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

I'm sure many of you are looking forward to the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre opening and I'm pleased to tell you that the building works are right on track for it to open in the summer. The entire exterior is in place and contractors, Balfour Beatty, are now working hard to complete the interior ready for it to be handed over to Everyone Active. They will run the Leisure Centre on the Council's behalf along with the existing Fareham Leisure Centre in Park Lane.

Last year the Council started working with One Community, an organisation which is helping us to deliver the 'Big 3' initiative in Fareham. The initiative focuses on support for local groups, funding advice, governance and building community resilience. One Community has years of experience having established itself in 1978 and the aim is to build a much stronger voluntary and community sector in the Borough.

Fareham College has recently opened a brand new campus. They have invested £28m between 2013 and 2015 to help shape the future careers of thousands of young people and adults in Fareham. Their restaurant, Avenue 141, is run by the talented and professional Hospitality and Catering Students and it is well worth a visit for an appetising and reasonably priced 3-course lunch or dinner.

Universal Credit will be introduced in Fareham on 28 March. It aims to make the welfare system simpler and will replace six benefits and credits. The scheme is administered by the Department for Work and Pensions and is for single people who are on a low income or out of work. See page 20 for more details and to check whether you will be affected.

Unfortunately dog fouling within the Borough is a problem in some areas. We ran a consultation at the end of last year to find out where the dog fouling hotspots are so that we can tackle them. A campaign named 'Let's take the Oops out of Poops' is now ongoing aiming to encourage people to pick up after their pets. You may have seen the embarrassed looking dog that stars in the campaign on the side of one of our refuse lorries, at a bus shelter or on a lamp post in the dog fouling hotspot areas!

As always, residents are encouraged to enter the Community Gardening Challenge. The challenge celebrates the horticultural talents of residents, with 20 award categories ranging from radiant hanging baskets to plantsman gardens. Entrants' gardens are then judged and awards are given out at a ceremony later in the year. This is always extremely popular and the wonderful gardens of our residents never fail to amaze me.

On a final note, I look forward to receiving any questions, comments or ideas from residents about how we can improve our Borough to ensure that we continue to make it a prosperous, safe and attractive place to live and work.



Seán Woodward

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Holly Hill Leisure Centre right on track

everyone
ACTIVE

If you regularly drive along Barnes Lane in Sarisbury you may have noticed a new building being constructed. This will be the Holly Hill Leisure Centre which will open to the public in summer 2016.

What's happened so far?

The structure of the £9m Leisure Centre is now complete with the roof, walls and cladding in place. Now that the shell is complete, the work to complete the interior of the building is underway.

The pool tanks are also complete, although it did temporarily resemble a Lido as they were tested for leaks!

What next?

Once the main contractor has completed their works, the building will be handed over to Everyone Active, who will operate the Leisure Centre on the Council's behalf.

They will also install the gym equipment, land markers and the starting blocks for the main swimming pool.

Facilities will include:

- 25 metre pool and learner pool, providing an award-winning Learn to Swim programme
- 100-station state-of-the-art gym kitted out with top of the range Technogym cardiovascular equipment
- Free weights area, balance and stretch zone
- Dance studio / Dance school
- Group cycling studio
- Extensive group exercise programme
- Parties

All those involved are working really hard and the building work is on target to be completed as planned and is scheduled to open in summer 2016.

Who are Everyone Active?

Everyone Active is the trading name for Sports and Leisure Management (SLM), which has more than 25 years' experience in managing local authority contracts.

Everyone Active has built a strong reputation for delivering well-managed leisure facilities, including Fareham Leisure Centre, which has successfully proven to encourage everyone to be more active. Whether it's the most state-of-the-art gym equipment, sports facilities, ASA accredited swim programmes or fun activities for children; there is something for the entire community to enjoy.

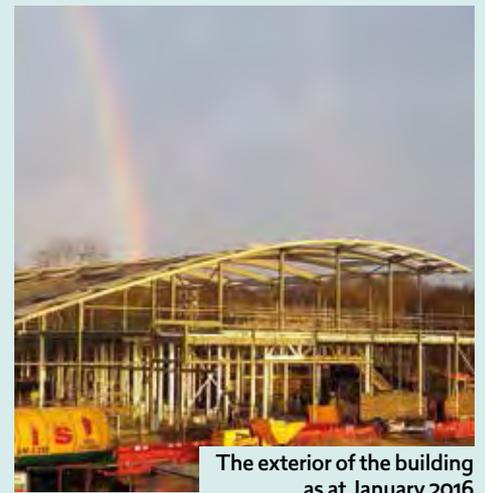
What else can you expect?

