

NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2018

Working for the Felpham Conservation and Community

The Society has been hard at work throughout the spring and summer months:

- The social events started with our very well attended Members Social Evening at The Fox Inn in March
- The Quiz Night in June was again a sell out with Quiz Master Bob May.
- The Village Fete in Old Rectory Gardens was once again a great success in July.
- It was great to see the end of summer Picnic in the Park organised with Jazz at the Village.
- The hanging baskets have given the whole village a real lift throughout the summer & autumn months
- The Beach Cleans have carried on come rain or shine on every second Saturday of the month and we joined in the Great British Beach Clean with the Marine Conservation Trust for the September Clean.
- The 'Friends of Old Rectory Gardens' teams have been busy keeping the Gardens tidy and weed free at their monthly work sessions.
- The History and Heritage Group has been busy with regular monthly meetings leading up to the Commemoration of the end of the First World War in November 2018.
- Our Conservation & Development Group continues to monitor progress at both Butlin's and Blake's Cottage.

We have more coming up this year:

Members Autumn Social Evening Members and guests on Monday 8th October at The Fox Inn Conservatory from 6pm.

History Talk – Lowther's Lambs Saturday October 20th at 6:30 for 7pm in Felpham Village Hall

Great War Centenary Commemorations 10th & 11th November

Lyons Tea House on the 10th at Felpham Village Memorial Hall and a Great War walk of the Felpham fallen on the 11th

Christmas tree light Switch-on 3pm on Friday 7th December, Grassmere Parade

Our monthly beach clean and Old Rectory Gardens will also continue throughout the winter.

We also have ongoing projects:

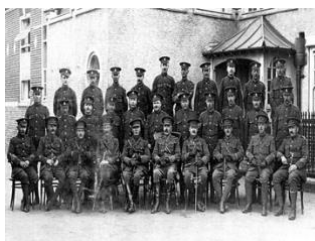
The installation of 2 new picnic tables in Old Rectory Gardens which the Parish council have part funded. An audit of flint walls within Felpham. A review of Buildings and Structures of Special Character

We now have over 200 members and our funds are much healthier due to such successful events as our annual fete. But we need to attract new members both to help with our events and possibly become committee members

History Talk – Lowther's Lambs

Saturday October 20th in Felpham Village Memorial Hall

As part of the Felpham commemorations of the end of the Great War, Historian Alan Readman will focus on the Royal Sussex Regiment with an emphasis on Lowther's Lambs. In September 1914, Colonel Claude Lowther, the owner of Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex and MP. for the Eskdale constituency in Cumberland, received permission from the War Office to raise a Battalion of local men.



He set up recruitment offices all over Sussex, but principally in the seaside towns of Hastings, Bexhill, Eastbourne, Brighton, Worthing and Bognor. Recruitment started on September 9th. Within two days 1100 men, from all walks of life, had volunteered. Many of the Felpham men joined his Regiment.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start. Tickets £3 members £5 non-members at the Village Post Office or at the door. Refreshments available.

Hanging Baskets and Poppies

Thanks to the success of the Fete, we have again been able to put up the hanging baskets throughout the village and were up in time for the May bank holiday. This year the Snooks Corner Group asked us to add in Sea Road and paid for the cost of the baskets and the watering. That bought our total lampposts to 34 with 68 baskets. Watering is done during the evening to avoid the traffic.



Then on October 27th we are taking down the baskets and as part of the end of the Great War commemorations we will be putting up the Centenary Poppies on 150 lampposts throughout the Parish from Flansham Lane to Butlins's roundabout and through the Village. Anyone wanting to help put up the poppies should contact Glenn on 07595905010

Picnic in the Park with Jazz at the Village



Around 500 people again came along on Sunday 2nd September to enjoy an end of Summer concert in our lovely Old Rectory Gardens the Jazz at the Village All Stars.

Felpham Summer Fete

Once again, we were blessed with sunny skies ensuring Felpham lived up to its reputation as the sunniest spot in England! Over the afternoon, we think over 1000 people attended.

