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Heritage Open Days

**Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2019
Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 September 2019**



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Presented by The Farnham Society with support from Farnham Town Council

Welcome to Heritage Open Days in Farnham!

The Farnham Society offers everyone a very warm welcome to Heritage Open Days 2019, which takes place over two periods, 14-15 September and 19-22 September. Everything is listed in your quick guide (opposite) with full details within the brochure.

People Power!

Heritage Open Days this year is all about people power. Examples of this in Farnham are the saving of Farnham Maltings from threatened demolition fifty years ago, the rescue of the Bishops Meadow land from development and the creation of the Victoria Garden on the old swimming bath site. Read more in the brochure!

Less well known is the Battle of Moor Park in January 1897, when about 500 men women children and council representatives stopped the owner of Moor Park House from blocking the footpath which led to it. See pages 4 and 5 for more details.

On 21 September in the Culver Room at Farnham Library members of Farnham Rep will be performing readings from a play about the famous Dorset Tolpuddle Martyrs, six 19th century agricultural workers who suffered deportation for the crime of joining a Friendly Society (see page 9).

We are also celebrating 900 years' worth of famous Farnham people! Look for a selection of names at the bottom of each page of this brochure, and find out more by coming to Peter Bridgeman's talk on 20 September (see page 8).

Last but very far from least, we have our very first HUNT THE PLAQUE competition for children up to the age of 14 (see pages 18 and 19).

Add to this our usual full programme of visits and tours to buildings and places of interest in our historic town, and we have some interesting new entries. Please read on!



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The Battle of Moor Park

In January 1897, Sir William Rose, the owner of Moor Park House, decided that he didn't want members of the public walking along the pretty footpath from Moor Park Lodge to his house. He requested permission from Farnham Urban District Council to put up a sign saying "To Guildford and Moor Park ONLY", which would stop most people from using it. The council refused permission because it was a public right of way, considered to be sacrosanct and one of Farnham's most glorious amenities on the way to Waverley Abbey.

It was a favourite romantic stroll much loved by locals, passing on the left a little waterfall from what was then Rock Mill, then on to Mother Ludlam's Cave and Stella's Cottage before reaching Moor Park Lane and Sir William's house.

What happened next has gone down in history as the Battle or Siege of Moor Park. Having been thwarted by the council in his first intention, Sir William took matters into his own hands. On 17 January 1897, early on a cold and snowy Sunday morning, he sent special policemen to bolt and bar the gate, allowing access only by written permission. When the men arrived and duly chained up the gates they were met by a crowd of between 400 and 500 angry townsfolk armed with sticks, crowbars and sledgehammers who pelted them with snowballs. To loud cheers from the crowd, representatives from the council broke the chains and re-opened the gates. They have remained open ever since, and the footpath is as pretty as ever.

Moor Park Lodge today is on the Shepherd and Flock 'island'. If you go past the pub and continue along the unmade road to the point where it passes under the traffic of the Farnham Bypass, you will see Moor Park Lodge on your left looking very much as it does in Patrick Blower's wonderful cartoon. The path then goes under the railway bridge and continues to Moor Park House, more or less unchanged since the dramatic events of 122 years ago.

On Sunday 15 September guide Guy Singer will be leading a "Walk to Waverley" from Farnham to Waverley Abbey House and back again, returning on the very same footpath – see p.7 of this brochure

~~Exciting plans are afoot to stage a re-enactment of this historic event for Heritage Open Days. The idea is that the cast and HODs visitors will meet at the Shepherd and Flock pub, and walk the short distance to Moor Park Lodge where Sir William's men will be in attendance and the fun will start. All being well, there will be two performances on Saturday 4 September at 11.30am and 3.30pm but this all depends on finding enough volunteers to take part! If you would like a short speaking part or just be part of the crowd, please email Diane Bradbury as soon as possible, dpmbrads@yahoo.co.uk. Of course if you would just like to join in the fun on the day, come along to one of the performances.~~

CHECK www.farnhamsociety.org.uk/battle-of-moor-park OR WATCH THE LOCAL PRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!

With grateful thanks to Patrick Blower, political cartoonist of the Daily Telegraph

A brief look back at Farnham's history

Farnham has always been a welcoming place, with its river and fertile green valley sides, and people have lived here since the Stone Age. The Romans came because they prized the local clay for pottery making, and it is thought that a Roman road may have run through what is now the town. The remains of a Roman villa have been found near Farnham Hospital.

Farnham is first documented as a settlement in a Saxon land charter in 688 AD when the Saxon king Caedwalla gave the town to the church, and a possible Saxon derivation of the town's name is "Fearnhamme" – ferns in a river meadow. In the 11th century the Domesday Book recorded six watermills in the Hundred of Farnham, an unusually large number reflecting the importance of the town at the time.

In 1138 the first parts of Farnham Castle were built by Bishop Henry de Blois, who also laid out the town's central street pattern which remains basically unchanged today. The Bishop's bailiffs ran the town. Also in the 12th century Cistercian monks built Waverley Abbey, the first Cistercian abbey to be established in this country, in the lush river meadows south of the town.

In the 13th century Farnham Castle was captured by the French and held for several months. It is thought that the French Dauphin, the persecutor of Saint Joan of Arc, stayed at the castle, which is why the Catholic Church on the other side of the valley was given her name.

The 14th century brought the Black Death, when the population was so reduced that those labourers who survived found that they had rarity value and could command much higher wages! The medieval wool trade brought prosperity. In the 17th century the Parliamentary force took the castle with a battle in Farnham Park. In 1720 Farnham's Corn Market was said to be the greatest in England, and this was soon followed by a rapid spread of hop growing and brewing. From the 18th to the 20th century this was the town's dominant industry bringing wealth to the brewers and maltsters who built the elegant Georgian townhouses for which Farnham is known today.

In the mid-19th century the railway came and the town grew rapidly with Victorian terraces on the edge of the park. In the early 20th century the population numbered about 6,000 but today that has risen to nearly 40,000, including the surrounding villages. Clearly, Farnham is a good place to live in and to visit!



EVENTS

Guided walks, 'virtual walks', talks and performances (in date order)

Please note that advance booking is essential for some of the walks and tours. Details of how and when to book are in the entries below

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

PEOPLE POWER!

~~11.30 and 15.30: "THE BATTLE OF MOOR PARK", Shepherd and Flock roundabout.~~ We are planning to stage a re-enactment of an event which took place early on a snowy Sunday morning in January 1897, when the owner of Moor Park House decided he didn't want the common people walking along the pretty footpath which led to his house. As a result on January 17, special policemen arrived to bolt and bar the gate but they were met by a large crowd of angry Farnham people with men sent by the council to cut the bolts and open the gate again. Watch the local press or go to www.farnhamsociety.org.uk/battle-of-moor-park nearer the time for details. Come along and join the crowd outside at the Shepherd and Flock pub, and you can be part of it!

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

NEW THIS YEAR! A leisurely longer walk around historic sites

10.00: "WALK TO WAVERLEY" with guide GUY SINGER.

