



# InTouch



FAREHAM NORTH – Summer 2019

## Planning mayhem as pollution fears put thousands of homes on hold

**FEARS** over dangerous levels of nitrates in the environment have halted building of thousands of homes across Fareham and South Hampshire

It's brought mayhem to the planning department already struggling to re-write the Draft Plan after Whitehall kept moving the goal posts.

And it's a slap in the face for the Government that had ordered Fareham to find greenfield space for thousands of extra homes.

The Council's planning boss labelled it 'plain nonsense'. Poet John Milton summed it up in *Paradise Lost*: "Confusion worse confounded."

Natural England, the Government's adviser on nature conservation, raised concerns that additional levels of new housing could lead to higher levels of nitrates due to increased amounts of wastewater.

Exhaust emissions from increased traffic passing close to The Solent or watercourses leading to it may also result in some nitrates increases.

Since April, Natural England required all house builders to quantify the nitrogen level from their development sites and to identify and mitigate any increase in the nitrates from that land.



For context it is worth noting local planning authorities around Poole Harbour have reported: Nitrogen entering Poole Harbour from the land comes from either a combination of widespread places known as 'diffuse sources', which are mainly losses from agriculture such as nitrogen fertilisers and livestock manure (85%), or from concentrated point sources such as sewage treatment works (15%).

In less than a year, yet more green fields have come under threat after Whitehall demanded that Fareham finds space for up to 2,500 extra homes on top of the 2,300 houses the Council had already been forced to add to the new Draft Plan 2011-2036.

Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said: "For all current and new planning applications Fareham planning staff are requiring developers to undertake a nutrient assessment, using Natural Eng-

land methodology.

"They must work with the Council to identify any valid mitigation – such as removing land from agricultural use which will offset any nitrates from new development."

Keith Evans added: "As a good example of this approach, the nutrient assessment of the Welborne development north of Fareham, which is being built on farming land, indicates nitrogen increase neutrality and will continue as planned."

"We will work with developers to find mitigation measures, but ultimately this issue must be dealt with at Government level. We are working with all South Hampshire councils through the Partnership for South Hampshire and other organisations to find a long-term solution.

## Veteran Stanley 'overwhelmed' by Daedalus D-Day memories

**NINETY** nine-year-old Stanley Richardson had no idea what a memorable day lay ahead when he arrived at Daedalus Airfield for the D-Day 75th anniversary.

He was greeted as guest of honour and applauded by thousands of visitors as he was invited to join the Mayor for the unveiling of a plaque paying tribute to the bravery of the 175 pilots who flew 400 missions on June 6, 1944.

Stanley was based at HMS Daedalus as a petty officer in the Fleet Air Arm when it



was the busiest UK airfield during the Normandy invasion.

Still stunned by events unfolding around him, he said: "I'm so overwhelmed to be here. I had no idea what was happening today. It's all a big surprise."

It had been a closely guarded family secret organised by his son, Stuart, who'd driven him from his Littlehampton home.

Stanley's job during the invasion was to prepare and check the planes before they went into battle across the Channel.

He added: "I'm very proud to be here today to represent my colleagues. A lot of

them aren't here today, but I'm here for them."

Over 15,000 attended the two-day show during which there was a full programme of events.

Static aircraft proved a great attraction but bad weather shortened the flying display until late Saturday, when the Dakota arrived to the delight of the crowds.

It had improved next day and flypasts by a Spitfire, Dakota and gyrocopter went ahead, as did the Great War Display Team flying replica aircraft and the Royal Navy Raiders performing an exciting parachute display. The Red Arrows capped an unforgettable weekend.

**PHOTO:** Stanley Richardson chats to Fareham Mayor Pamela Bryant.



## NEWS ROUND

### Anti-social behaviour

Police continue to monitor Park Lane recreation ground for anti-social behaviour which has worried residents during the fine summer.

The Council's CCTV monitors the leisure centre, as well as the park area, part of the car park and the skate park.

This assists Police and Y- Services who operate a detached youth service and it is one of the locations where Y- Services have focused.

### Surgeries

North Ward councillors and county councillors continue to be available for local residents on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

However, please note that it is by prior notice and an appointment will be required.

If you wish to come to a surgery please contact one of the councillors for an appointment time. Contact details are at the foot of the page.

