



Salisbury – Spring 2013

Investment needed to fulfil ambitious Locks Heath plan



HERE'S an exciting impression of what a makeover for Locks Heath Centre might look like.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Locks Heath is a well used centre, but it needs investment.

"By expanding the centre, there is an opportunity to provide new shops, maybe a major store.

"It will improve the overall attractiveness of the centre to shoppers and help withstand competition from the new Whiteley shopping area.

"It's extremely important the centre continues to be well used and viable."

He said there was a real opportunity to provide better public space and a new community campus that could in-

clude a swimming pool, leisure centre, library and youth facilities.

Fareham Council, the County Council and the private owners of the core shopping centre own the land.

Fareham, as the planning authority, has laid down objectives to guide future development, which were used to produce a master plan with options

ZERO yet again! Tory council tax freeze goes on

CONSERVATIVES pulled off another remarkable achievement by maintaining a zero council tax rise for the fifth year running.

When Fareham Borough Council set the figure at £140 in 2009 it received over £6m in Government funding.

That figure is now down to £3.5m, but thanks to wise Tory housekeeping you won't pay a penny more in council tax in 2013-14.

Presenting his annual budget, Council Leader Seán Woodward said during those

5 years the Tories had delivered efficiencies of over £3m, yet high standards have been maintained and front line services have not been cut to achieve this.

"During the period of council tax freeze we have effectively saved every Band D taxpayer nearly £25 a year, comparing what it would be with inflation rises.

"Car parking charges remain frozen in the town centre and we will continue our policy not to charge in local centres such as Stubbington, Port-

chester, Warsash, Whiteley and Park Gate.

"We continue to have an ambitious capital programme and resources mean it will be £43m over the next 5 years.

"This will be used for improvements to community facilities, including community centres, children's playgrounds and sports facilities.

"In the past year, nearly £3m has been spent building a new community centre at Portchester and new changing rooms at Wicor Recreation Ground."

BAND D TAX

Fareham BC
£140.22

Increase 0%

Hampshire CC
£1,037.88

Increase 0%

Police & Crime Commissioner
£152.25

Increase 3.4%

Hants Fire & Rescue
£61.38

Increase 0%

TOTAL £1,390.73

Only CONSERVATIVES can deliver such low council tax



NEWS ROUND

Locks Road Surgery

The surgery is due to close in March and all services transferred to Whiteley.

This will mean the displacement of 7,000 patients from Locks Road. The Brook Lane Surgery has contracted with the NHS to use spare consulting rooms in the Community Hospital and has recruited an extra doctor.

So far 1,000 patients of the 7,000 displaced have signed up with the Brook Lane practice.

It is expected that when the Locks Road Surgery finally closes more patients will transfer as there is adequate parking at the Hospital.

Taxishare

A further taxishare service is being funded by Hampshire County Council to operate from March 1 to July 31.

Information can be obtained from Fareham Community Hospital or the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital.

Big cash grant for brickworks



Visitors to Bursledon Brickworks Museum will see significant changes this year, thanks to a £666,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It will provide essential cash to undertake repairs and employ staff, thus affording visitors a better experience.

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "If you haven't been to one of their open days you've missed a treat."

Details of 2013 open days and other information can be found at bursledonbrickworks.org.uk.

David extinguishes in lamp saga



NOBODY could throw any light on the mystery of the overgrown lamp post on a public bridle way near Lower Swanwick Road.

A concerned resident told Councillor David Swanbrow the lamp behind the fence at the end of her garden hadn't worked for over 5 years and posed a danger to path users of being struck by lighting if it fell down.

When he delved into the matter, he drew a blank. The County and Borough Councils said it wasn't theirs.

David followed up a clue that it might belong to HCC's Countryside Service. But it didn't. The land was unregistered, so finding an owner proved impossible.

Eventually, the County Council agreed to remove it. So who put it there? We're still totally in the dark.

Community Hospital couldn't have better friends



THE FRIENDS of Fareham Community Hospital were set up in 2010 to give support to the new Hospital and its patients.

They now have a team of volunteers helping to welcome patients, to man telephone lines and to assist with office tasks.

They are working to keep the local community informed about hospital activities and are campaigning for better public transport to the hospital.

More volunteers and supporters are always needed. To contact the Friends, write to them c/o Fareham Community Hospital, Brook Lane, Sarisbury, Southampton SO31 7DQ

It's Lucy's lucky day as disabled riding centre shares in £13,000 grants bonanza



IT'S HER first time in the saddle and Lucy is thrilled to bits to be riding Lucky.

She's pictured with instructor Ray-

na Williams and County Councillor Seán Woodward at the Training the Disabled in Side-Saddle Riding (TRADISSAR) at their Crofton Manor, Titchfield centre.

Councillor Woodward had just handed the charity £1,000 from his community funding budget.

Overall, he distributed £13,000 to several worthy causes in the area, including £1,500 for a new children's playground at Bursledon Brickworks, which he opened (pictured right).

Other groups to benefit were:

Whiteley Community Association – replacement carpet £640.32.

Sail4Cancer – office equipment £940.

Fareham FairTrade – ongoing

education £250

Hampshire Wildlife Trust – creation of a wildlife garden at Brookfield School £1,520.

Salisbury Parish Rooms – new floor cleaner £1,000.

Burridge AFC – new football goals £1,400.

Burridge Village Hall – new flooring £600.

Salisbury Green Pre-School – outdoor garden £800

University of the Third Age – computer and projector £1,000

Friends of Fareham Community Hospital – computer for health education £749.68.