Everyone Active will be offering swimming lessons for all ages and abilities, so that you can learn to swim, gain water safety skills, confidence, stroke technique and have fun! All lessons will be delivered by Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) qualified teachers with students working towards the ASA Award Scheme badges and certificates.

Holly Hill will also boast an extensive group exercise programme with over 60 classes per week, including Yoga, Pilates and LBT. There will also be group cycling sessions in the dedicated indoor cycling studio. Everyone Active



The learner pool as at January 2016



The exterior of the building as at January 2016

are excited to reveal that a full schedule will be released in April.

Not just a leisure centre

Two new football pitches for junior use will be provided next to the Leisure Centre and these will be available to use from September 2016.

A brand new children's play area and multi-use games area (MUGA) will also be installed once the Leisure Centre is complete.

www.everyoneactive.com/HollyHill

www.facebook.com/eaHollyHill

www.twitter.com/@eaHollyHill

One Community in the Borough of Fareham



Since November 2015, the Council has been working with the organisation One Community, who are helping to deliver on the Big 3 initiative in Fareham.

The Big 3 provides a focused package of support for local groups including volunteering and skills exchange, funding advice and support, governance and building community resilience.

What is One Community?

One Community's role is to help build a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector in the Borough, providing the right help and support just when it's needed.

They have 167 volunteers themselves, in addition to 90 paid members of staff, delivering services in Fareham, Eastleigh and beyond.

Support for your group

One Community can give help and advice to your group on things such as finances, policies, insurance, DBS checks, or membership.

They can also help to promote groups and even help set up new ones.

For more information or support please contact Carol Grant, Community Development Manager on 023 8090 2400 or email info@1community.org.uk

Newsletter

If you would like to join the mailing list for One Community's monthly e-newsletter, or if you have news to share or events and activities you would like to promote, please send details to jallan@1community.org.uk or call Julia Allan on 023 8090 2457.

www.1community.org.uk

 www.facebook.com/OneCommunityHants

 www.twitter.com/1_comm

Volunteering

Volunteering is at the heart of everything One Community does.

If you are an individual or a corporate group interested in volunteering, Volunteer Centre One Community can help.

You can:

- Make an appointment for a one-to-one chat
- Attend a volunteer surgery
- Request information to be sent to you
- Browse volunteering opportunities posted by the Volunteer Centre online at www.do-it.org
- Ask to receive the monthly e-newsletter 'Volunteering Matters' featuring the latest local volunteering opportunities

If you need volunteers for your group, or would like help with the recruitment process and volunteer management, please contact Volunteer Centre One Community on 023 8090 2458 or email volunteer@1community.org.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/whats_on

For Town Centre events please visit www.farehamtowncentre.co.uk

*Free event

REGULAR

First Sunday of the month, 10.00am

Countryside Conservation*

Help with woodland and grassland management at Warsash Common, New Road entrance.

Ages 18+. Space limited.

contact the Countryside Service on mharrison-jones@fareham.gov.uk

Every Monday, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Traditional Market*

Where: In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

First Saturday of the month, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market*

Where: In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.



TICKETS

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7DB

01329 231 942

MARCH

Saturday 12 and Monday 14 March, 9.00am – 4.00pm

Wild Flower Seed Launch*

Seed packet giveaway to get the community sowing and growing! Kindly sponsored by Fareham Shopping Centre.

Where: Fareham Shopping Centre



Saturday 19 March

Start: 11:30am with phased entry times.

Last entry at 3:30pm

The Great Easter Eggstravaganza

The Easter event with a difference through the beautiful woodlands of Holly Hill with a theme based on Robin Hood.

Holly Hill

Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbuy Green

Tickets: £6 per child from Ferneham Hall



APRIL

Thursday 14 April, 1.00pm

Sow and Grow*

Learn how to create the perfect, easy to grow summer flowering meadow at this practical workshop.

Where: Open space at Stubbington Green (opposite the Holy Rood Church)

MAY

Saturday 7 May,

Sessions at 10.00am, 11.00am, 12 midday

Fabulously Floral*

Free workshop to perfect your own floral display and learn how to create your own beautiful hanging baskets. Includes demonstrations, practical help and advice.

Where: St Margaret's Nurseries, St Margaret's Lane, Titchfield

To book your place call the nursery on 01329 846 006. Those who book in advance will receive a free plant and a 20% discount voucher to use on the day.

Thursday 12 May, 10.00am – 2.00pm

Willow Obelisk Workshop

Learn how to make a beautiful willow obelisk to support your runner beans or decorate the garden.

