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Welcome to your latest edition of Fareham Today. As we move into spring and hopefully some warmer weather, we have some exciting projects on which to update you.

We have great news for our youngsters, with plans underway for a brand new play area next to Fareham College. We'd like residents to help us choose what equipment the new facility should have, see inside for details on how you can have your say. As well as this, as

part of our ongoing programme of play area improvements, both Funtley and Warsash play areas are set to be refurbished with new equipment. As you can see from the pictures on page 4, they should be great when they're done and hopefully just in time for summer.

One of the Council's key objectives is to provide more affordable homes to meet the Borough's growing need. A big part of this is will be the creation of Welborne Garden Village, a new community to the north of Fareham. We've had several pieces of good news for the project recently which you can read about on page 6. This includes a large Government funding award for improvements to J10 of the M27, allowing us to move forward with vital infrastructure needed for the new homes. We have also had positive results from a study looking at a proposed railway station for Welborne.

As you may know plans are underway by National Grid for a major new energy infrastructure project, known as IFA2, linking the UK's electricity transmission network to France. Work has begun to prepare the site for construction and I recently had the pleasure of planting a ceremonial tree in the area designated for open space. Take a look at artists' drawings of what the completed facility will look like on page 7.

It's nice to see many of our spring bulbs have emerged around the Borough. Many of these will have been planted by our Fareham in Bloom volunteers who work hard each year to keep our open spaces looking so attractive. As part of the In Bloom project we are once again launching our Community Gardening Challenge. This competition is open to both

residents' gardens and businesses with a range of categories. Every year we receive some stunning entries from green-fingered enthusiasts and there is an entry form on page 9 if you'd like to get involved.

And finally, don't forget that I always welcome questions, comments or ideas from residents about how we can continue to improve the Borough that we share, so please do get in touch.

Sean Woodward

Community Action Team (CAT) meetings

- 22 May Ferneham Hall, Fareham
- 25 May Portchester Parish Hall, Portchester
- 6 June Holy Rood Church, Stubbington
- 11 June Titchfield Community Centre, Titchfield
- 19 June Victory Hall, Warsash

For more information email: consultation@fareham.gov.uk

Events for your diary

You can view details of these and other events taking place in Fareham Borough by visiting our 'What's On' page at **www.fareham.gov.uk/whatson**

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

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REGULAR

Every Monday, 9am – 3pm Traditional Market West Street, Fareham



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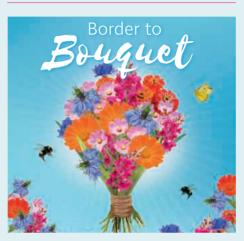
Saturday 24 March, 11.30am - 2.30pm Easter Eggravaganza

The hunt is on with another great Easter Eggravaganza with The Great Eggsplorers! Join the explorers on a journey around the world in search of the Polly Hill Parrot. Sessions at 11.30, 12.00, 12.30, 1.00, 2.00, 2.30. Holly Hill Woodland Park, Banes Lane, Sarisbury. S0317BH.

Tickets: £6.50 per child. Limited spaces available. Call to book 01329 231942.







Saturday 7 and Monday 9 April 10.00am – 3.00pm **'Border to Bouquet'** Bloom Seed giveaway

Get your free seed packet of a mix of annual cut flower species for this year's theme.

Visit the Council Connect stand in Fareham Shopping Centre.

Thursday 19 April **'Border to Bouquet' Throw and grow**

Join us for a Border to bouquet practical sowing class and learn to sow and grow cut flowers. Refreshments included. Holy Trinity Church, Fareham. Limited tickets available. To book call 01329 231942 or visit Ferneham Hall.

Sunday 29 April, 10.00am - 2.30pm **A world of flowers**

Learn how to plant seasonal plants from around the world at special planting workshop. Sessions at 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.00pm. Limited space available. First 100 people will get a free fuchsia cutting and 20% discount to use on the day. St Margaret's Nursery, St Margaret's Lane, Titchfield PO14 4BL. To book call 01329 846006.



Until 14 April Spirit of Place – Memories of Fareham

Through the works of local artist Richard Bradley this exhibition explores several significant places in the Borough of Fareham including Cams Mill, Spurlings Bridge and Portchester Castle. Volunteers have supplemented Richard's work with the stories of these places/buildings, historic photographs and local memories to take a different look at these familiar settings. Admission: Free, suggested donation £3



3 April – 14 April Easter Fun at Westbury

Mrs Bunny has lost her baby bunny, can you follow the clues and help reunite them? There will be prizes for everyone who can find her baby! There will also be packs available with a craft activity in them for you to make at the museum or take home.

