

# Festival of Ewell - New Beginnings

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Epsom & Ewell Borough Council are pleased to announce Bourne Hall's Festival of Ewell 'New Beginnings' which will run from Friday 19 - Saturday 20 May.

The design of Bourne Hall's building has long had connotations of space and sci-fi, with its circular design, reminiscent of a flying saucer. Through the Festival of Ewell, the community-led venue aims to celebrate this very space-inspired theme. Fans of Dan Dare, the quintessential, alien-fighting spaceman, may also notice links throughout the event to the Eagle comic, which has origins in Epsom and Ewell.

Running from 10am-6pm on both days, the event promises fun for all the family, with a wide variety of activities and performances. Attendees can expect the following from the venue:

On Friday, join the team for the grand opening of the rebranded Flying Saucer Café, which will be serving delicious food and drinks throughout the event. There will also be children's entertainment from Rhyme Time (baby sing-along classes) and Baby Cinema, where children will be able to watch Space Chimps. There is also the opportunity to meet Bob Ballan, the creator of the moving model in the café.

On Saturday, the Cash in the Wardrobe market will be on as usual, followed by a line-up of dancers and performers presenting memorable showcases and you will also be able to listen to a history talk on the mysteries of Roman Ewell.

Across both days, visit the museum for an immersive maze experience set to the theme with life-size aliens, whilst in the library you will find space and superhero themed activities for children.

Speaking of the upcoming event, Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services said,

"Our remarkable modern building has had lots of architectural interest since opening in 1970 and we're excited to celebrate its uniqueness in this special community event. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the Festival of Ewell and we look forward to welcoming the community to this great event!"

Bourne Hall's Festival of Ewell, 'New Beginnings' is free to attend, and the team look forward to welcoming you.