



Whiteley – Spring 2013

## Parents' joy at Whiteley new school go-ahead



**NO WONDER** the Poustie family from Whiteley are all smiles.

Laura and Andrew, with scores of other parents, are delighted that a new primary school will be built there.

It means their two pre-school age children, Niamh and Lewis, won't have to travel miles away from the area when it's time for them to go to 'big' school.

Laura, who is a governor of the new primary school, said: "I am so pleased that the worry of whether my children and many others will get a school place in Whiteley is now a thing of the past."

Last year, she and other parents approached **Conservative** County Councillor Seán Woodward to ask whether he could take action to get a new primary school.

Councillor Woodward addressed a meeting, attended by over 100 worried parents, then took their demands to the County Council's Director for Children's

Services.

Laura said: "Things then started to move very fast and now we have our new school agreed."

"I am really grateful to Councillor Woodward, his colleagues, the Portsmouth Diocese and others for working so hard to support us and to get the new school provided so quickly."

Addressing the County Council's Regulatory Committee, Councillor Woodward said: "We have waited too long for an extra primary school."

"It is unfair that hundreds of Whiteley primary aged children had to be taken to a variety of different schools because there was no provision in Whiteley."

After the public meeting, the education authority worked with Portsmouth Diocese to provide a school with temporary accommodation in record time.

When planning consent is granted, the temporary school will open in months and move to a permanent site early in the North Whiteley development.

Councillor Woodward added: "I pay tribute to those parents who approached me last year and have supported the process throughout, also to hundreds of residents who responded to the consultation."

**•Seán Woodward is pictured celebrating with the Poustie family.**

## **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**

<b>Fareham BC</b>
£140.22
Increase 0%
<b>Hampshire CC</b>
£1,037.88
Increase 0%
<b>Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>
£152.25
Increase 3.4%
<b>Hants Fire &amp; Rescue</b>
£61.38
Increase 0%
<b>TOTAL</b> £1,390.73

**Only CONSERVATIVES can deliver such low council tax**



## NEWS ROUND

**Quavey's Copse**

Fareham Council is embarking on fencing the boundary and incorporating where possible traditional hedge-laying at Quavey's Copse. A circular path and controlled access points will follow later in the year. Residents have been very positive over the long-term plans. The Council may have even recruited a volunteer warden for the site as a result of the recent correspondence!

**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.

**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](http://www.whiteleyforum.net)

**Disabled riding grant makes Lucy's day**

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

She's pictured with instructor Rayna 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 £1,600 to the Friends of Whiteley Primary School towards musical instruments, extra-curricular music and drama activities.

Whiteley Community Association received £640 for a replacement carpet.

**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.

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

**A multiplexity of fears over Whiteley giant cinema plan**

THE PROPOSED big screen is too big for Whiteley, Fareham councillors decided.

The planning committee voted to oppose the application lodged with Winchester City Council for a 9-screen multiplex because of its knock-on effect on Fareham's cinema and shops.

And they have threatened to take the case to the Secretary of State if the City Council ignores the Borough Council's objections.

However, Councillor Seán Woodward was quick to stress that they had no objection to the new Whiteley centre having a top-class cinema.

He said: "It's the sheer scale of the development that is worrying. Whiteley's infrastructure will be unable to cope and it will suck in trade from other towns."

"Officers from Winchester City Council are telling us the Whiteley shopping centre is only for people in Whiteley, but no-one is going to build a shopping centre half the size of Fareham for a population of just 6,000."

"To succeed, Whiteley will have to draw in a vast number of people from outside. That is my fear,"

Councillor David Swanbrow said: "I support wholeheartedly, as do all Fareham councillors, the improvement of facilities to serve Whiteley residents."

"I support the range of shops that will be provided in the new shopping centre after the disastrous failure of the old factory outlet."

"My real concern, shared by colleagues and many residents, is the sheer scale of the entire development."

He feared its move of function from a shopping centre to something much greater would adversely affect not only Fareham shopping centre,



cinema and restaurants, but also local centres at Locks Heath, Stubbington and Portchester.

Residents were also worried about the influx of extra traffic and impact on the quality of their lives.

\*Sketch shows the size of the cinema in relation to the shopping centre, due to open on May 23.

**Brickworks lottery grant windfall**

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."

The next open day is the Easter Fun Day on Sunday, March 24 followed by the Big Spring Steam Up on April 14.

Details of other events are on the Brickworks web site at [bursledonbrickworks.org.uk](http://bursledonbrickworks.org.uk).

**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](mailto: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.

