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Editorial

What a lovely time of year, days are starting to get longer and the drab grey of winter is being replaced with the vibrant yellows and blues of springtime.

In this issue we launch our inter school story writing competition in association with Stoke Place, an exciting opportunity for children to see their story in print! We discover local heroes like our yoga teacher, who is raising money for Indian street children, a poignant and moving story. Michelle, whose cheery face used to greet us at the local pharmacy, campaigns to rescue abandoned horses. And we start our feature on spotlighting local talent – did you know our local chocolatier has had her Easter eggs featured in Harrods windows?

Read about the tragedy in Brockhurst Woods in 1944, commemorated with a stained glass window in St John's church.

Our Yummy Mummy blog continues and the latest recipe from Sanita Sharma is amazing – I have made it! Our regular contributors keep us up to date with news of sports, schools, library, concerts, and many local groups.

We welcome articles of local interest from you, particularly if you can also send in good photographs.

All the team of the Farnhams Magazine wish you a very happy and enjoyable Easter!

Paula Morris

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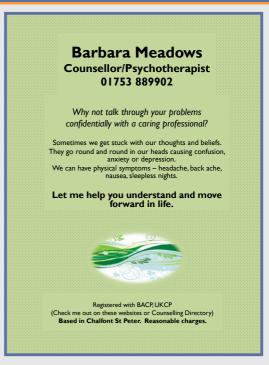
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Rector's Letter: The Cluttered Corner



Life is full of good intentions but like most New Year resolutions, they are quickly forgotten. Some of us made a New Year's resolution to have a 'spring clean' and deal with the household clutter that has built up over the years. Clutter tends to grow as we leave the dreaded task for another day. Maybe you have a corner of your home where there is a growing accumulation of stuff that has no immediate use. Even worse, you may have a cupboard or room where you leave your clutter. It is worse because you can shut it all away and conveniently forget that it exists. Everything looks tidy but hidden away there are growing levels of clutter that irritate or threaten to overwhelm!

Having lived in a variety of clergy tied housing we have tried to 'travel light'. So, strategically, we have tended to keep our loft space clear as this is a typical home for clutter. However, we have still accumulated stuff and there are places where clutter tends to grow. You know the arguments! 'Maybe this will come in use sometime!' 'This is what auntie Mabel gave us for Christmas in 1985!' 'This will be an antique in a few years-time!' So, my friends, it could be time for a 'spring clean'. Will good intentions lead to action and catharsis?

The word 'Lent' is a shortened form of Old English, meaning 'spring season'. Lent is a time for spiritual 'spring cleaning'. Our spiritual clutter parallels our household clutter, as it accumulates in corners of our lives. We also shut it away (without thinking) behind our emotional locked doors. We think we live neat and tidy lives but hidden in the background is the stuff and nonsense that we would rather not

address. The Bible calls this 'sin', which blocks out our relationship with God. In other words, God has far higher intentions for us. There is so much that is wonderful about modern life but we could do far better when we engage with our spirituality and clear out our inner clutter. This is the stuff and nonsense that distracts and diverts our attention from God.

Is it time to deal with your selfishness or your obsession with worldly goods, fame and power? Is your spiritual M.O.T. overdue? Is it time for a 'spring clean'? Will Easter bring catharsis?

With Easter blessings to you all





Greatmoor Energy from Waste

Do you ever wonder what happens to the things you put in your waste bin? Your recycling is sorted and passed onto recycling companies, but what about your non-recyclable waste?

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This alternative treatment of waste will result in a saving to Buckinghamshire County Council of approximately £150 million over the 30 year life of the contract.

Guided tours of Greatmoor are available by prior agreement and at no charge. Visiting groups have included WIs, U3As, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, Primary Schools, Colleges and lots of others. A group visit to Greatmoor can be tailored to your requirements and will include a tour around the facility, which includes the control room (where you will be able to see the cranes loading the waste), a visit to the viewing hatch providing an exciting view into the heart of the fire, the turbine hall and the huge condenser fans, which is an experience not to be missed. The maximum group size for a tour is 15. School visits are available for Key Stage 2 upwards.

Cllr Bill Chapple OBE, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, said: "Greatmoor is a great asset to Buckinghamshire, and I'd really recommend that people take this opportunity to see the plant in operation and find out how it helps us reduce the environmental impact of our waste while at the same time saving money."

Feedback from visitors includes: "The tutor had a really good knowledge and explained it all well. The tour was such a good experience and really interesting. I think that all the general public should have an opportunity" and "Very informative but not too much sitting around so the children got bored or disruptive - they were kept engaged throughout"

If you aren't a member of a local group but would like a tour, why come to one of our open tour days? Greatmoor is holding four public open tour days in 2018.

These are on the following Saturdays - March 17th, June 30th, September 22nd and November 24th.

On each day there will be tours, at 10am, 12.30 and 3pm. Please note that places are available on a strictly booking in advance basis only. There is a minimum age limit of 12 on open tours.

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Burnham Beeches Bulletin

Senior Ranger Chris Morris outlines how you can do your bit for wildlife.

Driven by detailed management plans, the focus areas for habitat restoration are the wood pasture with its ancient trees at Burnham Beeches and the heathlands at both the Beeches and Stoke Common. Restoration of both habitats has involved the removal of young trees and scrub, opening up areas and allowing light through to the ground below. Often, wood is left where it is cut, or stacked in habitat piles. Low growing heath and woodland plants are able to take advantage of the improved conditions, and our experience has shown that they quickly germinate from the seedbank in the soil. Left unmanaged, these cleared areas would soon return to young woodland and so livestock play a vital role in keeping them open.



In addition to allowing greater floral diversity to inhabit the newly opened areas, the restoration has also opened up many hectares of previously impenetrable land, improving access and recreation opportunities for visitors. The livestock we use to graze these areas help to keep them open and, through their 'random' grazing action, create a diverse height structure in the vegetation with anything from bare ground to medium sized scrub. These management techniques help to create and improve refuge and breeding sites for insects, mammals, birds and reptiles.

To verify that the management work is having the desired effect we carry out surveys; these habitats are extremely complex and we try and look at all elements of the eco-systems. Already, plants which had either disappeared from both sites or were simply struggling to

survive, are being rediscovered or found in increasing quar tities: petty whin, dwarf creeping willow, bog pimpernel, many-stalked spiked rush, sundew, cctton grass are all current success stories. Reptiles and birds are doing well and either increasing in number and territorial spread or, in the case of birds like stone chat, returning after many years absence. Additionally, the specialists we use are regularly finding invertebrates not previously recorded on the sites.

When you visit there are simple things that you can do to help the wildlife: sticking to the paths; keeping dogs under effective control also helps minimise disturbance; please leave wood in habitat piles or where it lies on the woodland floor; and taking all litter and dog waste away to be disposed of responsibly also helps.

If you feel you want be more pro-active in encouraging the wildlife there are also things that you can do in your own outdoor space, however small that may be. Putting out feeders for birds is an obvious and very popular option, but there are also many winged insects - bees, butterflies, beetles, moths, hover flies etc. - which will benefit greatly from suitable nectar and pollen sources. The Royal Horticultural Society's web site has a page dedicated to helping people attract more wildlife to their gardens. You can do simple things like choosing a mix of plants to provide pollen and nectar over a longer period -- the ideal is to have flowers and blossom available from March until October. Try choosing plants with simple, open flowers as these are more accessible for insects. Another good tip is to try and make sure you have a range of trees, shrubs and climbers or to plant a native mixed hedge rather than non-native, single species like leylandii or laurel. Even some non-native flowering trees and shrubs can be of value to visiting wildlife.

You can further encourage wildlife by adding other features like a compost heap, water or un-mown area of grass. Wildlife friendly features add an extra dimension to your garden: it is wonderful to sit in the shade on a hot summer's day with a cool drink and watch the bees busily going about their work; to watch bats flitting about after moths at dusk; or how about the thrill of hearing leaves rustling and seeing a small pointed nose emerge from the shrubs, followed by a ball of bristles as a hedgehog sets off on its hunt for a juicy slug!



Photographs taken by Terry Cork – one of our volunteers who sadly passed away in January this year

If you would like to turn your garden into a wildlife haven, the Natural Environment Partnership, www.bucksmknep.co.uk/bucks-buzzing, are offering free seeds or visit www.rhs.org or www.foxleas.com for inspiration.



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Farnham Common Village Schools

Christmas at Farnham Common Village Schools was superb, writes **Alison Fischer**, head teacher, with both schools getting together on a very cold afternoon to sing carols and other songs, and for the staff to give a different perspective on the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The new year got off to a fast start and children are busy with this last term of the academic year. Also this term both the schools will be holding storytelling exhibitions. This will be combined with professional storytellers visiting the schools to talk to the children. All children will be making their own books and Gerrards Cross Bookshop will be visiting with a collection of high-quality books for children to purchase.

We have significant parental involvement in helping with activities, both inside and outside the classroom. This is a sure sign of healthy engagement and in addition, most of the Friends and most of the Governors are parents or past parents (and perhaps even past pupils) and are massively dedicated to the schools and to the local village community. I'd like to thank them for their support last year and I look forward to working with them all again in 2018.

