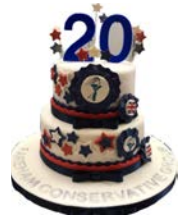


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SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Spring 2019

Demands for Western Wards school admissions policy change

A NEW ADMISSIONS policy is vital to ensure children get places of their parents' choice in Western Wards primary schools.

New development forced on Fareham Council by the Government is yet to start in the Warsash/Park Gate area, but already there is mounting pressure for primary places.

And County Councillor Seán Woodward says: "It's unfair that children who have spent 3 years making friends and bonding at the infant school should be at risk of losing those relationships simply because they live a little further away from the school, albeit within the catchment area."

His remarks followed complaints from parents about the coming September's allocation of school places.

"Pressures mounted further with some children living in Burridge and Swanwick, in the catchment area for Sarisbury Infant and Junior Schools, failing to receive places at those schools. We are offering parents support with appeals."

In the current year, a temporary class of 30 was set up in year-R at Sarisbury Infant School which will progress through the junior school.

There has been serious discussion around the need for a permanent increase by one form of entry (an additional 210 places)



for either Sarisbury Infant and Sarisbury C of E (Controlled) Junior or at Hook-with-Warsash Primary School.

Councillor Woodward said: "The reason for not all 90 infants being able to transfer to Sarisbury Junior School is that some people have moved into the area and live closer to the schools than those already attending, meaning they are able to take their places.

"There are two issues. Firstly, there are more Year-R children in the infant school catchment than there are places this year.

"Secondly, there is no automatic right of

passage for children attending the infant school automatically to transfer to the junior school should they wish."

He said a similar situation in Whiteley when children had to attend school in Sarisbury resulted in a change of admissions policy allowing them to progress between the schools, despite being out of the catchment area.

"We now need such a change to the admissions policy of the two schools again so that in-catchment children have the right to move from the infants to the juniors."

He has asked head teachers to work with education officers to agree such a policy with their governing bodies.

PHOTO: Seán Woodward and InTouch team member Joanne Bull visiting Sarisbury C of E (Controlled) Junior School.

Celebrating 20 years of outstanding Conservative administration

FAREHAM Council is the envy of every local authority in Hampshire and way beyond.

Conservatives have brought consistency, stability and prosperity since taking over running the Borough 20 years ago from the failed Lib Dem/Labour pact that left the Council facing bankruptcy.

The anniversary on May 4 was celebrated with a party at Portchester Parish Hall, attended by nearly 100 councillors, one former and two sitting MPs, party workers and supporters.

It also marked the date that Seán Woodward was elected as its dynamic Council Leader.

He said Fareham had steadfastly voted **Conservative** because the Council was seen to be delivering for local people.

"We have consistently set the lowest taxes and best services



of most district councils, high quality parks, leisure facilities, a good refuse collection service and, as far as we can, clean streets.

"We support local commerce and industry with fantastic business facilities, including our industrial estates and business parks at Solent Airport@Daedalus.

"We invest in commercial property to raise millions of pounds to deliver excellent services and work with others to bring huge road infrastructure investment in our Borough.

"We treat taxpayers' money as it should be treated – to be spent only as necessary and always prudently.

"It takes a great deal of planning and delivery. We have an excellent team of officers who deliver for our residents day after day. I am so grateful to them for their work."

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NEWS ROUND



Cricket club's net gain
Burrige Cricket Club will be able to replace their nets, thanks to a £3,000 grant from County Councillor Seán Woodward's devolved budget for local good causes.

The thriving club has 35 senior players, 71 colts (aged 9-17), 70 all-stars (under 8s), 12 ladies and 20 social members.

It runs weekly Friday evening sessions open to the community, is holding a ladies' open day in June (in conjunction with Cricket World Cup) and will host Fareham Schools' Cricket Festival during the summer term.

Trees removed, slabs replaced

Several paving slabs were torn up by the alder trees in Gull Coppice.

Sadly, as reported in the previous InTouch, the trees had to be removed.



After Councillor Seán Woodward's intervention the area was repaired following the removal of the trees.

New dog fouling law

A clamp-down on dirty dog owners came into force on April 1.

The Council's new Public Spaces Protection Order aims to encourage dog owners to be more responsible.

