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In Touch

with our community

PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – SPRING 2011

Pride and parade ground precision in freedom march past



HMS Collingwood freedom march: Former Mayor Brian Bayford (right) inspects the guard and (left) Fareham MP Mark Hoban, Council Leader Seán Woodward, Commodore Tim Lowe and the then Deputy Mayor Trevor Cartwright take their places.

End of exciting mayoral year for Brian and Susan



COUNCILLORS Brian and Susan Bayford say it's been a great pleasure and honour to represent Fareham as Mayor and Mayoress for 2010/11 and it has been especially pleasing to note the recognition and welcome the community gives to civic visits.

During the year we have had over 700 visits and events each different but all, without exception, important to our community.

We raised £38,000 for our charities, Toe in the Water, Rainbow Centre and Global Voices.

Most junior/primary schools, Scouts, Guides, and cadets have been invited to the parlour where visitors are given a talk about the Council, coat of arms and the mace.

Highlights included the opening of Fareham Community, dedication of a new wing at Fareham College by the Princess Royal and a visit to one of the Navy's new destroyers, HMS Dauntless.

But the most satisfying visits have been to the countless voluntary organisations around the Borough.

Villagers armed with high-tech gear to catch speeding drivers

KILL your speed through Burrige and Swanwick – or villagers will clock you.

County Councillor Seán Woodward has awarded a grant to the Residents' Association to buy speed monitoring equipment that can be operated by volunteers.

The money will also cover printing 30mph roundels that can be fixed to wheelie bins to remind drivers of the speed limit.

The equipment is also available to other residents' groups in the Western Wards who are concerned about traffic speeds in their areas.

Police training

Police train volunteers to use the equipment and record speeds and registration numbers.

One member of the group will generate warning letters from the Police to offenders.

High levels of speeding will bring a visit from the Roads Policing Unit and multiple offenders will be prosecuted.

Councillor Woodward said:



Ready for action: Burrige residents Terri Newman (left) and Warren Simpson have already volunteered for the Speedwatch team to use the equipment shown here, which was bought with a grant from County Councillor Seán Woodward, pictured with Sarisbury ward Councillor David Swanbrow (right).

"Community Speedwatch is an excellent example of the Big Society in action. Residents concerned about speeding traffic can now work with the Police to make a difference."

Pat Johnson, secretary of Burrige and Swanwick Residents' Association, said: "For many years residents have complained about speeding through our village, despite the money spent by the councils on traffic calming measures.

"We are most grateful to Councillor Woodward for the grant to purchase this equipment. It is now for residents to involve themselves."

We keep *In Touch* throughout the year - not just at election time

WARD NEWS BRIEFS

CAT meeting

The next Community Action Team meeting for Western Wards will be on June 15 at Sarisbury Green Community Centre at 7pm.

Citizen's honour

Iris Meacher received a Citizen of the Year award at the recent mayor-making ceremony at Ferneham Hall.

Iris works tirelessly every year to promote and help in Operation Christmas Child.

She organises and helps with checking and sorting shoe boxes to the warehouse in Southampton for distribution.

She is an inspiration to everyone and last year over 8,300 boxes were sent from Sarisbury Green United Reformed Church where they are based.

AV referendum

39,732 Fareham people voted; 29,874 (75.2%) said 'No' and 9,825 (25.8%) 'Yes'.

Fayre on The Green

The annual event takes place on Sarisbury Green on Saturday, June 11.

It raises a lot of money for good causes and takes place on one of the last unspoiled village greens in South Hampshire.

Brickworks open day

The next open day to help raise funds takes place on Sunday, June 19, 10am-4pm.

The theme is Transport through the Ages and there will be a feast of award-winning engineering, classic cars and scooters.

Brookfield School's six finalists in hospital photo competition



Winning entry: George Stokes with black and white study of boats on Warsash shore.

A COMPETITION was held by The Cornerstone Arts Foundation to select photographs to be hung in the reception foyer at Fareham Community Hospital.

The pictures had to be outdoor scenes within a 1 1/2 mile radius of Park Gate.

Over 200 entries were judged by a panel of hospital staff and Park Gate Councillor Marian Ellerton, who whittled them down to the winning seven entries.

Six of the finalists, including the overall winner George Stokes, from Warsash, are pupils of Brookfield School all of whom are studying the GCSE photographic course.

The other winner was Bob Aylott, from Fareham Photographic Studios.

Hants NHS puts Locks Road surgery closure plan on hold

NHS HAMPSHIRE has stepped in to try to resolve the problem over possible closure of Locks Heath Surgery.

The move has been put on hold until the autumn to allow the authority to explore the options.

Dr Whitaker and Partners, of the Whiteley and Locks Road Surgery, have announced that they wish to close their Locks Road service and consolidate it into their practice at Whiteley.

