



# Seeking great beer



Seekers Beer has landed in Surrey, and is changing the way you think about craft beer.

'Craft beer' might be a term that fills you with dread, or gives you an automatic eye-roll. After all; what's wrong with a good old pint of bitter or a certain Danish lager? Well there's nothing wrong with them, but there is an awful lot more out there and with new hops and techniques constantly being developed it is an exciting time to get into craft beer.

The definition of craft beer is pretty loose. In the United States, it refers to a brewery producing under a certain volume of beer each year but over here we've no such definition. Some people see craft beer styles as more experimental, but really a craft brewery is an independent business that produces relatively small batches of beer. And supporting small, independent businesses is good - right?

Seekers Beer founder, Tom Dale, has lived in the USA and spent much of the last 20 years over there for work. The Americans have been leading the charge in craft beer for a long time - both in terms of brewing and making it accessible for everyone. So mission number one for Tom is to demystify craft beer.

To that end, seeksbeer.com has an ever-growing glossary to explain the terms you'll come across, and Tom is always on-hand to respond to queries. Don't know your dry hop from your green hops,

or wondering if you can open a breakfast stout at 5pm... have no fear, just ask Seeks Beer.

Take a look at the Bespoke Beer Drop service, which is great for gifts. 'I know he likes kind of lighter beers, but I don't know which' is not an uncommon query, but for Seeks Beer that is the start to creating a unique gift box of beers.

The main aim of Seeks Beer is to bring the best of independent beer together in one place. With up to 100 beers available at any time there really is something for everyone. Even if you're not a beer person, perhaps you just haven't found your beer yet. How about a fruited sour with a profile more akin to a margarita, or perhaps an Imperial pastry stout that tastes like chocolate dessert in a can?

Seekers Beer delivers nationwide so take a look and start creating your own pick-and-mix beer box to have it arrive at your door. With a rotating selection from local, national and international independent breweries there is always something new to try. Alternatively, just choose a Discovery Box and delve in to a whole new style of beer.

Seekers Beer is based in Godalming and can be visited at [www.seeksbeer.com](http://www.seeksbeer.com) or follow on Instagram @seeksbeer\_emporium.



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## Join in the Jubilee Celebrations

On 6 February 2022, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. This unprecedented anniversary is being marked by four days of nationwide celebrations over an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June.

On 2 June, Farnham will become part of a beacon chain when a beacon is lit at Farnham Castle.

Farnham's weekend of Jubilee celebrations will conclude with a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' at Gostrey Meadow on Sunday 5 June. Farnham people are invited to bring a picnic and join in an afternoon of friendship, food and fun while enjoying live music covering the past 70 years of The Queen's reign.

## Tremendous!

The Farnham community has helped to plant 200 trees in and around Farnham to commemorate the Queen's 70 years of service.



In the spring, pupils from 13 local schools and representatives from 18 community groups planted 40 Liquidambar and Himalayan Birch trees to create a leafy avenue alongside the stretch of river that runs from the car park near Farnham Leisure Centre towards Kimbers Lane.



Farnham Town Council, Net Technical Solutions which is a silver sponsor of Farnham in Bloom, Potters Gate school and friends of West Street Cemetery also planted 120 trees. The team created a new copse in the old part of West Street Cemetery. The copse will be enjoyed for generations to come and will leave a lasting legacy to support wildlife in Farnham and provide a peaceful, beautiful woodland area for residents and visitors.

## Mayor opens new youth shelter



Farnham Town Council has installed a new shelter along Borelli Walk to give young people a safe place to hang out with their friends.

The shelter is part of a project to improve facilities for young people in Farnham and was part funded by a grant from the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Surrey.

The hexagonal-shaped shelter offers bench-style seating and offers some protection from the weather. The design was chosen following a consultation with young people

Farnham Town Council has committed £10,000 in its current budget for young people support and plans to hold several youth-focused events throughout the year.

## Picnic, proms and pop in the park!



Following on from Farnham Carnival's Royal party on Saturday 25 June, guests will be able to relax and enjoy an afternoon of music at Farnham Town Council's annual picnic in the park on Sunday 26 June from 12-6pm at Gostrey Meadow.