Event cost: Trail £1, Activity pack £1.50





It's play time!

A new play area – designed by you! Outdoor play is so important for our younger residents - that's why we're excited to announce a brand-new play area is set to be built in Fareham!

The new facility, funded by Bloor Homes, will be next to Fareham College in Laurel Grove, and we'd like you to get involved in designing it. You can tell us which pieces of equipment you'd like to have by taking part in our consultation. Here's how you can get involved:



- Go to www.fareham.gov.uk/ dreamplayarea to play our online game and pick your favourite pieces of equipment.
- Go to www.fareham.gov.uk/ **consultations** or have your say by
- emailing consultation@fareham.gov.uk
- Attend our consultation event on Monday 19 March from 4pm-6pm at Broadlaw Community Centre.
- We will also be visiting schools around the local area so keep your eyes peeled!

centres – there for everyone

Did you know we have sixteen community centres across the Borough? They provide great space for parties, events, meetings, sports events and

Most of the centres are run by hard working volunteers and trustees, including the popular Lockswood Community Centre, in the centre of Locks Heath Shopping Village. The Centre holds regular activities and groups for all ages throughout the week, as well as events such as indoor car boot sales, wedding fairs and sporting activities. There are also four different rooms that can be hired including a sports hall, meeting room, treatment room and a newly refurbished dance studio.

To find out more about Lockswood Community Centre, or other community centres in the Borough, visit www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure

A makeover for Funtley and Warsash play areas

We have good news for play fans in Funtley and Warsash - both these areas are set to get improvements to their play areas.

Funtley play area will have new games, including interactive panels, perfect for curious little ones and a climbing wall for braver explorers. We haven't forgotten about the grown-ups, we will also be installing a new outdoor fitness area with a range of gym equipment so mums, dads and grandparents can get active too!

At Warsash, the play area will be extended and new equipment added including a toddler climbing unit, inclusive roundabout, interactive panels and climbing sticks.

Both play areas will be brightened up with a fresh coat of paint. We're hoping all the new equipment will be ready for fun in time for the Summer.





Choose a teen shelter for Stubbington

Following a youth petition and various requests from young people we are looking to install a teen shelter at Stubbington Recreation Ground.

The shelter will be located on the green space next to the existing skate park and hard standing basketball court. This has been identified as the best place for the shelter as it will not affect the football pitches or the rest of the recreation ground and this area is already an established place where teenagers hang out.

We would like you to pick your favourite style of teen shelter and send us your comments.

Please pick one of the following options below

(the images are for illustration purposes only, the final shelter may not look exactly like this).

Once the votes are in we will install the shelter, be quick though, the deadline for voting is Monday 19 March!







Welborne Garden Village... new homes moving closer

Fareham like many places around the country has a shortage of homes, which is why creating a new community, Welborne Garden Village, is high on our agenda. When it's complete this development will deliver 6,000 new homes, plus community facilities and jobs. Things have been moving apace with this project over the last few months:





Government funding unlocks motorway improvements

In February Fareham Borough Council was awarded £10m in Government funding towards vital road improvements for Welborne Garden Village. The money from the Housing Infrastructure Fund will be used to upgrade J10 of the M27 into an 'all-moves' junction. The funding is effectively the last piece of the jigsaw in terms of cash needed to carry out the work, which will cost around £60m in total. These improvements will help the motorway to cope with the increase in traffic due to Welborne. We hope the works will start as early as 2020.

On the right track

It is our vision for Welborne Garden Village that it is a well-connected thriving new community with the best facilities, and we think it having its own railway station would play a key role in this. We recently commissioned a feasibility study by Network Rail to consider a station at Welborne and we're pleased to say the outcome was very positive. Experts identified 4 potential locations for the station, with the recommended option within the Welborne boundary itself. It would sit on the existing Fareham to Eastleigh line. Now we have this information the Council's planning team will work with developers with a view to keeping space free for the station in the final layout.

