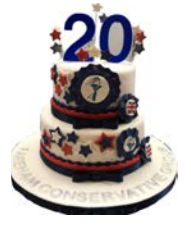




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SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Summer 2019

Planning mayhem as pollution fears put thousands of homes on hold

FEARS over dangerous levels of nitrates in the environment have halted building of thousands of homes across Fareham and South Hampshire

It's brought mayhem to the planning department already struggling to re-write the Draft Plan after Whitehall kept moving the goal posts.

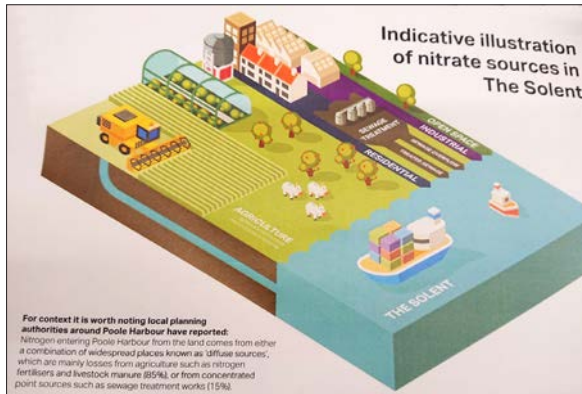
And it's a slap in the face for the Government that had ordered Fareham to find greenfield space for thousands of extra homes.

The Council's planning boss labelled it 'plain nonsense'. Poet John Milton summed it up in *Paradise Lost*: "Confusion worse confounded."

Natural England, the Government's adviser on nature conservation, raised concerns that additional levels of new housing could lead to higher levels of nitrates due to increased amounts of wastewater.

Exhaust emissions from increased traffic passing close to The Solent or watercourses leading to it may also result in some nitrates increases.

Since April, Natural England required all house builders to quantify the nitrogen level from their development sites and to identify and mitigate any increase in the nitrates from that land.



For context it is worth noting local planning authorities around Poole Harbour have reported: Nitrogen entering Poole Harbour from the land comes from either a combination of widespread places known as 'diffuse sources', which are mainly losses from agriculture such as nitrogen fertilisers and livestock manure (85%), or from concentrated point sources such as sewage treatment works (15%)

In less than a year, yet more green fields have come under threat after Whitehall demanded that Fareham finds space for up to 2,500 extra homes on top of the 2,300 houses the Council had already been forced to add to the new Draft Plan 2011-2036.

Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said: "For all current and new planning applications Fareham planning staff are requiring developers to undertake a nutrient assessment, using Natural Eng-

land methodology.

"They must work with the Council to identify any valid mitigation – such as removing land from agricultural use which will offset any nitrates from new development."

Keith Evans added: "As a good example of this approach, the nutrient assessment of the Welborne development north of Fareham, which is being built on farming land, indicates nitrogen increase neutrality and will continue as planned."

"We will work with developers to find mitigation measures, but ultimately this issue must be dealt with at Government level. We are working with all South Hampshire councils through the Partnership for South Hampshire and other organisations to find a long-term solution.

Veteran Stanley 'overwhelmed' by Daedalus D-Day memories

NINETY nine-year-old Stanley Richardson had no idea what a memorable day lay ahead when he arrived at Daedalus Airfield for the D-Day 75th anniversary.

He was greeted as guest of honour and applauded by thousands of visitors as he was invited to join the Mayor for the unveiling of a plaque paying tribute to the bravery of the 175 pilots who flew 400 missions on June 6, 1944.

Stanley was based at HMS Daedalus as a petty officer in the Fleet Air Arm when it



was the busiest UK airfield during the Normandy invasion.

Still stunned by events unfolding around him, he said: "I'm so overwhelmed to be here. I had no idea what was happening today. It's all a big surprise."

It had been a closely guarded family secret organised by his son, Stuart, who'd driven him from his Littlehampton home.

Stanley's job during the invasion was to prepare and check the planes before they went into battle across the Channel.

He added: "I'm very proud to be here today to represent my colleagues. A lot of

them aren't here today, but I'm here for them."

Over 15,000 attended the two-day show during which there was a full programme of events.

Static aircraft proved a great attraction but bad weather shortened the flying display until late Saturday, when the Dakota arrived to the delight of the crowds.

It had improved next day and flypasts by a Spitfire, Dakota and gyrocopter went ahead, as did the Great War Display Team flying replica aircraft and the Royal Navy Raiders performing an exciting parachute display. The Red Arrows capped an unforgettable weekend.

PHOTO: Stanley Richardson chats to Fareham Mayor Pamela Bryant.