We would also like to thank Ashford Kitchens who donated and installed a new kitchen in the Infant School staff room, to replace the (rather tired and worn-out) units that we had.



'Children enjoying a variety of outdoor learning opportunities



Farnham Royal School



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Christmas is always a very busy and hectic time of year and following the Christmas break it's always lovely to see both staff and pupils looking refreshed and ready to start the new year and new term firing on all cylinders.

There was an abundance of Christmas activities organised by the school with the annual EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances and the 3rd Age Lunch. This yet again proved very popular with both the Community and the Year 6 pupils who took great pleasure and enthusiasm in ensuring that our visitors had another memorable Christmas lunch. Other year groups took great pride in performing Christmas Carols to their captivating audience whilst they dined.

The Christmas Service was again held at St Mary's Church, but this year the service took place in the morning, which gave the opportunity for all pupils and more parents to attend this Service. All thoroughly enjoyed partaking, joining in with the Carol singing. This was then followed by mince pies and a hot drink back at the School hall.

The Key Stage 1 and EYFS pupils performed outstandingly well for their Nativity, despite there being no opportunity for a dress rehearsal, due to the freak snow day before the actual performance.



Whilst sporting events are not as busy during the Autumn Term as other parts of the year, we are proud to say that we are still going from strength to strength in this field. We were successful in obtaining a free Football kit from the National Premier Football league.

St Marys received a certificate from Sport Relief to say we are now officially a Sport Relief Super School, as a reward for all the amazing effort our children have put in over the past year in a variety of events. This is displayed in Reception for all to see

The pupils have also been experiencing a wide variety of new sports this term in PE, including seated volleyball and re-telling stories through dance in Key Stage 1.



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Short story competition for junior aged children

Are you in years three to six? Do you like to write stories? Then this is for you!

The Farnhams Magazine and Stoke Place are launching our competition along with our three local village junior schools.

The rules: Write a short story with the title "Summer", 400 words or less, and submit via the school (information will be coming home in bookbags with full details including the closing date etc.)

There are two categories – Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6.

There will be six winners: one winner from each school in each of the two age categories. Each will win £20 in Amazon vouchers. From the six winners, an overall winner will be selected, who will see their story published in the Farnhams Magazine, and will receive an additional £40 in Amazon vouchers! All six winners will also be invited to a special prize-giving ceremony at Stoke Place!

Stoke Place are proud to play an active role in the local community, and are delighted to be partnering with Farnhams Magazine to provide prizes for this exciting short story competition running across three local junior schools, as well as hosting the prize ceremony at their May Day event.

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www.thecairncollection.co.uk/hotels/stoke-place/

The Farnhams Community Group

The Farnhams Community Facebook Group was created on Facebook by **Jonathan Dodd** in November 2013. The idea was to offer a page where people could exchange advice, discuss local issues, recommend services, trades people and all those other things folks need to know or ask about.

From the outset, the Group was popular as membership grew from an initial handful and very soon we were celebrating two hundred members.

Early on it became clear we needed guidelines and we all agreed that commercial advertising should not be allowed. So our Guidelines were written up. Members can read our "FCCG Guidelines" in our "Files" section. At the same time as not allowing advertising, letting people know about local services and trades etc. seemed a good idea, so Jonathan started a Listing, "Recommended Local Trades & Services" which has been updated pretty much every month and as of December 2017 Version 44 was uploaded. The idea is that if members want to suggest a trade or service, it can be included on the list. Many members find the list to be very useful as it now contains all sorts of services from Tree surgeons to Plumbers, Electricians, Hairdressers, Appliance repairs and many more.

The Group's membership has now flown past 1400 and every week we welcome new members. Most people enjoy being able to catch up with local news and views, ask for advice or join in the various debates that arise from people posting opinions and, of course, raising awareness about local issues. Planning and new build houses have been a hot topic over the last year as we see quite a lot of demolition of lovely old houses and new house building. We also allow charitable events, fundraisers and community notices to be posted.

We now have three Administrators known as "Admins" with the welcome addition of Victoria Veninga and Frances Warburton who joined Jonathan as Admins in 2017.

Because there is actually quite a lot going on in the Farnhams and local area, Victoria recently compiled another Listing, launched at the end of 2017 which features local activities. It's called "What's Goin' On" and it is quite surprising to see just how many activities there are! We are currently looking at offering other Listings too, such as childminders and babysitters etc.

The Community Group page has a "Files" section and, if you click on the Files section, you'll find our "FCCG Guidelines", list of "Recommended Local Trades & Services" and "What's Goin' On' all in there.

Every three months or so, we have a Header Pic competition. Members are invited to submit up to three photos featuring the local community in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. After a week, the photo which has received the most "Likes" is declared the winner and becomes our Header pic adorning the top of our Group page for a few months.

So, if you're not yet a member, please feel free to join our Group. Simply look up The Farnhams Community Group on Facebook and ask to join.

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Parish Patch FRPC Parish Council for The Farnhams

We now have a final draft of the Parish Plan, writes **Hilda Holder**, Parish Clerk, which we are aiming to launch at our Annual Parish Meeting on 5th March. All residents are welcome to our APM where they can also hear from local community groups about what has been happening in the Farnhams.

We have had the Parish Plan in the pipeline for years, so it came as a surprise to hear that one or two residents knew nothing about it. The questionnaire was hand delivered to every household in the parish in the summer of 2016. The Plan sets out our policies to try and meet the needs of our residents as well as how we would like to improve things.

One of the issues of concern expressed in the responses to the Parish Plan questionnaire was to ensure that we continue to prevent inappropriate development of the Green Belt. Now that central government has rolled out new initiatives for increasing housing delivery it is clear the previous Green Belt review will be scrapped and SBDC will be re-conducting its review for the Local Plan in the near future. So its future status is not guaranteed.

The council is aware of proposals for development of some areas previously excluded from the green belt release in 2016. Having taken no position on the matter the Council has decided, that given the changes and pressures from above that these plans should be taken seriously and discussed in principle. In the long run steering development to benefit our community must come top of the list. We should not have schemes imposed upon us but that means we should get involved in the process even if we do not support the principle. As our Chairman has often advised even whilst opposing an application one is advised to see if the scheme can be mitigated to the least worst outcome. In an effort to bring this to the attention of our residents and to see to what extent the council may be able to steer any future development, the Parish Council has agreed to try and arrange a public meeting.

Having decided to take the Neighbourhood plan forward we will be required to analyse all of the green spaces objectively and this meeting may well serve as an introduction to that process. It will be good place to come and volunteer to get involved in producing the plan.

Some parishioners have asked what the difference is between a Parish and Neighbourhood Plan. A Parish Plan is about understanding local needs generally (for example how to manage our open spaces) and setting out Parish Council aspirations to meet those needs. It is not a planning document. It has no legal status.

A Neighbourhood Plan becomes a legally binding formal planning document which sits alongside the District Council's (SBDC) Local Plan. It focuses only on planning issues and in particular zoning. So when a planning application is made SBDC must have regard to what is set out in a Neighbourhood Plan. It is a long and expensive process to get a Neighbourhood Plan put in place involving different stages of consultation. One or two residents have started to come forward willing to be on a working group to pursue this. If this is of any interest to any of our residents please let the Clerk know.



One of our recent decisions has been to increase the number of cuts that take place along the Rights of Way footpaths leading from Home Meadow across Park Road to Church Lane. These particular footpaths are the main walking route to school for many young children and residents had complained of overgrowing vegetation at both ends of the growing season.

Our new Councillor, Bill Baker, has volunteered to champion the redesign of Kingsway Green. If you are interested in volunteering to be on the steering group for this please let the Clerk know.

At the time of writing we are in the process of reviewing our precept (our portion of the Council tax) for 2018/19. As a Council we are ambitious to pursue the policies identified in the Parish Plan. Many projects are vying for funding - such as revamping the play area in Farnham Common - and we are keen to ensure we have a strategy to provide the funding to deliver the projects with the greatest priorities. This may mean an increase in our precept for next year.

One of the projects we completed last year was to clean and restore our war memorial. We are pleased with the results and that they are in time for the anniversary of the end of the First World War this year. This photo shows our contractor Adrian Powell hard at work.



My journey to help street children in India

After her recent trip to India, local yoga teacher Chiara de Brunatiana Gens is on a mission to raise awareness and funds for street orphans in India.

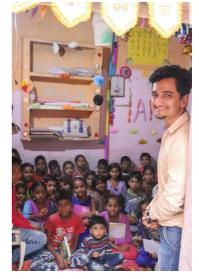
Q - Tell us about your journey with yoga - when did it begin?

It all started 15 years ago when a friend invited me to a local class. I was leading a seriously stressful life in the corporate world working up to 60 hours a week, while caring for my four year old son as a single mum. I remember coming home at 7pm, taking off my suit while going upstairs, having a shower, getting into my PJs and going into Nicholas's bedroom where we would read books, sing lullables and often I would be falling asleep next to him.

I enrolled in yoga with no expectations or preconceptions. I was a little concerned about my fitness level and I was very aware of my chubby bits but ultimately I was just glad I could dedicate some time to myself. From that moment on I committed to make time for me and go to at least one yoga class per week. Despite a stressful work life, I honoured that commitment to myself. I was falling in love with yoga and realised that everyone can practise it.

