

Music in the Meadow for everybody



Throughout July, August and the first week of September, there will be live music at Gostrey Meadow on every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5pm.

It's free to attend and the bands have been chosen to appeal to a variety of music tastes. At each concert, there will be a refreshment tent hosted by a local charity.

Bring a chair so you can sit back and enjoy some great music in comfort.

Who's playing

3 July – Rock Choir and Azure – Rock choir plus party band
10 July – Soul Food - Rock
17 July – Young Persons' Showcase – Various bands
24 July – Otis B and Driftwood Band - Jazz
31 July – The Flying Tigers – Rhythm and blues
7 August – Fabulous Funky Funks – Funk, soul and disco
14 August – Undercovers – 60s to 20s pop
21 August – Twentyfivemiles – Motown and soul
28 August – Squeezebox – Rock, blues and country
4 September – Farnham Brass Band – Brass band music
Music in the Meadow is sponsored by Kidd Rapinet.

New for 2022 – Vegan Market

Farnham will host its first open air vegan market on Sunday 10 July from 10.30am to 3.30pm in West Street. The organisers, Ethical Vegan Events, promise that you will experience the very best in street food and drinks, ethical products, gifts and produce.

For a full list of traders visit www.ethicalveganevents.com.

Judgement days



The main Jubilee celebrations may have passed but Farnham won't be packing away the bunting just yet!

On 13 and 14 July, Farnham in Bloom will give a warm welcome to judges from South and South East in Bloom.

On day one, the judges will assess Farnham's entry into the Large Town category.

Later in the day, they will visit Gostrey Meadow to see the improvements that have taken place since last year. A particular highlight for this year are the three carpet beds. One commemorates the Jubilee, one is a tribute to Sir Ray Tindle CBE DL and the third is the winning design from a schools' competition.

On day two, it will be time for the judging of the Town Centre category and West Street and Badshot Lea cemeteries.

After judging, there will be no time for the Farnham in Bloom team to rest on their laurels as two weeks later, judges will return to determine whether Farnham has done enough to be crowned the winner of the Large Town category in Britain in Bloom.

The results of South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom will be announced in the autumn.

Make your business bloom

If you are a local business wanting to do your bit to make Farnham bloom, how about buying a hanging basket for display outside your premises. The baskets cost £75 which includes the cost of Farnham Town Council taking care of the watering and feeding so the baskets continue to look great long into the autumn.

To order online, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

Community Grants support local projects



The Mayor of Farnham has been visiting local good causes that have been successful in securing a Community Grant.

Thanks to a grant for £750, Farnham Sinfonia was able to put on a concert for the community which the Mayor had great pleasure in attending.



He has also presented a cheque for £2,000 to Sailability towards the cost of a new boat for the disability charity.

Grant initiative provides one-off grants or support for schemes over a period of up to three years. It is open to local not-for-profit organisations looking for financial support for work that promotes community life or the environment for the benefit of the town or surrounding villages.

The deadline for the next round of applications is this autumn. Full details can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk.

Mayor to serve Farnham for second year



Councillor Alan Earwaker was elected as the Mayor of Farnham for a second year, at the mayor making ceremony in May.

The annual mayor-making ceremony is the official process which sees the mayor confirmed into office. Councillor Earwaker agreed to take on the role for a second year running alongside Councillor Michaela Wicks as the deputy mayor who was also invited to continue her role for a second year.

Working alongside Farnham Town Council, the Mayor has described his mission as being 'to do whatever I can to help support residents and businesses working together to revive our thriving community in this wonderful award-winning town'.

For the benefit of continuity, the Mayor has extended his mayoral theme of working together with the community to revive Farnham, to a second year. As much of his first mayoral year was affected by COVID restrictions, fundraising activities were restricted and so he has also opted to continue to support his two chosen charities of Farnham ASSIST and Waverley Abbey Trust.

The Mayor is supported by his daughter, Claire Earwaker dos Reis, who is the Mayoress. To invite the Mayor to an event or opening, you can submit a request at www.farnham.gov.uk.

The resignation of Councillor John Neale as Leader of the Council, also led to some changes at the top. Councillor David Beaman and Councillor Pat Evans have been elected as Joint Leaders of the Council for 2022/23 only. The joint appointment recognises the time it takes to run the town's day-to-day affairs and the need to ensure the Council's views are represented at the Board of the Farnham Infrastructure Programme which is at an important stage.

Over the summer, Surrey County Council will be launching a consultation on plans for the future of the centre of town.

Dancers raise £550 for Ukraine Support Fund

Dancers at the DeMeric Dance School in Farnham presented the Mayor of Farnham with a cheque for £550 for the town's Ukraine Support Fund following a week long fundraising effort.

Students donated money in exchange for taking part in a mufti week. Instead of wearing everyday clothes, they used their creativity and imagination to dress up as fantasy characters like superheroes, fairies and princesses.

The Ukraine Support Fund is one element of Farnham's contribution - alongside Farnham Homes for Ukraine and Farnham Stands with Ukraine - to support Ukrainian people affected by the war.

To find out more, email Farnham Town Council at customer.services@farnham.gov.uk.