NHS Hampshire has been advised by the practice that this was prompted by the retirement of one GP and a move overseas by another, and by the work that would be required to ensure the Locks Road surgery building remained compliant with current standards.

Many patients who use the Locks Road surgery are concerned that if it were to close and merge into the Whiteley base, they would have much further to go to visit their doctor – a journey that is not well served by public transport.

They are also concerned about whether suitable local alternatives would be available to them if they decided to leave the practice.

While NHS Hampshire recognises

the business aspiration of Dr Whitaker and partners to close the branch surgery, it has a responsibility to ensure that it commissions services for its population based on their need.

It wishes to work with patients, local practices and other interested parties to investigate the options to ensure adequate local access to GP services before making a decision on the long-term future of the Locks Road site.

This engagement process is scheduled to start in the autumn and the views received will be used to inform NHS Hampshire's decision.

It will be managed as an independent engagement process by Hampshire LINK, whose role is to find out people's views on local health and social care services and work to improve them with those who run them.

We will be using *Fareham Today* and other local communication channels to keep you updated on the engagement activities.

Meantime, for further information please contact the Comments and Complaints Unit on 02380 627600 or email hamp-pct.commentsandcomplaints@nhs.net.

Any future statements from NHS Hampshire will be included in the autumn edition of the In Touch.

Curling with a 'k' is sport for disabled

IN 2000, John Bennett was asked by his son to think up a sport that disabled people could all enjoy.

While watching the Curling World Championships on TV he came up with the idea of New Age Kurling, an indoor version of the game.

It allows people of all abilities to launch the kurling stones.

Pictured below, County Councillor Seán Woodward tries his hand with a set bought from a grant he gave to Burridge and Park Gate Women's Institute with WI members Councillor Marian Ellerton and Dodge Stembridge.



Ex Mayor opens Lockwood Bowling Club extension



Opened: Former Mayor Brian Bayford, project manager Murray Gorman and president Harry Bryant after the ceremony.

THE NEW 50ft extension to the club house at Lockwood Bowling Club was officially opened by the past Mayor, Brian Bayford, on May 9.

It will double the area of social space for members and give additional room in the kitchen. The old verandah has been replaced by an attractive patio space.

This thriving club with its all-weather greens caters for 183 playing members and over 40 social members, and hosts many matches and tournaments.

The event was attended by club officers and members and Park Gate Ward Councillor Marian Ellerton.



Fears over consortium's nursery site development

A NEW planning application has been made to develop the nursery site in Peters Road.

Planning permission was granted on appeal to a consortium of developers three years ago - under previous Government rules.

Although we have a new Government with new rules, the principle of the previous application cannot be overturned.

The fresh application has been made by a new consortium of four developers.

Several areas of concern must be resolved before the application is submitted to the Planning Committee.

Councillor Brian Bayford recently met over 20 residents to update them and agreed to meet again to finalise a deputation.

If you wish to object to any part of this application, which will probably be considered by the Committee on June 22, write to the Planning Officer, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, PO16 7PU and contact either of your two councillors.

Friends group is already proving its worth at new community hospital

FAREHAM's new Community Hospital now has a thriving Friends Group whose aim is to provide wide-ranging encouragement and support to the management and staff as it develops its role for providing outpatient facilities for the community.

The Friends invited Fareham Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward and Fareham MP Mark Hoban to be patrons, an honour they were delighted to accept.

The Friends have been working to enhance the hospital's waiting areas, a licence to play DVDs in the children's waiting area has been bought and people have been encouraged to donate dried flower arrangements.

At the hospital's request, the Friends recruited volunteers to act as stewards, showing patients to their consulting/treatment rooms, thus freeing the nurses from this task. They also meet and greet people in the reception area.

In conjunction with the management, the Friends have organised training days, security checks and provision of hospital plans for the volunteers.

They have been discussing with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the Local Improvement Financial



ALTHOUGH the new hospital requires a second phase, there have been many compliments from the public about the facilities, says Councillor Brian Bayford.

Considering that it took 34 years to get it, Fareham has gained by the very modern design and services provided.

As last year's Mayor, Brian Bayford was pleased to greet the Princess Royal when she formally opened the hospital in October.

Photo: The Mayor dedicating a tree at the hospital accompanied by the Mayoress, Councillor Susan Bayford, and Professor Jonathan Montgomery, chairman of Hampshire Primary Care Trust.

Trust (LIFT), who own and manage the buildings, the allocation of space for a Red Cross equipment depot to replace the Warsash depot which had to close. An area has been identified and the PCT's decision is awaited.

The Friends are planning to enter the hospital for the next Design Award of the Society in the New Build Category.

Contact: Jocelyn Jones at chfriends12@gmail.com or write to Friends of Fareham Community Hospital, c/o Fareham Community Hospital, Brook Lane, Sarisbury Green, Southampton SO31 7DQ.

Plans for Coldeast

Plans for limited development of the Coldeast site are proposed in Fareham's Core Strategy.

