite a change inside the shop," said Mukund, "with new signs showing we are WH Smiths as well as a Post Office, and the old barrier, called a 'fortress', between us and our customers will go. We will keep our card range of course, with new choices, and will be listening to customers' requests for what they would like to see us stock within the WHSmith range. It's really a very exciting time" said Mukund.

So watch out for the changes starting in late June, and let's have the village support this all important facility.



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Youth Speaks

As a masterclass in clarity of thought and expression, Rotary's public speaking contest provides an example which would put most adults to shame. **David Gould**, who organised the Slough competition, tells us about this annual event.

Every year, for the last thirty, Slough Rotary Club have been holding a competition, known as 'Youth Speaks', to promote the art of public speaking in schools. This is part of a nationwide competition under the umbrella of the wider Rotary organisation. The winning teams at local level go onto a Zone Final, then a District Final, culminating in the Great Britain and Northern Ireland final.

In this area, all the local Schools are invited to send in a team for a Senior and an Intermediate competition and on average eight schools take part. The subjects are entirely up to them. Some have been quite hilarious and others very serious, but the main point is that they have to study their subject, present it to an audience and make it entertaining. Each team has a Chairman, a Speaker and someone to propose a Vote of Thanks. All are marked for their clarity, presentation and timing.

At the Slough event this year, the subjects chosen were some of the best for some time, with plenty of variety, expression and knowledge. Every year the standard seems to improve, which is a great reflection on the schools taking part. The winner for the Seniors was St Bernards Catholic Grammar School, who spoke on "Legalisation of Cannabis". The Intermediate competition was won by Beechwood School, whose subject was "Evaluation of a Teenager". Both presented excellent speeches and deserved to go forward to the Zone Final.

The next competition will take place in November and the invitations for schools to enter will be sent out in July/September this year.

Music Hall Evening

Slough Rotary Club's music hall evening was also voted a great success. The performers, 'Vamp til Ready' consisted of five men and one lady, with a programme of songs from various musicals and films.

"It was a wonderful, highly entertaining evening," says David Gould, "very professionally presented, often humorous and very slick. The Master of Ceremonies was one of the performers

and made the whole show go like clockwork. This is the third time this group have performed for us, and they are still as good as ever."

A seated audience of 76 enjoyed a fish and chip supper in the intermission and just over £1,000 was raised for charity.

'Vamp til Ready' perform at Slough Rotary's Music Hall Evening.



Burnham Beeches Rotary

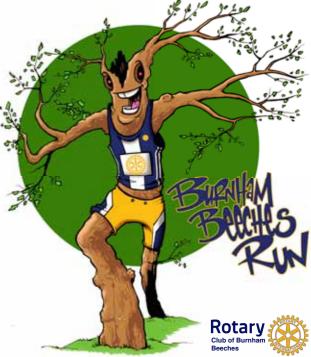
Michael Mills outlines the Club's activities and gives advance warning of the Burnham Beeches Run in October, now open for entries.

The May Bank Holiday weekend saw members of Burnham Beeches Rotary in action organising the 25th Burnham Donkey Derby & Spring Fair. The event, which included children's entertainment, food stalls, a football tournament and of course donkey races and rides, raised over £10,000 for charitable causes. For Club President Brian Kay, this was the culmination of a year of many successful fundraising and social activities. These included, in July, presenting copies of Dictionaries for Life to local school children, followed by the Beeches 5k & 10K Run in October.

In December members organised the Burnham Community Carol Concert at St Peter's and supported the Burnham Christmas Fayre and the Farnham Common 'Carols on the Green'. In March the annual musical evening at Caldicott School was enjoyed by over 180 enthusiastic supporters who were entertained by 'The Hot Potato Syncopators'. Seven local schools provided teams of under 7s in April when the Club hosted its annual junior football tournament at Dropmore School.

Entries are now being taken for the Burnham Beeches Run on October 22nd when the two races are expected to attract over 350 entrants.

The Club, whose members live or work in the Farnhams, Hedgerley, Burnham, Stoke Poges and surrounding areas, works to support the local community and is part of



the Rotary International organisation with 1.2m members. We get together every Thursday at 8 pm to enjoy a meal with interesting speakers and organise social events and fund raising projects.

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Hedgerley Branch

We continue to celebrate 140 years of Mothers' Union working with families worldwide.



