

Farnham's Heritage Open Days



Creativity Unwrapped is the theme for this year's Heritage Open Days. The Farnham Society has organised a wonderful programme which will give visitors a chance to see behind the scenes of some of the finest buildings in England's first World Craft Town.

Heritage Open Days is from Friday 8 to Sunday 17 September and includes open buildings, guided walks and talks.

Farnham Town Council is pleased to support Heritage Open Days and to provide the venue for the following events:

'Two Great Illustrators, Randolph Caldecott and Pauline Baynes' – a talk by Roy Waight. No booking required

Saturday 9 September. 10.30am at Farnham Town Hall, South Street

The artist Randolph Caldecott, 1846-1886, essentially originated children's book illustration. He lived for the latter part of life in Frensham. A century later Pauline Baynes, illustrator for C.S. Lewis's Narnia series and J. R. R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings lived just a mile away.

Exhibition of Pauline Baynes' work, courtesy of Alberto Ceccatelli

Thursday 7 September, 12 noon to 5pm, Friday 8 September, 9am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9 September, 12.30pm to 4pm. Farnham Town Hall, South Street. Last entry half an hour before closing

The exhibition will display a wide selection of Pauline Baynes' work. This is a rare opportunity to view the artistic output of one of the finest book illustrators of our time, including copies of illustrations from the world famous Narnia series and Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. The full programme showing dates and times and details of the events can be viewed at www.farnham.gov.uk.

Farnham Town Council wins three Green Flag Awards

Farnham Town Council's efforts to provide well-managed green spaces for the community have been recognised with the award of not one but three international quality marks.

Green Flags have been awarded to Gostrey Meadow, Badshot Lea Cemetery and West Street Cemetery. Gostrey Meadow first received Green Flag status in 2021. This is the first year that Badshot Lea and West Street cemeteries have been entered into the

prestigious award. Farnham Town Council has ambitious management plans for each of the sites which includes pathway improvements, tree planting and measures to increase biodiversity. It is thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff and a team of volunteers that so much can be achieved in these valuable community spaces. If you are interested in volunteering to help Farnham maintain its Green Flag status, please register your interest by emailing bloom@farnham.gov.uk.

New way of working

Farnham Town Council's new administration is operating in a more streamlined way and now has three main Working Groups which are Environment, Communities, and Strategy and Resources.

Strategy and Resources is led by Councillor Graham White with support from Councillor David Beaman on the Farnham Infrastructure Programme.

The Environment Working Group is led by Councillor Mat Brown and deals with climate change, Farnham in Bloom and cemeteries.

The Communities Working Group is led by Councillor Kika Mirylees and is responsible for the Farnham events programme, wellbeing and younger people.

The Working Groups are supported by a number of Task Groups which work alongside the local community and deal with business in a more focussed manner. Task Groups include the young people's task group, conservation area task group and Farnham in Bloom community group.

To see who is a member of the Working Groups and the terms of reference, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

A guide to Farnham Food and Drink Festival



When:
Sunday 24 September

Where:
Castle Street and the town centre

What to expect:

- Over 100 stalls selling food and drink
- A chilli eating competition
- Food theatre featuring live demonstrations and talks from food and drink experts

- Live music
- A free shuttle bus
- A great atmosphere!

For a list of stallholders, visit www.farnham.gov.uk.

Meet the producers

Farnham Town Council is delighted to welcome the following new stallholders to its monthly Farmers' Market:

Eden Greens



A Woking based family business that is passionate about leading a healthy, sustainable lifestyle and business. They grow microgreens with passion and love. They are also organic and non-GMO.

Marzilicious




The founders of Marzilicious say it was born out of a passion for two things: creating pretty looking stuff and delicious squidgy marzipan. The home-made marzipan is made with a high almond content, sugar syrup and is egg-free, making it suitable for vegans.

Beres Bakes




Beres Bakes are sourdough bread producers and they aim to bake artisan bread with a modern twist by experimenting with new and exciting flavours, while keeping the traditional methods of baking sourdough. Beres Bakes is based in Basingstoke.

Farnham Farmers' Market is held in Central Car Park from 10am to 1.30pm on the fourth Sunday of every month.



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In September the market is happening on the same day as the Food and Drink Festival. It will be a bumper market packed with over 40 wonderful stalls selling fresh food, alcohol, and crafts. There will also be live music and a charity tea tent.

World Craft Town - October Craft Month 1 to 31 October



Seamus Flanagan

Research has shown that as well as being an enjoyable pastime, there are many health benefits to crafting. This makes October Craft Month the ideal time to introduce yourself to a new hobby or to discover a new interest.

The month is dedicated to craft and includes exhibitions, markets, workshops, festivals and craft-related activities. Many events are free. To find out more about what is happening, visit www.farnhamcrafttown.com.

Update on the Farnham BID

A Business Improvement District (BID) is proposed for central Farnham. If successful, this will raise over £340,000 a year for investment in projects that will benefit local businesses.

The headings for the projects which are being proposed are:

- Improved marketing and promotion of Farnham
- Safe, clean and welcoming
- Business support
- Access and car parking
- Town centre manager

The draft five-year business plan which gives more details about the project has been circulated to over 450 businesses in the BID area. In October, business rate payers will be invited to vote on whether they would like Farnham to have a Business Improvement District. For more information, please visit www.farnhambid.co.uk.