

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter of Farnham Sports Council!

On Saturday 16th October, the refurbished Farnham Leisure Centre was reopened by our local MP Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport. You will notice the change of name from Farnham Sports Centre to Farnham Leisure Centre, which embraces the wider range of activities available. If you have not yet visited it since its £5 million revamp, we urge you to do so without delay. The new layout and facilities are amazing and it has been money very well spent by Waverley B.C. for the benefit of the local community. The new reception area, in particular, is very spacious and welcoming with an easily accessible cafe adjacent to the entrance. The gym is greatly extended with many new work stations and fitted out to a very high standard with state of the art equipment.

The other main improvement is the new wet and dry areas, which will be greatly appreciated by all its users. The centre has been redecorated throughout resulting in a brighter ambience. Our congratulations to Waverley in extending our leisure centre, bringing it up to modern standards and for listening to the various user groups in retaining the full sports hall!

The leisure department of Waverley B.C has recently been re-organised and the new staffing structure is detailed below:

Kelvin Mills, Head of Community (includes Sport and Leisure)

Christina Hales, Sports Development Officer

Tamsin McLeod, Leisure Contracts Manager. Tamsin oversees the management of our 5 leisure centres. She is also the direct contact with D.C Leisure Management, if any of your clubs have issues.

Matt Lank, Acting Parks Manager. Matt oversees the Glendale contract and ultimately holds the responsibility for looking after all of the Council's sports pitches, pavilions and playgrounds.

Katie Webb, Community Development Officer (Youth). Katie oversees the community safety team and is our lead on safeguarding and all youth issues.

Charlotte Gardiner, Community Development Officer (Arts). Charlotte takes the lead on cultural activities within the Borough and is our cultural Olympiad lead.

Jane Bowden, Countryside Manager. Jane looks after our informal leisure spaces, there is sometimes an overlap into formal sports provision however Matt Lank would deal with this.

David Gill, Sports and Community Development Officer

If any clubs or individuals have a problem, the list above should be used to contact the most appropriate Waverley Officer to deal with the enquiry.

Farnham Sports Awards 2009

The annual sports awards were held last April and once again the standard was extremely high. The awards were presented by Rachel Morris, our local Para Olympic Gold Medallist. The winners of each category are entered into the prestigious Surrey Sports awards and their names are detailed below:

Junior under 14;

Sam Wood - Golf

Runner up;

Katie Barrow - athletics

Junior under 18;

Abigail Lawrence - Synchronised Swimmer

Runner up;

Tom Folan - Freestyle Footballer

Senior;

Roger Gilbert - Sailing

Runners up;

Roger Billing - Master Swimming

Tim Ayres-Townshend - Taekwondo-do

Junior Team;

South Farnham School Netball Team

Senior Team;

Rowledge Cricket Club 1st XI

Club of the Year;

Badshot Lea Football Club

Service to Sport

Neil Hardie - Sailing

Runner up

Hannah Fox - Gymnastics coach

Entry forms for 2010 awards will be available in the New Year.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 15th November at 8pm at the locality offices in South Street, Farnham. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and find out more about your local sports council.

Membership is £10 per year and small grants are available to members.

On a final note, we were very sad to lose our treasurer Martin Bickle, who passed away this summer. He had been a stalwart member of our committee for many years and will be sadly missed..

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