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Having “Fields in Trust” status will provide the grounds with permanent protection so that they can be used for sport, play and recreation by future generations.

I hope that many of you will join together with friends, family and neighbours in celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday 20 March to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee weekend from 2 to 5 June, and start planning your street parties. www.fareham.gov.uk provides advice and an application form for a street party if required. We aim to make it as easy as possible for everyone to enjoy this special time.

During 2012 we not only celebrate Queen Elizabeth II becoming the only British monarch apart from Queen Victoria to reach over 60 years on the throne but also the Olympics coming to Britain for the first time since 1948. We will be commemorating these events along with the 30th Anniversary of the Falklands conflict.

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.

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Celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

Royal Visit

On Tuesday 20 March, HRH The Princess Royal will be visiting Fareham for a special Freedom March to mark The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. During her visit, The Princess Royal will also officially open the newly upgraded Jubilee Play Area (event times will be announced on our Twitter, Facebook pages and www.fareham.gov.uk on 13 March).

Last autumn children and young people who took part in a ‘Jubilee Joy’ consultation, suggested that the play area in West Street Fareham be themed ‘Kings and Queens’ as a commemoration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, they also told us what they’d like the play area to include and look like.

The play area now includes a castle tower, a kings and queens entrance arch, a unicorn slide, and other themed pieces of play equipment.

For further information about the Town Centre Play Area please contact 01329 236100.

Diamond Jubilee Street Parties

The Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge, launched last year, is headed by its Patron, The Duke of Cambridge. The aim is to plant 10,000 trees across Hampshire as a permanent living legacy of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, with planting opportunities around the county to give the opportunity to get creative with the Fareham Play Rangers and make Jubilee souvenirs.

For more information about these events contact the Leisure and Community Team on 01329 236100 or look out for the latest event information at www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

Jubilee Football Tournament

Jubilee 77 Youth Football Club who are also celebrating their own milestone of 35 years of providing and supporting youth football, are hosting a special ‘Jubilee’ Football Tournament on Saturday 2 June at Seafield Park Recreation Ground.

This special Jubilee Tournament will make the ideal family day out, with a BBQ, inflatable’s, face painting and the Fareham Play Ranger Service.

For more information or to reserve your club a space please contact Jubilee 77 Youth Football Club by email andy@vince1.co.uk or visit www.jubilee77ycf.org.uk

Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields

The Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge launched last year, is headed by its Patron, The Duke of Cambridge. The aim is to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of the landmark occasion and to ensure our green spaces and playing fields are protected for future generations.

We were the first local authority in Hampshire to secure Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields status for four of our recreation grounds, Wicor Recreation Ground (Portchester), Allotment Road Recreation Ground (Sarisbury), Seafield Park Recreation Ground (Hill Head) and Bath Lane Recreation Ground (Fareham).

In June the whole country will be joining together to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. ‘Have a Field Day’ celebrations are currently being planned at Seafield Park Recreation Ground, Allotment Road Recreation Ground, Bath Lane Recreation Ground and Wicor Recreation Ground. They will provide the ideal setting to celebrate in the great outdoors, with cream teas, inflatable’s, traditional games, football and cricket activities; plus the opportunity to get creative with the Fareham Play Rangers and make Jubilee souvenirs.

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Diamond Jubilee Street Parties

Thinking of having a street party to celebrate The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee during the extended four day holiday on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June?

If you are hoping to organise a party on either your local open space or in the street please visit www.fareham.gov.uk and click on our ‘Diamond Jubilee Street Parties’ page, for more information and to complete an application form.

The deadline for applications is 15 April, to ensure enough time to organise the closure of any necessary road.

Events for your diary

March

Saturday 31 March The Great Easter Egg Hunt
Water World
Location: Holly Hill Woodland Park, Sarisbury Green
Time: 12 noon with phisicd entry until last entry at 4pm
Tickets: £5.50 per child
Dress: Waterproof shoes, Fancy dress is optional.

