



## NEWSLETTER – Spring 2025

Pamela Cosgrove - Chair

### Spring is in the air and we have news for you!

Firstly, we must **THANK** our teams for their amazing help and contribution to our Society: (all volunteers)

- The 'Heavy Gang' for putting up/taking down the poppies throughout the village in November., erecting the Christmas Tree, lighting and assembling stage and musical equipment in December and taking down. We could do with a few more people to help out Pleeze!!!!
- The Beach Clean has carried on come rain or shine on every second Saturday of the month.
- The 'Friends of Old Rectory Gardens' team has been busy keeping the gardens tidy and weed free every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday afternoon each month 2pm-4pm.
- Our Allotment group for all they do during difficult winter weather.
- The History Group for their new initiatives and amazing input.

### Annual Remembrance Day Commemorations

Our efforts were once again rewarded when the British Legion Poppies were placed on the



lampposts throughout the Felpham Village and the laying of our Society wreath on Remembrance Day by John Farrington. We are often asked why we only put the large poppies

on the lampposts in the Village and not throughout Felpham. There is, of course, a number of reasons; one being the cost, but mainly due to the permission we have to obtain from the local authorities.

### Christmas Tree Light up on December 13<sup>th</sup>



This event was so well attended and we have to thank all our volunteers who created this wonderful event. To Father John for blessing our tree (*Donated by Butlins*); and all the brilliant choirs: St Mary's Church Choir; Bishop Tufnell School; Edward Bryant School; Downview School. Felpham Community College; St Mary's Church Bells rang out too. All of us warmed with Mulled wine and Mince Pies.

We always strive to attract volunteers to bring in fresh energy and new ideas to the Society. If you have friends/neighbours who might like to help in some way please give them our details

### Membership Renewal April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

#### "Nudge, Nudge"

We look forward to seeing all our members rejoin FVCS again this year and please encourage others to join too. **Standing Order would be preferred please**, (thus hoping you don't forget to renew in future years as so frequently happens). Your Loyalty Discount Card will then be renewed and delivered to you automatically.

Please **HELP us HELP local businesses with our Loyalty Discount Card given to all FVCS members.** [2025 FVCS Loyalty Card | Felpham Village Conservation Society](#) Take a look at our website which shows discounts you can receive...more are coming on board as I write so keep an eye on this. **Keep your Loyalty card in your wallet whenever you go out!!**

Individual Membership £10 & Household Membership £15 remain the same as previous years, so jolly good value!!! [Membership Application Form | Felpham Village Conservation Society](#). Please pass on to friends and neighbours

### AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

We request the pleasure of your company for Wine and Nibbles at our Spring Social Evening on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-8pm in conservatory at The Fox Inn .

### The History Group

The FVCS History Group meet monthly over tea, coffee, wine and biscuits. Our members range from dedicated researchers to those who come for a friendly discussion about Felpham history. At the moment we are busy planning the **FVCS History Group's VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration/Celebration** to be held at the Memorial Hall, Vicarage Lane, Felpham PO22 7DZ, on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 3pm. A packed programme of singing, dancing, memories, spoken word, stalls, tea and cakes. **ENTRANCE IS FREE.** Please join us for this very special event.

### Conservation & Development Group

Freshen Up Felpham

West Sussex Highways have given us the go ahead to place several planters around Felpham. You may have noticed our first two have been erected outside Gateway Lodge; work in progress. Anyone living/working nearby could you help us weed and water now and again once this has been developed? This would be so appreciated.

We are developing a group to monitor **Felpham's Flint Walls**. Many members, when joining FVCS, said they would be interested in participating in the Conservation Group, could we therefore ask for you to join us to take this further please?

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### The Old Rectory Gardening Group

Meet on the 4th Friday of the month, weather permitting; starting at 2pm until 4pm (*or a little anywhere in between*). **Many of our members have ticked the gardening box to be included here** – so please come along and give a hand (bring along your gloves and fork). We look forward to new volunteers joining us to keep The Old Rectory Gardens a joyful place for the community to enjoy. Thanks to Maggie Lupton for leading this group.

### The Beach Clean Group

Always well attended normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month unless otherwise advised. Our group participates in the annual National Beach Clean and we thank Val Morris for co-ordinating this group.

### Our Allotment and Hanging baskets group

Volunteers come along most Tuesdays from 10am-12noon. (winter months not) No gym membership necessary – a free work out and lots to be gained. We grow a variety of fruits and veg; volunteers have first choice at harvest. We would welcome more of you to join us. Come along for our work party Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12 noon. Pancakes, tea/coffee on offer. Contact Glenn on 07595905010 to discuss.

### Blakes Cottage

At last this is moving forward thanks to Doug Nicholls (Chair of The Blakes Cottage Trust).and his team of enthusiastic volunteers. Our heavy gang has been helping out clearing the rubbish inside the cottage. Thank you all.

### Friends of Felpham CIC – Post Office

"The Friends of Felpham Directors have passed the Post Office Suitability Assessment!! Thank you to everyone who has supported us on the way. Without your amazing encouragement we could never have done this.". Meanwhile the actual legal process of purchasing the Post Office and shop businesses is continuing. The Directors prepared hard for the assessment. Luckily, they were able to use the extensive research undertaken in advance of the now defunct Levelling Up Grant. So, after a brief period of celebration of course, ONWARD.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/6

04/03/24	Allotment Work Party	St Michael's Allotments	10am-12 noon
18/03/25	Social Evening	The Fox Inn	6pm-8pm
19/04/25	Easter Egg Hunt	Old Rectory Gardens	2pm
29/04/25	AGM	St Mary's Centre	TBA
08/05/25	80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day	The Memorial Hall	3pm-8pm
07/06/25	Quiz night	The Memorial Hall	Tba
12/7/25	Felpham Summer Fete	Old Rectory Gardens	12pm-5pm

Please do continue to contribute to our Facebook Page –  
**Felpham Village Conservation Public Group**  
 Our website:  
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