

CONSERVATIVES keeping our community



# InTouch

PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – Spring 2014

## Top breast cancer support centre comes to Fareham

JAN HILL has been receiving treatment for breast cancer.

No wonder she was delighted when we told her a support centre would be opening in the Borough shortly.

She said: "It will be such a support to myself to know I have someone I can talk to and visit locally without the hassle of the journey into QA.

"I will also have the opportunity to ask those 101 forgotten questions during appointments and put my mind at rest to seek guidance between appointments as how I should be feeling."

A national organisation, The Haven, has bought 35 The Square, Titchfield where the centre will be based.

Park Gate Councillor Marian Ellerton, pictured at the door, welcomed the move, particularly as there has been an alarming rise recently in the disease among the over 70s.

The Haven's appeal manager, Lucy



Hone, said it would help people and their families across the region to overcome the physical and emotional side effects that diagnosis could bring.

"The help and support offered to

each person is tailored to their particular needs and we work with each visitor's medical team to ensure that our programme dovetails with their breast cancer treatment."

There are over 2,600 people in treatment for breast cancer in Wessex and no specific support services available, but The Haven has long established links with hospitals and clinicians in the regions where they operate.

The premises will be refurbished to meet the same high standard as centres in London, Hereford and Leeds, but its opening depends on covering costs and putting in place two years' running costs.

Lucy Hone appealed to the community to help reach the £2.5m target as soon as possible.

Contact her on 07854 186 822 or email [lucy.hone@thehaven.org.uk](mailto:lucy.hone@thehaven.org.uk) or visit [thehaven.org.uk](http://thehaven.org.uk).

**ZERO X 6**

## No thaw in Tory council tax freeze

HERE'S a question for your local pub quiz – when did Fareham's council tax last go up?

Would you believe that it was way back in 2009?

It's a fact. By the end of 2015, you won't have paid a penny more on your local tax for **six years running**.

And thanks to the excellent financial control by the **Conservative** administrations at Borough and County level you will enjoy yet another year of the big freeze.

Despite further Whitehall cuts to councils' grants, Fareham is maintaining and delivering outstanding services at absolute **ZERO** extra cost to council taxpayers.

In his budget speech, Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said:

"This achievement is even more remarkable when you see that since 2009, when council tax was set at £140.22, our core funding from Government was over £6m and in that time council tax has remained the same, but funding has dropped to £3.2m.

"In those 6 years we have seen efficiencies of over £3.5m delivered, but the standards of service remain very high and we have not cut front line services to achieve this.

"The saving is £28.65 for the year 2014-15 alone and it would be a lot more if it was added up for each year since 2009.

"Had we followed inflation since 2009, the average Band D taxpayer would be paying nearly £170 to Fareham.

"We are proud to be a low tax borough and will continue to pursue value for money as long as residents place their trust in us – something we will never take for granted."

<b>BAND D TAX</b>
Fareham BC
£140.22
Increase 0%
Hampshire CC
£1,037.88
Increase 0%
Police & Crime Commissioner
£154.26
Increase 2%
Hants Fire & Rescue
£61.38
Increase 0%
<b>TOTAL £1,393.74</b>

England's 6th lowest council tax – that's **CONSERVATIVE** budgeting



NEWS ROUND

Swimming pool at last

Work on the long awaited Western Wards swimming pool should start within the next 18 months.

It will be built at either at Coldeast or Locks Heath Shopping Village on Council-owned land.

A decision on funding will be taken in April.

Councillor Brian Bayford stated: "At last we have a practical and achievable solution to this long awaited aim."

Waitrose

As users of the Locks Heath Shopping Centre will be aware, the Co-op closed on February 15 and Waitrose will be opening later in March.

We understand that Waitrose is recruiting new employees, as well as retaining many of the staff formerly employed by the Co-op, which is very good news for the local area.

War memorials clean-up

As part of the World War 1 Centenary and D-Day 70th Anniversary commemorations, £20,000 has been allocated from the Council's reserves to clean, maintain and upgrade war memorials throughout the Borough.