Saturday 31 March Beauty Outside and In – Free health tips and beauty advice with activity demonstrations
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 12 noon – 2pm

April

Every Monday and Saturday in April, Music Month – A variety of music styles to suit every taste
Location: all around the town centre
Time: 12 noon – 2pm

Saturday 7 April Fareham Farmers’ Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 2pm

Friday 13 April Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

Sunday 15 April Going Wild – free workshop with cultural advice on sowing and growing wild flowers
Location: Open space on Bishopsheld Road, Fareham
Time: 1pm
Dress: Waterproof shoes recommended

Saturday 28 April Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

May

Saturday 5 May Fareham Farmers’ Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 2pm

Friday 11 May Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

Saturday 12 May Fareham Gardeners’ Fair
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

Saturday 12 May Common Knowledge – A guided walk at Warsash Common
Location: Meet at New Road car park
Time: 10am
Tickets: £3 per person
Dress: Suitable clothing, possible sun screen, stout boots

Thursday 24 May Sensory Tea Afternoon cream tea with a talk and demonstration on the more exotic side of gardening
Location: Sensory Garden, Osborn Road
Time: 1pm
Tickets: £3.50, tea and cakes included
Dress: Warm clothing, suitable shoes for woodland park

Friday 25 May SNAP DISCO
Location: Ferneham Hall
Time: 7pm – 10.30pm

Saturday 26 May Hampshire Country Market
Location: West St, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

June/July

Saturday 2 June Fareham Farmers’ Market
Location: West Street Fareham
Time: 9am – 2pm

Saturday 9 June Fareham Gardeners’ Fair
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

Saturday 15 June Barking Up the Right Tree – Outdoor workshop on how to identify trees in the field
Location: Holly Hill Woodland Park, Sarisbury Green
Time: 10am
Tickets: £3 per person
Dress: Suitable clothing, possible sun screen, stout boots

Saturday 30 June Hampshire Country Market
Location: West Street, Fareham
Time: 9am – 3pm

Friday 6 July SNAP Dance Night
Location: Ferneham Hall
Time: 7pm – 10.30pm

Saturday 7 July Fareham Farmers’ Market
Location: West Street Fareham
Time: 9am – 2pm
**Fareham in Bloom Competition 2012**

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

**Section 1**

1a Small floral front garden under 70m²
1b Large floral front garden over 70m²
1c Courtyard/forecourt garden up to 15m²
1d Plantman’s garden – permanent planting schemes

**Section 2**

2a Hanging or wall basket
2b Container – window box/tub/ect.
2c Floral display, incl. balconies, using any baskets/containers
2d Unusual garden feature

**Section 3**

3a Small floral garden under 100m²
3b Large floral garden over 100m²
3c Small plantman’s garden under 100m²
3d Large plantman’s garden over 100m²
3e Wildlife back garden

**Section 4**

4a Allotment garden up to 5 rods
4b Allotment garden over 5 rods

**Section 5**

5a Local authority run warden assisted/sheltered residential home, complex or day care facility
5b Other warden assisted/sheltered residential home, complex or other housing services provider
5c Business premises, incl. public houses
5d Large commercial landscape
5e Community floral display – your street, cul-de-sac, community centre, public service area
5f School gardening projects

Please return to Fareham Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, FREEPOST, Fareham PO16 7BR by 15 June 2012

Photos may be taken at these events for promotional purposes and purpose of these activities, promotion of related events and the mailing of associated material. Should you not wish to receive such information then please tick here.

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**Let’s Bloom**

The participation from our residents is vital in supporting the Fareham in Bloom campaign and every year we’re privileged to be able to see some spectacular gardens and community projects that bring colour and richness to the Borough. In Bloom is open to all residents, schools and businesses within the Borough, entries are judged during the first two weeks of July and awards are based on individual merit from Bronze and Silver to Silver Gilt and Gold.

If you feel your street or commercial green space has that horticultural gem then we’d love to hear from you. Simply complete the application form (left) and return it to Fareham Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, FREEPOST, Fareham PO16 7BR no later than Friday 15 June. Entry is FREE and all entrants will receive a 10% discount card for use throughout the year at selected nurseries.

