

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 in the stunning surroundings of Turnersbury Woods on 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 Snell.

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

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, Haanagh 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 saying:

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



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



she said.

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 drivers, 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



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

TO JOIN OUR PICTURES FROM THE PAST GROUP SIMPLY SEARCH 'FAREHAM NOSTALGIA' ON FACEBOOK

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.

Email your picture to paul.foster@press.co.uk, remembering to include details of what year it was taken, the location and any other relevant information.

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St John's College Southsea gets results. This summer our A-level results achieved a 97% pass rate and 20% of grades were at A*. 90% went to university including Oxford, Imperial College London and many other Russell Group institutions.

'As Deputy Head Boy I was given more responsibility and became more independent. The passion enhanced my GCSE application too. There's a lot to be proud of about St John's, as well as pushing me academically, it was wonderful to see my friends and get involved in co-curricular activities. I was a member of the school rugby and cricket teams, 'Imperial Club' and the 'Rugby Society'.

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