Friends of Whiteley Primary School – musical instruments, phonics equipment and extracurricular



music and drama activities £1,600

He said: "I am really delighted to have been able to support so many worthy causes."

"All of these organisations do their best to raise money for their respective activities and it is great to be able to make so many projects a reality."

New parish rooms chief takes over

SARISBURY Parish Rooms has a new chairman.

Councillor David Swanbrow has taken over from Peter Shepherd (pictured left), who has retired after 10 years in charge of The Louisa Seymour Charity-run centre.

The Parish Rooms have flourished under his command and he has left the charity's finances and the building's structure in good shape.

The trustees have striven over the past decade to improve the facilities without changing the ambience of the building which is over 100 years old.

Improvements have generally been funded from income, but the charity recently received a community grant from County Councillor Seán Woodward for a new floor cleaner.



Genesis recording studio project

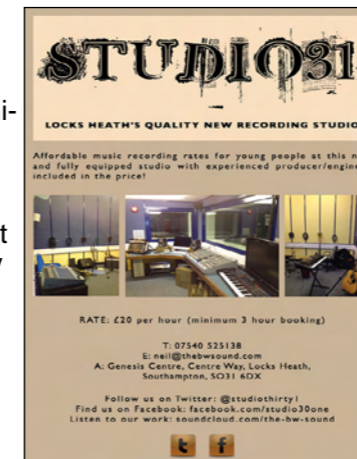
AN EXCITING new recording project called **Studio 31** has been a popular attraction for youngsters at Genesis.

You can book it for just £20 an hour (minimum 3 hours), which includes an experienced producer and engineer.

It's mainly aimed for use on Saturdays and Sundays, but if the producer has a slot he can be hired at other times, which may interest schools and other youth clubs."

Community grants each of £1,500 came from County Councillors Seán Woodward and Keith Evans.

For more information email the producer neil@thebwsound.com.



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Busgate bollards down for 9 months

WHITELEY'S controversial busgate is to stay open for the next 9 months.

This is primarily due to major Highways Agency works on the M27 which are causing significant congestion on local roads around Segensworth.

There are also delays likely when works on the A27 take place from April to August putting in cycleways and a TOUCAN crossing near the Botley Road/Hunts Pond Road roundabout.

It will frustrate measures that County Councillor Seán Woodward wanted in place before a trial opening of the link.

He said: "Of some 2,700 responses to the recent survey (51% of those consulted), over 80% favour the trial, subject to appropriate mitigation measures in advance.

"In fact, east of the bus gate (Whiteley) the level of support was 93% and west of the bus gate (Burridge, Swanwick and Park Gate) 69% supported a trial.

"I believe it is important that not only does the busgate perform one of its primary functions – opening for prob-

lems on the road network – but that sufficient time should be available after those network problems are over for data to continue to be collected once the traffic flows return to normal.

This will enable an informed decision to be made at the end of the year on whether the opening should be permanent.

"It is imperative, given that almost uniquely in a public survey over half of the people surveyed actually responded and that a very significant majority asked for a trial, that the trial actually takes place in normal traffic conditions.

"It is just as important that appropriate mitigation measures are put in place both during the opening for roadworks and the subsequent trial.

"The mitigation measures that I have suggested have been well supported by the majority of responders."

Councillor Woodward wanted to see speed reduction measures on key roads.

•E.g. 20mph on Yew Tree Drive.

•Downgrading of Botley Road from A to B status to enable calming mea-

sures.

•HGV restrictions, e.g. Yew Tree Drive, enforcement on Swanwick Lane.

•Pedestrian crossing improvements, e.g. Yew Tree Drive.

•Traffic calming measures, e.g. Botley Road, Swanwick Lane and Yew Tree Drive including flashing speed signs.

•Junction capacity/ safety improvements.

•Review of on-street parking.

He succeeded in having the following implemented immediately:

•Flashing speed limit reminder signs on Yew Tree Drive, Botley Road, (Burridge) and Swanwick Lane

•Proper painting of the Yew Tree Drive/Clydesdale Road junction to give priority to Yew Tree Drive

•Installation of rumble strips and SLOW signs on the bus lane at the point where it emerges onto Yew Tree Drive and on Yew Tree Drive approaching the busgate

•Provision of a "no HGV" advisory sign at the busgate



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Fareham College's new employment hub will 'give young people a chance'

WHILE Fareham has falling unemployment, we cannot be complacent about getting more local residents, especially our young people, into work.

That is why I was delighted to open Fareham College's Employment Hub.

It provides specialist support, for example giving students help with CVs and interview techniques (pictured bottom right).

Local initiatives complement the work done by the Government.

For example, an employer recruiting a young person who has been unemployed for more than six months could get up to £2,275 by taking them on and keeping them in work for six months.

We will only give our young people hope, if we give them a chance.



The 1st Locks Heath Scouts came to Westminster to mark their contribution to Scouts Community Week (pictured left).

There is no shortage of boys and girls wanting to join groups but they need adult helpers.

Could you spare some time to give our children and young people a valued opportunity to learn skills and help the community?

A referendum on Europe is on the cards if the Conservatives win the 2015 General Election.

David Cameron has made it clear that he will

negotiate a better deal for Britain in Europe and will ask for your agreement to this deal in a referendum.

Lib Dems have blocked this in this Parliament.

Only a Conservative Government will deliver the deal and the vote Britain wants.



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