

THE Farncombe Villager

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH



BEST EVER VILLAGE SHOW



The sun was shining (most of the time) for the Village Show on 19th August and after weeks of preparation this popular event in the Farncombe calendar began at 8am on Saturday with people bringing in a large number of entries in the various classes, horticultural, culinary and artistic. The Show itself was very well attended as visitors came to see the exhibits, try the refreshments, see the variety of stalls in church and catch up with friends over a cup of tea (and a slice or two of cake). Despite the varied weather this year there were some magnificent examples of monster marrows and marathon runner beans as well as the tomatoes,



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carrots and onions. The cakes and jams were well up to standard and the flowers and plants made a real splash of colour.

It was very good to see so many people come to view the exhibits and stalls and feel able to relax in the company of friends whilst catching up with the latest Farncombe news. A special thank you to the kitchen team who kept up a good supply of refreshments and of course, to the planning team who had worked so hard to organise this very special event.

We hope you have happy memories of the Show and are looking forward to next year's event.

John



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From the Rectory



Some years ago The Villager ran a front page about our local shops and businesses. 'Use them or lose them', it said, support the enterprises in the parish or they will disappear, to all our detriment. As you may know it now seems that, as far as our branch of Boots is concerned, we might lose it no matter how much it's used.

We all recognise that a private business has to make money, but some businesses can also provide not just a consumer benefit but a public service: they're about more than just profit. Even those who don't often play a vital role in the life of a community. Look at our café, Natter: sitting alone or with friends or family with a coffee and a bit of cake, however nice a thing it might be, isn't something we must do. But after nearly seven years of Natter occupying no.67 St John's Street, how much poorer the village centre would seem if it (or some other equivalent business) wasn't there any more.

Some think business people are rapacious individuals constantly looking for ways to exploit their employees. This is not what I find. The owners of small businesses, at any rate, are mostly people who have had an idea about how to make a living from something that interests them. Of course they want a modestly secure and enjoyable life the same as everyone does, but maximizing money tends not to be their prime aim at all.

This situation is thrown into stark relief when a company like Boots is in fact owned by an American conglomerate which has little idea what local conditions are like. I can't imagine the Farncombe Boots isn't making money, but it's just one tiny element in a vastly larger structure. On paper, there are indeed three dispensing pharmacies in walking distance of Farncombe including another branch of Boots itself, but only if you're able-bodied. Otherwise you have to rely on public transport, which is hardly easy to negotiate, or private vehicles which only exacerbate the problem of the decay of communities like ours, and which you may not have access to anyway.

I've often found it frustrating that the Bible says so little about work! (it says a lot about what to do with your money, but that's a different thing). There must be theologies of work, but I've never read any and we don't have space to work one out here! If we tried to, it would surely have to begin not from the central idea of free-market capitalism (which is to make as much money as possible so that people can pursue their choices) but it would talk about giving human beings the scope to use their God-given energy, creativity and desire to contribute to the world around them. That's something Christians should be hugely interested in.

James Rector

BINS & FENCES

Great changes have occurred in the church gardens! Well, readers may think they are quite modest changes, but for St John's they're minor but helpful adaptations. The first is the slabs we've placed under our bins to make sure the ground doesn't turn into a quagmire in the winter, while the second is a small fence across the narrowest part of the garden in front of the Church Room. The gate will be left open most of the time, and people wanting to sit in the bench against the boundary of Allingham Court can still do so, but it allows us to close off that part of the garden so our toddler groups and others can use it. The Quiet Garden team paid for the paving, and Cedar Landscapes did the work for us.



DEVELOPMENT

You may imagine that churches never change, and that they're the same from one decade (or even century) to the next. Of course this isn't true – the world around them changes and they need to continually re-assess how they do their work in different conditions, perhaps moving on from things that no longer achieve what they're supposed to, and adopt new ventures and ideas. The Diocese of Guildford, which St John's belongs to, asked all its churches to work out a new Development Plan to examine their activities and think about new ones. Ours was agreed by the Church Council in May and

discussed with the Archdeacon at the start of June. We haven't been too ambitious, aiming at building on our contacts and using social media better, reviewing the way we serve the community more widely, and finding occasions for the congregation to interact in other ways than just services. The most important thing, perhaps, is to base what we do in prayer and a group from the congregation is convening regularly to pray about the work of the church, and discern what God might want from us. That's the ultimate foundation of everything else.

