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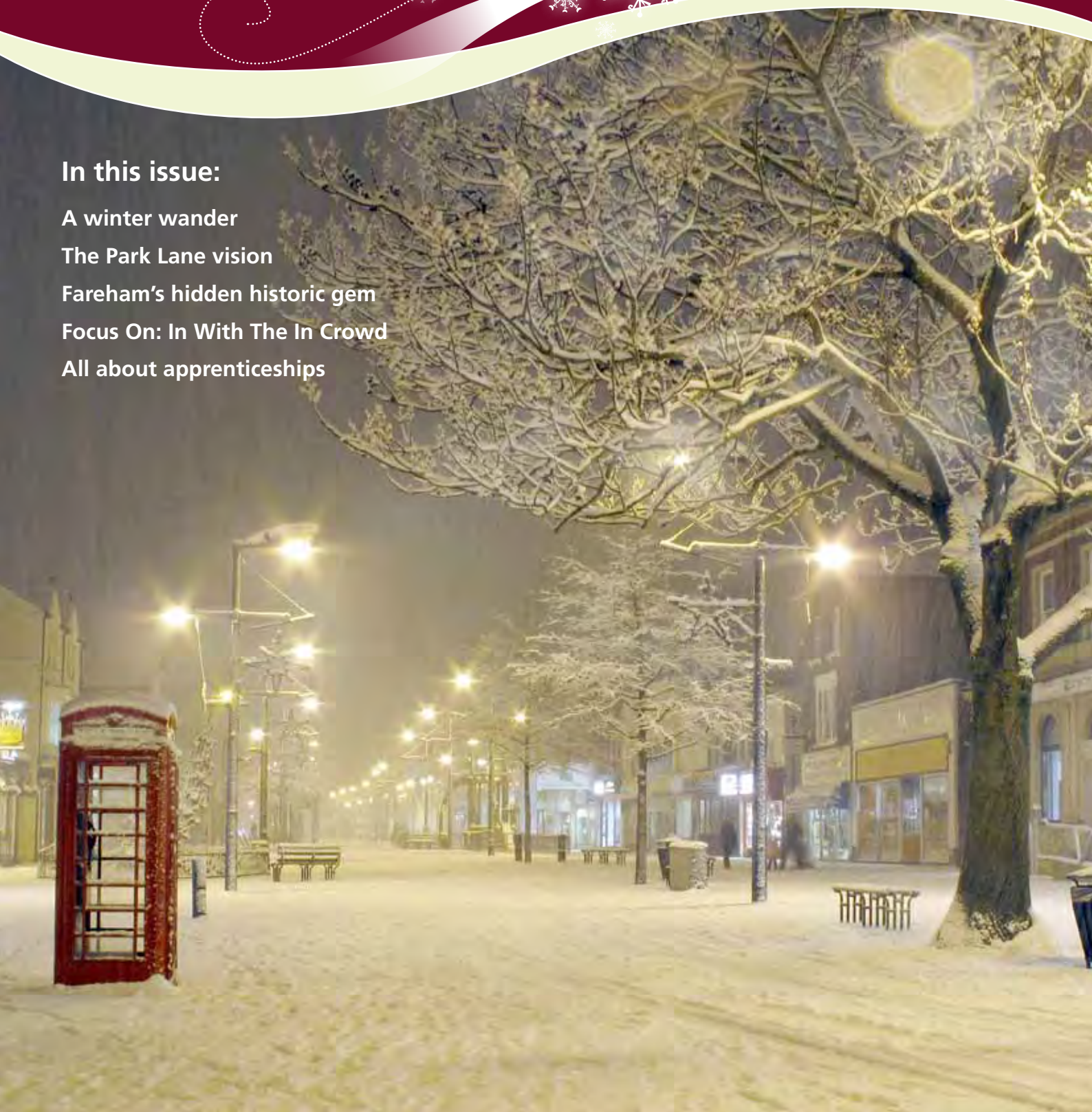
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A message from the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward



The task of balancing the Council's budget and maintaining excellent services for our residents is becoming ever more challenging. Whilst the national economy thankfully appears to be moving towards recovery the Government has announced a further 15% funding reduction for district councils. There will be a need to make some difficult decisions over the coming months as we review all of our costs and look to tighten our belts still further. The Council's finances are currently in good shape despite having made £3,000,000 savings since 2010, so we have a solid foundation to work from but the constant reduction in funding is a worrying trend.