United Reformed Church, Osborn Road South, Fareham. Ages 16+

Tickets: £12 from Ferneham Hall.

LIBRARY EVENTS

For more info about library events visit www.hants.gov.uk/library

Saturday 19 March, 2.00pm-3.00pm

Celebrating Shakespeare*

Fareham Library

Tickets: Free from the library or contact 01329 284 902 to secure your place.

Wednesday 23 March, 7.00pm

The Gardens of Mottisfont Abbey: An Illustrated Talk

Fareham Library

Tickets: £4 available from the library or call 01329 284 902 to book.

Tuesday 5 April, 7.00pm

Priddy's people: Explosions, Torpedoes and Tea

Stubbington Library

Tickets: £2 from the library or call 01329 663 332 to book.

Fareham Leisure Card

Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts from between 5% and 50% on a whole range of leisure activities, now from 48 outlets in and around Fareham.

Joining the Fareham Leisure Card scheme couldn't be easier, simply pick up a leaflet and application form from either Fareham Leisure Centre or Ferneham Hall.

The cards cost just £7.20 per person, £17.00 for a family membership, £5.15 for a student card or free to some residents on a low income and are renewable annually. (Please see the Terms and Conditions on the back of the application form).

For more information about the Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, please contact the Leisure Card Officer, tel: 01329 824 894 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Just
£7.20
per person

You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:-

- Abshot Landscape Maintenance
- Airzone Kitesurf School
- Alexandra Sports
- Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
- Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Body Fusion On-form Sports Injury Clinic
- British School of Ballooning
- Brook Lane Physiotherapy Clinic - NEW
- Compass Trailers
- Crofton Shotokan School of Karate
- Cuts and Clobber
- Debut Hair
- Explosion, Museum of Naval Firepower
- Fareham Health and Beauty
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Fareham Snooker Club
- Ferneham Hall
- Gleneagles Riding School
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Hargroves Cycles
- Kitchen World Fareham Ltd, CHIC Kitchens, Bedrooms and Bathrooms
- LBhealthcare
- Life Coach and Mentoring
- Lucketts Travel
- Manor Farm Country Park
- Motag Motorcycle Training
- Naz Indian Cuisine
- New Forest Activities
- No+Vello Fareham
- Passion Flower Florists
- Phoenix Driver Training
- Razzamatazz
- Royal Victoria Railway
- SelClene Fareham and Southampton
- Solent Cycles
- St Margaret's Nurseries
- Team Sport Indoor Karting
- The Brewpot
- The Diving Museum
- The Healing Sanctuary
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Hypnotherapy
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Traditional Fish and Chips
- Verelle Hairdressing
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire



A fine dining experience at Avenue 141

Roasted Beetroot Tart

With Goats Cheese glaze, Roquette Crisps and Truffle Oil

A delightful light pastry with pieces of beetroot neatly arranged within, and topped with sumptuous pieces of goats cheese and crispy rocket to complement.



Lunch

2 courses for £9.95
3 courses for £12.95

Whether you are celebrating a special birthday, anniversary or just fancy going out for a posh dinner, experience a well-kept secret in the heart of Fareham that doesn't come with a hefty price tag.

And where is this, I hear you ask? None other than Avenue 141, located at Fareham College in Bishopsfield Road run by the cooking stars of the future.

We tested the restaurant out for ourselves and here's our verdict.

A celebrity reveal

Avenue 141 Restaurant is run by the talented Hospitality and Catering students who provide a professional and welcoming service for up to 48 diners.

You may have heard of it before under the name of Chequers. Now fully refurbished, the restaurant's kitchen was officially re-opened in 2012 by John Torode, Celebrity MasterChef and

BBC personality following an upgrade costing over £140,000.

Scenes from a Fareham Restaurant

As we step into the cosy establishment, we are welcomed with a juicy non-alcoholic cocktail created and served by one of the students.

Attractive glass panels on either side open out onto the newly refurbished college campus and a green courtyard. In the warmer months, the large glass panels are folded away for al fresco dining in the sunshine.

There is a rich, wine red feature wall, smooth, polished furniture and charming menus which echo the vibrant red. Mellow background music

provides an idyllic backdrop which encourages peaceful and private conversations.

A small bar is tucked away in the corner, but looks can be deceiving as Avenue 141 offer a generous wine and spirit menu!

It all depends on your appetite

Influenced by classical and contemporary French cuisine with a soupçon of traditional, the Avenue 141 menu changes every six weeks, with specials that the students create as their signature dish. The menu offers two and three course lunches and dinners, with a range of dishes for all to enjoy and meals can be customised to fit dietary requirements.