THE VILLAGE SHOW 2023 Details of winners

Handicrafts, Kate Manning for her picture of a kingfisher; Flowers, Henryk Gaszka for his dahlias; Homemade produce, Lesley Barnett for her marmalade; Fruit & Veg, Henryk Gaszka for his sweetcorn. Highest Points Cup, Mrs Sheila Kelsey (42 points); Best in Show Cup, Henryk Gaszka (the sweetcorn). Number of entries highest ever at 360 (up from 269 last year), 59 individuals won certificates, 13 scored more than 10 points in total.



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BIG CHANGES IN FARNCOMBE




We have been hearing a lot recently about major changes to two established businesses in Farncombe. The financial group which now runs Boots UK Ltd has decided to concentrate on a network of fewer stores, closing those which are

closer together, hence Farncombe, being close to Godalming, would not merit a store as Godalming "is only a short distance away" as their Senior Customer Manager put it. The Mayor of Waverley, Penny Rivers, and her husband Paul took a large petition to the Boots head office in Nottingham and spoke to the Customer Services Manager but are not very hopeful of any change. Responses to letters sent by local people have been equally dismissive despite the many problems which will face people in Farncombe with mobility and other problems who have relied for years on prescriptions and medications from the Boots in the village.

Another change, perhaps not so surprising, concerns the Station Garage. This has been a family run business since 1952 and the motor industry has changed dramatically in this time, technically and in sales methods. It is sad to lose a local family business but the increasing complexity of vehicle construction and the rise of on-line sales mean that running an 'old style' garage is no longer viable and Brian and Ann are very sad they had to take the decision to close.

There is a proposal to demolish the site, including the old school building and develop it as a supermarket with 16 flats above. The artists drawings on publicity material do not create a good impression as they look like a child's set of rectangular building blocks. Farncombe has suffered from poor design of shop/flat development in the past and this would be an opportunity to design buildings in keeping with the traditional methods of design and construction. Another supermarket, apparently one of the 'big 4' would cause additional pressure to our existing stores with aggressive sales practices and would also generate more traffic in the middle of the village, close to the level crossing. The only possible virtue would be a pharmacy in the supermarket.

It is a major concern that this project can be developed without full and honest consultation with all those affected, directly or indirectly. There is a website, www.stationreach.farncombe.co.uk which offers 'information' and an opportunity to 'share your thoughts on the proposal'.

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The Godalming group is just one of 16 branches of Conquest scattered across mainly the South-East (there is also a branch in Guildford), and we receive support from our headquarters in Epsom.

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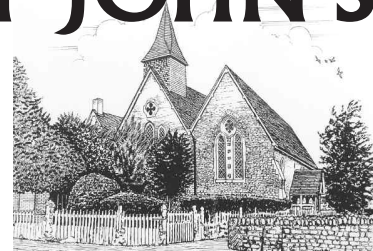
8am Holy Eucharist
 8.45am Roman Catholic Mass
 10am 1st Sunday in the month, Sunday Space
 Other Sundays, Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm 1st Sunday in the month, Sung Eucharist
 7.30pm 2nd Sunday in the month, Compline over Zoom

TUESDAY

10.30am Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY

11.45am Last Friday in the month,
Toddler Praise



For all other information see our website: www.farncombe.org.uk

The 11th March 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the first Roman Catholic Mass held at St. John's which has been held continuously ever since

PARISH REGISTER

In Memoriam

David Morley Ann Saunders Peggy Goodman
Mildred Baker

Marriages

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THE TEAM



MESSY CHURCH ON HOLIDAY

Our July meeting was just before the school holidays and we looked at how important holidays are in many ways. The Bible tells us that God rested on the seventh day and also that Jesus would go to a quiet place to rest from the stresses of life and have time there for prayer.

