



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Souvenir



Revellers celebrate a fine vintage

HOSTING probably the area's largest Diamond Jubilee street party was Rowledge, with the whole centre of the village closed to traffic while events took place in the Square.

Following an open air *Songs of Praise* style service on Sunday, Dame Elizabeth Anson opened the street party. It featured live music including local choirs, a magic show, balloon modelling, bouncy castle, maypole dancing from the Brownies and performances from Octave and Knowledge School.

In the evening the party was opened up to all comers, with more music from local choirs and bands, and more food and drink.

On Tuesday 90 elderly residents of Rowledge enjoyed a three-course lunch in the village hall with more entertainment, including songs from Rowledge Community Choir.

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Brave rower set to tackle Atlantic

A FARNHAM father-of-two will follow in the footsteps of two of the town's greatest adventurers next year by attempting to row across the Atlantic Ocean to raise £250,000 for a pioneering breast cancer charity.

Nick Rees, 36, from Rowledge, will take on one of the world's toughest challenges alongside friend and fellow family man Ed Curtis in December 2013, as part of the Tabaker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

Inspired by Nick's wife and Ed's lifelong friend, Ellen, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009 at the age of 33, the duo are taking on the lung-busting Atlantic Ocean to raise money and awareness for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Ellen had to go through treatment while taking care of her two children, Thomas and Alice, who were just one and three years old at the time respectively, and the desire to help a charity funding groundbreaking research as well as campaigns for better services and new treatments for breast cancer will spur Nick and Ed on during the cold Atlantic nights.

Nick told *The Herald*: "It was devastating when Ellen was diagnosed with breast cancer and she showed incredible strength to get through it. She is our inspiration for wanting to take on such a big challenge for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Knowing the money raised will help fund new treatments and help save lives is our motivation for this unbelievably tough challenge."

In tackling the crossing, the duo will also trigger memories of the triumphant and tragic attempts to row the Atlantic by two Farnham men, Captain John Ridgway and David Johnson, almost half a century ago.

Capt Ridgway, an officer in the Royal Parachute Regiment, and Johnson, a renowned journalist, were racing against each other to become the first men to complete the epic journey in the 20th century, and set off in separate boats from the east coast of America in the summer of 1966.

After enduring a hurricane, food shortages and ferocious Atlantic storms, Capt Ridgway and his partner Clay Blyth successfully reached the coast of Ireland three months later. However, their opponents were less fortunate, and just two weeks prior to Capt Ridgway's arrival in Ireland, Johnson and his partner John Hoare's tiny boat was discovered empty in the mid-Atlantic.

Fast forward to 2013, Nick and Ed will also row

unsupported and self-sufficiently but, unlike Capt Ridgway and Johnson who tackled the perilous north Atlantic, the duo will make a considerably warmer crossing from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to English Harbour in Antigua.

Their journey will cover 2,600 nautical miles, taking around 50 days to complete, and unpredictable weather could see them tackling extreme waves measuring over 40 feet high.

Nick and Ed have already begun training for the challenge and have bought the winning boat from last year's race, as well as receiving handy tips from others who have completed the epic challenge.

They will row 24 hours a day, in shifts of two hours on, two hours off, for the duration, and will burn 8,000 calories a day and lose 20 per cent of their bodyweight during the crossing.

However, despite never rowing before, Nick, an investment manager by trade, is familiar with epic challenges having tackled the Teulwater 100km triathlon

across the South Downs with the Gunbus as well as the London Marathon for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. He has also climbed the highest mountain in north America outside Alaska.

The Rowledge man continued: "Ed suggested the idea of rowing across the Atlantic at a dinner party in mid-February and to be honest I thought he was drunk! But after mulling it over, we both thought 'why not?'

"We've already bought our boat and will just need some corporate sponsorship to get us to the start line.

"I've always been the type of person who needs goals outside of work and, and this challenge is about so much more than just the rowing. We're planning to organise lots of events from black-tie dinners to sponsored runs over the coming 18 months to raise sponsorship for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, and we hope that with the help of the local community we will be able to reach our £250,000 target.