**Going wild with Jubilee meadows**

Wild flowers will be sown this season to create a spectacular display of nectar rich planting that will help support local wildlife and biodiversity whilst encouraging communities to create their own simple low cost schemes. We’d like to get the Borough’s schools, horticultural groups and community groups to take part and have designated three initial locations where the blooms will burst into flower early this summer.

A free workshop to mark the new project will be held at Bishopshill Road open space on Sunday 15 April, when practical cultural advice and seeds will be given away to those wishing to take the idea into their own community.

More information on the national RHS scheme can be found at www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/Community-gardening/Britain-in-Bloom/2012-Britain-in-Bloom-launch

For more information on ‘In Bloom’, community horticulture and events please contact Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer on 01329 824543 or email parks@fareham.gov.uk

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**Portchester Community Centre**

Work on the Westlands Grove site is scheduled for completion in October. Once the new community centre has been completed, the old building (located next to the new building) which has fallen into disrepair will be demolished and the site landscaped within 12 weeks.

The budget for the new community centre is £2M and is being jointly funded by Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

The new community centre is an excellent result of partnership working between Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

The new centre will be a fantastic facility for the people of Portchester and will include a new children’s centre, provision for a pre-school, a large multi- purpose hall, meeting rooms and a kitchen.

- **£600,000:** from the sale of the land to Hampshire County Council (which is being leaseback to Fareham Borough Council)
- **£400,000:** grant from Hampshire County Council (to fund the provision of a new Children’s Centre)
- **£1M:** An interest free loan from Hampshire City Country which will be paid back over the next five years

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**Youth Council**

Let them have their say – a Youth AGM was held on 30 March. More than 20 young people attended, including representatives from the Youth Council, Fareham Business Association and user groups.

The AGM was an excellent platform for the Youth Council to reflect on their past achievements and raise awareness on the work they have planned for the coming year. The main priority for 2012 is ‘building local communities’. This includes working with the team responsible for the new community North of Fareham, representing Young People on the Community Safety Partnership, and continuing to work with the Local Children’s Partnership.

The Youth Council also said they would like to challenge stereotypes and barriers between groups such as old and young people.

The members of the Youth Council also took the opportunity to put the decision makers on the spot, by asking them questions regarding the local area and matters that concern young people in Fareham.

If you’d like to find out more about what Fareham Youth Council do or want to join them please come along to one of their meetings, held every first Wednesday of the month from 4pm – 5.45pm at the Civic offices in Fareham or email yc@fareham.gov.uk

- Your opinions are really valuable and FYC want to hear them. They believe their new facebook page will really help to raise the voices of young people within the Borough so look them up and give them a like!

www.facebook.com/FarehamYGUV
Insulate Hampshire aims to save you money on your energy bills and keep your home warm and comfortable. The scheme, backed by all councils in the County of Hampshire, was launched last July and is available to all homeowners and privately renting tenants, regardless of personal circumstances in Hampshire.

The scheme is expected to improve all homeowners and privately renting tenants’ quality of life by making homes warmer, safer and healthier, in line with the Heat Standards Quick Response Team on 01962 833 666 or the Police non-emergency number 101. The ‘Winter Warmer’ FREE insulation offer will run until the end of March 2012. Applications received no later than 31 March 2012 will qualify for the free offer.

Recent Funding Successes

**Western Wards CAT**

- **Sarisbury Residents’ Association** £946
  - Funding was provided for the restoration of a special memorial bench, installed in memory of Miss Katherine Winn at Holly Hill Woodland Park, Sunken Garden.

- **Fareham Town CAT**
  - **Broadlaw Volunteers Group** £4,650
    - This grant will allow the newly formed volunteer group, based at Cobham Hall, to create attractive tilled mosaics in the communal outdoor area of the Broadlaw Walk shopping area. The £4,650 will go towards the materials, design, making and installation of the mosaic.

**Crofton CAT**

- **Crofton Bowls Club** £1,000
  - Funding was awarded for the Bowls Club to continue providing bowls to the community.

**Fareham Leisure Card**

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts between 5% and 50% on a range of leisure activities

- **Curves**
  - For a student card, or free to some residents on a low income.