Our activities were based on the places we go on holiday, the things we do and how we can enjoy a change of routine. We designed postcards to send greetings to our friends and made (and floated) small sailing boats to help "get away from it all", a reminder of Jesus taking the disciples across Lake Galilee.

A holiday would not be complete without ice cream although for obvious reasons we made imitation cones and fillings – they did look good though! After the service we enjoyed tea and now look forward to the next Messy Church on 9th September at 3.00pm.

John



Welcome to the Mayor

On 2nd July there was a Civic Service at St John's to mark the beginning of Penny Rivers' year as Mayor of Waverley. Councillors from across the Borough were there in support of the Mayor and mention was made of the Mayor's Charities which this year are The Meath Epilepsy Charity and Skillway, the workshop in Nightingale Road cemetery where volunteers give young people training and experience in practical trades. Our best wishes go to Penny and her council colleagues as they meet the various challenges facing our communities in Waverley.

The Infants School Leavers' service on July 19th



Forest Church at Binscombe Fields on July 30th, wet and windswept but described by one congregation member as "the best so far".




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The Farncombe Initiative

This year The Farncombe Initiative has continued to work on ongoing projects and is studying new ideas.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

There has been some encouraging action on this. Over the years, the footpath on Binscombe Lane/Binscombe opposite the Binscombe Medical Centre had been gradually swallowed up by soil from the hedgerow and the grassy verge. Council workers have now scraped this back to restore it to its original width making it easier for pedestrians to use.

FOOTPATH BETWEEN FARNCOMBE ST AND MARSHALL ROAD

This is sadly a complicated issue involving different parties, notably Railtrack and Surrey County Council. However, all the candidates in the recent local elections agreed in writing to support this proposal and we shall be writing to the successful candidates reminding them of their commitment to this cause.

FARNCOMBE STREET MARKET

TFI had proposed that a monthly market be held on a Saturday morning on the car park in North Street, opposite Farncombe station - not the station car park. This is owned and operated by Waverley BC, but our proposal had the support of Godalming Town Council which initiated a feasibility study. It appears there are regulatory issues to be resolved and TFI is co-operating closely with Godalming TC on this project.

PLANTER

One of the earliest of our initiatives was the installation of a planter with tree outside the kebab shop opposite Station Garage. Sadly, the tree did not prosper and needs to be replaced with a maintenance

plan to ensure it thrives. We will ask the Woodland Trust to provide a tree under its urban planting scheme and Godalming Town Council have kindly agreed not just to take over the planter but to plant it with a mix of lobelia, salvia and other plants cultivated in the GTC greenhouse.

FARNCOMBE STATION

A "modernisation" plan is proposed for the rail network, including SWR. Under this proposal, Farncombe will become a Category 3 station, which means the booking office will be permanently closed. A SWR representative will be present from 06.00 to 10.00 Monday to Thursday and 09.00 to 13.00 Sunday. The station will be "unstaffed" Friday and Saturday. The SWR person is intended to help passengers with their enquiries, including tickets which cannot be booked through the self-service machines or online. The nearest booking offices will be at Guildford or Haslemere. If you want more details, visit: <https://www.southwesternrailway.com/station-change-proposal>.

It is said there will be a consultation, so if you want to make your views known, watch out for this.

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It was always interesting, whilst having a meal or cup of tea, to look out and watch the different types of boats, motorised, rowing and paddle, as they passed by and the process of taking boats through Catteshall Lock often attracted an interested audience. The horse-drawn barge was a very popular feature for many years, taking us back to the origins of transport on the Wey Navigation.

On 1st October Peter will be hanging up his tea towel and hopefully begin a more leisurely pace of life. Our thanks go to Peter and his staff for their distinctive service over the years and we wish them a happy and peaceful retirement.

Peter Hector and his colleagues are very grateful for the support of locals and other regulars over the years and have enjoyed the many philosophical discussions which have brightened up the days.