Meet at 10.00 promptly at the entrance to Borelli Walk in South Street. A leisurely 5 hour walk passing several historic sites - High Mill and Moor Park House, WW2 pillboxes, Mother Ludlam's Cave, Stella's Cottage and then the 12th century Waverley Abbey for a conducted tour of the ruins with guide Roy Waight. Visit the splendid 18th century mansion Waverley Abbey House for a tour. A light lunch can be obtained in the café, or bring a picnic, before returning home passing the little known Snayleslynch Farm, one of the oldest buildings in Farnham.

Duration approx. 5 hours, distance 6 miles. Easy walking but not suitable for wheelchairs, buggies or dogs. No advance booking required.



THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

10.00: Walk - "FARNHAM'S INDUSTRIAL PAST" guided by CHRIS SHEPHEARD. Meet in the Waggon Yard car park (corner of Downing Street and Lower Church Lane).

A walk around the town to look for some of the surviving reminders of its industrial past. Duration 2½ hours, distance 4½ miles, easy walking, some steps. *Advance booking essential between 28 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 20 people, sfbrads@btinternet.com*

10.30: Talk - "THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF ROWLEDGE" by ROY WAIGHT. Cellar Bar, Farnham Maltings. Rowledge developed in the 19th century from what was then a small hamlet near the 'Rowditch' close to Alice Holt Forest. Roy Waight traces the origins of the village and creation of the parish. *No advance booking required*

14.15: Walk - "THE BOURNE - CHANGE IN THE VILLAGE" guided by the Bourne Conservation Group. Meet at the Church of St Thomas-on-The Bourne, Frensham Road (A287). A walk taking in various sites around the Bourne with particular reference to the writings of George Sturt and other local inhabitants. Duration about 2 hours, some unmade paths and uphill walking. Not suitable for wheelchairs, dogs may bring their owners. *No advance booking required.*

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

10.00: Walk - "FARNHAM'S WORLD WAR 2 DEFENCES" guided by CHRIS SHEPHEARD. Meet in the car park in Farnham Park (off Folly Hill). A walk investigating the surviving remains of the WW2 GHQ defence line as it passes through Farnham. Duration 3 hours, distance 5 to 5½ miles, moderate walk on a variety of surfaces, some steep hill climbs. Strong footwear, dress for the weather.

Advance booking essential between 28 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 20 people, sfbrads@btinternet.com

10.00: Talk - "FARNHAM'S FINEST" by PETER BRIDGEMAN, Cellar Bar, Farnham Maltings. Illustrated talk featuring 50 or so famous Farnham people spanning 900 years of history. Look for a selection of names at the foot of each page of this brochure. About 1 hour including time for questions. *No advance booking required*



FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER (continued)

11.30: Talk - "THE ARCHITECTURE OF CASTLE STREET" by MICHAEL BLOWER, Cellar Bar, Farnham Maltings.

Retired architect and artist Michael Blower will conduct you on a 'virtual walk' tour of the architecture lining the famous panorama of Castle Street, illustrating and explaining buildings on each side of the street. About 1 hour including time for questions.

No advance booking required

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

10.30: Talk - "FARNHAM GREEN" by the Town Crier JONATHAN JONES, Council Chamber, Farnham Council Offices, South Street

Why is the predominant colour of the Town Crier's regalia, and the shield on Farnham's heraldic coat of arms, green? Come and hear about the Civil War Farnham Greencoats, the town's medieval deer park, and Farnham Greenware. *No advance booking required*

11.30: Walk - "TREES IN FARNHAM PARK" with PETER BRIDGEMAN

Meet in the car park in Farnham Park, off Folly Hill near the cricket nets. Retired tree expert Peter Bridgeman will take you on a walk through historic Farnham Park, identifying and describing over 50 native and exotic trees. About 2 hours, mainly on footpaths or grassland, children and dogs welcome but not easy for wheelchairs. Wear suitable shoes and dress according to the weather.

Advance booking essential between 28 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 20 people, sfbrads@btinternet.com



PEOPLE POWER!

12.15 and 14.15: THE TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS, two performances by members of Farnham Rep who will read scenes from "Six Men of Dorset", a play by Miles Malleson and H. Brooks about the Tolpuddle Martyrs, six 19th century Dorset men who suffered deportation to Australia for the heinous crime of being members of The Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers.

The Culver Room, Farnham Library, on the ground floor of Vernon House. Duration just under an hour.

Fully accessible. No advance booking required

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (continued)

14.00: Walk - "THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF FARNHAM PARK" guided by archaeologist DAVID GRAHAM and THE FRIENDS OF FARNHAM PARK. Meet at the Visitor Centre in the main car park in Farnham Park. A walk around the Park, talking about its origins, various uses throughout history, and a few remaining signs of those uses. Duration 1½ to 2 hours, distance 2 to 2½ miles, moderate walking, some hills and steep slopes, mainly on grass which can be muddy after rain. Stout shoes recommended, not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. *No advance booking required*

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

09.00 and 11.00: Two tours - "THE RISE AND FALL OF WAVERLEY ABBEY" with guide ROY WAIGHT. Meet in the abbey car park off Waverley Lane (B3001), GU9 8EP. Each tour approx. 90 minutes. The tour describes the history of the site from its foundation to the present day, identifies the buildings still standing and the life of the Abbey during its rise and fall. Access possible for those with disabilities, a short easy and level walk on rough grass, sturdy footwear recommended. Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs. *No advance booking required.*



12.00: TALK AND TOUR OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH by ANDREW PARTRIDGE looking at the treasures and architecture of this fine historic church, including a stained glass window by A.W.N. Pugin. The tour lasting about an hour will be preceded by a Heritage Service and coffee. *No advance booking required*



14.30: Walk - "THE ARCHITECTURE OF CASTLE STREET" guided by MICHAEL BLOWER. Meet outside No.10 Castle Street (west side) by the junction with Long Garden Walk. Retired architect Michael Blower will lead a walk in Castle Street pointing out the architectural treasures of Farnham's famous Georgian street. Approx. 90 minutes. *Advance booking essential between 28 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 20 people, sfbrads@btinternet.com*

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14 AND 15 SEPTEMBER THURSDAY 19 TO SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER Guide to properties on view in Farnham town centre

FARNHAM CASTLE, KEEP AND DEER PARK, Castle Street Map 1

Open SUN 15 from 11.00 to 17.00

900 years of living history! Self-guided tours of the Bishops Palace, 11.00-17.00, guides present between 14.00 and 16.00 to offer information.

Cream tea with musical accompaniment in the magnificent surroundings of the Great Hall (advance booking essential on 01252 721194 or info@farnhamcastle.com), light food options available outside.

Historic re-enactments all day featuring military drills, musket and cannon firing.

