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Heritage Open Days

Friday 6th to Sunday 15th September 2024



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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN FARNHAM 2024

Welcome

By Richard Hunt, Chairman, The Farnham Society

Thank you for taking an interest in this year's programme of visits, talks and walks. HODs is the key event in the society's year and we are delighted to take part in what has grown to be an extensive national programme and to play our part in showcasing many aspects of our local heritage. We are privileged to live in a place that has so much history and built heritage to celebrate and pleased to do what we can to bring this to life for as wide a local audience as possible.

We are also delighted once again to work in partnership with Farnham Town Council and I thank them for their support. Finally, my sincere thanks to our HODs team who give so much time to organising this programme and without their terrific commitment it just wouldn't happen. Thank you.

Routes, Networks and Connections

How people and ideas have moved and come together throughout history

The National Trust's theme for Heritage Open Days 2024

People have been travelling along routes around this country for thousands of years, forming connections between settlements and communities. Farnham occupies an important position on the route from Winchester to London. In times when journeys took days rather than hours, travellers required accommodation along the way. The Bush Hotel has welcomed travellers since medieval times and continues to function as a hotel today. A former inn, the Lion and Lamb, has been transformed into a highly successful and picturesque pedestrian shopping courtyard.

We have international connections going back centuries. Waverley Abbey, dating from the 12th century, is part of a network of Cistercian monasteries, and was the first to be founded in England. It was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1535 and much of the stonework was sold to be used in local grand houses such as Loseley House near Guildford but the atmospheric ruins remain and can be visited.

But not all routes are long. Farnham town centre is criss-crossed by footpaths and small alleyways, connecting hidden courtyards.

In this year's programme there will be talks by specialists on a variety of subjects, and walks led by expert guides. Many of the town's historic buildings will welcome visitors.

For ten fascinating days in September, Farnham will open up the routes through which you can trace our long heritage. And don't forget, entry to everything is free!



PROPERTIES OPEN

Advance booking is essential for some of the properties

To book please visit the Farnham Society's website:
farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Booking opens Wednesday 28th August at 8am

WINDSOR ALMSHOUSES, 53-56 Castle Street, GU9 7LN Map 16

Welcoming HODs visitors on Sat 7th
 Sept between 10am and 4pm.
 No need to book.

(There is a photo of the Almshouses on the brochure cover)

Garden to Almshouses, visit and enjoy the communal courtyard garden of these much admired Grade II* listed historic almshouses in the heart of Farnham town centre.

The Andrew Windsor Almshouse Charity has provided accommodation for residents of retirement age for over 400 years, and the ten almshouses are all currently occupied.

They were constructed in 1619 for "the habitation and relief of eight poor honest and impotent persons". Andrew Windsor, who was a landed gentleman from a long established family living at Bury Court in Bentley, set up the trust which, despite its ups and downs over the centuries, still manages the almshouses.

Of early brick construction with drip stones and bargeboards, they are little changed. Additional accommodation constructed at the rear during the 1970s houses a further six people while in the 1980s the eight original almshouses were extensively renovated and converted into four roomier dwellings.

SAMPSON'S ALMSHOUSES, West Street, GU9 7AW Map 13

Sat 7th Sept at 10.30am and 1.30pm
 Advance booking essential (max 10 per tour) at
farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

A short talk on the history followed by a chance to view the gardens and buildings from outside.

In 1854, the Sampson family, local brewers, gave five cottages in Mead Lane for use as almshouses, founding the Sampson's Trust. By 1930 the dwellings had fallen into disrepair but the Charity was bequeathed land and local architect Harold Falkner was commissioned to design new cottages.

A terrace of five cottages was built and formally opened in 1934. The accommodation was extended in 1977 with eleven new bungalows.

Access: Entrance driveway on mild incline, all footpaths paved within lawned grounds.

Visitors can only view the exterior of buildings as the Almshouses are occupied.



UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS (UCA), Falkner Road, GU9 7DS. Map 14
Fri 6th Sept, tours at 10am and 2pm.
Advance booking essential (max 12 per tour) at
farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Behind the Scenes at UCA - Explore the inner workings of Farnham's most creative corner by joining us on a tour of the University for the Creative Arts. Guided by your expert and Technical Services Manager Tipu Miah, you'll get an unprecedented look at the many unique facilities UCA students get to enjoy and learn about its incredible history.

