



## NEWSLETTER – Spring 2022

### Message from your Chairman Joyce

Firstly, a message from your Chair to thank Members and Friends who have supported the Society throughout these unusual times, especially those who have continued to join our Groups with Beach Cleans, Friends of Old Rectory Gardens and helping the Hanging Baskets and Allotments Groups working outside either weekly or monthly.

We were delighted we began our come back from the Covid restrictions when we held our first indoor audience-participated event with our History Talk at the Memorial Hall. Our grateful thanks to Sylvia Endacott, who gave an enlightening talk about Butlins.

### Members Social Evening

Since our last newsletter in the Autumn we held a wonderful Social Evening in November, when members and guests joined us in The Fox Inn with a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles. We have always been mindful of the Covid restrictions throughout the pandemic and felt every effort was maintained for this event to take place and from the very encouraging comments we felt assured we made the right decision.

### Annual Remembrance Day Commemorations



Our efforts were once again rewarded when the British Legion Poppies were put up on the lampposts throughout the Felpham Village and the laying of our Society wreath on Remembrance Day. We are always pleased to give back to the community whenever possible and wish we could do more. Unfortunately this is not always possible, but we endeavour to commemorate special events, whenever they occur.

### Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on – Friday 3rd December

This event is one which the entire community look forward to each year, when we can switch on the Xmas Tree Lights in the Village. Butlins kindly agreed to once again provide the tree and the newly replaced tree lights were switched on at 4.30pm. We were so pleased when the community came together to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and listen to the choirs from our local schools Bishop Tufnell and Felpham Community College, plus the St Mary's Church Choir and this year our soloist Anthony Jenkins joined the celebrations. Finally, Revd Fr John blessed the Xmas Tree.



**Please continue to keep safe and healthy and we can all look forward to enjoying our 2022 Programme of Events**

**AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

*The Chair and Committee request the pleasure of your company for Wine and Nibbles at our Spring Social Evening on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March again at The Fox Inn 6-8pm*

## 2022 Events:

We are now in a position to give you dates for our 2022 events:

### Allotments and Hanging Baskets Group

We have a number of events taking place on the St Michael's Allotments.

As you know the Society helps St Michael's Allotments, partly because we run our baskets and plant sales from there and partly because it's a wonderful space in the heart of Felpham alongside the Rife, meeting every Tuesday at 10.am. Members are welcome to join the regular group or just drop in.

We also help organise the Work Parties, alongside the plot holders in a spirit of community. We also provide the teas and coffees and a bacon butty (with veggie option) during the morning. The first Work Party will be on the morning of **Saturday 26th February starting at 9am through to 1pm.**



Please come along and help do a few jobs, even if you can only spare an hour or so, that would be great. Bring gloves and any tools such as spades or loppers and shears for bramble. We try to maintain a balance of wild and tidy space. It is a working

allotment site of course but we are also surrounded by wild areas. It's wonderful! We have a lot of Daffodil and Iris pots that we will be selling off as they will not last until the plant sale. We will also have some veg plants available and will be selling more of our Pure Natural Wild Flower Seed Packs

The entrance is on Felpham Way, just north of the Butlin's roundabout, opposite the University car park. NOT the allotments by the traffic lights. It's an easy walk but also plenty of parking space.

**Hope to see you there during 2022.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Social Evening**
- ❖ **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – Annual General Meeting at the Memorial Village Hall at 7.00pm**
- ❖ **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May – St Michael's Allotments Plant Sale – 10am-2pm**
- ❖ **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Post Office Pop-Up Shop Plant Sale – 10am-4pm**
- ❖ **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – Hanging Baskets put up in Felpham**
- ❖ **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June – Annual Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper at the Memorial Village Hall – Doors Open 6.30pm**
- ❖ **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July – Felpham Jubilee Summer Fete**
- ❖ **Beach Clean and Friends of Rectory Garden Groups continue to meet on a Monthly basis**
- ❖ **Allotments & Hanging Baskets Group meet every Tuesday at St Michael's Allotment at 10am**

You will see the Society have not included an Event to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Jubilee, although we have endeavoured to look at various ideas. However, due to so many local groups organising their on Queen's Jubilee Celebrations during the June Bank Holidays we felt you would appreciate our doing something different.



Therefore after an absence of two years your Committee are working hard to put together our **Annual Summer Fete, to be held on**

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**12.00 – 17.00**

**to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee Festival**



## *Felpham Jubilee Summer Fete*

*As in the past Old Rectory Gardens will be full of musical entertainment a tea tent, BBQ, Pimms and Real Ale tent. Various stalls selling their goods, with the local camera club and produce from local sources. The Children's Games area will be full of activities to entertain them all. We will of course have the traditional Raffle and Tombola.*

*This is where we need help from our members and friends. Perhaps you could spare an hour on the day to help on a stall, or provide cakes for the tea tent, you might have a few books or tombola prizes which would be gratefully received.*

*Come along and enjoy this special day with friends and family.*



*Please do contact us if you can help, or perhaps you would be interested in joining one of our Groups – full details of the Society are on our website. We love your photos and interesting facts, therefore please continue to contribute to our Facebook Page –*

*[Felpham Village Conservation Public Group](#)*

*We also need your help with appointing a new Treasurer, therefore if you would be interested in taking on this role, or know of anyone else, please do let us know. Contact:*

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