Farnham Castle, founded in the 12th century, is the jewel in Farnham's crown, looking down upon the town of today from its elevated position on Castle Hill as it has done for almost 1000 years. The historic buildings are listed Grade I and Grade II. The castle was built as a Palace of the Bishops of Winchester and visited by royalty, but when the Diocese of Guildford was created in the 20th century it was no longer needed by the Church Commission, who proposed to 'ruinate' the buildings (take the roofs off) and leave it as a romantic ruin. It was saved by the Farnham Society in the 1950s which was instrumental in arranging a full repairing lease to the Centre for International Briefing which offered courses for people about to take up jobs abroad. The dilapidated buildings were gradually restored and used by the Centre until 2012, when the Castle became what it is today, a successful Events, Conference and Wedding venue.

Disabled access to ground floor only, steep stairs within the building. Parking at the castle for disabled visitors only. Parking is available in Farnham Park (entrance off Folly Hill), entering the Castle grounds through the Postern Gate. No dogs except guide dogs.



CASTLE KEEP

Open daily, Mon to Fri 09.00 to 17.00, Sat and Sun 10.00 to 16.00

The keep is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is a shell keep – an early 13th century structure enclosing the original 12th century Norman keep. Uneven stone steps lead up to the top with superb views over Farnham and a covered platform from which you can see down into the 12th century structure.

Disabled access to the Keep is limited to the ground floor.



FARNHAM PARK

Open all the time

Pedestrian entrance off High Park Road, vehicle entrance off Folly Hill. The original deer park, or Old Park, probably founded about 1328, was to the west and north of the present day park and is now farmland. The park of today is the New or Little Park, a medieval deer park, 320 acres of public land with open landscape, ancient trees and wonderful views. Much of it is managed to encourage wildlife.

A guided walk around the park is available on Saturday 21 September at 2 pm (see p.10).

WEST STREET

Part of the ancient east-west trade route around which Farnham grew up, with some of the town's oldest buildings and some very fine Georgian townhouses built by wealthy hop growers in the 18th century.

Buildings to note:

25 West Street, Adult Learning Centre, a Grade II Listed Building once the Old Grammar School, with the inscription "1611: Schola Grammaticalis: 1872" on the eastern bay. The present Gothic-style building dates from the late 19th century.

50 West Street, opposite the Jolly Sailor pub, is an exceptionally handsome Grade II Listed building with an important place in the history of the car industry. It bears a plaque stating "John Henry Knight's car, one of Britain's earliest petrol driven vehicles, was built here by George Parfitt at the Elliott Reliance Works 1895". John Henry Knight, gentleman farmer and member of the influential Knight family of Farnham, was an inventor and very early car pioneer. He certainly started something!



PEOPLE POWER!

MUSEUM OF FARNHAM, Willmer House, 38 West St.



Map 2

Open weekly Tues to Sat.

SAT 21 from 10.00 to 15.00, Dig for Victory!

For Heritage Open Days the Museum staff are inviting everyone to join them for an event celebrating the power of people on the home front during World War 2. Come and see the Dig for Victory allotment in action, wander around stalls demonstrating the skills that people needed to have in those difficult times, and enjoy delicious cream teas in the Secret Garden Café (Black Market of course).

Willmer House, the home of Farnham's Museum, is an outstanding and little altered example of Georgian architecture. It was built in 1718 for a wealthy hop merchant, John Thorne, and today it is one of Farnham's only two non-ecclesiastical Grade I Listed Buildings. The initials J.T. and date 1718 can be seen on the drainpipe heads to the side of the building.

It is a symmetrical early Georgian townhouse with Baroque design influences and many original interior features. The front façade is a tour de force of rubbed and gauged red brickwork with fine putty joints.



Behind the house is a sheltered walled garden, secluded and quiet, well planted with trees and flowers, with a bust of William Cobbett. The Garden Gallery can be hired for private events. *Disabled access to ground floor and garden. Stairs to upper floors.*



GUITAR VILLAGE
80-82 West Street



Map 3

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19, FRI 20 and SAT 21, 10.00 to 17.30

Recent tree ring dating of timbers in this house 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. The present infill of long narrow bricks was probably added in the Tudor period.

Narrow stairs, disabled access to ground floor only.

Heritage Open Days

Farnham's Heritage Open Days are part of an international festival. European Heritage Days were started in 1991 under the Council of Europe and the European Commission, to promote awareness of cultural assets, and to highlight the need for their protection. The principle was to open historic buildings for a few days, especially buildings not generally open to the public. Heritage Days are now held in 50 states signatory to the European Cultural Convention.

CAFFÉ PICCOLO
84 West Street



Map 4

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19 from 14.00 to 17.00

The age of the original building is uncertain though it is likely to be 17th century or earlier. It was substantially rebuilt at a later stage using some spectacular ancient timbers. It was restored in 1929, when a Tudor fireplace was revealed, said to be in excellent condition, and made good. In the 19th century this property was owned by a cooper selling tubs, barrels, baskets and bowls, in the mid 20th century it was a pub called The Mitre and it opened as Caffé Piccolo in 1995. *Disabled access to ground floor, stairs to upper floor.*

Britain has participated since 1994. National coordination was undertaken for many years by English Heritage. Nowadays the National Trust has taken over the role, with central funding from the People's Postcode Lottery. Events and venues are organised locally by many towns, run by volunteers to provide free entry to all visitors. This year, HODS will take place September 13 to 22 although in Farnham we are concentrating on six days, Sat 14, Sun 15 and Thurs 19 to Sun 22.

FARNHAM LIBRARY, Vernon House, 28 West Street



Map 5

Culver Room and Library open THUR 19 and FRI 20 09.30 to 17.00, SAT 21 12.00-16.30

Also PEOPLE POWER! SAT 21 12.15 and 14.15 in the Culver Room: The Tolpuddle Martyrs, two performances by members of Farnham Rep presenting readings from the play "Six Men of Dorset" by Miles Malleson and H. Brooks about the six 19th century Dorset men who suffered deportation to Australia for the heinous crime of being members of a Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers.

The panelled Culver Room is on the ground floor and Charles I is said to have spent a night there as a guest of the Vernon family on his way to his trial and execution in London. Vernon House partly dates from 1563, with the street front dated at 1721, but with later changes following a fire in about 1860. The library itself is in a new building behind the house.

Performances last approx. 1 hour.

No advance booking required.

Fully accessible, disabled toilet.

Please note the Culver Room is not open during performances.

GRAHAM & CO., Jewellers
20A West Street

Map 6

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19, FRI 20 & SAT 21, 10.00 to 16.30

This little shop hides an astonishing secret, an ornately plastered ceiling dating to the mid-17th century which was made for the Earl of Shaftesbury as a 'pattern' for a ceiling in his house at Wimborne. The ceiling was later covered up but it was rediscovered in the 20th century. An information sheet will be available.

GOLDSMITHS JEWELLERS, Lion and Lamb House, 113 West St.



Map 7

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19 and FRI 20 from 10.00 to 16.00, SAT 21 from 11.00 to 15.00

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 minstrels gallery overlooks the yard. There is a magnificent carved oak fire surround in the front room.

Please note ground floor only is open.

