

Working to improve access to performing arts venues in Farnham

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**Farnham
F!ASH
Festival!**

Farnham Flash Festival special issue

Those of you who didn't make it to our last Get Together on Oct 20 at the Rock Choir officers not only missed wine,

snacks and some great company, but also the start of really making the Farnham Flash Festival happen. From the energy and enthusiasm shown at the meeting for getting stuck into showing how magnificent Farnham is for performance of all sorts, the FFF promises to be a great event for June next year.

PT has developed its new FFF website (many thanks to Kate Napier). Just take a look at www.farnhamflashfestival.org.uk and catch up. Once there, you can not only find out about the FFFestival and its aims and objectives, but register your interest in participating via one of the two online forms.

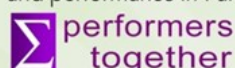
Our first flier is also out there and needs spreading around as liberally as possible. Here's what it looks like. We have plenty of copies of this A5 two-sided leaflet. If you can use a few of these to spread the word to distribute to your colleagues, your friends and the members of your own performing arts group, just drop us a line via the Contact Us page on the website, and we'll make sure they reach you!

**Farnham F!ASH Festival
JUNE 2017
Performers!**

Actors - Theatre companies -
Musicians - Ensembles -
Orchestras - Duos - Bands -
Dancers - Singers - Choirs -
Performance Artists

Are you looking for a great showcase in 2017?
Are you based in or near Farnham?
Have you connections with Farnham?
Do you want to break into Farnham?
Are you up for being part of something NEW?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions, or if the questions pique your interest, then you need to find out more about the Farnham Flash Festival which is being organised by Performers Together to display the wealth of potential there is to exploit and enjoy performing and performance in Farnham. Find out more at



www.farnhamflashfestival.org.uk

and get in touch to register your interest NOW before it gets crowded!

NOT A PERFORMER? pto .../...

In case you have not heard about the Farnham Flash Festival, we explain all on the next page.

So, what's on the reverse of this leaflet? Well, just go to page 2!

What is the Farnham Flash Festival?

The aim of the festival is quite simply to ensure that there will be at least one performance event in Farnham every day during the month of June 2017, and that these events should take place in as wide a range of venues as possible. We want to showcase the wealth of performance that Farnham has going on, to raise awareness, to grow audiences, to help local companies by increasing footfall, and generally have fun. The Festival's being co-ordinated and facilitated by **Performers Together CIC**, and we have the support of Farnham Town Council.

Performers and performance groups ('performers'), amateur and professional, and any organisation, institution, company, commercial or

retail venue, restaurant, café or pub with room for a performer or two is cordially invited to be part of this enterprise.

We want the process to be as simple and light-touch as possible organisationally, but obviously there need to be guidelines and some parameters. Once you've registered your interest as either a performer or a venue on the website, you'll be sent more information about these.

If you're itching to be involved, but aren't a performer and don't have space to host performance, then there's PLENTY to do. Contact us via the Contact page on the website or email us direct at welcome@farnhamflashfestival.org.uk

Here's the reverse side of our leaflet which you can see is designed to further explain our aims and then to encourage owners of venues to contact us.

We really want to hear from you!

Farnham F!ASH Festival
JUNE 2017

Is looking for spaces

Are you/have you

- a shop
- a café
- a bar
- a conference room
- a foyer
- a dining room
- an office
- a church hall
- a school hall
- a village hall
- a park
- a garden
- a precinct
- a church

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If you can answer YES to any of these questions, and if you'd like to increase your profile or your footfall, generate more interest in customers or reward clients, be part of something NEW in Farnham - then you need to find out more about the Farnham Flash Festival which is being organised by Performers Together to display the wealth of potential there is to exploit and enjoy performing and performance in Farnham. Find out more at

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Above all our Farnham Flash Festival will be FUN!

Farnham F!ASH Festival!

The last Get Together held at the Rock Choir's offices, (thanks to Dave Lusher), was very well attended with a number of new names and organisations wanting to find out more about The FFF. That's great and all were very welcome.

It was good to see these new names and faces!

- Liz Allard of the Farnham Chamber Music Society.
- Janna Dewet from The Community Choir.

Two who were unable to be there because of rehearsals were:

- Sue Lampard from In Accord Singers, (a capella chorus), Guildford Harmony Ladies Barbershop Chorus, and Out of the Shadows (60s cover band). In Accord regularly performs at various venues in Farnham. The band also does - including an annual feature for the Town Council at Music In The Meadows.

Sue tells us that she is musical director of the first two and a member of the third! Also that she is happy to be involved with any or all in whatever way might suit! Great news and thank you!

Sylvia Ellison also was unable to make the Get Together but is keen on the concept and we hope she will entrance us with her excellent oboe playing skills at the FFF. Sylvia is also an oboe teacher and singer with Waverley Singers.

And finally, Rushmoor Male Voice Choir are joining Performers Together which is excellent news for us all.

We were also delighted to see Anthony Ramsden of Opera South once again who has not only rejoined us but brought Opera South's membership renewal too. Wonderful news.

Box Office news

Following our recommendation, the services of The Little Box Office are being used by a number of organisations now who value its simplicity and low costs for customers. That's great news.

It has been taken up by Hart Male Voice Choir as well as LynchPin and has been recommended to Weydon School for their Medici Theatre.

Our helping Performing Arts groups or venues is entirely part of our remit. Performers Together is delighted to have been able to assist in this way.

And from Brenda Longman of Farnham Rep we received this interesting follow up to the correspondence between Ian Bartholomew and Rowan Suart that we ran in earlier issues of Voice: Selfie pictured in my garden just a few weeks ago. L to R John Conroy, Chris Reeks, Brenda Longman, Rowan Suart and Ian Bartholomew. John and Ian escaped for lunch from Chichester and "Half a Sixpence" Rowan and Ian had not met since 1979! 37 years!



Nostalgia time?

We asked for old photos of you maybe in costumes, maybe in a school or college play where perhaps you showed early promise – or not! And some of you responded – we'd love to hear from more of you!



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