Despite these financial pressures we have continued to be a Council committed to growth. Building works have started at the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus and within a year a new Fareham College facility for 900 students called CEMAST – Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Advanced Skills Training, which is currently under construction, will be welcoming its first engineering students. Meanwhile, plans for the new community at Welborne continue to be developed in discussion with the landowners and various agencies that will all play a part in delivering new housing, employment and community facilities for a generation. By focusing our efforts on a new large community at Welborne we can ensure that we attract the right level of investment in infrastructure (i.e. roads, schools, community buildings) while protecting our strategic green gaps between our town and our villages.

I was delighted to see so many young people taking part in a range of exciting activities as part of the "Access All Areas" Summer programme. Organised by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership, the scheme welcomed over 1,000 young people. I know that the activities were appreciated by both young people and parents alike and the Council is very grateful for all the hard work put in by many volunteers.

Talking of hard work, there is no doubt that the on-going success of "Fareham in Bloom" is due to the dedication of a skilled and committed workforce and a host of volunteers. That dedication paid off once again as Fareham won gold.

And finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that I sincerely welcome all comments and suggestions on how you would like to improve the Borough. Your views are taken very seriously and form an important part in the decision making process of the Council. Recently, you may have received a residents' survey questionnaire sent to a random selection of properties across the Borough asking you to tell us what you think about the Council's services. This survey is carried out every two years and the results are really important in helping us to make decisions for the future. But you don't have to wait for a survey form to let me know your thoughts and ideas as I am always keen to hear your views.

Seán Woodward

Join our e-panel and help improve services!

If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can comment on topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners online. If you're aged between 13 and 19 you can join our young persons' e-panel. Just click on the e-panel link on www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation



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Christmas and New Year refuse and recycling collection times

There will be some changes to the day your bin is emptied over the Christmas period. The table below shows when your bin is due to be emptied (the information can also be found on the card we delivered to you during the autumn, or by visiting www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling). Garden waste collections are suspended from Saturday 14 December 2013 and will resume from Monday 13 January 2014.

Normal collection day – Refuse or Recycling	Revised collection day if Refuse is due	Revised collection day if Recycling is due
Wednesday 25 Dec	Friday 27 Dec	Friday 27 Dec
Thursday 26 Dec	Friday 27 Dec	Monday 30 Dec
Friday 27 Dec	Monday 30 Dec	Monday 30 Dec
Monday 30 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec
Tuesday 31 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec	Thursday 2 Jan
Wednesday 1 Jan	Thursday 2 Jan	Thursday 2 Jan
Thursday 2 Jan	Friday 3 Jan	Friday 3 Jan
Friday 3 Jan	Friday 3 Jan	Monday 6 Jan
Monday 6 Jan	Monday 6 Jan	Monday 6 Jan
Friday 3 Jan	Friday 3 Jan - Refuse	Monday 6 Jan - Recycling
Tuesday 7 Jan	No change – normal refuse and recycling collections resume on 7 January	

From 13 January garden waste collections resume on recycling collection day

Recycling at Christmas and all year round

After the festivities, cards (and paper envelopes) can be put in your blue lid recycling bin along with the tins, cans and plastic bottles. Unfortunately wrapping paper cannot be recycled as it is often foil or plastic based.

Don't forget the Cranberry Sauce; empty jars can go in with bottles in the glass recycling banks around the Borough.

Holly, ivy, and other greenery can be recycled in your garden waste sack (one sack is emptied free from each property).

Christmas tree recycling

We will collect your real Christmas tree for recycling. Just put the tree out with your garden waste when the service resumes (please do not chop it up). Maximum trunk diameter 10cm, one tree per property.

Love Food Hate Waste

We create much more waste over Christmas, as Santa's productivity reaches maximum output, and the Christmas rush gets into full swing. If you find yourself with more food than your family and guests can possibly eat, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for Christmas recipes, useful tips on storing food, and advice on freezing.



People power can save you money

You could save money on your bills by signing up to Switch Hampshire. The scheme allows you to combine your purchasing power with others and seek a better deal on your gas and electricity bills. Fareham Borough Council is working with Hampshire County Council and other local authorities across Hampshire to bring this scheme to you.

The first switch was run in spring 2013 and over 5,000 people registered. Of those who made a saving, the average amount was £90, with a total of over £22,000 saved across the County.

Switch Hampshire will be running another switch this winter, with registrations open between 10th December and 3rd February 2014.

You can register now to be kept informed of all future switch dates. Registration is free and does not commit you to switching energy supplier.

Find out more information at www.hants.gov.uk/switch or by calling 01962 846828 (lines open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm).



Your voice is the one that really matters



Your local GPs are working hard to ensure they put patients' views at the centre of everything they do. NHS Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is a GP-led organisation responsible for making sure people get the local health services they need. One of their tasks is to use feedback from patients to develop services.