Build your own home

Ever dreamt of designing and building your own home? Welborne could be just the place to do it! We have started working with the Right to Build Task Force towards including a range of Custom and Self-Build housing plots at Welborne Garden Village (and elsewhere in the Borough on any developments of 100 homes and above.) If you're interested in building your own home you can sign up to the Council's register at www.fareham.gov.uk/selfbuild

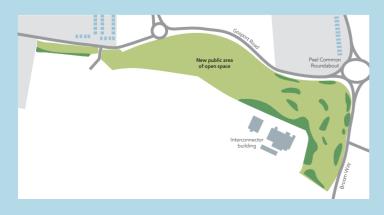


Fareham Borough Council has received an outline planning application from Buckland Development Limited for Welborne Garden Village. This is currently under consideration. For more information go to www.fareham.gov.uk/welborne

Taking root - new public open space at Daedalus!

Last year Fareham Borough Council approved plans by National Grid for a major new energy infrastructure project, known as IFA2, to be built on land at Daedalus.







This facility will link the UK's electricity transmission network to France, generating enough electricity to power 1 million homes. Work has now begun to prepare the site for construction.

As well as the Interconnector itself, the plans also include 38 acres of public open space for everyone to enjoy. This will include a picnic area, cycle path, children's play area and plenty of green space.

A ceremonial tree planting event took place recently when Cllr Woodward planted an English Oak. This was the first of more than 30,000 native trees which will eventually be planted there, providing a natural screen from the Interconnector and making a fantastic new resource for the community to relax in.

Bringing People and Parks Together



The World of Flowers

With a new theme, lots of exiting events planned and spring just round the corner, it's time to start thinking about the gardening year ahead. Fareham in Bloom, now in its twenty third year, will build on the success for which it has become renowned, with the focus this season on plants and flowers from around the world.

Last year's 'Totally Tropical' theme was very popluar so to take this futher our

World of Flowers theme will pick up on the the diversity of the plant world and the great plant collectors who have brought plants from all corners of the globe to grow here in the UK.

The theme will be showcased through the summer planting schemes with a diverse range of unusual foliage and floral delights as well as in some of the public and private gardens that we are so fortunate to have. Events, talks and workshops will also focus on the wonders of the plant world. As well as these events there are many more planned with the 'World of Flowers' theme. You can find the spring and early summer events listed on the What's On pages of this edition. Other events planned be found online at www.fareham.gov.uk/parks

From Border to Bouquet

Ever wanted to grow your own cut flowers? Well now you can! Since we started our Going Wild initiative 5 years ago there has been increasing interest in growing more meadow type flowers. Combining this with a love of cut flowers of this nature, we bring you 'From Border to Bouquet'.

Free seed cards, kindly sponsored by Fareham Shopping Centre, will launch the project on 7 and 9 April from the Council Connect stand (by the Body Shop). These will have a mix of summer flowering annuals specifically for cut flowers.

You can then attend a free workshop on 13 April at the garden behind the Holy Trinity Church, Fareham, to learn how to sow and grow these seeds. This will be followed by a summer workshop on 25 July when you can learn how to turn your cut flowers into the perfect bouquet!

Community Gardening Challenge

Fareham in Bloom encompasses a whole host of initiatives from project work and community gardening to environmental and landscape improvements, all with a focus on horticultural excellence. The Community Gardening Challenge gives residents, businesses and allotment gardeners the opportunity to show off their own gardening skills with 21 categories to choose from.

Judging takes place from 9 – 20 July with entries judged on individual merit. It is not intended to be competitive but recognises individual effort or the difference it has made within the community. Awards range from Bronze and Silver to Silver Gilt and Gold. All participants will receive discounts and promotions at St Margaret's Nursery in Titchfield and be invited to a celebratory gala evening held on 21 September at Ferneham Hall.

Last year we received a record number of entries but we would love to see even more! So whether you are a keen gardener, plant collector or new to gardening then why not give it a go? Simply complete the application form.





Community Gardening Challenge 2018

Please print in CAPITALS

Name/Organisation
Address
Postcode
Contact tel no.
Email
Allotment site (if applicable)
Plot number

Entries must be within the Borough of Fareham and visible from the front or side (except sections 3, 4, 5 & 6). You may enter a maximum of four categories in sections 1-4 or one category from sections 5 & 6.

