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THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY



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Message from Lucinda—Farnham's Town Mayor



Cllr Fleming at Farnham Castle with members

I have just spent the most incredible weekend learning about the town's rich heritage and visiting some of the area's fantastic historic buildings. Apparently I wasn't alone! Over 3,000 visits were made by local residents and visitors to Heritage Open Day Celebrations.

I think it is so easy to forget what a wonderful area we live in. Farnham is unique. It is a special historic market town with a wealth of listed buildings, surrounded by villages - each with a character of their own - set in beautiful countryside and areas of great natural beauty. It is up to every one of us to make sure that we all take a part in preserving this beauty and as the public you can make your contribution by keeping Farnham free from litter.

I couldn't let this newsletter pass without taking the opportunity to pass on my thanks and condolences to the families of Chris Mansell and Ken Gosling, past Members of Farnham Town Council, who made a terrific contribution to the life of the town.

Lucinda Fleming

Town Mayor of Farnham

Come in and say hello to Farnham Town Council

The grand opening of the brand new Town Council reception took place on Tuesday 15th September.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Lucinda Fleming, cut the ribbon and opened the shutters for the first time at 2pm.

After officially opening the reception the Mayor hosted afternoon tea in the new reception for local residents and councillors.

The Mayor said 'I am so pleased that Farnham Town Council will at long last have a presence in the Council Offices. After 25 years of being a back office we will now be able to offer a face-to-face front line service to our customers'.

As you walk in the Council Offices you will now find Farnham Town Council on your left. The reception will be staffed by Ginny and Sue who will be delighted to help you with Town Council and visitor information enquiries.

The Council is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm and is where you can visit or ring to access all the Farnham Town Council Services.



Cllr Fleming and fellow councillors at the opening of the new reception



Fire damaged portable toilet in Gostrey Meadow

Vandals destroy public toilets

Park users were denied the use of the Gostrey Meadow public toilets during August and the beginning of September due to the mindless behaviour of just a few. Vandals ripped out the electric meter and wires from the wall of the toilets making them dangerous and unsafe. With the summer holidays looming, Farnham Town Council quickly took action and installed two portable toilets to ensure that park users still had this very important facility.

However, a few days later, the vandals struck again. This time setting fire to the portable toilets causing £3,000 worth of damage!

Help us to keep Farnham as you want it!!

Farnham Town Council is asking local residents to complete a survey to help protect Farnham's towns and villages from inappropriate development. The development might be inappropriate due to density, design or the change it causes to the character of the area.

The survey asks residents to identify areas of Farnham which they feel are under threat and need protection.

The information gathered will help shape the Design Statement which will be submitted to Waverley Borough Council for consideration as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

The Design Statement will be crucial to protecting the character of Farnham.

Please send your views to Farnham Town Council or fill in the survey at www.farnham.gov.uk

All surveys must be returned to Farnham

Town Council by 10 October 2009 if they are to be considered for inclusion within the Farnham Design Statement

FARNHAM FEAST OF FOOD- back by popular demand!



The Farnham Food Festival 2008

This year, local pubs and restaurants will be taking part in the event with The Great British Food Crawl giving visitors the opportunity to discover Farnham's superb range of eateries. For two weeks participating pubs and restaurants will be serving a 3 course British menu for £15. Details of the establishments taking part and their menus is available in the leaflet "Farnham Feast of Food" available from Farnham Town Council on 01252 712667 or download from the web site: www.farnham.gov.uk



Have you ever wanted to try making a corn dolly? Well you now have the chance at a Corn Dolly Making Workshop being held at the **Farmers' Market on Sunday 27 September**. The workshop is free and both children and adults are welcome to take part.

The fortnight culminates with the **Farnham Food Festival** which will be held in Castle Street from **10am – 3pm on Saturday 3 October**. Over 40 local food companies and producers offering a wide range of products will be selling from stalls in Castle Street.

There will also be cookery demonstrations from 11am from five local chefs, including Steven Drake, local celebrity Chef of the Michelin Star-Drake's Restaurant in Ripley.

There will be plenty of entertainment to keep the whole family amused starting off with Kai Coi, the violinist from 10am to 1pm and a local jazz band from 1 – 3pm. Bring the children along to have their faces painted and look out for the Chefs on stilts walking tall around the town. 96.4 Eagle Radios Love Crew will have a stand, giving visitors the chance to win some fantastic gastronomic prizes in the free-entry draw which includes a meal for four at the Spotted Cow in Lower Bourne and a Traditional British Cooking workshop courtesy of the Old Rectory Cookery School in Bentley.



