Foreword
by the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council,
Councillor Sean Woodward

In July it was my great pleasure to propose that three long serving former Councillors become Honorary Aldermen (pictured below). Mike Godrich, Ernest Crouch and the late Jim Murray served a combined 75 years on the Council. At a special ceremony Mike and Ernest were presented with a formal address and badge of office. The occasion was tinged with sadness due to the death of Jim Murray (who died on 24 June) however, I am grateful to Jim’s family for participating in the ceremony and receiving the Honorary Alderman Badge of Office on Jim’s behalf.

If you’ve visited the town lately, you may have seen work taking place on the old foundry site in Quay Street. Tesco has started ground works on the site in preparation for the construction of their new food store, opening next year.

I’m delighted that Fareham’s new Community Hospital finally opened its doors in May and look forward to the official opening later in the year. Contact details and more information about the new hospital are on page 5 of this edition of Fareham Today magazine.

As a Council we continue to support Fareham as a Fairtrade Borough and the Group has announced another good year. Councillor Pamela Bryant is the Council’s representative on the Group, whose presence they are finding useful. The Group attended the summer CATs (Community Action Team) meetings and have commented to me that this has enabled them to reach more people with the message of Fairtrade.

Until recently SNAP (Say No And Phone) regularly held discos at Ferneham Hall and although they were a very popular social event for local young people, they’re currently postponed due to the lack of volunteers to help run them. I’m pleased to announce that a new SNAP Working Group has been established and work is underway to get the discos up and running again (see page 10).

In this edition of Fareham Today you’ll also find features on ‘The Bloom’ following the Britain in Bloom judges during their visit to the Borough, (page 12); A day in the life of a Community Safety Liaison Officer for the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (page15); plus many of the regular features.

As always if there are any matters you would like to bring to my attention or suggestions you may have to improve the Borough we all share then I will be very pleased to receive them. I promise that all suggestions will be thoroughly considered.

(please see page 23 for Cllr Woodward’s contact details)

NEW and improved FAREHAM Leisure Centre

WHAT’S NEW!
• Hi-tech, interactive, gym machines with personal TV screen and iPod connection.
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• Brand new studio offering advanced pilates and total dance classes
• Climb Zone - a totally new indoor rotating climb experience

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AN AUDIO VERSION OF THIS MAGAZINE IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO THE EDITOR
New Community Hospital

It’s all systems go since the new Fareham Community Hospital in Brook Lane, Sarisbury opened its doors to the first patients on 24 May, providing valuable NHS services to local residents.

Services that were previously in Sylvan Clinic, Coldeast and Hill Park Clinic, Frosthole Close have now moved to the new hospital. The antenatal clinics, and Speech and Language Therapy (Adults only) have moved from Fareham Health Centre to the new Hospital. Sylvan Clinic and Hill Park Clinic have now closed.

The new, single floor hospital is light and airy and the departments have been colour themed so patients can easily find their way around. Parking is FREE for the first three hours.

The hospital is open from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The main telephone number is 01489 587400. For appointments for blood tests, tel: 01489 587415.

Fareham Youth Council

Tom Fyfe, a former member of the Fareham Youth Council (FYC) was recently given the opportunity to shadow Councillor Woodward for the day. During Tom’s time with FYC he was Chairman and helped to organise several youth conferences. He also arranged residential trips, attended over 100 meetings annually, spoke and represented FYC at various events and took part in street based work to engage with young people on issues that affect them.

Tom is currently in his third year at Swansea University studying a BA in International Relations. Whilst there Tom has kept in close contact with FYC in an advisory role. After university Tom would like to embark on a career in politics.

08:45 Tom arrived at Fareham Borough Council and had a brief meeting with Councillor Woodward before the day began.
10:00 Attended a Segensworth Business Forum meeting with Councillor Woodward
10:30 Tour of the Council Chamber and introduction to the Mayor
11:30 Tour of the Operation Christmas Child
12:00 Attended a Policy meeting with Cllr Woodward
13:30 A well earned lunch break after a busy morning
14:30 Tom spent the afternoon meeting the Executive Members and learning about their roles and responsibilities, as well as the issues in the Borough they have to deal with.
15:30 Fareham Borough Council’s Chief Executive met with Tom and explained his role in running the Council.
16:00 Cllr Woodward signs off some executive decisions.
16:30 Tom observed an Executive briefing (pictured right).