Having quit my job, in March 2015 I left for Thailand for an intensive 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training with Doc. Gaurav Malik, a teacher from a village on the Himalayas (north east India). His teachings, wisdom, simplicity and immense knowledge convinced me even more this was the right path for me. Upon returning to the UK, I founded the Green Yoga Room in April 2015 and have never looked back.

Early this year I was informed that my teacher Gaurav was to be running an advanced Yoga Teacher Training in his home country – I've always wanted to go. While there, I decided to get a little taste of the real India by spending eight days travelling, visiting Delhi, Agra, Jodhpur and the



desert. It was an incredible journey as India is so vibrant in its colours, people, culture, history, traditions, food, the organized chaos, the sounds, the noise, the smiles....and so much more. India has highlighted to me how much we have. We develop unhappiness, greed, stress and anxiety because whatever we already have never seems to be enough. Visiting India brings an entirely new perspective.

While traveling I was accompanied by my yoga teacher's wife and a local tour guide. His name is Santan Jha and beside studying tourism at university and organising tours of India he has founded a school for children from a slum in Delhi. We took a half-day detour to visit the children at the school Santan has created. We took the children to the nearby park and they all tried their hand at yoga – the smiles were so sincere and full of love. I felt very touched and so incredibly powerless. What they really need is a loving home, food every day, clothes and a chance to survive such poverty and misery. Currently the school is one room where 25 to 30 children learn to read and write. There are two teachers there with them.

Q - Tell us about their lives (Santan's reply)

From the slums over 85% of the kids don't have an education because of financial problems. Their parents cannot afford to support their education, as they have very meagre earnings and can barely afford food once or twice a week. Many kids live with their extended family, who don't care about them. Some kids already have jobs, many picking trash for which they receive 50–100 rupees for the day (around £1).

The kids are happy come to the school but can't afford books, pencils etc. They are also happy when we can give them an extra meal twice or three times a month. Children being children like playing games so we do extra activities on weekends – trips to the park, yoga, drawing, singing.

Q – What can we do to help? (Santan's reply)

You can help by raising funds to help with the school's rent, teacher salaries, meals books and stationery, all of which are important. Warm clothes – old and new – are also always welcomed.

If you would like to make a donation please visit justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiara-brunazzo

Or connect with Chiara on Facebook or Instagram – also look out for the fund raising activities coming soon!





Hedgerley Scouts

On 27th October 28 scouts and cubs with leaders headed off early in the morning to visit 656 attack helicopter squadron at Wattisham airbase near Ipswich. On arrival we went to the briefing room and met the second-in-command of the squadron who explained what we would be doing. Excitedly with the airbase staff we headed off to explore. An engineer showed us how the helicopter works, a pilot explained the controls (similar to an x-box controller!) and the possible weapons the Apache helicopters can carry. Later we had a brief on the history of the squadron and the capabilities of the aircraft.

We visited the simulators where the pilots are trained to fly the aircraft and also saw the mechanical simulators, which teach the engineers how to fix and repair the helicopters. We watched how a gun was loaded (with blanks) and Oli got to fire it!

Towards the end if the day we went back to the hanger and saw in the cockpits while the pilots explained to us the displays and the many complicated buttons. One of my favourite parts was trying on the pilots gear, including the helmets that have radar built in.

The visit left many of us aspiring to be helicopter pilots and engineers.

A big thanks to 656 squadron for letting us visit and to Bob, our GSL, for arranging it.

James, APL 1st Hedgerley



Scouts

Ribbon of Poppies Planting

lain Henderson, who thought of the idea, came along and spoke to the young people. He is a local ex-Scout leader from Iver Heath, who is part of a group called the Memorial Mob.

This Ribbon of Poppies is being planted particularly by Scouts and Guides across the UK in preparation for marking the Centenary of the end of World War I. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-40960256

This has now attracted other groups from all over the world, not just the UK – the furthest being The Falkland Islands



On Sunday 17th December Farnham Common Flagpole 11 am Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers of Farnham Common & Hedgerley all congregated around the oak tree near the flag pole in Farnham Common village on the 17th December. They all took turns to sow some poppy seeds for the Ribbon of Poppies appeal.

Upcoming activities

02/03/2018 (07:30 to 09:30): Circus Skills Preparation for putting on circus skill performance 09/03/2018 (07:30 to 09:30): Drama Evening Drama evening ruby by Stoke Poges Players 16/03/2018 (07:30 to 09:30): PL's night/ Investing Activities run by Patrol Leaders. Planning for which has previously taken place



Davin Moore proudly carries the Royal British Legion Standard



Watch out for a hopefully beautiful and significant display in the spring.

The Farnhams Magazine needs you

Paula Morris our editor asks you to get involved.

Are you an amateur photographer or budding journalist with unseen talents?

Do you have a recipe that everyone loves and you would like to see in print? Is there a local unsung hero that you would like us to feature? We welcome contributions from everyone and we would love to read your stories. The Farnhams Magazine is written for the community by the community. We would really like you to have your say, and share your stories and pictures.

Was your New Year's resolution to volunteer or get involved in the community more? This is a really worthwhile way of doing that.

We are a small team of volunteers who meet once a quarter and we would welcome you to spare a few hours a month to help in various ways. Whatever you can contribute, time or articles/pictures, please get involved. We really do need you.



Yummy Mummy

Amanda Silvey reminds us to enjoy the moment.

I get about twenty minutes a week in the car every Saturday morning when I take my son to football in Marlow, and we always drive around the edge of Burnham Beeches. One frosty November morning as it was looking particularly beautiful in the late autumnal sunshine he commented that each season had its presents. I wasn't sure where he was going with this but I turned the radio down and asked him what he meant, and he carried on talking.

"Each season has presents Mama. Autumn has the beautiful colours and the crunchy leaves. Winter has Santa and snow and Christmas dinner. Summer has the beach and ice cream. Spring is unusual as it has a bit of winter and summer depending on its mood; but it does have the snowdrops and the daffodils."

I wanted to stop the car and carry on this really lovely conversation with my nearly nine year old son. But I also knew it was a moment in time that could not be paused or extended in any way as proven by the speed with which he moved straight on to describing the much hoped for hat trick he was planning on scoring later in the day at football. So I had to choose to enjoy the moment and be fully engaged in this one on one time, seeing it as quality time rather than just 'taxi time' and make sure I was fully present all the way through the conversation.

Weekends are usually a juggling act with myself and my husband taxi-ing the children from hobby to birthday party to school sports event or family event, and then we all come back home together at the end of the day and collapse in a heap ready to start again the next day. But occasionally there is a reminder that we really must enjoy these moments that make up our everyday busy lives, and take note of the many simple pleasures which fill our days. Teddy taught me a lesson on that trip to football one beautiful Saturday November morning.

Farnham Common Sports Club

Come and play tennis at Farnham Common in 2018, writes Simon **Bailey** – young people are very much encouraged!

There's a lively tennis club in your area for you to join, whether you are 5 or 85 or any age in between. Not only is there plenty of tennis to enjoy but also the facilities of a friendly bar within a setting of other sports (cricket, hockey, squash) and activities (aerobics, body conditioning, FARNHAM COMMON SPORTS CLUB



yoga, pilates, boxercise, circuit training etc). There are six courts and plenty of recreational and match tennis throughout the year. You could be a tennis novice or Konta contender; all are welcome!

We want to encourage juniors and vounger adults in 2018 and have made the annual subscriptions more attractive: it is only £45 to be a Mini member (under 10) and just £60 to be a junior (under 18) - a parent or quardian gets free Social membership to encourage the community feeling. Younger adults (those under 25) now only pay £90 a year, so this reaches out to those who are students or starting work and cannot afford the full adult subscription. There is an extensive coaching programme that focuses on junior group sessions on Saturdays and midweek early evenings. but also covers adults or little or great playing ability from our Level 5 coach Stephen Wright. His coaching has helped three mini members to be selected for the 8 and under county squad.

So we would love to add you to our growing list of members and for the youngsters - there is no better place to learn than Farnham Common. For further details visit the sports club website (http://www.fcsc.org.uk) and click on the tennis icon (bottom right). Or contact Simon Bailey on 07902 319205, or for all categories of coaching Stephen Wright on 07946 491696 email s.wright@internationaltenniscoaching.com.







Farnham Common Cricket

One of the biggest surprises in 2017 at Farnham Common Cricket was that there were no nasty surprises - we had a great year! At Farnham Common, we run three senior teams, two of whom gained promotion from their respective divisions. Our 1st XI were (if we're honest) playing a bit below their level following an unlucky relegation in 2016, but they bounced back into Division 5 of the competitive Thames Valley Cricket League. The 2's had a solid year, following a promotion in 2016, so they were really looking to consolidate in 2017 which they duly did. Our 3rd XI 'All Stars' had a great time of it in the bottom tier and were crowned division champions with a memorable win on the last day of the season.

Results aside - but they do help - the club is thriving. It is little wonder that this is the case; year after year our pitch and facilities are among the highest rated across the 60+ clubs from Bucks, Berks, Middx that play in the Thames Valley League.