### Mayor's charity events

**Opera Comique** – Presenting a selection of Gilbert & Sullivan on Sunday, September 29 at St Peter & St Paul Church, 2.30pm. Tickets priced £6 Include light refreshments.

**Call My Bluff** – A light-hearted quiz event. On Saturday, November 2 at Portchester Parish Hall, 7pm. Tickets priced £10 include ploughman's supper.

For further information and ticket sales contact Councillor Louise Clubley.

### New textile banks

Fareham has a new partnership with the Salvation Army to manage textile recycling across the Borough.

These banks take clothing, household textiles, shoes, bags, belts, handbags and accessories. 99% of clothing donated is reused or recycled.

We're on Facebook. Go to Councillor Louise Clubley and Councillor Pamela Bryant

## Closing for multi-million revamp

**FERNEHAM HALL will close in January 2020 after the annual panto season at the start of its multi-million revamp.**

It attracted wide interest when the Council advertised for contractors.

Councillor Louise Clubley, vice-chairman of Leisure and Community, said: "As this is such a large project, the procurement has been done in several phases to ensure we pick the right contractor at the right price.

"Not only do we want a fantastic facility, but we need to ensure value for money and we want to make sure it's amazing."

Tender deadline was the end of July and a contractor will be appointed on September 26 at a special Council meeting. Plans and budget should be agreed by early autumn with planning permission following soon after.

Architects with extensive experience in remodelling entertainment venues are working on plans for the project and keeping in touch with potential contractors to ensure the timetable for completion and the budget can be met.

## Summer play scheme is a hit with kids

**FAREHAM'S annual summer play scheme has once again been a great success with children from across the Borough keen to be involved.**

Numerous free activities for 11 to 16-year-olds, including Segways, sailing and bungee trampolines as well as driving skills, provided a good range for everyone's enjoyment.



There was also free bus travel within the package.

Councillor Louise Clubley said: "The Council's leisure officers worked hard for many months to make sure a good selection of activities was available at all of venues across the Borough."

**PHOTO: Mayor Pamela Bryant and Mayoress**

**Louise Clubley meet volunteers from Y Services who were helping out.**

## 'Hampshire Day' launch flies the flag for the county's historic heritage



**THE COUNTY'S rich history was celebrated with the launch of 'Hampshire Day' on July 15 - the feast of St Swithun, patron saint of Winchester Cathedral.**

It was also the opportunity for the ceremonial raising of the new county flag.

'Hampshire Day' is the idea of the Lord Lieutenant, Nigel Atkinson, pictured above with cathedral dean Catherine Ogle and HCC chairman Charles Choudhary, who wants communities across the county to celebrate everything that makes Hampshire great... its heritage, world-famous historic sites, diversity of towns and villages and beautiful landscapes.

He hopes that in future people will share their pride by holding their own activities and celebrations.

Fareham Mayor Councillor Pamela Bryant, who attended with Mayoress Councillor Louise Clubley and County Councillor Peter Latham (pictured), hopes local groups will start planning events for future years as this gives a great opportunity for communities to get together.



## Eric's an inspiration to dementia sufferers



**WHEN Eric Nixon was diagnosed with Alzheimer's almost 10 years ago he thought that was it.**

However, he was reminded how Sir Terry Pratchett, after his diagnosis, stood in front of cameras and said he would continue to write books for as long as he was able.

It inspired Eric and his wife Pat not just to share their news with family and friends, but to be involved with others who had dementia in the community and support groups that help them.

It has enriched their lives and, using their association with Fareham Lions Club, the RAFA and Fareham & Gosport

Dementia Action Group, has benefitted other groups.

They attend the Alzheimer's Association Support group held at the United Reform Church in Osborn Road on the 1st Wednesday each month at 1.15.

The organizer is Pam from the Alzheimer's Society supported by volunteers led by Pat Hewitt. It offers a variety of activities with opportunities for carers to share concerns or with experts invited to speak.

At that time, Eric and Pat learned about a new group called Kit Bags starting in Southsea for veterans with dementia, where Eric felt at home talking about his service memories. The atmosphere was fantastic.

There are now two more groups, one in Gosport (South), the other, which they attend, at the RNA Club (Gosport North) on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.15.

These are run by the Royal British Legion and there are special connections with Fareham Lions and the RAFA to

help fund extras such as trips out.

