

REPORTS FOR MEETING OF EOFG PCC ON NOVEMBER 21st 2023

FSPSP Report

General

The crocuses bought as result of our Carnival Stall have now been planted in the churchyard on the east side of the vestry in the daffodil patch. The planting was done by children from Ewhurst CofE Infants school, Rainbows End Pre-school and residents from the Old Rectory. All received a certificate stating their involvement in planting the crocuses to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles 111. An article about this, with pictures, is on the FSPSP website and has been submitted to N&V.

Four new designs of Village Christmas cards are now on sale after Ewhurst Church services and in the Wilson room. They have also been taken to sell at various village organisations. FSPSP plan to have a joint stall with the History Society at the Village Christmas Market

Preparations for the Friends' Spanish Eve are well under way with all tables sold plus sponsorship & raffle prizes obtained.

The Friends have hosted three church visits from Sayers Croft schools since the end of September and during October. All were very keen on the belltower part.

A notice asking church visitors to write in the Visitors Book is now in place and visiting schools encouraged to write in it.

The Jenny Seller border by the west door has been tidied for winter and bulbs planted. The plaque asking for prayers has been renovated.

2024

The Friends will be holding/involved in the following Events in 2024

Geoff Harry's Quiz Friday 23 February, Ewhurst Village Hall, 7-10pm

Easter Market Tuesday 19 March, the Parrot, Forest Green, 10am- 2pm

Family Fun Day Saturday 27 July, Sayers Croft Centre, 12-4pm

The Friends of St Peter & St Paul would be very happy to be part of the Rectory Fete

Heritage Lottery Grant

Letters asking for support for FSPSP with their Heritage Lottery Application have been sent to various village organisations and others who will be involved, such as the Area Dean and the Diocese. A letter has also been sent to EOFG wardens asking for their support.

FSPSP ask that the PCC of EOFG approve the letter the EOFG Churchwardens have written, stating the support of EOFG PCC for the restoration and community work FSPSP plan to do in their application for the Heritage Lottery Grant.

This needs to be minuted at the EOFG meeting and the Letter of Support sent to JH, chairperson FSPSP

Charities Group

The donations for BHA Harvest Collection by all three churches was good. The items were all take to the Harvest Service at St Peter & St Paul church, where they were blessed. Phil from BHA collected them later that week and asked for thanks to be given to the Parish for the donations.

Jane Harry(JH) spoke to him about the large Spring Collection for Ukraine and what was required. The Collection will begin after Easter and JH will confirm a collection date with Phil in the New Year.

JH has sent an article to News & Views about the Harvest Collection, plus encouraging people to start collecting at home for the Spring Collection. The date and details for the Spring Collection will be in March edition of News & Views.

Winter Warmer lunches

These have been held each Thursday throughout November and we are grateful to those who made lovely soup, those who helped, and those who came to support the lunches. All surplus money raised will be given to the Cranleigh food bank but, as this report is written before the lunches have finished, I cannot report on the amount raised yet.

Friends of Holy Trinity, Forest Green

The Friends have not met since the last update and no fundraising is planned for the remainder of 2023. We will meet to discuss plans for 2024 in due course. The church continues to be locked overnight at weekends and we are not aware of any further disturbance to the building or grounds

Friends of Okewood Church

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Murphy has agreed to become a trustee of our charity and she has taken over the role as Treasurer.

We would like to express our thanks to Sam Edginton who was our Treasurer for some 5 years.

Arrangements are now advanced for our Autumn fundraiser "A night at the Musicals" which is being led by Phil Waller with young performers from "In2Drama" which takes place on Saturday 18th November at Okewood Church.

At the time of writing over 80 tickets have been sold.

Barry Thomson, Chairman

Safeguarding Report

PCC member safeguarding training needed as per PSO records Sept 23. Please let me know if you have recently done this training or if you think I have you have any queries so I can correct the records, Many thanks.

Basic Awareness

Martin L
Tom M
Graham C
Chris O
Clare H

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

Martin L
Tom M
Val H
Jan J
Jan M
Michelle M
Angie T
Mike B
Clive W
Graham C
Chris O
Clare H

Foundation

Martin L
Tom M
Val H (renewal)
Mike B (renewal)
Janet T (renewal)
Angie T (renewal)
Graham C
Chris O
Clare H

Leadership

Martin L
Tom M