The Council will keep the remainder of the site as public open space in addition to allotments, sports pitches and a new cemetery.

There is provision for a swimming pool and a combined sports pavilion and community hall.

Residents will be able to see proposals at exhibitions to be held at Victory Hall, Warsash on June 13, 1pm - 7pm and at Sarisbury Community Centre on June 15, 4.30pm - 7pm.

Debenhams store comes to town at last and Tesco is on the way

FAREHAM town centre is expecting to see a great deal of further improvement during the remainder of 2011.

Firstly, Debenhams will be open-

ing a 28,000 sq ft department store on June 16 in the Shopping Centre, which will coincide with the opening of the new 200 space Shopping Centre car park.

Tesco has now started work on its new food store on the old foundry site, along with works to improve traffic flows around Quay Street roundabout.

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We are very active with social and political events and membership drives. If you would like further details, to join us, or to help in any way such as distribution of *In Touch* newsletters in your road, please contact your ward councillors.

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YOUR voice in Westminster
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In brief

Locks Heath residents are angry about the proposed closure of the Locks Road surgery.

NHS Hampshire blocked the closure plans and have told me they will be launching a proper consultation on GP care in the area later this year, to ensure that GP services match the needs of local residents.

School visit



As a regular visitor to local schools, I see the excellent work our young people do.

At Cams Hill, I recently saw an impressive art installation that the Year 8 Creative Crew put together.

Over the past few months, I have also been to Neville Lovett, Brookfield, Portchester and Ranvilles Infants and students from Henry Cort and Portchester have visited me at Westminster.

Centenarian speaks her mind



I met 103-year-old Mary Parkin at the Lockwood Day Care Centre.

This excellent centre provides much needed services in the west of Fareham to elderly people and their relatives.

It is an excellent example of the Big Society as it is run not by a local council, but by local residents.

It is also a reminder that as the population ages, we need to think quite carefully about the services we provide to older people and their families so that we can meet their needs and keep them in their own homes as long as possible.

•As a Treasury Minister, I want to encourage more people regardless of age to save.

Later this year, I will be launching the Junior ISA to encourage under 16s to save. I have also introduced new rules to give people who are retiring more choice and flexibility over use of their pension funds.

•Dytecna held an open day in May that I launched.

It is a successful engineering company operating at Kites Croft in Fareham. We want to see more such companies expand so we are less dependent on banks for future economic growth.

•The Hub is a new drop-in centre on Highlands Road, funded by Borough and County grants totalling £110,000 to the Fareham Park Project.

I visited shortly after it opened and was impressed by the range of support services on offer to Fareham Park residents.

Bid to put Genesis to better use

A NEW youth club is needed for the Western Wards.

County Councillor Seán Woodward says the Genesis Youth Centre could be put to better use.

As chairman of the Genesis management committee, he wants to see it modelled on the successful Whiteley Youth Club (see Page 2) to serve Locks Heath, Sarisbury and Warsash areas.

The Whiteley club was set up with the help of Police and volunteers, but the Genesis Centre, built by the Borough Council several years ago, has not fulfilled its potential.

After a meeting with Police and the youth service, it is hoped that a Genesis Youth Club can be set up.

GOING GREEN



SOLAR PANELS and an electric vehicle have enlarged Fareham Council's green footprint.

The Executive agreed to install Photovoltaic (PV) panels on several council buildings – including the Civic Offices.

Park Gate Councillor Marian

Council gets switched on to alternative sources of energy

Ellerton said: "The Council has long been keen to demonstrate leadership in encouraging alternative energy solutions, but not at any price."

"PV technology is not new but with reduced installation costs and some guaranteed income from the energy companies, we now feel able to do this without penalising the local taxpayer."

The scheme will take a while to put in place, but will also cover the Council's depot and sheltered housing schemes at Downing

Court and Barnfield Court – a good spread to gain experience before considering other areas.

Fareham also bought an electric powered vehicle for its Streetscene operation.

This will be carrying out such activities as grounds maintenance, litter collection and general use around the town centre.

It has zero emissions, can travel at up to 30 mph, will carry a 400kg payload with a 60-mile range.

It recharges in 3 hours from a standard plug.

GOING WHITE

WHY HAVE many households had their green garden waste sacks replaced by white ones?



The garden waste service collection crews are reporting many sacks being left out with their handles either damaged or missing.

Colour change for garden waste sacks

This has the potential to cause injury to the crews as it is difficult to lift the sacks in the way they have been trained to do so safely.

To mitigate this, all affected sacks are being replaced with new white ones as the crews complete their rounds.

All faulty sacks will be retained and disposed of appropriately and a note will be attached to

the new one explaining the reason the exchange has taken place.

There will be no charge for the new white ones which hold the same amount of waste as the green bags.

The replacement programme started on April 16 and will take about six weeks to complete.

•Call the Council on 01329 236100 if you've been missed.