The formal study of art in Farnham dates back 170 years to the 1860s when Lieutenant-Colonel John Luard, known as The Scarlet Lancer, founded the first school of art in the town. The school grew in size and importance over succeeding decades to join first with the Guildford art school, then to become the West Surrey School of Art and Design, then the Surrey Institute of Art and Design, then Farnham University for the Creative Arts and finally the University of the Creative Arts. Today UCA has state of the art facilities including a glassblowing hotshop, film studios and stop motion animation spaces.

Access: All areas of the campus are accessible by wheelchair. It is always good for us to know of any additional support needs ahead of the tour so we can best assist

THE BUSH HOTEL, South Street, GU9 7NN. Map 1

Welcoming HODs visitors 10am to 5pm on Fri 6th, Mon 9th to Thu 12th also between 1pm and 5pm on Sun 8th and Sun 15th. No need to book.

It is believed that the Bush existed as an alehouse or inn during the Plantagenet times. Its first official reference is dated 1618. The oak lounge, now nestled in the main building was the original bar. In 1931 the Frescoes were discovered along the side wall of the oak lounge, it is thought they date back to between 1750 and 1850.

On the ceiling of the oak lounge, you will see a painted sundial dating back to 1800's with the words "of that day and hour" painted on it. Indoor sundials are very rare and was likely positioned above the window to catch the rays of the sun reflecting off the old pond which was located in the gardens.

There will be a display of historical information in the foyer.

Access: there are steps in the entrance hall, but there is step free access via the rear of the hotel, through the hotel car park (via Victoria Road).



**NEW ASHGATE GALLERY,
Waggon Yard, Lower Church
Lane, GU9 7PS. Map 10**

**Fri 6th, Sat 7th and Sat 14th Sept
between 10.30am and 5pm.
No need to book.**

Acclaimed British artist Susie Lidstone will be working on a new painting portraying the Georgian architecture of Farnham at the New Ashgate Gallery, located in the 17th century Grade II building in the centre of historic Farnham.

The gallery building, once the site of a pub called The Feathers, was one of the few older buildings to survive the almost wholesale clearance of the area in the 1960s to create the Waggon Yard car park.



**LION AND LAMB HOUSE, 113B
West Street, GU9 7HH. Map 8**

**Open for HODs visitors Fri 6th to Sun
15th Sept during normal opening
hours, Mon to Sat 7am-6pm and Sun
8am-5pm. No need to book.**

Now a Harris + Hoole coffee shop, this 16th century building has a long and chequered history.

In the 16th and 17th centuries it was an inn called The White Hart, which became the Lion and Lamb in the early 18th century and was divided into tenements. The date 1537 is cut on a brick plaque under the archway entrance to Lion and Lamb Yard but the plaque may have come from somewhere else.

By the early 20th century the building was in a very bad condition and was largely reconstructed in 1921 on its original lines. A minstrel's gallery overlooks the yard and there is a magnificent carved oak fire surround in the front room.

Access: Front via West Street and side via the Lion and Lamb Yard

On Fri 13th Sept, there is a talk on the history and the evolution of the design of Lion and Lamb Yard, see page 22 for more details

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JACK & ALICE, 4-5 Town Hall Buildings, The Borough, GU9 7ND. Map 6

Open for HODs visitors Fri 6th to Sun 15th Sept between 9am and 12 noon and between 3pm and 5pm. No need to book.

The restaurant is part of Town Hall Buildings, a range of buildings stretching to the corner of Castle Street, with an arcade along the frontage on The Borough.

Never used as a Town Hall, the current building is the result of a 1930s remodelling of the Gothic styled Victorian Town Hall.

This was the work of Farnham architect Harold Falkner. His ethos was to reflect the Georgian architecture in the surrounding streets, and he was a driving force behind conserving the Georgian character of Farnham. Some of Falkner's drawings of the works will be on display on the first floor.

His redevelopment provided offices above the shops but in the last ten years the upper floors have been converted to residential use.

Access: Ground floor street entrance. The restaurant is split over two floors; access to first floor via stairs (no lift)



GUITAR VILLAGE, 80-82 West Street, GU9 7EN. Map 5

Open for HODs visitors Fri 6th to Sat 14th Sept during normal opening hours, 10am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. No need to book.