"All ten GP practices in the Borough have a Patient Participation Group which meets regularly to discuss ideas and views on local health services," said chairman of the CCG, Dr Chilvers (pictured). "Representatives from these groups then meet with the CCG at 'Locality Group' meetings to make sure that these valuable suggestions and feedback are shared," he explained.

Keith Barnard, a lay member of the CCG's Governing Body, said "The recent NHS changes may be confusing to some patients, but they mean we now have clinicians at the heart of commissioning (buying) NHS services, who take on patients' views and ideas to shape the way they are delivered. I would encourage people who want to get involved to join their Practice Participation Group, but they are only one way in which the CCG involves local residents"


If you would like to join your GP Practice Patient Participation Group please contact your practice manager. To find out more about the CCG, including details of meetings held in public, please visit our website at www.farehamandgosportccg.nhs.uk.



Events for your diary

October

 **Saturday 26 October**
Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham **Time:** 9am-3pm

 **Thursday 31 October**
Things that go bump!
 Holly Hill Woodland Park has a long and interesting history and is known for its night time activities of the paranormal world. Join a psychic investigator for a real look into this fascinating site as we take a walk into the dark side and hear some of the age old stories and legends
Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park entrance, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.
Time: Sessions start at 6.30pm and 8.30pm lasting approx 1hr 45mins. Numbers limited to 35 per session.
Tickets: £4.50. These seasonal events are always popular and sell out fast so be sure to book well in advance

 **Mayor's Charity Tea Parties**
Time: 2:30pm
Tickets: £3

Thursday 7 November
Glenn Miller with Ray Gibson

Thursday 5 December
Christmas Floristry

Thursday 6 February
Filming in Fareham

November

 **Saturday 2 November**
Fareham Farmers' Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am-2pm

 **Friday 8 November**
Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am-3pm


 **Thursday 21 November**
Festive Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am-3pm


 **Sunday 24 November**
Christmas Lights Switch On
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 11am – 5.30pm (Lights on at 4.30pm)

 **Thursday 28 November**
Festive Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am-3pm


 **Saturday 30 November**
Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am-3pm

KEY

 **Parks events** – Book in advance.
 Tel: 01329 221342
 Email: farehamtic@tourisme.com

 **Town Centre events** – for further information please contact the Town Centre Manager, on 01329 824474

 **Fareham's Independent Farmers Market** – Locally reared produce

 **Fareham Traditional Open Market**

 **Hampshire Country Market**

 **Mayor's Charity Tea Parties** – For further details please contact the Mayor on 01329 285667

 **Fareham Festive Market** -Weather Dependant

December



Sunday 1 December

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire

Take a winter walk around the beautiful woods of Holly Hill with mulled wine and roasted Chestnuts!

Join our medicinal herbalists for some ideas for Natural Christmas Decorations and seasonal herbs and spices

Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park entrance, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green

Time: Start 12.00 noon until 3pm

Tickets: £4.50. per person. 40 tickets available.

Refreshments available



Daily from 1 to 24 December

Festive Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 7 December

Fareham Farmers' Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-2pm



Friday 13 December

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 21 December

Fareham Farmers' Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-2pm



Sunday 22 December

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm

January



Saturday 4 January

Fareham Farmers' Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-2pm



Friday 10 January

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 25 January

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm

February



Saturday 1 February

Fareham Farmers' Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-2pm



Friday 14 February

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 22 February

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm

March



Saturday 1 March

Fareham Farmers' Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-2pm



Friday 14 March

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 29 March

Hampshire Country Market

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 9am-3pm



Saturday 29 March

Beauty Outside and In

Location: West Street, Fareham

Time: 10am-3pm

A winterwander

In the winter months the River Hamble appears serene; an icy time-capsule encasing wrecks and concealing a fascinating maritime history, but as you walk along the shoreline, the river's secret emerges as an abundance of wildlife comes into view.

If you walk from Warsash to Universal Marina, you'll be amazed at the variety of wildlife you'll come across. Boasting mudflats, saltmarshes, woodlands and meadows – the River Hamble is as varied in wildlife as it is in stunning views.

Maritime history

The river has a fascinating naval and maritime history, including 18th and 19th century boat wrecks that can be seen at low tide. For hundreds of years the river was used by traders, and ghosts of working vessels remain along its banks – the earliest wreck dates back to AD 668-704. The largest wreck you will see is the remains of an Admiralty MFV built in 1944. It was made along with hundreds of other such vessels, during WWII, to undertake important tasks in the war effort. It was then used as a fishing trawler until 1966, before coming to its final resting place in the River Hamble by the 1990's.

