

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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Newsletter

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Open Weekend 2009 – September 12th and 13th

Plans are well under way with added attractions from last year such as Morris Dancing and flint knapping.

We need volunteers to help man our stall over the weekend. I have a rota divided into hour long stints so please call to book your one hour stint – it's not very long, really – but of great value.

By being a Friend of Fernhurst Furnace we hope you are keen to help us raise funds so that conservation and maintenance can take place. **PLEASE HELP US!**

Conservation Management Plan. As you will remember, last year we successfully applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant for a Conservation Management plan to be written. After something of a delay for whatever reason the finished document has arrived and will be available for view at Open Weekend or at Vanlands having previously phoned for an appointment. This now means that we can begin to commission further reports and be able to talk to HLF as to how we proceed from here with our longer term plans for the site – what needs to be done and how can we achieve the necessary works, paid contractors or volunteers labour.

Outside Events. The FFPG was present at the Fernhurst Revels on May 17th, and at the Tilford Rural Life Museum Rustic Sunday Event on July 26th.

Volunteer Work Day: We are having a work day for volunteers to prepare the site for Open Weekend. **August 9th** is the day. We will be cutting and burning or chipping scrub and 'lop and top'. The day will be under the guidance of the Lynchmere Society with help from the South Downs Joint Committee. Could anyone who would like to help for a few hours either phone me or email me – Barnes@haslemere.com in case the date has to change. Thank you

Web Site: Visit our web site, either Google "Fernhurst Furnace" or go to the excellent Fernhurst Society site www.Fernhurstsociety.org.uk and follow the link.

We hope to enhance our website and make links with other groups, events and information. If any one could do this for us, or suggest someone who would be able to carry out this relatively straight forward task, please get in touch.

Anyone able to help on Open Weekend or with the general works for our Furnace Project please call Robin or Carla on **01428 654088**

We really thank all those who help us as well as all of you who are “Friends”.