Our colts had a great year too, we had three age groups running on Sunday morning and playing in the Bucks Leagues. They all did very well and we're extremely proud of the development and achievements each individual player has made with us. We submitted one child this year to trial at Bucks, we are awaiting news on this. Our U10 team were runners up of the Wooburn Narks 6-a-side tournament, losing to Cookham Dean in the final. This was the second year in a row they made the final. Anyone involved in voluntary work, particularly with children, knows the efforts involved to not only provide a safe environment but to sustain a quality offering year after year. We currently have a further two adults taking their ECB coaching certificates which will give us six in total, a club record.

On Friday nights during the summer term, we again ran the highly popular 'Introduction to Cricket' sessions. We had over 40 children take part this year and it was a real stretch to keep on top of it as it was so successful. These are not only valuable sessions for the youngsters but great social occasions for the parents!

We invite players, spectators, parents (actually anyone) to come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Contact: http://www.fcsc.org.uk or Julian Irvine Julian.irvine@gmail.com



Bucks v. Kent match

Thursday Walkers visit Cardiff



Thursday Walkers atop Twmbarlwm

This ninth walk of the Thursday Walkers was quite different to those of the previous eight European cities, writes **John Elliot.**

Capital city, of course, but this time of Wales and placing my cards in clear sight, an obvious choice for a Welshman. Notwithstanding accidents and illness, which have temporarily depleted our number from the usual 10 to 6, an inevitability for this increasingly ancient band of walkers, we travelled by train from Slough, an agreeable change from Heathrow.

Cardiff is a carefully planned city divided into three distinct sections; to the north the generously open and green early nineteenth century civic

centre including law courts, museum and university. In the centre the restricted - traffic shopping, leisure area dominated by the Principality Stadium. Then to the south the recently developed Bay with the Welsh government buildings and opera house.

A short walk takes us from the station to our hotel, the inexpensive and central Premier Inn and then to the path near the castle which follows the river Taff to Llandaff. The walk of 4 miles traverses fields and sports pitches whilst the Taff once black with coal is clear, with the occasional fisherman casting for both game and course fish. Llandaff is a charming, homely place with an ancient cathedral complete with charming ladies, white of hair and proud of place, who apologise for not serving tea. Epstein's splendid figure of Christ dominates the building but has matured in colour with starkness calmed since last seen some 40 years ago.

Unlike most capitals, Cardiff developed completely as the port of its hinterland and not, until very recently, as the centre of governance of a country. There are palaces to trade but none to kings and queens. Even the castle with its gothic interior is a monument to the trading of coal and iron disgorged by the valleys of the one-time South Wales coalfield which developed Cardiff into the largest coal trading port in the world. Thus to understand the city we journeyed to the Ebbw Valley 20 miles east of the city, a picturesque valley much painted by L S Lowry. We go by convenient train to Cross Keys at the southern end of this valley and then walk the 1,400 feet by steep path to the summit of Twm Barlwm, an iron-age fort some 5,000 years old. Here bonfires signalled the Spanish armada, with views to the Channel and sea and Devon and to the north a fine view of the valley snaking north some 20 miles to Ebbw Vale. Following a challenging walk down with old footpaths we board the bus to Newbridge going through the old villages of Abercarn and Cwmcarn.

These villages, once humming with the vibrancy of coal mining, are guiet but have a surprise in store. The Newbridge Memorial Hall, erected by the miners in the 1920s in memory of the horrific number of 75 men killed in the First World War, is not the usual village hall. Saved from dereliction, by a remarkable effort raising 6.5 million pounds and opened by the Prince of Wales in December 2014, Lord Attenborough aptly described the building: 'For me, any single building that combines the proud selfsufficiency of a Welsh mining community with a gorgeous but dilapidated art deco cinema and a lasting tribute to the heroes of the First World War is a compelling cause indeed. Its very existence proves that ordinary people can become truly extraordinary through vision, generosity and sheer determination.'

The third day we go by river boat to the Bay once with its cosmopolitan Tiger Bay, but now with the barrage keeping the sea out, the visitors in and the salmon welcome with convenient ladder. The Bay supplied by two



John Elliot and friend

rivers forms a 500 acre freshwater lake on the site of the former docks. Here are the opera house and the Senedd the National Assembly of Wales, with restaurants looking over the bay, nicely balanced by the red bricked refurbished trading houses and the white Norwegian chapel which Roald Dahl attended as a boy. We lunch and then walk across the barrage of a mile or so to Penarth, the seaside suburb of Cardiff. The town is complete with lookout points where we obediently look out, and a pier where we settle for tea and chat with locals. Then bus to Cardiff and one of our three very good meals in the capital.

The last day we travel with the usual jolly bus driver about 5 miles to St Fagans, the earliest of the open air museums of the U K, which describes the historic lifestyle, culture and architecture of the Welsh people. A museum, bands of lively school children, there are 40 buildings including churches and chapels, a small working farm, bakery, a Tudor merchant house, and a row of industrial houses. Balance is preserved with both a splendid pigsty and a splendid mansion. Everything is spacious including a very good restaurant.

Cardiff is now firmly in the race as a commercial relocation site competing with those capitals such as Stockholm and Copenhagen. The city does seem advantaged with being comparatively small and relaxed but with the energy of a youthful starter. Cardiff enjoys the benefits of a capital city with international sport and music and more so than our previous capitals seemingly favoured with the countryside, together with carefully invited fish, decorously invading the capital.



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Spotlight on local talent

Who knew we had so many exceptionally talented people in our villages? This issue we talk to **Julie Devonald** founder of the Chocolate Libertine. Julie has lived in Farnham Royal for 15 years and has her manufacturing kitchen in Stoke Poges. If you haven't tasted her chocolate you are truly missing out

How long have you been working with chocolate?

This year it will be 25 years since I started working with chocolate and ten years since I founded the Chocolate Libertine. I originally trained with Gerard Ronay son of Egon Ronay. I supply chocolate to lots of places: from local businesses and farm shops to Fortnum and Mason, Daylesford and Rococo.





Our motto is, "chocolate that tastes as good as it looks". I love working with chocolate and it's a science and an art, I love combining my knowledge of both to create chocolate that strikes a chord with people – this could be because it is quirky or nostalgically fun, or because it's simply beautiful. There are endless possibilities to be creative. I sculpt, paint and form the chocolate to make beautiful pieces. However, it's just as important that it tastes amazing and so I only use the best ingredients: rich cocoa content, natural flavours and colours and everything is created by hand using minimal machinery.



Not a piece of fruit in sight.

What's your favourite part of the job?

I love the creative side, coming up with new ideas and new products. With Easter approaching I am working on some beautiful eggs, in fact a highlight for me was two years ago when my eggs were featured in Harrods' windows. I also run children's birthday parties at the weekends. It's great to show the kids cocoa beans and share the process of how chocolate is made. And they get to make chocolates which is always a winner.

If you'd like to order some chocolate, or would like to arrange a kids' party, get in touch at info@thechocolatelibertine.co.uk.



Review

Our Editor Paula Morris tries a new dining experience locally.



After a healthy start to January, juicing and eating clean, we decided we needed a treat and booked in to Stoke Place for their bottomless Sunday Lunch. I have always loved Stoke Place with the elegant quirky décor but I wasn't convinced that they could deliver a quality, tasty three course lunch with unlimited red or white wine for £28 per person. Boy was I wrong! The food is fantastic: the salmon soufflé (pictured

left) was perfectly light and delicately flavoured, the beef was amazing and their portions are really large, the seasonal vegetables cooked perfectly.

Then the choice of desserts, I went for the banana sticky toffee

pudding while Dan went for the chocolate tart (pictured). The quality of the food was phenomenal and the service excellent, our glasses were topped up countless times. There are kids' options for half of the price and a vegan menu too. It's back to healthy Jan for us now but we will definitely go back in February.





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Tragedy over Brockhurst Wood

The Navigator of a Wellington Bomber would have been huddled over his chart, with steady exchanges over the microphone, precise and clear to all who heard it above the rumble of the twin engines. He would be stifling any sign of his heart pounding out of his wool lined leather jacket. Too much depended on the Navigator for anybody's liking, but they shrugged it off with gallows humour, as you could spare a POM Navigator or two, but losing the pilot with the stick would be interesting. In the pre-flight banter the crew would have called the pilot a stick monkey, and he would have countered by calling them talking ballast, or worse. Humour got you through on a bomber crew.

Ernest Clayton had been squinting over his chart, compass, and stop watch since they'd left RAF Westcott with bellies full of nerve jangling butterflies and milky tea. Night flights with an instructor were always tense, there was no room for error with Slough and all its flak guns and balloons on the route. There is was no such thing as a friendly barrage balloon, a deadly hazard to both sides.

The wireless operator and gunner, Jack O'Callaghan, sat just behind with his back against the light aluminium airframe. He shared his space with other gunners he'd passed out with at gunnery school and they were good shots. Some gunners couldn't hit a barn door, but not these blokes, they were good. Clive and Victor were ever watchful, scanning for night fighters, their infamously patient predators. Uxbridge had reported four suspects at lower level, Angels 4, when they were a good fifteen thousand feet above that.