Now a Guitar Shop, numbers 80 and 81 are a medieval open hall house with smoke blackened timbers buried under Georgian rafters. Tree ring dating reveals that it is one of Farnham's oldest buildings, built in 1467. It was a 'Wealden' house, a spectacular form of medieval open hall house. The original 15th century building would have been timbered, infilled with wattle and daub, and the present infill of long narrow bricks was probably added in the Tudor period.

Access: Steps into and throughout the property and steep stairs to the first floor



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Upper Church Lane, GU9 7PW. Map 12

**Open for HODs visitors on Sat 7th and Sat 14th Sept, 10am to 1pm.
No need to book.**

The open mornings will include a talk on the life of St Andrew's Church, past, present and future and also an opportunity to look round the building, to see the Vinegar Bible and to have a tour of the Tower and Ringing Room.

Talks will be at 10am and 12 noon and Tower Tours will take place during the morning in groups of no more than ten.

There will be a Pop-Up Café serving tea and coffee from 10am until 12 noon.

The church has a long history – the chancel dates back to the 12th century with some Norman remains.

The east window is nineteenth century, by A.W.N Pugin, but the surrounding original stonework is unchanged.

Extensive works in the 19th century included the raising of the originally small tower to 115 ft, and work in the 2000s by architect Ptolemy Dean featured the setting up of The Pavilions at the west end of the church.

The Church is open every day.



Also on Mon 9th Sept at 1pm and on Wed 11th Sep at 6pm, an open conversation about St Andrew's Church: past, present and future

An open discussion exploring the heritage and history of the church to guide and inform future plans for church activities and use. Please come and join in.

Access: the church is fully accessible apart from the tower which can only be accessed by a steep narrow spiral staircase.

See also two more talks to be held at St Andrew's, no need to book.

Four Hundred Years of Striking Bells with Hammers, Fri 6th Sept at 2pm, see page 20

Jewels of the Tower, Wed 11th Sept at 2pm, see page 22

**FARNHAM POTTERY,
Quennells Hill, GU10 4QJ (off A325 through Wrecclesham).**

**Tours Sat 7th Sept at 2pm,
Sun 8th at 11am and 2pm,
Sat 14th at 2pm
and Sun 15th at 11 am and 2pm.**

Advanced booking essential at www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk

The Pottery is open every day 9am to 4pm, the cafe will be open serving home cooked food.

The Farnham pottery is Grade 2 listed and represents an architecturally important collection of late Victorian industrial buildings that have been expertly preserved. This involved the Farnham Building Preservation Trust (1998-2012) followed by extensive works by the present owners who have made it a thriving 'studio' for over 500 artists and potters.

The weekend tours will last about 45 minutes and will identify how each room in the pottery had a unique purpose in the industrial process when the Harris family operated it over five generations. Original equipment and made items from this time will be on display and access will be provided to the remaining wood-fired kiln that is in a preserved state.

Access: floors are uneven and there are steep stairs. No disabled access to the upper floor. Accessible toilet.



ST MARK'S CHURCH, Alma Lane, Upper Hale, GU9 0LT.

Tours Sat 7th Sept at 11am
and Fri 13th Sept at 11am.

Advance booking essential (max 30 per tour) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Find out more about Historic England listed St. Mark's Church with its unique murals painted by Kitty Milroy.

The Milroy family came to live in Upper Hale in 1902. After training at The Slade School of Art, Kitty started work on the chancel walls in 1911, completing the work in 1920.

The paintings suffered a major catastrophe in the 1940s from water damage and over subsequent years deteriorated further until the position had become critical.

In 2018, Rector Lesley Crawley & Nick Seversway, a local picture restorer, began raising funds for their restoration, leading to a full cleaning and restoration project.

Access: there is a ramp leading up to the church entrance



HONES YARD, Downing Street, GU9 7PH. Map 7

Open for HODs visitors
Sat 7th Sept 10am to 3pm.
No need to book.

Entrance to the right of the Traditional Plaice restaurant

Step away from the bustle and traffic of modern Downing Street into a different world. This is the site of an old farm offering a glimpse back into the important local hop industry which flourished in Farnham from the 16th to the mid- 20th centuries, with a 17th century barn and 19th century hop kiln.

Access: Uneven floor in barn, otherwise unrestricted.



WEST STREET CHAPEL, West Street Cemetery, GU9 8AP. Map 15

Open for HODs visitors

Sun 8th, Mon 9th and Tue 10th Sept from 10am to 3pm.