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David



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At Binscombe we are encouraging all our patients to switch to the NHS App where possible, since processing prescription requests works fantastically well at our end as well – the request simply pops into the doctor’s inbox! This means we can process your request more quickly and with less chance of making any mistakes. It is also less work for our reception team so they have more time to deal with other queries - it really is a win-win! If you prefer to use a computer rather than your phone then you can register for exactly the same access using a website called Patient Access, and if you have any issues with registering or connecting to your account then our reception team will be very happy to help you.

In the light of these developments with the App we will be making a major change to ordering repeat prescriptions: At the end of

September, we will be turning off the Binscombe prescription request form on our website that has served us so well for nearly 20 years. When we first developed this form there was no other option for requesting prescriptions online, but it has finally been superseded by the App and needs to be put out to pasture! For those who can’t register on the App or Patient Access there will still be an alternative online request form available via our website and we will always accept paper requests, but please do switch to the App if you can. There are full details about the change and about how to register for both the App and Patient Access on our website, www.binscombe.net.

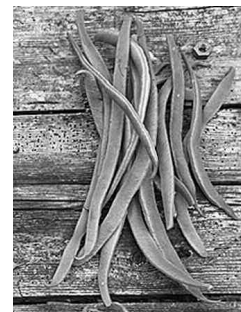
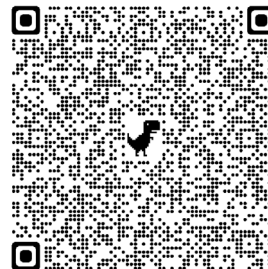
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NEWS FROM FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN

At Farncombe Community Garden we continue to make progress towards making the garden accessible to all. In the meantime, for those who can manage the uneven nature of the site, we have been having regular open sessions for anyone to join us and take part in creating this amazing community space. The trees we planted in our orchard are all thriving, and we have even had our first crop of beans, see picture, from our veg area! We are excited that Thames Water will be connecting us to mains water over the summer holidays, which will be a fantastic step forward compared to bringing water to the site in bottles! If you would like to join us at any of our open sessions, we are there every Saturday morning from 10-12 and at different times in the week – please check our website for details www.farncombcommunitygarden.org or use the QR code to find us!



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Kettle's On - trip to Loseley 2023

The Gardens at Loseley in August are an Artist's Paradise as we discovered on our Kettle's On Summer Outing last Wednesday. If you always visit to see the Rose Garden at it's best in June, you must also visit later to see the layers of "hot" colours, from the bronze Michaelmas Daisies, yellow Echinaceas, bronze Fatsia Japonica to the Red Hot Pokers, all subjects to be found on the canvases of the Art Group, spending a peaceful day, with only the sound of the bees and the occasional request from one of us to admire their work.

With the warm sun on our backs, we meandered through the garden rooms admiring the symmetry and orderliness underlying the profusion of summer flowers, searching for the one weed amongst such perfection but none were found. No weeds dared grow in the Kitchen Garden and Oh! The temptation to pick a runner bean to

nibble on was great, but we moved on with our hands in our pockets. The Halloween Pumpkins, glowing orange, were already huge. As an exhibit in the Farncombe Show, one in particular would surely have won Best in Show. Suddenly we found ourselves at the Tea Garden half an hour early! Relieved to be in the shade, we did what we do best which is to drink tea, eat cake and chat. When our group meets, (third Wednesday in the month, 2-4pm, all welcome) we always have a complete Afternoon Tea with delicious cakes. We now need to raise the bar because Tunisian Orange Cake with clotted cream and Raspberries from the garden was a winner with everyone.

Four o'clock arrived too soon and we made our way to the Wisteria Garden for a photograph to mark a very peaceful and happy afternoon and with one last look at the North Downs, yes! a glimpse of a drifting Kite.

Sue



Kettle's On

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AUTUMN GARDENING



We hope you enjoyed the Village Show and have been encouraged to do some more gardening in your 'patch'. This is a good time to start preparing and planning for your crops and flowers for this season so here are some ideas.

