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## Newsletter January 2009

Farnborough is a town in transition. As the new town centre rises and the plans for the airport progress, these are exciting times for us. But we must not lose sight of our rich historical heritage. What other town can claim to have been the site of a thriving pottery industry, the lair of highwaymen, the home of an empress and the site of the first manned flight in Britain?

If we are to successfully build on this heritage, it is vital that we strike a balance between preservation and development, between amenity and beauty, to create a town of which we can all be proud.

The Farnborough Society aims to be a community led voice for the wellbeing of Farnborough, and to raise public awareness about local issues, the environment and history of the town. Its strength lies in numbers. New, active members are always needed because a community-based society commands considerably more attention than any individual can. If you care about history, business, leisure, planning, transport, amenities, the environment or any other aspect of life in Farnborough, speak to your friends and neighbours about becoming those new, active members who can help us shape the future. For an information leaflet to distribute contact:  
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The Farnborough Society maintains close ties with Rushmoor Borough Council, commenting on issues such as traffic, parking, planning and development. Rushmoor Borough Council *listens* to The Farnborough Society. Our Planning Group carefully monitors all aspects of The Rushmoor Plan, for example, drafting reports on all key matters. Moreover, our Transport section is currently campaigning for a comprehensive, cohesive network of cycle routes across the town.

In addition, The Farnborough Society is hosting a variety of events throughout the year: tours, meetings, and even monthly financial advice sessions. Free to members, these give a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the

town, its buildings, its institutions and its people, past and present.

The next event scheduled will be a tour of Farnborough Technical College, including a talk by The Farnborough Society's very own Jo Gosney, an eminent local historian.

### The Farnborough Society

#### Presents

The first in a series of visits to and events about  
***The Hidden Gems of Farnborough'***

at  
**Farnborough Technical College**

on  
**Tuesday 20th January**

7.00pm coffee/tea in the Westminster Suite

7.15pm 'The History of Farnborough' talk by local  
historian Jo Gosney

7.45-8.30pm tour of the college to include facilities  
available to non students

Numbers are limited and it is essential to book

Call Sam: 01252 541401

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website: [www.thefarnboroughsociety.org.uk](http://www.thefarnboroughsociety.org.uk)

You may have ideas of your own about interesting and entertaining events that you would like to see on the Events Calendar. If so, consider joining our Executive Committee. This is *your* society, and to keep it vibrant and dynamic we need people like you. Whatever your talents, experience or interests, you have a valuable contribution to make. If you would like to discuss getting actively involved, please call:

*David Jennings, Chairman: 01252 677310*  
or

*Barbara Hurst, Secretary: 01252 405149*

## 2009 Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>20th January</b>	7.00pm	<b>Open Meeting-Guest Speaker Jo Gosney Farnborough Tech</b>
29th January	4.00pm	Financial Advice
February	TBA	Leisure Centre
26th February	4.00pm	Financial Advice
March	TBA	Rushmoor Council Offices
26th March	4.00pm	Financial Advice
<b>7th April</b>	7.00pm	<b>AGM/Open Meeting-Planning and Architecture-Guest Speaker Keith Holland. Rushmoor Borough Council Offices</b>
18th April	TBA	St Michael's Abbey
30th April	4.00pm	Financial Advice
May	TBA	Allotments
28th May	4.00pm	Financial Advice
June	TBA	Photographic Walk
25th June	4.00pm	Financial Advice
<b>7th July</b>	TBA	<b>Open Meeting-TAG</b>
18th July	10.00am	Airfield
30th July	4.00pm	Financial Advice
1st August	10.00am	Airfield
August	TBA	Natural History
27th August	4.00pm	Financial Advice
12th September	10.30-12.30am	Fire Station
24th September	4.00pm	Financial Advice
October	TBA	Air Accident Investigation Branch
29th October	4.00pm	Financial Advice
<b>3rd November</b>	7.00pm	<b>Open Meeting--Guest Speaker David Quirk</b>
26th November	4.00pm	Financial Advice

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To book your place for any of these events, call Sam: 01252 541 401