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

In our last issue we told you about improvement works at Fareham Leisure Centre. I'm delighted to say these works were completed in September. The Centre boasts totally refurbished swimming pools, a new gym and spa area. This was funded by £1.5m from Fareham Borough Council. That's not the only exciting news about leisure facilities in the Borough. Plans are now well underway to build another swimming pool at the Coldeast site in Sarisbury. In this issue you can see what this new facility might look like.

We're always looking for ways to improve how we deliver services to customers. As part of that we have been working with consultants Vanguard. This has already brought many improvements for customers, making our response to your enquiries much more efficient. In this issue you can read about some positive changes to how our Building Services team work with residents in Council owned properties.

You may have noticed some fantastic floral displays around the Borough. This year has once again brought success for our Fareham in Bloom team. They picked up Gold for the 11th consecutive year.

Looking back to the summer, we held a series of events in Fareham town centre to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One. This included the unveiling of a new memorial in West Street. In November we will be marking the Centenary again with further events on Remembrance Sunday.

Our plan for Welborne is currently being looked at by the Independent Inspector. If he agrees that the plan is sound it will be another step forward in the delivery of thousands of much needed new homes, jobs and associated infrastructure, while preserving the strategic countryside gaps between our town and our villages. We should have an update on this in our next issue.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Do please continue to contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can improve the Borough. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sean Woodward





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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**

WEEKLY

Sundays weekly, 10.00am

Countryside Conservation (FREE)

Help with woodland management at various locations around Fareham (ages 18+). 01329 824843 conservation@fareham.gov.uk

Mondays weekly, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Traditional Market (FREE)

In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.



Saturday 1 November, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Sunday 23 November, 12.00pm for 12.30pm

Lunch at Portchester Parish Hall

In support of the Mayor's Charities with a talk on 'Sailing Trips to France' by Bill Harris. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10.00 from Mayor, Councillor David Norris. 023 9261 4257 | dnorris@fareham.gov.uk

Saturday 29 November, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Country Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Saturday 29 November, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Big Christmas Weekend (FREE) Art & Design Fayre in the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Sunday 30 November, 11.00am – 5.00pm

Big Christmas Weekend (FREE)

Christmas Light Switch On with the Military Wives Choir in the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.



DECEMBER

Saturday 6 December, 7.30 – 10.00pm

Christmas Concert

With Spinnaker Brass in support of the Mayor's Charities at Holy Rood Church, Stubbington PO14 2AS. Tickets £7.50 from Mayor, Councillor David Norris. 023 9261 4257 | dnorris@fareham.gov.uk

Saturday 6 December, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Festive Creations

Christmas decoration workshop at St Margaret's Nurseries, St Margaret's Lane, Titchfield. Tickets £5.00 from Fareham Tourist Information Centre. 01329 221342 | farehamtic@tourismse.com

Saturday 6 December, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street., Fareham

Saturday 6 December, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Craft & Gift Fair (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Thursday 18 December, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Christmas Carol Spectacular (FREE) By HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band in the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Saturday 20 December, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Sunday 21 December, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Country Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.



JANUARY

Saturday 3 January, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Saturday 31 January, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Country Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

FEBRUARY

Saturday 7 February, 9.00am – 2.00pm

Fareham Farmers' Market (FREE) In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

Saturday 7 February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Quiz Night at Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club

In support of the Mayor's Charities at Palmerston Drive, Fareham PO14 1DJ. Tickets £15.00 from Mayor, Councillor David Norris. 023 9261 4257 | dnorris@fareham.gov.uk

Sunday 22 February, 12.00pm for 12.30pm

Lunch at Portchester Parish Hall

In support of the Mayor's Charities with a talk on 'Transport through the ages'. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10.00 from Mayor, Councillor David Norris. 023 9261 4257 | dnorris@fareham.gov.uk

Saturday 28 February, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Fareham Country Market (FREE)

In the pedestrian area of West Street, Fareham.

For full details of town centre events, contact

www.farehamtowncentre.co.uk



In September, Fareham College's new **Centre for Excellence in Engineering Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training** (CEMAST) – opened its doors at Daedalus. Not satisfied with completing just one new building, work on a second ambitious project started in June. The new £16 million **Bishopsfield Road Campus** will offer workshops for a wide range of Construction trades, a Digital Industries Lab, a Media, Music and Performing Arts Suite, plus an on-site Gym and Sports Centre. It's being built by the same architect and contractor that completed CEMAST.







Peter Marsh, Deputy Principal at Fareham College said: "We are investing £28m between 2013 and 2015 in new technology and facilities to help provide learners from Fareham, Gosport and surrounding areas with the very best educational experience. Put simply, our aim is to build an outstanding College."