Would you like to have your say on issues affecting your life? Why not join our new young person’s e-panel? To find out more see page 10. To get involved in the Fareham Youth Council contact FYC on Facebook or email: farehamyc@hotmail.co.uk

Solent Design Awards

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Quality Places Panel is sponsoring a new Award scheme for buildings or places of outstanding design, which have a positive impact on their surrounding communities.

The Awards will be announced on 27th October and will include an overall winner, a sustainability winner and the public’s top choice; all will reward design which has created something outstanding, lifting the quality of the community in which it sits.

The judges include top professionals Sarah Gaventa, Director of Public Space at CABE, Lorraine Farrelly, Deputy Head, School of Architecture at the University of Portsmouth, Roger Zogolovitch, Chairman of Lake Estates, a specialist developer and Lisa Jackson, an urban designer and town and master planner.

Find out how to vote at www.solentdesignawards.org.uk.
Citizens of Honour

Do you know someone who deserves recognition?

Fareham’s Citizen of Honour and Young Citizen Awards 2011

Recommend an adult (over 18)

Is there someone you know who helps others before themselves and never looks for praise?

Do you have a friend or neighbour who lives in the Borough and deserves recognition for their contribution to the local community?

Recognise a child (4-11 years) who has:

• Shown outstanding bravery
• Carried out regular selfless acts
• Adapted to a disability
• Coped with personal difficulties

Nominate a young person (12 - 18 years) who:

• Carries out regular community/voluntary work
• Provides on-going care

E-panel

You can say a very public thank you for their hard work and dedication to the local community by nominating them for the Citizen Awards 2011. Fareham Borough Council has set up this award for residents and local groups to recognise the voluntary, unpaid efforts of others.

Nominee’s name:

Address:

Tel: ___________ Date of birth if 4 - 18 ___________

Please give your reasons for nomination as briefly as possible.

Your name: ____________________________

Your address: __________________________

email: __________________________

N.B. If the nominee is being put forward by more than one person, please use one form and list your details on a separate sheet. We will only contact successful applicants.

Please send by 28 January 2011 to: Fareham Borough Council, FREEPOST, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7BR. Nominations can also be submitted online at: fareham.gov.uk/citizenawards

Forever Remembered

On Remembrance Sunday - 14 November at 11am, a special service will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Fareham to “Forever Remember” those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

If you’re a Fareham resident and would like the name of a loved one who has died as a serving member in a British Armed Forces conflict, to be added to a list of names to be read out prior to the service at 11am, please complete the online form at fareham.gov.uk or use the form below and send to: The Chief Executive’s Office, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ to arrive by 30 September 2010.

E-panel

You can have your say and join the e-panel today!

Engaging @ Fareham

Join our online panel and help improve services

If you live in the Borough of Fareham and are aged 18 or over you can register to be a member of Fareham’s e-panel.

Fareham Borough Council has set up an e-panel to enable you to have your say about issues affecting life for residents in our Borough, as well as inviting you to take part in wider consultations with residents. The e-panel will be asking you about issues affecting life for young people in our Borough, as well as inviting you to take part in wider consultations with the main e-panel.

Are the priorities for Fareham right?

Are we spending too much money on some things and not enough on others?

What do you want done differently?

Have your say and join the e-panel today!

To find out more, log on to fareham.gov.uk/consultation and click on the e-panel link

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New Leadership Arrangements

We’re asking for your views on how the Council should be run in the future. Changes in the law mean we need to decide which of two options we’ll adopt for managing our affairs.

The options are:
- a leader and cabinet/executive; or
- a mayor and cabinet/executive.

What’s the difference?
A leader and cabinet is closest to the arrangement the Council operates now. The Leader would be an elected councillor, appointed by fellow councillors to serve as Leader for four years. The Leader would choose which councillors would serve in the Cabinet (known as the Executive in Fareham). The Council would retain powers to remove the Leader from office, if necessary, during his/her term of office.

A mayor and cabinet would be an entirely new arrangement for Fareham. Although the Borough currently has a Mayor, it’s largely a ceremonial role, undertaken by one of the councillors for a year. This new-style Mayor wouldn’t be a councillor, but would be elected directly by voters in a separate election. He or she would serve for four years and would choose the councillors to serve in the Executive. The Mayor could not be removed from office by the Council.

We need your views
Before deciding which option to adopt in Fareham, the Council would welcome your views. Further information is available at fareham.gov.uk/consultation.

