



InTouch

SARISBURY – Autumn 2015

The shape of those good things to come

Holly Hill: Showpiece leisure centre

Coldeast Close: Eco-efficient houses



A hard hat to follow: Fareham MP Suella Fernandes sees the new pool being tested for leaks with (left) Sarisbury Councillors Seán Woodward and David Swanbrow.

Inset right: Fareham Mayor Mike Ford shows his JCB skills to start both projects rolling.

Right: The first pioneering PassivHaus scheme nears completion.

EXCITING developments will shortly bring a revolutionary housing scheme and prestigious £9m new leisure centre to the Western Wards.

Holly Hill Leisure Centre in Barnes Lane will boast swimming pools, a fitness suite and dance studios when it's completed next May.

In nearby Coldeast Close, 6 new homes are definitely 'Vorsprung durch Technik' as they employ the latest German eco designs.

PassivHaus techniques will deliver long-term energy performance, reduce fuel consumption and provide comfort for allergy and asthmatic sufferers with their filtering systems.

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "The Borough Council is building these houses as part of a programme to help reduce the waiting list for affordable homes and also to test PassivHaus building techniques for when the Welborne development starts."

The two-bedroomed homes received funding from the Council and the Homes and Community Agency's affordable housing programme.

Fareham Mayor Councillor Mike Ford, who drove mechanical diggers to perform ground breaking ceremonies at both sites, commented:

"These PassivHaus properties will be beneficial for our residents as they are low energy and cost effective, as well as providing a comfortable living environment."

Sheltered 'sylvan' setting for seniors with medical needs



A 36-UNIT sheltered housing scheme, Sylvan Court, is being built on the east side of the Coldeast site.

It is expected to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017 and will provide 36 units, 11 of which will be twin apartments.

A similar 40-place unit has just been finished at Collingwood Court, Highlands Road, Fareham.

Both schemes will provide sheltered housing for Fareham residents over 60 with a medical condition, who can live independently in their own apartments with a degree of support on site.

NEWS ROUND



Siting suggestions invited

Six flashing speed limit signs deployed along Botley Road, Burrige, Swanwick Lane, Swanwick and Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley are to be made permanent.

But it costs a lot to change the batteries every fortnight, so they need their own power supply.

County Councillor Seán Woodward has asked residents to suggest the best places to site them for maximum deterrent effect.

Still cash in Seán's kitty

Seán Woodward still has £6,000 left in his 2015/16 grant fund available for local organisations to bid for.

Locally, Burrige AFC (£1,250) and Brookfield School PTA (£1,000) are among groups who have benefited.

Contact Seán if your organisation needs cash support for a project.

Crawler lane goes



The crawler lane up Sarisbury Hill on Bridge Road at Lower Swanwick has been removed, the road resurfaced and cycle lanes put in.

Drivers were using the centre lane to overtake at great speed and carve up other road users at Sarisbury Green where the road reverted to single carriageway.

That is now impossible and indications are that the 30-mph limit is being obeyed.

County Councillor Seán Woodward, who first asked for the work to be carried out 20 years ago, said he was pleased the anachronism of a crawler lane had been removed and motorists and cyclists had their own space on Sarisbury Hill.



All-time protection for ancient village green

A BOULDER marking Sarisbury Green being granted Fields in Trust status – meaning it can never be developed – was unveiled by Council Leader Seán Woodward.

The event on one of the Borough's few remaining village greens took place during the summer at the annual fair.

Pictured right after the unveiling are Fareham's new MP, Suella Fernandes, with Seán Woodward and Councillor Sue Bell, executive member of the leisure and community.

Suella, also pictured (left) with Jane Swanbrow at the stall she ran for Smile Train which operates on children with cleft palates in deprived countries, has been trying to attend as many local events and community projects as possible since her election.

Jane's daughter, Lucy (right), was fund raising for other projects.

Suella has promised to take part in the Great South Run to raise money for The Haven, the breast cancer charity in The Square, Titchfield.



Coldeast Mansion restoration nears completion



Resplendent: Seán Woodward and owner Nick Sutton discuss the fine restoration work at Coldeast Mansion.

IT SHOULDN'T be long before newly weds are being toasted in champagne in the palatial surroundings of restored Coldeast Mansion.

Owner Nick Sutton plans to have Fareham's top functions venue open next spring.

He said: "There are some historic rooms, our smallest function will cater for 24 people then we can go up to exclusive use with 200 plus people.

"We want to do weddings but there are lots of conferences catering for the corporate sector, and we will cater for anything from a wake to a 50th birthday party.

"Upstairs there are 38 suites, where people can stay for anything from one night. There are three main rooms downstairs, meaning three events can happen at once."

Or the whole place can be hired out. There will be boardrooms, dining rooms, bar areas and marquee in 14 acres of lovely grounds with the original walled garden.

The site began to fall into ruin when it was vacated by the health authority in 1996 and it looked likely it would be pulled down to make way for more housing.

Nick, who has a wealth of property restoration experience, says he is hoping to see it finished by the end of the year.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "I had the old mansion locally listed around 20 years ago while we tried to find a developer who would take it, love it and refurbish it.

"I am delighted with the progress Nick is making and will certainly be aiming to have it nationally listed once it is open."



Heap big eyesore

A DEVELOPER withdrew from the prime site at Swanwick Marina, leaving a huge eyesore.