No need to book.

Special opening of the Chapel which is not normally open to visitors. The little Chapel of Rest is now the workshop of sculptor Ian Bishop who will be present to welcome visitors. Built in the 1870s of the local white clunch or chalk stone, there were originally two chapels, one for Church of England burials, and the other for Nonconformists with a space between the two for the hearse.

The two buildings were amalgamated at a later stage. The chapel was closed in the 1980s when there were few burials, and restored as an artist's studio by Farnham Town Council.

Access: two steps into the building.



THE OLD COTTAGE, 11 Bridge Square, Farnham GU9 7QR. Map 11

NEW THIS YEAR

Sun 8th and Sun 15th Sept, tours at 11am, 12 noon and 2pm.

Advance booking essential (max 8 per tour) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

A 30 minute tour of this grade II listed cottage, built circa 1470, originally a three bay "Wealden" house with the middle bay open to the roof although a 17th century improvement added a brick chimney and a ceiling over the open hall.

The house was built close up to the side of the hill and just across the river to the south of Farnham and would have been the first house of this important town seen by travellers from the south.

Access: not accessible for those with disabilities as steps to access and steps in the property.



CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE,
Falkner Road, GU9 7DS. Map 3

Open for conducted tours
Tue 10th Sept at 11am and
Thu 12th Sept at 2pm.

Advance booking essential (max 25
per tour) on the CSC's website:
www.csc.uca.ac.uk/programme

The Crafts Study Centre is a specialist university museum and research centre, home to internationally renowned collections of modern British craft.

Free guided tours led by the Director, including a behind the scenes viewing of selected objects drawn from the collections.

Access: The museum has a lift that enables access to all floors. People with disabilities will be unable to access the storage rooms.



HIGH MILL,
1 Moor Park Lane, GU10 1NS.

Tue 10th and Wed 11th Sept, tours at
5.30pm and 6.30pm.

Advance booking essential (max 6
per tour) at
farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Directions: park by the Shepherd and Flock pub (inside the A31 roundabout) with a 10-15 minute stroll to High Mill. Limited parking at High Mill down the unmade, single-track road.

From the Shepherd and Flock, go past the pub and follow the unmade road under the A31 and then under the railway bridge. Shortly afterwards take the first right to High Mill.

The mill house and buildings date from the 18th century and are listed Grade II. High Mill is one of six watermills in Farnham listed in the Domesday Book, and was named as 'la hyghe' in 1258. This is a rare example of an old water powered mill where the 18th century wooden mill workings are still in situ and can be inspected. The buildings are fronted by the mill pond.

Access: steep open ladders in the mill workings.



CAFFE PICCOLO, 84 West Street, GU9 7EN. Map 2

Open for HODs visitors Thur 12th Sept from 12 noon to 3pm.

The age of the building is uncertain.

Nos 83 and 84 are Grade II Listed and are under one roof containing the remains of a timber framed building.

Records start in 1780 and from then until the 20th century No. 84 was let to a variety of tenants - in the 19th century there was a cooper here selling tubs, barrels, baskets and bowls.

In 1929 a Tudor fireplace was revealed during building work and from the 1930s to the 1970s it was The Old Mitre tea rooms, taking its name from the 18th century alehouse at No. 83 (now KallKwik).

It opened as Caffé Piccolo in 1995 and re-opened in 2022 after a major fire

Access: stairs within the building.



WAVERLEY ABBEY HOUSE, Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP.

Sat 14th Sept, house and ground/ first floor open 10am to 4pm.

No need to book.

Waverley Abbey House is an elegant Grade 2* listed Georgian mansion set in stunning surroundings just a couple of miles outside Farnham town centre. The house is within view of the ancient ruins of Waverley Abbey, the first Cistercian monastery to be established in England. Running through the grounds is the River Wey, adding to the beauty and tranquillity of the place.

The house was originally built by Sir John Aislabie c.1725 and designed by the architect Colen Campbell. Owned by Waverley Abbey Trust, today it is a thriving centre for higher education programmes in areas such as counselling and chaplaincy, with a Christian prayer community at its heart. It is also a venue available for hire for corporate events, weddings and other celebratory functions.

The café-bar is open for barista coffees and other refreshments, snack lunches, home-made cakes and ice creams.

Access: Level access into the ground floor. First floor only accessible via stairs. Grounds uneven due to wildlife activity.