- **Kitesurf UK**
  - The cards cost just £6.30 per person, £14.70 for a family membership, £4.40 for a student card, or free to some residents on a low income. Cards are renewable annually. Please see the Terms and Conditions on the back of the application form.

**For more information about Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, contact the Leisure Card Officer on 01329 824894 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

Tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk website: www.fareham.gov.uk twitter: @FarehamBC

**Community Action Teams**

**Need a little help with a great idea for your community?**

We’ve made funding available to support community based projects which are of direct benefit to residents within the Borough of Fareham. Bids will only be considered for one off capital funding which have no requirement for ongoing funding. Projects that have a revenue implication for maintenance/ongoing funding are unlikely to be successful.

If you have a great idea for a project, please contact your local CAT Officer (see below). If it’s agreed that you can apply for funding your CAT Officer will be able to help you complete the application form.

**Summer CAT Meetings**

(all meetings run from 7pm to 8.30pm)

- **Fareham Town** - Monday 2 July 2012
  - Neville Lovett School, St Anne’s Grove, Fareham, PO14 1J2

- **Fareham Green Community Centre**, The Green, Sarisbury, PO31 7AF

- **Titchfield** - Tuesday 10 July 2012
  - The Mall Rooms, Titchfield Community Centre, Titchfield PO14 4AG

- **Crofton** - Tuesday 17 July 2012
  - Holy Rood Church Gosport Road, Stubbington, PO14 2AS

- **Portchester** - Tuesday 31 July 2012
  - Portchester Parish Hall, Ashulton Court, off Castle Street Portchester PO16 9PY

**Do you have a topic for the agenda?**

If you have any requests for an agenda item at the next round of CAT meetings, please contact your local CAT Chairman or CAT officer.

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- **Portchester** – Cllr Nick Walker, Richard Wright
- **Titchfield** – Cllr Tiffany Harper, Narinder Bains
- **Western Wards** – Cllr Trevor Cartwright, Scott Mills

Email: cats@fareham.gov.uk tel: 01329 236100 or visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

**Recent Funding Successes**

- **Crofton Bowl Club** £1,000
  - The Club was recently awarded £1,000 to assist with the costs of replacing the clubhouse carpet, which was 15 years old and no longer fit for purpose.

- **Titchfield**
  - **West Hill Park School** £1,500
    - West Hill Park School has been awarded £1,500 to help with a securely fenced pond and wildlife area project. Local nurseries and schools will also benefit from use of the pond and nature area.

- **Portchester**
  - **3rd Portchester Scout Group** £6,397
    - Based at Cobham Hall, the Scout Group consists of nearly 170 young people. The roof of the hall was old and needed replacing. The successful grant award will contribute towards around a quarter of the total estimated project cost.

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A day in the life of... an Air Quality Officer, by Heather Cusack (HC) and Richard Gustar (RG)

In Environmental Health part of the work we’re required to do involves the monitoring, assessment and review of air quality throughout the Borough. We assess nitrogen dioxide emissions from traffic and declare areas of poor air quality where EU limits are exceeded. Today’s a monitoring day.

08:30 (HC): I’m arranging to install a new continuous nitrogen dioxide monitor in one of our areas of poor air quality known as the Portland Street Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). I contact the air quality consultant who’s supplying the equipment to discuss the exact location of the unit and its electricity supply.

09.00 (RG+HC): We discuss the air quality map for Portland Street and how the air quality results are displayed on our website at: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/healthcommunity/noxmon.aspx

09.30 (RG): I contact a member of the public who had emailed the previous day regarding air quality near their home. I give them information and you on a stunning route around the the tubes in Fareham town centre, Fareham Leisure ... on Sunday 20 May. providing a monitoring tube at their and includes two ferry rides. For the paperwork to send of to the 14:30 (RG): Having fnished changing the tubes in Portchester. I’ll travel to over 40 locations today including Park Gate, Titchfield, Stubbington and Fareham. I change the ﬁlter and check the electricity meter reading. I also change the three monitoring tubes on the continuous monitor. These are used to check the accuracy of all the tubes in the Borough.

13:30 (RG): I visit a house to install a new tube on a downspout on their property as the latest air report indicates that there might be an air quality issue in this area.

