

# Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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You will all remember Iain at the gate to Open Weekend. We are very sad to report his death at the end of May. Iain was always a keen, knowledgeable and helpful member of the Preservation Group. He was always here to support and give information from his beloved maps and local books. We are so pleased that he was able to celebrate the return of the site following the departure of the contractors with a glass of bubbly. This was just before he went to his house in France where he died. Thank you Iain from all directors of the Preservation Group.



So there it is – all finished and looking wonderful. The wall is upright and the missing stones replaced. There are 150 tons of concrete holding it all in position. Come and celebrate our unique site. This is the only conserved site in the Weald.

**Open Weekend 2022 - September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.**



The northern works look pretty tidy and with two new water controls and a new cascade etc this part of the site is also sound and safe for many decades to come.

## Open Weekend 2023 and onwards.

There is still plenty of time to offer to help with Open Weekends in the future. So far, and I admit it is a little early, we have had no response to the request for volunteers for our very special event. The Weekend is enjoyed by many people, both young and old, that it would be a pity for it to cease. Please think hard if you have enjoyed the event and offer to spread a little of your enjoyment to others by volunteering.

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## Treasurer Please Stand up.

Margaret has been our treasurer for many years for which we thank her very much. Unfortunately for us her business is making too many demands on her time so she has asked to be replaced. There are only two fairly busy parts of the year, April with the year end accounts and September with Open Weekend. We have an auditor so there is guidance for anyone who may be unsure of this or that. Please, if you have any accounting skills we need you, now!!

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With the sad news of Iain passing away we need to find someone to become a director/trustee of the Preservation Group.

With the Repair Project complete there is not much responsibility apart from maintenance on the site and even then only the east side of the dam – the west side is the responsibility of the Cowdray Estate. I don't necessarily mean you need to be hands on for the maintenance but it is our requirement to ensure that the site is maintained in a specific way – all very easy.

Please join us, we all want to keep our unique furnace site in good order and who knows, we might just begin doing more excavations for the several undiscovered areas of the blast furnace process.

