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A Christmas message from the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham

We are very fortunate to have HMS Collingwood as a major employer and supporter of Fareham, and as such we have attended a number of functions there - including a Concert, Field Gun Run, Divisions and Receptions. We also had an enjoyable visit to the National Air Traffic Service - also a major employer within Fareham.

Our congratulations to Matt Wakefield and his Team for their success again this year in the South & South East Chamionships, also to the volunteers who organise Fareham in Bloom - an event which brightens the Borough and delights the eye with their beautiful garden displays.

The one thing that has impressed us most is the number of volunteers we have in this area. There are so many people who give up their time to help others - our congratulations to you all.

We would like to thank our Charity Committee and everyone who has supported our fundraising for the three charities we have chosen this year (Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Toe in the Water and Wassas Waps Sports and Football Club). Forthcoming events are: Hampshire Police Band Concert in Holyrood Church, Stubbington, 17 December, 7pm and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Toe in the Water and Wassas Waps. A day at the Races at Sandown Park, 3pm - 10pm.

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Free Christmas Park & Ride service for Fareham

Once again we’re running a FREE Christmas Park and Ride Service from Fareham College to Ferneham Hall (just to the rear of Fareham Shopping Centre). It’s really easy, just park at the College and jump on a bus that will take you almost to the door of Fareham Shopping Centre. When you’ve finished shopping return to the same stop and it’ll take you right back to your car. A great way to avoid the town centre traffic and do your Christmas shopping hassle free.

The FREE Christmas Park and Ride service will run on the following days:

- Saturday 3 December
- Saturday 10 December
- Saturday 17 December
- Wednesday 21 December
- Thursday 22 December
- Friday 23 December
- Saturday 24 December

The first bus will leave Fareham College at 9am and the last bus will leave Ferneham Hall at 5.30pm. Just turn up and jump on, there will be a bus roughly every 15 minutes. Both the bus journey and the parking at Fareham College are FREE.

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection times

There will be some changes to the day your bin is emptied over the Christmas period. The table below shows your usual collection day and the revised collection day for the Christmas and New Year period (the information can also be found on the card we delivered to you in the autumn, or by visiting www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling).

Garden Waste collections will be suspended from 19 December until resuming from 16 January.

Christmas tree recycling

We will collect your real Christmas tree for recycling. Just put the tree out with your garden waste when the service resumes in January. It’s easier if it’s not chopped up, just leave it beside your garden waste sack. Maximum trunk diameter 10cm, one tree per property.

Normal refuse and recycling collections resume on 2 January. From Monday 16 January garden waste collections resume on your recycling collection day.

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Recycling at Christmas and all year round

Don’t forget to recycle your paper, card, plastic bottles, tins, cans and aerosols in your blue top recycling bin.

Please take your empty glass bottles and jars to your nearest glass recycling bank. Locations of all the banks can be found at www.fareham.gov.uk/recycling or by contacting us on 01329 236100.

Love Christmas Food Hate Waste

For lots of tips and ideas on using up Christmas leftovers visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Adverse winter weather

Any changes to services due to adverse weather conditions will be posted on our website www.fareham.gov.uk and regular tweets will be sent via our twitter account @FarehamBC

SNAP’s are alcohol and drug free dance nights for 11 to 16 year olds. They’re held at Ferneham Hall on dedicated Friday nights, from 7pm to 10.30pm; with Resident DJs Small Paul and Esky playing the latest and greatest sounds around, along with a variety of acts including local street dancers show casing their latest routines, live performances from local up and coming singing acts, Fire Eaters and Stilts Walkers. Tickets priced at £6 can only be booked in advance and are available from Ferneham Hall. Please call the box office on 01329 231942 to get your booking early.

It goes without saying the SNAP events couldn’t run without a team of regular volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer at SNAP then please get in touch. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and be prepared to undertake a CRB check.

SNAP Dates:

- 2 March
- 25 May
- 6 July
- 28 September
- 23 November

For more information visit www.snapdc.uk

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Your Youth Council is on Facebook!

Fareham Youth Council has decided to relaunch itself on facebook with a new interactive page. The Fareham Youth Council page has lots of interesting online discussions, going on about issues that matter to you in your local area. It’s also a great place to keep up to date with the Youth Council’s work.

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 why not look them up and give them a like! Find them by entering Fareham Youth Council on the facebook search.

If you’d like to find out more about what Fareham Youth Council do or would like to join them please go along to one of their meetings. They’re held every first Wednesday of the month from 4pm to 5.45pm at the Civic Offices in Fareham.

