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In Touch

with our community

WHITELEY – 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.

Woodland is being worn away by the pattern of tiny feet

WOODLAND is being eroded at Whiteley, not by the elements, but by eco-unfriendly tiny feet.

Residents have complained about the erosion at the rear of Burmese Close, near the very popular children's playground by Clydesdale Road.

Councillor Seán Woodward said arrangements had been made to install some chestnut paling fencing to the area around the large oak tree and by the stream so that youngsters will be unable to congregate there.

It is hoped that as the fencing will afford some protection to the area, the vegetation will grow back on its own within a year.

This will, however, be reviewed again in the autumn and if regeneration has not happened, then some suitable plants will be planted to assist with filling any gaps.

First free school set to end Whiteley pupil places lottery

HAMPSHIRE'S first Free School could be set to open its doors in Whiteley, if plans are given the go-ahead.

It would revolutionise education provision in the area and see an end to a scramble for local primary school spaces and teenagers commuting from Whiteley to Fareham to get to school.

Currently, the primary school is oversubscribed and there is no secondary school provision in the area.

Fareham Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said: "Whiteley has waited a long time for the provision of extra school places.

"I am absolutely delighted to support the initiative to create the Whiteley Academy free school which is a very exciting development for Whiteley's children."

The Whiteley Academy Group, which includes a range of volunteers from educational experts to management leaders, is proposing to create the independent, government-funded school for four to 16-year-olds in response to parental demand for more school places in the town.

Directors Kevin Walls and Geoff Walls submit the proposal to the Department for Education before June 2012. If given the green light, the school would open in September 2013.

Widespread support

Free Schools were introduced by the Government in 2010 with the first due to open in West London in September 2011. They are non-profit making and run by independent groups including charities, universities, businesses, teachers and even parents.

They provide local schools for local children, so pupils do not have to travel long distances.

The campaign for the Whiteley Free School has widespread support of teachers, community leaders, businesses, parents, residents and professionals.

Geoff Walls said: "This is a very exciting time for the local community. If the application to the Department for Education is successful, Hampshire's first Free School will shape and transform the lives of young people in Whiteley."

Several vacant business park premises have been viewed by the Partnership for Schools, the organisation responsible for establishing suitability and feasibility of proposed sites.

Kevin Walls said: "We hope the government sees the importance of funding the conversion costs and long-term lease for a building that we believe would make an excellent learning environment."

Exciting opportunity

Fareham MP Mark Hoban said: "This is an exciting opportunity for Whiteley parents. The Government's free school policy gives us a real chance of meeting the demand for more school places in Whiteley.

"This is a once in a generation chance to shape the future of the community and I would urge local parents to take it."

Free Schools can choose to follow the national curriculum, but may also opt to offer additional subjects or specialisms relevant to their context.

The proposals for Whiteley Academy include curriculum specialisms in Enterprise, Innovation and Leadership. Free Schools are subject to the same Ofsted inspections to ensure students are given the very best education possible.

Whiteley parent and campaign volunteer Andrew Saunders said: "Parental response to the campaign to set up a new school in Whiteley has been overwhelmingly positive. There is clearly wide support for both primary and secondary provision."

For more information, visit www.newschoolorwhiteley.co.uk or www.twitter.com/whiteleyacademy

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WARD NEWS BRIEFS



Whiteley on-line

If you would like to get "on-line" with members of the community in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere to discuss issues about living in Whiteley, Hampshire or any other topics of interest then there is only one place to go.

Log on to Whiteley Community Forum at www.whiteleyforum.net

CAT meeting

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

Fayre on The Green

This annual event is taking place on Saturday, June 11.

It's a fantastic event which raises 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.

AV referendum

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

Whiteley Youth Club reopens with a waiting list



Three cheers: Whiteley Youth Club opened in March with some 80 children attending and a waiting list, which has come about through the hard work of Police Community Support Officer Linda Coyle and her colleagues and volunteers. Whiteley County Councillors Seán Woodward and Freddie Allgood both gave £1,000 grants to buy equipment and are delighted at its immediate success.

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.

A local councillor described the move as "lunacy" as other Western Wards surgeries could take no more patients. 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*.

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "It is worth quoting from the two surgeries that responded to the Coldeast Consultation in late 2007.

"Lockswood Surgery said 'Local practices are full with no room for extra patients' and Brook Lane Surgery said 'The surgery is unable to accommodate the large number of patients expected from the 250 dwellings already approved'.

"This emphasises the lunacy of removing the Locks Road surgery without a similar sized (or larger) replacement."

Community Speedwatch will target drivers who break law

KILL your speed through Burridge and Swanwick – or violagers 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 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: "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 Burridge & 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."



Whiteley police beats merged to bring more consistency

WHITELEY will now be entirely policed from Park Gate rather than Winchester part being policed from Bishop's Waltham and the Fareham part from Park Gate.

It follows representations by Hampshire Police Authority member Councillor Seán Woodward to the Chief Constable.

This will mean that policing will be both consistent and local.

Councillor Woodward has also asked that the regulatory officers at Fareham Council work with their counterparts in Winchester City Council to see if the Drinking in Public Places Order, which allows police to confiscate alcohol from people causing a nuisance in public places in Fareham, can be extended to the Winchester side of Whiteley to give police the same powers.

Councillor Woodward said: "It has always seemed silly to me that parts of the same community are policed from different districts.

"That anomaly has now been corrected and people throughout Whiteley will be able to recognise the same police officers as part of the same community."

Friends group 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 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.

Look what's in store

FAREHAM town centre will see a great deal of further improvement during the remainder of 2011.

Firstly, Debenhams will be opening 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.

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.

This second venue will also be used for the Western Wards CAT meeting which starts at 7pm on the same day. It is also hoped there will be a further opportunity to see the exhibition. No date had been fixed, but information will be available on the Council's website.

Mayor's charity appeal

THE Mayor and Mayoress have appealed for donations in support of their charities.

Councillor Trevor Cartwright and Mrs Ruth Cartwright will hold events to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Toe in the Water and Warsash Wasps Sports & Football Club.

Please send donations to: Mayor of Fareham's Charities 2011/12, The Mayor's Office, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ.

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

He thought about using a discus with a handle and bearings so it could slide along the ground using pushers, and ramps to allow people of all abilities to launch the kurling stones as well as vinyl mats as targets.

New Age Kurling has been used in rehabilitation programmes in hospitals because it doesn't require physical fitness to play, but exercises muscles you would not usually use.

Photo: County Councillor Seán Woodward tries out a set bought from a grant he gave to Burrigden and Park Gate Women's Institute with WI members Councillor Marian Ellerton and Dodge Stembridge.

SARISBURY & WHITELEY CONSERVATIVES

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YOUR voice in Westminster

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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.

launching a proper consultation on GP care in the area later this year, to ensure that GP services match the needs of local residents.

•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.

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

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.

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.

Whiteley Councillor David

Council gets switched on to alternative sources of energy

Swanbrow 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.