Wildlife

This is the perfect walk for bird watchers and keen photographers – so make sure you bring your binoculars and a camera. On a cold morning the mudflats are covered in a crisp, white frost and at low tide you'll see waders and wildfowl coming out to feed, including Brent Goose, Teal, Ringed Plover, Redshank, Greenshank and Lapwing. Other birds you might spot are Egrets, Oystercatchers, Curlew, Black and Bar-Tailed Godwits and in the spring; Little Grebes and even Woodpeckers. In the winter months you may be lucky enough to spot the Rock Pipit and Kingfisher darting across the water.

From Warsash, the path meanders around the river and is mostly flat, but the path itself is fairly bumpy and features a bridge further along. If you walk a little way you'll come to the pink ferry dock. Here you can take a short detour across the water to Hamble Quay, a busy yachting village. The ferry runs all year round and has been in use since King Henry VII's reign, so you'll be sitting on a little bit of history if you choose to explore the other side of the river!

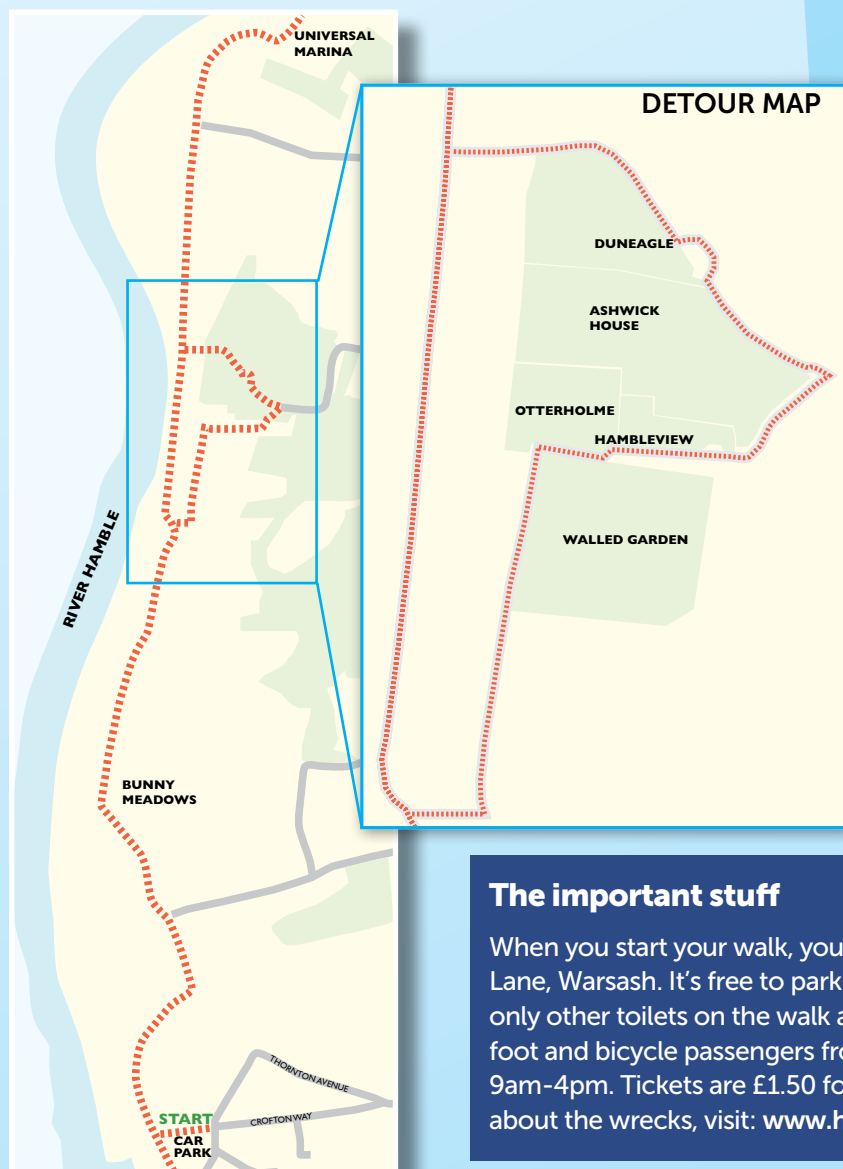


Walking along the shoreline you'll see the mudflats on your right. Keep your eyes peeled for a large corner that features a steep drop, partially exposed timbers and a bench. Mark Harrison-Jones, Countryside Ranger said: 'This area is the best place to spot the Kingfisher in the winter months. It will dart across the water looking for grebes.'