14:30 (RG): Having finished changing the tubes in Fareham town centre. I return to the ofﬁce and complete the paperwork to send off to the laboratory with the collected tubes for determination of the average monthly nitrogen dioxide concentration in the air at the location of each tube. I check the tube results from the previous month and arrange for some of these to be shown on a graph on our website, together with the ‘real time information’ from the continuous monitor.

15:00 (HC): I check a draft leaflet and poster that’s to be used for the Big Green Commuter Challenge 2012 (from 14 - 20 May) - a friendly competition between local businesses and organisations, based on the number of car miles saved by employees swapping their car for their bus, walking, cycling, etc. 17.30 (RG + HC): Although finished at the ofﬁce for the day, our other roles in Environmental Health have us ‘on call’ tonight for the out of hours service. HC for noise nuisance and RG for stray dogs.

If you would like any further information on air quality in the Borough please contact the pollution section on 01329 236100 or refer to the air quality pages on the Council’s website at: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/healthcommunity/arqual.aspx

Power Wheels Competition
Together with Hampshire FA, we’re organising an Olympic Powerchair Football challenge on Saturday 21 April at Cam’s Hill School. All abilities are welcome to take part, the only requirement is that participants provide their own wheelchair. To take part or for more information please contact the Leisure and Community Team on 01329 236100. Places are limited, so please book early. The competition is free and Olympic goodies are on offer!

New Age Kurling Competition
The Cams Community Club is hosting an Olympic New Age Kurling competition during May for residents over 50 years old. It includes Hampshire County Council and Gosport Borough Council.

09:45 (RG): I collect the nitrogen dioxide monitoring tubes (stored in the fridge) and the equipment to change the previous month and arrange for some of them. Tube changing is undertaken here.

We assess nitrogen dioxide concentrations throughout the Borough. The competition is open to new participants, and existing members of the Cams Community Club are welcome to take part, the only requirement is that participants provide their own wheelchair. To take part or for more information please contact the Leisure and Community Team on 01329 236100. Places are limited, so please book early. The competition is free and Olympic goodies are on offer!

Kids Triathlon
Fareham Leisure Centre and the British Triathlon Association are hosting a Fareham 2012 Kids Triathlon ‘Kids of Steel’ on Tuesday 29 May at Park Lane Recreation Ground and are looking for local schools to participate. Every child will receive a swim cap, t-shirt and gym sack, and all the equipment is provided, including bikes and helmets. It’s a fun day out for any child aged 8 to 13. All abilities are welcome and the event will consist of 60 metre swim, 1200 metre run and a 400 metre cycle. If your school is interested or for further information please contact Kat Valk at 01329 236100 or email kat.valk@britishtriathlon.org.uk

Round the Harbour Bike Ride
The British Heart Foundation’s 35 mile bike ride on Sunday 10 June, will take you on a stunning route around the Hampshire Harbours and coastlines and includes two ferry rides. For more information about this event please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012 telephone 08081002109 or email event@bhf.org.uk

Get Involved Events and Activities Programme
If you haven’t already got the latest edition of the Fareham 2012 Olympic Events and Activities Programme, then pick up a free copy from:
• Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices
• Community Action Fareham
• Fareham Leisure Centre
• Fareham Hall
• Community Centres
• Libraries and Schools
How the new Eclipse busway could help ease your travel headaches

Opening at the end of April, the new Eclipse Bus Rapid Transit busway between Fareham and Gosport offers a comfortable, cost-effective way to beat traffic congestion on the A32.

There’s been a lot of buzz about the new Eclipse BRT busway since construction started on the disused railway line in late 2010. Now the corridor, which will be open for use by buses, cycles and emergency vehicles only, is due to open and here’s what it promises for people who live in Fareham.

First, the bus services. The plush, new, high-spec Eclipse buses with their leather seats, wood-effect floors and free Wi-Fi will run on two of the existing routes on the peninsula. Currently known as the 86 and 82, the renamed E1 and E2 services will continue to serve their present routes, departing from Fareham bus station and then serving the railway station, before diverting onto the new, dedicated busway at Redlands Lane.

