

Honoured for making Farnham a better place to live

THE 13 Farnham residents who were honoured with services to Farnham towards by the Town Council will have all been recognised for their contribution to making the town a better place to live. They and their work are listed here.

Robert Blackman – services to the community of knowledge. Bob Blackman has been an energetic and enthusiastic member of the Rowledge community for many years, particularly to St James Church, Rowledge Village Hall, the Knowledge Residents' Association and for the last five years the Rowledge Village Fayre Committee. In addition he is a case worker for SSAFA and coordinates collections for Tools for Self-Reliance.

Linda Bone – services to Farnham through the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Linda Bone is a loyal and committed member of the team of nurses at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and has been a strong advocate and ambassador for the hospice for more than 20 years. She has arranged the monthly plant sales and been a key volunteer in a wide range of fundraising events which have raised more than £50,000 over the past decade.

School and runs its gardening clubs. He has been instrumental in planting wild flowers, starting the community orchard in Hale and developing the Heath End Community Gardeners. In addition John supports a wide range of other community projects including the Linkylea Trust.

Peter Greenyer – services to the Farnham Hedgehogs. Peter Greenyer has been an inspirational and much valued member of the Hedgehogs since 1975. He has been responsible for a number of fundraising activities, including starting the monthly Jazz Café at the Farnham Maltings and the Hedgehogs marquees and equipment for hire. Peter was also chairman of Farnham Maltings from 2005 to 2010 and is still a director as well as being active in a wide variety of local charitable and community organisations.

Geoffrey Jeal – services to the Farnham Lions and the Farnham Chamber of Commerce. Geoff Jeal has held most offices in the Lions, including president twice. He has been a major contributor to the Farnham Carnival, Beerex and the charity golf days. He has also played a major part in the Farnham Chamber of Commerce for 17 years and been a governor of Badshot Lea Infant School for 12 years, seven as chairman.

Diana has been a loyal worker and supporter of local community health services in Farnham for more than 20 years. When she worked at the hospital, Diana helped the then League of Friends with administrative support and fundraising to ensure patients had the little extras to aid their recovery. On her retirement Diana took up the role of secretary and then chaired the League and has promoted the work of the Friends in raising funds to improve the care and wellbeing of the patients at the hospital. In addition Diana is an active member of the Inner Wheel and secretary to the Friends of St Andrew's Church.

David McAdam – services to policing in Farnham and community safety. Special Constable 5748, David McAdam, has worked alongside the Neighbourhood Police Team since 2001. Dave focuses on liaising with licensed premises and in the last year alone gave up 300 hours of his own time intervening to stop public order incidents and he is as well known by the community as full-time officers.

Darryl Morgan – services to the Ridgeway Community School. Darryl Morgan is headteacher at the Ridgeway Community School for children with severe and complex learning difficulties. Darryl's ethos is always to put the children first, providing a personalised education and collaborating with parents and other professionals to enable them to achieve the best they can. Darryl has transformed the Ridgeway into an outstanding school and works with other local schools and the local community, with outreach coffee mornings and fundraising activities.

Edward Peek – services to Farnham Brass Band. Edward Peek joined the Farnham Brass Band soon after it was formed in 1975. He served on the committee for more than 15 years, as treasurer for five years and chairman for six years. For more than 30 years, Ted played principal euphonium while running the training band, encouraging young and old alike. Ted has always been there with hard work and dedication no matter what challenges faced the band.

David and Gillian Victor-Smith – services to Music and the Farnham Youth Choir. David and Gillian Victor-Smith created a community-based choir in 1984 and within eight years Farnham Youth Choir had won the national BBC/J Sainsbury Youth Choir of the Year competition. Since then, David and Gillian have made a unique contribution to youth choral singing, winning national and international competitions and awards, and making 14 commercial recordings. These achievements result from combining a shared passion for nurturing a love of singing in young people with David's expertise as a choral trainer and Gillian's pastoral and organisational skills.