Eventually you will come to another bend that features a bench and a narrow pathway into the woodland. You can either continue along the shoreline which will take you to Universal Marina, or you can take the wooded path and head to Wendlehome Nature Reserve. It's an additional half mile loop through pleasant meadowland.

Wendlehome

Head through the wooded path and turn left. The path runs parallel to the shoreline and is mostly woodland. After about 350 metres you'll be able to go left or right, follow the path round to the left and it will take you back to the shoreline where you can continue on your way to Universal Marina for a much-deserved cup of tea and cake.



The important stuff

When you start your walk, you'll park at River Hamble car park on Passage Lane, Warsash. It's free to park and has toilets. It's worth mentioning that the only other toilets on the walk are at Universal Marina! The pink ferry carries foot and bicycle passengers from 9am-6pm in the summer and in the winter, 9am-4pm. Tickets are £1.50 for adults and £1 for children. To find out more about the wrecks, visit: www.hwtma.org.uk

Bringing People and Parks Together

10 years at the top

Fareham has been honoured with its tenth win and gold award from South and Southeast England in Bloom.

At the regional presentation held in Tunbridge Wells on 11 September gold awards were also received by Holly Hill Woodland Park, Warsash Common, The Sensory Garden and the Civic Gardens, while Westbury Manor Garden received a silver gilt award.

This was the fourth year in a row that Fareham has received the coveted Hampshire Life award for the highest marked entry in Hampshire.

In July 2013, Portchester Northern Community School achieved gold and Champion of Champions for their amazing school grounds and educational gardens

Looking ahead to 2014

2014 will be another exiting time with number of projects across the Borough to commemorate the centenary of the 1st World War and D Day's 70th anniversary.

Following the success of the 'Going Wild' meadows a further five will be sown at the Queen Elizabeth sites of Wicor recreation ground, Seafield Park, Bath Lane recreation ground and Allotment Road recreation ground.

The open space behind the Holy Trinity Church in Fareham town will also have a meadow along with commemorative rose beds, trees and new seating.

Free postcard seed packets of beautiful poppies that can be sown at home will also be available to residents for a fitting personal commemoration. Look out for more information in the spring edition of Fareham Today.

It's your neighbourhood

The Royal Horticultural Society 'It's Your Neighbourhood' campaign recognises community led groups who care for their local green spaces. The Burnham Wood Residents, Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, Fareham and Crofton Cricket Club, Northern Ground Force and Fareham Conservation Volunteers were all named 'outstanding', receiving the highest award of level 5. Broadlaw Walk Community Space achieved level 4, being named 'thriving'.

The Fareham in Bloom awards were held on 12 September at Ferneham Hall, which recognised and celebrated the efforts of our local community.



For further information on In Bloom, Community Horticulture and Parks Events please contact: Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, **01329 236100**.

The Park Lane Vision

Fareham Borough Council is about to start an exciting project; to improve the outdoor facilities at Park Lane Recreation Ground.

We want to update the existing facilities and create new ones, and getting your ideas and feedback on this project is really important.

What are we adding?

We will be providing a new children's play area, in a better location with more equipment. We also want to expand the current skate facility, adding features for users of all abilities, including some challenging pieces. Also, we are going to install outdoor gym equipment that will be suitable for all ages, helping to make physical activity more accessible and importantly, free!

We will provide a new all-weather multi-sports facility, to include tennis courts, separate seven-a-side football pitch, and a public pétanque site (pétanque is a form of boules).

Getting involved

The project will be carried out over the next four years. The first two areas that will be completed are the play area and skate facility. We have already had a great response to the proposed improvements from our Facebook followers, and we will continue to consult with as many people as possible, using a range of consultation methods. We will advertise all consultation events on our website, so keep an eye on www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say/consultations.

If you would like to get involved in this project please contact Janine Hensman, Leisure Projects Officer on **01329 824593** or email jhensman@fareham.gov.uk

This is a really exciting project that the Council is committing to, and we really want to get it right. So please get involved and give us your views for your vision, and let's make it an area we can all be proud of.



Fareham's hidden historic gem

If you were asked to name a historic building in the Borough, which one would spring to mind? It may be unlikely that you would suggest Chives House. However this house has stood in the heart of Fareham, for nearly 720 years.

A medieval past

Located at 15-16 High Street, this Grade 2* three bedroomed terrace has witnessed generations of passers-by, many of whom, being unaware of its connection to the past. It is one of the most complete 13th century houses in the country, yet the reason it is so well preserved is also what kept its medieval past hidden for many years.

