



# In Touch

with our community

SARISBURY – AUTUMN 2011

## Planning brief seals future for Coldeast site

**THE FUTURE** of the 150-acre Coldeast site has been settled once and for all and promises tremendous public benefits.

These include an extension to the new Community Hospital, a swimming pool and many more.

It's taken a 25-year struggle, much of it against the last Labour Government's dictatorial planning policies, to achieve.

With a relatively small price to pay in new housing, the Conservative-led Borough Council tipped the planning scales very much in the public's interest by adopting the Coldeast Development Brief.

Had former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott got his way, 1,000 more houses would have been added.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "It will ensure development is planned and delivered in an integrated and comprehensive manner."

The brief provides for:

- Affordable and sheltered housing
- Recreation and leisure
- Site option for a swimming pool
- Cemetery and allotments
- Biodiversity enhancement
- Accessible parks, woodlands and green spaces
- Repair and re-use of listed buildings including the mansion and its landscape.

Coldeast's planning history dates from 1986 when an application for 800 houses was refused by the Council.

Numerous applications and refusals followed, culminating in an appeal decision when former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott gave consent for 250 houses.

His decision affected 35 acres.

The development brief proposes a further 170 homes and up to 60 for sheltered accommodation on 17 acres, plus 77 acres for open space and community facilities.



**Looking ahead:** Sarisbury Councillors David Swanbrow (left) and Seán Woodward visit the Coldeast site.

There are 10 acres for healthcare uses, including expansion of the community hospital.

Other uses include Lord Wilson School, Royal Mail sorting office, Coldeast Mansion and its grounds which comprise 11 acres, so housing will occupy about a third of the site and over half will be handed to the Council to maintain.

Councillor Woodward said: "I worked successfully for over 20 years as a Sarisbury councillor to keep building off the Coldeast site and it was

only after we lost the planning appeal that it was zoned in part for housing.

"This development brief finally settles the future of the site in perpetuity and ensures that with a limited amount of extra housing there will be tremendous community benefits.

"Without the new facilities and handing over of the land the housing cannot happen.

"It is important that additional money is generated from the housing to provide improvements to education and transport locally."

## Olympic daffodil rings reminder of the greatest sporting show on earth



**SPRINGTIME** at the Allotment Road recreation ground in Sarisbury will bring a colourful reminder of the momentous spectacle to come later in the summer.

Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, the Fareham in Bloom team and Councillor Seán Woodward are pictured planting daffodil bulbs in the shape of the symbolic Olympic rings.

On a crisp November day local sporting organisations joined the Community and Streetscene team and Fareham in Bloom volunteers to plant bulbs to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and create a lasting legacy within the Borough.

The bulb planting took place at the four newly nationally-designated Queen Elizabeth II playing fields in the Borough at Allotment Road, Wicor in Portchester, Bath Lane in Fareham and Seafeld Park in Hill Head.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Fairtrade grant**

A grant of £125 will enable work to continue to encourage people to consider Fairtrade products.

Fareham became a Fairtrade Borough in 2005.

Products are promoted through displays, talks to community groups and schools, a directory of retailers and caterers who offer Fairtrade, encouraging businesses to maintain links with the Council and the local media.

**Carol service**

For a second time, County Councillor Seán Woodward is supporting the popular Park Gate traders' carol service with a grant to cover the costs of insurance and organisation.

It takes place on Monday, December 12 at 7pm. The traders supply hot mince pies and soup and there's a raffle.

**Quiz night**

Salisbury Residents' Association held their annual Quiz Night at Salisbury Parish Rooms in October.

Questions were set by chairman Stephen Allen, assisted by James Woodward, son of Councillor Seán Woodward, who took part in the quiz and presented the prizes.

The Association's next open meeting is February 15 at Salisbury Parish Rooms.

**They'll give plenty of stick to speeding drivers**



**SPEEDING drivers beware. These ladies may clock you and pass your registration number to the police.**

Members of Burridge and Swanwick Residents' Association are supporting the Speedwatch campaign in Burridge.

County Councillor Seán Woodward recently provided a grant to the association to buy Speedwatch equipment.