As part of the project, improvements will be made to make the College more environmentally friendly, including swapping oiled fir d heating for new gas boilers. When the work is done the local community will have access to a new gym, theatre and multi-use games area. Over 100 new trees will be planted to enhance the parkland setting of the College.

When work on the new campus is finish d in 2015, 120 new homes will be built on the site. Following this, in 2017 a new 3 hectare public park will be opened there, which will be owned and managed by Fareham Borough Council.

Daedalus developments flying ahead

There are lots of exciting developments happening in the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus. In addition to CEMAST, Fareham Borough Council is building a £5.3m Innovation Centre, with offic space and workshops for small businesses and start-ups in the engineering, aerospace, aviation and marine and other industries.

Work on the Centre started in May and the building is quickly taking shape. When it opens in the new year the Innovation Centre will be a supportive home for a community of new and growing businesses. The project will create around 150 jobs.

The Council has appointed Oxford Innovation to promote and manage the Centre. With over 20 years' experience in running similar centres, they will provide expert advice and support to the entrepreneurs, start-ups and small businesses that will be based there.

Improvements to the 1,100m runway at Daedalus, including resurfacing, are also being undertaken by Hampshire County Council. When finish d, these will support an application for a commercial licence for the airfield. The licence would allow a greater variety of small planes to use the airfield and encourage more businesses to join the already thriving aviation community at the site.

The wide ranging developments at the Enterprise Zone will help attract new jobs to the area and support the future prosperity of Fareham.





Check out Ferneham Hall's new website!

Ferneham Hall now has a brand new website, making it easier to find out about shows and book tickets. The vibrant new site, featuring the venue's new logo, is simpler to navigate and full of handy information.

You can use the website's calendar to help you find out what's on from month to month or search by genre. So whether you're interested in traditional theatre, musicals or comedy you can find out what shows are on at the click of the mouse.

The online box office means you can securely buy tickets from your PC, tablet or mobile phone. You can even view the seating plan and pick your own seats, download the wine list and pre-order your interval refreshments for large groups.

The website contains more info on Ferneham Hall's range of facilities from exhibition space, rehearsal rooms, meeting areas, café bar, weddings and party hire. The technical specification , floor plan, and contact details for key members of staff are all on the website so anyone thinking of hiring the space for an exclusive event can find out all they need to know.

You can see the results for yourself and check out our new logo at www.fernehamhall.co.uk

As always we'd love to hear your feedback, please forward any comments to fernehamhall@fareham.gov.uk or Tweet us at twitter.com/FernehamHall or chat to us at facebook.com/ fernehamhall.



Success for Ferneham Hall's apprentice

Fareham College student and Ferneham Hall apprentice, **Georgia Loud**, 21, is celebrating a 'triple whammy'.

Firstly, in May Georgia was awarded Fareham College 2014 Apprentice of The Year in a ceremony at Ferneham Hall. She received a cash prize and an engraved trophy, presented to her by Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán Woodward.

Georgia then went on to pass her Level 3 NVQ in Marketing in September. She then landed a full time role at Ferneham Hall, where she is now Box Office and Administration Assistant.

Georgia, from Stubbington, says, "I really like working at Ferneham Hall. I have always wanted to work in a theatre and when the opportunity came up to work and study at the same time I took it. I didn't want to go to university so to stay on at Ferneham Hall as a full time employee is the icing on the cake."



BRINGING PEOPLE AND Parks together

It's a Gold!

Fareham has excelled once again with its 11th consecutive win and gold award from South and Southeast England in Bloom. A presentation for the regional awards were held at the Amex Stadium in Brighton on 17 September where Fareham was recognised as having some of the most thriving parks and community participation projects in the county.

Holly Hill Woodland Park, Warsash Common, The Sensory Garden, Civic Gardens, Westbury Manor Garden, and Portchester Crematorium Grounds all came out with Gold awards.

Northern Junior Community School achieved Gold and Champion of Champions for the region and Wicor Primary School achieved Gold and are overall winners for Hampshire.

Fareham also received the most coveted Hampshire Life award for the highest marked entry in Hampshire.

It's your neighbourhood

This year there were four entries into the national 'It's Your Neighbourhood' initiative; the Burnham Wood Residents, Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, Fareham and Crofton Cricket Club and Fareham Conservation Volunteers. All groups received the highest award level of Outstanding.

Local success

Our own local gardeners were recognised at the 19th annual presentation evening on 18 September at Ferneham Hall where over 250 people gathered to recognise the efforts of our community. Residents, communities and businesses picked up their awards with some 60 entries receiving the highest level of Gold.