THE HART AND FALKNER ROAD

In earlier years the Hart led to the Hart hopground, on land now the home of the University for the Creative Arts. The Foyer and James Hockey Galleries are open to the public. Falkner Road, leading to Beavers Road, is named after the influential Farnham architect Harold Falkner.

SCULPTURE PARK, UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS, adjacent to Lower Hart car park off Long Garden Way



Map 8
Open all the time

The sculpture park is an attractive green space with a path winding up through trees and grassed areas towards the UCA Student Village. It features sculptures by well-known artists and graduates/students of the university.

CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE, Falkner Road (adjacent to UCA foyer entrance)



Map 9
Open for tours on FRI 20 and SAT 21 at 11.00

Specialist university museum and research centre, home to internationally renowned collections of modern British craft. Free guided tours of about an hour led by the Director and Curator including a behind the scenes viewing of selected objects drawn from the collections, as well as a personal guided tour of the two exhibition galleries. The attractive modern entrance is fronted by a small dry garden.

Advance booking required - please visit the Crafts Study Centre or phone 01252 891450, maximum 6 per tour.

The details in this brochure were correct at the time of going to press. For any last minute changes to the programme, please check the Farnham Society website at farnhamsociety.org.uk/heritage-open-days-2019

CASTLE STREET

"A street, indeed, which for sheer visual delight has few equals in all England" – Alec Clifton-Taylor.

Farnham's famous Georgian panorama, a wide perspective leading up to the Castle on the hill. In the 18th century, fashionable Georgian frontages were added to existing older buildings, so many of them are older than they look.

Buildings to note: on the east side, Guildford House just below the Castle is a striking Regency-style building on the grand scale. Further down on the corner of Park Row, but currently under restoration, Windsor Almshouses was built in 1619 "for the habitation and relief of eight poor honest old impotent persons" according to the plaque on the front. The Nelson Arms is an old pub with a legend claiming that Nelson's glass eye is embedded in one of the pillars. Farnham Market House, built in the 16th century stood at the foot of the street where the shop pavilions are now, but it was demolished in 1866. There will be a guided walk, "The Architecture of Castle Street", on Sun 22 Sept at 14.30 (see p. 10).



OPEN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR!

10 CASTLE STREET (corner of Long Garden Walk) Map 10

Open for tours on SAT 21 and SUN 22 at 11.00

This is an early 18th century house built on the site of Farnham's old Corn Exchange. It is distinguished from its neighbours by the fact that it is set back behind a garden fronted by fine wrought iron gates which are reputed to have come from Moor Park House. It was built in about 1730 by a London grocer, Thomas Piggott and although it was altered in the Victorian period it was restored in the 20th century and now retains most of its original 18th century appearance. Information sheets will be available. *Advance booking essential between 7 and 17 Sept, gillian_d_ward@hotmail.com*

29 CASTLE STREET Map 11

Open for tours on SAT 21 at 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00, 30 minutes per tour

This little Grade II Listed cottage has changed over the centuries and now consists of an 18th century Georgian frontage, a 19th century central section and a 1980s extension at the back. Recent renovation in the central Victorian section uncovered a much older inglenook fireplace, indicating the probable existence of a small timber framed cottage on the site. This is a private house not normally open to the public.

Advance booking essential between 7 and 17 Sept for up to eight people per tour, catherinecook@onetel.com
Limited disabled access, steps at entrance, narrow stairs, sloping floors.

"HUNT THE PLAQUE" competition!

Family Quiz

Join the Great Farnham Plaque Hunt! In Farnham there are lots of plaques with interesting facts about the town. Pictured on these two pages are twelve plaques in the town centre. Can you find them?

Start straight away, and send your answers by email to peteroadflax@sky.com or use the form at farnhamsociety.org.uk/hunt-the-plaque - please let us know where you think the plaques are, your name, children's ages and contact details.

Closing date Sunday 22nd September.

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JOHN HENRY KNIGHT'S
CAR, ONE OF BRITAIN'S
EARLIEST PETROL-DRIVEN
VEHICLES, WAS BUILT HERE
BY GEORGE PARTITT
AT THE
ENGINE REPAIR WORKS
1895

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Jonny Wilkinson, CBE
England International
Rugby Union Player
1979

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THE GREATEST
TIMBER-FRAMED ROOF
IN EUROPE
The massive carved trusses
for the Roof of the Great Hall
in the Palace of Westminster
were made in Farnham not
far from this spot,
and sent to London in the
summer of 1395.

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HAROLD FALKNER
(1875 - 1963),
Architect, lived and
practised here from
1897 to 1963. His
life's work was
devoted to Farnham,
and he had a
profound influence
on the architectural
style of the town
centre in the first
half of the
20th century.

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Upon this site stood the
Senior Department of the
Royal Military College
from 1814 until 1820,
after its establishment
at High Wycombe in 1799,
and receiving the
Royal Warrant in 1801.
After its transfer to
Sandhurst in 1820, it
became the Staff College
in 1858 as a separate
institution.

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In front of this building on
the cobbled area, once stood
a timber-framed market
house. It was erected in 1566
and demolished in 1866. It
was used initially for grain
transactions, then later as a
jail.



4

The March Garter
The Garter commemorates the friendship of the
monarchs of Farnham and those of Farnham, the
Buckingham, by whom this plaque was presented.

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TWO MINUTE SILENCE
In this place, on 10th May 1916, what is thought to
be the world's first two minute silence was observed
prior to an agricultural fair and May day fair
organised to raise funds for the British Red Cross.
At 11.05am all those gathered paused for two minutes
as a token of respect to the memory of those who had
fallen during the war, to the wounded, to the prisoners
and to those who were fighting for their country.

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NIGEL TEMPLE
1926-2003
Author, artist
and
local historian
lived here
1928 - 1955

FARNHAM MASONIC CENTRE
42 Castle Street



Map 12

Open SAT 21 from 10.00 to 16.00

The Temple will be set up as though a ceremony is about to start.

Masonic regalia will be on show and guides will be there to explain.

This is an imposing building dating back to between 1750 and 1800, with a real sense of local history and continuity. It was a school in the 19th century, then the Working Men's Institute, before becoming the Freemasons' Hall in the 1950s.

No advance booking required. Steps at entrance, stairlift in the building, no wheelchair access.



ZIZZI
68A Castle Street



Map 13

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19 and FRI 20 from 15.00 to 18.00

From 1939 to 1974 this was the home of the Castle Theatre, founded in 1939 by an itinerant group of actors returning from France who set themselves up in the building which had previously been the Picture Palace, Farnham's first cinema.

By 1974 the theatre had become so popular that it had outgrown its capacity of 167 seats, and the new Redgrave Theatre was built with public subscription in Brightwells Road where it continued until it closed in 1998.

It never re-opened and has now been demolished, part of the new Brightwells Yard development currently under construction.

There are pictures of the Castle Theatre in the upstairs restaurant at Zizzi and the staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors and showing them around.

Disabled access to ground floor only.

THE BOROUGH

The Borough runs east and west across the foot of Castle Street.