The cash also went towards wheelie bin stickers to remind drivers on Swanwick Lane and Botley Road they are in a 30mph limit.

Councillor Woodward said: "By applying the stickers that we have had printed this gives a highly visible speed reminder to motorists on one day every week."

Stickers are available from association secretary Pat Johnson on 01489 576045 or pjohnson@sier-ra.co.uk

**Residents praised for paint job**

**A SPLENDID job! That's the verdict on the repainted gates that lead on to Sarisbury Green.**

Seán Woodward and David Swanbrow praised Sarisbury Residents' Association for their handiwork.

The gates were looking very rusty, but members decided to paint them at their own expense.

The councillors said it set a fine example of the community taking on small projects.

**Restored sunken garden seat unveiled**

**THE SUNKEN garden just west of Holly Hill Mansion was in a sorry state.**

It was once covered by a huge greenhouse and was a feature of the Holly Hill estate but in 1989 had reverted to a jungle.

A group of volunteers, who later became the Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park, decided to restore the garden and were given valuable assistance by Miss Katherine Winn, who had lived in the mansion as a child and had old photographs of it.

Councillor David Swanbrow, who was one of the volunteers, remembers all the hard work clearing and planting the banks of the garden according to a plan worked out by



Hampshire Gardens Trust.

By 2001 the work was mostly complete but sadly Miss Winn had by this time passed away.

Fareham Council funded a memorial seat in her honour and placed it beside a path overlooking the garden where it was officially unveiled by Councillor Seán Woodward assisted by his son James - then two years old.

The seat had been well used over the years but the elements took their toll. John Waters, of the Friends of Holly Hill, decided it should be restored and raised a CAT bid to fund it.

As a result the frame has been cleaned and repainted and the wood replaced with a hard wearing hardwood.

The new seat was unveiled the end of October, again by Seán Woodward and son James - now 12 - and once more provides a pleasant place to sit.

**Photo:** Seán and James Woodward, John Waters of Friends of Holly Hill and Brenda Clapperton of the Fareham Society try the new Winn seat.

**Council grant helps Sarisbury scouts to buy camp cookers**

**THE 1st Sarisbury Green Scout Troop has been awarded £400 to buy four Trangias (light weight cookers).**

The cookers will be used by the scouts while working towards their expedition challenge badges.

To gain the badge, scouts

must participate in a two-day expedition, which includes carrying all their kit on their backs and camping overnight.

So they need lightweight equipment.

Through fundraising, they managed to buy tents, but requested money for the Trangias.

Fareham Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward, said: "I'm very pleased that we are able to fund the project, as the 1st Sarisbury Scouts provide excellent scouting activities."

•Seán Woodward still has £2,500 in his County Council fund ready to award.

## Community Hospital is surgery option

**HAMPSHIRE NHS has suggested 3 options if the proposed closure of Locks Road Surgery goes ahead.**

1 Transfer to the Whiteley Surgery.

2 Transfer to an extended Brook Lane surgery.

3 Use space at the Community Hospital for a new surgery.

A questionnaire is available for patients to give their views by the internet at [www.surverymonkey.com/s/gpservices](http://www.surverymonkey.com/s/gpservices)

Option 1 is impractical for most residents as the Whiteley Surgery is too far.

It is stated that Locks Road surgery does not meet modern standards, but no changes have to be undertaken if the current practice continues to use it.

It seems inevitable that the GPs will get their way and sell the site and your councillors believe that in the circumstances using accommodation in the Community Hospital would be the preferred option.

## Millie conkers all to win Holly Hill trophy for second time



**MILLIE BARRETT (14), from Portsmouth, won this year's Holly Hill conkers knock-out championship - her second victory - with Benjamin Jones from Sarisbury the runner-up (pictured above).**

This year's conker crop was abundant - a change from last year when a shortage caused the event to be cancelled.

The Friends of Holly Hill Woodland Park ran the contest as usual and provided refreshments.

They were helped by Council Park Ranger Mark Trigwell who, with Councillor David Swanbrow, acted as judges.