With no other traffic on the busway, journeys will be fast, predictable and reliable – not a claim that can be made for travel along the A32, particularly at peak times. Once they leave the busway, buses continue on to Gosport town centre, terminating at the bus station and ferry terminal; special traffic signals will ensure that they have priority onto the A32. This kind of reliability is expected to appeal to commuters in particular, because it means that they can accurately plan their journey to work, synchronising with onward connections.

Get on board

Using Eclipse buses is as simple as using any other bus service. They’re easy to spot – the distinctive purple and gold Eclipse livery helps mark them out as something a little bit special. These buses will serve the wider Gosport peninsula, and you can catch one from any of the 134 refurbished stops on the wider network – look out for Eclipse-branded bus stop flags. You’ll also find clearly marked areas at both Fareham and Gosport bus stations that indicate Eclipse departure bays. And if you live near the dedicated busway itself, you can catch your Eclipse bus from one of 14 stops along the new route.

Once on board, you can stay on schedule with real-time bus arrival information screens which will provide live travel information and the name of the next stop, so you know where to alight from the bus. Travel information will also be displayed in the shelters along the busway, and on information pillars at major stops on the peninsula – including the rail and bus stations.

And because reliable travel information is key to the appeal of a bus rapid transit system, real-time travel data is easily accessible on the move. The Eclipse website, www.eclipsebus.co.uk, includes an interactive route map where you can select your stop and see arrivals details for the next four buses. Smartphone users will be able to download a special app to have this information sent straight to their handset (details will be available soon – check the website or ask when you use the Eclipse buses), or they can scan the QR codes displayed at any Eclipse bus stop and go straight to the real-time details for that stop.

So how much will all this cost? It might surprise you to learn that fares will be the same as those currently charged – so although you can expect a lot more from the Eclipse experience, you won’t have to pay any more. There’s a choice of ticketing, too: you can buy online at www.firstgroup.com or pay on board as usual. And to mark the launch of Eclipse, First is introducing a new Fareham and Gosport area ticket, which enables unlimited travel on the peninsula – so you won’t have to pay more for a season ticket covering the whole of Hampshire if most of your journeys are local.

Why here, why now?

With increasing congestion on our roads, the rising cost of motoring and the need to reduce emissions to protect the environment, the idea behind Eclipse is to persuade more people to travel by bus. Bus rapid transit is being adopted all over the world by transport providers keen to offer people a viable alternative to the private car. And while buses haven’t always had a particularly positive image, BRT aims to address some of people’s key concerns, improving the experience so that it is comparable to train travel.

Hampshire County Council constructed the 3.4km dedicated busway on the former disused railway line running parallel to the A32, financing it with £20m from the Government’s communities infrastructure fund and £4m from the authority’s capital programme.

With ambitious regeneration plans for the peninsula, it has long been recognised that a robust public transport infrastructure is desperately needed – particularly if new investment is to be attracted from incoming businesses. We need to ensure that people have better transport choices that enable them to travel to areas of employment and education. The new Eclipse busway is the first phase in a much wider BRT infrastructure that will link key towns and destinations in south east Hampshire.

See for yourself

If you can’t wait to give Eclipse a try, why not visit www.eclipsebus.co.uk to find out more? And don’t forget to take a look at the offers and discounts page.

Diary date: to see one of the brand new Eclipse buses for yourself, find out more about the new services and grab some goodies, why not visit the town centre on Friday 13 April, where a bus will be parked opposite the Performance Podium.

A bus for all reasons
Are you registered to vote?

On Thursday 3 May registered electors in the Borough of Fareham will have the opportunity to vote for councillors to represent them on the Borough Council. There will be 15 seats in contention, one for each of the Borough’s wards. Nomination of candidates will take place about a month before the election and details will be published on www.fareham.gov.uk Information will also be posted on public notice boards throughout the Borough and will be available at the Civic Offices, Fareham.

Polling cards will be delivered to all electors to let them know where to go to vote, but you do not need a polling card to vote as long as you are registered. Please note the location of some polling stations has changed this year.

