Foreword

by the Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Seán 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)
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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 587440.

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It’s up to You ....

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.

And, uniquely from the 15th September, YOU can vote online for a winner!

Organised by the Solent Centre for Architecture + Design (SCAD), it is to stimulate good design and create BETTER places to live and work. Any building or development completed after April 1st 2005 can be entered.

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.

What do you do towards your 5x30?

The South East Public Health Board recommends moderate exercise for 30 minutes, five times a week.

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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

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.

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.

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.
The e-panel has been up and running for over a year now and has been consulted on a wide range of topics.
The Council works in partnership with other agencies to improve the quality of life for residents, and we need you to tell us what you think about our services, good or bad.

Young person’s e-panel
If you’re 13-19 years old, you might like to join our new young persons e-panel. We’ll 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

E-panel
Democracy

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

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

Please email your comments to democraticservices@fareham.gov.uk or post them to Democratic Services, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ before 31 October 2010.

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 tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will also 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.

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Citizens Advice Bureau

Be on your guard and beat the fraudsters

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau is always there to give advice that makes a difference to the residents of Fareham. They’ll help you to protect your rights and find solutions to your problems and issues. Recently a number of particularly ingenious scams have come to our attention...

Training Course Scam

This scam targets people looking for work by offering training and claims it will lead to marketable qualifications or even a guaranteed permanent job on completion of the course.

One young man who sought our help has signed a contract for thousands of pounds worth of training as a plumber, only to find that the training material is of dubious quality and is unlikely to give him the qualifications he needs. The company behind the scam has been highlighted by TV consumer programmes and is well documented on Internet forums.

If you’re looking for work it’s natural to think about improving your prospects through skills training, but it pays to do your homework first. Otherwise you may find yourself seriously out of pocket and no better qualified than when you started. The CAB is seeing more cases involving the promise of a job at the end – a particularly despicable scam at a time when so many people have been made redundant and are desperate for work.

Flats Scam

Another scam to watch out for if you’re looking for rental property is where the landlord asks you as a prospective tenant to prove you have enough money for the rent and deposit by making a cash transfer before even showing you the property.

A young woman from outside the area who came to the CAB for advice recently found her money was withdrawn and when she turned up in Fareham there was no flat and no trace of the person who had taken her money.

Bank Scam

A man who had suffered fraudulent withdrawals from his bank account experienced a double whammy when a so-called “Reclaim Expert” phoned him out of the blue claiming he could help him get his money back for a fee. The man thought the caller was authorised by his bank and was duped into sending several sums of money in foreign currencies to this fraudster before contacting Fareham CAB for advice. Always check with your bank first if you get a call of this nature.

For more information on any of these topics and for other ways to get advice, visit: farehamcab.org.uk

To contact us, tel: 0844 772 2232 (calls cost 5p a minute from landlines, mobile costs may vary) or drop in: 2nd Floor of Fareham Library Building - Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm.

Case Study

An elderly pensioner in a muddle over a BT bill came to Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau for help. He had been confused over whether a fault had been on the phone line or his handset and had been charged £125 for calling out a BT engineer. When we called on his behalf BT agreed to a refund.

Know your Maternity Rights

A new information sheet “Pregnant at Work” tells you all you need to know about your rights before, during and after the birth of your baby. Produced by the charity, Maternity Action, it’s available in English and Polish via farehamcab.org.uk

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

Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk Website fareham.gov.uk
**Volunteers needed**

**S**nap (Say No And Phone) Discos were originally created by Crimestoppers and have run at Fareham 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’s Community Safety Partnership has produced reporting cards which provide the details of those who contact and examples of what anti-social behaviour is.

Help us to help you!

We’re all reassured to know that cases of burglary and robbery are low in Fareham and fewer are happening from year to year. Despite this we’re encouraging residents to take a small step to protect themselves from the effects of this type of crime.

Antimobilise.com is a FREE secure online service where you can log serial numbers of expensive items such as televisions, laptops, mobile phones and MP3 players. It takes just a few minutes to register the details of personal property at no expense. The site is used by all local Police forces to identify the owners of stolen items that have been recovered, helping re-unite people quickly with their property. Second-hand retailers also use the site to prevent stolen goods being sold on. Finally, registering with antimobilise.com can make claiming on insurance much simpler as you have details immediately to hand.

For more information and to register your property, visit: antimobilise.com

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**Fareham Leisure Card**

**Have you got yours yet?**

Fareham Leisure Card offers 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 Fareham 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 824804 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 mime & music)
- Crofton School of Shotokan Karate
- Curves
- Cuts and Clobber
- Direct Electrical
- Earley Butterflies and Gardens
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Farmer Palmers Farm Park
- Ferneham Hall
- Go Bowling
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- Gosport Ice Rink
- Hargreaves Cycles
- IFIT (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
- Razzamattazz
- 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

For information on rates and other terms & conditions, please visit: fareham.gov.uk
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).