All quiet on the radio, maintaining silence while the focus of the exercise was on that vital link between Ernest and the training pilot Arthur. Tom, the instructor, would save longer comment for de-brief, and interjected just occasionally. Arthur had mastered the characteristics of his aircraft quicker than most. No Wellington handled the same as another, they all had their ways. He was shortly to name her after his wilful girlfriend. The superstitious only named a bomber for the first mission. All crews had seen enough to be superstitious.

Bitterly cold at this height, masks icing up from their inevitable nervous breath. Let's hurry along shall we Arthur...Home for breakfast and taking Christmas decorations down.

Suddenly, the terror of cable tearing the aircraft apart. She had snagged a barrage balloon and took it with her, ending their existence in a ghastly aerial twist of death. From high altitude over Slough, the bomber careered into a dive, all crew either stricken already from the impact, or scrambling to make good a desperate escape from any hole, and there were many new holes. It spun and blazed and all crews feared fire most of all, though most on this flight were beyond fear. It has long been the opinion of villagers that the bomber veered to get clear of the village, so somebody up front was still alive and struggling on the stick.



Commemorative window in St John's church, Farnham Common

Clive, the gunner, was near the door and managed, using his strength and luck to get clear. To his horror as his canopy opened he could not see any other parachutes, only the hideous blaze below. Brockhurst Wood seemed to be on fire.

Archie Dunkin, of Farnham Royal Fire Brigade, was shaken awake and stumbled out to the call with adrenalin pumping. His crew headed into the woods down the old path and beat their way through the vegetation which clawed at them in the darkness. Everywhere, the smell of fuel and the constant fear that the bomber was primed with a load. He could scarcely make out it was a Wellington at all, such was the catastrophic scene and he pressed on to try to save life if he could.

Flt Sergeant Clive Escourt gazed, grief stricken for his companions, as he floated down into the trees. All airmen had a knife in their kit and he managed to cut his way clear of the chute and reach the frozen ground. The sole survivor, no words from Archie could console him. He would only hear the mess table banter and gentle international rivalry on wakeful nights.

Their lives had ended in our Brockhurst Woods.

We remember Wellington IC Z8793, Unit 11 OTU of RAF Westcott. 4 January 1944.

Pilot Instructor Warrant Officer Thomas Keith RNZAF (26)

Pilot Flt Sgt Arthur Coulter RNZAF (23)

Nav Flt Sgt Ernest Clayton RAFVR (23)

Flt Sgt Jack O'Callaghan RNZAF (21)

Flt Sgt Victor Payne RAFVR (19)

Flt Sgt Clive Escout RNZAF survived.

And we remember the 1,323 Wellingtons lost in action.

Bright Ideas To Keep Your Home Safe In The Dark Evenings

To avoid becoming a victim of burglary, Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council's Joint Community Safety team is encouraging householders to take some simple steps to protect their home:

- · Use a timer switch to turn on lights and a radio to give the impression someone is home
- Keep valuables, and other electronic equipment such as iPads out of sight
- Security mark valuables with a UV pen and register them with www.immobilise.com
- Double lock UPVC doors or use dead locks on solid doors. Keep all spare keys, including car keys, away from the front door out of sight to avoid them being 'fished' through the letter box
- · Keep windows locked with the key and keep it out of sight
- · Don't leave packaging of expensive items purchased on view as an advertisement to thieves
- If you intend to go away over the holiday period, ask a neighbour to park on your drive to make your home look occupied and do the same for others.

Neighbourhood Police Officers will be patrolling in residential areas and, if they believe a property is at risk of being burgled, they will pop a 'Here's a bright idea' card through the door along with contact details for further crime prevention advice.

Residents can follow their local police and pick up security advice from Twitter at: @TVP_ ChiltSBucks For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert .

You can also contact Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council's Joint Community Safety team on 01494 586535 and for further crime reduction advice you can visit: https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/ www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimereduction or www.southbucks.gov.uk/crimereduction or follow us on Twitter @csafetycdcsbdc





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JAWS



As the November winter nights got longer and the daylight hours shorter we prepared for our AGM, held again at Wexham Park Golf Club. Now this may sound a little boring and stuffy but it was actually a lively and enjoyable meeting. Members of the committee were sworn in for another year and accounts were approved. Reports on club activities: running, cycling, walking and golf, were presented to the large membership of over seventy people who attended before going in for the Dinner Dance.

After the presentation of Cups winners of various events from last year, evenina the went on to be enjoyed with quiz games and dancing into the night! Park, to run or walk to the Copper Horse Statue and back. The aim is for the runner who reaches the Horse first, to wave to the next person following to turn back. They in turn do the same to the next person and so on, in this way everyone gets back to the start at approximately the same time. This year a new club record was made as Guy Bilgorri finished the 5 mile run in 35mins.

2017 was a busy year for JAWS members

and this vear looks the same. An away trip to Dublin is planned for April. This 10K race will take place in the beautiful surroundings of the citv's Phoenix Park. This is Europe's

largest urban park of



On the starting blocks, Windsor Castle.

In December a few of our members finished off 2017 with a half marathon in Bedford, a course known to be particularly bleak at that time of year. This year proved slightly kinder with Elaine McLellan completing the 13.1 miles in 1hr. 52mins, coming second in her age category.

Boxing Day and club members and their families met at the Windsor Castle Gate, at the start of the Long Walk in Windsor Great

1750 acres and is currently being lobbied to become a UNESCO World Heritage site. Some JAWS members will compete whilst others will support the runners, and we will all enjoy a weekend exploring the city. Other activities on this year's list include: the Beaconsfield 5 miler; the Burnham Half and 10k, the Burnham Rotary Club 10k and 5k; a cycling trip to France, also a walking weekend in Cheshire. As the year progresses more events, social and sporting, will be added to the programme.

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Hedgerley Historical Society

We start our Spring programme on the 21st March when we welcome back Hilary Bradt MBE to present The Harry Kirby Memorial Lecture (in memory of our founder Harry Kirby) on North Korea. North Korea is a country full of surprises with expectations overturned on a daily basis. Hilary Bradt enjoyed an 18-day 'pioneering' trip to the DPRK in 2016, travelling to all parts of the country, and tells us what it is like to visit the 'world's most secretive nation' where even the boredom is interesting. Hilary is the founder of Bradt Travel Guides which published the first ever guide to North Korea in 2003.

On Wednesday 18th April 2018 we also welcome back popular local history author and speaker Julian Hunt to present Buckinghamshire Diarists. The talk will feature the well-known Journal of Samuel Luke, Parliamentary Governor of Newport Pagnell during the Civil War. Also from the north of the county are the Bletchley Diary of



Hillary Brandt on Mount Paekdu

the Rev William Cole, 1765-67, and the Diaries of Betsy Wynne, later wife of Thomas Fremantle of Swanbourne, 1789-1820. From South Bucks we will have the diaries of Mrs Caroline Lybbe Powys and the Justicing diaries of Sir Roger Hill of Denham, 1689-1705, and Edmund Waller of Hall Barn, 1773-88. Julian Hunt was appointed Buckinghamshire's first local studies librarian in 1988.

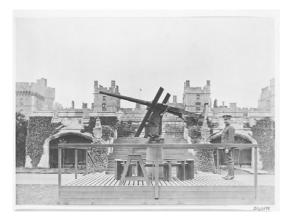


North Korea Pyongyang

We will have a Historic Walk around Hurley and lunch at Ye Olde Bell on Saturday 21st April 2018 at 10am. Our guide will be Peter Fieldhouse who read history at Oxford and has lived in this Berkshire Thames riverside village for 42 years. Peter is a former Chairman of Hurley History and Preservation Society. Peter is the author of two local history books - a Short Guide and the History of Hurley that will be available to purchase on the day. We will learn about The Priory, the grand houses, origins of the Glorious Revolution 1689, 18th c Pound locks, Freebodys boatyard, the Manor House, the saxon church before ending our walk at the Olde Bell originally a monks hostelry where we can enjoy modern hospitality.



Digging trenches in Windsor Great Park



Gun at Windsor Castle



Tank in Windsor Great Park

28th April 2018 (Saturday) 10am Guided Tour of the Battle of Britain Bunker and Visitor Centre Uxbridge

It was here that most of the RAF's defence of Britain's skies was coordinated during the Battle of Britain and today it looks exactly as it did on the 15th September 1940, the most decisive day of the Battle. A new visitor opened on the 24th February 2018 and there will be an opportunity to see the new exhibition either before or after the one hour tour.

12th May (Saturday) 10-4 Study Day -Buckinghamshire in 1939 with Julian Hunt. The 1939 Register was an emergency census conducted just as the war started in September 1939. The Register reveals a much greater readiness for war than you might expect, with one man employed as a "gas mask maker" and others having secondary occupations such as "A.R.P. Warden" or "In charge of evacuees". It was used to facilitate conscription, to allot war work and to issue identity cards. It was kept up to date throughout the war. During the course of the day Julian Hunt will explore Hedgerley and the surrounding district in 1939 and see just how ready a local community was for the Second World War.

Continuing our series of talks to mark the centenary of the First World War we will learn about Windsor during WW1 on Wednesday 16th May with Dr Brigitte Mitchell. Dr Mitchell's talk will take us through WW1 as experienced by the people of Windsor starting with the regiments leaving the town in 1914, and the rush to enlist. How did Windsor cope with the Defence of the Realm Act, threats of Zeppelin attacks and digging of trenches in Windsor Great Park to prepare the troops for the reality of trench warfare. The talk will also cover the flu epidemic. war memorials and the tank on Bachelor's Acre. Dr Mitchell has a PhD in military history and has written a number of books including local history.