You can also email them: yc@fareham.gov.uk
Your chance to recognise a 4-11 year old who has:
• Carried out regular community or voluntary work
• Carried out regular selfless acts
• Coped with personal difficulties
• Adapted to a disability
• Provided on-going support to others

Your chance to recognise a 12-18 year old who has:
• Carried out regular community or voluntary work
• Adapted to a disability
• Coped with personal difficulties
• Provided on-going support to others

In Fareham Today Winter 2011
Fareham Borough Council has set up this award for residents and local groups to recognise the voluntary, unpaid efforts of others.

Nomination Form

Nominee’s name: ____________________________
Nominee’s address: ____________________________
Nominee’s tel no: ____________________________
Nomination category: 4 – 11 years [ ] 12 – 18 years [ ] Over 18 years [ ]
(Tick one box only)
Reason for nomination:
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Your name: ____________________________
Your address: ____________________________
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Nominations should be with us by 31 January 2012. Please return completed forms to: Citizens of Honour, Fareham Borough Council, FREEPOST, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7BR
Nominations can also be submitted online at www.fareham.gov.uk/citizenawards
NB. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

The Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus

The recent Government decision to make the land at Daedalus the first Enterprise Zone (EZ) in the south of England ensures that the former MoD site at Stubbington / Lee-on-the-Solent will be seen as a key resource for the marine, aerospace and aviation business sectors in the Solent region, with the potential to create an estimated 3,500 jobs over the longer term to 2026.

The Daedalus site has two interlinked parts:
• The operational airfield (106 hectares) owned by the Marine & Coastguard Agency (MCA)
• The remainder of the site (182 hectares) owned by the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) that is committed to implementing a masterplan for development of the site. By Christmas it is expected that Fareham Borough and Gosport Borough Councils will have given planning permission to create 120,000 square metres of new or refurbished development at the Hangars East and Hangars West areas (Fareham) and the Waterfront area (Gosport).

The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP) that brings together leading businesses and public sector bodies across the Solent region, sponsored the bid to Government for EZ status. The LEP’s aim is to create a new business cluster around advanced manufacturing.

Enterprise Zone benefits for Daedalus

The Enterprise Zone status provides potential benefits for the region and its businesses. It’s a unique and exciting opportunity for sustainable, high quality development with potentially far-reaching benefits for the Solent area, revitalising and transforming an area with a strong legacy in advanced manufacturing in the marine, aerospace and aviation sectors.

The benefits to businesses locating at Daedalus will be:
• A 100% business rate discount worth up to £275,000 over a five year period, for qualifying businesses that move into an Enterprise Zone during the course of this Parliament
• All business rates growth within the zone for a period of at least 25 years will be retained and shared by the local authorities in the LEP area to support their economic priorities
• Government and local authority help to develop radically simplified planning approaches in the zone; and
• Government support to ensure superfast broadband is rolled out in the zone. This will be achieved through guaranteeing the most supportive environment and, if necessary, public funding.

For further information please contact Tony Mundy, Economic Development Manager, on 01329 236100 or email tmundy@fareham.gov.uk
Fareham Town Centre Rejuvenation

We’re committed to continuing the improvement of the town centre. An Action Plan is being developed which will look at areas within the Town Centre that have potential development opportunities. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will also include a number of policies which will seek to support appropriate regeneration within the Town Centre, whilst retaining the character and assets the area enjoys. We will be seeking the views of everyone who uses the Centre when a draft Plan has been produced. This is expected to be during the summer 2012.

Retail Health Checks

We carry out Retail Health Checks twice a year to understand how Fareham Town Centre, as well as all the other centres in the Borough is performing. We collect information on the number of empty shops, types of uses and how many people use the centre. We also try to improve the centre in response to residents’ surveys. The checks have been carried out since 2009 and have shown that Fareham Town Centre has responded positively since the economic downturn. There are now 16 less empty shops than in 2009.

Reduction in Vacant Unit rates in Fareham Town Centre

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Fareham Shopping Centre

Fareham Shopping Centre has a brand new look with smart new entrances to complement its impressive line-up of stores including Next, Bhs, Boots, Monsoon and M&5. Household names such as the newly opened Debenhams mix well with independent specialist retailers and well-known regional stores to offer over 80 shops all on one level. Recently its portfolio has expanded with the introduction of well-known fashion retailer Pilot and, especially for the run-up to Christmas, unique gifts from Past Times. With nearly a quarter of a million shoppers a week at peak times, Fareham Shopping Centre continues to be a great place to shop.