The students cook using locally sourced ingredients wherever possible in the well-equipped, industrial production kitchen. Level 1, 2 and 3 students all train together, in the very realistic working environment.

We had pored over the menu back in the office so had already chosen our dishes, although the students were able to tell us what the most popular choices are and gave us their recommendations.

Bon Appétit

For starters, it was the tasty and tender Crispy Rillettes of Chicken served with Chorizo Jam and Pea Shoots; a perfect size to curb your hunger, but not so big that it spoils the main course. Others enjoyed the Soup of the Day and the Moules Marinière. The sound of silence

as we ate proved that the dishes were enjoyed by all!

We all tried something different for the main courses, ranging from the Baked Fillet of Salmon served with pea puree, crispy leeks and butter sauce, to the Navarin of Lamb with turned vegetables and potato fricassee, all of which were delicious.

The dishes were well presented and served at appropriate time intervals, leaving us feeling satisfied and comfortable, but with enough room for dessert of course!

Next on the menu was the lip-smacking Vanilla Brulee served with shortbread biscuits.

“How is it?” the waiter asked. “Delicious!” was the response from the whole table!

Truly fine dining

Throughout the three course lunch, the staff were courteous and attentive, engaging in the art of ‘table theatre’, balancing customer service and personal space perfectly.

While sitting in the restaurant enjoying the ambience and the food, you almost forget that the whole operation is run by students (with the exception of the overseeing eye of Restaurant Manager, Ellie Exley). They handle our dining experience perfectly. Not only are they running a restaurant and cooking food for customers, which is stressful enough at the best of times, they are also learning new employability and customer service skills for their future careers, and we think they are the perfect menu for success.



Student Spotlight

Lee Taylor, 19

Lee decided to enter Hospitality and Catering after he was influenced by Heston Blumenthal and his liquid nitrogen ice cream.

After spending his first two years at college studying both disciplines of the course, he decided to specialise in Hospitality in his third year. Lee hopes to advance further by studying Hospitality Management at university, with the dream of one day owning his own restaurant.

Ryan Stephens, 17

Ryan plans to join the Royal Navy as a chef when he leaves college. He is inspired by Gordon Ramsey, although would prefer to work with Jamie Oliver! Ryan says “It gets stressful in the kitchen when it’s really busy but as long as you know what you’re doing, it’s fine!”



Avenue 141

Fareham College, Bishopsfield Road,
Fareham, PO14 1NH

For more info please visit
www.avenue-141.co.uk or
call 01329 815 402.

Cultural Fareham



Hampshire Cultural Trust was established in 2014 to help promote Hampshire as a great cultural county. It recently took over Ashcroft Arts Centre and Westbury Manor Museum, both of which were previously operated by Hampshire County Council.



Westbury Manor Museum

Here are some events taking place at the venues

Ashcroft Arts Centre

Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7DX
01329 223 100

www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/ashcroft-arts-centre

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Wednesday 9 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £10; £9 Concessions.
£5 Student

Shenanigans Comedy Club

Headliner: Zoe Lyons

Thursday 10 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £8 in advance, £9 on the door

For Families! Friday Family Film Club: Disney's Inside Out

Friday 1 April, 2.00pm

Tickets: £4

Tourettes Hero: Backstage in Biscuit Land

Wednesday 6 April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £11; £10 concessions

For Families! Puss in Boots by Lyngo Theatre

Friday 8 April, 2.30pm

for Ages 3+

Tickets: £7; £25 Family (4 tickets)

FABRIC a Celebration of Textiles

Sunday 10 April, 9.30am – 5.00pm,

Free Entry



Westbury Manor Museum

West Street, Fareham, PO16 0JJ
01329 822 063

www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/westbury-manor-museum

Natural Words

Monday 7 March,
1.00pm- 3.00pm

£8 per person, concessions available

Exhibition: Ripping Yarns: The life and books of Percy Westerman

Saturday 19 March to Saturday 7 May

Free



Easter Adventure

Saturday 26 March to Saturday 2 April

£1 per trail sheet

Gadget Kids

Friday 8 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Children £5, accompanying adults free

Preserving Fareham's historical buildings

The restored spire at Fareham Cemetery



A welcoming site, the elegant, octagonal spire has sat atop the main gateway of Two Chapels at Fareham for more than a century, overlooking the cemetery and offering a beacon of comfort to those who visit.

Ensuring the spire remains a beacon for the foreseeable future is really important. When a condition survey in late 2013 identified significant movement and severe deterioration of the Bell Tower and its supporting structure, a programme of restorative works was quickly put in place.

