

**Meet the Mayor**



At the Annual Town Council meeting in May, councillors elected Councillor Alan Earwaker as the new Mayor of Farnham. The Mayor has chosen his daughter, Claire Earwaker dos Reis to be the Mayoress.

The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Michaela Wicks, and she will support the Mayor throughout the year.

Councillor Alan Earwaker moved to Farnham in January 2014 prior to living in Redhill for 31 years. He was elected to Farnham Town Council and became the Deputy Mayor in 2019. As a councillor he represents residents in Firgrove ward.

After taking early retirement in 1994, Alan has dedicated his time to voluntary work in the community. He describes himself as a 'community worker' rather than a politician and is passionate about community engagement.

During his Mayoral year, Councillor Earwaker will support Waverley Abbey Trust and Farnham Assist. For more information about these organisations, visit [www.waverleyabbey.org](http://www.waverleyabbey.org) and [www.farnham-assist.org.uk](http://www.farnham-assist.org.uk).

The Mayor is looking forward to seeing as much as he can of the work and people that make Farnham the special place it is. He has also made it his mission to do whatever he can to help support residents and businesses as we emerge from lockdown.

If you would like to invite the Mayor to visit your organisation, please visit the Mayor's page at [www.farnham.gov.uk](http://www.farnham.gov.uk) and complete an invitation form. To see how the Mayor is supporting the local community and his charities, you can follow [@FarnhamMayor](https://www.facebook.com/FarnhamMayor) on Facebook.

**Fill your summer with music**

Get out and about this summer and enjoy live music every Sunday afternoon from 3-5pm at Gostrey Meadow - supported by Kidd Rapinet, sponsor of the summer programme of events.



To keep everybody safe, prebooking is essential as the number of people who can attend is limited. Ticket registration goes live two weeks before each event on the Friday.

When you book, please choose the correct sized bubble for your party. The options are:

- Bubble for 5-6 people
- Bubble for 3-4 people
- Bubble for 1-2 people.

The bubbles will be spray painted onto the grass so that social distancing can be maintained.

The requirement to pre-book may change as government guidelines are eased. For the latest information and to see who is playing, please visit [www.farnham.gov.uk/musicinthemeadow](http://www.farnham.gov.uk/musicinthemeadow).

**Congratulations to Robin for 25 years' service**



Farnham Town Council's outside workforce is a familiar sight to residents.

They can be seen mowing the grass in the town's cemeteries, tending to the hundreds of hanging baskets and containers for Farnham in Bloom, maintaining the allotments plus lots more.

Robin Cooper is the longest serving member of the team and has recently celebrated his 25th anniversary at Farnham Town Council. During this time he has worked with four Town Clerks and 21 Mayors and seen the town win 17 gold medals at South and South East in Bloom and two gold medals in RHS Britain in Bloom.

As a show of appreciation for his loyal service, Robin was presented with a watch by the Mayor of Farnham.

**Discover the gardens of Farnham**



Step into one of Farnham's town centre gardens and you'll be instantly transported to a place of tranquillity. Conveniently located, Farnham has several gardens where you can escape the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life.

Which one is your favourite?

**Victoria Garden  
Off Brightwells Road**

This hidden gem never fails to disappoint. Loved equally by children, office workers and gardeners, Victoria Garden makes wonderful use of its location of a former outdoor swimming pool. Roses, clematis, lavenders and hebes abound but this is a garden to enjoy all year round, with giant chessboard, mosaic hopscotch and mini maze.

**Haren Garden  
Enter from South Street (east side)**

Celebrating the post-war friendship between Farnham and the Netherlands' town of Haren, this small garden appropriately features lots of Dutch tulips in the spring. Large trees and attractive shrubs provide shade while the River Wey gives added interest.

The garden remembers the generosity of Farnham residents to the people of Haren in World War 2 and after flooding in 1953.

**Evelyn Borelli Garden of Rest  
Falkner Road**

The Evelyn Borelli Garden of Rest offers not only a peaceful spot to reflect, it also includes several pieces

of public art. The result is an interesting place to walk or sit, with a modern, creative feel. Look out for the new avenue of trees planted by Farnham Town Council.

**Museum Garden  
West Street**

A tranquil walled garden which is a perfect place to visit during a lunch break or to conclude a visit to the Museum.

**The Garden of Reflection,  
West Street Cemetery**

This garden offers a calm and peaceful place to remember loved ones. A largely white planting scheme is complemented with seasonal bulbs, plants and shrubs with views over the Bishop's Meadow.

**Gardens on the outskirts of the town centre  
Batting's Garden**

Junction of the A287 and The Ridgeway  
A wildlife garden tucked behind a hedgerow alongside an otherwise busy junction. Looked after by conservation volunteers and well worth a visit if you enjoy an informal space to wander among grasses, wildflowers, birds and insects.

**Middle Bourne Lane Community Garden  
Middle Bourne Lane**

This wildlife-rich garden is located on the edge of the steep Bourne Stream valley and has a mix of habitats which include mature trees, a rough lawn, pond, wildflower area and more.

The garden is managed by volunteers from the Bourne Conservation Group and featured on the BBC's Springwatch in 2017.

**Farnham Town Council is looking for volunteers to help implement some ambitious plans for the public gardens it looks after. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [bloom@farnham.gov.uk](mailto:bloom@farnham.gov.uk).**



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