Buildings to note: In the narrow eastern section, The Town Hall Buildings (despite the name, not the council offices) at the bottom of Castle Street, built in the 1930s to replace the earlier neo-Gothic Corn Exchange on the site. Note the tall clock tower with its weather vane carrying an image of Francis Drake's ship the Golden Hind, representing the Ship of Plenty, also the fine colonnade in the Borough, with ceiling moulding and alternating brick and stone columns. The Bush Hotel entrance from the Borough leads to a delightful enclosed courtyard with a fountain and access to the hotel.



OPEN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR!

RUBY LA LA
THE BAILIFF'S HALL
Map 14

Welcoming HODs visitors on THUR 19 to SAT 21 09.30 to 17.30

Ruby La La is new to Farnham and opened in June. The staff will be ready to talk to visitors, unless they are occupied with customers.

This dramatic building at the eastern end of the colonnade has an unusual and puzzling history. The exact date when it was first built is not known but 1537 or 1566 have been suggested although it could have been later, around 1657. The original frontage was lost in alterations in 1865/6 but it was rebuilt in about 1934 by the Farnham architect Harold Falkner in a style which imaginatively recreates its older appearance. Falkner also incorporated a tall decorative brick chimney which he salvaged from Norman Shaw's Knights Bank in Castle Street which was being demolished at the time.



SOUTH STREET

South Street was built in 1869 and was at first known as New Road, providing direct access from the town to the new railway station. On the west side there are some handsome Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Farnham's cattle market was on the site of what is now Sainsbury's.

Buildings to note: The Farnham Institute (now the Bush Hotel Conference Centre) opened in 1891, designed by the architect Paxton Hood Watson. Note the relief murals on the south wall, symbolising learning. Also The Bush Hotel, an ancient inn dating back to the 17th century or earlier, with modern extensions at the rear. Visit the panelled Oak Lounge with a rare indoor sundial on the ceiling and 18th century murals. Sit with a cup of coffee or tea in the old coaching yard with its fountain, or in the peaceful rear garden with shady yew trees.



THE VICTORIA GARDEN Brightwells Road, off South Street by Sainsbury's car park



Map 15

Open daily

SAT 21 from 10.00 to 14.00, garden volunteers will be present to welcome visitors, answer questions and distribute information sheets.

This charming little flower-filled oasis occupies the site of Farnham's first open air swimming bath, built in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The existence of this award-winning garden is entirely down to the work of volunteers who revived the original 19th century charity, the Farnham Swimming Baths Trust. The garden was created in 1997/8 to mark the centenary of the original swimming bath, and it is run and funded by volunteers. The impressive brick entrance archway is by Farnham architect Harold Falkner, who personally inscribed the slightly eccentric Arts and Crafts lettering over the windows. Inside the garden there is a statue by sculptor Jane Jones called "Outdoor Bathing", recalling the site's previous use, and a terracotta plaque erected in 2012 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilees of two Queens, Victoria and Elizabeth. *Full disabled access including wheelchairs (use gateway at the side of the arch).*

FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES South Street



Map 16

Open THUR 19 to SAT 21 from 10.00 to 16.00.

Also SAT 21 at 10.30: "FARNHAM GREEN" a talk by the Farnham Town Crier Jonathan Jones. Why is the Town Crier's regalia predominantly green? Why is the shield on Farnham's Coat of Arms green? The reasons are historic. Jonathan will explain.

The Council Chamber on the first floor will be open with local paintings, maps and heritage items on display. On Thursday and Friday council staff will be there to answer questions and town councillors will be present on Saturday.

The Council Offices were opened in 1903, designed for Farnham Urban District Council by architect Paxton Hood Watson in neo-Georgian style. It originally included the town's Fire Station, but this part of the building now accommodates the Tindle Suite which is open to visitors. During the Heritage Open Days period a new short film by Sebastian Bone about the history of the ancient Wanborough Great Barn and Waverley Abbey will be running in the Tindle Suite.

Full disabled access (lift to first floor), disabled toilet.

UNION ROAD

Union Road was built in the 19th century to connect South Street, also new at the time, with Downing Street. Before the construction of these two roads, and the construction of the Farnham Bypass, the route leading to southern parts of the town and Waverley Abbey was via Longbridge and Abbey Street.

GOSTREY MEADOW Map 17

This one-time Victorian rubbish dump was converted into a public park by Farnham Urban District Council in 1909. It has a children's playground and a bandstand, and the River Wey runs along the south side between sloping grassy banks, with a little footbridge. The town War Memorial is next to the South Street entrance. Note the recently restored drinking fountain (not operational) designed by Farnham architect Harold Falkner, near the Lancaster Gate entrance in Union Road. The gate is named after Ron Lancaster, Town Clerk during the 1970s.



THE OLD COURT HOUSE Union Road



Map 18

**Open for tours of the building on
THUR 19 and FRI 20 at 10.00 approx
1 hour finishing with tea or coffee.**

Set back behind railings, the Old Court House was built in 1888 as Farnham's police station. Tours lasting about an hour include a visit to the Magistrate's Room and part of the old Court (up steep stairs). One of the cells has been preserved, so you can imagine yourself in custody! This is the administrative headquarters of Tindle Newspapers Ltd. owners of the Farnham, Haslemere, Alton, Bordon and Liphook Heralds together with over 150 other local titles in the south and west of England and Wales.

Advance booking essential for up to 12 people per tour, preferably email at wendy.craig@tindlenews.co.uk or phone 01252 735667.

Steep stairs to upper floor.



Longbridge, Bridge Square and Red Lion Lane

The William Cobbett pub in Bridge Square is the birthplace of William Cobbett, 1763-1835, the great soldier, politician and author of "Rural Rides". In Longbridge outside Hawthorn Lodge a new sculpture by the late Sheila Mitchell FRBS was unveiled in 2016 by Dame Penelope Keith. It shows Cobbett on his horse, accompanied by his dog. Longbridge is the site of a ford long predating the first bridge, and this area, with the area around the parish church are thought to be the oldest parts of Farnham, possibly settled in the Saxon period although no direct evidence has been uncovered. Before the Farnham Bypass was built, the narrow little Red Lion Lane was a main traffic route through Farnham! Buildings to note: In Red Lion Lane, the late 15th century Tanyard House, next to the Maltings.



Note the painted signs on the Maltings buildings facing Red Lion Lane saying "Sampson Sampson Licensed Maltster" and "Farnham United Brewery" recalling the hop industry.

PEOPLE POWER! FARNHAM MALTINGS Bridge Square (entrance in Red Lion Lane)



Map 19

In 1969 Farnham Maltings, an old Maltings and Tannery, was about to be demolished but was saved by the people of Farnham who raised £30,000 to buy it from the owners Courages. It was then set up as a registered charity and has grown to the lively arts and community centre enjoyed today in its 50th birthday year.

