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FAREHAM EAST & WALLINGTON – Summer 2017

Council invests millions in re-birth of town centre



A MULTI-MILLION pound investment could transform Fareham town centre almost beyond recognition over the next 20 years.

Regeneration centred on West Street, Market Quay and opposite ends of town

will establish a vibrant focus of culture, nightlife, leisure and new retail outlets.

Hundreds of jobs may be created, including 40 next year when the ambitious plan kicks off with completion of a 85-bed hotel above the Shopping Centre for Premier Inn.

Market Quay would come alive at night with a new restaurant complex; more shops, an arts centre, multi-storey car park and hundreds of homes should follow, while many buildings along West Street's 'golden mile' would be remodelled and be taller.

The Council would encourage community groups and businesses to fill vacant premises in the Shopping Centre and precinct.

Council Leader Seán Woodward described it as 'a sustainable vision' that would turn the town centre into a modern 21st Century hub.

It doesn't stop there. The tatty area around Fareham Station would also be redeveloped with new shops, businesses and community facilities.

At the other end of town, Osborn Road multi-storey car park will be demolished and Lysses car park behind



High Street would have residential development up to three-storeys high with private parking.

The Council would also build a cultural and arts centre, a 600-space car park and 150 houses.

It would fund part of the scheme, but the rest would be privately financed by developers with FBC determining planning applications.

INVESTMENTS REAP HIGH RETURNS

The hotel is a £8m investment in real estate by the Borough Council, which struck a deal with the Premier Inn chain.

It's another prudent step by the **Conservative** Council as part of its commercial investment portfolio.

Current return on investments is about 7%, generating over £2m pa; every £60,000 of income equals about 1% off council tax.



OIL has been seeping into the River Wallington for the past 4 years and all efforts to trace the source have so far failed.

Many residents have alerted the

Oil pollution source still untraced after 4 years

Environment Agency and its investigations are on-going.

InTouch team leader Tom Davies teamed up with well-known Wallington environmentalist Tony Norris and they tracked from the estuary up river, eventually finding a suspicious area with oil patches (pictured).

"It appears oil is leaking into the river from a nearby industrial estate and I have passed on this information with pictures to the Agency," said Tom.

Environment officer Chris Mussell-

white said: "The first notification we had was back in 2013. I have spent many hours trying to find the source.

"I have eliminated all the obvious sites, including the industrial units that immediately abut the stream and the roadside drainage gullies.

"My next plan is to obtain historic drainage plans and look for any old disused oil storage which may have been forgotten about.

"Rest assured I will carry on until a reason for the oil spill is found."

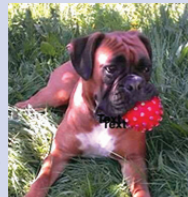
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NEWS ROUND

Anybody seen Angel?

The 5-year-old boxer bitch was stolen in the PO6 postcode area and her owners are offering a £1,000 reward leading to her recovery. If you have any information, call 0799 051 7107.



Thanks for electing us

County Councillors Peter Latham and Fred Birkett thank you for electing them to Hampshire County Council on May 4 with such tremendous majorities.

They said: "We will do our best to represent you whether you voted Conservative or not."

"There are many challenges facing the County Council, especially financial and a top priority is to continue to deliver excellent services for one of the lowest council taxes in the country."

Short-listed

Everyone Active, which operates Fareham Leisure Centre on behalf of the Borough Council, has won Operator of the Year in the 2017 Flame Awards – the health and fitness sector's largest celebration of innovation and excellence.

It comes in recognition of the centre's facilities and commitment to improving health and wellbeing.

Ryan Grant, Everyone Active's contract manager in Fareham, said: "All our colleagues work hard to deliver fantastic facilities and services, and it's great to have been recognised in this way."

Unemployment...

...has fallen to its lowest in a decade as a record number of job vacancies are on offer. There are just 420 people without work in Fareham.

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Fit Fred's Marathon fund raiser

IT WAS WORTH all those hours of sweat, toil and training.