On Sun 15th Sept, there are two tours of the ruins of the adjoining Waverley Abbey, see page 18 for more details

MUSEUM OF FARNHAM, Willmer House, 38 West St, GU9 7DX. Map 9**Sat 14th Sept from 10am to 4pm, Farnham Hops, special open day.****No need to book.**

On Saturday 14th the museum will be sharing stories of Farnham hops and their historic connection to brewing history. There will be object handling, hands-on activities about the beer making process, a photographic display of hop growing in the local area, plus the opportunity to enjoy a cold locally brewed beer in our beautiful walled garden.

Visitors can also find out more about our forthcoming restoration project on the museum's front façade.

The museum is situated in Willmer House, a Grade I listed building of national significance. Built in 1718 for John Thorne, a local hop merchant, the house is a very rare building as the façade is built entirely of 'gauged brickwork'. Gauged brickwork was, and still is, one of the most expensive materials and building methods with only 10 to 20 buildings of this type left in the United Kingdom. Works will begin in summer 2024 to conserve and repair the front façade, returning the building to the jewel in the crown of the museum's collection.

Behind the house is a beautiful sheltered walled garden and the Garden Gallery, a teaching and hire space which hosts a variety of public and private events.

Access: Disabled access to ground floor, Garden Gallery and garden. Disabled parking space and accessible toilet. Stairs to upper floors.



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FARNHAM MASONIC CENTRE,
42 Castle Street, GU9 7JB.
Map 4

Sat 14th Sept from 10am to 4pm.
No need to book.

The temple will be laid out as for a ceremony and there will be regalia on display.

The original structure was an outbuilding or barn belonging to Farnham Castle. It was built before the English Civil War during which the castle became the HQ of the Parliamentary Army of the West and no. 42 was used as extra barrack accommodation for the Roundhead troops. When the bishops returned to the castle it continued as a barn or coach house until it was acquired by a William or Thomas Baker in 1753, who rebuilt it as a 'Musick House' in which he installed a large organ.

The external appearance of the building has changed little since 1753 and it remains a handsome red brick landmark at the top of Castle Street.

Access: There are three steps into the building and then a turned flight of stairs to the first floor where the Masonic Temple is situated. There is however a single person lift to the first floor.



BADSHOT LEA KILN / VILLAGE HALL,
St George's Road,
Badshot Lea, GU9 9LY.

Sun 15th Sept from 10am to 4pm.
Tours throughout the day on an on demand basis.
No need to book.

A hop kiln built in 1886 and now serving as the village hall.

Tours will take visitors throughout the building and will include the restored hop drying room. The history of the building will be described, and that of hop growing in the village, how the building functioned and how it functions now as a village hall.

Access: The main hall on the ground floor containing photographs and information about the building, its history and how it contributed to Badshot Lea's agricultural past is fully accessible. The tour of the other two floors is via a staircase that severely reduces the accessibility.



GUIDED WALKS

Advance booking is essential for many of the guided walks

To book please visit the Farnham Society's website
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Booking opens at 8am on Wednesday 28th August



MOOR PARK HOUSE, Moor Park Lane, GU10 1FH, a garden tour with guide Fred Wilkinson

Sat 7th Sept at 11am and 2.30pm.

Meet at the gates of Moor Park House.

Park in the field opposite by the corner of Compton Way and Moor Park Lane.

Tour length: approx. 1.5 hours. No need to book.

A guided walk around the grounds of Moor Park House with an outline history of the property which dates from the twelfth century. The walk will describe the seventeenth century period, the time of Sir William Temple and Dorothy Osborne, and continues the history up to the present day.

Access: Walking conditions: mostly hard surfaces, tarmac, gravel, a cobbled yard and paved paths with some steps



BOURNE WOOD TO WAVERLEY ABBEY, a walk with guide Clinton Bradshaw

Sun 8th Sept at 10am, meet on the Bourne Green, by the cricket club pavilion.

The walk will take approx. 3-4 hours, depending on how long we spend at Waverley Abbey.

Advance booking essential (max 12) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

A 6 mile walk starting on the Bourne Green through Bourne Wood to Waverley Abbey with time at the Abbey and then back to the Bourne Green, finishing at St. Martin by the Green.