Who’s got your personal details?
By now a voter registration form will have been delivered to your home. You may have already dealt with it, but if you haven’t yet, you are reminded that you must fill in this form by law so that details of your name and address can be kept up to date on the electoral register.

But who has access to your personal details? Until 2002 anyone could buy a copy of the register to use for any purpose. Then the law was changed to give you some choice about who can buy details of your name and address.

There are now two versions of the electoral register: the full version and the edited version. When you fill in your form you can “opt out” of the edited version, which anyone can buy. If you tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will only appear on the full register which is used for elections, referendums and certain other purposes. If you do not want to appear on the edited version of the register, which anyone can buy. This means that anyone can use your details for any purpose. Make sure your choice is clear, every year.

Four more things to remember about registering to vote:
1. You need to be on the electoral register to be able to vote. You can register if you’re a British, Irish, qualifying Commonwealth or European Union citizen.
2. You must register every year. You aren’t automatically registered, even if you pay council tax.
3. If the details on the form don’t need to be changed, you can confirm your registration by telephone, internet or text, saving you time and the Council money.
4. If you move house you can register at your new address at any time of the year.

Don’t lose your right to vote
If you move within the last 6 weeks, please note the address on your voter registration form. If you have moved within the last 6 weeks, please note the address on your voter registration form. If you move house you can register at your new address at any time of the year.

For more information visit: fareham.gov.uk/elections or tel: 01329 824587.
Volunteers needed

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 SNAP (Say No And Phone)

Disco were originally created by Crimestoppers and have run at Ferneham Hall for the past 11 years, proving to be an extremely popular social event for local young people.

Although the disco’s are self-financing and cover the cost of hosting the evening’s entertainment and security, they’re wholly reliant on volunteers to set up and operate each event safely.

The Local Police have always been very strong supporters of this initiative, however, they still need the active support of other local organisations to keep this important social event going. Unfortunately, despite approximately 800 young people attending each SNAP Disco, the volunteer numbers dropped so low that the ratio of volunteers to young people was not enough to continue operating safely. As a result they’ve been unable to run in the last few months and the former SNAP committee has now folded.

However, a new SNAP Working Group has now been established and is actively appealing for volunteers to come forward.

The objectives of the initiative remain the same; to encourage young people between the ages of 11 and 16, to reject drug misuse and associated crime; to provide a safe and enjoyable environment to socialise with their peers.

Future dates for SNAP events are likely to be 26 November 2010, 28 January 2011 and 29 April.

As many willing volunteers as possible are needed to make SNAP a success again.

If you or someone you know is able to assist, please contact the Community Safety Manager, Narinder Bains, tel: 01329 824496 or email nbains@fareham.gov.uk

Fareham Leisure Card

Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers you discounts on a whole range of products and leisure activities in the Borough. The scheme is only available to residents of Fareham and brings you discounts of 5% to 50% on sports, entertainment, beauty, travel, dining out, gardening and a whole lot more.

The cards cost just £6 per person, £14 for a family membership, £4.20 for a student card or are FREE to eligible residents on a low income and are renewable annually. (Please see the Terms and Conditions on the back of the application form).

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.

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 824894 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can use your Fareham Leisure Card at:

• Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
• Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
• Andark Diving & Water Sports
• Bathroom World Fareham Ltd
• Bembridge House Bed & Breakfast
• Blue Reef Aquarium
• Body Fusion Sports Injury Clinic
• Cameron Flights Southern Ltd
• Clever Cats (Children’s mince & music)
• Crofton School of Shotokan Karate
• Curves
• Cuts and Glibber
• Direct Electrical
• Earnley Butterflies and Gardens
• Fareham Leisure Centre
• Farmer Palmers Farm Park
• Ferneham Hall
• Go Bowling
• Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
• Gosport Ice Rink
• Hangovers Cycles
• IFF (Interior Home Touches)
• Kitesurf UK
• Liquid Logistics and Earth Events Ltd
• Luckett’s Travel
• Manor Farm Country Park
• Mean Valley Cycle Hire
• Mid Hants Railway Watercress Line
• Naz Indian Cuisine
• Passion Flower Florists
• Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium
• Razzamattaz
• Royal Victoria Country Park
• Royal Victoria Railway
• Solent Nurseries
• Sports & Remedial Massage
• St Margaret’s Nurseries
• TAGF Activities Ltd
• Team Sport Indoor Karting
• The Oakleaf Brewing Company Ltd
• The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
• The Spirit Within Holistic Therapies
• Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
• Wickham Vineyard
• Zebra Waste - Skip Hire