The Fareham In Bloom team celebrate success

Budding Artists

Young budding artists made a big impression in this year's Going Wild art competition sponsored by Fareham Shopping Centre. Their winning designs were chosen from some 200 entries with the overall winner to have their artwork turned into a real life meadow in 2015.

To get our residents planting next year, a new and free seed packet, taking inspiration from the children's artwork, will be launched. There will be more about this exiting initiative in the spring edition of Fareham Today.



For further information on In Bloom, Community Horticulture and Parks Events please contact: Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, **01329 824543**.

FOCUS ON

31a The Square, Titchfiel Monday – Saturday 8:30am – 5.00pm

VILLAGE GREENGROCER

Along the old streets of Titchfield Square is the traditional **Village Greengrocer**. We went and spoke to Richard and Ruth Collins about their shop, getting up at 2.30am and how the local community play an important part in their business.











How long have you been up and running in Titchfield and why did you pick this area?

Ruth: We started up here in March but Richard has always had his own fruit and veg market stall that he goes to four times a week in Dorset and Littlehampton, while I stay and look after the shop.

Titchfield is a lovely little village with a great community and I've lived here all my life. We know everyone here and it's great that they can come into the shop and get their fresh fruit and veg, while having a chat with us.

Why do you think it's important to have local shops in the area?

Richard: We get a lot of the older generation coming to us which is great as they can walk to the Square and get their shopping all in one place. A lot of people don't drive and don't want to get a bus to supermarkets, so they come here for their fresh fruit and veg.

We also get a lot of people come in from the school run. Mums and dads come in after they've dropped the kids off, and the children come in after school. They used to walk on the other side of the street to get sweets from the shop, but now they see all the lovely fruit here and want that instead!

What sort of produce do you sell?

Richard: We try to sell as much local produce as possible. We get the strawberries from Titchfield and we buy as much British produce as we can. A lot of our veg is ordered in the afternoon and then picked the next morning ready to be sold in our shop, so it's all lovely and fresh. I also get up at 2:30am every morning to go to the fruit market!

A lot of the local businesses around here use us for their trade such as the pub, butchers and jewellers and we use them in return, so it's great that the community all help each other out.

What makes you stand out from other greengrocers?

Ruth: We wanted to be traditional and rustic and we like to sell something a bit different. We did lots of research on how old greengrocers used to look and have tried to reflect that in our shop. Our friend built the wooden structure so it gives more of an authentic feel.

We also held a taster session outside the shop offering locally made jam with toast and biscuits, which was really popular. Soon we will also be selling homemade pickled onions and wild bird food.

Do you have any plans for the future?

Richard: Potentially, but we're not going to reveal anything just yet so watch this space!





Check out your local Children's Centre!



Have you discovered what's on offer at your local Children's Centre? Children's Centres are commissioned by the County Council and managed by **4Children** – they specialise in offering a range of family focused activities and services. These often include family health services, parenting courses, toddler / baby groups and employment support.

For some new mums and dads, adjusting to family life can be daunting. At children's centres they can support families to access groups, courses and extra guidance in parenting.

Young, local mum, Sarah was invited by her health visitor and outreach worker to attend a 5 week baby massage course. She tells us not only did it help her to bond with her new baby, it was also a big boost to her confidence and became part of her life:

"When I was asked to attend the course, I was hesitant to agree at first. I was worried about meeting the other mums and suffering from high anxiety levels. The firs week of the course I didn't speak much, but over the next few weeks I started to make friends there. This made me feel more comfortable and my confidence grew. I started to look forward to going to group and even helped first time mums with advice and support.

Once the baby massage group finish d I started to attend the weekly bumps and babes group. It was lovely to meet up with some of the mums from baby massage there. I was then asked to attend the confidence building group. Again I started to feel nervous but nowhere near as bad as before. I found my confidence grew and grew and I absolutely loved the course, making more new friends.

I now go into the Centre regularly and use the facilities with my children. I have recently joined the partnership board where I speak up as a parent voice in the meetings. My next step is to become a volunteer. Attending the Centre has definitely boosted my confidence both personally and as a mum."

Here in the Borough there are four Children's Centres:

Oak Meadow, Tewkesbury Avenue, Fareham

Keepsake Children's Centre, Portchester Community Centre, Westlands Grove

Merryfields Children's Centre, Neville Lovett School, Fareham

Sovereign and Strawberry Meadow Children's Centre, Brookfield Community School, Brook Lane, Sarisbury Green

For more information about your local Children's Centre please go to www.4children.org.uk/services



Warsash Clock Tower has overlooked the village for over a hundred years. The estate which it was part of has long been demolished, yet the tower, though it has changed, has remained a constant landmark. Now a private office, we were given a tour inside by owner, Simon Woodham.