Continuing with the platinum jubilee theme, the free live music event will offer a nod to the Last Night of the Proms with music from Farnham Big Band, Woking Wind Orchestra, the Ultimate Party Band and more.

There will be food and drink stalls and family entertainment including circus skills and children's rides.

## Dates for your diary

Sunday 12 June, 10-4pm  
**Antiques and Brocante Market**  
West Street

Sunday 26 June, 10-1.30pm  
**Farnham Farmers' Market**  
Central car park

Every Sunday up until 4 September, 3-5pm  
**Music in the Meadow**  
Gostrey Meadow

# Annual Review 2021/22



## Reopening Farnham

The year began with the continued lifting of lockdown restrictions in England which included the reopening of non-essential retail, public buildings and indoor leisure facilities.

In May, the limit on the number of people who could mix outdoors was lifted. This happily coincided with the start of our summer programme of events and after months of restrictions, residents were finally treated to a total of three separate open-air events in one day. The events included the Sustainability Festival, an art and craft market in West Street and the monthly farmers' market.

Having a thriving local economy is vital for providing local jobs, injecting money into local businesses and creating an environment where people want to spend time and money. We have provided opportunities for local businesses by attracting residents and visitors into the town with events such as the Christmas lights switch-on, the food and drink festival and the Christmas market.

When planning our events programme, we recognised that not everybody felt ready to mix with large crowds of people so as well as one-day events, we also delivered initiatives such as the snow window trail which families could enjoy at any time, and which promoted the idea of exploring the town.

Supporting local businesses is ongoing and is something we will be doing more of as we work with partners to become a Business Improvement District.

Over the past year, our work has also seen us supporting individuals facing financial hardship due to COVID. We continue to work with several organisations in Farnham to ensure that help is given to those who are suffering. The coronavirus support fund has been renamed the Farnham Support Fund to reflect people's changing needs as we emerge from the pandemic.

When it comes to setting the council tax, this year more than ever, councillors were all too aware of the financial pressures that more and more people are feeling. For 2022/23, councillors agreed a below inflation rise which works out at £2.39 per year making the council tax for a Band D property £69.76. We make every pound we spend go as far as possible.

In 2021/22, we were delighted to be recognised by a number of independent bodies and to be awarded Council of the Year in recognition of working with the community and raising standards of service.

Getting involved in the community is very rewarding. If it's something that interests you, please do have a think about standing in next year's town council elections. There is lots of information on our website about what's involved and to help you decide if it is for you.

**Iain Lynch**  
Town Clerk

## About Farnham Town Council



## Mayor of Farnham

### Councillor Alan Earwaker 2021/22



#### Role

- Represents the town at civic and ceremonial functions
- Chairs Full Council meetings
- Supports local businesses and organisations



## Enhancing the community



Enhancing the community (continued)

14,000

volunteer hours given for Farnham in Bloom

10

parks & open spaces managed by staff and volunteers

70+

regularly took part in community litter picks and removed 100+ sacks of rubbish

75

awards presented to the community at the Farnham in Bloom community awards

350

hanging baskets and containers planted

55,000

plug plants grown

25 tonnes

of wildflower meadow mix planted in 10 locations

8

8 allotments with over 200 tenants growing their own

Building Farnham's future

Farnham Infrastructure Programme Milestones

HGV restrictions implemented

3 20mph zones agreed



Supporting young people

100s

of young people were entertained at the Extreme Mountain Bike Show

£10,000

committed for young people's support

1 New riverside youth shelter opens giving Farnham's young people a place to meet

30



children attended free Bloomin' Kids' Workshops

Proud to remember

4

cemeteries managed  
West Street Cemetery won Gold at South & South East in Bloom

30

burials  
Badshot Lea Cemetery won Gold at South & South East in Bloom

31

burials of cremated remains



How we communicate

Over 10,000 followers on social media

322,500

unique page views on the website www.farnham.gov.uk



2,081

subscribers to newsletter

9

News sent to 23,750 homes, nine times a year via Vantage Point magazine



35+

Councillors fronted the information tent at 35+ events

25,000 homes and businesses received a residents' guide about getting the most out of Farnham

