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Demands for Western Wards school admissions policy change

A NEW ADMISSIONS policy is vital to ensure children get places of their parents’ choice in Western Wards primary schools.

New development forced on Fareham Council by the Government is yet to start in the Warsash/Park Gate area, but already there is mounting pressure for primary places.

And County Councillor Seán Woodward says: “It’s unfair that children who have spent 3 years making friends and bonding at the infant school should be at risk of losing those relationships simply because they live a little further away from the school, albeit within the catchment area.”

His remarks followed complaints from parents about the coming September’s allocation of school places.

“Pressures mounted further with some children living in Burridge and Swanwick, in the catchment area for Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools, failing to receive places at those schools. We are offering parents support with appeals.”

In the current year, a temporary class of 30 was set up in year-R at Sarisbury Infant School which will progress through the junior school.

There has been serious discussion around the need for a permanent increase by one form of entry (an additional 210 places) for either Sarisbury Infant and Sarisbury C of E (Controlled) Junior or at Hook-with-Warsash Primary School.

Councillor Woodward said: “The reason for not all 90 infants being able to transfer to Sarisbury Junior School is that some people have moved into the area and live closer to the schools than those already attending, meaning they are able to take their places.

“There are two issues. Firstly, there are more Year-R children in the infant school catchment than there are places this year.

“Secondly, there is no automatic right of passage for children attending the infant school automatically to transfer to the junior school should they wish.”

He said a similar situation in Whiteley when children had to attend school in Sarisbury resulted in a change of admissions policy allowing them to progress between the schools, despite being out of the catchment area.

“We now need such a change to the admissions policy of the two schools again so that in-catchment children have the right to move from the infants to the juniors.”

He has asked head teachers to work with education officers to agree such a policy with their governing bodies.

PHOTO: Seán Woodward and InTouch team member Joanne Bull visiting Sarisbury C of E (Controlled) Junior School.

FAREHAM Council is the envy of every local authority in Hampshire and way beyond.

Conservatives have brought consistency, stability and prosperity since taking over running the Borough 20 years ago from the failed Lib Dem/Labour pact that left the Council facing bankruptcy.

The anniversary on May 4 was celebrated with a party at Portchester Parish Hall, attended by nearly 100 councillors, one former and two sitting MPs, party workers and supporters.

It also marked the date that Seán Woodward was elected as its dynamic Council Leader.

He said Fareham had steadfastly voted Conservative because the Council was seen to be delivering for local people.

“We have consistently set the lowest taxes and best services of most district councils, high quality parks, leisure facilities, a good refuse collection service and, as far as we can, clean streets.

“We support local commerce and industry with fantastic business facilities, including our industrial estates and business parks at Solent Airport@Daedalus.

“We invest in commercial property to raise millions of pounds to deliver excellent services and work with others to bring huge road infrastructure investment in our Borough.

“We treat taxpayers’ money as it should be treated – to be spent only as necessary and always prudently.

“It takes a great deal of planning and delivery. We have an excellent team of officers who deliver for our residents day after day. I am so grateful to them for their work.”

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Celebrating 20 years of outstanding Conservative administration

SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Spring 2019
**Award for historic brickworks**

**BURSLEDON**

Bursledon Brickworks has won the first Institute of Transport Administration award. It was presented by IOTA national chair- man John Egan, who is pictured with Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Sarisbury Councillor Sean Woodward.

It recognises work done at the brick- works by Hampshire Narrow Gauge Railway Trust, South Hampshire Historic Steam & Engineering Society and Southampton and District Transport Heritage Trust.

It is the only steam-driven brickworks in the UK and holds regular open days. More information at www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk.

**Lasting memorial to brave little Summer**

**REMARKABLE events at which emotions were torn between cel- ebration and sadness took place in memory of a brave little Sarisbury Green girl.**

Summer Page, of Brook Lane, was just 9 when she died from a rare brain tumour known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

Spring fund raising events raised £3,750 to provide a tribute that would have given Sum- mer immense pleasure and will now be there for her friends at Sarisbury C of E Junior School and other children as a lasting memorial.

Summer's Fairy Tree and Garden will be pro- vided on Fareham Council land near Coldeston Hospital and her school.

Talented chainsaw sculptor Chris Ban, who designed the fairy tree at Royal Victoria Country Park, has been commissioned to carve something that sums up Summer's character, and Bognor Men's Shed made the de- sign's of her friends' fairy doors come to life.

In April a classics and supercar show was held at Sarisbury Junior School, with hundreds of people enjoying the cars and entertainment and raising money for the project.

