

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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Open Weekend 2016 –



Saturday September 10th and Sunday 11th are nearly upon us. Please come and learn more about the Furnace Project and the **iron industry** in general. We are part of the national **Heritage Open Days** event.



Come and see **Sir Marmaduke Rawdon's Regiment of Foote** re-enacting a skirmish as well as demonstrating the full process of loading and firing a musket. And many other interesting attractions.

Opening hours will be **10.30 – 5.00** with **free parking and free entrance.**

BUT don't forget that **donations** are gratefully received. Although this is partially an '**awareness raising**' event it is also our only **fund raising** event.

Historic England (HE), have asked for an up-to-date **Engineer's Report** with costings of our **Preservation Project**. We have now signed the **Grant Contract** so a brief for the works involved will be sent to prospective firms in the next few weeks.



The **FFPG AGM** was held in the Warehouse at the **Coultershaw Beam Pump at Petworth**. Following the short business part of the meeting an introduction to the site and surroundings was given by Robin Wilson. There then followed a most interesting tour of the whole site and machinery with explanations of why the pump was there – to pump water to Petworth – and the route of the **Pallingham to Midhurst Canal** was shown. Demonstrations of the water wheel operating and the hydraulic ram pump was fascinating.