Mothers of young offenders appreciated the Mothering Sunday cards we provided for the youngsters to send to them; our talk on the work of School Aid helped us understand the work they provide in supplying educational materials to over 400,000 children in Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa and Tanzania, which enables youngsters to attend school and improve their literacy skills.

The talk by Sue of The One Can Project was also very enlightening, explaining how they provide provisions and friendship for people in the Slough area who have insufficient funds to buy food for themselves. Farnham Common library have a "bin" outside for us all to help with this valuable work.

Hedgerley Branch attended the Lady Day Service and Spring meeting in Gerrards Cross which was presided over by The Bishop of Reading who is our Central Chaplain. Hedgerley also provided tea/ coffee for over 200 members during our lunch break.

Our future meetings and events are:

- 7th June A Diocesan Trustee will visit and talk about the History of The Mothers' Union over the past 140 years.
- 2nd August we invite you to our annual lunch in the Memorial Hall at 1.00pm. Tickets from Mary on 01753 646926.
- 6th September we have our annual service in church when new members are enrolled.
- 12th September we visit Bristol Cathedral.
- Second Tuesday in the month, our TLC meeting takes place at Ben-Venue, Gregory Road, from 10-12 when you can enjoy tea/coffee, laughter and chat – open to all

If you are a mother or carer of young children, we welcome you to join us at The Hedgehog Toddler Group on Thursday mornings from 9.45 until 11.30am, where you can enjoy a chat with other adults, while the children enjoy the toys, puzzles, playdough etc.

If you would like to know more about us, or join any of our activities, please ring Mary on 01753 646926 – lifts can be arranged.

Mary Lane - Branch Leader

Hedgerley Women's Institute

In our recent meetings, Marie Cates spoke eloquently on "African Village Support in Uganda" and Mr C Oakes made a welcome return visit with his talk on the "Great Fire of London". Hedgerley W.I. Scrap Books were displayed alongside the Plant Stall at our May meeting, and we discussed the Resolution chosen to go forward to our National Federation

The federation Annual Council Meeting was held on 27 April in Aylesbury. This is always a very popular meeting with members from W.I.s throughout the county eager to hear the news and reports from the Trustees, renew acquaintances, enter competitions and see the craft work on display. The Guest Speaker was Mandy Hickson, a former RAF Tornado GR4 Pilot.

On June 16th we will be invited to Take the Healthy Option, and on July 21st our topic is "What is Archaeology?" Our varied programme covers Bandstands on September 15th. Traditionally we have our August get-together in a local member's lovely garden, but this year we are having a summer outing to Frogmore House and Gardens followed by a cream tea.

We meet in the Memorial Hall every 3rd Thursday in the month at 2.30pm and there is a warm welcome – and tea and cake – for all. Please contact me on 01753 643872 so that I can be at the door to greet you.

Jenny Harper-Jones

Third Age Lunch

Jenny Harper-Jones' lively after lunch entertainment was well received by all at this popular (how often?) gathering.

Everyone was given a song sheet and encouraged to join in with the singing at April's gathering for the Third Age Lunch. And no-one was remotely tempted to nod off, even after a nice lunch and a glass of Bucks Fizz to toast the Queen's birthday.

Jenny Harper-Jones chose the theme of "England" for a celebration in words and music and featured three great English queens, Elizabeth I, Victoria, and of course Elizabeth II.

Accompanied by Debbie Langham, she led popular music hall songs such as "Polly Perkins of Paddington Green" and "Who Were You with Last Night?", followed by a group of songs from the two world wars – "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "I'll See You Again", as well as "Tip Toe through the Tulips" and "We'll Gather Lilacs". She reminisced about the good old days, with poets like Noël Coward and John Betjeman, and brought it all to a conclusion with the last waltz, "Now is the Hour".

It was a really happy occasion and everyone enjoyed waving flags, joining in and being part of the fun.



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Pennies from Heaven

Roger Gault tells us how St John's Church, Farnham Common, benefited from the roar of jets flying into Heathrow and describes measures taken to minimise aircraft noise.

Living in the Farnhams we all become used to the sight and sound of airliners flying in or out of Heathrow. The noise can cause annoyance and extensive measures are taken to reduce the impact on the local community.

Airports attempt to control noise by using specific departure and arrival routes, requiring aircraft to climb rapidly after take-off and use a continuous descent approach. Manufacturers too have introduced numerous design features to ensure that modern aircraft engines are much quieter than their predecessors.

