



**SPRING NEWSLETTER**  
**February 2023**

Dear Member

Felpham Beach: and what a beautiful beach it is, at any time of the year! Organising monthly beach cleans is one of our best loved activities and at the heart of what we do as a Society in our aim to preserve, protect and promote. Thank you to all our regular and occasional volunteers who litter pick each month, helping to maintain the beach for all who use it - the wildlife, too, with whom it is shared. This year, we're going to photograph some of our more unusual finds for the website: it might just surprise you!



Other plans for 2023 are well underway. In March, we start with the members' **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm, at the Fox Inn. Do join us for a glass of wine and meet other members in this fine Felpham hostelry (one of several I might add). Then we have the **St Michael's Allotments Work Party** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, at 10.00 am where we will do a spring tidy of this lovely, almost hidden, site.

Moving on to April, we will be organising a "**Golden**" **Easter Egg Hunt**, in the Old Rectory Gardens, on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April** between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. This is aimed at children who will need to be accompanied by adults please. On **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be holding our **AGM**, this year to be followed by a repeat of one of the black and white films of Felpham in the early 1950s. (We first showed this film at our History Evening last October where we sold out. No charge this time.) The AGM will be held at **St Mary's Centre**, Grasmere Close. The Notice with times and more detail will follow. We also hope to organise a **Village Spring Clean** on the third or fourth Saturday in April: more anon.

Some of you have asked if we will be putting on an event for the weekend of King Charles III's Coronation. Your Committee considered this but decided that we would be too stretched with the other great events we are planning: the **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** (in the Memorial Hall) and the **Coronation Summer Fete** on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** (in the Old Rectory Gardens); plus the fact that many of you will be involved with local street parties and other festivities with family and friends over that bank holiday; or simply putting your feet up.

These events, which take us through spring and summer, are of course interspersed with our regular activities: **beach cleaning** (as aforesaid) on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month**; **gardening** in the Old Rectory Gardens on the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month**; and **allotment gardening** at the St Michael's Allotments **every Tuesday morning**. We're also busy on the History, Heritage & Archive front, developing projects for the history enthusiasts amongst you.



So, that is it for the Spring Newsletter, save to show you another photograph of Felpham beach, taken more than 60 years before the one at the start of this letter. Notwithstanding changes over the years, Felpham beach remains a place of beauty, fun, solitude (sometimes), bracing winds (sometimes), and awe (always) for everyone who lives in or visits Felpham. Hmm... I wonder... did this young man find any litter?

To find out more about our calendar of events and regular activities, visit [www.felphamvillageconservation.co.uk](http://www.felphamvillageconservation.co.uk) and go to News and Events. We hope to see you at one of these, soon.

In the meantime, a big **THANK YOU** for your support through membership and volunteering: we couldn't do **ANY** of it without you!

Yours,

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Chair & Secretary

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