It allows the Council to continue to tackle dog fouling and request dogs be put on leads if causing a public nuisance. They must be on leads in sensitive places such as cemeteries and are excluded from certain places such as play areas.

The PSPO also limits the number of dogs a person can walk at any one time to four.

Award for historic brickworks

BURSLEDON Brickworks has won the first Institute of Transport Administration award.

It was presented by IOTA national chairman John Egan, who is pictured with Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Sarisbury Councillor Seán Woodward.



It recognises work done at the brickworks by Hampshire Narrow Gauge Railway Trust, South Hampshire Historic Steam & Engineering Society and Southampton and District Transport Heritage Trust.

It is the only steam-driven brickworks in the UK and holds regular open days. More information at www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk.

Heart screening in memory of young victim

A CARDIAC screening day for young people was held at Sarisbury Community Centre.

It was organised by the Alex Wardle Foundation in association with the Cardiac Risk in the Young and over 100 people attended.

The Alex Wardle Foundation was set up by Steve and Denise Wardle after their son Alex tragically died of a sudden cardiac arrest in March 2016 at the age of just 20.

The charity is seeking support for the valuable work that it does in our community, which includes helping fund defibrillators at public buildings, including Sarisbury Community Centre.

PHOTO: The event was attended by Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and her Consort, Brian, Gemma, Steve and Denise Wardle and Sarisbury Councillor Seán Woodward.



Lasting memorial to brave little Summer



Tragic: Summer Page

REMARKABLE events at which emotions were torn between celebration and sadness took place in memory of a brave little Sarisbury Green girl.

Summer Page, of Brook Lane, was just 9 when she died from a rare brain tumour known as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

Spring fund raising events raised £3,750 to provide a tribute that would have given Summer immense pleasure and will now be there for her friends at Sarisbury C of E Junior School and other children as a lasting memorial.

Summer's Fairy Tree and Garden will be provided on Fareham Council land near Coldeast Hospital and her school.

Talented chainsaw sculptor Chris Bain, who designed the fairy tree at Royal Victoria Country Park, has been commissioned to carve something that sums up Summer's character, and Bognor Men's Shed made the de-



Classics: Inspecting the cars are (l to r) Maria Kimble, Phil and Samantha Page, Joanne Bull and Seán Woodward.

signs of her friends' fairy doors come to life.

In April a classics and supercar show was held at Sarisbury Junior School, with hundreds of people enjoying the cars and entertainment and raising money for the project.

Councillor Seán Woodward started the fund-raising with a £750 grant from Hampshire County Council and has no doubt all the remaining costs will be quickly raised.

InTouch Team Leader Joanne Bull attended the car show and said: "It was inspiring to meet Summer's mum and dad, Samantha and Phil Page, to discuss the project.

"To see the project designed with ideas and creations from Summer's friends has been incredibly heart-warming and such a fitting tribute in mem-

ory of Summer. "A very well done to Maria and Ben Kimble who organised the event which was well turned out and thoroughly enjoyed by all."

Council grants help towards clubhouse revamp

IMPROVEMENTS to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club's changing rooms have been welcomed.

Fareham Borough Council provided £16,000 from its community fund and Hampshire County Council matched this figure towards the £48,000 cost of the reconfiguration at the club's premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground.

New indoor toilets have been built and useable



space maximised in the clubhouse, making it available for community groups to hire.

Councillor Seán Woodward opened the new facilities on May 6 and said: "I never fail to be impressed by the club, which has gone from strength to strength in local leagues and gives tremendous

opportunities to players of all ages.

"They do a fantastic job looking after our recreation ground and have carried out amazing improvements."

Catching the speedsters

RESIDENTS can help catch speeding drivers by volunteering for Community Speedwatch.

They will be trained to use speed detection equipment and record details to add to a database.

Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters are sent to the registered keepers advising them of their speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern.

PCSO Heather Wright (telephone 07392-289407) looks after Community Speedwatch locally and is keen to hear from anyone interested in setting up or joining a group locally.

Exciting new equipment to be installed for Swanwick play area
KIDS can't wait to get their hands on the exciting new equipment at Swanwick Lane play area shown in this illustration.



