

COMMUNITY

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Fundraising dinner sees charity net a £18,000 windfall

150 guests party the night away in aid of Fareham's Rainbow Centre

People partied the night away to help raise thousands of pounds for a much-loved charity.

Up to 150 guests gathered at the stunning surroundings of Tournant Woods in Havling Island for a night of food and entertainment in aid of the Fareham-based Rainbow Centre.

A fire dancer and a harpist welcomed visitors to the venue which was donated free for the night by owners Chris and Alice Smith.

Guests enjoyed a three-course 'Indian-inspired' menu cooked by chef John O'Mahony.

In doing so, they raised a staggering £18,000 for the centre, which supports children with cerebral palsy and adults with a stroke, MS and Parkinson's disease.

After dinner, Hannah Smith, mum of four-year-old Reuben who suffers from cerebral palsy and attends The Rainbow Centre, gave a moving speech about the impact it has had on their lives.

Arriving with Reuben at Rainbow was a turning point, said another parent where our lives changed. Since then we have never looked back.



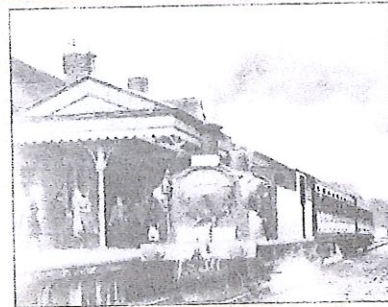
CHEERS! Guests at the dinner, above. Left, the venue



A charity auction was held with many prizes including a flight in a Westland helicopter, a yacht experience for eight and a stay in a Cyprus Villa.

Lara Bull, a spokeswoman for the Rainbow Centre, in Palmers Drive, said: 'We would like to thank the auction donors, sponsors and guests for raising an incredible £18,000 to help them continue transforming the lives of children with cerebral palsy and adults suffering from MS, Parkinson's, stroke or head injury.'

YOUR PAST PICTURES OF FAREHAM



Miko Jeavons shared this picture of Wickham Station, dated 1959, on our Fareham nostalgia Facebook group

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We want to see your family snaps from the past few decades.

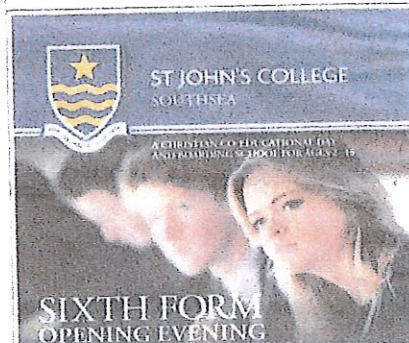
Did you get dressed up and parade in your local carnival? Or did you pose at a local landmark which has now changed beyond all recognition?

If so, we want to publish it here as it might bring back

some fond memories for our readers.

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8 October 6pm - 8pm

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