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1.25pm 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).

Fareham in Bloom 2010

We would very much like to thank the following companies for their kind support and 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.
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.

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.

Seated Exercise to Music ‘Chairobics’

Seated Exercise to Music sessions are a fun and affordable activity that anyone can participate in. Exercises are carried out to music whilst sitting in a chair and conducted by a qualified instructor. Sessions last for approx 45 minutes and refreshments are available afterwards.

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10.30am - Stubbington Baptist Church, Jay Close (Off Cuckoo Lane)

Tuesdays at 2pm - Barnfield Sheltered Housing Scheme, Butser Walk (off Bishopfield Road)

Thursdays at 10.30am - Collingwood Sheltered Housing Scheme, Gibraltar Close (behind Somerfield supermarket).

Cams Community Club

The Cams Community Club has over 150 members now and the club 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!

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 there are, 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 alleged 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.
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 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@ehco.org.uk.

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.

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**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 of the categories 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 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.

**Please include the following:**

- **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, makeup or hair accessories) etc.
- **Educational supplies - something to do**
  - felt 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.
- **Dangerous items**
  - marbles or sharp objects - scissors or razors
- **Novels**
  - anything of a political or racial nature
- **Food**
  - chocolate, crisps, biscuits, tinned food or cakes (or any other food)
- **Medicines**
  - medicines or vitamins of any kind
- **War related items**
  - toy guns, soldiers or knives
- **Clothing**
  - (other than listed left)
- **Fragile items**
  - glass containers, mirrors
- **Liquids**
  - something to eat or wear

Please don’t include the following:

- **Fragile items**
  - mirrors, broken glass, cutlery, crockery, aerosols
- **Clothing**
  - in condition for reuse
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**Fareham’s Ferneham Hall**

**Shoe Box Appeal 2010**

**How to pack your shoe box**

1. Cut out the appropriate label
2. Tick relevant age group box
3. Stick label on top of your shoe box lid

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**OCTOBER**

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<td>15:00</td>
<td>Superslam Wrestling</td>
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<td>Sat 23</td>
<td>19:30</td>
<td>The New Squadronaires</td>
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<td>STP Musicals presents The Wiz</td>
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<td>KK School of Dance presents 'Feel The Rythm 8'</td>
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Customer Service Centre tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk Website fareham.gov.uk
Community Innovations Team

Community Innovations has come to Fareham

The Community Innovations service has been expanded to 16 districts across Hampshire. The service is a joint initiative between Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Community Health Care, local wellbeing partnerships and the voluntary sector. It supports the development of personalisation, focusing in particular on providing early intervention and prevention services to older people who are at risk of losing their independence, but who don't meet the Adult Services eligibility criteria.

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 wellbeing 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 service or to make a referral, contact the fareham Team direct, tel: 01329 514116, or email: fareham.cit@hants.gov.uk

For more information about the Community Innovations Service in Hampshire please visit: hants.gov.uk/community innovations

Equality

Putting the Fair in Fareham

We're committed to ensuring all residents have an equal opportunity to access our services and to improving the quality of life for all our customers.

As part of this commitment, we regularly review our policies on equality and diversity. We're currently working to produce a new Equality Strategy that will reflect current government and Borough priorities for the next three years. Before the General Election, a new Equality Act was passed through Parliament that takes all existing equality legislation and combines this into a single act. The coalition government has publicly endorsed the Act, so equality forms a crucial part of the agenda.

This will prove to be important to our community as there are certain parts of the act that are particularly relevant for local councils. We will increase our efforts to eliminate disadvantage caused through economic circumstances and celebrate the diversity of our communities. We will ensure that any supplier of goods and services we work with shares our commitment to equality and diversity. We're committed to transparency and share our information on pay scales between genders at the Council. The act has also granted more powers for the protection of our disabled and older residents so that we can focus on eliminating any discrimination that may still exist.

All these issues are important for the development of the new Equality Strategy, but a strategy for Fareham can't work without the input of the people affected by these changes; our community. We've already held a consultation event in May where we gained some initial ideas from members of the public about how we can improve and we're still looking for ideas now. This is your opportunity to influence the direction we take as the leader for public service provision in your area.

If you have any suggestions and ideas about what needs to be included in the strategy or if you want more information on the work we do, please contact the Performance and Improvement Team, tel: 01329 236100 or email: performanceview@fareham.gov.uk. If you would prefer to send a written response, please send your ideas to Performance and Improvement Team, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ. You can also raise ideas with your local councillor. Contact details for them can be found on page 23.
 Events along West Street

Dates for your diary:
Sat 23 to 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.

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

For more information about the group and to find out how to join, visit: f-s-g.org

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Contact your Councillors

Key: Conservative group  Liberal Democrat group

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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 in interest 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 Flik Swan

Friday 10 December 2010 - Sunday 2 January 2011
Ferneham Hall, Fareham

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