Chief judge Simon Batten kept track of winners of each round while David Redwood made sure that everything ran smoothly and entertained the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Trevor and Mrs Ruth Cartwright, who presented the prizes.

David Swanbrow said: "It is



**Thwack!** Two contestants slug it out.

Photos: Robert Thomas

important to keep these old traditional games alive.

"The Friends of Holly Hill are to be congratulated on once again running a great event and making good use of this excellent location."

## Sarisbury shoe box gifts bring joy to needy kids

**BRITISH kids will open their presents and play with expensive X-Boxes and Lego.**

Thousands of miles away a simple yo-yo or a rag doll will bring whoops of joy from those who have nothing.

It's all thanks to Operation Christmas Child, which sends gifts worldwide in shoe boxes to needy children.

The Shoe Box project started in 1990 with a convoy of lorries taking gifts to orphanages in Romania and now sends over a million boxes to children in 14 countries.



A service at Sarisbury United Reformed Church, attended by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Dennis and Mrs Carol Steadman, got the project under way.

Iris Meatcher (pictured with helpers), who organises the project in the Western Wards, was recognised for her work by being made a Citizen of Honour at the Mayor Making ceremony in May.

After the service, Councillor David Swanbrow praised the volunteers who check and collate the boxes.

## Share a taxi to hospital

**A BOOKABLE taxi-share service is running to take people to the Community Hospital.**

It follows withdrawal of the local bus service and will run for a trial period, starting at Lockwood Centre with pick-up points at several locations.

It costs £2.10 single or £3.50 return, with reductions for children. It's free for bus pass holders.

Call 01962 846786 for more information.

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**Their questions often put me on the spot**



Anthony's RC Primary School and Cams Hill have new freedoms to build on their success.

Year 5 pupils at Wicor Primary School put me on the spot by asking for my election winning tips just before they hold their own elections.

I NEVER cease to be impressed by our local schools - whether it's the questions pupils ask or the commitment of staff and students to raise standards.

Congratulations to two local schools on becoming the first academies in Fareham: St

When I visited Henry Cort Community College students explained how we could improve facilities for teenagers in Titchfield Common.

The Principal, Phil Munday, then took me to talk to students about their work as part of an anti-bullying day.

**High tech treatment at the vets'**



DESPITE the challenging economic climate, local businesses thrive.

New technology helped Titchfield's Eaton Aerospace win the contract to make the fuel system for the new Boeing 787. Man's best friend gets high tech surgery at the Companion Care vets' surgery which I opened.

**View from the battlements**

JAMES Humphrys from the Environment Agency took me to the top of Portchester Castle to talk about flood and environmental risks.



**Historic day for Fareham when Olympic torch blazes into town**



IT'S MADE from gold coated aluminium, pierced with 8,000 holes and shaped like an elongated cornetto. And it's coming to Fareham.

Even its designers admit the Olympic torch has a slightly 'bling' appearance, but nobody among the thousands expected to line Fareham's streets to see the relay of runners bearing it

towards its destination will care much about that.

The symbolic flame, lit by 11 'vestal virgins' at Olympia in Greece and making a 70-day journey across Britain from Land's End to the Shetland Islands, will be passing through on Sunday, July 15 - 12 days before the opening of the London 2012 Olympics.

Fareham Mayor Councillor Trevor Cartwright said: "It's an honour for me to confirm that the Olympic flame will be



coming to Fareham as part of its 8,000 mile journey to the Olympic Stadium in London."

He made the announcement with Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward, pictured in Westbury Manor Museum garden with the 1948 London Olympics torch, where they greeted representatives from the 10 'Get Set' network of schools and the college in Fareham, who are demon-

strating a commitment to Olympic values.

Any school or college in the UK can become a member of the 'Get Set' network and receive rewards and recognition from London 2012.

Fareham is one of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

through which the Olympic flame will be carried by relays of torchbearers.

The 30-inch tall torch has 8,000 laser-pierced holes, each representing a relay runner and the distance the flame travels, and the triangular sides reflect the three Olympiads staged in Britain.

The torch that passes through Fareham will be one of 8,000 made by a small London firm - one for each runner.