

Meet the Mayor



At the beginning of May, councillors voted to elect Councillor Brodie Mauluka as the new Mayor of Farnham for 2024/25. His wife Caroline has been made the Mayoress of Farnham. They will be supported by the Deputy Mayor of Farnham Councillor George Murray and the Deputy Mayoress is Jacoba Murray.

At the annual Council meeting, the Mayor said how he is looking forward to his year as Mayor. He thanked councillors for their faith in him and said that he will serve them and the people of Farnham to the best of his ability.

Councillor Mauluka grew up in Malawi, Africa and learned to play guitar at the age of ten. He joined a youth club where he had many good experiences and met some positive influences. This later inspired him to be a youth worker – a role which he held for over 20 years in Hampshire.

Later in life, Brodie and Caroline Mauluka ran The Plough in West Street.

Mayor's charities

Councillor Mauluka's work with young people will continue during his year of office. In the words of a well-known African proverb, 'it takes a village to raise a child', and this is why the Mayor has chosen to support 40Degreez and the work they do for young people in Farnham.

He is also supporting a new charity called Charlie's Promise which is dedicated to helping the fight against knife crime in Surrey. The charity was formed in 2023 after Charlie Cosser from Milford was stabbed at a party and died of his injuries. Charlie's Promise aims to educate and support young people to make the right choices and decisions in life, to keep themselves and others safe.

If you would like to make a donation to the Mayor's charities, the Charity Appeal Account details are: Sort code 40-21-05 Account no. 51735365.

Leader of Farnham Town Council

At the Annual Council meeting in May, councillors elected Councillor Graham White as the Leader of the Council.

Unsung heroes receive Services to Farnham Awards



Eleven exemplary individuals have been presented with Services to Farnham Awards by the Mayor of Farnham. The recipients were honoured for the countless hours they have spent supporting many important facilities and services including care of the elderly, people with disabilities, activities of all kinds and for all ages, protecting the environment and caring for people's well-being

The Services to Farnham Awards were inspired and sponsored by the late Sir Ray Tindle CBE DL. Nominations for the 2025 awards are now open and can be submitted online at www.farnham.gov.uk/servicesToFarnham or by picking up a form from Farnham Town Council in South Street.

Recipients of Services to Farnham Awards

Adam Chambers, Maria Finch, Tony Marshall

For services to 12th Farnham (Wrecclesham) Scouts

Chris Blake

For services to the community through Care Farnham

Mike Downs

For services to Folly Hill and Park View

Charles Hermon Frost

For services to the community

Andrew Henderson

For services to well-being

Peter Jeans

For services to the Dempster Trust and inclusive cycling

David Lang

For services to culture and heritage of Farnham

Richard Sandars

For services to the environment and heritage of Farnham

Cliff Watts

For Services to Badshot Lea and Farnham

New plaque added to wall of notable names



A couple who founded a popular local visitor attraction are the latest names to be added to Farnham's wall of notable names.

The late Madge Jackson MBE and Henry Jackson MBE shared a fascination for rural history and collected historical farming tools and equipment. As their collection grew, friends suggested they open a museum. They listened to the advice and went on to open the Old Kiln Agricultural Museum in 1973.

Today the museum is a charitable trust and has been renamed the Rural Life Living Museum. The open-air museum boasts over 40,000 agricultural artifacts including shops and other buildings which have been saved from local villages.

Madge and Henry Jackson's plaque is the thirty-first to appear on the wall. The Notable Names wall is in South Street and includes tributes to people who have achieved great things in the world of music, sport, art, and the built environment.

Tree stumps transformed into works of art

Two prominent town centre trees which had to be felled after becoming diseased have been given a new lease of life. Farnham Town Council commissioned local chainsaw artist Michael Jones to transform the two stumps into beautiful pieces of public art.

The first carving was made from a European Silver Fir which was 26-metres tall before it was felled. In celebration of the wildlife which is attracted to the cemetery, the stump includes carvings of a deer, fox, owl and two owlets, a squirrel and a kite in flight.

The second carving is in Gostrey Meadow and has been created from a common oak which used to stand



at 12-metres tall. In a nod to the riverside setting, the carving includes rushes, dragonflies, a heron, kingfisher and the castle element of Farnham Town Council's logo.

The West Street Cemetery carving is located at the chapel side of the cemetery near the wall, and the Gostrey Meadow carving can be seen just over the bridge by the river.

Summer sponsors



For the seventh year running, Farnham Town Council is delighted to partner with Kidd Rapinet and to welcome Shaw Gibbs as joint principal sponsor of Summer in Farnham.

Representatives from Kidd Rapinet and Shaw Gibbs will be present at many of the summer events, and they look forward to meeting you.

Younger people's directory

Farnham Town Council has created a younger people's directory as a useful resource for parents and carers.



If you provide services or activities for younger people, please visit www.farnham.gov.uk and add your details to the directory.

Countdown to judging

The judging of Farnham's entry into South and South East in Bloom takes place on Wednesday 3 July and Friday 12 July.

The judging of the town's entry into RHS Britain in Bloom is on Wednesday 31 July.

Please help Farnham look its absolute best by picking up litter, reporting any graffiti or any other problems you may come across.

Music in the Meadow

Music in the Meadow is in full swing with some great bands still to come, please see below. This year there are some special extended concerts which include the Young Artists' Showcase and World Music Day.

The regular concerts are from 3-5pm and take place at Gostrey Meadow.



Date and time	Band	Charity tea tent host
7 July, 3-5pm	Kindred Spirit	Farnham Andernach Friendship Association
14 July, 3-5pm	Revivals	4th Farnham Tongham Scouts
21 July, 3-5pm	Fabulous Funky Funks	Hedgehogs
28 July, 1-5pm	Young Artists' Showcase	Farnham Assist
4 August, 3-5pm	Hollie Hunt	Bake, Natter and Roll WI
11 August, 1-5pm	World Music Day	Farnham Fundraising Group for Marie Curie. There will also be a refreshment tent for the Mayor's charities which are 40Degreez and Charlie's Promise.
18 August, 3-5pm	Squeezebox	St Peter's Church
25 August, 3-5pm	Fabulous Duck Brothers	Friends of guiding in Hale
1 September, 3-5pm	Boomers	Brightwells Gostrey



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