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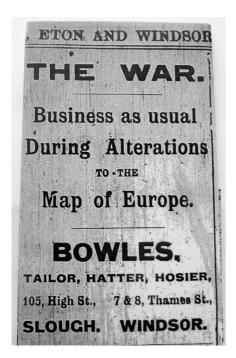


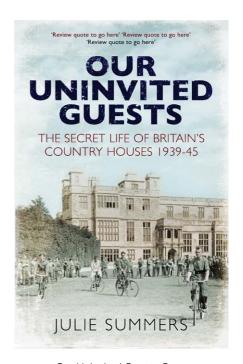
We finish our Spring programme on Saturday 19th May 8pm when **Julie Summers** presents Our Uninvited Guests

In this talk, Julie Summers offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in some of Britain's greatest country houses that were occupied by people who would never otherwise have set foot in such opulent surroundings. Blenheim Palace was occupied by schoolboys who slept in the Long Library; Polish special agents trained in the grounds of Audley End House and learned to forge and lie their way into occupied Europe in the old nursery. Brocket Hall, former home of Queen Victoria's favourite Lord Melbourne, was used as a maternity home for women from the east end of London and the Rothschild's magnificent French chateau-inspired Waddesdon Manor housed a hundred children under five. Julie Summers is the author of twelve works of non-fiction, including the best-selling book Jambusters which inspired the ITV drama series Home Fires. Julie's latest book, Our Uninvited Guests: The Secret Lives of Britain's Country Houses 1939 – 45 will be published in March 2018.

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Our Uninvited Guests Cover

Mark Nelson

Have you spotted a new addition to the Ministry team at the United Benefice of Farnham Royal with Farnham Common and Hedgerley? **Mark Nelson** tells us his story.

Mark Nelson is currently training part time to become an Anglican Priest whilst working as Head Gardener of Dorneywood Garden and House.

In November Mark gave us a talk about his life and path towards ordination. We spent a fascinating evening, hearing about his upbringing in Scotland and how he came to love nature on the shores of Loch Lomond. His restless spirit led him to Art College and subsequently to working as a music engineer in London. After five years of doing this he took off to live and work in Australia where his love of nature was re-ignited. Coming back to the UK he decided to study at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh and subsequently used his skills to continue travelling around the world as a horticulturalist.

Taking off again Mark went to work for the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia USA, and then, in a bid to avoid coming home and settling down, he went to volunteer in Nepal, helping to set up a medicinal herb nursery on the lower slopes of Mount Everest. He also taught methods of plant propagation to local doctors so they could re-forest the mountain slopes and help prevent soil erosion. Eventually he came back to the UK and worked as a Head Gardner for the National Trust before coming to Dorneywood where he has been for the last six years.

What Mark found most interesting, however, was not what had been but what was still to come....

Responding to a 'niggle' inside him that God was expecting something bigger from him, Mark approached the Church about becoming a priest. Fully expecting to get a polite 'No, thank you' - he does not sound a bit like Derek Nimmo - he now finds himself 18 months away from being ordained as a deacon.

Mark says he is thoroughly enjoying his time helping out at the three churches in our United Benefice: each one as special as it is unique.

Just like a seed, he is finally discovering what he can be.



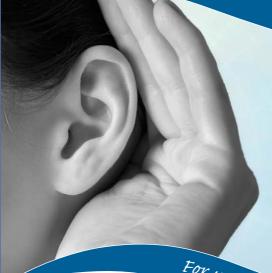
Mark Nelson (3rd from I.) with friends from the United Benefice

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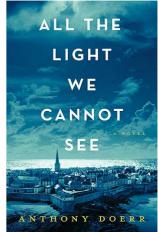
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Book Review

Barbara Richards reviews "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, a New York Times Book Review Top Ten Book, National Book Award finalist, more than two and a half years on the New York Times bestseller list. It could put you off, couldn't it, but this book was the first fiction the book club members unanimously agreed was worthy of its accolades. It is such a page-turner, entirely absorbing: one of those books which (small) faults one forgives because it is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (Los Angeles Times).

Two parallel stories of a blind French girl, Marie-Laure and a German boy, Werner, whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. As a young girl, Marie-Laure learns to navigate the Paris streets helped by her father's ingenious models of the city. And through his job as locksmith at the Museum of Natural History



she discovers the natural wonders of snails, molluscs, the creatures of earth and sky, and the properties of gemstones.

In a mining town in Germany, Werner, an orphan, grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio that brings them news and stories from places they have never seen or imagined. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments but through this comes to the notice of the Nazis for his astonishing skill. After his relocation to an elite school aimed at providing skills for the Reich, Werner proves his worth and survives, even though the school is shockingly brutal; a place which challenges us to think of how ordinary German people could have done what they did.

When the Nazis arrive in Paris and begin to investigate the museum, they demand the keys from Marie's father to loot its treasures. Entrusted with the Museum's most valuable gem "The Sea of Flame", he flees to his uncle's house in Saint-Malo and makes Marie-Laure another guiding model.

Months go by. Werner moves closer to the front as the Germans favour experts who can pick up radio transmissions from the allies. Life in Saint-Malo becomes increasingly difficult as the Germans take full control. Marie-Laure's father is investigated and taken away, ending up in a German camp. Marie-Laure, virtually all alone with her eccentric great uncle now, joins the resistance. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, you will be entranced with the story Doerr is telling as he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

Library Update

The future for community libraries, write **Maria Hall**, while positive, is by no means guaranteed.

Since 2010 hundreds of local libraries have been handed over from councils to be run by the local community, and one estimate is that 500 of the UK's 3,850 libraries are now being run by local volunteers.

During this time we have expanded the

library operations, raised funds, secured a fantastic group of volunteers. and developed a wide programme of events and activities. However there are several challenges ahead that we must deal with

First, book issues. Books are the heart and soul of any library but issues are falling both nationally and locally, with the exception of children's books. While many people now prefer reading on their tablet or Kindle, there is nothing like a physical book to enhance the reading

experience. And when browsing, you'll often come across a title that you wouldn't normally have looked at and discover a new author or genre. So please do come in, browse and take out some books – after all, you can take out up to 20 titles, you have three weeks to read them and can always renew them online.

Second, our finances. Since 2012 we have had two 'tenants', providing us with a modest income. One of these. Thames Valley Police.

has now closed its office and the other, the Children's Centre run by Bucks CC Children's Services, is the subject of a review which may well lead support over the coming year.

to its closure in Farnham Common. While we operate in partnership with Bucks CC and they continue to provide us with support, realistically this is likely to continue to decline. To offset these future funding shortfalls, we are exploring further sources of financial support. The good news is that we have recently secured from a corporate sponsor and hope to add more Finally, our volunteers. We

have a great team of volunteers but, as a result of the popularity of our children's activities, we need to create an additional group of helpers, which includes setting up and clearing away for the holiday projects.





On the positive side, our social and community events continue to be extremely well-supported, providing great experiences for participants as well as generating funding for the library. We have a thriving Book Group and Lunch Group who meet regularly, we put on coffee mornings to support other charities, and we provide opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. In addition, our children's arts and crafts activities held during the school holidays are always really popular and we provide a valuable resource for local schools.

Our events programme is one of our crowning glories and 2018 is another year filled with new and exciting places to visit, as well as some old favourites revisited following many requests. Here are just some of the events in store.

On 22nd March we have another visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, with an optional package including a trip up the 170m high Spinnaker Tower, a Harbour Cruise and a visit to the newly updated Mary Rose Museum. When we last visited the Mary Rose Museum in 2014, it was still being renovated and was behind a glass panel. Now it is finished and the panel has been removed, showing the ship in all its former glory.

We then have a visit planned to the Tulip Festival at Arundel Castle. During April and May Arundel is the place for tulip enthusiasts, as featured in "The English Garden" magazine. Over 32,000 tulips will be blooming in the Castle's stunning gardens providing visitors with one of the most impressive tulip displays in the country.

This is followed by a new trip to the British Legion Poppy Factory in Richmond, Surrey. Enjoy a fascinating presentation and introductory film about the factory and its history and then visit an area of the production floor itself, giving the opportunity to see where remembrance poppies and wreaths are made.

By popular demand, we have a return visit to the Brick Lane Music Hall in November. As the only permanent home for music hall, this event promises great entertainment with a scrumptious afternoon tea. Then on 22nd-23rd November we will return to the fabulous Thursford Christmas Spectacular, which always proves to be an amazing experience to remember.

So if you haven't popped into your library yet in 2018, why not do so next time you're in the village? You never know what you might discover and you'll be helping to protect this valuable resource for the next generation and beyond.







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From the Archives

In our look through old parish magazines, writes **Elisabeth Mills**, we have reached January, 1951 and there is a new entry, 'Belfry Corner', written by David Pearce:

It has long been an ambition of mine to see a 'Belfry Corner' in our magazine, and I hope that this article will be the first of a regular series.