Happily these works are now complete and the prognosis for the future greatly improved. The much needed restoration has been carefully undertaken in keeping with the original architectural style and the spire is now fully revitalised and ready to face the next 100 years.

A brief history

Fareham Cemetery can be found alongside the busy Wickham Road and was built in 1887 by the Victorians. Two Chapels at Fareham followed two years later.

A fine example of distinctive gothic architecture, each chapel features an attractive, decorated bay window and



The spire before the restoration works

light embellished with a cusped tracery (ornamental pattern) lying beneath a quatrefoil (decorative framework).

The gatehouse has a striking centre gabled arch with shield and scroll and is flanked by shallow, smaller arches. It is topped by a spire with miniature Gothic louvres below.

Only one side of the building is now used as a chapel and, since 22 October 1976, it has been protected as a Grade II Listed building due to its historical and architectural significance.

In-Spired!

Making repairs to a Grade II Listed building is no easy task. When the extent of deterioration to the spire was discovered, a robust support scaffold was put in place as an emergency measure. The next step was to consult with Development Control and our Conservation Officer, following which a Listed Planning Application was made, determined by English Heritage.

Upon receipt of the Listed Planning Consent a specialist refurbishment & restoration company was appointed and work commenced in September 2014. Due to the extent of the decay this involved carefully dismantling the remaining structure, taking numerous photographs and producing accurate record drawings together with the labelling and recording of components, construction methods and types of materials and joints used.

105 year old seasoned pitched pine was sourced and used to repair the structural timbers and octagonal feature bays/louvres using traditional hand scarfed joints.

The spire is now fully restored to its former glory and ready to remain part of Fareham's heritage for many more years to come.

Housing in Fareham update

You may remember receiving a special edition of Fareham Today 'Where next for housing in Fareham' last autumn. In this we outlined how people are changing the way in which they live, and how the need to provide homes for future generations is putting greater pressure on us, and other Councils, to provide more land for housing.

Over the next 20 years we are going to have to find at least a further 2,000 homes across the Borough than already planned for. To do this we are carrying out a review of our Local Plan. The updated plan is likely to include schemes for the regeneration of Fareham Town Centre, Portchester



District Centre and smaller brownfield opportunity sites across the Borough, as well as greenfield sites also needed for housing.

What's happening now?

In order to find the extra homes needed over the next 20 years we will have to allocate sites for housing development. To help us do this, we carried out a Call for Development Sites at the end of last year – asking land owners and developers that want permission to build homes to come forward and make their case.

The aim was to find as many brownfield sites as possible, but the Council will also have to look at which greenfield sites can be used to meet any shortfall. We are analysing the sites put forward at the moment and will

consult with you on all sites that we think might be suitable.

Regeneration of our centres

We are starting to develop strategies for regenerating both Fareham Town Centre and Portchester District Centre. This work is at an early stage but we want to improve and enhance what the Centres offer residents, businesses and visitors. The plans will also look at ways that the Centres can help us meet our housing needs and feed into the review of the Local Plan.

Plan for South Hampshire

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) has been reviewing the housing market for South Hampshire for some time. At the moment, they are preparing a strategy for development in South Hampshire, including Fareham, to last until 2036. This should be completed later in the year and will give us a definitive picture of the level of housing needed locally and across South Hampshire.

Have your say

We want our residents to be involved throughout the development of the regeneration strategies and the review of the Local Plan. You can find out how to keep up to date with what is going on over the page.



Have

your

say

Let's Talk

Listening to your views is really important to the Council and often helps us to provide better services for you.

Nowadays two-way communication is essential in ensuring that we are running things in the best possible way that we can. But please don't think that you have to wait to be asked.

There are lots of ways you can talk to us and tell us what is on your mind or ask us a question. We always welcome comments, suggestions and questions on our social media pages. Equally you can phone us, drop in to the Civic Offices or write us a letter.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/farehambc or www.twitter.com/farehambc

You said, we did!

We recently ran a consultation about dog fouling hot spots in Fareham. Thanks to your comments, as a trial, we have now installed dog waste bag dispensers in some of the 'hot spot' areas to see if that helps to alleviate the problem of people not picking up after their pets. We are also giving away free poop bags – have a look on our website to see where you can get them from.

You may have also seen our campaign, 'Let's take the Oops out of Poops', splashed on one of our refuse lorries, on lamp posts or at bus shelters. We think he's a cute dog but he packs a strong message. It is not acceptable for dog owners to ignore the mess made by their dogs and this campaign gently

reminds residents that if you don't pick up after your dog, then you could be prosecuted if caught.