The five CAT Chairmen for the Borough of Fareham with their respective Officers are:

- Cllr Kay Mandy (Crofton), Gerry Hill-Jones
- Cllr John Bryant (Fareham Town), Mark Dunning
- Cllr Nick Walker (Portchester), Richard Wright
- Cllr Tiffany Harper (Titchfield), Narinder Bains
- Cllr Brian Bayford (Western Wards), Janine Hensman

For more information contact one of the CATs Officers, tel: 01329 236100, email: cats@fareham.gov.uk or visit: fareham.gov.uk/cats

Forthcoming Community Action Team meetings

Meetings are from 7pm until 8.30pm and take place in the following areas across the Borough:

Autumn/Winter 2010 - from this autumn there will be five CAT areas instead of six as the two Fareham areas will merge to become Fareham Town.

Fareham Town - Wed 22 Sep at Henry Cort School, Hillson Drive
Titchfield - Thu 14 Oct at The Malt Room, Titchfield Community Association, Mill Street
Portchester - Tue 26 Oct at Portchester Parish Hall, Assheton Court, off Castle Street
Western Wards - Wed 17 Nov at Sarisbury Green Social Club, 108 Bridge Road
Crofton - Tue 23 Nov at Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road

For more information contact one of the CAT’s Officers, tel: 01329 236100, email: cats@fareham.gov.uk or visit: fareham.gov.uk/cats

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The National Environmental Campaign

Each year in partnership with the Fareham in Bloom volunteers, we support the regional In Bloom campaign and enter the Borough to show the very best of our parks and countryside sites, as well as some private and business centres whose combined efforts make for a truly horticultural and environmentally strong entry.

Following on from the invitation in 2009 for Fareham to represent the region in the national finals, Britain in Bloom judges, Andrew Jackson and John Woodward (pictured right) visited Fareham at the beginning of August, to judge the Borough as finalists in the ‘large town/small city’ category, competing against Bedford; Crawley and Derry City.

Fareham Today had an exclusive pass to follow the judges on their tour of the Borough, gaining an insight into what they’re looking for in the winning entry. It also highlighted the hard work and dedication put into the competition each year by the volunteers, community and Council.

9.30am The judges start their day at Ferneham Hall, where they’re greeted by Fareham in Bloom coordinators Matt Wakefield, the Council’s Horticultural Development Officer and Heather Othen from the In Bloom volunteers team. Over coffee they take a look at the ‘In Bloom’ year books and publicity material, plus they’re shown the Meridian TV feature about Fareham in Bloom, aired the previous week.

10am The judging process begins with a 15 minute presentation by Matt, who gives a summary of In Bloom across the Borough. It recognises the important part of the In Bloom criteria, that the emphasis has never solely been on flowers, and that the key objective is about community participation and long term sustainability and biodiversity in the management of the Borough’s parks sites.

10.15am The coordinators now have just three and a half hours to ‘show off’ the Borough’s ‘best bits’, the diversity and prime sites. The chosen route, covering 21 miles is judged looking at its presentation and cleanliness. The tour begins with a walk through the Civic Gardens (north of Fareham Shopping Centre, between the library, the health centre and the Civic Offices) where we’re met by Pam Marsden, Centre Director of Fareham Shopping Centre (pictured above). Pam explains about the importance of partnership working and how In Bloom is excellent for the town and in developing business participation.

10.30am We arrive at the Portchester Memorial Gardens, a unique privately owned landscape, which is open to the public to enjoy its peace and tranquility. Just a short walk away, the tour moves on to Eleanor’s Wood, a community In Bloom entry (pictured right) where they meet Mrs Mudd who guides the judges through the site which is a regular winner in the Borough’s own awards.

11.30am Next up we’re at the inspirational Portchester Northern Community School, where we see at first hand the amazing work of the children, staff and volunteers, who’ve created an educational haven for learning. Heather Scott, the project manager and a member of the Fareham in Bloom team show us around this fantastic site, which is a tremendous asset to the Borough (pictured below).

11.55am Having driven through the western end of Fareham Town Centre and along the A27 to Sarisbury, the tour reaches Holly Hill Woodland Park. Here Mark Trigwell, Countryside Officer greets the judges and guides them through the Green Flag award winning site, introducing them to volunteers from the Friends of Holly Hill (pictured below).

