Carols & Christmas Cheer!

Saturday 5th December, Farningham Village Hall.

Doors open at 4:45pm, 5pm start.



Don’t forget to bring your own cup!

Dates for your Diary

- **4th November 7:30pm, All Souls Service** - let Debbie in the office know if you would like the name of someone recently departed to be read out during the service 01322 863050
- **7th November 10am, Millfield work party -** all are welcome to come along and lend a hand.
- **8th November Remembrance Sunday** - short church service at 10:30am and then laying of the wreaths at Farningham’s War Memorial in the churchyard at 11am.
- **5th December,** Christmas carols and mulled wine, Farningham Village Hall. 5pm start.
- **13th December 4:30pm Carols and Lessons service** St Peters and St Pauls, Farningham
- **24th December 11:15pm Midnight Holy Communion** St Peters and St Pauls, Farningham

Axstane Players 2027 Panto - ROBIN HOOD!
Friday 29 January 7:45pm, Saturday 30 January, 2:30pm and 7:45pm,
Friday 5 7:45pm, Saturday 6 February, 2:30pm and 7:45pm
£14 adults / £12 under 16s, Tea & coffee served during the interval
Want to get involved with the Panto? Everyone is welcome!
Please email axstaneplayers@hotmail.co.uk for details

FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN/WINTER 2026

Welcome to Farningham Parish Council latest newsletter.
I am honoured to have taken up the role as Chair of your Parish Council, and on behalf of my fellow councillors and residents of Farningham, we would like to thank Daryl Burns for her service as Chair of FPC over the past years. Daryl will continue to support you in her role as Deputy Chair of FPC moving forward.

It has been a great summer to be a resident in Farningham with numerous activities taking place; including the Summer Fete, Family-Fun Day, an Open-Garden at Farningham Mill, a sold-out production of Calendar Girls by the Axstane Players, and a series of events including an Elvis appearance to support the Neighbourhood Plan.

Whist it has been a celebratory summer in the Parish, it has also been challenging. period, planning for Local Government Re-organisation, (which has now been put on-hold), and responding to the Sevenoaks Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare guidance which we shared with our residents to help you respond to the consultation. And most importantly thank you to everyone who individually responded through the consultation on a Plan, which will potentially change the scale, and character of the Farningham Parish forever.

Looking forward to autumn and winter in the village, we will welcome a new business, ‘Forest of Farningham’, a new tearoom and wine/cocktail bar due to open in the former Bull Stores which signals a very positive and important investment in village life, and we will continue to develop our Neighbourhood Plan, with you to help positively shape the next chapter in Farningham’s wonderful history.

Cllr Kevin McGeough, Chair Farningham Parish Council



Farningham Village Hall
At the heart of the parish, the Village Hall and Market Meadow are much-loved village asset, with excellent parking and fantastic facilities that we can be proud of. The hall and meadow are available to hire for parties, family gatherings, weddings and celebrations, with residents benefiting from preferential rates. For more information and to find out how to book, please visit **www.farninghamvillagehall.co.uk**.

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Councillor vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested, and are over 18 years of age, please contact the Clerk or one of the current councillors with any questions you may have. If you prefer, you can come to one of our monthly meetings to see what it is all about first!

Councillors have three main components to their work:

- Making decisions - on parish council spending and policies, local services and planning applications.
- Monitor services - ensuring that parish council decisions lead to effective results.
- To get involved locally - representing residents and supporting community groups.

How much time does it take up?
We meet monthly with meetings generally being up to two hours long. Some councillors spend additional time with other activities. In the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community.

Friends of Farningham

A heartfelt thank you to Friends of Farningham for all the hard work they have put into keeping our village looking so lovely this year. Everyone is very grateful for their time, care and dedication, throughout the summer months.

What's happening in Farningham!

Lights of Love Festival, Advent
Remember someone special by writing the name of a loved on a disc to hang on one of the Christmas Trees in St Peters and St Pauls church throughout December.

Could you join the team?
St Peter's and St Paul's church are looking for people to join the church choir and flower arranging team. Speak to Debbie in the office for more details, efloffice3@gmail.com

Farningham & Eynsford History Society.
Farningham Village Hall: Doors open 7:30pm, 8pm start. Free to members, non £3.

- Friday 23rd October The Festival of Britain 1951
- Friday 27th November Images of Farningham

A Helping Hand for Local Residents
The Charity of Anthony Roper - registered charity number 206817 - provides small grants to help residents when they need it most. Support may include education/ training, later-life needs, health and wellbeing or unexpected and emergency situations. Applications can be made by their website and remain confidential www.roperscharity.com.

Have your say

If there is something you would like the Parish Council to consider, please get in touch with the Clerk or speak to one of your local councillors.

Farningham's Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Residents, and some Members of the Parish Council, who make up the NP Steering Group, have been working towards Farningham's NP - a community-led, positive planning document that will help decide local priorities and how land and buildings in the parish are developed and used in the future.

Once "made" our NP will sit alongside Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan. It cannot replace or contradict the Local Plan. Once it has passed examination and a local referendum, our NP will be used when planning applications are considered.



The Farningham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group work with our advisory consultants Tibbalds on further developing the ideas and priorities shared by residents.

Where are we now?
Over the last year the SG has been building up the evidence needed for the plan and, importantly, listening to the views of people who live and work in Farningham. This has included surveys, village walks, community events, newsletters, online updates and conversations with residents and local groups. At the heart of the plan is a vision for:

"A positive Farningham that is fit for the future, is a great place to live and spend time, and to enjoy the countryside."

The NP is developing around four broad priorities that will start to form our policies: **Enjoying nature; Supporting village life; A characterful built environment; and Safe movement choices for all**. We are now starting to draft the NP - where all the research and community feedback needs to be brought together to form a coherent plan to submit to SDC. The plan is being created for Farningham, so your local knowledge and views are an important part of getting it right. If you have a particular interest in any of the priorities above, and would like to become involved, please get in touch.