WARSASH CLOCK TOWER Standing the test of time



Beginning

The Clock Tower can be found on the busy crossroads on Shore Road, its four storey high red brick standing out above the traffic. The buildings next to it are now office or shop units but once they and the Clock Tower formed part of the Warsash House Estate, including a stable, garage and accommodation for the chauffeur.

The Tower was built in around 1900 by G.A Shenley, the son of a British Army captain (his mother met his father when she was just 15 and he was on duty in New York; their subsequent affair and elopement caused quite a scandal at the time). The Clock Tower is the largest of three towers on the site, each of which originally contained water storage tanks, providing water for the Estate.

The clock itself was made by Gillett and Johnson, Croydon, who also made, among others, the clocks at Portsmouth Naval Base and Salisbury Cathedral. Originally there were two clock faces on the Tower, one facing out to sea, one facing back to the village. Today only the one facing into the village remains. The clock struck ship's time on a large bell, making it an important navigational landmark for sailors. The heavy brass mechanism had to be hand wound from the ground floor once a week to keep it working.

Times a'changing

By the 30s, the clock was rusty and had stopped working. Happily, it was repaired

in 1937 in time for the Coronation of King George VI. The following year, the Tower and some of the adjoining properties were bought for £2,000 by Mr. Victor Collins, who wanted to expand his car dealership (there is still a garage there today). He made a number of changes to the building, to allow he and his family to live there. The large water tanks were removed, the archway on the ground floor was bricked up, to allow for a lounge and kitchen and three flights of stairs were installed to replace the old ladders between floors. The large cast iron bell which was part of the original clock mechanism was removed and replaced with a small electric clock on the back of the clock face. Outside the brick boundary wall was removed.

Modern times

As we entered the tower via the courtyard, I was interested to find out how it retained its links to the past. The ground floor is now the reception, with a cottage style staff kitchen and offices on the other floors. Winding stairs take you to the top, an octagonal shaped room, with windows all around. This is now an office/ oard room. The inside of the clock face dominates one wall, with its mechanism quietly ticking away in the background. The 360 degree views have lost none of their wow factor over the years. "We get great views of passing cruise ships", Simon tells me, "you can also see Fawley, Netley Abbey, the Spinnaker Tower and on a





clear day, the Isle of Wight."

In the décor there is much reference to the tower's nautical connection with model boats, artwork depicting ships at sea and driftwood sculptures, and when you look out to the horizon you can image yourself at sea. I ask Simon what it's like to have his office up there (I would spend a lot of time gazing out of the window). "It's been great for business, because everyone wants to come here; it's such a nice space." In addition to the distracting views, there are other challenges of working in such an unusual space. The large Italian marble table in the boardroom had to be brought in by crane and the windows removed.

Since buying the Clock Tower in 2010, Simon has done much to restore it. The roof, windows and floor have all been re-done. There are further plans to improve the weather vane on the roof and reinstate the flagpole. They propose to run a competition of all the local schools to design a flag to be flown prominently above the Tower. It's great to hear that the Clock Tower is being so well looked after. The building projects a little piece of Victorian England at passersby, yet also maintains its relevance to modern life. Indeed Simon tells me, whenever someone needs directions in the village, the guiding point is always the Clock Tower.

With thanks to Warsash Local History Society www.warsash-lhs.org.uk





Meet the Mayor

In May, Cllr David Norris became the Mayor of Fareham 2014–15, with his wife, Pamela, the Mayoress. We asked David about his time in office so far:

What have you enjoyed most about being Mayor?

I'm privileged to meet so many inspiring people, whether at fundraising events, Civic dos or official openings.

This year's Fareham Citizens of Honour have all made significant contributions to our community or shown real strength in adversity, and I was pleased to host them for tea in the Mayor's Parlour. I've also enjoyed meeting people who work for my Mayoral charities, some of them volunteers who give up their free time because they're passionate about helping others.

Can you tell us more about your Mayoral charities for the year?

This year my Mayoral charities are the Stubbington Ark animal shelter and the Rowans Hospice. The Ark provides shelter for cats, dogs, exotic species and farm stock. They look after the animals very well, many of whom thankfully go on to find new homes. My wife and I have had many cats – we just wish we could take them all in!

The Rowans Hospice is a local charity dedicated to improving the lives of people with cancer and other life-shortening illnesses. It's a big year for the Hospice as this year is their 20th Anniversary. I'm delighted to be able to help them promote their services and events in their anniversary year.