12.15pm After a quick drive around Cams Hall Estate, highlighting its heritage, the Business Park and golf course; the judges and coordinators reach the Sensory Garden, in central Fareham. Here they meet with members of the Fareham Conservation Volunteer group, some grounds maintenance staff from the Council and Pam Chisham, one of the Borough’s Citizens of Honour and a Fareham in Bloom coordinator.

They learn about the extensive upgrading to the planting and interpretation during 2008-10 and how the garden holds national Green Flag status (pictured below).

12.30pm Time’s up! Matt, Heather and the rest of the team have done everything they can to impress the judges. Now the judges attend a Garden Party, hosted by Bridgett and Geoff Thickett, members of the In Bloom team, where they meet the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Brian Bayford; the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Sean Woodward; and the Executive Member for Community, Councillor Connie Hockley, as well as many of the volunteers and sponsors associated with In Bloom (pictured below).

Supporting Britain in Bloom 2010

We would very much like to thank the following companies for their kindness and support with our Britain in Bloom entry:

- Luckett’s Travel
- Fareham Shopping Centre
- St Margaret’s Nurseries
- Gum Clear
- Portchester Memorial Gardens

Results will be available following the national presentation in Birmingham on 28 September.
A day in the life...

of a Community Safety Liaison Officer

By Colin Donnelly

I work for Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS), providing a link between HFRS and the Community Safety Partnerships of Fareham and Gosport. These Partnerships are made up of the Borough Councils, Police, Fire Service, Primary Care Trust, Youth Services, the Youth Offending Team and Probation Service amongst others.

Part of my role is to reduce the occurrences of deliberate fires within the area. I look for any re-occurring patterns or locations to work out a joint plan with the Police and the Local Authority Community Safety Teams to solve these problems.

07:30 I log on to my PC and check the calls HFRS has had since 08:00 the previous day. I identify those in my area that have been reported as arson, add the details to a spreadsheet and send it to the Police and other members of the Partnership. This information is passed on to local beat officers who can investigate these incidents.

09:00-11:00 I attend a Community Tasking and Coordinating Group (CTCG) meeting at Fareham Police Station. We discuss recent crime figures including any rise or fall compared to the previous year. The local beat officers give a report on their own areas, highlighting any problems or solutions. Reports are then given by the other agencies including myself. I report on the number of arson calls, the locations and any patterns occurring.

12:00 I visit three sites where deliberate fires have been started the previous night. Fortunately they were minor fires involving rubbish and grass. Problems occur when rubbish is placed close to other items or property; a small fire can quickly spread, causing damage and risk to life. I talk to local residents, ask if they saw anything, advise them to keep their bins secure until collection day and to dispose of other waste immediately; not letting it build up and become a target for arsonists.

I check to see if there are any CCTV cameras around that may have caught images of the offenders. If these are there, I can ask the Police to review the footage, with regard to prosecution.

13:00 A local fire crew advises me about a large hoarded up property showing signs of forced entry. I visit the site and find that this poses a serious arson risk. The building is in a bad state of repair (pictured above), with floorboards and banisters removed, broken glass all over the floor and signs of fire starting in certain areas. I take photographs of the hazards and return to my office where I email them to the Environmental Health Officer at Fareham Borough Council.

Within a short time I get a reply telling me that the owner has been contacted and informed of the situation. The premises must be satisfactorily secured within a laid down timescale. If this is not done, the Council will do it and charge the owner accordingly.

15:00 I’ve had a phone call from the Police Public Protection Unit, informing me about an incident at an address where the occupier’s life had been threatened by their ex-partner. They had threatened to set fire to the property so I visit to carry out a Home Fire Safety check and give the occupier fire safety advice, fitting a device designed to catch and extinguish any item which is alright when put through the letterbox (pictured below). I also check they have working smoke detectors in the correct locations. We work closely with our partner agencies to identify individuals and groups who will benefit from our home safety visit scheme. I reassure the resident, leave them my contact details and return to my office. I then write up a report of the visit and forward it to the Police and local fire station.

It has been a varied and busy day but as with most days in the Fire Service, a very rewarding one.

Warm, Wise and Healthy

We’re hosting two Stay Warm, Wise and Healthy fairs this year on Tuesday 5 October at Ferneham Hall (9 - 5.30pm) and on Monday 18 October at Portchester Community Centre (9am - 12noon).