Each year the Heathrow Communities Fund, an independent charity established in 1996, provides over £700,000 in grants to benefit local organisations in areas such as the Farnhams, affected by the noise from Heathrow. Part of this money is focused on assisting 'Heathrow Communities for Tomorrow' and comes from fines levied against airlines that breach the government's strict noise limits. Noise monitors are situated around the approach and departure routes at Heathrow and airlines pay £500 every time they exceed the noise limit by 3dB or less and £1000 every time they exceed the limit by more than 3dB. Awards are made twice a year for local community projects focused on three themes:

- · climate change and energy
- protecting and enhancing the environment
- encouraging recycling and reuse

Under this scheme, St John's Church successfully applied for a grant to update their heating and lighting system and was awarded £2,500. This was used to install LED lighting which can provide the same light for about a 10th of the cost of the original system.

If you have a community project and would like to access 'Pennies from Heaven' please contact the Heathrow communities fund at heathrowcommunityfund@baa.com or call them on 01895 832662

For those who have trouble sleeping and would like to know more about: the FlyQuiet league table of quiet and noisy airlines; rules controlling night flights between 11pm and 4:30am; the Webtrak system to monitor specific or live flights over your house, go to www.heathrowairport.com/noise





From The Archives

Elizabeth Mills looks at an article in the parish magazine of October-November 1948 on the Norman origins of St Mary's Church, Farnham Royal.

In an article by our old friend, E. B. Basden, concerning the history of St. Mary's Church, he says early records regarding the church are scanty, but that they tell part of the story.

"The very name Farnham suggests that the Saxons had a settlement here and, if they did, they would almost certainly have had a place of worship, for they had converted to Christianity by the end of the 7th century AD. The earliest record of a church here, however, is the presence to-day of Norman work in the chancel. There is no written record yet known of a church building here as early as the 11th or 12th centuries, but this is not needed when the stones themselves confirm it.

In the north wall of the chancel near the vestry is a small round-headed window and on the south wall is the rough outline of what was a similar but larger opening above the now blocked doorway. A building with this type of arch would have been built sometime between 1066 and 1190 AD

"After 1190 the architectural style changed. In the next period which lasted until about 1300, the arches were pointed instead of rounded. This style, known as Early English, was certainly present in the tower and probably also in the nave of Farnham church before it was rebuilt in the 19th century. All this confirms the fact that we have had a church at Farnham for some 800 years and perhaps for much longer.

"The first record of a rector at Farnham was in 1230, but this is only an indirect reference to the existence of a church. The church was mentioned in 1291 when Edward I's valuation of property was compiled. In 1460 the church is recorded as paying 4s.4d. Peter's Pence, which was a tribute to the Pope from householders in the parish.

"We have some details of the goods belonging to the church a few years later, as in 1552 an inventory was made of all plate, robes, vessels, etc. in Bucks and other churches. About a year later all these valuables were seized for the use of King Edward V, who 'had neede presently of a masse of mooney'. Only the barest necessities were left for the use of each church; the rest was confiscated, melted down, sold and scattered.



"The inventory was signed by the King's Commissioners on the one part and by Eustes Mascol and John London for Farnham Church on the other. Now, in the church to-day there is a brass to Eustas Mascoll who was Clerk of Works for Cardinal Wolsey and who died in Windsor Castle in 1564. He was buried at Farnham. The Eustes Mascol who saw the confiscation of his church's property (he was almost certainly a church warden) was surely the same as Eustas Mascoll who was buried here 12 years later. This also gives us the information that burials took place at St. Mary's as early as 1564 whereas the oldest known grave to-day, to Elizabeth Harding, is dated to 1684 and the earliest burial recorded in the registers is for 1635."



The rounded Norman window and blocked up 'priest's doorway' with window above, from sketches by Mrs A. Fortescue Carr.





St Mary's Church in 1821





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Jottings from the Potting Shed

R E Maun shares his expert advice on growing vegetables and lists some tasks to keep your plot flourishing throughout the summer

Jobs for June

Vegetables The first new potatoes should be ready to dig early this month. To check on their maturity, gently scrape the soil away from the plant, with your bare hand, and see if you can find any potatoes about the size of golf balls. If not, just scrape the soil back over and try again next week. Sow more carrots as soon as you can. Growing them this early you may be lucky enough to avoid the dreaded carrot fly, but protect the crop with fleece or barriers anyway.