You've attended a variety of events as Mayor, can you tell us about some of the highlights?

I'm invited to so many events, it's a shame

there isn't time for me to attend them all. In June, I donned a hard hat and reflective jacket for the official 'concrete laying' ceremony at the new Innovation Centre at Daedalus. When this is complete it will be a fantastic space for new businesses. In July, I helped launch Access All Areas, our two week programme of events for young people. It was great to see so many teenagers enjoying the free activates on offer in the Borough.

4 August was the Centenary of the outbreak of World War One. It was an honour to unveil our new memorial in West Street, Fareham, remembering those who gave their lives. I also found myself being signed up at the 'enlisting office' at Westbury Manor! In September, I officiall opened the newly refurbished Fareham Leisure Centre, so I'm kept pretty busy.

What would you say the challenges of the role are?

There's a lot of protocol to remember. For instance whether I wear the full robes or just the chains depends on the nature of the event. Luckily I have a Mayor's attendant and my wife Pamela to help me.

It's also a challenge balancing the busy Mayoral calendar with home life, including my four grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren! I still have to carry out ward work as well, help with resident's problems and attend committee meetings. I certainly won't complain though, as you're only privileged to be Mayor for a year and I'm enjoying every minute!









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 • YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR unsung heroes and nominate them as one of Fareham's Citizens of Honour.

There are 3 categories:

- CITIZEN OF HONOUR (18 YEARS+) For people who have given help to their local community.
- YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (12-17 YEARS)

For young people who have regularly helped other people voluntarily.

(4-II YEARS)

For a child who has shown bravery or helped other people voluntarily.

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

To nominate someone for the 2015 awards please complete and return the form on this page or go to www.fareham.gov.uk/citizensawards Please note that you can't nominate a

family member.

THE PERSON	YOU	WISH	TΟ	NOMINATE	

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

NAME:	REASONS FOR YOUR NOMINATION:	ABOUT YOU
		YOUR NAME:
DATE OF BIRTH:		
ADDRESS:		ADDRESS:
EMAIL:		YOUR EMAIL:
TEL:		YOUR TEL:

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. Successful applicants only will be notified by 31 March 2015.





WW1 COMMEMORATION DAY

On 4 August, we held a variety of events in the town centre to commemorate the Centenary of the outbreak of World War One. The day included the unveiling of a new commemoration stone, an 'Enlistment Office', a WW1 Thornycroft Type J truck, a photo exhibition named 'The Lost Sons of Fareham' by photographer Innes Marlow and a commemorative service to remember the fallen soldiers. Crowds gathered to pay their respects, here are some photos from the day:



Councillor Woodward 'enlists' in the army.



A genuine WW1 Thornycroft Type J truck.



osies placed on the cross







Children from Good Manors nurser sing 'Daisy, Daisy'.



of Honour, Harvey Young, place a posy on the cross as a tribute to WW1 soldiers from Fareham.





Bugler, Jonathan Spencer, plays the 'Last Post'.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF FAREHAM'S COASTLINE

The Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP) is seeking your views on a Coastal Management Strategy for the Fareham and Gosport coastline.

The Strategy sets out the preferred coastal management options for the next 100 years along the Fareham and Gosport Coastline.

You can have your say on the management options by completing an online questionnaire on their website **www.escp.org.uk** before 1 December 2014.

Please visit the website or email **info@escp.org.uk** for more information.

For live updates on the ESCP's projects, follow them on Facebook or Twitter @EasternSolentCP. There are also information displays in Fareham Civic Offices and the Gosport Discovery Centre.



Have your say and help make Fareham even better

Making sure our services and policies meet your needs is a vital part of the Council's work. Listening to your views is important and you can really make difference to life in the Borough by having your say. There are lots of ways you can get involved at www.fareham.gov.uk/ have_your_say but the easiest way is to sign up for the E-Panel.

E-Panel

You can quickly join and then take part in consultations, surveys and even the occasional quiz. It's also a great way to keep up to date with what's going on in the Borough.

It only takes a minute to sign up at www.fareham.gov.uk/ have_your_say/e-panel



Help us make play areas better

Did you know that there are 43 play areas in Fareham? We are planning how best to make sure that children and families can enjoy good quality play equipment across the Borough over the next ten years. To help us do this, we would like to know which play areas you and your family use and how you think they could be made better. You can have your say before 1 December at **www.fareham.gov.uk/consultations**.



People make all the difference

Fareham Borough Council has always been committed to providing good quality services and we are proud of our achievements and reputation. Our employees play a key role in this so making sure we can recruit and retain the right people is very important to us.