Nick Rees

"It's a brand new experience for me and I'm approaching it with nervous anticipation. I'm looking forward to a new challenge but haven't quite got my head around what it means yet."

To find out more about Ed and Nick's challenge visit www.breakthroughatlantic.com

To donate £10 text 'ROWASS £10' to 70070 or alternatively donations can be made at the pair's online fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/teams/breakthroughatlantic.

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The Mayor of Farnham Stephen Hill officially unveiled the Jubilee Fountain at the Pines and Proms party held in Gostrey Meadow on Sunday.

The fountain was designed by renowned architect Harold Falckner when the meadow opened in 1910 and recently refurbished by the town council.

See page 7 for more pictures.

Parking row refuses to die

"IRREFUTABLE" evidence, calling into question council claims concerning the net gain of public parking spaces under the East Street redevelopment, has been put forward by the Farnham Society.

The move has come as the council officially issued the compulsory purchase order for the land it does not yet own on the site, including the old cinema site and The Marlborough pub.

Interested parties have until June 29 to object to the order.

As the scheme gathers pace, the Farnham Society believes retailers across the town are starting to be concerned about how a squeeze on parking will affect their businesses, both during construction of the scheme and afterwards.

And after commissioning a comprehensive survey, it believes businesses are right to be concerned.

Conflicting figures were issued last month by Waverley Borough Council and the East Street Action pressure group.

For while Waverley claimed a net gain of 139 spaces, refuting to take the loss of the old cinema site car park into the equation, the pressure group claimed a net loss of 148, maintaining the Riverside car park was too remote to be counted in.

In a bid to 'resolve apparent conflicts' in the information put forward, the Farnham Society has come up with photographic evidence of precisely how many spaces are currently available and an up-to-date calculation of the net loss or gain.

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Personal Announcements

Goodall Robin Edward

ANNOUNCEMENTS of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, MEMORIALS, etc. will normally be inserted in the next issue if received at 114 West Street, Farnham, and paid for by 11 am on WEDNESDAY. DEATH notices must reach us by WEDNESDAY 11 am for insertion same week. The charge is £16.00 for the first three lines and then extra words are charged at 84p per word. A line is taken to be four words. (Heading lines above Engagement and Forth-coming Wedding notices count as four words). The name and permanent address of the sender and remittance must accompany all requests to insert notices. Above prices inclusive of VAT.

Deaths

ANWAR Ralph Makhdom

The funeral of our beloved Ralph will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 8th June at Plot ZJ53, Woodland Burial Ground, City Cemetery, Bear Road, Brighton, BN2 4DB.

A Memorial will be created for Ralph in Farnham if you wish to donate to such a memorial please contact Dr Ashraf Makhdom at arshad.makhdom@goo.glmail.com

In Memoriam

BURGE, Dorothy, 4.06.11. Dear mum, a year has passed since you left us. I can't believe it's true. I know you are happy with God, but you left a hole where my heart should be. Missed you yesterday, miss you today, will miss you tomorrow and always. Love you, Jerry, Peter and family xxx

DAVISON, Charles Edward. Passed away peacefully in his sleep, 27th May, aged 92. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium, 11th June, 2.00pm. Much loved and missed by his wife Winifred and family.

WIN

Tickets to hear Blake at the Princes Hall, plus their CD Together - page 11

WHY

You should go down to the woods and see some Supernature - page 11

PLUS

Another Diamond Jubilee - page 10

Moody Natalie

7.6.2004. Missed so much by family and friends.

Return Thanks

HEWITT, Peggy and family would like to thank everyone for their kind support and cards received after her sad loss.

Walford Anthony

Died on June 1st at Alton Community Hospital. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Eastingslake Crematorium at 2.45pm on Thursday, 14th June. If desired, donations to Cancer Research UK.

Marriages

ROBERT SMITH EMMA ROBINS

Congratulations on your wedding in Jersey on 4th June. Wishing you every happiness in your life together. Mum and Dad

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