New multi-storey car park

To enable Debenhams to come to Fareham Shopping Centre it was agreed to demolish the old Civic Way Multi Storey car park and build a new one. The new Fareham Shopping Centre Multi-Storey car park, which opened in August, has 209 spaces and is built on 4 floors with access and exit ramps at either end. It also features pay on foot machines, which mean that you pay for parking on exit rather than the pay and display option where you park and pay before going shopping, allowing you to browse at your leisure without having to keep looking at your watch to ensure you do not run over your ticket time limit. The car park has two lifts which directly link you to the shopping centre next to Debenhams and Bhs.

Tesco store

The new Tesco store in Quay Street, Fareham which is due to open before this Christmas, will employ 270 staff and offer a variety of goods including large fresh foods, meat, fish and a deli counter, bakery, groceries, clothing, electrical and entertainment departments. The new store will also have car parking spaces for 331 cars.
A year to celebrate!

Fareham has again seen its eighth consecutive Gold and winning category entry in the South and Southeast England in Bloom regional competition.

At a presentation held at Fontwell Racecourse in September, four Gold awards were presented to the Borough and its community for the first class work that’s carried out through the ‘Fareham in Bloom, Bringing People and Parks Together’ campaign. The awards acknowledge the tremendous efforts given by the hundreds of people who support its aim of working with the community to improve horticultural and environmental excellence.

In total there were an amazing 12 awards given to the Borough and for the second year running Fareham also received The Hampshire Life Award for the entry with highest marks in Hampshire.

Holy Hill Woodland Park and the Sensory Garden gained Gold awards and the Civic Gardens, a first time entry, gained Silver Gilt.

Portchester Memorial Gardens achieved Gold in the Best Commercial Landscape category and back in July Portchester Northern Community School achieved Gold for their outstanding school entry.

Fareham in Bloom’s long serving volunteer co-ordinators were also recognised with Pam Chisham received an outstanding contribution award alongside with Jean Kingdom and Bridget & Geoff Thickett who received the commendation award for their services to the community.

It’s your neighbourhood

The RHS ‘Its Your Neighbourhood’ campaign is aimed at small community led groups who care for their local green spaces and we were delighted to see five Borough entries receive high level grades. The Friends of the Sensory Garden, Northern Ground Force Rainbows and Brownies along with the residents of Eleanor’s Wood receiving the highest level 5, outstanding award. Fareham Allotments Association along with the residents of Bunn Hill Wood received the level 4, thriving award.

A gala evening

A celebration of the year’s successes was held at the annual Fareham in Bloom presentation evening held in mid September at Fareham Hall, attended by 300 people. The evening, sponsored by Luckett’s Travel, Fareham Shopping Centre, Portchester Memorial Gardens, St Margaret’s Nurseries and Segensworth Autos, saw more than 170 local awards given to Borough residents, businesses and community groups who entered into the 21 local in bloom categories.

Bringing People and Parks Together is strongly established at the very heart of our community and a huge thank you goes to everyone who makes these achievements possible through the year round commitment of our participants, volunteers, sponsors and community groups.

For further information on In Bloom, Community Horticulture and Parks Events please contact, Matt Wakefield, Horticultural Development Officer, 01329 236100

Forthcoming events

December 2011 – Fareham 2012 Legacy Launch Presentation

We’re launching our Legacy Plan on Tuesday 20 December at Fareham Hall, with a presentation by Barry Kitchen, Hampshire’s 2012 Co-ordinator and followed by a Q & A session with top sport personalities, including:

• Jocelyn Hunt (Commonwealth Silver Medalist – Gymnastics)
• Peter Hull MBE (Gold Medalist Paralympian – Swimming)
• David Faulkner (Gold Medalist Olympian – Hockey & England and GB Hockey Performance Director)
• Bronwin Carter (Paralympic Coach – GB Athletics)

If your sports club or organisation would like further information or would like to attend, please contact us for a booking form, or visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

January 2012 – Making Your Time Count – Volunteer Workshop

If you’re a volunteer, are interested in becoming a volunteer, or are a group or sports club wanting to work with volunteers, then this workshop is for you.