We had contributions from around 50 local businesses whether as raffle prizes, leaflet ads, sponsorships or helpers. Particular thanks to Master of Ceremonies Bob May of May's the Village Agents. Some highlights were Bay Tree Estates sponsoring the Amazon Echo competition. Tesco's giving us all the rolls and a raffle prize Butlin's donating a 32" TV plus an annual family pass and a weekend in ANY Butlin's. Abacus sponsored the Entertainments, Milestones the Tea Tent, Jackie Scott the Games area and King and Chasmore put up the boards around the village. Our local MP Nick Gibb even lent us all the white chairs and tables that made a big difference.



Thanks to Felpham Sailing Club for running the Beer and Pimm's Tent and Bognor Rotary for doing the BBQ. Stalls were bright, colourful and all did good business. We were grateful for support from all our stallholders and volunteer helpers

The surplus from the Fete goes back into Felpham projects such as the Hanging Baskets. We always look out for new projects for the good of the community.

Beach Clean The regular Felpham Beach Clean is at 10.30 every second Saturday of the month starting in front of the Sailing Club. We regularly have 10-20 people who collect four or five large sacks of rubbish and recycling so it's a job well done as well as being good fun. The Society decided to move their September clean to the Saturday 15th to coincide with the Marine Conservation Society National Great British Beach Clean. 74 people, old and young, individuals and families, local and from as far afield as Reading and Brighton came to join in.



Once everyone's individual bags were amalgamated we ended up with 6 full large bags of rubbish and recycling collected. One of these from the survey area was kept separate and details submitted to the Marine Conservation Society survey. parts.

Friends of Old Rectory Gardens Group The Society acts as 'Friends of Old Rectory Gardens' and liaises with Arun District Council over the maintenance and management of the park. The Friends also hold an Old Rectory Gardens work party is at 2pm on the fourth Friday of each month. We clean up the flowerbeds and liaise with Arun DC. More volunteers are always needed for this so please do try and come along. All you need are your own gloves and hand tools.

St Michael's Allotments The Society took on a plot on the St Michael's Allotments to locate our greenhouse for the

hanging baskets. As a result, we also have a working area with fruit trees and bushes and room for other produce. Our presence on the site led us to try and help the Parish Council as managers, to reinvigorate the site. The Society organized work parties, salvaged one of the wooden beach huts and improved security. We are now working on a three-year plan to discuss with the council.

Great War Centenary Commemorations

The Society's History Group is organizing activities to commemorate the end of the First World War in November 2018. Apart from the show of poppies on lamppost throughout the parish, A free exhibition about the fallen from Felpham is open from 2pm Saturday 10th November until Sunday morning. Details of the and the are set out below

A Lyons Tea House style Tea will in the Felpham Village Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th November starting at 2pm. The hall will be set for around 60 people with tea, sandwiches and cakes all with waitress service and china cups and plates. Music of the era will be playing and the whole ambience resonant of the era. £5 tickets guaranteeing you a table will be on sale at the Post Office. A donation will be made to the new Felpham branch of the British Legion.

The Great War Walk of the Felpham Fallen will be on Sunday 11th November. Starting at St Mary's Church the first walk will be at around 11:30 immediately after the Memorial service. The second walk will start immediately after the second morning service at around 12:30. Both walks will end at the Felpham Village Hall with coffee and a look at the exhibition.

Members Autumn Social Evening We will again hold our Autumn social evening on Monday 8th October at The Fox Inn from 6-8pm. Members and their guests were welcomed for a free glass of wine and nibbles. It is a chance to meet the committee and other members, to ask questions and make suggestions. We encourage members to bring along a guest or guests who might think about joining!

Christmas tree light Switch-on

3pm on Friday 7th December Grassmere Parade

Last year the Christmas Tree Light Switch-on was an overwhelming success with over 400 people turning up on a cold but bright winters day. We will have choirs from Felpham Community College, Downview and Bishops Tufnell schools plus St Mary's Church. The road will again be closed providing a safe environment for all. Butlins are again providing the tree and there will be free mulled wine and mince pies. Gather at 3pm for carols and mince pies for the switch on at 4pm

Your Society needs you!

Our funds are much healthier, and our activities grow year by year, but the most important thing is for us to attract new committee members to share the load and also to bring in fresh energy and new ideas. We have 15 committee places in all so that the activities are shared and it's not onerous for any one individual. We also have a great pool of volunteers who turn out for specific projects. If you think you could be a committee member please contact the Secretary at 19 Culver Road Felpham PO22 or email mail@felphamvillageconservation.co.uk