County Councillor Fred Birkett (45) completed the London Marathon on St George's Day and raised over £1,100 for local charities.

Fred, who trained 4 mornings a week plus weight training sessions, has been able to split the money between the Highland's Hub and MIND Fareham Wellbeing Centre.

He said the experience was fantastic, with huge encouragement from spectators all the way along the 26 miles 385 yards route.

PHOTO: Fred proudly shows his medal.



Raft race makes a splash for charity

THE ANNUAL Fareham Raft Race was held in June and raised money for Gosport & Fareham Inshore Rescue and The Rainbow Centre.

The race is expected to raise about £1,700 for these charities. Congratulations to the winners - Team Kinetico on Norfolk Enchants and also a mention to Never Gonna Sink by Scania Scallywags for the Best Dressed Raft.



Fareham honours the magnificent 7



CITIZENS of Honour awards were presented to 7 residents aged between 10 and 90 for their outstanding dedication.

They received their awards from outgoing Fareham first citizen, Connie Hockley, at the mayor making ceremony and are pictured with new Mayor Geoff Fazackarley.

Amber Warrington (10) received her award for being an exceptional young carer for her mother. Amber helps her mum with housework and looks after her younger sister.

Lucy Fairall (10) raised over £5,500 for Cancer Research UK after a friend's mother died.

Olivia Lawrence (12) received her award for designing a mini triathlon for Project at Enable Ability, a social group catering for young people with mild to moderate disabilities.

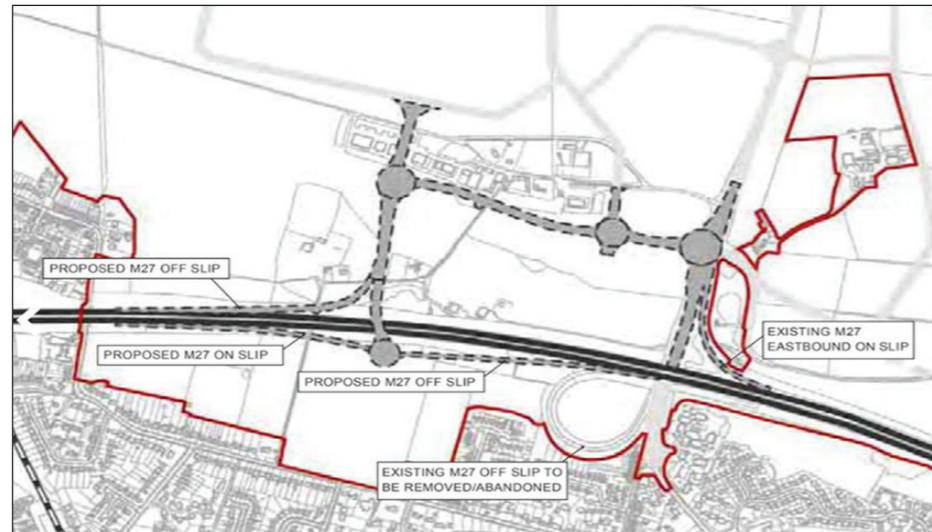
Kerry Snugs (38), a serving police officer, was honoured for devoting her spare time to helping vulnerable members of the community through her popular Facebook page called Acts of Kindness.

Matthew Swann (25), who is partially sighted, won his award for founding the Fareham Musical Society's Youth Theatre, which is attended by more than 40 children.

Gwen Adlam (88) received her award after volunteering with Citizens Advice, Fareham for over 27 years.

Betty Wright (90) was recognised for her long-standing support for the children's hospice Naomi House and Jack's Place.

£40m upgrade for Fareham M27 junction



A MAJOR £40m project to improve a notorious Fareham motorway bottleneck has been revealed by highway bosses.

Highways England disclosed plans to transform Junction 10 of the M27 into a full junction as part of plans to ease congestion in the Fareham area.

It will be delivered by Highways England in partnership with Buckland Development, principal developers for the Welborne 'garden village' which it will serve.