NEWS ROUND



Play area upgrade
After consulting local residents and a tender process, Wicksteed has been awarded the contract for improvements to Swanwick Lane play area.



These include replacing the junior multi-climbing unit, a new inclusive roundabout, mirror swing (kids and adults can swing together), floor graphics and re-lining the basketball court. Existing equipment will be painted, with a general tidy-up of the play area. Work starts after the holidays with the aim to finish before October half-term.

Colourful history lives on
This magnificent magnolia tree will be the focal point for a mini estate in Sarisbury.



It's 108 years old and blossoms behind the old Sarisbury Green post office where 8 homes are being built around it. Its history was revealed when Julie Targ contacted Seán Woodward to ask whether the development could be named Magnolia View. She said her grandmother, Ethel Newbury, planted it in 1911 after being given a cutting at the Coldeast Estate on her marriage to Julie's grandfather. Ethel had been lady's maid to Mrs Emma Montefiore. The Montefiore family owned Coldeast estate until it was sold to the County Council in 1924. Seán Woodward promptly granted Julie's request so the story will live on.

Help to get their act together

THIS is what can be gained by applying for a grant from the Council's £300,000 community chest.

Beacon Productions write and perform small-scale plays, but lacked equipment.

They applied for a grant and were awarded £3,100 to buy two video cameras to help perfect their stagecraft.

Delighted members (l to r) Steve Launay, Archie Laing, Jenny Hamer, Linda Laing and Simon Sandburg are pictured showing off the new cameras.



Campaign to make more use of hospital

FAREHAM'S Community Hospital is still very much under-used.

"We still are at the forefront of a campaign to gain a minor injuries treatment unit, breast screening and beds for maternity and elderly care," said Councillor Seán Woodward.

As patron of the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital, he's pictured on their stand at Warsash Festival with trustee Jill Sadler checking out the hospital services.

These include several outpatient clinics run by hospitals and other NHS Trusts, plus same-day access GP appointments for some practices.

Examples include physiotherapy, continence,

heart failure, Parkinson's Nurse, mental health, child health, MRI scanning, ultrasound scanning, X-ray, podiatry, speech and language.

He added: "I praise the Friends for the work they do including highlighting what is available at the hospital."



Two local parks win Green Flag awards

SARISBURY and Park Gate have won Green Flag awards for having two of the best parks in the country.

Holly Hill Woodland Park (pictured) and The Sensory Garden of Reflection in Osborn Road, Fareham, have received the recognition for the 12th and 10th year in a row.

The awards recognise parks and green spaces which boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities.

The awards also had international winners for the first time.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, said: "We are so pleased



to receive these two awards – it's great news for the people of Fareham.

"Having quality green space is so important for our residents and visitors and the award recognises the hard work and effort that goes into maintaining our high standards.

"Thank you to all our fantastic staff who do such a good job in looking after our open spaces and we hope our residents take full advantage of our lovely surroundings."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "It's fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 126 international winners.

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.."

Emotional unveiling of Summer's Fairy Garden

IT WAS a privilege to be at the opening of Summer Page's Fairy Garden at Coldeast, says InTouch team leader Joanne Bull.

Sculptor Chris Bain worked with many of Summer's friends from Sarisbury Junior School to create an area of reflection in memory of a special little girl who sadly lost her battle with a rare tumour in March 2018, aged 9. Joanne said: "Chris Bain's passion was apparent as



he managed to gain interaction and enthusiasm from Summer's friends, making sure the project included their own pieces of work and capturing Summer's imagination.

"It was an emotional unveiling with Summer's parents, Phil and Samantha, and her brother there.

"Since Summer passed away they have continued with their fundraising efforts raising awareness of DIPG and supporting the charity."

Daedalus centre flying high

DAEDALUS Innovation Centre for early-stage businesses is already three quarters full within 12 months of the official unveiling of a multi-million pound extension.

Currently home to 39 organisations, the Fareham complex has 55 offices, 20 workshops and an impressive meeting and conference centre.

The centre is ahead of schedule on occupancy levels with inward investment by occupiers helping support high value jobs locally and through supply chains.

There are more than 250 people employed at the centre.

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Copper and Cooper mystery solved as library reopens

BOXING legend Henry Cooper, the British champion who hammered Muhammad Ali to the canvas, opened the original building in 1984.

There will be books about it on the shelves of Lockswood Library, which has reopened after refurbishment.

It's one of the county's busiest libraries with up to 500 customers a day.

HCC Executive Member for Recreation & Heritage County Councillor Seán Woodward, assisted by children from Woodlands Early Learning in Sarisbury, cut the ribbon, with help from Beth and Leo (pictured).