Vegetables There are still some crops to be harvested – late potato crops, marrows, pumpkins and salad crops but this is also the time to start planting for next spring's crops. The ground should be well cleared and manured after crops have been gathered before planting new crops such as spring greens and cabbage. Lettuce can also be grown when protected by a cold frame or cloche.

Fruit Crops have been variable this year but there are still some later varieties to be harvested. Strawberry plants will have put out runners which can be pegged down in pots to root and then separated as new plants for next year.

Lawns These will need a bit of extra care, raise the mower blades to allow the grass to grow a little longer for winter and keep the grass clear of old leaves and other plant debris as this can cause disease to spread. New lawns can be laid but keep them watered as necessary.

Shrubs and flowers These are starting to die down for winter and will need to be kept tidy. Spreading perennials such as geraniums need to be lifted and divided to ensure that the new parts of the plants are kept for flowering next year. It is time to get spring flowering bulbs planted too.

There is always plenty of weeding to be done and this is a good time to check over any garden structures before winter sets in. **Happy gardening - John**

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SLIMMING WORLD-WANT TO JOIN BUT NOT SURE IF IT IS FOR YOU?

Each one of these members has lost over 6 stone, real life stories that not only changed their lives but have given inspiration to others in the group.

Say hello to Natasha who, having lost over 6 stone has had more fun with her children this summer holiday being able to join in playing football, and chasing them around the park. Having tried to lose weight several times before, when I asked her why now she said "This time I'm doing it for me."

Michael has lost over 6 stone in a short amount of time. He's been food optimising from the start and making healthy choices has made him able to move more easily. Look how amazing he looks in that jacket. He told me that for the first time he can zip up and that smile says it all. More confident and very dapper.

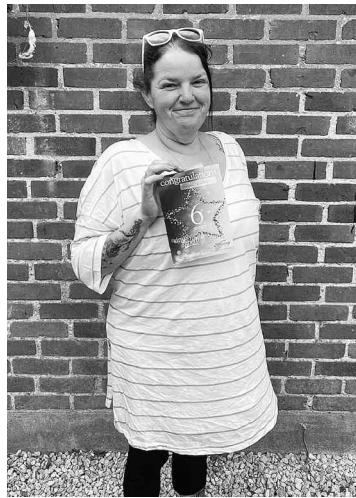
Tracy has just completed the local Race for Life 5k with a personal best of under 35 minutes. Tracy said "I couldn't have achieved this without losing 6 stone on the Slimming World plan and the continued support from Pauline and her fantastic social team." Now having achieved her target weight Tracy is going to be running in her local park run every week.

Pauline said "If the time's right to join or if you've been before but it wasn't right then it might be right now. If you want to come back but you just don't know how, please take a deep breath and walk through our door.

I can promise no judgement, no questions, no fear, we'll just be happy to see you. Just keep looking forwards, forget yesterday, starting your journey to target can begin right away!"

So just come in, join us there's a chair and a cuppa waiting!

Pauline



NEWS FROM THE OLD GODHELMIAN ASSOCIATION

The Old Godhelfian Association, which is the alumni group of Godalming County Grammar School, is delighted to announce the publication of Godalming County Grammar School - The School on the Hill - a 274 page history of the Institution from its foundation in 1930 to its evolution into a Sixth Form College in 1978.

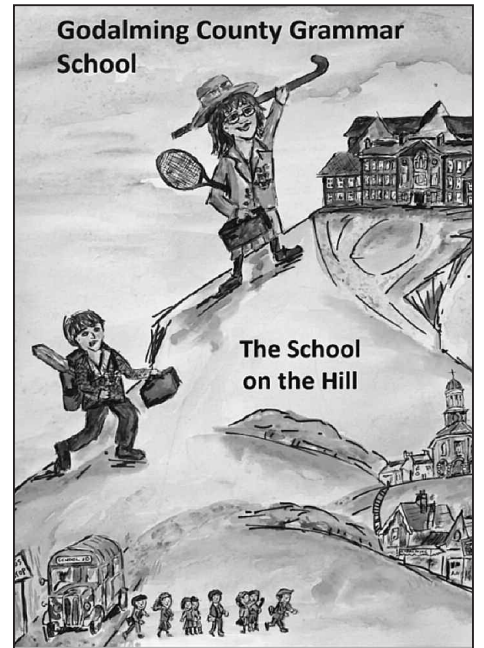
Comedian, actor and writer, Ben Elton, a pupil at the School in the 70s, and Louis De Bernières, author of the best-selling novel, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, have contributed to the Book.