The house was modernised in 1815 when a Georgian facade was added. During this time it was used as a residence for retired naval officers. As well as a new front, a new roof was built. However, rather than remove the old roof, it was simply built over the top of; thereby preserving the original 13th century structure, but also hiding it. Chives House's medieval heritage wasn't officially confirmed until 1997 when a 'king post' in the old roof was found and tests confirmed its age.

A family home

Today Chives House is owned by Henry and Sheila Palk, who have made it their home for more than 40 years. The couple moved there in 1970 with their then three young children. Originally they ran a restaurant there and, as Mr Palk explains, it wasn't the character that initially attracted him to the place: "My main interest was purely making a living and having a place to live. My interest in it has developed over the years."

And it certainly does have a lot to be interested in. As you enter the house from the High Street, a narrow passage way leads you to a wine cellar on the right, and reception rooms on either side. The first reception room was a store room in medieval times when Chives was a merchant's house. It is now a cosy lounge with links to the past; gleaming copper, rich varnished wood and beamed ceilings that slope unexpectedly. I mention the 'feel' of Chives House and Mr Palk replies: "People do say it has an atmosphere but when you've had 700 years of occupancy, that's about 28 generations who've lived here, it does add to the place."

The second downstairs reception room is brighter with a large tiled fire place and wide widows complete with original Georgian shutters. Following the passage way to the back of the house a utility area leads out to an unexpectedly large garden. A well-kept lawn stretches 90 feet, the walled sides are decorated with hanging wisteria, while rare tulip and Indian bean trees give it an exotic feel. There is also a pool and pool house.



Hiding place

Heading inside again and up the creaky stairs, a large landing opens out. The first floor kitchen contains a clue to one of Chives House's secrets. Behind the kitchen wall there is a concealed hiding place known as a Priest's hole. In the Cromwell era it was somewhere Catholic priests could hide if they feared persecution. The dining room is also on the first floor as was the Georgian custom, so diners in their finery could avoid the glare of passers-by from local bars. The room, still used for family dinners, boasts an oak table which is over 500 years old. Another feature of the room is the wig cupboard, where ladies and gentlemen would shake their wigs to avoid powder from them filling the room.

Character

As much as I can tell that Mr Palk loves the character and quirks of Chives, he admits there are challenges that come with living in such an old property. Not long ago the lead roof leaked causing substantial damage. The property's listing also means that permission has to be sought to make alterations. Then of course there's the housework; "with 14 rooms, plenty of copper, brass and furniture to polish if you want to keep the place going there's an awful lot of work," he says, but looking at the glint in his eye, I can tell he thinks that all that effort is worth it.



Focus On

In With The In Crowd

Originally an online shop selling handmade and second-hand clothes, In With The In Crowd opened its doors in West Street in September 2012, and has since become a destination shop for 1960s fashion. Run by co-owners and 60s enthusiasts Tim and Melissa Poulton, it has quickly become one of West Streets hot-spots.

Before setting up the shop, Tim used to own a business mending scooters and also managed a 60s band. Whilst they run the shop, Tim and Melissa are still an active part of the 60s and scooter scenes.





We spoke to Melissa about the shop's first year in West Street:

What inspired you to set up the shop?

"We're both really passionate about the 60s, from vintage scooters to clothing and music, all of it really, that's why we set up the online shop. It was just clothes at first but once we got the premises here we were able to supply a wider range, including the furniture such as the ball chairs and original pieces.

We've now progressed to having our own clothing label and we're working on new designs at the moment. It's all a really big passion of ours."

Have you seen a revival in 60s fashion?

"I think it's been on-going and then different things pop up, like Bradley Wiggins, who seem to create resurgence into the retro feel. There's always bands around too who wear retro styles.

We found when we were just online we were getting a lot of interest from people asking if we had a shop where they could come in and see the clothing. People come down on their scooters from further afield, like Winchester and Aldershot, and we're kind of a destination shop for them.

They come in and chat, from older people who lived through the 60s, who have some interesting stories to tell, to younger people who are interested in the music and the clothes. Generally they come in and stay for quite a while and chat which is nice."

What are the benefits and challenges of running the business with your husband?

"It's nice because people know us as a couple and we've got lots of friends on the scene. It makes it easier to split the work load with family needs too, so one of us can be here in the shop and one of us can be at home. Because we share a passion we have the same ideas but we also have different ideas – even if we don't agree!"

You've been in West Street for a year now, what are your future plans?

"We'd like to expand our own clothing range. We distribute to other suppliers, including shops in Brighton, so it would be good to expand that too. Maybe one day it would be nice to have a shop in another town as well, but at the moment Fareham is the ideal place to be."

In With The In Crowd can be found on West Street, Fareham and is open Monday to Saturday 9:30 – 5, and Sunday 10 – 4

Citizen of Honour Award 2014

We must all know someone who has achieved something extraordinary through courage and determination, and who we admire from the side-lines.