What's coming up?

We regularly run consultations about a range of subjects that you can get involved in and tell us what you think. Your feedback will help us to improve our services and ensure that we are getting it right for residents.

Look out for consultations coming up this year on the local plan; housing allocations; play areas; and the Funtley Governance Review.



There are a number of ways that you can have your say including:

[Visiting www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say)

Here you can view and take part in current consultations, see closed consultations and find dates of any upcoming Community Action Team (CAT) Meetings.

[Joining the E-panel at www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say/e-panel](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say/e-panel)

If you join we will send current consultations and surveys straight to your email address so that you can quickly and easily tell us your views and see what is going on in the Borough.

[Contacting the Customer Engagement Team direct by emailing consultation@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@fareham.gov.uk) or calling 01329 236 100.

Bag it. Bin it... Don't step in it!



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HAMPSHIRE ALERT

Lets you know what's happening in your community



What is Hampshire Alert?

Hampshire Alert is a free web based system which anyone can sign up to and allows individuals to tailor the information they want to receive from their local police and neighbourhood watch schemes.

As a resident in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to become a recipient of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your

needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone.

Just visit www.hampshirealert.co.uk and click on the **REGISTER** button to sign up.

Sign up today at

www.hampshirealert.co.uk



As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

The power of youth

Making sure that local young people can make their voice heard is important.

That's why we have set up Y CATS, youth consultation meetings, where young people are invited to attend and talk directly to the people who make decisions that affect them and their local community. The second Y CAT meeting, organised with Y Services, was held in November and was a big success, with over 60 young people from all over Fareham attending.



At the meeting, Cllr Woodward briefly talked about the potential changes to Hampshire County Council's funding of youth services and Fareham Council's proposals for supporting young people locally in the future.

After this, it was question time. Young people asked a range of insightful and probing questions about issues such as street lighting at night, jobs, crime, youth services and education. Council officers had a lot of information to take away and work on.

The next Y CAT meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 May at Genesis, in Locks Heath, and will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. So if you are young and interested in having your say, please come along!



Leap into Spring!



We know that kids love to get out and about whatever the weather and where better to have fun than at a brand new play area?



Blackbrook Park Improvements

We asked local residents what improvements they would like to see at Blackbrook Park play area.

The three most popular choices of new play equipment that came out on top were an all-inclusive roundabout, climbing wall and climbing sticks.

Look out for these brand new facilities, which will be installed this spring, for families to enjoy!

It's makeover time again...

Throughout 2016 some of our tired looking recreational facilities will be painted and tidied up. This will include items such as teen shelters, football goals, basketball hoops, multi-use games area, skate parks and outdoor gyms.

Recently refurbished

Stubbington and Segensworth play areas have recently undergone complete refurbishments following consultation with local residents and schools.

Both play areas now have lots of new and exciting equipment for children of all ages and abilities to experience, such as an inclusive roundabout. Stubbington play area is equipped with a trampoline and a rope-end swing, whilst Segensworth play area has its

own toddler tree house and zigzag twisters!

Not only this, but Course Park Crescent play area has undergone a 'mini makeover' and new items of play equipment have been installed.





Work out

Going to the gym can sometimes be the last thing that we want to do. So, why not get fit in the fresh air while the children are having fun at the park?



We have three outdoor gyms in the Borough including one at Stubbington Recreation Ground, at Park Lane Recreation Ground and at St John's Park in Locks Heath.

They are free to use and are designed for ages 14+, so you really have no excuse!

For more information

For more information about play areas and leisure facilities in the Borough please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/leisure

New for 2016

Consultations have been carried out with local residents to see what improvements can be made to:

- Priory Park Play Area
- Fareham North West Play Area
- Drake Road Play Area.

The consultation process is now complete but there is still time to send us your comments. Improvement works to these play areas should be complete by August, so watch this space!

If you would like to get involved, comment or make a suggestion regarding the improvements to any of these play areas please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations

Build your dream play area!

Look out for our new online game that will be on our website soon, allowing you to design your very own play area. You can pick play equipment ranging from multi-use jungle gyms to hop-scotch and then drop it into the play area showing where you would like to put it.



Bringing People and Parks Together



Stubbington Meadow

21 years and still blooming

As we get ready for the summer we also mark the 21st year of the hugely successful Fareham in Bloom initiative—an idea that has grown and blossomed into something quite special for the Borough.

Last year the Borough received eight Gold level awards from the regional South and Southeast England in Bloom, as well as the highest marked entry in Hampshire.

2016 will no doubt be another exciting year with the theme for the seasonal planting focusing on the seaside and summer colours in yellow, blue, cream and green shades.



