

Memory meadow created

PHYLIS Tuckwell has created a Memory Meadow within Guildford's Stoke Park, as a stunning floral tribute to those who are no longer here but are never forgotten.



The meadow is situated at the Nightingale Road entrance to the park, in an area given to the charity by Guildford Borough Council. Its colourful mix of flowers will bloom every spring, and it is open to anyone wishing to spend some quiet time remembering their loved one.

A special remembrance event will be held at Memory Meadow on Saturday, April 16, from 10am to 12pm, which will feature inspiring readings and songs from a local choir, as well as giving those attending the opportunity to walk

around the meadow taking in the surroundings. As part of the event, Phyllis Tuckwell

is inviting dedications to be featured in a Book of Remembrance, copies of which will be given to all who attend.

Awards for life-savers who have clocked up 100 donations

DEDICATED blood donors from Surrey who have saved up to 600 lives were recognised by NHS Blood and Transplant for their loyalty and commitment at a ceremony last month, including Andrew Jones from Farnham who received his 100th Donation Award.

In all the lifesaving efforts of 34 blood donors from across London and surrounding areas, who have collectively saved more than 10,200 lives, were honoured with commemorative medals at the ceremony in Holborn, London. All the donors which included the two from Surrey have donated at least 100 times. Linda Gray, 63, retired from Godalming, started giving blood at the age of 18 and has been a loyal donor for 45 years.

"I went along to a session with my two work colleagues and I have never looked back since. I feel so proud to have made it to my 100th donation, it is a huge achievement. There is nothing more gratifying or worthwhile than giving blood," she said.

"But most importantly, it is remembering that it is helping others who really need it. My sister in law, haemorrhaged during child birth, and needed a blood transfusion. Without this vital life source, she would've been today, enjoying life with her grandchildren."

Each blood donation can potentially save the lives of up to 100 people. So if a donor has given blood 100 times they have potentially helped save the lives of up to 300 patients in local hospitals through donating blood. Just one per cent of blood donors reach 100 donations.

The guest speaker at the ceremony was Beth Cobbold, 19, who had a 10cm tumour removed from her brain in May 2014. She underwent a gruelling 13-hour operation to remove the mass and during the operation suffered a massive haemorrhage. Beth received more than 30 units of blood in order to save her life.

"I would like to thank them for what they do. And it is not an understatement to say that without all the generous blood donors just the mere fact of me being here would not be possible."

"I applaud you all for your selfless act and hope that today you will appreciate how much you do for our like me."

Andrew Jones, a senior marketing co-ordinator at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "These loyal donors are very special to us, which is why such an event gives us the opportunity to say a real heartfelt thanks. "Between them, these donors have saved thousands of lives, and improved the lives of countless others who have required blood transfusions. We hope these donors will inspire others to become blood donors."

They are all life-savers. Are you?



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fit and healthy, weigh over seven stone 12 pounds (50kg) and are aged between 17 and 66 (up to 70 for those who have given blood before) should be able to give blood.

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Sadness at death of former leader

THE former leader of Waverley Borough Council and a long-time Farnham resident Jill Ferguson has died after a long illness at the age of 67.

Although her family was originally from Newcastle on Tyne, Jill very much belonged to this area, having lived at Ewhurst and then at Tifford during the 1960s and been at school at St Catherine's, Bramley.

After a geography degree at Durham University, she had a successful career as a senior civil servant, mostly working in the Ministry of Defence.

Lindsay J Berry, honourable secretary of the Farnham Art Society, said: "Known as Jill only since I joined the FAS committee in 2009 meant I had obviously missed out on many years of joyful friendship."

"She loved to laugh but her humour was never malicious and was very often directed against herself."

A keen artist, Jill was chairman of the Farnham Art Society for a number of years. It was Jill's drive and initiative which led to the opening of the Farnham Art Shops during the Christmas period selling members' work and displaying their talents.

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attacked me in my teens many years ago but, for Jill, became a passion on retirement.

"When she heard I had been to the Isle of White Festival in the 1960s she was determined to see him in concert and when she found herself actually sitting with him while he was singing in the garden of where he was staying.

"She couldn't wait to tell me this snippet of precious time, she had experienced. She became a serious collector of all things "Bob".

"For Farnham Art Society her chairmanship and continued presence on the committee was greatly appreciated giving us the benefit of her vast experience in all aspects of local, governmental and personal knowledge of Farnham and its residents.

"Her enthusiasm took us beyond the expected events and she was the inspiration behind our 'pop-up' art shops. She was such a lovely lady, generous with her time and will

be seriously missed by all who knew her. Paul Wenham, executive director at Waverley Borough Council, said: "It was with great sadness that Waverley learnt of the death of former councillor Gillian Ferguson."

"Miss Ferguson was elected to Waverley in May 2003 and was a member of the executive, responsible for devolution, town and village liaison and partnership working before becoming deputy leader in 2004 and then leader of the council in 2005.

"The council offers its sincerest condolences to her family and friends."

The funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed, but will be published online at www.farnhamherald.com in due course.

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Easter Out & Antiques for Easter

Jane Austen's House Museum



FOR almost seventy years, Jane Austen's Chawton home has been open to the public. This modest village house is the place where she, her mother and sister Cassandra settled in 1809 after several years in temporary lodgings. It was a happy home for the household. Jane herself would remain in Chawton till the last months of her life and it was during her eight years in the village that she would finally see success as a writer. It was here that the first editions of Sense and Sensibility and Pride and Prejudice were delivered to their proud author. Mansfield Park, Emma and Persuasion were written in Chawton.