That's why we are asking you to celebrate your unsung heroes and nominate them as one of Fareham's Citizens of Honour.

There are 3 categories:

- Citizen of Honour (Adults, 18 years plus) - for people who have given help to their local community.
- Young Citizen of the Year (12 -18 years) – for young people who have regularly helped other people voluntarily.
- Young Citizen of the Year (4 -11 years) – for a child who has shown bravery or helped other people voluntarily.

What do the winners receive?

Winners with their family and friends are invited to a ceremony to receive their certificates from the Mayor and sign their names in the Citizens of Honour book. They will be invited to other civic functions such as turning on the Christmas lights. The winners' names will be added to the Citizens of Honour plaque on permanent display in Civic Offices.

To nominate someone for 2014 awards please complete and return the form below or vote online at: www.fareham.gov.uk/citizensawards.

The closing date for entries is 31st January 2014.

Please note that you can't nominate a family member.

Last year's winners:



Marjorie Wise has volunteered at Open Sight for 20 years and she makes sure members get all the help and support they need, despite her own health issues.



Ken Charman has raised over £200,000 for various charities. He has also been an active member of Titchfield Amateur Boxing club since 1972.



David Hawkins has shown great courage as a 'junior doctor' caring for both his parents, whilst being model pupil, doing very well at school.

The person you wish to nominate

Which Age Group?

4-11

12-18

18+

They must live in the Borough of Fareham and cannot be a family member.

Name:	Address:
Tel:	
Reasons for nomination. Please give your reasons for nomination as briefly as possible.	

About you

Your name:	Your address:
Tel:	
Email:	

N.B. If the nominee is being put forward by a group of people, please use one nomination form and list your contact details on a separate sheet by 31 January 2014. Only successful applicants will be notified.

Christmas isn't the only time for giving

Need funding for your club, charity or community project?

If you have a good idea for how to improve your local area all you need to do is apply to the 'Community Fund' and you could get the cash that really makes a difference.

Just let us know:

- How much you need
- What you plan to spend it on
- Why you think your project is a worthy cause
- How you believe it will make a difference to local people

Who have we helped recently?

Locks Heath Football Club has teams for all ages. They applied to the community fund for £4,999 to purchase new dug outs which can be wheeled away at night.

Addiaid provides support for people in Fareham with substance abuse problems. They received £909 to purchase a laptop, printer and software to be used by staff for administration and to help customers search for jobs and write CVs.

Portchester Camera Club received £1,144 for a replacement digital projector.

Catisfield Memorial Hall received £3,500 to help repair the roof as part of a major renovation project.

Seafield Park is enjoyed daily by local residents and visitors, so £582 helped improve the kissing gate entrance, making access to the park easier.



Sometimes people just need a little help to make things happen, so if you think we can help you help to others in your community, please speak to your local CAT officer to find out more.

Email: cats@fareham.gov.uk Tel: 01329 236100 Visit: www.fareham.gov.uk

Have your say

Many of you may have seen our 'have your say' page on the Council website; it's a great way to keep track of consultations, both past and present. Sometimes we have to make big changes, and your input really helps us make what often are difficult decisions. It's a vital part of what we do, and we value your opinions.

Through this page, you'll be able to keep track of both the Development Sites and Policies Plan, and the progress of Welborne. We'll put all the latest consultations and feedback on this page, so make sure you keep up-to-date and add this page to your favourites.

The e-panel is another great way to get involved; members receive regular emails about current and upcoming consultations, feedback on closed consultations and details of upcoming Community Action Team (CAT) meetings. It only takes a couple of minutes to join, so you can really let us know what you think, by taking part in our e-panel surveys on key issues.

Find out more and join online at www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say



All about apprenticeships

It's becoming increasingly hard to find a job, particularly if you're young and inexperienced. One answer to this problem is the ever popular apprenticeship scheme, and Fareham Borough Council believes this is a great way to give young people a chance, and actively support it.

We spoke to one of the customer services apprentices about their time with the Council so far:

Name: Jack Hurst

Age: 18

Job Title: Customer Service Apprentice

How long have you been with the Council?

"11 months, so coming up to the end of my first year, but there's an option to go on for a second year which I've accepted, so I'll be here for another 12 months now."

How did you find out about apprenticeships?

"It was through the Government apprenticeship website. I saw a few positions within the Council and applied for this one, and I'm enjoying it so far."

Describe your typical day

"I could be down on reception, greeting customers as they come in to the Civic Offices, and helping with any problems. If I am on telephone duty, I take calls, log actions to be taken, and deal with general enquiries. It's quite a broad range of things that I do each day."