At the original opening, 'Our Enery' is pictured with an equally tall police sergeant, whom we could not identify. So we had to do some detective work.

Corporate Communications at County Police HQ got the answer via a Facebook posting from Hampshire Constabulary History Society (www.hampshireconstabularyhistory.org.uk)

Older readers may recognise popular Sergeant Alan Ketchell, who was stationed at Park Gate.

He served 30 years in the force and died in 2011, but we still don't know why he was with Henry Cooper who hardly needed police protection.



Car club is in UK's Top 10

LOCKS HEATH Classic Car Club members were excited to hear they had been short-listed by Practical Classics magazine as one of the UK's top 10 clubs.



Members displayed over 170 cars as judging took place at Locks Heath Centre.

InTouch team leader Joanne Bull asked James Walshe, deputy editor of the magazine, what determines how a club is judged.

"Friendliness of members and strong community spirit," he answered, and there was no shortage of either as crowds admired the cars.

The event raised money for the club's chosen charity, 1st Sarisbury Scouts, who benefitted from Brookfield's prom by sharing the cash with the school.

Congratulations to members for being awarded 2nd place. The club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Locks Heath Shopping Centre and membership is free.

PHOTO: Joanne Bull with Jim Baumann of Locks Heath Car Club.



Support new PM and focus on exiting EU

There are many reasons to be optimistic.

With a new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the country can unite and focus on leaving the EU by 31st October.

Our new PM has also prioritised investing in the Police so we have more bobbies on the beat – something we desperately need in Fareham to stop anti-social behaviour – and increasing funding for local schools.

Above all, we must never allow Jeremy Corbyn to enter Number 10. His brand of Socialism (modelled on Venezuela) would bankrupt the country and diminish the UK's place in the world.

In personal news, my son, George Jeffrey, was born on 10th July. My husband, Rael, and I are delighted.

Like many working mums, I am taking a period of maternity leave, but my office will be fully operational.

If you need assistance on any matter, get in touch and I will continue to work on your behalf: it's business as usual for Fareham residents.

Suella

BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



Fareham Community Hospital (FCH) Taskforce, which I set up and chair, has published a report welcoming the GP-led Same Day Access Service.

It calls for its further rollout, better public transport links, greater collaboration with the voluntary sector and more signposting to mental health services and support services for the elderly.

The report sets out a vision of how we could better use FCH. You can find it here: https://issuu.com/suellabravermanmp/docs/fch_future_vision

It was published just as Portsmouth Hospitals Trust confirmed to me that it will deliver a renal/dialysis training hub at FCH to support patients with kidney problems, saving them the travel to QA Hospital.

The Friends of Fareham Community



Hospital, which sits on the Taskforce, said:

"The Friends are pleased that our local MP has shown such an interest in Fareham Community Hospital and hope some of the

ideas in this report are taken on board by the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, the general practices, Hants County Council, health trusts and others providing services to the hospital.

"The Friends and their volunteers will continue to promote and support the hospital and the local community it serves through various activities such as running dementia support groups, holding regular talks on health related matters which help us to help ourselves, and supporting new initiatives."

PHOTO: Suella held her 3rd annual health summit at Fareham Community Church with 100 residents attending.

Multi-million makeover for Ferneham Hall to start in new year

FERNEHAM HALL will close in January 2020 after the annual panto season at the start of its multi-million revamp.

It attracted wide interest when the Council advertised for contractors.

As this is such a large project, the procurement has been done in several phases to ensure we pick the right contractor at the right price.

Not only do we want a fantastic facility but we need to ensure value for money. There's a great deal of interest in this project and we want to make sure it's amazing.

The tender deadline was the end of July and a contractor will be appointed on September 26 at a special Council meeting.

Architects with extensive experience

in remodelling entertainment venues are working on plans for the project and keeping in touch with potential contractors to ensure the timetable for completion and the budget can be met.

It's anticipated the plans and budget will be agreed by early autumn with planning permission sought shortly after.

Change of plans for Swanwick Marina development



PREMIER Marina Swanwick carried out a public consultation on proposed changes to its planning consent to significantly reduce the size and quantity of new buildings.

The new boatyard and dry-stack have been completed and the pontoon replacement is scheduled to finish in April 2020.

New proposals involve not building the originally-permitted



large pavilion at the water's edge and replacing it with two significantly smaller buildings providing boat sales and marina facilities respectively, as shown in the pictures.

A planning application will be submitted in September. The residential planning consent remains but there are no current plans to build it.