This year Jane Austen's House Museum is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first publication of Emma and a new exhibition 'Emma in Print' will be installed in the Museum from late March. In this new exhibition the story behind the publication of the novel is explored.

The highlight of the exhibition is the Prince Regent's 1st edition copy of Emma, on loan to the museum from Her Majesty The Queen. Jane Austen dedicated the novel to the Prince Regent on the suggestion of the Prince's librarian, James Stanier Clarke. Also included in the exhibition will be manuscript letters, and information about the business dealings Austen had with her new publisher John Murray.

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Celebrate Easter at Watts Gallery - Artists' Village



EASTER is a celebration of renewal and hope, and what better way to welcome spring's arrival than a day out with the whole family? The Artists' Village is open the entire Easter weekend including Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday with plenty of activities, exhibitions and Easter treats for everyone.

Our art and family trails and new activity backpacks are available everyday, and we have themed Make! workshops from 30 March to 1 April and from 6 to 8 April where children will learn clay-modelling techniques before making a terracotta chick.

See beautiful paintings in our Poetry in Beauty: The Pre-Raphaelite Art of Jane Sparrall Stillman exhibition. Appreciate nature in the Watts Landscapes display or while wandering through our woodland, then treat yourself to delicious seasonal food in the Tea Shop.

Join us for a full weekend bursting with creativity and colour. Find out more at wattsgallery.org.uk/spring

Antiques for Easter

WITH spring in the air and house make-over and gardening now very much on our minds, the HoneyPot Antiques Centre is a great place to visit, especially if you are looking for Easter presents or inspiration. There you will find a host of ideas to rejuvenate both your home and garden all in one place.

As well as a very wide range of antique, country and vintage furniture and furnishings there is an extensive display of vintage garden items. And not only are these items a good investment and very good value compared with their modern equivalent but also very "green" in that they are being re-used and helping the wider environment. No matter what the style of your home, the HoneyPot often has something to suit, with its constantly changing wide variety of stock, from furniture and fittings to textiles and cushions to hanging lights, wall lights, table lamps, mirrors and architectural fittings. The spacious shop's three showrooms are uncluttered and easy to browse and their stock is always beautifully presented.

There's a great range of gifts, from pretty boxes and jewellery to silver, elegant figurines, glassware, vases, paintings and objects of art which cannot fail to impress. And there's a treasure chest for the collector, from vintage toys and antique and local books to ornaments, vintage cameras, vintage model trains and prints, postcards, coins, old tools and maps. There's even local honey and greetings cards by local artists. The centre is situated in an area of outstanding beauty and there are some great pubs for lunch nearby.

Visit if you can! And if you can't take your purchases with you, they can generally offer delivery for a modest charge.

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Annual Charity Fun Day at Hartley Park Farms / Lavender Fields on Saturday 19th March



ONCE again, Hartley Business Park at Lavender Fields is throwing open its gates for the Charity Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th March. Hartley Park Farms, Selborne, is home to the Lavender Fields and the Hartley Business Park, and held annually, this event has become a feature in the local calendar with its good old fashioned fun and games that the whole family can enjoy, and all in aid of charity, with the proceeds going to the locally based Rosemary Foundation, and CRF, for Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Entry is FREE with FREE Easter eggs for all children under 16 and FREE tractor and trailer rides. All other activities are just £1.00 or under - and include: Egg painting (with prizes for the best), welly throwing, bouncy castle, name the lamb, guess the number of sweets, tombola, to name a few. And this year there is the added bonus attraction of a Petting Farm - where your youngsters can get up close and personal with a variety of small animals. It all makes for a really affordable day out - and a great way to prepare for the Easter holidays.

The event is supported by the businesses at the Park, including The Lavender Fields Gift Shop, Barn-Store, Hooley & James Oriental Textiles, The Christmas Decorators, Party Cakes, London Links, Floral Image, Charlton Construction, Hazlegrove Joinery Services. "Everyone recognises how worthwhile the two charities are that benefit from the day," said Simon Butler, Manager of Hartley Business Park. "If we can all contribute to help them and have some fun as well, then everyone's a winner!"

The Rosemary Foundation is based in Petersfield and provides Hospice at Home to Petersfield and the surrounding area. It is intended to help patients in the latter stages of life threatening conditions. CRF works with cardiologists and family doctors to promote and protect the cardiac health of our young by establishing good practice and screening facilities devoted to significantly reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death throughout the UK.

So come along for a great family fun day and help raise funds for these two very worthy charities. When: Saturday 19th March 2016. Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm. Where: Hartley Park Farm/Lavender Fields, Selborne Road, Alton, Hants GU34 3HD. FREE PARKING!

For further information please contact Simon Butler on 01420 51177 or 07832 299376. For more info on The Rosemary Foundation: <http://www.rosemary-foundation.org> (Charity No: 1064723). For more info on CRF: <http://www.cry-y.org.uk> (Charity No: 1050845)

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Saturday 19th March 10-4pm
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FREE Easter Eggs for kids under 16
FREE Tractor/Trailer rides
Bouncy Castle
Tombola
Quiz/Treasure Hunt
Egg Painting
Welly Throwing
Croquet
Name the Lamb
and much more...
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