It’s now time to make your place in local history and become part of the 2012 legacy, by attending this free workshop on Wednesday 19 January from 6.30pm-9pm, you will find out about local volunteering openings, funding opportunities and much more. Booking is essential, so please contact the Leisure & Community team to register your place. For further information please visit www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

Future events to watch out for

Saturday 21 April 2012 - Olympic Power
Wheels Competition
April 2012 - Cams Community Club, sailing theme art competition
May 2012 - Cams Community Club, New Age Kurling competition
20 May 2012 - Fareham Triathlon - 400m swim, 19.2 cycle, 5.1km run

Leisure & Community Team Tel: 01329 236100
Email: sportsdevelopment@fareham.gov.uk
Website: www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

If your club or organisation has an Olympic event or activity planned for 2012 and would like it to feature, for free in Fareham’s ‘Get Involved’ Events Programme, then please get in touch with us.

Olympic Flame is coming to Fareham

On 27 July, 2012, the eyes of the world will be on London for the Opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games as the Olympic Flame arrives at the Olympic Stadium for the lighting of the cauldron to signify the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

In the build up to the start of the event, the Olympic Flame will make its journey from Greece and arrive in the UK on 18 May 2012, ready for the Olympic Torch Relay to begin the following day. Representing peace, unity and friendship, the Flame will start its 70-day journey around the UK towards the Stadium carried by 8,000 inspirational Torchbearers.

We are proud to confirm that on Sunday 15 July the Olympic Flame will reach the Borough and torchbearers will carry the Olympic Flame through Fareham. Full details of the Relay will be announced closer to the time, inviting people from across the area to welcome the Olympic Flame. The Olympic Torch Relay will shine a spotlight on the people and places of Fareham and demonstrate that the Olympic spirit is alive and well.

Come and get involved!

Find out about the ‘Olympic in the Community’ Programme, then please get in touch with us.

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Website: www.fareham.gov.uk/fareham2012

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INFO POINT

Library opening hours review

Residents have a chance to have their say on the proposed changes to opening hours at libraries across the county from now until 28 December. The changes are designed to ensure that everyone has reasonable access to library services in the county within tough budget constraints.

The table below shows the current library opening hours and proposed changes for Fareham Borough:

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To have your say please visit your local library or log on to www.hants.gov.uk/library to read the full proposals and submit your comments before 28 December.

Air Quality in Fareham

As part of our requirement to monitor nitrogen dioxide levels (formed in vehicle exhaust emissions) we use small monitoring tubes at over 40 sites in the Borough. In addition, we also have an automatic monitoring station located on the Gosport Road, Fareham, which provides detailed information on a daily basis which can be viewed at www.fareham.gov.uk.

Using this information we’re required to designate areas of poor air quality and then try to improve air quality in these areas. Part of the Gosport Road and Portland Street, Fareham have been declared Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) and an Air Quality Management Plan (AQAP) has been developed by the Council and its partners, including Hampshire County Council, NHS Hampshire, First Group and Gosport Borough Council. The main aim of the AQAP is to reduce congestion on these and nearby roads and therefore improve air quality.

How are we doing this?

South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

An example of reducing congestion and improving the air quality is the construction of a Bus Rapid Transit system between Gosport and Fareham for use by high quality, low emission buses and cyclists. This is known as Phase 1 of the wider South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The BRT is hoped to provide a wide ranging and efficient public transport system connecting key towns and destinations including Gosport, Fareham, the new community to the north of Fareham, Portsmouth and beyond.

Hampshire County Council believes that up to 100,000 households will benefit from the completed BRT scheme by giving them a viable alternative to car travel.

The Fareham - Gosport phase of the BRT is using the old railway line to provide a new, dedicated corridor for reliable and frequent bus travel as an alternative to travelling on the very congested A32. It will provide low emission buses; waiting facilities with real time information; high specification seating and lighting; CCTV for security; and accessibility for all. Cyclists will also be able to use the route.

The 2.5 mile busway from Redlands Lane to Titchborne Way is due to be completed by April 2012. Further information on the BRT can be found at: www3.hants.gov.uk/tfsh/bus-rapid-transit.htm

Redevelopment of Quay Street Roundabout

The redevelopment of the Quay Street Roundabout, in association with the new Tesco store at the old foundry site, is predicted to result in improvements in air quality particularly in the vicinity of the Portland Street AQMA.

The major highway works to the Quay Street roundabout, includes the development of a “throughabout” to change the A32 directional flow north towards the M27, reducing the amount of traffic passing the houses on Portland Street.