We have recently been reviewing the way we recruit new employees. We wanted to make sure that we had a recruitment process which tells applicants what it's like to work at Fareham Borough Council and which also enables us to select the best possible person for the job.

We have worked hard to create a culture for our employees which allows them to grow and develop whilst putting the needs of the customer at the heart of the organisation. We welcome any prospective applicants who are looking to succeed in a forward thinking, customer focussed working environment.

We employ more than 450 people and we recruit for various positions. The best place to check for vacancies is on our jobs page **www.fareham.gov.uk/jobs**. Here you will find all the jobs which we are advertising, along with information on how to apply and what it's like to work at the Council. If you follow us on Facebook and twitter we also advertise many of our roles here.



ADVICE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Do you have a problem? Whatever it is, **Fareham Citizen's Advice Bureau** (CAB) is standing by to help you with advice that is free, confidential, nonjudgemental and totally independent.

Every year the bureau helps thousands of people like you with debt, employment, benefit, consumer, relationship, housing, legal or immigration problems. You can drop in at our main bureau or at our weekly outreach sessions in Highlands Road or Portchester, or ring for advice (see contact details below).

The CAB's volunteer advisors are trained to provide you with the information and advice you need to help you decide on the best solution.

There is no charge, because each CAB is an independent registered charity supported by grants, donations and fund-raising. They are all linked, however, to the national CAB which monitors standards and uses evidence gathered by each bureau to campaign for changes to the law or public services.

How to contact Fareham CAB

First Floor County Library Building Osborn Road Fareham PO16 7EN Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, Thursdays from 5pm to 6.30pm

Highlands Hub 103 Highlands Road Fareham PO15 6HZ Tuesday from 9.30am to 3pm

Portchester Library West Street Portchester PO16 9TX Thursday from 10am to 3pm

Telephone Advice 0300 456 2987 (Calls from BT landlines

(Calls from BT landlines charged at 5p per minute. Other providers' charges may vary.)

www.farehamcab.org.uk

A WINTER WANDER Titchfield Canal to Hill Head



This walk features Titchfield Canal, the second oldest artificial waterway in Britain. Once used to allow boats to reach the heart of the village to trade in the 17th century, the canal is now home to an array of wildlife that you may be able to spot while walking alongside it, all the way down to the coast of Hill Head and through the farmland of Titchfield

Canal Path

The walk, popular with dog walkers, begins at Bridge Street car park. Turn left out of the green gates and go through the kissing gate onto the pathway. You will see the canal on your right and Titchfield Haven on your left. This part of the walk can get very muddy in the winter so make sure you have your wellies on! Continue along the path, past a couple of old farmers' bridges, until you come to a wooden gate with a bridge on your right. Look out for the large alder tree on the corner, which is about 60 years old. Go through the gates and follow the path around to the left.

Along this pathway you will find a combination of wildlife and farm stock. You may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a Kingfisher early in the morning; however you are more likely to spot a water vole scurrying around underneath the reeds. Since 2013, just over 1000 water voles have been released along the southern end of the Meon Valley.

At the end of the path you will come to a large wooden gate. Go through the narrow gap and turn left, following the pathway. You have now reached the half-way point! If you follow the pathway around to the left you can stop off for a drink and a bite to eat at the Haven Café, or if you walk along Cliff Road you will come to Breezes Café and The Osborne View.

Hill Head Coast

Carry on with the walk by crossing the road and passing through the chalets at Meon Shore. Go all the way to the end and turn left which will take you onto the beach. On a clear, bright day you can see the Isle of Wight in the distance, but you may have to wait until winter is over for a good view! Go up the cliff path and follow it around. There are various view points along here offering great scenery of the coast, but be very careful near the cliff edge.

Farmland

Carry along the path and go over the first stile on your right into the field and follow straight on. On either side you will see agricultural land where farmers grow vegetable crops. Remember to look behind you to take in the beautiful views of farmland and the coast. You will then come to another stile which you need to cross over and follow the pathway through the woodland. This will take you to Thatcher's Copse car park. Go straight through carrying on into the copse until you come to a farm track. Turn left and walk all the way to the end until you reach a signpost. Turn right following the sign to Little Brownwich Farm. Be aware that this road is used by farmers so there may be tractors using it. In the winter months there will be some very large puddles along here that you will also need to dodge!

On your right you will see another stile. Cross this and follow the public footpath signs through the field. At some points you can see Portsdown Hill and the Spinnaker Tower in the distance. Eventually you will reach a gate leading onto Posbrook Lane. Along the road look out for the interesting privet hedge that has been shaped to look like a train. Cross the road and turn right and take the first left down a concrete track, opposite a row of cottages. Follow this all the way to the end, until you reach the bridge with the alder tree on the corner, which you came to earlier on in the walk. Turn left through the gates and follow the pathway which will lead you back to Bridge Street car park.