Councillor Sean Woodward started the fund- raising with a £750 grant from Hampshire County Council and has no doubt all the remaining costs will be quickly raised.

**InTouch Team** Lesley Joanne Bull attended the car show and said: “It was inspiring to meet Sum- mer’s mum and dad, Samantha and Phil Page, to discuss the project.

“Summer’s Fairy Tree and Garden was outlined by the project designed with ideas and cre- ations from Summer’s friends has been incredibly heart-warming and such a fitting tribute in mem- ory of Summer.

“A very well done to Maria and Ben Kimble who organised the event which was well turned out and thoroughly enjoyed by all.”

**Council grants help towards clubhouse revamp**

**IMPROVEMENTS to Sar- burry Athletic Cricket Club’s changing rooms have been welcomed.**

Fareham Borough Council pro- vided £16,000 from its community fund and Hampshire County Coun- cil matched this figure towards the £48,000 cost of the reconfiguration at the club’s premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground.

New indoor toilets have been built and usable space maximised in the clubhouse, making it available for community groups to hire.

Councillor Sean Woodward opened the new facilities on May 14 and said: “I never fail to be im- pressed by the club, which has gone from strength to strength in local leagues and gives tremendous opportunities to players of all ages.”

**“They do a fantastic job looking after our recreation ground and have carried out amazing improvements.”**

**Catching the speedsters**

**RESIDENTS can help catch speeding drivers by volunteering for Community Speedwatch.**

They will be trained to use speed detection equipment and record details to add to a database.

Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters are sent to the registered keepers advising them of their speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern.

PCSO Heather Wright (telephone 07392-289407) looks after Community Speedwatch locally and is keen to hear from anyone interested in setting up or joining a group locally.

**Help fill Fareham with flowers.**

That’s the appeal from organisers of the annual Fareham in Bloom competition.

The event was showcased at Fareham, Shop- ping Centre in April when hundreds of people attended and children enjoyed several attractions, including making cane bird feeders.

Packets of seeds were given away by long-term sponsor St Margaret’s Nursery to encourage people to add colour to their gardens.

This year 11 gardens across the Borough will be open to view on Sunday July 21.

Entry is free and open to anyone who lives or has a business within the Borough.

**PHOTO** Fareham in Bloom volunteers, Hor- ticultural Development Officer Matt Wakefield, Pat Sutton from St Margaret’s Nursery, Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Consort Brian Bayford.
CONGRATULATIONS
to 1st Sarisbury Green
Scouts on the official
opening of their fantas-
tic new scout hut.

It was named the Dave Young
House of Scouting Excellence
(Dave's Lodge) in memory
of Scout Leader Dave Young,
whose parents Paul and Sue
Young spoke eloquently and
cut the ribbon.

It was the culmination of an
ambitious self-help project
which involved much fund-
raising, volunteer work and
invaluable support from the
local community.

Dr Toby Young, who led the
project from inception nearly
3 years ago, thanked members,
supporters, organisations and
volunteers who contributed
to a new era in local Scouting.

THEIR sacrifice in two World
Wars will live for ever, but the
names of those who gave their
lives are fading away on Saris-
bury’s war memorial.

Some on the 1914-18 side of the me-
morial are barely recognisable, but help is
at hand in the first stage of restoration.

When the matter was drawn to Fare-
ham cemeteries officer Christine Cal-
laby’s attention, she managed to record
all the names by searching the Imperial
War Museum’s web site.

She said: “I was able to reconcile all the
names on this war memorial and establish
the missing ones by process of elimination
and remains of the eroded inscriptions.”

She also discovered the picture of the
memorial taken on November
11, 1921 when it
was dedicated.

She added: “The
next stage is to
investigate if we
can find a spec-
cialised contrac-
tor to restore
the names.

“This will do my
best to do so as
soon as I can.”

Prepare for a “No Deal”
and just get us out

Like many residents in Fareham, I am
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As a Brexiteer, in Parliament I have consistently
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European Elections and against a 2nd Referen-
dum.

Instead, I voted in favour of No Deal so that we
could just get out.

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need to prepare for No Deal and take the UK
out of the EU.

The relevant plans are in place and by providing
certainty to the country and businesses, we will
be able to move on from this damaging impasse.

I will keep working for this in Parliament and
will do all I can to ensure that we deliver Brexit,
leaving the Customs Union, the single market
and taking back control over our borders and
laws.

We mustn’t allow these brave men’s names to fade away

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April 24, which you can read here:
www.theyworkforyou.co.uk

If you would like support on this
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