

Your guide to the Farnham Food & Drink Festival



Farnham Food & Drink Festival is back for 2024 and will take place from 10am to 4.30pm on Sunday 29 September, in the heart of Farnham. Known for its vibrant atmosphere, chilli eating competition and wide array of culinary delights, the festival attracts food enthusiasts and families alike.

A feast for the senses

The festival showcases over 100 stalls, each brimming with delicious offerings. Whether you are a fan of traditional British fare or more exotic international dishes, the festival promises to cater to all food tastes and preferences.

Local producers and artisans

Many of the stalls are run by small, independent businesses from the south east, offering visitors the chance to discover and support local talent.

Live entertainment and activities

In addition to the culinary delights, the festival features live music and entertainment throughout the day. There will be a food demonstration by Ching He-Hunag MBE who is an Emmy nominated, award-winning TV-chef and cookery book author, and a cookery demonstration from Ben Piette of Maison Restaurant in Wreclesham..

Thank you to the festival sponsors

The Farnham Food & Drink Festival is sponsored by Kidd Rapinet and the Bush Hotel.

Gate to plate in fewer than 50 miles!

Ahead of the Farnham Food & Drink Festival, you can pick up delicious local produce from the Farnham Farmers' Market in Central car park. All produce is grown, raised,

caught, baked, pickled, processed or made within 50 miles of the market. The market is on from 10am to 1.30pm on Sunday 22 September.

Apply for a grant for your project

Local organisations and individuals who are planning a project that will contribute to community life in Farnham are invited to apply for a grant from Farnham Town Council.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available from the Community Grant scheme. The South Street Trust Fund has a funding pot of around £25,000 which is shared out between successful applicants.

Community Grant Scheme

The Community Grant Scheme is ideal for community groups, charities, and non-profit organisations looking to make a positive impact in Farnham. Matched funding grants of up to £2,000 are available for a wide range of projects, including environmental improvements, cultural activities, leisure facilities, and projects that support older people and/or those with a disability. If your organisation has a project that can benefit the community, Farnham Town Council encourages you to apply. This is a fantastic opportunity to secure funding to turn your ideas into reality and make a difference to the lives of local residents.

South Street Trust Fund

The South Street Trust Fund focuses on supporting educational projects and initiatives related to the arts. Individuals, schools, and community groups with innovative ideas for visual arts projects that require a creative input are encouraged to apply. Whether you are planning an educational workshop, wanting to commission an artist to work with children, or craft activity sessions for families, this grant can provide the financial support needed to bring your project to life.

Key info for applying



- You can apply from 1 September
- The deadline for applying is 18 November
- Successful applications will receive payment in April/ May 2025
- Grant application forms and everything you need to know can be found at www.farnham.gov.uk/grants.

Photo left provided by New Ashgate Gallery / Kate Kennington Steer. The photographer is Inês Lopes de Sousa.

Flying the flags for Farnham's parks



The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces and this year, Farnham Town Council has achieved a new Green

Flag Award for Hale Cemetery. The Council has also retained Green Flags for Badshot Lea and West Street Cemeteries for the second year running and Gostrey Meadow for the fourth consecutive year.

Holding onto the Green Flags is a particular achievement as it shows the Council was able to demonstrate to the judges that continuous improvements have been made over the past year and that more are planned.

Farnham Town Council is grateful to everybody who takes part in volunteer working parties and litter picks to improve the local community and environment. If you are interested in litter picking near where you live, please email bloom@farnham.gov.uk. Farnham Town Council will provide you with all the litter picking and safety equipment needed.

Get involved in October Craft Month

Find out what's happening during October Craft Month by picking up a programme from Farnham Town Council or visiting www.farnhamcrafttown.com.

Make a lantern for Farnham's first Lantern Festival

This year, preparations are underway for Farnham's first-ever Lantern Festival.

The event will take place on 31 October and marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. It is also a time of year celebrated by faith communities in events such as Diwali.

To make the Festival a spectacular event, community groups, faith groups, care homes, families, and informal

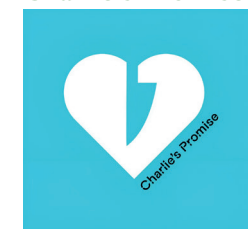


gatherings of friends are invited to make their own lanterns for display at the Festival.

Details about how to purchase your own lantern-making kit are available at www.farnhamcrafttown.com.

The Lantern Festival will be a perfect alternative to Halloween for those seeking a meaningful celebration. More information about this and other events happening during October Craft Month can be found at www.farnhamcrafttown.com.

Charlie's Promise



During his Mayoral year, Councillor Brodie Mauluka is supporting 40 Degreez and the very important work they do in Farnham; and also a new local charity called Charlie's Promise.

In July last year, Charlie Cosser went to an organised house party in a small village in West Sussex and never returned home. During the evening, 17-year-old Charlie was stabbed multiple times. He fought for his life for nearly three days but died in the arms of his family on the evening of 25 July 2023.

Charlie's Promise is dedicated to helping the fight against the growing issue of knife crime in Surrey. The charity was set up in memory of Charlie Cosser and educates and supports young people to make the right choices and decisions in life, to keep themselves and others safe.

See www.charliespromise.org to find out how to get involved.



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