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## **Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

### **Christmas Tree lighting up – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm**

The tree is on its way, the mulled wine is mulling and Carol singers rehearsing to bring some Christmas cheer to Farningham. We hope to see you there!

**Mulled wine - Please bring your own mug!** Soft drinks will also be available.

The event will open at 5:30pm, with Carols starting at 5:45pm for our long-anticipated Christmas lights event!

### **Preventing Plastic Pollution Project:**

The river clean-up and survey of the Darent between Farningham and Horton Kirby took place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. The event was spectacularly well attended with 12 volunteers from the North Kent Countryside Partnership joined by five Friends of Farningham and Eynsford in Bloom co-ordinator Pauline Penney. Around 20 black sacks were filled with waste dragged from the river and the adjoining banks as well as car tyres and a car seat. We will be providing a more detailed report on this very successful venture.

### **Friends of Farningham:**

The Parish Council's volunteer clean-up group had their last meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October where we did more work in the Churchyard, as well as freeing one of the trees in the Village Hall car park of its ivy coat. We now plan to get together just before Christmas to toast another successful season. Many thanks to all those who came along to make a difference to our village and all being well, we will be up and running again from April 2023.

The Parish Council would also like to make a special mention to Cllr Carol Salmon and the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout Farningham. We are very grateful for the time and effort everyone puts in to keeping the village looking so lovely.

### **Ash trees on the river bank at Irving's Corner**

Two Ash trees on the river bank at Irving's Corner are affected from Ash Dieback. One is suffering very badly and will need to be removed. We hope to save the second tree by having it pollarded very heavily as recent studies show that Ash is

able to rejuvenate if Ash Dieback is caught and treated early enough. At the time of writing, dates for the work are still to be confirmed but Irving's Corner will have to be closed to the public. Thank you for your patience while this work takes place.

### **King Charles III Coronation**

Now the date has been confirmed as Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Farningham Parish Council is considering options to mark this historic event. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the celebrations, please contact the Clerk.

### **Newsletter**

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter delivery over the last week of October.

### **Regular updates:**

If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook, Twitter or by email. To receive email updates, please complete the sign up box at the foot of the home page [www.farninghamparishcouncil.org](http://www.farninghamparishcouncil.org) The Facebook link is [www.facebook.com/farninghampc](https://www.facebook.com/farninghampc) and Twitter @FarninghamPC

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7pm in the Shand Hall, (behind Farningham Church).