Access: Moderate hike with steep slopes and uneven ground. Walking boots required



COURTYARDS AND PASSAGEWAYS OF FARNHAM, a walk with guide Roger Jude

Mon 9th Sept at 10am, meet outside Farnham Maltings, Red Lion Lane, GU9 7QR, Map 19.

Advance booking essential (max 12) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

A visit to some of the lesser-known areas of central Farnham, which provide an insight into the town's agricultural/industrial past in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The tour will point out some of Farnham's finest historical buildings, many of which were built on the proceeds of the agricultural trade, including hop growing and drying, brewing and later malting barley.

The tour will not include the interiors of buildings, Farnham Castle or St. Andrew's Church.

Access: The walk will be at a gentle pace and is not lengthy, but there will be traffic to contend with and busy roads to cross. Good footwear such as trainers is recommended



TICE'S MEADOW NATURE RESERVE, Badshot Lea, GU9 9NB

"From Farm to Quarry to Community Nature Reserve"

Thu 12th Sept at 10am, takes approx. 2.5 hours

Advance booking essential (max 30) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Meet at the main entrance on Badshot Lea Road: <https://w3w.co/bottle.enter.talked>

A 2.5 km walk around the reserve explaining the history of the site from prehistoric settlement to farming, quarrying and finally restoration to an award winning nature reserve. Over 1500 species of wildlife have been recorded at the reserve including 200

species of bird. The walk will follow the Biodiversity Trail taking in woodland, meadow, reed bed and river habitats.

The guide will help you spot the resident wildlife. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Access: The route is flat, along unsurfaced footpaths which can get very muddy after rain. Walking boots or wellies (if it has been raining recently) recommended. There is no shelter or facilities on site so please dress for the forecast weather. If it is dry, parts of the route are suitable for sturdy off-road mobility scooters and some wheelchairs - access via a RADAR gate, please phone 07990 618530 to discuss beforehand.



THE RISE AND FALL OF WAVERLEY ABBEY, a tour with Roy Waight / Roger Jude

Sun 15th Sep at 10am and at 11.30am

Meet at the Waverley Abbey car park off Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP.

Walk length: approx. 1.5 hours. No need to book.

The walk from the car park passes in front of Waverley Abbey House and continues about 400 yards to the site of Waverley Abbey which was the first Cistercian monastery to be founded in this country, by thirteen monks from the Abbey of Aumône in France, in 1128.

The Cistercians were a very austere monastic order whose life consisted of work and prayer. They grew their own food and had extensive lands which were used largely for raising sheep.

The tour will show the remains of the thirteenth century Abbey Church, the Chapter House, the monks' Dormitory and the undercroft of the lay brothers' Refectory. The Abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1535 and much of the stonework was sold and used in local grand houses such as Loseley House near Guildford.

Access: The tour will be undertaken at an easy pace but some of the ground is rough pasture, not suitable for wheelchairs. Good footwear is required and the total distance walked is 1 km.



VICTORIA GARDEN, a talk and walk with Alison Gordon

Sun 15th Sept at 10.30am

Brightwells Road, GU9 7RN (off South Street by Sainsbury's car park). Map 17.

Advance booking essential (max 12) at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods2024

Meet at garden entrance archway for a 20 min talk and a walk round the garden afterwards.

This award winning garden in the centre of Farnham was created in 1997 on the site of Farnham's first open air swimming bath, built in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The old pool fell into disrepair after an indoor pool was built at the Leisure

Centre in the 1980s, and the site in the middle of the town has been transformed into a quiet and peaceful garden. It is maintained by a group of volunteers who ensure that there is colour and interest all year round. It has a mix of trees, shrubs and flowers, with seating, a children's maze, a chessboard and a hopscotch bed.

Access: Easy access on paths. One set of steps can be avoided by using a path.



THE FARNHAM SOCIETY

Shaping our future, protecting our heritage

We were founded in 1911 by some of the leading figures in Farnham. Our prime objectives were to preserve the architectural heritage of Farnham, to encourage integrity in the construction of new buildings, sympathetic to their surroundings, and to maintain the quality of life for future generations of its residents.

We continue to pursue those objectives, making every possible effort to preserve the quality of life in and around Farnham. To this end we promote the highest standards of planning and architecture in the built environment. In addition we support preservation of the green environment and we take an active part in the fight for air quality and against traffic congestion. And we help showcase the best of Farnham in the annual Heritage Open Days festival.