Runner and French bean plants raised in cardboard tubes or plastic cups should be planted out now. Remember, plastic cups are not biodegradable but can be re-used. I still prefer to grow my climbing beans in rows but the 'wigwam' system is perfectly sound. Mark out a circle using a dustbin lid (or similar), then place five or six 7'0" long canes equally spaced around the circle. Gather in the tops of the canes and bind together to form the wigwam, then plant a bean (seed or plant) by each cane. As usual, Sweet Peas will feature alongside my Beans to attract the bees. Tomato plants will be ready for the greenhouse or conservatory. One of my neighbours grows 'Tumbling Tom' variety in a hanging basket and this year I am raising both red and yellow fruits, so the basket should look guite spectacular.

Flowers It's hanging basket time. Some people have taken to buying them ready planted but, although I don't grow many flowers, I like to plant my own. I shall use Calibrachoa (Million Bells) for four baskets as this gives a good cushion-like display for several weeks. The remaining baskets and containers will be planted up with whatever I fancy as I wander around nurseries. I will choose for colour and minimum maintenance. My veg come first.

Jobs for July

Weeding Plants will all be flourishing – including weeds. The hoe is so important in the gardening world. A few minutes a day, possibly after work, will make so much difference and if you continually chop them down, most weeds will give up.

Vegetables Now is the time to think of Christmas dinner and the nation's favourite vegetable – Brussels sprouts (well, I love 'em!) The planting area for all brassicas should be treated with horticultural lime and well manured, then trodden down until firm. Purple sprouting broccoli and Brussels sprout plants must be very firmly planted and well watered in.



Lift leek seedlings and transplant them into a well manured bed. Pull out a shallow trough, using a drag hoe, and make holes with your dibber at least 5" deep. Trim roots of the seedlings to about 1½" long and trim the points from the leaves. Just drop each seedling into a hole so that the leaves are well clear. Don't backfill with soil but, using a watering can, thoroughly water in each plant so that it is sitting in a 'pond' of runny mud. Continue daily watering until the plants are established.

During the first week of the month sweetcorn plants should be ready for planting out. My usual amount is 36 and these will be sown out in rows 12" apart with 12" between each row. For those of you without enough room for that number, blocks of four plants in the flower borders would look interesting.

Flowers Keep on top of dead-heading. This is especially important for roses. Cut rose heads off 'black spot' using Roseclear fungicide. Any infected leaves should be picked off and destroyed. Pick sweet peas every day and you will get more and more blooms. Don't let any of them go to seed.

Feeding By the end of this month, many flowers and vegetables will require some food. There are many granular and liquid feeds available, so read what it says on the container and give the plants a treat.

Jobs for August

Vegetables Hopefully, for this holiday month, the weather will be kind and a lot of your garden work will involve watering. Late evening is the best time when evaporation is at its lowest.

Tomatoes should be in full production along with cucumbers. Both of these benefit from Tomorite fertiliser. Be careful when watering tomatoes. Intermittent watering, and too much or too little water, will cause the disease 'blossom end rot' when the bottom of the fruit turns black. Pick the fruit off all affected plants and destroy.

Flowering Plants At this time of year, long whippy side shoots appear on wisteria. Cut these back hard on established plants but, on newer plants, just trim them lightly and tie them into the supports. Also remove faded flowering side shoots from climbing roses and prune spring flowering clematis back to two buds from the main stem.





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John Lovelock sets out the programme for the rest of the summer

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Harefield is one of the last rural villages in Middlesex. This talk will look at the history of the village, its industries and some of the people associated with it, especially the First World War ANZAC hospital which has developed into the world famous Harefield Hospital.

We have arranged a private tour of the V & A Museum at 2pm on **Saturday 25th June** – booking required (£5 per person). This will be followed on **Wednesday 6th July** with a visit to St Mary's Church Harefield and the Anzac Cemetery.

St Mary's Church is Harefield's oldest building (a priest is first mentioned in the Domesday Book). It has some medieval features, but was restored and altered in 1768 and again in 1841. The church cemetery contains the graves of over 100 soldiers of the First Australian Imperial Force who died at No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital (Harefield Park Hospital) after being wounded in World War 1. Each year on Anzac Day a commemoration service is attended by local dignitaries, representatives from the Australian and New Zealand governments, local school children and many retired servicemen.

