

As restrictions are gradually lifted, it is good to see people out and about and supporting local businesses in Farnham.

Farnham Town Council's summer events programme launched in May with the Sustainability Festival at Gostrey Meadow.

Taking steps to ensure events are COVID safe is now a standard part of the planning process and will enable more people to access and enjoy Farnham Town Council's events programme in 2021.

Pack your picnic



What's your idea of a perfect picnic? Whether it be home grown salad from the garden, locally grown strawberries from the Farmers' Market, freshly baked bread from a Farnham bakery or your favourite treat from one of the town's many food shops, Farnham Town Council invites you to pack up your picnic and book your pitch at Picnic in the Park.

The annual event is on Sunday 27 June in Gostrey Meadow from 3-5pm.

Picnic in the Park is a free, family-friendly occasion. There will be live music on the big stage from local bands and free side entertainment. To keep everybody safe, numbers will be limited, and tickets need to be booked in advance at www.farnham.gov.uk.

Music in the Meadow

Music in the Meadow is now underway for the summer. See who is performing and book your bubble for up to six people at www.farnham.gov.uk. The free, live music concerts are held on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm at Gostrey Meadow.

Eat local

Visit the Farnham Farmers' Market for tasty, local produce.

The market is held on the fourth Sunday of the month in Central car park from 10am to 1.30pm and in June, it is taking place on the same day as Picnic in the Park.

Salute the Armed Forces



On Monday 21 June, the Mayor of Farnham will pay tribute to servicemen and women in a flag-raising ceremony which will mark the start of a week of Armed Forces Day celebrations.

The Mayor will raise the Armed Forces Day flag in the presence of representatives from Farnham's armed forces which include the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

The (PWRR) Reservists, or The Tigers as they are also known, are based in Farnham. Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, balancing their civilian life with a military career.

The Reserve Forces make up around one sixth of our Armed Forces personnel. Their valuable contribution will be recognised on Reserves Day which is on Wednesday 23 June.

Visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk to find out more about Armed Forces celebrations happening across the country.

Walking in Farnham



This year's Walking Festival focused on sharing favourite walks contributed by Farnham residents. The walks continue to be available to download on

Farnham Town Council's website so you can enjoy them at your leisure. Visit www.farnham.gov.uk/walkingfestival.

Farnham Town Walks

On 6 June, Farnham's town walks will make a welcome return. To take part in the guided walks around historic Farnham, meet at Wagon Yard car park at 10am. The cost is £5 with proceeds being donated to local charities.

How does your garden grow?

How's your garden looking this year? Are your hanging baskets the talk of the neighbourhood? Have you



created a haven for wildlife or perhaps you are on track to becoming more self-sufficient with a ready supply of home-grown veg.

Whatever your style of gardening, Farnham Town Council invites you to enter the 2021 Secret Gardens competition.

There are ten categories to enter, which include:

- Best courtyard
- Best hanging basket or container
- Best front, back or small garden
- Best large garden
- Best vegetable garden
- Best wildlife garden
- Best care home garden
- Best pub or hotel
- Best business premises
- 2021 Madge Green Community Garden Award

To enter, complete and return the entry form at www.farnham.gov.uk/bloom. Deadline 25 June 2021.

Behind the scenes at Farnham Town Council

The lockdown and associated restrictions provided Farnham Town Council with the opportunity to make creative use of technology. Thanks to assistance from ME Estate Agents, the Council now has a virtual Council Chamber. Anybody can enter the Chamber and discover more about the services offered by the Town Council. Explore at www.farnham.gov.uk.

Gates get a facelift

Eagle eyed Farnham residents may have noticed that the gates have been removed from West Street Cemetery.

As part of an ongoing programme of maintenance, Farnham Town Council has arranged for the Grade II listed gates to be refurbished. The work is being carried out by local blacksmith John Cooksley and a stonemason from Haven Memorials

Meet the maker

You can read an interview with John Cooksley and see him at work in the Farnham Craft Town film. Visit www.farnhamcrafttown.com.

We are Farnham

We all know that it has been a tough year for retailers and the hospitality sector. To give the Farnham economy the best possible chance of recovery, Farnham Town Council is supporting a number of initiatives to encourage people to stay loyal and spend locally.

Visit www.wearefarnham.co.uk to browse and buy products and goods from a variety of Farnham shops, craftspeople and businesses.

You can search by categories which include arts and crafts, food and drink, clothing and fashion, groceries or home. You can choose to collect your purchase or have your order delivered to your home.

Shop local and discover many items which are unique to Farnham at www.wearefarnham.co.uk.

Cllr Alan Earwaker elected as Mayor

Town councillors have elected a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Farnham.

Councillor Alan Earwaker has taken over from Councillor Pat Evans as the new Mayor of Farnham.

There will be more detail in the next edition of VantagePoint about the new Mayor, his charity and the deputy Mayor. Alternatively, you can visit our website at www.farnham.gov.uk.



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