The Community Gardening Challenge

Community participation is key to the success of Fareham in Bloom and the Community Gardening Challenge is one of the key events of the summer season.

Each year we get to see some amazing entries from individual homes, businesses and schools with many of our entrants having taken part since we first began.

Judging is carried out over a two week period in early July with each entry judged on individual merit. It is not intended to be competitive but recognises individual effort and contribution to the community with awards ranging from Bronze and Silver to Silver Gilt and Gold. All participants will receive discounts and promotions at St Margaret's Nursery in Titchfield and will be invited to a celebratory gala evening in September.

If you think you have a beautiful green oasis, a thriving community garden or

a business with grounds to be proud of, then we would be delighted to receive your entry. Simply complete the application form on the opposite page and return to:

**Fareham Borough Council,
Parks & Open Spaces,
Fareham PO16 7AZ**
no later than 12 June.

Let's get gardening

To help new gardeners and give renewed inspiration to our more skilled participants there will be a number of free events and workshops this year organised by the In Bloom volunteers. You can see these events on page 6.

Gardens Open Day

This year's Gardens Open event will take place on Sunday 24 July and will showcase up to nine award winning gardens. Visit them any time between 11am-6pm. All funds raised will go to local charities. Look out for further information at www.fareham.gov.uk/parks



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Clean for the Queen is a campaign run by Country Life Magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy which aims to hold a national clean up in time for The Queen's 90th Birthday this year.

Around 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped on the streets of the UK every day with 30 million tons of rubbish collected from England's streets each year.

Here in Fareham alone we collect over 1800 tonnes of litter from our bins and streets each year across the Borough.

It is hoped that an army of volunteers across the country will rally together to help tidy up their local areas with a special clean-up on Saturday 5 March - Sunday 6 March.

For more information about the Clean for the Queen initiative please visit www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

For more about clean-ups in Fareham please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/parks

Parks Events 2016

Our annual parks and countryside events programme, organised in partnership with the Fareham in Bloom volunteers, is now available.

A copy of the programme can be found at Fareham Shopping Centre, community centres, libraries, garden



centres and the Civic Offices. It can also be viewed online at www.fareham.gov.uk/parks

**For more information about Fareham in Bloom, horticultural advice and parks events please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer
Tel: 01329 824 543
E-mail: parks@fareham.gov.uk**

Community Gardening Challenge 2016

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 70m²
- 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 100m²

- 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 rods
- 7b Allotment garden over five rods
- 7c 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 12 June 2016

Photos may be taken at these events for promotional purposes and we need your permission to use them, either in our publications or on our website. Please sign here if this is acceptable.

.....Thank you

The personal information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence and held for a period of no more than five years for the purpose of these activities, promotion of related events and the mailing of associated material. Should you not wish to receive such information, then please tick here

Universal credit

Are you ready?



What is Universal Credit?

Universal Credit supports people who are on a low income or out of work. It replaces some in-work and out-of-work benefits, making it easier to take short-term or part-time work. Universal Credit will be administered by the Department for Works and Pensions and is part of the Government's welfare reform plan.

What will change?

Universal Credit aims to make the welfare system simpler by replacing six benefits and credits with a single monthly payment if you are on a low income or out of work. The benefits and credits will eventually replace Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Working Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits and Housing Benefit.

Will it affect me?

Universal Credit will be introduced in Fareham on 28 March 2016 for single people who are unemployed and looking for work. This means that there may be changes for some of you.

You will be told to claim Universal Credit on or after 28 March 2016 by the JobCentre if:

- You are single and a job seeker
- You are aged between 18 years and 60 years

- You are deemed fit for work
- You have no children or caring responsibilities

Eventually everyone in receipt of the benefits listed on this page will be claiming Universal Credit.

How much will I get paid?

Your Universal Credit payments will depend on your circumstances. The Government has stated that most households will either receive more money under Universal Credit, or the same amount as they receive now.

What do I need to do to get ready for Universal Credit?

• Go Online

Universal Credit can only be claimed online. Your claim starts on the day that you submit it to the Department for Work and Pensions. If you do not have access to the internet at home there are public computers throughout the Borough that you can use, including at the Council.

• Sort out the best way to manage your money

Universal Credit is paid monthly into a single account for you and your household. If you have been used to managing your money fortnightly or having your rent paid directly to your

landlord, you may need to find new ways to manage your money.

This could include:

- Talking to your landlord to agree the best way to pay your rent
- Setting up a bank account if you don't already have one
- Getting advice on budgeting
- Asking your Universal Credit work coach to direct you to free personal budgeting support and debt advice.