Walk duration 2 hours 30minutes (approx.)

Important information

- Walk is 5 miles (approx.)
- There is only one bench at the half way point near Meon Shore
- Refreshments/toilets at Titchfield Haven Café and Breezes Café
- Parking at Bridge Street car park
- Not accessible to wheelchairs or pushchairs
- Various terrain and inclines





FAREHAM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The hospital in Sarisbury was formally opened by Princess Anne in 2010 and offers a wide range of services to its patients. Many of you may not have even realised that Fareham had a hospital, but for others it is an important facility that saves them a longer trip to Portsmouth or Southampton, or sometimes further.

What services does the hospital provide?

- Occupational Therapy supporting adults with various health problems or conditions, including people with short-term illness or injury and those managing a long-term condition
- Older People's Mental Health
- Physiotherapy including back and neck pain and people who have problems with their muscles or joints.
- There are a range of other services provided

at Fareham Community Hospital by Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, Solent NHS Trust and NHS Southern Health Foundation Trust. All services at the hospital are offered on a referral basis by appointment only, which are booked in advance.

The Friends of Fareham Community Hospital

The hospital has fantastic support from a group of volunteers called 'The Friends of Fareham Community Hospital'. Members of the group offer support including welcoming patients to the hospital, helping to man reception desks, providing information to patients, decorating waiting areas with flowers, magazines and books and helping to link the hospital with the local community. The volunteers are at the hospital almost every day to ensure that patients' visits are as easy and stress-free as possible.

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Dementia Centre

Efforts are underway to potentially make Fareham Community Hospital a 'dementia centre'. The NHS Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is working with a number of groups so that they can introduce a variety of dementia-related services to patients and make them more easily accessible to people.

Other services will continue to be provided to patients who are referred to the hospital, but by introducing dementiarelated services it will mean that the hospital is being used to its full potential, as well as helping to improve the lives of those living with dementia.

The CCG will continue to work closely with local GPs, meaning we could see a 'dementia centre' at Fareham Community Hospital in the near future.

A new way of working for you...

One of the first teams to change their approach to customers is the Housing Repairs Service where we have seen significant, positive results. This team is responsible for maintaining 2,371 Council owned properties, dealing with issues such as leaking taps, replacement locks, foggy windows and leaking roofs. When the project began in November 2013, many of the team's systems were more than 20 years old and on average it took around 90 days to complete a repair job.

Now with a new way of working which focusses on what matters to our customers, the average length of time it takes for the Housing Repairs Service to complete a repair job is just 3½ days. The team have had many success stories of customers happy with their new approach. One such example is that of 97 year old Douglas Cox, from Warsash. There had been a few problems with Mr Cox leaving his key inside the front door, which meant carers couldn't get in to see him. Shortly after receiving a call from his family we were able to organise a new lock, an outdoor key safe and a grab rail; all fitt d within a single 3 hour visit.

Over last few months we have seen positive feedback from several other teams who have been working with Vanguard including Benefit , Planning, Parking and Recruitment. The new approach now used by the Benefits team has reduced the average time taken to process new claims from 18 days to 6½ days.

The next services to be working with Vanguard are Strategic Housing, Tenancy Services and Environmental Health. We look forward to sharing more success stories in these teams and improving your experience of the Council even more. We are always looking for ways to improve how we deliver our services to you and to improve your experience when contacting us. Since June 2013, we have been working with a team of consultants called **Vanguard** to help us challenge our thinking and methods of working. By doing this we are finding a much more customer focussed approach.



Working to simplify Housing Repairs





How the old system worked



Fareham Leisure Centre celebrated the completion of its six-month, £2 million refurbishment programme with a family fun day at the end of September. The Mayor of Fareham, Cllr David Norris, cut the ribbon to unveil Fareham Leisure Centre's new facilities, and thousands of people enjoyed free activities including: family swimming in the brand new pool, tours, demonstrations and challenges in the upgraded gym and fitness taster sessions. There were also displays and taster sessions from Fareham's Everyone Active Dance School and Gymnastics School and Little Kickers games in the Sports Hall. There was plenty of fun and games for younger visitors too, including face painting, balloon modelling and a live magic show.

Double Olympic gold medallist, Rebecca Adlington OBE and Olympic diver and BBC Sports commentator Leon Taylor, were the very special guests. They toured the Centre, and introduced the childrens' 'Oceans of Fun' swim event – attended by even more Olympians! Water polo stars Adam Scholefield and Fran Leighton and syncrhonized swimmers Adele Carlsen and Vicki Lucas – gave lessons and tips in the brand new pool.