One of the cookery demonstrations in 2008

CASTLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6AM – 8PM ON SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2009

Have you noticed more aeroplanes?

The escalating level of air traffic and aircraft noise over Farnham has been brought about by Rushmoor Council and its residents successfully campaigning for a change to the flight paths in order to reduce the impact on their lives. Now a large majority of the flight paths have been diverted over Farnham instead!!

Farnham Town Council has major concerns that this expansion will affect its residents' quality of life and is now challenging this decision.

Farnham Town Council cannot do this alone and we need you to join us in protesting and helping to influence flight patterns.

If you would like to join Farnham Town Council in saying 'no' to the increasing level of air traffic over Farnham, please telephone Farnborough Aerodrome on 01252 526001 to register your complaint.



Lighting up Farnham for another 5 years!

Farnham Town Council has just agreed a new 5-year contract for the Christmas lights in the town centre. These lights, mainly funded by the residents of Farnham, bring a real yuletide feel to the town, and this year, the new design and colours are expected to be the best yet!

This year, the Christmas Lights Switch-on Ceremony will take place in Gostrey Meadow and as part of the contract, the park will have a festive make-over. A large Christmas tree will be installed and sparkling illuminations will decorate both the tree and the band stand.

In addition to this contract, there will be an upgrade to the electrical infrastructure which will reduce the call on local business to meet the cost of electricity.

A great result!



The Judges, Civic Dignitaries, local police and the Chamber of Commerce are all represented in this picture of the tribute sponsored by Nigel Webb

Farnham in Bloom's entry into the South and South East in Bloom Competition has been rewarded with a **silver gilt** certificate. John Durham won the extremely prestigious Regional Chairman's award for his Hone's Yard in Downing St. and the Bourne Conservation Group's Middle Bourne Community Wildlife Garden and Badshot Lea School were both awarded the silver gilt in the Recreation/Small Park category and Schools category. There were also 12 individual Certificates of Excellence awarded to local residents, businesses and organisations.

The Mayor said "This is an excellent result for all concerned with entries from more than 300 small villages to large cities across Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hampshire. I look forward to making the presentation at a winners reception on 21 October."

The judges said 'A well run and organised team of people have put in another tremendous effort. The presentation, portfolio and other information being of a high standard'

The Town Centre's floral displays, its cleanliness, community involvement and local sponsors came under the spotlight when judges from the Southern Water sponsored South and South East in Bloom 2009 competition visited Farnham on 6 July.

Chairman of the Farnham in Bloom Working Group, Cllr Gill Hargreaves said "I am delighted that Farnham has done so well and we look forward to planning the 2010 campaign and winning gold!! However, we need your help to do this and we hope we will be able to attract more local groups, a corporate sponsor and more individual sponsors."

Any one interested or with ideas for summer 2010, are most welcome to contact Sheila Rayner at Farnham Town Council on 01252 712667 or email Sheila.rayner@farnham.gov.uk



Hones Yard Winner of the Regional Chairman's Award

Come and have a go ...



The new Visitor Information Point in the Reception at the Town Council Offices

A new electronic Information Point has been installed in the Town Council's new reception in South Street. This simple to use touch screen provides information on tourism, life and businesses in Farnham and the Town Council. If you want to know what is going on in Farnham and the surrounding areas, what time the Castle opens, where to stay, the name of an accountant or beauty specialist or the date of the next Council meeting, the information is just a fingertip away!

It is hoped that this new service will encourage visitors to remain in Farnham for a longer period of time and provide residents and local businesses with a wealth of local information.

Further information points will be installed at other locations in the future but if you think you have the ideal location for one of the Council's Information Points, please contact Catherine Cooper on 01252 823193

The touch screens are accessible:
Mon – Thurs 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 4.30pm
Saturday 9am – 12 Noon

ECO-Towns

In July this year, Whitehill / Bordon was named as one of the Government's new eco-towns. The area could see up to 5,500 new eco-friendly homes built between 2016-2026.



The aim of the eco-town is to build a development that will create new homes, new jobs and tackle climate change.

This new eco-town is likely to have an impact on life in Farnham.

Community Grants

The cut-off date for applications for a community grant is now fast approaching so if you are planning to apply for one of the Council's small grants, send your application form in by 30th September, 2009 for the year 2010 / 2011

Farnham Town Council's **Community Grants** are available to any non profit organisation that wishes to complete a one-off project. The amount allocated (up to a maximum grant of £2,000 once a year) will depend on the Council's budget allocation and may be subject to constraint.