How is it working and studying at the same time?

"It's quite good as you do get the time at work that you need to complete any college work for the apprenticeship. That's not a problem at all. I feel that I can balance my college work and job quite well."

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

"I'd definitely say go for it! It's probably been one of the best things I've done. It develops you, workwise and as a person, and I've really enjoyed what I've been doing for the last year and the people that I work with"



For more information on apprenticeships go to www.apprenticeships.org.uk or for opportunities at Fareham Borough Council go to www.apprenticesforbusiness.co.uk.

Questions and answers

Take a look at some of our most frequently asked questions and answers, which might save you a phone call or a trip to the Civic Offices

How can I get a garden waste sack?

If you need a garden waste sack you can collect one free of charge from the Civic Offices. We are open from 8:45am – 5:15pm Monday to Friday.

Please remember to bring written proof of your name and address so that we know you live in the borough e.g. utility bill or driving license. You can also collect a garden waste sack on behalf of someone else with proof of their address. A garden waste sack can be delivered to you for a charge of £5.

How do I get a free bus pass?

Hampshire County Council deal with all bus passes for older and disabled residents. Please visit www.hants.gov.uk/concessionary-travel for more information.



How do I appeal or pay for a parking fine?

If you receive a parking fine there are a couple of things you can do.

To pay a parking fine:

You can pay the fine by cheque, online at www.fareham.gov.uk/pay_for_it, or at the Cash Office in the Civic Offices. A parking fine must be paid for or challenged within 28 days of you receiving it, although paying within 14 days will half the cost of your fine. A parking fine will usually be £50 or £70 depending on the level of offence.

To appeal against a parking fine:

If you would like to challenge a parking fine you must either write to the Council, or complete a challenge form at www.fareham.gov.uk/pcn. You can return it to us by post, or by email at parkingservices@fareham.gov.uk. You must include your:

- Penalty charge notice number
- Full name and address
- Any other supporting documents, such as an invoice or delivery note.

You can't appeal the parking fine if you have already paid it.





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Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday 13 December 2013
– Sunday 5 January 2014

Eastenders bad boy Nasty Nick Cotton (aka John Altman) will be starring in this year's Ferneham Hall pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk, which is packed with all the essential ingredients that make Fareham's panto so special. Live music, a fabulous cast, dazzling sets and one or two surprises!

Join Jack on the adventure of a lifetime as he bounds up the beanstalk to do battle with the giant Blunderbore. Does Dame Trott finally get her man? Can Simple Simon work out which end of the cow needs milking?

Find out in a pantomime that scales new heights, with a spectacular stomping giant and all the magic and mayhem of a truly traditional Christmas extravaganza.

For tickets, contact Ferneham Hall Box Office on **01329 231942** or book online at www.fernehamhall.co.uk.





Details may be subject to change. For a full list of what's on and how to book your seats, contact the box office on 01329 231942 or email boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk. Visit fernehamhall.co.uk or follow us on twitter @FernehamHall

OCTOBER		
28 - 30 October 7.45pm	Jekyll and Hyde	£9.00 - £10.00 Octagon Studio Theatre
NOVEMBER		
Saturday 9 November 7.30pm	The Stylistics	£23.00 (Fareham Leisure Card £22.00)
Friday 15 November 7.30pm	Foster and Allen	£18 (Fareham Leisure Card £17)
Sunday 17 November 7.00pm	Circus of Horrors	£15.00 - £23.00
Friday 22 November 7.30pm	Joe Brown	£25.00
DECEMBER & JANUARY		
13 December - 5 January	Jack & The Beanstalk	£11.50 - £18.00
FEBRUARY		
17 - 20 February 7.45pm	Blackadder Rides Again	£10.00 Octagon Studio Theatre
Thursday 27 February 7.30pm	Syd Lawrence Orchestra	£17.50 (Fareham Leisure Card £16.50)
Friday 28 February 7.30pm	Craig Douglas & The Merseybeats	£20.00 (Fareham Leisure Card £19.00) Early Bird £5.00 off pair before 31 December
MARCH		
Saturday 1 March 2.30pm	Eric Knowles - Antique Antics	£14.00 (Fareham Leisure Card £13.00)
Tuesday 4 March 7.30pm	Mike & The Mechanics	£35.00 Early Bird £5.00 off pair before 31 January
Thursday 13 March 7.30pm	Sally Morgan	£24.00 (Fareham Leisure Card £23.00)
Tuesday 25 March 7.30pm	The Searchers	£19.50 (Fareham Leisure Card £18.50)



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