To assess the possible improvement in air quality, we are keen to install another continuous nitrogen dioxide monitor at this location and have secured a contribution from the developer towards the purchase and operation of a monitoring unit for at least three years. The unit will be in place soon after the opening of the store. Further information on the Quay Street development can be found at www.quayst.co.uk/

For further information on Air Quality please contact Regulatory Services on 01329 236100, email regulatory@fareham.gov.uk or visit the pollution section of the A-Z at www.fareham.gov.uk

Private Sewer Ownership

Southern Water Services is now responsible for private shared sewers and are part of the public sewer network. This change in responsibility has affected the whole country, with other sewerage companies taking over responsibility for the private sewers in their areas, in the same way.

In the past shared sewers were private and the responsibility of the householders who connected to them, meaning that when things went wrong it was the householders who had to pay for the repairs. Now householders are only responsible for the section of pipe that serves their property and lies within their boundary.

If you currently have insurance to cover your drains and sewers we do not recommend that you cancel it as you may need it in the future if anything goes wrong with the section of pipe that remains your responsibility. Repairs to sewers and drains can be extremely expensive.

There are some exceptions to this including septic tanks and cess pits and further details can be found on Southern Water Services website at: www.southernwater.co.uk/private sewers

If you have problems with your shared sewer you should contact Southern Water Services on 0845 270 0360.
Insulate Hampshire will help residents save money

Fareham residents can now benefit from cavity wall insulation and loft insulation at a fraction of the price, thanks to ‘Insulate Hampshire’. The scheme is open to all homeowners, offering loft insulation at £99 and cavity wall insulation at £75 for the first 5,000 suitable homes to sign up to the scheme and £99 thereafter.

The scheme, which is available to homeowners across the county, is expected to improve 20,000 Hampshire homes, enabling residents to cut their household bills by £300 a year, saving 1.5 tonnes of CO2. Some people in certain circumstances will also benefit from completely free insulation, including over 70’s.

Insulate Hampshire is an excellent low cost scheme which offers homeowners in the Borough insulation at a fraction of the normal price and will help residents save money on their fuel bills.

We would like to advise the Fareham residents that it has come to our attention that other insulation contractors are ‘door knocking’ residents claiming to be part of the ‘Insulate Hampshire’ scheme which is untrue. Insulate Hampshire advisors will not cold call in Fareham and will visit by appointment only.

Fareham residents who want to find out more about the Insulate Hampshire scheme or to book an assessment with contractors are ‘door knocking’ residents claiming to be part of the ‘Insulate Hampshire’ scheme which is untrue. Insulate Hampshire advisors will not cold call in Fareham and will visit by appointment only.

Residents are advised to always ask to see ID from any caller at the door and to contact Hampshire County Council on 01962 833666 or the police on their non emergency number 0845 045 45 45 to verify the person’s identity.

*Statistics from the Energy Saving Trust and are based on an average 3 bedroom semi-detached property.

Advice for struggling homeowners

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offers free, independent advice to homeowners struggling to keep up with their mortgage payments. Nationally the CAB has helped more than 100,000 cases of mortgage and secured loan arrears over the past year and prevented 5,000 people becoming homeless. For tips on what to do if you start to fall behind on your mortgage visit: www.farehamcab.org.uk

Phone company called to account

A Fareham resident was persuaded to switch to a different phone company by the offer of free international calls. However, the bill she received after the first few months showed unexpected charges for calls she had made to Uzbekistan. Requests to the company for a refund produced little response and no action until Fareham Citizens Advice helped her to make a complaint about mis-selling, first to the company and then to the regulator Ofcom.

Finally, after more than two months of wait and worry, she was delighted to receive a revised bill from the company showing a credit of £360 and offering to repay her the money.

To contact the CAB, call 0844 772 2232 (calls cost 5p/minute from landlines, mobile costs may vary), drop in to 2nd Floor of Fareham Library Building – Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6.30pm, or drop in at Highlands Hub on Tuesdays 9.30am – 3pm.

Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau is a registered charity offering FREE, confidential, independent and impartial advice. For more information and for other ways to get advice, go to www.farehamcab.org.uk

People are based on an average 3 bedroom semi-detached property.

Why go to a CAT meeting?

• You can find out about what’s going on locally
• You can tell us what you like about where you live
• You can let us know how we can make things better in your local community

Special CAT Meetings held in Funtley

Attendance was excellent at the two special Community Action Team (CAT) meetings held in Funtley during September. Attendees had a chance to ask the Executive Leader, Councillor Seán Woodward any questions they had about the new community North of Fareham and also tell the Council how they would like to be involved in planning for the sustainable new community.