We have engaged with our members through regular evening talks and daytime social gatherings. Our 2024 programme is underway, and following the HODs festival, will continue through the autumn. While live events were suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic we started a series of filmed discussions on matters of local interest. These are available on our website under the title 'In Conversation'.

Being a member of The Farnham Society enables you to have your say on the future of the town, and helps us to protect it. The more members we have, the louder our voice can be, and the better our chance of being heard on crucial issues..

You can join via our website at farnhamsociety.org.uk



Visit to Greyfriars Vineyard, May 2024

TALKS

Advance booking not required for talks.

Access: lifts are available at all venues where needed.



**"FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OF STRIKING BELLS WITH HAMMERS",
a talk by Roy Attwood**

Friday 6th Sept at 2pm, St Andrew's Church, Upper Church Lane, GU9 7PW. Map 12. No need to book.

Mechanical devices have been chiming the hours and playing tunes on the bells at St Andrew's Church since the reign of Charles 1st. This illustrated talk describes the workings of the ancient tower clock and a series of chime machines which have preserved the tune 'Life Let us Cherish', affectionately recalled by many local authors. One of the machines was restored last year by Men in Sheds and will be demonstrated during the talk.



**"TOWN CRYING - YESTERDAY AND TODAY",
a talk by the Farnham Town Crier, Michael Stephens**

Sat 7th Sept at 10.30am, Council Chamber, Town Hall, South Street, GU9 7RN. Map 18. No need to book.

Town Criers were the original news networks but served many other purposes. Who were they, what did they do and what role could they possibly play in today's online, digital and hyper-connected cyber world?

Farnham Town Crier, Michael Stephens lifts the lid on life as Town Crier.



**"HEAVY TRAFFIC": The story of Farnham's roads from the earliest times,
a talk by Noel Moss**

**Tue 10th Sept at 10am, Barley Room, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, GU9 7QR. Map 19
No need to book.**

The roads and tracks in and around Farnham have evolved over many centuries during which they have not only contributed to the prosperity of the town but also facilitated the movement of people and ideas more widely.



**“CASTLE AND CONNECTIONS”,
a talk by Roy Waight**

Tue 10th Sept at 11.30am, Barley Room, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, GU9 7QR. Map 19

No need to book.

A talk by local historian Roy Waight on the history of Farnham Castle and how it has been affected by its strategic position between London and Winchester.



**“BRITISH PLANT HUNTERS”,
a talk by Peter Bridgeman**

Wed 11th Sept at 10am, Barley Room, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, GU9 7QR. Map 19

No need to book.

Brief description of native and exotic trees and details of the main 18th, 19th and 20th century collectors who travelled to all parts of the world, often risking all, to hunt down and introduce plants and trees into this country.

An outline of the reasons behind The Mutiny on the Bounty will add a little drama to the talk.



**“THE ARCHITECTURE OF CASTLE STREET”,
a talk by Michael Blower MBE**

Wed 11th Sept at 11.30am, Barley Room, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, GU9 7QR. Map 19

No need to book.

Retired architect and artist Michael Blower will take his audience on a ‘virtual walk’ around the buildings lining the famous panorama of Castle Street, drawing attention to architectural details large and small. Castle Street was described by the author Alec Clifton Taylor saying “for sheer visual delight this street has few equals in all England” and this talk by a professional justifies the claim.



**"JEWELS OF THE TOWER",
a talk by Roy Attwood**

Wed 11th Sept at 2pm, St Andrew's Church, Upper Church Lane, GU9 7PW. Map 12.

No need to book.

This illustrated talk will guide you up the many floors of St Andrew's Church tower, revealing the hidden heritage and paraphernalia which is not normally accessible to the public. The tower houses one of the oldest working clocks in the country and peel boards recording how the bells have commemorated historic events through the centuries. The pinnacles at the top look very different when viewed at roof level and the views over the town are stunning.



**"WILLIAM COBBETT AND RURAL RIDES",
a talk by Richard Thomas**

Fri 13th Sept at 2pm, Church of St Thomas on the Bourne, Frensham Road, Farnham GU9 8HA.

No need to book.

William Cobbett, Farnham's most famous son, made several long journeys around Southern England in the 1820s and reported in 'Rural Rides' on the parlous state of agriculture and the increasing poverty of farming families. These and related issues will be discussed in an illustrated lecture.