After last year's consultations, the Borough Council has awarded the contract to Wicksteed, who will carry out the works which will take place around autumn time.

The junior multi climbing unit will be replaced, the roundabout will be replaced for an inclusive roundabout, a cradle swing will be replaced for a mirror swing (flat and cradle swing together) so adults and children can swing together) and graphics will be installed.

Existing equipment will be painted and the play area will receive a general tidy up.

Annual floral contest launched



Help fill Fareham with flowers.

That's the appeal from organisers of the annual Fareham in Bloom competition.

The event was showcased at Fareham, Shopping Centre in April when hundreds of people attended and children enjoyed several attractions, including making cane bird feeders.

Packets of seeds were given away by long-term sponsor St Margaret's Nursery to encourage people to add colour to their gardens.

This year, 11 gardens across the Borough will be open to view on Sunday July 21.

Entry is free and open to anyone who lives or has a business within the Borough.

PHOTO: Fareham in Bloom volunteers, Horticultural Development Officer Matt Wakefield, Pat Sutton from St Margaret's Nursery, Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Consort Brian Bayford.

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Prepare for a 'No Deal' and just get us out

Like many residents in Fareham, I am disappointed and frustrated that the Government did not deliver Brexit on March 29 as promised.

As a Brexiteer, in Parliament I have consistently voted against extending Article 50, against holding European Elections and against a 2nd Referendum.

Instead, I voted in favour of No Deal so that we could just get out.

Sadly I was in a minority in Parliament. The solution is clear: the Government and Prime Minister need to prepare for 'No Deal' and take the UK out of the EU.

The relevant plans are in place and by providing certainty to the country and businesses, we will be able to move on from this damaging impasse.

I will keep working for this in Parliament and will do all I can to ensure that we deliver Brexit, ie leaving the Customs Union, the single market and taking back control over our borders and laws.

Suella

BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham

Campaigning for better social care

Many residents are worried about social care for their elderly and vulnerable relatives.

The Government is committed to improving social care. £1.8 billion is allocated for 2019-20 through the improved Better Care Fund, ie a 23% increase on last year.

For Hampshire, an extra £4.7m has been allocated for winter pressures, and in Fareham, I have visited excellent residential care homes like Gracewell, Hamble Heights and Abbeyfield where residents are brilliantly cared for.

Despite the good work, there are many people who find the Continuing Health Care system slow,



bureaucratic and unfair.

John White, from Fareham, (pictured) came to see me about caring for his sister-in-law who was suffering with Alzheimer's

disease.

Funding applications were rejected by West Hampshire CCG and the appeals process was delayed so that funding was only granted after 6 years – too late for his sister-in-law who had sadly passed away.

I am working with local residents, Ministers and Hampshire CC to improve the system. I also spoke about the issue in Parliamentary debate on April 24, which you can read here:

www.theyworkforyou.co.uk

If you would like support on this matter, please get in touch with me.

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We mustn't allow these brave men's names to fade away



THEIR sacrifice in two World Wars will live for ever, but the names of those who gave their lives are fading away on Sarisbury's war memorial.

Some on the 1914-18 side of the memorial are barely recognisable, but help is at hand in the first stage of restoration.

When the matter was drawn to Fareham cemeteries officer Christine Calaby's attention, she managed to record all the names by searching the Imperial War Museum's web site.

She said: "I was able to reconcile all the names on this war memorial and establish the missing ones by process of elimination

and remains of the eroded inscriptions."

She also discovered the picture of the memorial taken on November 11, 1921 when it was dedicated.

She added: "The next stage is to investigate if we can find a specialised contractor to restore the names.

"I will do my best to do so as soon as I can."



New Scout HQ is fitting memory to former leader

CONGRATULATIONS to 1st Sarisbury Green Scouts on the official opening of their fantastic new scout hut.

It was named the Dave Young House of Scouting Excellence (Dave's Lodge) in memory

of Scout Leader Dave Young, whose parents Paul and Sue Young spoke eloquently and cut the ribbon.

It was the culmination of an ambitious self-help project which involved much fundraising, volunteer work and

invaluable support from the local community.

Dr Toby Young, who led the project from inception nearly 3 years ago, thanked members, supporters, organisations and volunteers who contributed to a new era in local Scouting.