Councillor David Swanbrow said a planning condition demanded raising the land to avoid flooding.

The marina used soil from other work to achieve this, but then the developer pulled out, leaving unsightly heaps of earth which encourage fly-tipping. He and Councillor Seán Woodward met marina bosses who agreed to erect a good quality fence around the site and level the soil.

It is hoped a new developer will be found so the high-quality housing scheme can be started next year.

Hospital bureaucracy scandal

FAREHAM Community Hospital, which cost £25m, has been open for 5 years – but only Monday to Friday for 45 hours a week.

The NHS ruled that before the second half can be developed the existing unit should be fully functional.

Now the scandal behind this red tape has been revealed. Whenever extra services are proposed, the Community Health Partnerships demanded users pay an extra fee at commercial rent for the space.

It explains why the Red Cross medical loans store has not been used for 5 years as a £6,000 pa rent was required.

The Clinical Commissioning Group has now agreed to pay the rent, so the loan store will be open from January 2016, but Fareham MP Suella Fernandes argues that the hospital will never operate fully if this bureaucracy continues.

Residents' meeting discusses Swanwick Lane traffic calming



WHEN the bus gate from Whiteley was permanently opened on to Botley Road for all vehicles except HGVs, we promised a consultation and funding for traffic calming on Swanwick Lane which has taken extra traffic rat running between Whiteley and Lower Swanwick.

A report on the options is ready and Lower Swanwick and Swanwick residents were invited to comment.

There was an exhibition of the ideas on October 29 at Brookfield School followed by a public meeting when residents gave their views.

A scheme will be now drawn up and consulted upon in the spring for implementation in the school summer holidays.

PHOTO: A car triggers the flashing 30mph sign in Swanwick Lane.

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WE SERVE YOU ALL

Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.



Council forced to meet government inspector's requirements up to 2036

Local plans must merge to fit in 2,000 more homes

FAREHAM will have to fit in 2,000 extra homes by 2036 to meet a government inspector's requirements.

It means two local plans covering Welborne and the rest of the Borough will now have to be combined to roll this forward.

The Welborne Plan, which runs from 2016-2036, covers the 1,000 acres which will include the new community of 6,000 homes and 6,000 jobs

The rest of the Borough plan, which currently only runs to 2026 and covers the remaining 17,000 acres, proposes some 1,800 homes, most of which are either already built, have planning permission or will go on brownfield sites where proper infrastructure is in place.

So the plan for the remainder of the Borough must be rolled forward a further decade and be amalgamated with the Welborne Plan.

Not surprisingly, it means that extra sites

need to be found to provide for those extra years.

Changing lifestyle patterns, rising population, increasing longevity and the growing popularity of the South to live, work and retire are part of the statistics.

The development plan for the rest of the Borough was also subject to a public inquiry and scrutiny by the same Government inspector, David Hogger, who declared it and Welborne to be sound, so the Council adopted it.

Fareham is by no means alone. As one of 12 councils comprising the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), it has a duty to cooperate when the Government assesses housing needs.

A major factor in the equation is the huge rise in the ageing population and the need to accommodate them.

From 1981-2011, Fareham experienced a 300% rise in people aged 85+ – the highest in Hampshire.

Then add lack of affordable housing and 1,350 families on our waiting list to the equation.

brownfield sites such as those in the town centre will be the key to meeting many of the Government demands, but may well be under pressure from developers to release greenfield sites to reach its quota.

PUSH is preparing a South Hampshire housing strategy, which will be open for public consultation in early 2016.

Once approved, Fareham Council will start the processes towards adopting its own local plan, setting out how to provide land needed for housing. It aims to implement this in 2018.

Fareham MP Suella Fernandes said: "Under Labour housebuilding collapsed and we now have a housing crisis.

"A Greater Britain means more families having the security and stability of owning a home of their own. We need a national crusade to get homes built and everyone must play their part.

"Our Help to Buy scheme helped 120,000 people buy their own home but we still need to increase supply in

An ageing population means we need housing for 3 generations rather than 2 and that's a huge increase in our housing requirement

Forecasts for 2036 for South Hampshire show the 75+ population will have risen by 91% and young people aged 16-29 by 14%.

The Council says

Fareham is 10th highest in the South East of ages 20-34 still living with parents because they can't afford a home of their own

order to bring the average house price down."

*A special edition of the Council's news magazine Fareham Today is being sent to every household to explain the situation in detail.



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SUELLA is launching the **Fareham Young Conservatives**.

If you're aged under 35 and are interested in national and local politics and want to meet other young people, come along on Saturday, November 21, 7pm for 'Politics in the Pub'.

For details email suella@suellafernandes.co.uk

Our first female MP promises 'Integrity, approachability and dedication'

SUELLA is delighted to have been elected as Fareham's first female Member of Parliament.

She said: "I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and I am most grateful to have had their support."

She promised to serve the people of Fareham as a full-time Member with 'integrity, approachability and dedication'.

After her election Suella said: "The residents of Fareham have helped make history and save the UK from a

Miliband Premiership by helping me secure a majority of over 22,000 – the largest in 23 years.

"People have chosen economic stability over chaos, David Cameron's leadership over instability, jobs over deficit, aspiration over dependency.

"I am honoured and humbled to have such a ringing vote of confidence from the men and women of Fareham who have entrusted me to represent them in Parliament."

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