The church holds the tomb in which Alice Stanley, Dowager Countess of Derby was laid to rest in January 1637. She was a Spencer from Althorp in Northamptonshire of the family to which Diana Princess of Wales belonged and lived at nearby Harefield Place.

Our final event before our summer break is on **Wednesday 13th July**, when **Keith Parry** will present: *Up River – Kelmscott and Buscot.*

Buscot, set amongst landscaped gardens. was built by Townsend Loveden, married three times, divorce law changer and an active leader in improving Thames trade. It was also home to Robert Campbell, builder one of the first brandy distilleries in this country. Both he and his successor, the 1st Lord Faringdon, were keen collectors of work by Morris and Burne-Jones.

Kelmscott was the country home of William Morris, designer, writer, publisher, politician, leader in the Arts and Crafts movement with Edward Burne-Jones. It was home for a ménage à trois with Dante Rossetti, artist and lover of Morris's wife, Jane.

Keith Parry 'retired', after 30 years in the agrochemical industry, to develop his interest in history gaining a Diploma, then M.Sc. in English Local History at Oxford University. He is a voluntary

researcher and lecturer for the Maidenhead Heritage Centre, and answers queries to Centre from the public. He also lectures at Oxford University and to historical societies. His first history research publication appeared as part of The Historical Atlas of Oxfordshire. He is now working on the history and maintenance of a number of early wooden bridges over the river Thames.

Further information from John Lovelock 01753-647187 idlovelock@btinternet.com



Burnham Beeches Bulletin

Chris Morris tells us how Burnham Beeches is funded, and why weekend charges need to be increased. Regular walkers will be pleased to know that weekdays remain free – but should be aware that every donation received helps keep this precious open space available to all.

Unlike most local authority owned open spaces, Burnham Beeches is not funded through the Council Tax. Instead the City of London funds the Beeches from its private income (as it does for many of its other open spaces) as a charitable trust; it operates at little cost to visitors.

On-going cuts in our budgets have meant that in the past few years we have had to look at ways of making savings and raising income to limit visitor impact and maintain current service levels. By restructuring how we work, investing in green energy and making changes to the vehicle fleet, savings have been achieved and income has been raised through grants and filming. Further funding was still required, however, and after considering various options, including weekday charging, the City of London's Epping Forest and Open Spaces Committee decided that an increase in weekend and bank holiday charges was the best option.

New Charges and Donations

Therefore, after remaining at the same price for nearly five years, the weekend and bank holiday charge for parking rose to £3 per day on 1 April. Even after the increase, the parking charge at the Beeches is still comparable with other local sites but, unlike other sites, there is no charge for weekday parking - just donations.

For regular visitors arriving by car, the good news is that the price of a season ticket for parking has remained the same (starting at £180 on 1 May and reducing by £15 per month thereafter). Therefore, by paying in advance you will pay less than £2 per day if you visit every weekend and bank holiday, representing a 46% saving. Disabled drivers who clearly display their blue badge are still exempt from the parking charge.

By only charging at weekends it ensures that the burden of payment is distributed more evenly amongst all visitors and that those who come more than twice per week are not overly affected. All income raised through parking charges is used solely for the care and maintenance of Burnham Beeches.

Many visitors of course are lucky enough to live within easy walking distance of the site. For these people, those who are exempt from the charge, or those who only visit during the week, there are still ways of helping to look after the Beeches. Donations can be placed in any of our parking machines, at the Information Point, or you can buy a supporters badge.

Volunteers

By volunteering you can also help to give something back to this fantastic National Nature Reserve. Our volunteers carry out a wide variety of roles, including practical projects like restoring the wood pasture and heathland habitats or improving the paths, helping with ecological monitoring projects, giving information to visitors, helping with admin tasks in the office and keeping the site clean and tidy.

Our affiliated Friends of Stoke Common group have already made a huge difference in the restoration of the heathland on the site, but they are always hoping to recruit more volunteers; if you want to join their group, contact them at friendsofstokecommon@gmail.com.

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Nicole Palmer from Alzheimer's Society, sets out the help that is available for memory loss.

