

# MONTHLY EVENTS

## QUIET GARDEN MORNINGS

*First Wednesday of each month*

**May 7<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am – 12 noon**

Come and find peace in the tranquil surroundings of Spring Meadow Farm. Leave the stresses of the world behind and relax or join the workshops meditating in movement, clay pot making; experience deep peace considering the Hertfordshire Bourne phenomenon, or watching the fire in the earth kiln. Leaders include Sarah Wallington-Smith, Sarah Taylor and Marie Laken.

Affiliated to the **Quiet Garden Trust**. \*\*

## WOODLAND WALK & TEAS

*First Sunday of each Month*

**May 4<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup> 2 – 5pm**

The Farm is open for a relaxing stroll through the woodland. Children can enjoy the wide open spaces to adventure as they explore nature firsthand, or you can cycle through our 3 graded paths. Horse and carriage rides occasionally available. \*

# COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS

## BADGER WATCHING, BBQ & BONFIRE

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 9.30pm**

Enjoy a stroll around the Farm and enjoy a BBQ tea, before watching the badgers at dusk, if they oblige. Stay on for a gathering around the Bonfire and toast marshmallows. Bring food for BBQ.

## BIRDS & BOTANY MORNING

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 6 – 10am**

Come and discover the delightful and inspiring sounds and sights of the dawn chorus, lead by the RSPB and then take time to explore and find the amazing breadth of wildflowers at Spring Meadow Farm. \*, \*\*

## CAMPING, BUSH CRAFT WEEK AND STARGAZING

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

Have a feast of a week with classes in classic bush crafts including fire lighting and shelter building; plus pottery, woodturning and star gazing. Also take advantage of the wonderful surroundings and wildlife, watch badgers and listen to the dawn chorus, play with our Archimedeian screw or sit round the campfire and see our earth Kiln go through a full firing, - you can even help with the daily stoking! Find out about the ecological issues facing our countryside and how we can make a difference. A great week for the whole family. £40 per tent per week. Book before July 15<sup>th</sup>. #

## END OF SUMMER CAMP

**August 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**

Camp, relax and play in the wonderful surroundings of Spring Meadow Farm as the summer holidays come to an end and nights begin to draw in. Discover the free food available in the hedgerows and all around during this abundant time of year. Book before August 9<sup>th</sup>. #

## STARGAZING NIGHTS

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm till late**

More time to feast your eyes on the spectacular skies above us. With our local astronomy enthusiast, James Lister and his amazing telescopes, to guide and inform, come and find out just what is “out there”. \*

\* Home made refreshments available

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## ART IN THE WOODS

**Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-5pm**

Enjoy an exhibition of varied Art forms, some from a Christian perspective and a demonstration of our Wood Fired Earth Kiln. There is a pottery class, plus lace making, spinning and woodturning demonstrations. Our native Cob will demonstrate log pulling too. A wonderful time for art and crafts or just to play, so come and relax and rest in the beautiful surroundings or take part in our workshops on meditation through pottery. An inspiring day for all. *Adults £4, Children £2, \**

## ADVENTURES IN NARNIA

**Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Re-ignite your sense of fun and adventure as Kings and Queens of Narnia, with characters from the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe in a promenade performance around the farm’s magnificent fir trees. Then, with the help of professional actors from **THE RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY (tbc)**, create your own stories, dramas, dances and the like for performances in the Barn and a local Theatre! *Tickets £100 for the week, families, singles and groups welcome. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Please book by April 25th*

*(This project will only run with a minimum of 20 people)*

## WOOD KILN FIRING WEEKEND

**Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**

Another chance to experience an actual wood burning earth kiln firing, keeping all warm on an autumn weekend. \*\*

## NATIVITY in LAPLAND

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 10pm**

Come along at dusk with your family and friends and like early pilgrims, walk through the trees, lighting your way with only a lantern. Experience the chill of the winter night with a cup of home-made organic soup as you view the art installations around the farm. Then gather with us in the **NEW** barn, resplendent with twinkling lights and with your own personal table as we hear the Christmas truth told through story, music by the **NEW ENGLISH ORCHESTRA (tbc)** and through song and dance. Finally sing carols as we celebrate and remember the miraculous birth of Jesus. Wrap up warm!

# PUBLIC USE

## SPRING MEADOW FARM #

Spring Meadow Farm is available for use by Churches, families and any groups who will look after themselves and the Farm responsibly. Any age and ability are welcome, but alcohol is not allowed on site. The farm is ideal for BBQ’s, picnics, games and gathering the family.

*For more information, please contact The “Faith Works” Trust.*

## QUIET CABIN AND BARN USE

For day retreats, the cabin is available throughout May to September, and the Barn is available for Christian worship and appropriate daily seminars. *Please book in advance through The “Faith Works” Trust*

## FARMERS MARKET

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-4pm**

Come and buy some local produce, some organic, and enjoy a woodturning and log pulling demonstration, as well as some home baked food. (Parking on the farm with a short hill walk to market) \*

\*\* Donations to the “Faith Works” Trust welcome

## WATER PLAY DAYS

*Every Wednesday*

**June 11<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm**

Throughout the summer, young families are welcome to come and play at Spring Meadow Farm. With the Archimedeian screw, (Water Spiral) drawing up water from the valley. There is a sandpit, storytelling and plenty of space to run while parents relax. A totally secluded and safe environment for the whole family. Ideal for play groups too. £3 per family/group \*

# EDUCATION WORK

The Trust’s educational work is based around a Biblical perspective about provision and care of water, locally and on a global scale and supported by the Department for International Development.

