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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 20th July 2022.

Defibrillator at the cricket ground

The Parish Council have moved the defibrillator from inside the clubhouse to a new cabinet attached to St. John's Ambulance garages, Horton Way. The new location allows 24-hour access to the public and emergency services. We have 5 defibrillators in Farningham;

1. St. John's Ambulance garage, Horton Way
2. The Village Hall, Farningham High Street
3. Outside BSM Garage, Eynsford Road
4. Inside Braeside surgery, accessible during surgery opening hours
5. Swanley's Household Waste Recycling Centre, accessible during opening hours

Climate friendly gardening event

On **Tuesday 20th September 2022, 11am – 4pm,** Lullingstone Castle is hosting an event where you can learn how to create your very own climate-friendly wildlife haven including;

- Learn how to make your garden or windowsill more wildlife friendly
- Discover how to create your very own pond
- Learn how to make hedgehog friendly areas and what to do if you find a sick or injured hedgehog
- Pick up some tips to garden without using pesticides, plastics and peat
- Find out what the local Darent Valley Farming Cluster is doing to improve biodiversity in one of only 100 chalk river valleys in the world

Tickets are £5 and booked through Eventbrite. Please contact the Clerk for details on how to book.

Preventing Plastic Pollution Project

As part of the Preventing Plastic Pollution (PPP) Project on the Darent, Cray, Shuttle and Danson Stream the North Kent Countryside Partnership are organising a river clean-up and survey on the River Darent between Farningham and Horton Kirby. The event is taking place on **Wednesday 12th October, 10am – 2pm.** Volunteers are welcome to attend on the day and litter pickers and waders will be provided. Please contact the Clerk if you have any questions.

Friends of Farningham

Our local group have been working incredibly hard at the Church clearing ivy from the back of the cemetery and heavily covered gravestones. Future work dates are Wednesday 21st September, Saturday 1st October and Preventing Plastic Pollution event on Wednesday 12th October. New members are always very welcome!

Antisocial behaviour and Vandalism

The Parish Council is aware of two recent vandalism incidents in Farningham. We were saddened to learn that the windows at Wadard Books, Farningham High Street, were smashed early one Saturday morning and one of the wooden grids in the cattle screen has been damaged. If you witness antisocial behaviour or vandalism, please report this the Police on 101 so that the crime can be recorded. The Police will collect the data that we can use to request a Police presence if the number of incidents increases.

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 The Facebook link is www.facebook.com/farninghampc and Twitter @FarninghamPC

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 7th September 2022, 7pm in the Shand Hall, (behind Farningham Church).