For those of you who hear the bells calling the people to church, and take it for granted that the bells must be rung by a band of cranks, let me take you behind the scenes and try to explain the hard work that is put in.

In order to produce those joyful changes that most people associate with weddings and other joyful occasions, a band of ringers needs two most important things - (1) a really experienced ringer and tutor, which St. Mary's is lucky enough to have in Mr. Henley, and (2) an enthusiastic band of people who will give most of their spare time to practise the fascinating are of campanology.

In January, 1949, St. Mary's had the beginnings of a really first class band of ringers capable of ringing perfectly, but fate stepped in, under the cloak of conscription. Three of the oldest members of the band were called up. I myself managed to escape the clutches of the extra six months' service, but Tony Birch and Bill Eastwell are still "suffering". Tony is stationed in Manchester and Bill at Bicester, and we usually see him every other week-end.

During last summer enthusiasm waned, and only with difficulty were the bells rung for Sunday Service. However, in October five learners were started. They are Colin Gray, Gordon Gurney, Bob Ingram, Bob Wardel and "Paddy" Johnson, our Jack-of-all-trades verger.

In quite a few towers in this country the ringers are usually heard but very rarely seen, and it is with some gratification that the ringers of St. Mary's are seen as well as heard, as those who are familiar with the names of the choirboys will know.

To those people who dislike the sound of bells crashing together I tender my sincere sympathy, but please bear with us. One day, after the lot of practice and experience we need, we will be able to produce the glorious ringing that England is justly famous for.

Elisabeth comments: The ringers actually did rather well and we'll hear more of them later. I note that the monthly magazine cost 2d. but cannot translate that into to-day's currency, though I rather wanted to!

Hedgerley Mothers' Union



Hedgerley Mothers' Union welcomed a quartet of singers to our Christmas gathering, and enjoyed singing along, which was a good start to Christmas festivities. We made Christingles for the Christingle Service, which took place during the Carol Service – again a lovely warm service welcomed by the "illuminated angels" in the St Mary's churchyard.

We started 2018 with a tea and chat afternoon, followed by our AGM and "Let's get moving" exercises in February; Mr Robert Harrap, General Director of SGI-UK was our speaker in March.

Our forthcoming programme includes a talk by The Revd Gordon Briggs in April, an outing to Langley Park in May, a visit from our Diocesan team to talk about Mary Sumner (our founder) in June and on Tuesday 10th April we are hosting a meeting for members from other branches in the Diocese in Hedgerley Memorial Hall from 10am-3pm.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for future meetings in The Youth Club Building (opposite the shops) on the first Tuesday in the month from 2-4pm. Lifts can be arranged, just ring Mary on 01753 646926 for further details.

Hedgerley Women's Institute

Members and friends enjoyed our W.I. Christmas party, writes **Betty Newcombe**, with musical entertainment followed by Christmas tea
and Secret Santa treats.



Our President Jenny Harper-Jones and Committee Members were re-elected at our November AGM. Our new programme for 2018 promises a very interesting variety of monthly speakers.

Our first event of the year, in February, was our 7th annual Pancakes and Coffee morning – a huge success as usual! Speakers' subjects for the months of March and April "What makes a Virgin extra Virgin" (presumably for Olive lovers) and "Importance of Musical Education". In the May meeting we select and discuss important resolutions on current issues. Each year the National Federation of W.I.s campaigns to lobby the Government on a matter of great concern, and this year's resolutions include modern slavery in the UK, and mental health issues.

Our Bucks Federation Trustees have been busy putting together a programme of events for the coming months, including a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum to explore the Romantic Age of Ocean Travel; also a science based "Investigation and Discovery Day" in Aylesbury.

Denman College, our residential training centre set in beautiful gardens, continues to provide a huge variety of courses and workshops. For a few days we can enjoy comfortable surroundings, delicious home cooked meals and an opportunity to expand our skills and knowledge.

Members' very cleverly handmade craft items were a great success at the big Christmas Fayre event in Aylesbury. And at Stuart Lodge the Craft and Chat Group continues to be very popular and well supported. After creating prettily decorated candles, our next project is to improve the presentation of our Scrap Books, which are very important for W.I. records. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month.

We aim to offer something for everyone at our meetings, and a warm welcome awaits. We meet in the Hedgerley Memorial Hall each third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm



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We were determined to beat last year's Annual Poppy Appeal, writes

Naomi Arnold, Chairman of RBL Farnham Common Branch, and we did it!

Thanks to the wonderful support from villagers and local businesses in the Farnhams, East Burnham, Hedgerley, Stoke Poges and Wexham, and with the unstinting help from our wonderful Poppy People who collect for us, we have indeed been able to beat last year's figure of £26,000, although the total figure has still be finalised. We topped £9,000 from the Beaconsfield Motorway Service Area alone.

Many villagers and local businesses take one of our year round Poppy Boxes – ideal for loose change or as a 'swear box'! If you would like one we can drop one off to you, and this will help swell still further the annual Poppy Appeal.

You would be very welcome at our sociable Buffet Lunch at The Victoria Farnham Common on Saturday 12th May – always a most convivial event. Just let me know. Naomi Arnold, tel: 01753 663305. Email: naomi.arnold33@gmail.com.



Scrambled Eggs with a Twist!

Sanita Sharma shares another delicious recipe.

This is the one recipe I love to cook on a lazy Sunday morning. Once everyone is up and I've had my first cup of coffee, I don't even ask if the family fancy my Indian scrambled eggs....it's always a hit! Very simple and quick to make and tastes lovely on toast or pitta bread. It really is delicious.





Method

- Beat together the eggs in a bowl and leave aside.
- 2. On a medium heat add oil to a frying pan
- 3. Add the chopped onion, jeera seeds, green chillies, salt, garam masala and stir until the onions are transparent. This shouldn't take anyone than 5 minutes.
- Add garlic, turmeric and tomatoes and stir on a low to medium heat until tomatoes are soft and mushy.
- 5. Add the beaten eggs and begin to stir through until they are scrambled.
- 6. Finally add the chopped coriander.
- 7. Serve with toast or pitta bread.



Southmead Surgery

A time of change, writes Sue Hazell, Practice Manager at Southmead.

We have now said goodbye to Dr Titheridge and wished her health and happiness in her retirement. We have employed a second Pharmacist, Natasha Mistry, who will be available to help you with medication queries, treat minor illness and carry out review and follow up appointments for certain conditions. We also welcome aboard Mike Fisher. Mike is a Paramedic who has worked for the ambulance service for many years. He now runs minor illness clinics every day, undertakes home visits and other duties. Using non-GP health professionals is a new way of working during the current recruitment crisis and is a way of freeing up the GPs' time to concentrate on the more complex patients. We hope you will support us in making this a success by seeing the most appropriate member of the team as directed by the receptionists, who are trained in medical triage. As always, we welcome any feedback you may have.

As the holiday season approaches again, if you are travelling abroad, please make sure you fill out a travel questionnaire in plenty of time. Most vaccines need to be given at least six weeks prior to travel and some are part of a course.

Jane Quince is our Carers Champion. If you are a carer or are cared for and need help with anything then please make an appointment to see Jane at the surgery.

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Finally, we would like to thank Mr Stuart Collie who has worked tirelessly on the PPG and has now left to spend more time with his family.



S.A.F.E.

Michelle Bewley describes what a sterling job S.A.F.E does every day for local distressed ponies urgently in need of veterinary care and safety.

I'm sure you remember the illegal encampments we endured last year in Blackpond Lane, Farnham Royal and Greys Field, Stoke Poges. Many of us are tolerant and respectful to all ethnicities. However trouble was not far away in the fact that they would not move on when asked, the anti-social behaviour and the sheer amount of human waste and piles of rubbish they left behind.

Abandoned amongst the rubbish was a sick pony, and after a lot of coaxing and wiles we managed to secure her water and safety together with a local lady who decided to rehome her. Shortly after this we were contacted by an authority claiming another pony was cruelly discarded with visible life-threatening disease. This was when S.A.F.E (Saving Abandoned Fly grazing Equines) stepped in. They moved mountains to pay for their vet to see her, locate a quarantine trailer and secured a place in the Royal Veterinary Collage Horse Hospital. Once settled into her hospital ward another horse charity took the opportunity to foster her, treat her, and eventually introduce her infection-free into her own herd – what a result!



Michelle dressed as an elf livens up the Broadway in Farnham Common

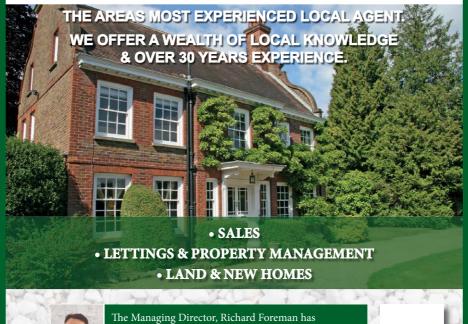
The excitement of overseeing this remarkable transformation was blighted by the very sad news that the Blackpond Lane pony (Wiggles) was sick, and had to be put down (it still brings tears to my eyes). We posted a Just Giving page which raised money to cover our pony's vets fees and transport, but somehow I felt this wasn't enough, so my friend, Mum and I put on an event on 23rd December and raised £250 for S.A.F.E. This will go some way to help ease the suffering of other abandoned suffering horses. Thank you Mukund at the Post Office for your encouragement, Farnham Fisheries for their hospitality, the Handyman for loaning out his inflatable, Mahi and Francis for her amazing photos and, last but never least, YOU the Farnhams people. Your friendship and compassion make Farnham Common the wonderful village that it is today.