In conjunction with Hampshire County Council Trading Standards we’re offering FREE electric blanket testing appointments. The fair will have representatives offering advice, information and demonstrations to residents on a range of topics including:

- Home safety
- Home security
- Energy Efficiency and advice on how to access Grant Schemes
- Staying on your feet this winter
- Fire safety
- Council Tax / Housing Benefit entitlement
- Healthy eating
- Plus FREE tea and coffee

Multisport Club

We’re launching a new Multisport Club for adults this September in Partnership with Fareham Leisure Centre.

This club will meet every Friday from 2 - 3pm and will offer activities including Football, New Age Kurling, Tennis, Low Impact Circuits and much more.

This is the ideal club for helping increase your confidence, improve or maintain your current fitness and to socialise and meet with others.

Cams Community Club

The Cams Community Club has over 150 members now and the clubs offers a range of affordable and fun activities every week, these include:

- Fitness, new age kurling, art, singing, cookery, book club, digital photography, computers for beginners and Tai Chi.

Look out also for other new activities starting soon; including learn a new language!

To book an appointment to have your electric blanket tested, tel: 01392 833358 (booking is essential). For further information about the Warm, Wise & Healthy fairs or Multisport Exercise to Music, please contact Emma Watts, Community Development Officer, tel: 01329 236100. If you’d like to find out more about Cams Community Club please contact, tel: 01329 231641 (Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm). For details about Nordic Walking, please contact, tel: 01409 446623 and for further information about the Multisport Club, please contact the Community Team, tel: 01329 236100.

Nordic Walking

Nordic Walking is an enhancement of ordinary walking, which uses poles.

There are two main benefits to Nordic Walking: the use of poles means the upper body muscles are used as well as the legs and the poles help to propel you along, meaning you work harder than usual but they support you and make it feel easier.

If Nordic Walking is something you’d like to try, see below for contact details.

To book an appointment to have your electric blanket tested, tel: 01392 833358 (booking is essential). For further information about the Warm, Wise & Healthy fairs or Multisport Exercise to Music, please contact Emma Watts, Community Development Officer, tel: 01329 236100. If you’d like to find out more about Cams Community Club please contact, tel: 01329 231641 (Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm). For details about Nordic Walking, please contact, tel: 01409 446623 and for further information about the Multisport Club, please contact the Community Team, tel: 01329 236100.
I f you've been past Broadlaw Walk off Bishopsfield Road recently, you'll have noticed a few changes. The old shopping centre is in the process of being knocked down and rebuilt by First Wessex. The whole regeneration project will take another two years and when it's finished the area should have a very different feel.

As there are currently only a few facilities in the immediate area, First Wessex has also opened a new community room - Broadlaw Community Space. Since opening in November last year, the Community Space has had a steady stream of local residents coming in and getting involved.

The Community Space is for everybody living nearby, and is now hosting a wide range of activities and services for all ages. A core group of volunteers meets regularly to plan what's happening - and they're always looking for more people to help out.

For young people, there's Youth Space every Thursday after school - with craft activities, a pool table and games. Music Fusion has been running sessions on beatboxing, MC'ing and DJ'ing later on Thursday evenings.

Merryfields Children's Centre runs 'FAB' - Family Advice at Broadlaw, every Thursday morning. Parents of young children can bring them along for a play and get advice from a nursery nurse on all sorts of things, from sleeping and eating to toilet training.

Hampshire Credit Union is there every Wednesday morning and offers a non-profit alternative to doorstep lenders, with loans at affordable rates - and you don't have to save with them to apply for a loan.

For older people, there is a bingo session on the last Tuesday of every month. The Police also run their beat surgery on the first Friday of every month.

If you just want to drop in, have a cup of tea and a chat, use the internet connected laptops (for no charge) or find out what's happening locally, the Community Space is open every Tuesday and Thursday. Future plans include a social enterprise selling low cost fresh fruit and vegetables, plus a walking group for all ages. To find out more, please contact Mandie Bowman, tel: 07912 986499 or email: mandie@sehco.org.uk

If you'd like more information, please contact the Tenant Involvement Officer, Jennie Larkin, tel: 01329 236100 or email: jlinkin@fareham.gov.uk

Tenants’ Forum

Following consultation with tenants, we’ve recently reviewed the way in which the Tenants’ Forum works.