If you would like an application form or would like to know if your group's project could be considered for a Community Grant then please contact Farnham Town Council on 01252 712667 for more details

Writing in the sky.....

The banners across the highways in the Borough and Downing Street advertising local events, have proved to be such a success that the spaces are already almost completely booked up until Christmas. So if you are planning your Easter concert, summer fete, etc, then contact Sheila Rayner now for more information to ensure you have a chance of getting the week you would like in 2010.

Preserving our Chapel

Councillors have agreed to spend £35,000 on essential work to preserve the Chapel Buildings in West Street Cemetery. The Chapel is a Grade II Listed Building and has been standing in the old part of the cemetery since the middle of the seven-teenth century.

The Cemetery and Chapel Buildings were taken over by Farnham Town Council in 2004 and after years of neglect are now in need of repairs to the roof, external walls and the removal of asbestos on the internal walls before they deteriorate further.

The works to the Chapel are part of the cemetery improvement and enhancement programme.

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Council may be recorded for
training and monitoring

Here to help you help you

Who does what in Farnham?

.....the most frequently asked questions

Farnham Town Council

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- Closed Circuit TV
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- Farmers' Market
- Farnham in Bloom
- Graffiti removal
- Grants – Community and Revenue
- Library Gardens
- Notice Boards
- Public Conveniences
- South Street Trust
- Tourism
- Town Crier
- Town Guide
- Town Mayor's Office
- Town Twinning
- War Memorials

Waverley Borough Council

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- Bus Permits
- Car Parks and Fines
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing/Homelessness
- Leisure Centres
- Licensing
- Museums
- Noise Pollution
- Parks & Rec Grounds
- Pest Control
- Planning
- Recycling / Refuse / Special Collections
- Street Cleaning / Litter
- Taxi / Private Hire Licensing

Surrey County Council

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- Street Lighting
- Environment
- Libraries
- Social Services
 - Adult
 - Children
- Transport
- Trading Standards
- Waste Disposal
- Minerals

Useful Information

Adult Education, West St.	01483 518558
Alzheimers Society Drop In	01428 642055
Births/Deaths/Marriage Reg.	0845 6009009
Citizen Advice Bureau	0844 8487969
Civic Co-Ordinator	01252 823192
Council Tax	01483 523135
Electoral Register	01483 523333
Environment Agcy-Flood	0845 988 1188
Farnham Assist Drop in	01252 717710
Farnham Castle	01252 721194
Farnham Herald	01252 725224
Farnham Hospital	01483 782000
Farnham Leisure Centre	01252 723208
Farnham Police	0845 125 2222
Hoppa	01252 727711
Inland Revenue	0845 3667825
Land Registry	0191 301 2345
Library—Farnham	08456 009009
MP—Jeremy Hunt	01428 604520
Maltings	01252 745444
Museum of Farnham	01252 715094
Rubbish—Special coll.	01483 523419
Rubbish Tip / Dump	01252 726316
Social Services	08456 004555
Surrey County Council	08456 009009
Waverley Local Partnership	01483 517530
Waverley Borough Council	01483 523333
WBC - Farnham Locality Off	01483 523521
WBC – 24 hour Emergency	02392 242161

In Brief ...

After a brilliant summer display, Farnham's hanging baskets will be taken down at the end of September and the winter planting in tubs and flower beds around the town will start late October/November.

Farnham Town Council has submitted a response on the SANGS Consultation to Waverley Borough Council

A new Notice Board has been installed at The Kiln in Badshot Lea.

Keep up to date - News items, places to visit, events and the Council services are updated daily on the Farnham Town Council web site www.farnham.co.uk

Allotment holders at the Six Bells Allotment Site will be pleased to know that a new 5 –bar gate has been installed. The gate will allow allotment holders with the correct security information to come and go as they please whilst denying access to any unauthorised person.

A new litter/cigarette bin has been installed outside the Barber's Shop in Badshot Lea

A new directory – 50+ in Farnham has been published. Call Sheila Rayner on 01252 712667 to obtain your free copy

Farnham Town Council continues its ongoing programme of footpath refurbishment in its cemeteries. This year the Council has prioritised its efforts on the those footpaths in the worst state of repair at the Hale, Badshot Lea and Green Lane cemeteries.