Currently, traffic can only leave the motorway on the westbound carriageway and join it on the eastbound carriageway from the A32 Wickham Road. But under the new plans, there would

be a new eastbound off and westbound on slip road which would divert exiting the motorway east towards Funtley on the A32.

The new junction will be situated on existing highway land which will allow direct access to the M27 from west Fareham and Welborne without having to travel onto the wider highway network.

The Junction 10 improvements are part of plans to turn the M27 into a 'smart motorway' between Junctions 4 and 11.

Highways England is spending £250m next year on a Smart motorway between J4 and J11, but they have not factored in the junction 10 changes and need to get their act together.

Masons show their generosity



FIFTY charities will benefit from thousands of pounds raised by Fareham masons.

Queen's Road-based Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight gave £35,000 to local charities, including Life Lites which specialises in tech for children in hospices.

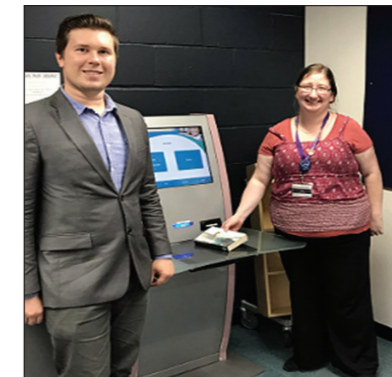
Revamp brings high tech to library

FAREHAM Library re-opened its doors on April 18 after a major refurbishment and high tech upgrade.

The revamp includes a brighter look, improved layout and new study booths.

New facilities also include a café, a gadget bar including integrated iPads, community spaces and 'The Makery' – a creative space for digital technology.

Tom Davies, pictured with library assistant Vici who showed him round, said: "It's very impressive and up-to-date."



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Brexit Bills will kick-start the EU leaving process

Brexit is now underway and the UK is officially leaving the European Union.

Parliament voted to trigger Article 50 in March, starting the process of withdrawal.



The Queen's Speech in June reflected the opportunity ahead for the UK and included:

- A Repeal Bill to provide legal certainty as we leave.
- An Immigration Bill giving us control over the number of people coming here from Europe.
- A Trade Bill and a new Customs Bill to enable the UK to conduct its own independent Trade policy, helping British businesses trade with thriving global markets.
- A Fisheries Bill and an Agriculture Bill so that we can make a success of Brexit.

Suella



FERNANDES MP for Fareham

Record vote share for Conservatives in General Election

I WAS DELIGHTED to receive the ringing endorsement from the voters of Fareham at the General Election.

Serving in Parliament is an honour and I am grateful to all those who placed their trust in the Conservatives to make Fareham and our country a better place to live.

Over 35,000 people voted Conservative in Fareham – an increase of over 5,000 since 2015- consisting of 63% of the vote which was the largest share since 1935.

Thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers who canvassed, delivered and helped at my events to make it possible.

Particular thanks must go to Councillor Susan Bayford who acted as my Election Agent and Campaign Manager.

Nationally, we would have liked a better result.



Victory: Conservatives celebrate an historic win by Suella after the count at Ferneham Hall on June 8.

Now that a confidence and supply arrangement has been reached with the DUP, we can all get behind Theresa May to lead our country through Brexit and the challenges ahead.

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Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at www.suellafernandes.co.uk/contact

Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS

Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce update

I am pleased that local GPs, supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group, are planning to offer a Same Day Access Service at Fareham Community Hospital.

This will involve GPs and nurses being available from 8am to 8pm to see patients from across the Borough who need to help that day, alleviating the burden on other surgeries and meeting the local demand.

Politics in the Pub

I was delighted to see so many local residents join me for a pint and a chat about politics at The Cormorant, Portchester.

We discussed the General Election, young people, jobs and Brexit. To hear about my events, sign up to my newsletter by sending an email to suella@suellafernandes.co.uk

Digby Jones comes to Fareham

I run a network of small and medium sized businesses in our local area called the Solent Business Forum, ably assisted by Tim Geoghegan.

Lord Digby Jones recently spoke to the Forum about how business can make the most of trade and investment opportunities. Drop me an email if you run a business in Fareham and want to come along.