**Three talks for Heritage Open Days
in the Cellar Bar.**

**THUR 19 10.30, ROY WAIGHT, "The
History of the Parish of Rowledge".**

**FRI 20 10.00, PETER BRIDGEMAN,
"Farnham's Finest", highlighting
around 50 famous Farnham people.**

**FRI 20 11.30, MICHAEL BLOWER,
"The Architecture of Castle Street",
a 'virtual walk' in Castle Street.**

**No advance booking required for
the talks, see p.8/9 for more details.**

Maltings open Thur 19 and Fri 20
09.00 to 17.00, Sat 21 and Sun 22
10.00 to 14.00.

Limited access to some rooms in the building depending on activities taking place; please refer to room booking board at the Box Office to see which areas are open.

Riverside Café and shop open Thur to Sat, closed Sun.

*Full disabled access to all main areas,
disabled toilet.*

LOWER, MIDDLE AND UPPER CHURCH LANES, VICARAGE LANE

The Church Lanes form three sides of a square off Downing Street, with St Andrew's Parish Church and churchyard facing Middle Church Lane. The Rectory stands at the junction of Middle and Upper Church Lanes. Lower Church Lane retains its old ironstone cobbles with a drainage channel in the middle, into which people used to throw slops from their upper windows, warning passers-by with a cry of "Gardy loo" ("gardez l'eau")! Vicarage Lane opens at the junction of Lower and Middle Church Lanes.

NEW ASHGATE GALLERY, Lower Church Lane, entrance in Waggon Yard car park



Map 20

**Open THUR 19 to SAT 21 from 10.00
to 17.00.**

**Special event: Fri 20 18.00 to 20.00:
private view of the Exhibitions, an
opportunity to meet the artists.**

**Exhibitions: Surrey Artists of the
Year Competition; Catherine
Warren, Surrey Artist of the Year
2018.**

The Exhibitions show a wide variety of artworks using different materials and techniques – ceramic, glass, jewellery,

painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. Catherine Warren's work takes inspiration from landscapes and nature, including scenes close to her home in Farnham. Staff are ready to welcome visitors and discuss the work. The New Ashgate Gallery is a fine arts and crafts gallery showing work of an exceptionally high standard. It is run by a not-for-profit trust and cultivates the pursuit of excellence in a marketplace environment.

Once the site of a pub called The Feathers, this is one of the few older buildings which survived the 1960s almost wholesale clearance of the area which is now the Waggon Yard car park.

Full disabled access, disabled toilet.

THE OLD VICARAGE, Vicarage Lane, off Lower Church Lane



Map 21

Open SAT 14 for tours at 14.00 and 15.00 guided by Cathy Cook

The Old Vicarage is one of the oldest domestic buildings in Farnham, listed Grade II* and accurately tree ring dated to 1418. It was built by John Forrest, Archdeacon of Surrey as his ecclesiastical court house. The rear garden leads down to the river. *Advance booking essential between 31 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 10 people per tour, catherinecook@onetel.com*

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH, Middle Church Lane



Map 22

Open THUR 19 & FRI 20 10.00-16.00 SAT 21 from 10.00 to 12.00, 15.00 to 16.00, also Tower Tour on Sat at 15.00, limited numbers

SUN 22 from 12.00 to 16.00

At 12.00 on Sun, talk and tour of the Church guided by Andrew Partridge, approx 1 hour. At 10.00 on Sunday there will be a Heritage Service and coffee, open to all. At the back of the Church there will be quiz sheets, and the ancient and rare 'Vinegar Bible' (containing a misprint for Vineyard) will be on display.

St Andrew's Church is a Grade I Listed Building built on what is thought to be the site of an earlier Saxon church. Parts of a Norman structure remain, but the main part of the Church is 15th century, extensively remodelled in the 19th century when the tower was raised to its present height. The Pavilions, a recently installed facility for group meetings at the west end of the church was designed by architect Ptolemy Dean, as was the organ casement. The Church has fine stained and painted glass including the Great East window designed by Gothic Revival architect A.W.N. Pugin. The tomb of William Cobbett is in the churchyard close to the north door. *No advance booking required. Wheelchair accessible.*

PEOPLE POWER! THE BISHOPS' MEADOW



Map 23

A self guided walk starting in the corner of St Andrew's churchyard

There is a surprise waiting for you in the middle of the busy town.

At the south western corner of the churchyard there is a small opening which takes you past the lower ends of the gardens of the Georgian townhouses of West Street into a peaceful area of ancient wet meadow, 31½ acres of open meadow lying between the West Street Cemetery and allotments and the River Wey. Once the property of the Bishops of Winchester, this is an ancient part of Farnham's farming heritage and part of its floodplain defences.

To save it from possible housing development the land was purchased by a local benefactor with a loan, now repaid, to the newly formed Bishops Meadow Trust who own and manage it for natural diversity and wildlife. In 2013 it was declared a Site of Nature Conservation Importance "for its rich habitat supporting 17 plant species typical of grassland of conservation interest in Surrey".

It's all there just waiting for you to find it.

ST ANDREW'S C OF E INFANT SCHOOL, Upper Church Lane



Map 24

Open SAT 21 from 12.00 to 16.00

An opportunity to have a wander around the school and study log books and photographs covering its history. This attractive little Victorian school was opened in February 1860 by Bishop Sumner on a site known as Parsonage Yard. It is built in the neo-Gothic style, in the same pale clunch (chalk) stone as the church.

The two cottages next to Church Passage, also of clunch and in the neo-Gothic style, were built for the headmaster and headmistress of the school (these properties are not open to visitors).

Some steps and narrow passages.



DOWNING STREET

Downing Street, leading to Longbridge and Abbey Street, is the old route 'down' to Waverley Abbey. When Castle Street was first named in Tudor times it was known as Upping Street ('up' to the castle).

HONE'S YARD Downing Street



Map 25

Open THUR 19 and FRI 20 from 10.00 to 16.00, for unattended visits to the yard.

SAT 21 from 12.00 to 16.00, short tours with guides Chris Cleland and Brian Pittuck and display of hop related artefacts and photos.

Site of an old farm - a fascinating glimpse of the local hop industry with 17th century barns and a 19th century hop kiln. An insight into the major Farnham hop industry which dominated the town from the 18th century until it finally died out in the mid-20th century.

Uneven floor in barn, otherwise unrestricted access.

IVY HOUSE (Farnham Conservative Club) Ivy Lane, off Downing Street



Map 26

Open SAT 21 from 12.00 to 17.00.

When it was first built in about 1700 Ivy House with its walled garden was an important house, one of the largest in Farnham. It would have been surrounded by fields and meadows with uninterrupted views of the countryside to the south-east.

In the late 19th century there was a corset factory (or 'stays' as they were then known) in outbuildings, and in 1901 there was a rifle range for ladies. The property was acquired by The Farnham Working Men's Conservative Club in 1894.

Disabled access to ground floor, steep stairs to upper floor.

The details in this brochure were correct at the time of going to press. For any last minute changes to the programme, please check the Farnham Society website at farnhamsociety.org.uk/heritage-open-days-2019



Private visit to studio of Sir Antony Gormley



Greensted Church, Essex



Emmetts Garden, Kent



Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight



THE FARNHAM SOCIETY

Protecting our heritage, shaping our future

The Farnham Society was founded in 1911 when its 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.

