

Lighting up for Christmas



Farnham Town Council will be spreading Christmas cheer with this year's Christmas Lights Switch-On on Saturday 20 November.

Following the popularity of last year's beacons of light sky show, it is intended that eight beams of light will once again sweep across the sky connecting the communities of Badshot Lea, Weybourne, Upper Hale, Rowledge, Wrecclesham, The Bourne, Farnham Castle and Central Farnham.

Throughout the afternoon, festivities will take place at Gostrey Meadow including live music and entertainment on the big stage, activities for children, food and drink stalls and Santa's Grotto.

Love Local



After the lights have been switched on, there will be just four shopping Saturdays left until Christmas Day but there is no need to panic as Farnham has everything you need for the big day!

Shop in Farnham for great gifts from the town's independent shops. Farnham is also home to some great food producers. Visit the Farmers' Market on 28 November to pick up preserves and treats for the festive table and to pre-order items for collection at the market on 12 December.

If you don't feel like facing the shops, have everything you need delivered to your door via Farnham's very own online marketplace. Visit www.WeAreFarnham.co.uk to browse from the comfort of your own home.

For full details about Christmas in Farnham, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

If it has been a while since you got together with your friends, family or colleagues, why not catch up over dinner at one of Farnham's fabulous pubs or restaurants?

Remembrance Sunday 2021



A Remembrance Parade and Service will take place at the War Memorial in Gostrey Meadow on Sunday 14 November.

The Parade will assemble in Castle Street from 10am with a road closure from the junction with Park Row from 10-10.30am. Alder Valley Brass will lead the Parade and provide the music for the service.



The Remembrance Service will begin with the rededication of the War Memorial and commemoration of the Royal British Legion, both marking their centenary in 2021. This part of the service will be supported by the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Herbert and Brigadier Paul Evans OBE DL, President of the Royal British Legion in Surrey.

The rededication will be followed by the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.

To keep people safe, an element of social distancing will be in place. Anybody wishing to attend the service should enter Gostrey Meadow via Union Road. The service will be broadcast live so people can watch from home – details can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk.

The Remembrance Sunday parade is organised by Farnham Town Council in conjunction with the Farnham Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Venison Dinner

After a break because of COVID, the Venison Dinner returns to Farnham Castle on Thursday 11 November.

Tickets cost £75 and include a four-course meal (vegetarian option available), pre-dinner drink, coffee and petits fours.

For tickets contact Pat Frost on 01252 728663.

Is Farnham a Star Council?

On the day that VantagePoint went to print, Farnham Town Council was poised to hear the results of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Star Council Awards 2021.

It was announced in July that Farnham was a finalist in the Council of the Year category and that Iain Lynch was one of just five to be shortlisted for Clerk of the Year.

In shortlisting Farnham, the judges cited Farnham's 'track record of creativity, innovation, partnership and collaboration' and how its 'Achievements in 2020 show significant success despite uncertainties and challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic'. The judges looked for evidence showing how Farnham focused on the community during the pandemic and its impact.

The final winner of Council of the Year was decided by a people's vote which closed at the end of August. The announcement was made on 8 October at a live online awards ceremony watched by Town Council staff and councillors.

To find out the results of the Star Council awards, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

Farnham in Bloom wins a bunch of gold awards



Farnham in Bloom picked up a bunch of gold awards at this year's South and South-East in Bloom.

For the first time ever, the judges awarded West Street Cemetery with Gold. The Town Centre and Large Town category received Gold for the tenth and

ninth consecutive year and Badshot Lea Cemetery picked up a Gold award too. Gostrey Meadow which Farnham Town Council only started managing two years ago won Silver Gilt.

Farnham's community groups put in fantastic performance too. space2grow was awarded Outstanding in 'It's Your Neighbourhood', Silver Gilt in the 'Our Community' category and a Gold special award for 'Growing your Community'. Badshot Lea Bloomers were awarded 'advancing' and Hale Community Centre 'thriving' in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category.

Farnham in Bloom is sponsored by Principal Sponsor The Patio Blackspot Removal Company Ltd and it is thanks to them and the many businesses that support Farnham in Bloom that so much can be achieved.

The success of Farnham in Bloom also relies upon the enthusiasm of an army of volunteers. If you are interested in being part of the 2022 campaign, please email bloom@farnham.gov.uk to find out about the opportunities for getting involved.

Civic Christmas Carol Service



The Civic Christmas Carol Service with Farnham Youth Choir will be held in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 1 December at 7pm. Attendance is by ticket only.

Due to limited capacity, tickets will be issued through a ballot. Further details about how to apply will feature in the Farnham Herald this month. Information is also available online at www.farnham.gov.uk.



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