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Volunteering Opportunity

There is also an opportunity to bring a smile to someone's face as a volunteer. Our volunteer befrienders do this every day. Living with dementia can be isolating and Alzheimer's Society volunteer befrienders make a difference. Find out more about volunteering with us by having a chat with Lisa on 01296 331722 or emailing bucksbefriending@alzheimers.org.uk. We'd love to hear from you.



The **Rennie Grove Hospice Care** shop on the Broadway, Farnham Common, is looking for volunteers.

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Shop volunteer, Pam Grant, said, "I love volunteering here. It's flexible, sociable and rewarding and I'd recommend it to anyone."

If you could spare 3-4 hours a week, would like to meet new people and make a difference to a nursing service in the heart of your community, please get in touch to find out more on 01442 890222.

Library Update

2016 is proving to be a busy and interesting year for the library, as usual. We've already had a trip to see "Annie" the musical at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre in March, and our Dover Marina and The Battle of Britain Memorial trip in late May provided a very stimulating and moving day. During the Easter holidays, the library was once again overrun with children busy making arts and crafts on the theme of "Space", and we held our AGM on 23rd May.

Our big events coming up for the summer are the Farnhams Open Gardens on Sunday 12th June and a visit to Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday 19th July.

As the Open Gardens date coincides with the Queen's official 90th birthday, the theme will be "Royal" and there will be a Royal Treasure Hunt for adults and children, with a souvenir prize to be won. Entry fee is a modest £1 with forms available from the library or from Pat Marshall. Tickets for the Open Gardens are priced at £5 per adult, with children under 16 free. The Brian Jubb Hall will be open from 2pm, with plants, books, a raffle and refreshments on sale. Donations of labelled home-grown plants are welcomed either at the library during the week before, or at the hall on the day. Free pots are available from Helen, phone 01753 648319. Farnham Common Nurseries are very kindly sponsoring the whole event and will give a 10% discount to anyone who presents their Open Gardens ticket.

Secondly, since it is 300 years since the birth of the famous gardener Lancelot "Capability" Brown, it is only fitting that we should build into our events programme a coach visit to one of his most magnificent gardens at Hampton Court Palace on 19th July. Capability Brown was appointed by George III as Chief Gardener at Hampton Court and moved to Wilderness House which dates from 1700, lies within the walls of the palace and was the official home of the palace's head gardeners.

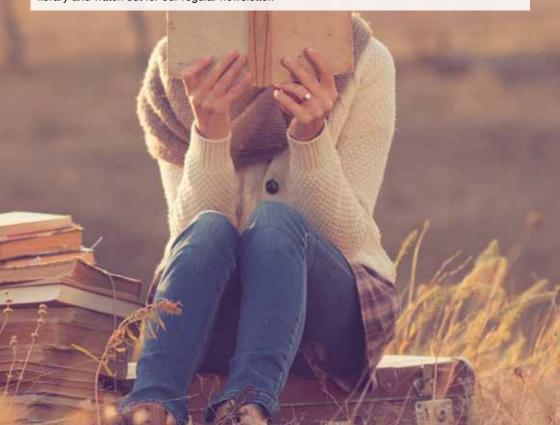


Amongst his many achievements was the planting of the Black Hamburg vine in 1768, which continues to flourish as the Great Vine and is the world's largest and most famous grapevine. We will visit the gardens, as well as seeing a special temporary exhibition "The Empress and the Gardener" which brings 60 watercolour paintings of the Hampton Court Estate by John Spyers, Brown's assistant, back from Russia's State Hermitage museum. All in all, it promises to be a very enjoyable day.

After the summer, look out for our Library Quiz on 10th September, while our ever-popular trip to Thursford Christmas Spectacular on 20th-21st November is fully booked with a waiting list in operation. And of course, we'll complete the year with our traditional Christmas Supper which is always sold out well in advance.

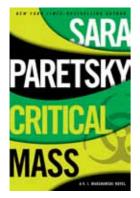
Do you work in Farnham Common but live out of the area? Or do you live in the area but work away during the day? If you are busy during the day, don't forget our library is open late on Tuesdays until 7pm, lunchtimes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday until 1pm. We also run an early evening IT Clinic at 5:30 – 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month which is open to all library members.

For details of any of our events and ongoing activities (Book Group, Lunch Group, weekly storytelling, children's holiday arts and crafts, Summer Reading Challenge, schools visits, coffee mornings, IT clinics and topical displays), just check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/farnhamccl, our website at www.buckscommunitylibraries.org/farnham-common/, pop into the library and watch out for our regular newsletter.