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.

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 Trevor Cartwright (Western Wards)  
  Scott Mills

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

When are the next CAT meetings?

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

• Titchfield – Tuesday 24 January 2012  
  The Mail Room, Titchfield Community Centre, Mill Street, PO14 4AB
• Crofton – Wednesday 15 February 2012  
  Holy Rood Church, Gosport Road, Stubbington, PO14 2AS
• Western Wards – Wednesday 22 February 2012  
  Locks Heath Free Church, Hunts Pond Road, Locks Heath PO14 4PG
• Fareham Town – Monday 27 February 2012  
  Emsworth Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham, PO16 7DB
• Portchester – Tuesday 28 February 2012  
  Portchester Parish Hall, Assheton Court, off Castle Street, PO16 9PY

For more information visit: www.fareham.gov.uk/cats

Photographs courtesy of The News, Portsmouth
Ferneham Hall ‘Beauty and the Beast’ Christmas Card Competition

Ferneham Hall & Jordan Productions have joined together with Fareham Today to offer one lucky winner an exclusive chance get a family of four ticket to the last night of the pantomime Beauty and the Beast (Sunday 1 January 2012 at 6.30pm) and meet the star of the show, Ian “H” Watkins from Steps!

In addition 29 runners up will receive a special last night ‘2 for 1’ offer, to what is sure to be the most talked about pantomime on the South coast!

To enter: Simply send a Christmas Card to Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham PO14 1BX, writing your name, address and contact telephone number/email on the inside of the card. That’s all there is to it! Closing date will be Saturday 10 December when the winning card will be drawn ‘out of a hat’ by Ian himself.

Winners will be contacted by telephone. 2 for 1 vouchers will be valid for Sunday 1 January at 6.30pm only (one free ticket per booking). No refunds on previously purchased tickets. No cash value.

All Christmas cards will be recycled.

Ferneham Hall ‘Beauty and the Beast’ Christmas Card Competition

Details may be subject to change. For a full list of what’s on and how to book your seats, check the website. Tel: 01329 236100 or email boxoffice@ferneham.gov.uk. Visit fernehamhall.co.uk or follow us on twitter @FernehamHall

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Tel: 01329 236100 email: customerservices@fareham.gov.uk website: www.fareham.gov.uk twitter: @FarehamBC
As a Planner my role involves dealing with a variety of enquiries and applications for all forms of development. My work is partly paper based within the office and partly on site within the Borough visiting people’s homes and commercial premises, no two days are the same.

08:30 I arrive at my desk and log on to my computer to check my emails and to plan my day ahead.

09:00 I am duty officer today so I am on call to deal with any phone calls or visitors to the office who may need advice or guidance on planning matters. As part of my duty officer role I have to validate the planning applications which were received the day before by checking that all the documents have been submitted and to advise the Business Support Team about what publicly needs to be carried out and who to consult.

09:45 I receive a phone call from someone who is buying a property and would like to make an alteration to it by adding a room in the roof. I advise them about what they need to do with their planning matter.

10:45 I return to my desk and start to write a committee report for an application for a proposed rear extension, having received a letter of objection from the neighbour.

11:15 The planning reception put a call through to me to give advice on the installation of solar panels. I give the caller some general advice and send them a pre-application form to enable them to put a response in writing.

12:10 I have another visitor in planning reception who would like advice on parking standards as they’d like to convert their integral garage into a room which has a planning condition restricting it.

12:45 When I return back to my desk my manager has sent me a message from the neighbour. I call the neighbour some general advice and information on the proposed rear extension, having received a letter of objection from the neighbour.

13:00 I return to my desk to plan my day ahead.

13:45 I go to lunch.

14:15 I start my site visits by visiting a proposed front extension on a residential property. I assess the character of the street scene and the amenities of neighbouring properties; I take some photographs and determine if the development is acceptable. Site visits can also involve visiting neighbouring properties to view the proposals from within their house or garden. My next visit is a rear extension so the main consideration with this visit is if there would be an impact on the neighbours light or outlook.

16:00 I arrive back to the Civic Offices after carrying out my site visits and check my emails that I have received whilst I have been out on site.

16:25 I download the photographs that I took on site and check that all my site notes are complete and update the computer system to confirm that a site visit has been completed.

17:00 I check my emails once more then log off for the day and go home.

Fareham Borough Council Planner Emma Betteridge
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