One of those to benefit will be at Sarisbury, near St Paul's Church.

It is hoped to finish the work by August 2014 to coincide with the outbreak of World War 1.

Mayor's charities

Councillor Susan Bayford has been raising money for three charities during her term as Mayor of Fareham, which ends on May 29.

They are the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, The Rainbow Centre for Adult Rehabilitation and Riding for the Disabled which is based at the Crofton Equestrian Centre.

Susan thanked public for their generosity.

Rains expose site flooding flaw

RECENT non-stop rainfall has exposed a controversial development site to be prone to flooding.

The amount of work to try to protect the site in Peters Road-Lockwood Road has led to complaints from residents.

Permission for Phase 2 of the development was granted after an inquiry by a Government inspector and Park Gate Conservative Councillor Brian Bayford said: "As a consequence of the heavy rain it is apparent that this site is prone to flooding.

"The Council recently required that Phase 1 has a balancing pool of sufficient size to drain water from the west of the site where the 49 homes, backing onto Chichester Close, are sited.

"Although Phase 2 has only just received permission, work is already in hand for a second larger balancing pool on the Lockwood side of the site and current work relates to this activity. Residents in Priory Park will have been aware of the flooding across Lockwood Road."

Ladies of the WI spring into bulb planting mode



THERE'S no doubt spring is in the air and these members of Burridge and Park Gate WI are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labours blossoming.

The WI planted a host of golden daffodils 3 years ago on the verge in Swanwick Lane, opposite the Elm Tree pub.

They made such a picture that Fareham Council asked them to do a repeat, this time by planting crocuses.

PHOTO: Ward Councillor Marian Ellerton (fourth from left), Janet Colley, Sarah Eshraghi, Lynda Foreman, Margaret Frost, Jenny McInerney, Jill Spencer, Julia Wilkinson and Jenny Wood.

Jawohl! Homes are 'Vorsprung durch Technik'



WE'RE ACCUSTOMED to seeing it in Audi adverts, but 6 new homes destined for Coldeast Close are equally 'Vorsprung durch Technik'.

PassivHaus (illustrated above) is a design developed in Germany featuring the highest environmental construction and efficiency.

Fareham Council, backed by the Homes and Com-

munities Agency, has obtained the land for the two-bedroom houses which will initially be used to experiment.

Conservative Councillor Brian Bayford, Executive Member for Health and Housing, said: "The purpose is to construct homes where a comfortable internal temperature can be maintained with a minimal need for energy for heating or cooling.

"On completion, the homes can be assessed for their effectiveness and cost and used as a guide for the development of homes on the Welborne development."

He said the project would enable the public to gain a detailed understanding of challenges and costs associated with building, maintaining and living in a highly energy efficient home.

Also at Coldeast, the Council plans to build 40 much-needed sheltered homes, a third of which will



have two bedrooms. The project, shown in the artist's sketch above, should start in 2015.

Community grant helps local history group to get off the ground

A LOCAL history group can go ahead thanks to a £700 grant.

It came from County Councillor Seán Woodward's £8,000 community budget.

Pat Formby, of the Friends of Bursledon Brickworks, said: "We are delighted that Councillor Woodward has agreed to make a grant for starting a local history group for Swanwick, Sarisbury and Burridge to be known as SSB Local History Group."

Regular meetings will be held at the Brickworks Museum and anyone interested in coming please email admin@bursledon-brickworks.org.uk or telephone 01489 576248.

Councillor Woodward, who will open the new museum on April 6, said he was delighted to be able to help so many organisations to flourish.

He also made the following local grants:

- Y-services - Play Ranger scheme £150
- Blue Lamp Trust Bobby Scheme £500
- Burridge Football Club dug-outs £2,000
- Priory Park Toddler Group Healthy-me project £250
- Burridge Youth Cricket Club £500 - For new equipment
- Fareham Fair Trade £200

Mayor praises community hospital friends



FAREHAM Mayor Councillor Susan Bayford and her Consort, Councillor Brian Bayford, joined the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital for a coffee morning.