The Society continues to pursue those objectives, making every possible effort to preserve the quality of life in and around Farnham. To this end it promotes the highest standards of planning and architecture in the built environment. It supports preservation of the green environment. And it takes an active part in the fight for air quality and against traffic congestion.

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.

Membership also entitles you to attend our evening lectures at a reduced price and take part in interesting visits/tours throughout the year.

You can join via our website www.farnhamsociety.org.uk or contact Simon Bradbury, 70 Middle Bourne Lane, Farnham, GU10 3NJ
email: 1memsec.fsoc@gmail.com
tel: 07831 132839

Properties Open Around Farnham

Farnham is surrounded by long-established villages large and small. They all contribute to the town's population of about 40,000 and they each have their own very individual character. Here is a selection of interesting properties in the outlying areas.

COXBRIDGE

Coxbridge marks the western point where the town ends and the country begins. The origin of the name Coxbridge is unclear – it may derive from the name of a family called Le Cok who were in Farnham in medieval times, or, more romantically, it may relate to the call of a woodcock sitting on the bridge over the farm stream, establishing his territory at twilight.

COXBRIDGE FARM West Street (adjacent to Coxbridge Roundabout)



Open SAT 14 and SUN 15 for tours at 10.00 and 14.00 each day, conducted by the owner Keith Kenward who has lived on the farm with his family for 50 years. The visit will start with a short talk about the history of this historic farm which dates back to the late 15th century, followed by a tour of the farm land in an open tractor-drawn trailer, weather permitting.

This historic farm site first appears in records in the 1490s. Keith will outline the history of the farm and describe the Listed 18th century barns, one of which contains the well preserved remains of the oldest hop drying kiln in Farnham. Information leaflets will be available.

The farm tours will take visitors through the farmyard and up the hill through fields where horses graze, past a small tree-lined stream flowing down the hill to join the River Wey, in a setting where it is difficult to remember that the busy streets of the town are barely half a mile away. New woodland has recently been planted with support from the Woodland Trust.

Visits will last approximately 90 minutes. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable shoes. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. No dogs.

Advance booking essential for up to 12 people per tour between 28 Aug and 10 Sept, sfbrads@btinternet.com



WRECCLESHAM

Wrecclesham, once in the estate of the Bishops of Winchester, is an old village with its own Conservation Area. It gained independent village status when St Peter's Church, standing on a bank above School Hill was built in the mid-19th century. The village has a longstanding cricketing connection and just outside it, the present Holt Pound Recreation Ground was in the late 18th century one of the chief cricket grounds of Surrey, used for first-class matches. The famous late 18th/early 19th century cricketer 'Silver Billy' Beldham was born here.

OLD YEW TREE COTTAGE 68 The Street, GU10 4QR

**(next to Riverdale turning)
Open FRI 20 and SAT 21 for tours at 11.00 and 11.30 each day**

A chance to see inside this Listed Building now that its careful restoration by the Farnham Building Preservation Trust is complete. Old Yew Tree Cottage is a Grade II Listed Building, one of the oldest houses in Wrecclesham, the oldest part having been accurately tree ring dated to 1561. It is believed to have been the birthplace of the cricketing hero 'Silver Billy' Beldham and a pub sign bearing his image is behind the house next to the recreation ground car park.

Limited disabled access, not suitable for wheelchairs, steps and steep stairs in the house and steps in the garden. Advance booking essential between 28 Aug and 10 Sept for up to 8 people per tour, hods@dcsv.co.uk

TILFORD

The pretty village of Tilford sits at the point where the two branches of the River Wey merge. There are regular cricket matches on the green in the centre of the village, and the Barley Mow pub is conveniently next to it. The Tilford Institute is by the architect Edwin Lutyens.

THE RURAL LIFE CENTRE Reeds Road, Tilford, GU10 2DL



Open SAT 21 from 10.00 to 17.00. Crafts demonstrations and hands-on activities, guided tours 14.00 and 15.30

Open air museum based on the history of agriculture and rural life between 1750 and 1950, displaying objects associated with farming and goods used by local craftsmen. The museum is set in ten acres of field, woodland and barns, with picnic facilities and café (booking for the café recommended).

Disabled access to most areas, disabled parking and toilet. One wheelchair available, bookable in advance.

MOOR PARK AND WAVERLEY

This tranquil area is a Registered Conservation Area, characterised by its lush river meadows, Moor Park House and garden, the ancient abbey ruins and the imposing Waverley Abbey House.

MOOR PARK HOUSE Moor Park Lane (off Moor Park Way), GU10 1FE



Guided tours SAT 21 at 10.30 and at 14.00, duration approx. 1½ hour.

Visitors will be taken round the outside of Moor Park House and its grounds, with an outline history of the building.

Moor Park House is one of Farnham's historic great houses, listed Grade II, bought in the 1680s by Sir William Temple who laid out five acres of superb formal gardens. Most of the present house dates from the 18th century, with outbuildings and the clock tower added in the 19th century. The house is now divided into flats. Mostly level ground, some steps, cobbled courtyard. Park in the field opposite (corner of Moor Park Lane and Compton Way) and assemble at the main entrance gate.

No advance booking required.

WAVERLEY ABBEY HOUSE Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP



Open SUN 15 from 10.00 to 16.00
Guided tours (approx. 45 mins) of the interior of the house at intervals during the day.

Access to the grounds. Café selling light lunches, cream teas, cakes.

Magnificent Grade II* Listed Georgian mansion overlooking the River Wey and Waverley Abbey ruins. The original house was built in 1723 by Sir John Aislabie MP and rebuilt and extended in the 19th century following a fire. Once owned by the uncle of Florence Nightingale, in the First World War it was volunteered as a military hospital caring for over 5000 wounded soldiers, all of whom survived. CWR are the present owners and the house is now used as a venue for courses, conferences and events. It is also available for business and private hire.

Disabled access to ground floor only.
No advance booking required.

New this year! Instead of driving, follow the route used by the Waverley monks in a walk to Waverley from the town centre led by Guy Singer, arriving at Waverley Abbey House in time for lunch. A light lunch can be obtained in the café, or bring a picnic. 6 miles, approx. 5 hours.

For further information see p.7.

WAVERLEY ABBEY RUINS off Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP Car park next to Waverley Abbey House entrance



Open all the time.

Also SUN 22 conducted tours at 09.00 and 11.00, "The Rise and Fall of Waverley Abbey" with guide ROY WAIGHT (see Events section p.10).

No advance booking required.

The ruins of Waverley Abbey stand in a hauntingly atmospheric and peaceful place, hidden in the river meadows and hardly visible from the road. The Abbey Church was founded in 1128 and was the first Cistercian abbey to be established in England. It was suppressed by Henry VIII in 1536 during the Dissolution.



FRENSHAM

Frensham is a delightful old village on the A287 south of Farnham, the road winding through to cross the river among fertile meadows. Frensham Great Pond and Common is a Green Flag award winning site.