Book Review

Margaret Mills, of Farnham Common Community Library Book Group, reviews their latest choice.



"Critical Mass" by Sara Paretsky

Our Book Group read Critical Mass with very varied opinions. It is one of the popular Female Private Eye series featuring Vi Warshawski, and in my view Vi is a very restless, feisty attractive individual.

The plot is rather complicated dealing with serious issues and there are many different characters, of different generations, set in the past and the present, in Vienna and Chicago.

Vi Warshawski's close friend in Chicago is Dr. Lotty Herschel who was born in Vienna. Lotty escapes the Holocaust, fleeing to London on the Kindertransport with her childhood friend Kitty Saginor Binder. Their families left behind all perish in the Holocaust. When Kitty's daughter is

in trouble she appeals to Lotty to help her and she puts her in touch with Vi. What starts off as a bad drug dealing case for Vi opens up a web of lies, secrets and intrigue. The intense competition in the early 1940s between America, Germany, Japan and England to develop the first Atomic Bomb proves to be a conspiracy stretching back years.

Many of our Group found it difficult to keep up with the large number of characters, but several members found the story a real page turner. I had mixed feelings as at times the story felt slow, but towards the end became gripping as the threads of the story unfurled. One particularly interesting aspect of the story we discussed was what happened to the Austrian Women Scientists during and after the Second World War.

Interestingly we read this book at the same time that 'Shetland', the Ann Cleeves story, was being shown on the BBC and a couple of the members found themselves transposing the characters between the two books. Perhaps the moral of the story is not to read detective novels at the same time as viewing them on television!

The Book Group meets 8 times a year (approximately every 6 weeks), at 2pm on Monday afternoons, in the Library.

Usual attendance is 12 - 15 members.

The wide range of books chosen for discussion, include some award winners, some old favourites, and some new contemporary authors. In April the book discussed was "Do No Harm" by Henry Marsh, a leading Neurosurgeon, with stories of life, death and brain surgery. On the 6th June, the book will be "Jamaica Inn" by Daphne Du Maurier. Later in the year the group will look at titles by Sally Vickers and Ali Smith.

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St. Mary Hedgerley Joan Rice

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Summer Events



Buzz Events

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Tuesday, 28th June, 7.30pm, at Hedgerley Memorial Hall – "HOUDRETAIR GETS YOU THERE". Adventures by light aircraft with Jerry and Jessica Houdret. Tickets, to include light refreshments, £10 in aid of church funds, from Jerry, 01753-643610, or at the door. Each numbered ticket will be entered into a draw with a prize of a 30-minute flight for two in Jerry's aeroplane.

Saturday 10th September 2016 - LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS - Further details from Prue Neale, 01753 645631

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Baptists on 1st Sunday of the month

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11:00 am Family Praise (4th Sunday)

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Programme of Events

For the Weekend of Her Majesty the Queen's Official Birthday Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th June

At St Mary's Church, Farnham Royal

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Friday, 10th June – The Church will be open from 12 noon - 5 pm

 2.15 pm – There will be a short service with St Mary's School Choir singing 'Happy Birthday' and concluding with the National Anthem – everyone welcome.

Saturday, 11th June – The Church will be open from 11 am – 6 pm

- Teas and refreshments will be available throughout the day.
- 3 pm A ceremonial cutting of the celebration birthday cake.
- 12 noon 3 pm Children's Craft and Activity tables Make your own Crown!
- 4 pm A team of 8 guest bell-ringers will ring a quarter peal, consisting of 1,260 changes and lasting about 45 minutes.

Sunday, 12th June

11 am - $\dot{S}t$ Mary's Patronal Festival – a United Benefice Service, to include Anthems by $\dot{S}t$ John's Choir, with the Revd Canon Andrew Blythe presiding.

Buffet Lunch with wine in the North Aisle, following the service.

At St John's Church, Farnham Common

Sunday, 12th June, 6.30 pm - Choral Evensong with special celebratory music.

Farnham Common Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June, 2 pm − 10 gardens participating. Brian Jubb Hall − open from 2 pm with plants, books, a raffle and refreshments for sale. Tickets £5, children under 16 free, from the Library or from Pat Marsall 01753 645924