

New copse planted for Queen's jubilee



One hundred and twenty trees have been planted in the old part of Farnham's West Street cemetery to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It is hoped that the new copse will be enjoyed for generations to come and that it will leave a lasting legacy to support wildlife in Farnham and provide a peaceful, beautiful woodland area for residents and visitors. The trees are all native species and were donated to the town by Surrey County Council to form part of the Queen's Green Canopy. Potters Gate school, Net Technical Solutions who are silver sponsors of Farnham in Bloom and the friends of West Street Cemetery helped with the planting.

The Green Canopy project is a unique nationwide initiative which invites people across the UK to plant a tree for the jubilee. Full information about the Green Canopy project can be found online at www.queensgreencanopy.org. If you've planted a tree for the Green Canopy, you can 'pin' the location of your tree or trees to the online Green Canopy map.

Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee



HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend is fast approaching. Celebrations will take place from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June to celebrate this historic milestone. In Farnham, on 2 June we will join in with the UK's long tradition of celebrating Royal events with the lighting of a beacon at Farnham Castle. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

On Sunday 5 June, come along to the Big Jubilee Lunch at Gostrey Meadow. Bring a picnic, take a seat at one of the party tables, get to know other Big Lunchers and

enjoy an afternoon of live music covering the decades of the Queen's reign.

If you want to arrange your own event such as a street party, visit www.farnham.gov.uk/jubilee for more information.

Farnham goes for gold



Farnham has been invited to represent the south east in the Large Town category of Britain in Bloom 2022. Farnham in Bloom is also entering five categories in South and South East in Bloom which is the regional competition.

How to get involved

Every year, Farnham in Bloom goes from strength to strength and this is thanks to the army of volunteers, sponsors, local businesses, and schools who work tirelessly behind the scenes with Farnham Town Council to expand and improve on the town's entry.

From volunteering to help nurture over 50,000 plug plants, making up 250 hanging baskets, 70 planters, litter picks and taking part in competitions such as the Secret Gardens of Farnham, there are lots of ways for you to get involved.

Thank you to the sponsors of Farnham in Bloom

As well as an amazing bunch of volunteers, Farnham in Bloom is able to grow because of the support it receives from sponsors and local businesses.

Principal sponsor Simon Essex from The Patio Blackspot Removal Co says: "We have been involved as sponsors for many years and are delighted to have been the Principal sponsor for the past two years. We are constantly impressed with the achievements of the volunteers and supporters of Farnham in Bloom. The impressive achievements of Farnham in Bloom over the past decade speak for themselves, and we hope for further success in the years ahead."

Farnham in Bloom is also supported by gold sponsors Squire's Garden Centre, BBS Ltd and Pivot and silver sponsors Net Technical Solutions, Wildflower Turf, Bush Hotel, Hamilton's Tea House, Farnham Farmers' Market and the Farnham Institute Charity.

Music in the Meadow returns



Farnham's summer season of free weekly outside music concerts begins on Sunday 29 May.

The Missy Nelson Band will perform a mix of folk and rockabilly style music at the Gostrey Meadow bandstand from 3-5pm.

They will be followed every Sunday until early September by a variety of bands that have been chosen to suit a wide range of musical tastes.

Inner Wheel will host the first charity tea tent and councillors will be on hand at the information tent to chat and answer any questions.

Visit 'Things to Do' at www.farnham.gov.uk to see the schedule of who's performing and when.

Reap the benefits of leading a more sustainable life

If you want to pick up some tips and information about how you can lead a more sustainable life so you can use less energy and be less reliant on the car, pop Sunday 22 May in your diary.

This year's Farnham Sustainability Festival will be a celebration of how to live a more sustainable life for the benefit of the planet, communities and our health and well-being.

The family-friendly event will offer the opportunity to try your hand at new skills and meet local organisations, charities, artisans, food and drink producers and small businesses who all share a passion for sustainability. There will also be live music and a talks tent.

The festival is organised by Farnham Town Council and the Farnham Community Farm.

Arts and Craft Market

Pick up a unique item for your home at the Arts and Craft market on Sunday 8 May in West Street from 10am to 4pm. The market will offer around 40 stalls and is organised by ACVR Events in partnership with Farnham Town Council.

Welcome to Farnham



In March, Farnham Town Council began working with partners to facilitate the community desire to help Ukrainian people in face of the shocking devastation with the war in Ukraine.

There has been an amazing community response led by Farnham Homes for Ukraine (www.fhfu.org) with some 90 Farnham sponsor families and around 50 families coming from Kharkiv which has been heavily bombed. Farnham Stands with Ukraine (www.facebook.com/farnhamstandswithukraine) has been collating translators, language teachers and other support. Many other organisations have raised funds and are offering services or support so we as a community can give a warm welcome to those arriving and assist Farnham families that are generously hosting Ukrainian families.

The Mayor of Farnham has been co-ordinating a group to help share resources, avoid duplication and collaborate.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact customer.services@farnham.gov.uk and we will put you in touch with the relevant organisation.

Greenhouse open day

Ever wondered where all the flowers come from that appear in Farnham town centre and the surrounding villages around about this time of year?



You can find out at this year's greenhouse open day on Wednesday 25 May. Farnham buys in some 50,000 plug plants and grows these on into healthy plants at its greenhouse.

For a peep behind the scenes, contact bloom@farnham.gov.uk to book your visit.

Farnham Activity Trail

There's still time to take part in the family-friendly Farnham Activity Trail.

Starting at the Farnham Maltings, the illustrated activity trail celebrates Farnham, bringing to life its heritage and taking you on a journey of discovery.

Follow the colourful vinyl stickers on the pavements and take part in the creative activities along the way.

Copies of the trail can be downloaded at www.farnham.gov.uk.

The project has received funding through the Government's Additional Restrictions Grant and aims to increase footfall to local businesses. Waverley Borough Council has worked in partnership with Farnham Town Council and other partners to develop the trails.

Farnham walks



Put your best foot forward at this year's Farnham Walking Festival from 14 May to 2 June.

Expert guides will lead a programme of free walks aimed at helping you to get active and discover more about your surroundings.

There are walks for all abilities including gentle strolls, strenuous hikes and wheelchair friendly routes. Some of the walks focus on a specific theme such as wildlife, archaeology or local heritage.

Visit www.farnham.gov.uk for a free festival guide rating each walk according to distance and how challenging it is and useful information such as whether dogs are allowed or whether it's suitable for wheelchair users or young families.

Farnham Town Council has arranged the Walking Festival with support from groups such as Farnham District Ramblers and the Farnham Walker.

Watch this space!



Artists have been invited to submit proposals for a new art installation in Farnham.

The commission is for a new permanent

artwork to be located at Longbridge, the riverside pedestrianised route alongside the River Wey and close to the town centre.

Farnham Town Council has collaborated with the University for the Creative Arts, Farnham Maltings and the Farnham Public Art Trust in its search for an ambitious proposal that creates opportunities for people to connect with the environment around the work (or works) and potentially with other people too.

Farnham was designated a World Craft Town in 2020. As a town rich with cultural and historic heritage and an active creative community of artists and craftspeople, it is anticipated that the proposals will be inspired by themes such as the nearby River Wey or the town's craft heritage.

The deadline for submissions was 24 April. Final interviews will be held on 10 June.



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