The east and west forums have been combined, with a tenant as the chairman and another as vice-chairman.

The Tenants’ Forum covers the whole of Fareham Borough and all Council tenants automatically become members. Meetings are held every two months and are attended by staff and Councillors, with agendas set by tenants and staff.

Forum meetings provide an opportunity for tenants to let us know what local issues are of concern to them. Meetings also provide an important opportunity to give feedback on our services and to influence decisions made about your homes and communities. Meetings also enable those attending to find out what's going on nationally in the housing sector.

The dates of future meetings are as follows:

- Thursday 4 November 2010 at 1:30pm at Ferneham Hall, Fareham
- Thursday 13 January 2011 at 1:30pm at Ferneham Hall
- Thursday 3 March 2011 at 1:30pm at Ferneham Hall

For more information please visit these websites: fareham.gov.uk/recycling; recycleforhampshire.org.uk; integra.org.uk
Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Appeal 2010

Last year’s Shoe Box Appeal was a fantastic success, thanks to the generosity of the readers of Fareham Today. In the Borough alone, 9,627 gift-filled shoeboxes were sent to children in Zimbabwe, Rumania, Swaziland, Ukraine, Bosnia and Belarus. Thank you.

Once again Operation Christmas Child is asking for gift-filled shoe boxes for 2010, to help put smiles on the faces of many more children that have been affected by civil wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty. Choosing gifts and then filling and wrapping a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family, especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

Please take your gift-filled shoe boxes (including £2.50 or more towards distribution, transport, processing and promotion per box) to Sarisbury Green United Reform Church during November, Monday to Friday 10am–5pm. If you’re unable to drop the box off between these times, please contact, tel: 01489 572718.

What to pack?
All items should be new. Please include items from each "category" and please make your box both fun and educational.

How to pack your shoe box

1. Find an empty medium sized shoe box (18cm x 30cm x 13cm). Wrap the lid and box separately in wrapping paper.
2. Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl. Cut out the boy or girl label, tick the appropriate age and stick it to the top right on the outside of the wrapped lid. Secure the label with sticky tape.
3. Fill your box with gifts
4. Please enclose £2.50 or more in an envelope (or online at samaritanspurse.uk.com) towards distribution, transport, processing and promotion.
5. Please secure the lid with an elastic band, and do not seal the box as it will not need to be checked to ensure it meets Customs requirements.

Your gifts in a shoe box could be the first Christmas present a disadvantaged child has ever received. Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued.

What to pack?

- Toys - something to love
  - bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument (for boys - trucks and cars, for girls - doll, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories etc.)

- Educational supplies - something to do
  - felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

- Hygiene items - something to use
  - toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel etc.

- Other items - something to eat or wear
  - sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of this year), biscuits, cakes (or any other food)

- Medicine - medicines or vitamins of any kind

- War related items - toys, guns, soldiers or knives

- Clothing - (other than listed left)

- Fragile items - glass containers, mirrors

- Liquids - of any kind including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols

- Dangerous items - marbles or sharp objects - scissors or razors

- Novels - anything of a political or racial nature

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, visit: samaritanspurse.uk.com

Additional information:

- **October**:
  - Fri 1 19:30 - Dennis Lecerriere: Sensational 60's Experience
  - Sat 2 19:30 - Sensational 60s Experience
  - Sun 3 13:00 - Fireman Sam
  - Sun 10 19:30 - Roy Orbison Tribute
  - Thu 14 19:30 - Country Legends 2010
  - Fri 15 19:30 - Ultimate Elvis
  - Sat 16 19:30 - Havant Chamber Orchestra
  - Sun 17 15:00 - Superslam Wrestling
  - Sat 23 19:30 - The New Squadronaires
  - Tue 26 19:30 - STP Musicals presents The Wiz
  - Sat 30 19:30 (Saturday matinée 14:30)

- **November**:
  - Tue 2 - Vagina Monologues 2010
  - Wed 3 19:30 - Gosport Gang Show
  - Thu 4 19:30 - The Bon Jovi Experience
  - Sun 7 14:30 - High School Rocks!
  - Tue 9 19:30 - That'll Be The Day - 25th Anniversary
  - Thu 11 19:30 - Moscow Ballet La Classique - Swan Lake
  - Fri 12 19:30 - The Legendary Thre Bs -
  - Chris Barber, Kenny Ball & Acker Bilk