The **CACTUS PROJECT** caters for children from 3 – 11 years. Through schools and nurseries, it provides imaginative and interesting educational visits, based around Spring Meadow Farm and the underlying “Hertfordshire Bourne”, an intermittent stream which rises around every 30 years.

Age appropriate materials are curriculum linked.

*For further details please call The “Faith Works” Trust.*

# PRIVATE BOOKINGS

## SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am – 4pm**

Join The Heaven and Earth Theatre Company for a day exploring ‘**Much Ado About Nothing**’, with home educated young people. This is the third season of the highly successful workshops on Shakespeare’s plays, at Spring Meadow Farm. Young people and their parents will be able to work with a team of professional actors and directors, playing parts in key scenes and directing the actors.

*£21.50 per person (£20 before March 31<sup>st</sup>) or £54 for a family ticket for 3 or more young people (£50 before March 31<sup>st</sup>). Booking forms and further details are available from the company on 020 8364 9652 or by email - [info@heaven-and-earth.org](mailto:info@heaven-and-earth.org)*

## RAKU TEA BOWL WORKSHOPS

On March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, local pottery expert, Gas Kimishima, will be holding classes at the farm, teaching how to make authentic Japanese Raku Tea Bowls. The process takes place over 2 Saturdays each month, one to make the bowl, and the other to glaze and fire it. All materials are provided, but please bring your own lunch and wear suitable clothing. *£50 for both sessions. To book contact Gas 01442 384789.*

## ANAGAMA IN THE WOODS INTERNATIONAL POTTERY

**FESTIVAL Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 9pm daily**

Come and learn from eminent international potters giving interesting demonstrations and talks as well as an exhibition and sale of their work. The festival will be held along side the 8 day wood firing of an authentic Anagama Earth Kiln. (July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>)

*Camping available £30 per tent, day visitor £10, children free.*

*For all bookings please contact Gas Kimishima, 01442 384789.*

**PLEASE NOTE - PRIVATE BOOKINGS are work respected by, but not the responsibility of The “Faith Works” Trust**

# Toilet and shower facilities available



# THE FAITH WORKS TRUST

**'Working with God in creative vision'**

Was founded in 1990 and since 2000 has worked from Spring Meadow Farm, producing events locally for the whole community. These events are organized by Christian professionals with the main aim to facilitate the opportunity for people to enjoy wholesome and fun activities in the countryside, some with a Christian perspective.

The 17 acre conifer plantation, cycle paths, Archimedean screw (Water Spiral) and wood firing kiln are major features of the farm and the beautiful valley setting offer a wonderful opportunity for rest and play too.

The Trust works with the Church and other professional and charitable organizations, to further a Christian understanding of peace and reconciliation. It founded the Malawi Benefit Fund in 2004 to support 714 children, orphaned by Aids, with homes, food and education, and this forms the basis of its global education programme.

**Prayer** – You are warmly invited to our monthly prayer times, for the work of the Trust. Please contact us for dates, or register for our prayer updates.

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE BARNHOUSE

From London:

Take the M25 to the A41, direction Aylesbury. From the A41 take the Chesham turn (A416). Turn Left at the small roundabout towards Berkhamsted and then take the first right signposted "Haresfoot". We are a mile down on the right.

From Aylesbury:

From the A41, take the A416 (Chesham turn), turn left at the roundabout towards Chesham and then take the first left, signposted "Haresfoot". We are a mile down on the right.

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# DIARY AT A GLANCE

## MARCH

8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Raku Days

## APRIL

5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Raku Days

19<sup>th</sup> – Barn Blessing

19<sup>th</sup> – Badger Watching BBQ & Bonfire

26<sup>th</sup> – Birds and Botany Morning

## MAY

4<sup>th</sup> – Walks & Teas

5<sup>th</sup> – Art in the Woods

7<sup>th</sup> – Quiet Garden Day

24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> – Adventures in Narnia

## JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> – Walks & Teas

4<sup>th</sup> – Quiet Garden Day

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Water Play Days

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Raku Days

## JULY

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Water Play Days

2<sup>nd</sup> – Quiet Garden Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Walks & Teas

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Raku Days

21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Camping, Bush Craft Week

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> – Anagama in the Woods,  
International Pottery Festival

## AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup> – Walks & Teas

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Water Play Days

6<sup>th</sup> – Quiet Garden Day

9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Raku Days

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – End of Summer Camp

## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> – Quiet Garden Day

7<sup>th</sup> – Walks & Teas

## OCTOBER

17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Stargazing Nights

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> – Wood Kiln Firing Weekend

## DECEMBER

13<sup>th</sup> – Nativity Night



# The Barnhouse Diary

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