The book's wide subject matter with history, anecdotes, photos and illustrations is of interest not only to past pupils of the School and present students of the College, but also to the general public. Fascinating personal stories and memories have been included and the chapters draw on information in newspapers, School magazines and documents in history archives and museums. A chapter on the years of the Second World War details the journey of more than 400 pupils from Sir Walter St John's Grammar School, Battersea - the Sinjuns - who were billeted in various places around Godalming and shared school facilities with GCGS and Charterhouse School. Rod Weale has written a piece about the GCGS alumni who were killed in the Second World War.

The book (ISBN: 978-1-3999-4732-9) will be available from September 2023, price £20.00 plus postage and packing £5.00. The book is a complement to the website of the Old Godhelfian Association: <https://www.theoga.org>

The Biennial Reunion of the Old Godhelfian Association will take place on 14th October 2023 at Godalming College, Tuesley Lane, Godalming GU7 1RS from 11.00 to 4.00.

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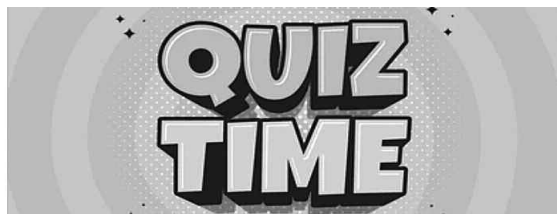
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5. What is the name of the machine on which cloth is woven?
6. Who wrote the opera "The Flying Dutchman"?
7. Cumulus and cirrus are types of what feature?
8. How many cubic feet in a cubic yard?
9. King Harold of England won a battle in 1066 - which one?
10. What kind of animal is a 'Belted Galloway'?

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KEEPING MUSIC LIVE

A message from Julian....

Hope you have all had a good summer. There is a great line-up of acts coming up at Haslemere Hall between now and next May - hopefully something for most tastes. I am also co-promoting a number of shows at other venues including The Electric Theatre in Guildford and Farnham Maltings so to keep up to date with those, it is best to Like my Julian Lewry Music page on Facebook. Hope to see you soon. Please keep supporting live music.



Friday 29th September **OYE SANTANA** (SANTANA TRIBUTE) @ HASLEMERE HALL

Based around the exciting dance rhythms of Santana's Latin music, OYE SANTANA is no ordinary tribute to Carlos Santana's music. More a party than a concert, this is a feast of Latin music, superb musicianship and hit songs, faithfully re-creating the music of Santana. They bring a powerful and melodic drive to Santana's Latin rock style, which they play with power, passion and perfection ensuring a fantastic high energy, engaging and fun event. Oye Santana play all the hits including the Grammy award-winning Smooth plus Maria Maria, She's Not There, Black Magic Woman, Samba Pa Ti, Oye Como Va, Jingo and Corazon Espinado.

Tickets: £23 inc. booking fee. Show starts @ 8.00pm (doors and bar open from 7.00pm)

Saturday 13th October **CHINA CRISIS** @ HASLEMERE HALL



Making a welcome return to the area after their sold out show in Farncombe in 2019, Guitarist Eddie Lundon and vocalist / keyboardist Gary Daly are the founder members of the band which started in Kirkby, Merseyside back in 1979. China Crisis found major chart success in the UK with both their singles and albums as well as hits across Australia, Europe and the Americas. The band are known for their distinctive AOR-fuelled pop songs including hit singles "Wishful thinking", "African and White", "Christian", "Working with Fire and Steel" and "Black Man Ray".

