

# **Farnham Literary Festival**



In March, Farnham Town Council invites you to celebrate an enchanting festival of written and spoken words.

Farnham Literary Festival runs from 1 to 10 March and includes a jam-packed programme of events for you to enjoy. Book tickets for an engaging author's

talk, discover new books for your reading list, take part in a creative workshop, or sit back and immerse yourself in a performance on the stage or big screen.

On 8 March, listen in on a conversation with Hugh Bonneville as he talks about his memoir 'Playing Under the Piano'.

Farnham Literary Festival also includes panel events which promise thought provoking discussions, a schools' programme, and writing competitions.

## **Competitions**

### Farnham Poetry Competition

The theme for the poetry competition is 'friendship'.

There is a children's competition, open to under-16s, and an adult one. This year, you are asked to write a poem on the theme of friendship – what it means to you, who your friends are, what is important about friends, anything about friendship.

Email the poems to poetry@badshotleaandhale.org or send by post to Farnham Poetry Competition, St Mark's Church, Alma Lane, Farnham, GU9 0LT, to arrive by 5pm on Friday 16 February.

The competition is free to enter and there will be prizes for both the first prize-winners and runners-up in both categories. The winners will be announced at the poetry final evening on Saturday 9 March at St Mark's Church at 5pm, when there will also be an 'open mic' for anyone to share their poetry.

Farnham's 'First Five Thousand' writing competition On 1 March, the longlist for the 'First Five Thousand' writing competition will be announced. This will be followed by the shortlist on 10 March.

All shortlisted entries will be on the Farnham Literary Festival website at www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk.



#### Find out more

For details about the events including how to book, visit www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk or pick up a festival guide from Farnham Town Council at the Town Hall in South Street.

### Music in the Vineyard

Sunday 25 February and Sunday 31 March. 3-5pm Vineyard Church, Union Road

Banish the winter blues for an afternoon of live music at Music in the Vineyard. The bands have been chosen to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes.

There will be a refreshment stand hosted by volunteers from a local charity or, feel free to bring your own food and drink. Entry is free.

#### Discover Farnham on foot

Go for a lovely winter walk this February. Download the free Discover Farnham app and start exploring the town on foot. The app is pre-loaded with easy-to-follow walks and trails. Commentary will inform you about the history of the buildings and the stories of former residents. Visit your app store to download.



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