They are pictured with volunteers, including chairman Jill Sadler, outside the hospital.

Brian Bayford, League of Friends patron, said they were pleased to chat to the hard-working volunteers, many helping to man the blood test booking service.

'Biker' Seán's eye-opener

IT WAS 'a real eye-opener' for County Councillor Seán Woodward when he took to the saddle - on a Yamaha XJR 1300.

He toured the area to see what road conditions were like from a biker's point of view.

"Undoubtedly engineers need to bear in mind the approach a biker needs to take to hazards and the road width needed to negotiate them," he said after removing crash helmet and leathers.

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## The meddling Mr Pickles doesn't know his onions

**WE HAVE** a message for meddling Communities Minister Eric Pickles: "Get back in your jar."

Mr Pickles advocates a return to weekly bin collections, but he really doesn't know his onions.

Does he realise this would cost an extra 7% on your council tax just as Fareham's prudent **Conservative** councillors have kept it at **ZERO** for the sixth year running?

Fareham has 48,000 households and Park Gate Councillor Brian Bayford said: "If we went to a weekly green refuse bin collection it would mean buying 4 new vehicles costing £638,000, plus staff, vehicle maintenance, cleaning and fuel costs of £369,000 per annum – an increase of about 7% on your council tax.

"It would also mean a reduction in our recycling rate, loss of revenue and the additional 33,000 miles travelled would produce about 83 tonnes of extra carbon per year."

# Old clothes wanted

Fareham people are throwing away £300,000 a year by dumping old clothes and shoes into the wrong colour bin.

If you toss these unwanted things into a Council **green**-top domestic waste bin, they'll end up in the incinerator.

And that's **YOUR** money you're wasting.

However, if you take them to the **blue** European Recycling Company (ERC) bins on Council land, then 90% of income goes into the community fund to support local good causes.

Park Gate **Conservative** Councillor Marian Ellerton said: "The odd shoe, no matter how shabby, clean vests, socks etc are all valuable.

"Grand slam tennis court surfaces are made from old trainers, so even if you have only one put it in the **blue** bin."

"When the bin contents are processed, they are sorted into 400 different categories, 95% of which are reusable – even zips, rivets and



plastic bags.

"The charities that were on Council land were given income they used to receive a year in advance, with a promise to do so for four years provided the tonnage holds up."

**Be careful.** The community won't get a penny if you use other than the Fareham **blue** bins.

**PHOTO:** Marian Ellerton and a local resident make sure their old clothes go into the right colour bin at Park Gate car park.



**YOUR voice in Westminster**  
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## Mark presses for schools' financial freedom to expand

Every parent wants the best school for their child. But too often schools have to turn pupils away if they have too many applications for the places available.

This is happening at Cams Hill, but they could take on more pupils if they were free to borrow money to expand.

I made the case for every academy, like Cams and Fareham Academy, to have this freedom in a debate at the House of Commons. I believe we shouldn't let red tape get in the way of giving our children the education they deserve.

The Government is listening to my arguments, but listening is not enough. I will continue to push for our children to have the best start in life.

There are nearly 20,000 people in Fareham aged 50-64 and over the next 20 years they will have to make important decisions about their retirement.



One of the biggest decisions will be buying an annuity. Today's pensioners are missing out on up to £1bn because they didn't shop around for an annuity.

I am working with *The Sunday Times* and other campaigners to reform the market so we can make the most of our savings when we retire.

This might not be the most flattering photo of me but it is all in a good cause.

Fareham resident Richard Hunt, who lost his leg in an accident at sea, is kayaking round the UK to raise money for BLESMA, a military charity that cares for limbless ex-service-men.

To raise money and the profile of his cause, I took part in a wheelchair laser tag competition at Fareham Leisure Centre. Richard is taking on a great challenge and I wish him the best of luck.



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