**"THE LION AND LAMB",
a talk by Max Lyons**

Fri 13th Sept at 4pm, Church of St Thomas on the Bourne, Frensham Road, Farnham GU9 8HA.

No need to book.

A short talk on the history of the site and how and why the design evolved, given by Max Lyons who designed the Lion and Lamb development including Waitrose and the West Street frontage building.

Discover Farnham

Look no further than Farnham for fun-filled, family friendly events and memorable experiences brought to you by Farnham Town Council.

FARNHAM FARMERS' MARKET



Held on the fourth Sunday of the month from 10am to 1pm in Central car park. Fresh local seasonal produce direct from those that grow it, rear it, make it or bake it.

FARNHAM FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL



Delicious cuisine, live demos, local produce, and fun for all ages. Don't miss this culinary celebration on Sunday 29 September in Farnham town centre.

OCTOBER CRAFT MONTH



Discover your inner creativity at October Craft Month! Meet makers and artists and take part in workshops and master classes. There will also be exhibitions and expert-led talks.

CHRISTMAS IN FARNHAM



Experience the magic of this special time of year in Farnham. Enjoy the Christmas lights switch-on, the festive market, traditional family activities, and a unique shopping experience.

MUSIC IN THE VINEYARD



Brighten up the winter. Enjoy live music at the Vineyard Church, Union Road on the last Sunday of the month in January, February and March.

FARNHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL



Look out for details about how to get involved in March's Farnham Literary Festival. There will be a line-up of best-selling authors and local talent, inspiring talks, workshops, and competitions.

Coming up

FARNHAM LANTERN FESTIVAL

31 OCTOBER

VENISON DINNER

8 NOVEMBER

BLOOMIN' LITTER PICK

9 NOVEMBER

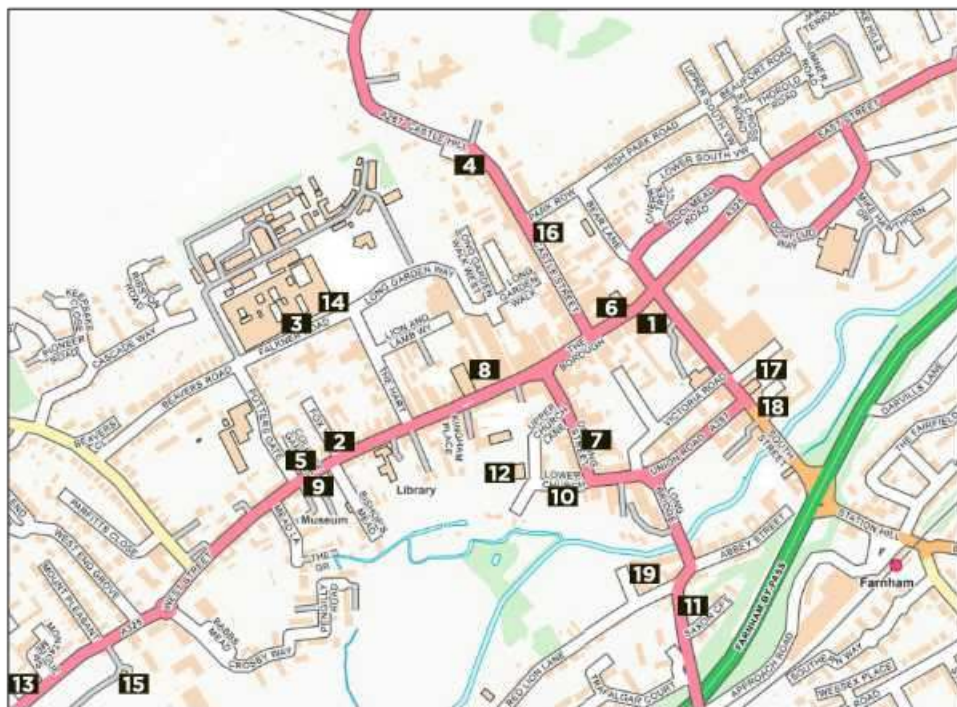
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

10 NOVEMBER

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Map of Events in Farnham Town Centre



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- 8 Lion and Lamb House
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- 10 New Ashgate Gallery

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- 13 Sampson's Almshouses
- 14 University for the Creative Arts
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- 16 Windsor Almshouses
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Venues for Talks

- 18 Council Offices (Town Hall)
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