If you’ve recently moved home, have just turned 18 or are just not sure whether you are registered for your current address, contact Election Services. (NB: You’re not automatically registered; even if you pay council tax.)

If you don’t want to go to the polling station, any elector can apply for an application form to vote by post - if you think you might want to do so, apply now.

We’re also looking for additional staff to help us at the polling stations and counting the votes cast. If you’re interested in participating in the democratic process, please contact us for an application form.

Election Services telephone 01329 236100 or email elections@fareham.gov.uk. Alternatively, visit the website www.fareham.gov.uk/elections for information and application forms.

Do you pay online?

We offer our customers a number of different payment channels for paying their Council Tax; Rent; Penalty Charges. Notices etc. One very popular method is the online payment service which is provided in partnership with Capita Software Services (Payment Management Division). Capita Software Services is rigorously security tested and is certified by Visa and MasterCard.

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Collection dates are usually a Monday. Unfortunately an accurate time of day cannot be given as the workload varies from week to week. However, if items are easily accessible, the crew will collect without the resident needing to be at home.

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Rogue trader warning

Two people who had ordered made-to-measure furniture from a company trading from a temporary sales point in Fareham, lost their deposits when the company ceased trading and went into liquidation. Both customers came to Fareham CAB, which compiled a file on the case and
**Happy 30th Ferneham Hall!**

This year Ferneham Hall’s celebrating its Pearl anniversary, having been entertaining Fareham since it’s opening by HRH the Duchess of Kent, in April 1982.

From Cilla Black (the first entertainer to ‘tread the boards’ at the venue) to the Chinese State Circus visiting Fareham for the first time this April, there’s been a host of singers, comedians, shows, dance festivals and pantomimes at the hall over the years.

In September the venue will host the South and South East England in Bloom awards, welcoming communities from across the region to our Borough for the prestigious awards ceremony.

**Your chance to win**

To celebrate 30 Years, Ferneham Hall has joined together with Fareham Today to offer one lucky winner our FREE tickets to see the Chinese State Circus between 26-28 April, featuring the first UK appearance of the formidable Shaolin Warrior known as ‘The One’. The production will not only keep the audience on the edge of their seats but show the more delicate and beautiful side of Chinese tradition with an silk aerial act, parasol juggling as well as an eye catching Lion Dance.

To enter simply send a Birthday Card (by Saturday 31 March) to Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham PO16 7DB, writing your name, address, contact telephone number and email on the inside of the card. 10 runners up will receive ‘2 for 1’ vouchers to the ‘C.S.C.’. Winners will be contacted by telephone to arrange which performance they would like to come to.

### March
- Thu 22 March 7.30pm The Searchers £18.50, FLC £17.50
- Sat 24 March 7.30pm Havant Symphony Orchestra £18, £15.50, £12 & £7
- Thu 29 March – Weds 4 April £1 for students under 19
- Thu 29 March – Weds 4 April £30 Whole Festival, £6 Day, £4 Session, Concessions - Half Price

### April
- Fri 10 – Sat 14 April 7.30pm, Thu & Sat Mat 1.30pm Gosport Gang Show £9 Tue, £10 Wed £9 Thu matinee, £11 Thu eve £9 Sat matinee, £12 Sat eve
- Fri 20 April 7.30pm Mayor of Fareham’s Charity Ball For tickets call 01329 824303
- Thu 26 – Sat 28 April 7.30pm Chinese State Circus £22.50 £17.50 Under 16/Over 60 £63 Family of 4 (min 1 under 16) Groups – 1 free in every 10

### May
- Fri 12 May 7.30pm Cream of Clapton £9 Under 16s and over 60s
- Thu 24 May 7.30pm Elvis Tribute £1 for students under 19

### June
- Sat 2 June HoneyHoney TBC £18.50 £17 Under 16s and over 60s
- Thu 7 – Sat 9 June 7.30pm Stage One Youth Theatre – Fiddler on the Roof £10.50 £9 Under 16s and over 60s
- Fri 15 June 7.30pm Bon Jovi Experience £10.50 £9 Under 16s and over 60s

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. Visit fernehamhall.co.uk or follow us on twitter @FernehamHall
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