Section 1

- 1a Small floral front garden under 70m²
- 1b Large floral front garden over $70m^2$
- 1c Courtyard or forecourt style garden
- 1d Plantsman's front garden mainly perennial

Section 2

- 2 Container a single planter, hanging or wall basket
- 3 Floral display, incl. balconies using any baskets / containers
- 4 Garden feature topical theme or innovative or amusing design

Section 3

- 5a Small floral back garden under 100m²
- 5b Large floral back garden over $100m^2$
- 5c~ Small plantsman's back garden under 100m² mainly perennials
- 5d Large plantsman's back garden over 100m² mainly perennials

Section 4

6 Wildlife garden – specifically designed for the benefit of wildlife

Section 5

7a Allotment garden up to five rods7b Allotment garden over five rods7c Best kept allotment site

Section 6

- 8a Council provided sheltered housing or day care facilities
- 8b Privately provided sheltered housing or day care facilities
- 9 Shop fronts, business premises and public houses
- 10 Business parks and commercial landscapes
- 11 Community gardens including streets, community centres and volunteer groups
- 12 Schools gardening projects including childcare facilities

Return to: Fareham Borough Council, Parks and Open Spaces, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ by 15 June 2018

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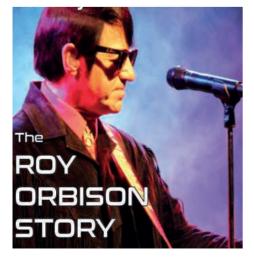
ferneham hall What's On

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 visit **fernehamhall.co.uk**









Forbidden Nights Thursday 22 March 7.30pm £20.00 – £23.50

Laughter Live Comedy Club Friday 23 March 8.00pm £10.00

Starz Ballet – Shimmering Starz Sunday 25 March 1.15pm & 3.30pm £6.75 - £13.50

Fareham Stage Dance Festival Friday 30 March – Saturday 7 April Various times £2.00 - £8.00

Gosport Gang Show Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 April Various times £9.50 - £13.00



SDMS – Carousel

Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 April 7.30pm (Sat matinee 2.30pm) £11.50 - £15.00

Ceri Dupree – Cabaret Star

Sunday 22 April 7.30pm £15.00 - £18.00

The Roy Orbison Story Saturday 28 April 7.30pm £21.50

Baby Ballet – Twinkle's Dream Sunday 29 April 1.00pm & 4.00pm £5.00 - £12.00



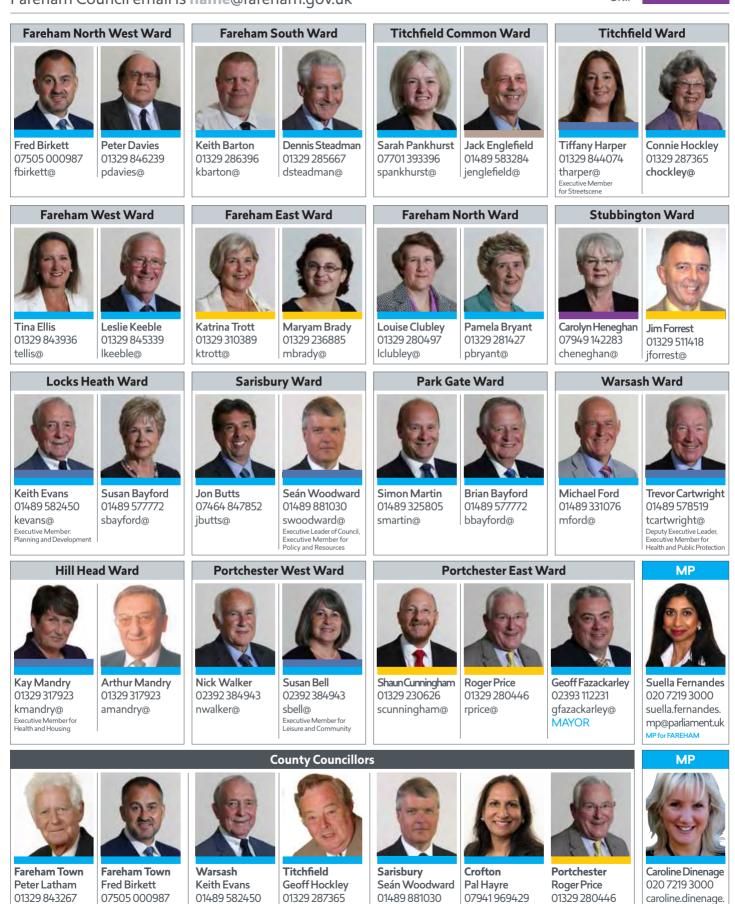
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