For help and advice:

- Visit the Department for Work and Pensions online at www.gov.uk/universalcredit
- Visit your local JobCentre
- Contact the Council on 01329 824 646 or at www.fareham.gov.uk/benefits
- Visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau

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 231 942** or visit fernehamhall.co.uk

April

Gosport Gang Show

Wednesday 6 April – Saturday 9 April
(various times and prices)

Mayor of Fareham's Charity Ball

Friday 15 April, 7.30pm £45
(inc. 3 course meal)

Money For Nothing – Dire Straits Tribute

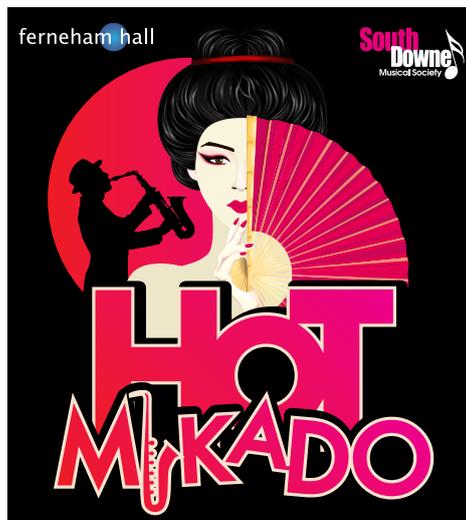
Saturday 16 April, 7.30pm £17.50

Baby Ballet – Children's Dance Show

Sunday 17 April

SDMS – Hot Mikado

Thursday 21 April – Saturday 23 April,
7.30pm (plus Sat matinee, 2.30pm)
£10.50 - £14



Hants Youth Orchestra

Sunday 24 April

Ultimate Bowie

Thursday 28 April 7:30pm £16.50-£17.50

Billy Fury Birthday Show – Rock'n'Roll Tribute

Friday 29 April, 7.30pm £19 - £20

The Searchers

Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm £20



May

Dublin Legends – formerly of The Dubliners

Wednesday 4 May, 7.30pm £25 - £24

International Guild of Know Tiers Exhibition

Saturday 7 May

Havant Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 14 May, 7.30pm £1 - £20

Sally Morgan – TV Psychic

Friday 20 May, 7.30pm £23 - £24

ELO Again – Superb Tribute

Saturday 21 May, 7.30pm £17.50 - £20

Forbidden Nights

Thursday 26 May, 7.30pm £20 - £23.50

Laughter Live! Comedy Club

Friday 27 May, 8.00pm £10

June

Stage One – Blitz!

Thursday 2 June – Saturday 4 June, 7.30pm

FMS – No Sex Please We're British

Thursday 9 June – Saturday 11 June, 7.30pm
(plus Saturday matinee, 2.30pm) £12 - £14

CCADS – Into The Woods

Thursday 16 June – Saturday 18 June,
7.30pm (plus Saturday matinee, 2.30pm)
£10 - £14

Vision of Elvis – No.1 Tribute

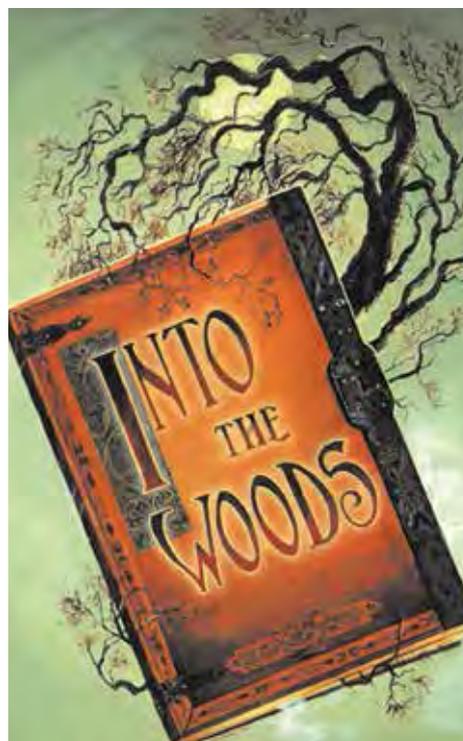
Friday 24 June, 7.30pm £15 - £20

In Time Dance Academy

Saturday 25 June

Pulse Dance Academy

Sunday 26 June

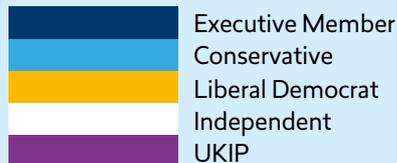


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