Rebecca Adlington said: "This was my first visit to Fareham and I really enjoyed seeing Fareham Leisure Centre celebrate its open day. The pool area looks amazing and the gym was tempting too with all that lovely new kit!"

The refurbished pools and modernised, extended changing facilities will make swimming even more fun at Fareham Leisure Centre while the relaxing health suite with steam room, sauna and cold water drench shower, gives a luxury touch. The brand new gym contains £500,000 of state-of-the art equipment designed to inspire both new members and seasoned gym fans.

Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Seán Woodward, said: "The Fareham Leisure Centre open day was a perfect showcase of these extended facilities and I was delighted with the turnout and support from local people. I would urge everyone to make the most of the Centre and enjoy the wide range of fitness facilities on offer here."

Everyone Active has announced that Fareham Leisure Centre will be part of its legacy project that promises to get 500,000 under-16s engaged and active. As well as that their Legacy Games Day for local school children will come to the Centre next year – so there'll be no excuse not to get active!

Olympians make a splash at Fareham Leisure Centre!















New pool on the way too!

You may have heard that we recently approved plans for a new £7m swimming pool and leisure centre on the site of the old Coldeast Hospital at Sarisbury Green.

Many of you have told us that a new pool is needed in the Western part of the Borough and our own research shows improved leisure facilities helps maintain people's health and wellbeing.

We have appointed Balfour Beatty, the firm that constructed the Aquatic Centre for the 2012 London Olympics, to design and build the new centre which will have:

- A 25 metre long pool with 6 swimming lanes
- A learner pool
- A gym with 100 pieces of equipment
- Exercise room
- Dance studio

Work has started on the designs for the new pool which is due to open in 2016. You can find out more about it at **www.fareham.gov.uk**

ferneham hall What's On

November

Interalia – The Three Musketeers Thursday 30 October – Saturday 1 November, 2.30pm & 7.30pm £11

Nathan Carter in Concert Sunday 2 November, 7.30pm f18 – f20

Shakespeare's Schools Festival Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 November, 7.00pm £6 – £8.75

Music Hall Tavern Show Thursday 6 November, 7.30pm £22 – £25

Fareham Antique & Collectors Fair Sunday 9 November, 10.30am – 4.00pm £1.50

Laughter Live! Comedy Club Thursday 13 November, 8.00pm £10 - £12

Chas and Dave Friday 14 November, 7.30pm £24.50 - £26.50

Everyone Active Dance School

Saturday 15 November, 1.00pm & 6.30pm £10

Circus of Horrors Thursday 20 November, 7.30pm £15 – £24

Sensational 60s SOLD OUT! Friday 21 November, 7.30pr

KK School of Dance	
Saturday 22 November, 7.30pm	£10

Chris Packham Sunday 23 November, 2.30pm £10 – £15

The Blues Brothers Experience Thursday 27 November, 7.30pm £15.50 - £17.50

SNAP Dance Night	
Friday 28 November, 7.00pm	£6

Open Mic! – Live Show Saturday 29 November, 12pm

Royal Marines Band Sunday 30 November, 2.30pm £13.50 - £16 December

Murder Mystery Evening – Agatha Crustie's Ten Little Murders Saturday 6 & Sunday 14 December, 7.30pm

£34

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Friday 12 December – Sunday 4 January, 2.30pm & 6.30pm £8 – £18.50

Christmas Party Night Saturday 13 December, 7.30pm £29

January

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Friday 12 December – Sunday 4 January, 2.30pm & 6.30pm £8 – £18.50

Ker Mel School of Dance Sunday 25 January, 3.00pm £10 – £12

Jethro Saturday 31 January, 7.30pm

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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.

February

The Sooty Show Sunday 1 February, 11.00am & 2.30pm £10.50 - £14

SNAP Dance Night Friday 6 February, 7.00pm f6

Havant Chamber Orchestra Saturday 7 February, 7.30pm £1-£20

Fareham Antique and **Collectors Fair** Sunday 8 February, 10.30am – 4.00pm £1.50

STP – Ghost Wednesday 11 - Saturday 14 February, 7.30pm (Saturday matinee 2.30pm)

Stage One – High School Musical Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 February, 7.30pm £9.50 – £11

Syd Lawrence Orchestra £17 – £18 Thursday 26 February, 7.30pm

That'll Be The Day Friday 27 February, 7.30pm £23 Fareham Leisure Card £22

Open Mic! – Auditions Saturday 28 February, 4.00pm



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