- **December**:
  - Sun 28 14:30 & 19:30 - Band of HM Royal Marines

Prices vary:
- Aladdin
- Murder Mystery
- Christmas Party Nights

For more information, contact the box office, tel: 01329 231942, email: boxoffice@fareham.gov.uk or online visit: fareham.gov.uk
What do Community Innovations Teams do?
The Community Innovations service aims to promote the independence and well-being of older people. Team members make home visits to provide support, advice and guidance on a range of issues such as keeping warm, safe, fit and eating well. They can also give specialist help if people are experiencing difficulties around the home or with managing everyday activities, or if they're concerned about their health and well-being as well as providing assistance with linking people into appropriate health and voluntary and community services.

This could specifically be for older people who:
- are socially isolated
- frequently contact their GP or Accident & Emergency Department with non-acute or non specific problems
- are at risk of falling or have fallen, while not yet requiring specialist falls services
- have signs of depression, anxiety, early stage dementia or have been bereaved.

Community Innovations Teams are made up of staff with knowledge and expertise in health, social care and the voluntary sector, dedicated to helping older people stay independent in their own homes for longer. The Fareham team has been in place since mid-February and includes a social worker, an occupational therapist, a nurse, a community support worker and a community development worker.

The Social Worker and Occupational Therapist carry out assessments in consultation with the older person who has been referred to them. They take into account what the person wants and needs, and draw up support plans with input from the nurse linked to the team.

The Community Support Worker carries out the support plan, by making the necessary links with volunteers and agencies. She assists people in starting activities and keeps in touch with them to monitor their progress.

The Community Development Worker has a good knowledge of the available voluntary services for older people in the area. She provides this information to the team, supports local groups and identifies gaps where new initiatives need to be created to meet local needs.

Who can be referred to Fareham CIT?
Older people from all parts of the Borough who:
- are beginning to experience difficulties maintaining their usual levels of independence or well-being but are not currently in crisis
- are not eligible for or in receipt of a package of care from Social Services
- are not at risk of hospital admission

Individual people can refer themselves to the service or must be aware of and wish for a referral to be made.

The Fareham Team is happy to visit organisations in the area to speak to their members about the work of the Community Innovations Service and to give support and guidance to new and existing community groups about developing services for older people.

For more information about the Community Innovations Service in Hampshire please visit: hants.gov.uk/community_innovations
Events along West Street

Dates for your diary:
- Sat 23 to Sun 30 Oct Fareham October Fest - daily funfair
- Sat 23 Oct Emergency vehicle display
- Every Thu from 19 Nov Special Christmas Markets

Sun 21 Nov Christmas lights switch on - fun activities all day, including live performances from local groups. See the town burst into festive illumination when the lights are switched on at 4.30pm.

Contact your Councillors

If you’d like further information on these or other town centre events or would like to get involved, please contact the Department of Planning and Environment, tel: 01329 236100 or email: towncentre@fareham.gov.uk

Did you know that…?

The Fire Service Preservation Group (FSPG) is a national not-for-profit organisation which is very active in Hampshire. The FSPG was founded in London in 1968, and called at that time The Auxiliary and National Fire Service Preservation Group. The purpose was to preserve the equipment and appliances of the National and Auxiliary fire services after their disbandment. The present title was adopted in 1972, and with this change the group widened its aims to include all aspects of Fire Service preservation and interests.

Members of the group come from all walks of life, many of whom are former or serving firefighters and ages vary, from babies to those well into retirement. Applications for membership are invited from individuals or families interested in the Fire Brigades, their appliances or equipment, or the actual restoration and preservation of Fire Appliances. Whilst some members own and operate appliances, others are interested in modeling, producing models from kits or in many cases from scratch. Others collect helmets, badges, uniform, die-cast models or photographs. In fact anything which is of interest, but for some just being a member brings its own rewards. The FSPG will be at the ‘Emergency Vehicle Display’ in Fareham on Saturday 23 October.

For more information about the group and to find out how to join, visit: f-s-g.org
Ferneham Hall in association with
Jordan Productions present

Peter Duncan
as Abanazar

Chris Edgerley
(from CITV’s Hi-5)
as Wishee Washee

Aladdin
A Traditional Fun-filled
Family Pantomime

Robert Rawles
as Widow Twankey

Lisa Mathieson
as Aladdin

Written by Chris Jordan
Directed & Choreographed by Eik Swan

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