ELLEL PIERREPONT Frensham GU10 3DL (off A287 in Frensham)



Guided tour SAT 14 at 14.15 of the main house and grounds with guide SAM OSMOND, duration approx. 1hr 45 mins

Pierrepont was built in 1876 and is a magnificent example of Richard Norman Shaw's 'Old English' style with Aesthetic Movement interiors. It was built for Richard Henry Combe, brewer, of Watney Combe and Reid. The house is now owned by Ellel Ministries.

Disabled access to most areas, ramp to main house entrance, some uneven areas and cobblestones.

Guests are asked to stay with the group as staff and their families live on the site. Advance booking essential between 7 Sept and 13 Sept, catherinecook@onetel.com

LOWER BOURNE

Upper, Lower and Middle Bourne cover a wide area south of Farnham which was once waste or common land but grew after the Enclosures Act of 1861 to become the big pleasant village it is now. Its more recent history is recorded by George Sturt, writing under the pseudonym George Bourne, who described changes over the late 19th/ early 20th century period.

SOUTH FARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL, School Lane, Lower Bourne, GU10 3PE



Open SAT 21 from 10.00 to 13.00 for an opportunity to chat to staff and look at records.

The Bourne School has been a centre of the village community since 1861. It started life on a different site, as a school for about 50 children on weekdays and as a chapel at weekends. Numbers grew rapidly and in 1894 the present site was purchased for £250, the price offset slightly by the sale of the apples which were growing there! This school started with 60 children, in one long room which could be divided into two with a partition.

Limited disabled access, sloping tarmacked outside areas, stairs within the building, limited access to upper floors. No advance booking required.

BADSHOT LEA

Badshot Lea is a small village north east of Farnham, separated from Aldershot by the Blackwater River. The eastern end of the village is prone to flooding and is affectionately referred to as 'The Docks'. St George's Church is in the middle of the village by the attractive village green. Once a farming and hop growing area, it is a popular place to live and is growing fast.

BADSHOT LEA VILLAGE HALL, St George's Road, Badshot Lea, GU9 8LY



Open SUN 22 from 10.00 to 16.00 with tours throughout the day and a visit to a mini hop field in the grounds to demonstrate traditional hop growing with two varieties of hops.

This is the old village hop kiln, built in 1886. The tours will take visitors throughout the building and will include the restored hop drying room. The history of the building and hop growing in the area will be described, how the building functioned, and how it now functions as a village hall.

Limited disabled access to the upper floors of the building to the restored hop drying room, up a set of concrete stairs. No advance booking required.

Farnham Town Council



Award-winning Farnham Town Council provides many essential services for residents including managing allotments and cemeteries, enhancing the town with Farnham in Bloom initiatives, funding CCTV and running a year-long programme of events.

In 2017, the council was crowned winner of gold in Britain in Bloom and is hoping for success in 2019.

As well as the day-to-day services, Farnham Town Council organises, runs, enables and supports activities to make Farnham a great place to live, work and do business all year round.

Farnham Town Council works with partners in other councils and public services as well as the town's many excellent voluntary groups and active business community.

Farnham Town Council's services include:

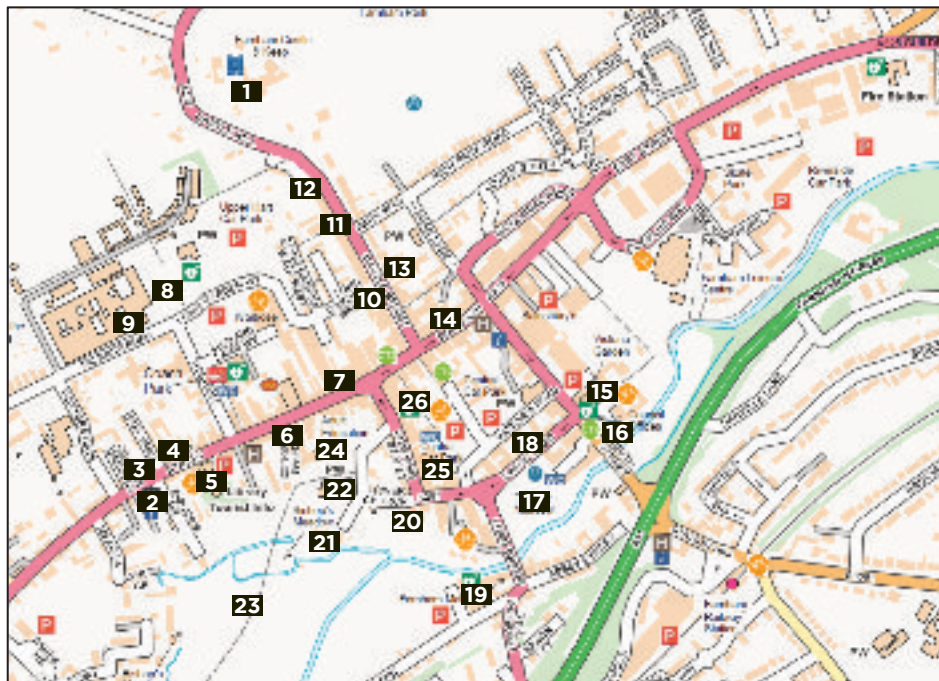
- Allotments
- Annual Town Meeting of electors
- CCTV and community safety
- Christmas lights
- Civic events
- Cemeteries
- Community enhancement including
 - Farnham in Bloom
 - Noticeboards
 - Street furniture
- Farmers' Markets
- Graffiti removal
- Grants for community organisations
- Planning – statutory consultee
- Managing the South Street Trust
- Managing bookings for street banners above the highway
- Toilets
- Tourism and events
- Town twinning with Andernach in Germany and other friendships
- War memorials



Farnham people are represented by 18 town councillors. They meet for full council meetings around nine times a year. Meetings are generally open to the public. Meeting dates and agendas can be found online at www.farnham.gov.uk.

To find out more about Farnham Town Council, pop along for a visit during Heritage Open Days or, to keep up to speed with what is happening throughout the year, sign up to receive the Council's e-newsletter at www.farnham.gov.uk.

Map of Farnham Town Centre



Key to map

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| 1. Farnham Castle, Keep and Deer Park | 14. Ruby La La |
| 2. Museum of Farnham | 15. Victoria Garden |
| 3. Guitar Village | 16. Farnham Town Council Offices |
| 4. Caffé Piccolo | 17. Gostrey Meadow |
| 5. Farnham Library | 18. The Old Court House |
| 6. Graham & Co. Jeweller | 19. Farnham Maltings |
| 7. Goldsmiths Jewellers | 20. New Ashgate Gallery |
| 8. Sculpture Park | 21. The Old Vicarage |
| 9. Crafts Study Centre | 22. St Andrew's Parish Church |
| 10. 10 Castle Street | 23. Bishops Meadow |
| 11. 29 Castle Street | 24. St Andrew's CofE Infant School |
| 12. Masonic Centre | 25. Hones Yard |
| 13. Zizzi | 26. Ivy House (Farnham Conservative Club) |

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