Tickets: £25 inc. booking fee. Show starts @ 8.00pm (doors and bar open from 7.00pm)

Friday 3rd November **FLEETWOOD BAC** (FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE) @ HASLEMERE HALL



Over 70% of tickets already sold for the ever popular Fleetwood Bac. The band were the world's first and are regarded as the UK's most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute show, endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, raved about by Peter Green's biographer, and were the first Fleetwood Mac tribute band to fully replicate the classic

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Friday 23rd February - Totally Blondie (Blondie tribute)

Saturday 9th March - Chris Difford from Squeeze

Friday 19th April - The Total Who Show (Who tribute)

Friday 10th May - G2 Definitive Genesis (1970s Genesis tribute)

Tickets for Haslemere shows are available from www.haslemerehall.co.uk or the box office on 01428 642161.

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THANKS FROM THE COMMUNITY STORE



Thank you once again from the Food Bank team to our generous supporters in Farncombe. We were thrilled to receive £350 as your chosen charity for the Spring Fair at St John's Church, and the items put in our shopping trolley outside.

It's been a hectic year at Godalming & Villages Community Store where we support people referred by Citizens Advice, Social Services and similar agencies. At our busiest, during the cold weather and high heating bills, we helped more than 80 households.

We rely on donations of food, toiletries and household cleaning products. Financial donations buy fridge & freezer items. With product donations down recently, we also buy some basics.

We're supported through our supermarkets.

Sainsbury's have now made us the sole beneficiary of donations placed in boxes at the Godalming Store.

Donations from shoppers at Waitrose arrive in crates. We're helped by sixth formers from Charterhouse School who join us to write best-before dates on products to maintain our rotation system. With younger eyes than our team, they read the small print quicker!

We have a great relationship with Farncombe Co-op. Many mornings we receive pastries and bread just a day past their freshest, but very welcome. The Co-op has a donation basket by the counter.

Our generous allotment holders bring excess produce which might otherwise be wasted – a regular flow of courgettes, runner beans and tomatoes.

Our mission includes avoiding food waste. Outside our Store at Farncombe Cricket Club is our Community Cupboard where we put any excess stock each weekday morning. It's for anyone, but we ask that you just take what you need. Some days it's full – other days you'll just find baked beans!

In conclusion; we couldn't do this without you. Thank you to all who supported us by enjoying the Spring Fair.

Annie Barker, volunteer & trustee.



THE FARNCOMBE CALENDAR 2024

Farncombe continues to develop, with views changing as trees grow and new houses are built. It is a very pleasant place to live and I hope you enjoy looking at the pictures during 2024. The Quiet Garden has been a popular place to have a sit down with a snack or coffee and try to come to terms with the varying problems of everyday life. Thanks to the efforts of the gardening volunteers we have managed to keep the various parts mostly colourful although with the unusual weather we have had many plants have struggled. Thank you for supporting our work by buying the Calendar, hope you enjoy it and have a happy 2024. John



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FARNCOMBE FERNS WIN THE I'ANSON CRICKET LADIES CUP




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Farncombe were put in to put bat. We got off to a great start with Darcey and Claire batting as well as they ever had. Our next pair of Jackie and Lizzie consolidated our position by nudging the score in the right direction, more of the same from captain Rosie and Rachel. Finally, some super hitting and running from Emma and young Charlotte who finished on 22 runs. The team getting to a score of 279 (Starting at 200).

Then into the field where we knew our strength was in our bowling and so it showed, with Grayshott losing 6 wickets in the first pairs 4 overs. This was then always going to be up hill from this point onwards for Grayshott. The bowling was shared across the team with further wickets being taken backed up with some super fielding. Grayshott finished on 194 losing 13 wickets across the 4 pairs.

Charlotte Martin won player of the match with an all round performances taking 3 for 9 runs and scoring 22 runs. This was a perfect performance with Bat, Ball and Fielding a lovely way to conclude the season in a game that was played in a super spirit.




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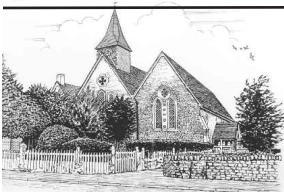
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