Bringing the community together

12 farmers' markets with 35+ stalls selling local produce

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Farnham Farmers' Market

15 free music in the meadow concerts

5 antiques, art and craft street markets

100+ stalls at the Food and Drink Festival

150 events brought the community together

60 events at 13 venues for Farnham's first Literary Festival

57 events organised for craft lovers during Farnham's Craft Month

15 schools and theatre groups performed at Christmas lights switch-on

10 million views of snow window walking trail video

Providing help when most needed

187

applications received for help from the Farnham Support Fund and the Household Support Fund

£85,000

spent on providing essential household items, fuel debt, clothes, school uniform etc

Supporting local causes

£80,500

given out in grants to the community

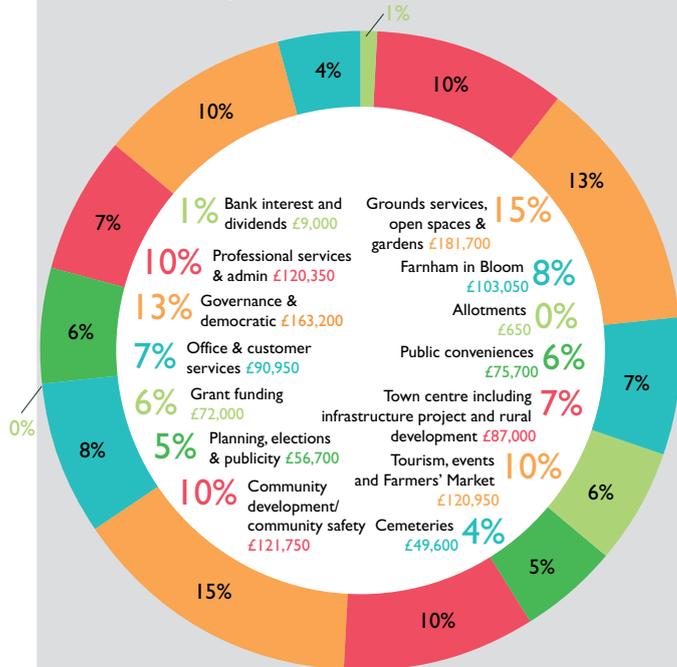
Representing Farnham

978 Responses made to 978 planning applications in Farnham

Looking after the public purse

	2021/22	2022/23
Budget	£1,399,850	£1,474,800
Share of Council tax from a Band D property	£67.37	£69.76

How the budget is spent



You can inspect the accounts in June/July.

For a large print version of this chart, please email [customer.services@farnham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@farnham.gov.uk).

Winning mindset

Council of the Year • Shortlisted for Clerk of the Year • Winners at South & South East in Bloom • First Green Flag award • Not for Profit organisation of the year 2021/22 in the South England Prestige Awards

CHORAL PHENOMENON TENEBRAE COME TO GRAYSHOTT

Here's a teaser for you: which vocal group has variously been described as "phenomenal" (The Times), "devastatingly beautiful" (Gramophone Magazine) and "one of the best choirs in the world" (St Louis Post-Dispatch)?



The answer is award-winning choir Tenebrae ([www.tenebrae-choir.com](http://www.tenebrae-choir.com)) - and they're coming to Grayshott, on 22nd July for this year's Grayshott Concerts choral highlight.

Established twenty years ago by acclaimed Director Nigel Short, Tenebrae has collaborated with internationally acclaimed orchestras and instrumentalists and now enjoys a reputation as one of the world's finest vocal ensembles renowned especially for their precision and passion.

Nigel is himself an award-winning conductor who has earned widespread acclaim for his recording and live performance work with leading orchestras and ensembles across the world.

Grayshott Concerts was last privileged to host the group in 2010, when they performed

Karl Jenkins Stella Natalis. Since then, they have continued to go from strength to strength, winning numerous awards including Grammy nominations and performing all over the world.

For us in July, Tenebrae will be showcasing the power of A Cappella music with a programme spanning Renaissance and Contemporary compositions.

If you're a lover of the purity of unaccompanied singing - or have yet to discover it - this concert must be at the top of your event list this year. Tickets are available to book now at [www.grayshottconcerts.co.uk](http://www.grayshottconcerts.co.uk).

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