Michelle hands over the cheque

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The Safe Place Scheme - Still Helping People in 2018

The Safe Place Scheme was launched in Buckinghamshire in 2012, and has built a network of suitable venues, such as local shops and restaurants, where someone can go for help and assistance, providing reassurance to vulnerable people and their carers, or people who find themselves in challenging situations.

What is the Safe Place scheme?

The scheme helps vulnerable people deal with any incident that takes place when they are about in the community e.g. harassment or bullying. Above all, the scheme aims to help vulnerable people lead independent lives and feel safe whilst out in Bucks.

How does the scheme work?

This sticker in the window of a business identifies the premises as a safe place.

A vulnerable person may carry a Safe Place contact card that they can show to a business; however you do not have to have a card to seek assistance from those businesses supporting the scheme

What will businesses be expected to do?

If a vulnerable person seeks help, members of staff would be expected to make a phone call if necessary, provide a temporary safe haven for vulnerable people and also to reassure them and keep them safe until help and support arrives.

Who will use the scheme?

A number of agencies working in the local area will identify vulnerable people who could benefit from the scheme; someone with a physical or learning disability, an illness or severe medical condition or the elderly, although anyone can seek help if they are feeling vulnerable at that point in time.

How can I get involved?

If you own or manage a business and would like to become a 'Safe Place', or if you know of someone who would benefit from the scheme, please contact the Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team on 01494 586535 or email communitysafety@chiltern. gov.uk.

Anyone who would like a card to carry around giving their emergency contact details can contact the Community Safety team on 01494 586535 or email on communitysafety@chiltern.gov.uk

There's more information about the Safe Place scheme at:

www.chiltern.gov.uk/safeplacescheme and www.southbucks.gov.uk/safeplacescheme

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New Tinnitus Support Group In Farnham Common

Help in Hearing's Practice Manager **Gilly Wright** is setting up a new support group for local people with tinnitus in Farnham Common and Marlow.

It is estimated that tinnitus effects 250 million people worldwide and over 6 million in the UK. If you are suffering from tinnitus you are not alone. All too often people are told there is nothing one can do about the condition but this is not the case.

Gilly Wright says: "I am passionate about helping people with tinnitus and hearing problems. I am a tinnitus sufferer with Meniere's Disease. Support Groups can play such a fantastic role as you can feel so isolated. Sometimes friends and families aren't able to understand how bad it can be. The plan is to initially hold evening meetings but I would be happy to consider Saturday mornings as an option if the interest is there. The venue will also alternate between Farnham Common and Marlow depending on demand."

Help in Hearing offer full tinnitus assessments and a structured tinnitus counselling programme. Says audiologist Selma Becker: "We use various techniques and devices to help sufferers manage and live with tinnitus including sound therapy and masking or aids which not only enhance hearing but offer sound relaxation"

Tinnitus can be a ringing, buzzing, hissing or roaring sound, and may be temporary or permanent. This noise in your ears or inside your head is unique to you. An estimated 80% of people who suffer from tinnitus also experience some degree of hearing loss, though they may be unaware of it. However, even though tinnitus often goes hand-in-hand with hearing loss, it is a symptom that can be caused by many things, and even begin for no apparent reason. To find out more, call Gilly's Support Group call on 0345 222 0579.





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Saturday 28 April 2018 at 7.30pm at St Bernard's, Langley

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Stoke Poges Singers

The next concert of this local choir will feature two choral favourites - Antonio Vivaldi's ebullient and life affirming Gloria, RV 589 and Gabriel Faure's beautiful and consoling Requiem, op.48. This Spring 2018 concert is at 7.30pm, March 17th in St John's Church, Farnham, and will be in support of the charity School Aid, based in Hedgerley. On-line booking at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stoke-pogessingers.

Rehearsals for the Summer 2018 concert will start on Thursday 5th April, and we welcome anyone who would like to add their voice to ours! This concert will be held in St Andrews Church Hall, Stoke Poges on June 30th. The theme is "Best of British" with a selection of works from the pantheon of great British composers. For more information, or if you would like to join and sing with us please visit our web site: www.stoke-poges-singers.org.uk

The next concert by **Voci Chamber Choir** will be a programme of French music on Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm, at St Stephen's Church, Windsor. Tickets available from the Box office: 07546 910321 or website www.vocichamberchoir.co.uk. The summer concert will be on Saturday 7th July, details available nearer the time from the website.

The Royal Free Singers are performing the Missa Festiva by Flor Peeters, and the Requiem by Duruflé, on Saturday 24th March in Windsor Parish Church. Telephone 07434 626045 or online booking: www.rfs.royal-windsor.com. The Royal Free Singer Summer Concert will be on Saturday 23rd June

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Baptism of Toby Chapman at St Mary Hedgerley on 8th October



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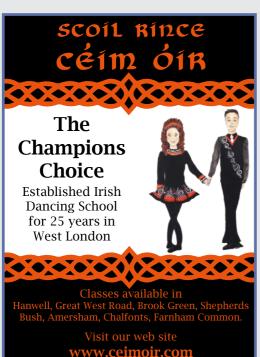
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Spring into action — Shed Safety

Tuesday 20th March marks the first day of spring and with the days getting noticeably longer people are keen to get out and about.

As the weather heats up, opportunist thieves will start to look out for open windows, insecure sheds, gardening tools left out and new bikes purchased at Christmas.

If people don't know you have a valuable bike or equipment in your shed, they are unlikely to put much effort into breaking in. Install as many security measures as possible. The harder you can make a thief work, and the longer it takes them to break in, the more likely they are to give up.

The Chiltern and South Bucks Community Safety Partnership are keen to help residents protect their property and offer these simple tips:

- If your shed has a window cover it up / obscure the view or blank it out.
- Lock valuable items together to prevent them being removed easily.
- A security light fitted with a movement sensor can also be a deterrent.
- Toughen up the door hinges-choose one with a hinged cover for securing or take out the screws, replace the screws with nuts and bolts or security screws.
- · Use a good quality padlock or mortice lock on the door of your shed.
- Consider using Bike Register www.bikeregister.com which is the UK's leading online bicycle identification and registration initiative aiming to reduce cycle theft and used by every UK Police Force.
- Register your valuables at www.immobilise.com including photos and serial numbers and distinguishing features. Should your items get stolen, they may be identified by this information and returned to you if recovered.

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Parish Council Meetings are open to the public and press. Public comment may be made, at the invitation of the Chairman, during the first 15 minutes of the meeting. Letters concerning parish matters should be sent to the Parish Clerk who will bring them to the attention of the Councillors. Residents who have matters to bring to the Council's attention are advised that it is more effective to attend meetings in person.

Next Meetings - (all starting at 7.30pm)

March 5	Annual Parish Meeting, FR Village Hall
March 26	Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall
April 23	Full Council, Farnham Royal Village Hall
May 21	Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall
June 25	(6.30pm) Finance Committee, F R Village Hall
June 25	Full Council, Farnham Royal Village Hall
July 30	Full Council, Farnham Common Village Hall





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St Mary Farnham Royal

11:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays)

11:00 am Family Praise (2nd Sunday)

Baptisms on 4th Sunday of the month

St John Farnham Common

08:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

09:30 am Holy Communion (Every Sunday)

Baptists on 1st Sunday of the month

St Mary Hedgerley

08:00 am Holy Communion (2nd, 4th Sundays)
11:00 am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
11:00 am Church Family Worship (2nd Sunday)

11:00 am Family Praise (4th Sunday)

Baptisms on 1st Sunday of the month

St Mary's Hedgehogs Toddler Group - Thursday in term time 10:00 am at Scout HQ

The pattern will vary slightly depending on circumstances and patronal festivals. For further information, please contact Rev Graham Saunders on 01753 643233. To receive a weekly email bulletin (E-pistle) of our services and activities, email Graham revghs@gmail.com.

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11.00am Family Praise St Mary, Hedgerley

TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK 27th March

8.00pm Holy Communion St Mary, Farnham Royal

'Healing Service'

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK 28th March

10.00am Holy Communion St John, Farnham Common

6.00pm Seder Eucharist (for all ages) Brian Jubb Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th March

8.00pm Holy Communion St Mary, Hedgerley

with foot washing - followed by 'Watch' until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March

11.30am 'Devotions on the Green' Farnham Common Green

12.00pm United Service (all welcome) St. John, Farnham Common

(with Hot Cross Buns, afterwards in Brian Jubb Hall)

2.00pm 'Last Hour Devotions' St Mary, Farnham Royal

6.30pm 'Choral Devotional Service' St. John, Farnham Common

EASTER DAY 1st April

6.00am Dawn Service St John, Farnham Common

Followed by breakfast in Brian Jubb Hall

(No 8am Service)

9.30am Family Communion St John, Farnham Common

11.00am Family Communion St Mary, Farnham Royal

11.00am Family Communion St Mary, Hedgerley

(with Easter Egg hunt in Churchyard)