There are now many more activities and groups than there were 10 years ago, memory cafés, singing, tea dances, sports, so give them a try; some you'll like, some you won't.

Pat did go one step further and train as a dementia champion, speaking to many different groups including secondary school children.

Councillor Pamela Bryant, pictured with the couple, said: "I've known Eric Nixon for many years and seen him become very frail in recent times, but he still has a great sense of humour.

"He was one of Citizens of Honour this year. His wife Pat is truly a great support to him."

Some useful contacts:

**Alzheimer's Society:** 02392 892035 portsmouth@alzheimers.org.uk Email: portsmouth@alzheimers.org.uk

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## New businesses boost for west end of town

**IT IS good to welcome new business into Fareham's North Ward, particularly at the western end of West Street where there are many individual small traders.**

When ward Councillors Pamela Bryant and Louise Clubley were invited as Mayor and Mayoress to officially open the new 'Love Bath' store, it was a real pleasure to welcome this new business.

Pamela said: "In the past few months, we have been delighted to welcome other new businesses; the new Microbrewery in this part of town is proving popular.

"This is good news for this area, and hopefully will encourage a stronger footfall to other outlets."

In Miller Drive, a new coffee shop, Coco's, appears to be a popular meeting place for locals.

We would like to congratulate Arundel Drive accountant Jeri Williams who was a finalist in the 'Small Business' category at the South Coast Business Awards in June.

Hunters Lodge Care Home in Kiln Road has planning permission to update the premises and provide additional bedrooms as well as reconstructing the conservatory. There will also be extra parking.

## Daedalus centre flying high

**DAEDALUS Innovation Centre for early-stage businesses is already three quarters full within 12 months of the official unveiling of a multi-million pound extension.**

Currently home to 39 organisations, the Fareham complex has 55 offices, 20 workshops and an impressive meeting and conference centre.

The centre is ahead of schedule on occupancy levels with inward investment by occupiers helping support high value jobs locally and through supply chains.

There are more than 250 people employed at the centre.

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# Suella

## BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



### Support new PM and focus on exiting EU

There are many reasons to be optimistic.

With a new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the country can unite and focus on leaving the EU by 31st October.

Our new PM has also prioritised investing in the Police so we have more bobbies on the beat – something we desperately need in Fareham to stop anti-social behaviour – and increasing funding for local schools.

Above all, we must never allow Jeremy Corbyn to enter Number 10. His brand of Socialism (modelled on Venezuela) would bankrupt the country and diminish the UK's place in the world.

In personal news, my son, George Jeffrey, was born on 10th July. My husband, Rael, and I are delighted.

Like many working mums, I am taking a period of maternity leave, but my office will be fully operational.

If you need assistance on any matter, get in touch and I will continue to work on your behalf: it's business as usual for Fareham residents.

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Fareham Community Hospital (FCH) Taskforce, which I set up and chair, has published a report welcoming the GP-led Same Day Access Service.



It calls for its further rollout, better public transport links, greater collaboration with the voluntary sector and more signposting to mental health services and support services for the elderly.

The report sets out a vision of how we could better use FCH. You can find it here: [https://issuu.com/suellabravermanmp/docs/fch\\_future\\_vision](https://issuu.com/suellabravermanmp/docs/fch_future_vision)

It was published just as Portsmouth Hospitals Trust confirmed to me that it will deliver a renal/dialysis training hub at FCH to support patients with kidney problems, saving them the travel to QA Hospital.

The Friends of Fareham Community

Hospital, which sits on the Taskforce, said:

“The Friends are pleased that our local MP has shown such an interest in Fareham Community Hospital and hope some of the

ideas in this report are taken on board by the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, the general practices, Hants County Council, health trusts and others providing services to the hospital.

“The Friends and their volunteers will continue to promote and support the hospital and the local community it serves through various activities such as running dementia support groups, holding regular talks on health related matters which help us to help ourselves, and supporting new initiatives.”

PHOTO: Suella held her 3rd annual health summit at Fareham Community Church with 100 residents attending.

## Multi-million upgrade for a very special school

**A SPECIAL school with a special place in Fareham community is to receive a long-overdue multi-million revamp.**

The County Council voted to spend £4.39m to upgrade St Francis School in Oldbury Way and work could begin this year with completion by 2020.

The building is 42 years old and is inadequate to accommodate almost 100 pupils aged 2-19 with severe – and in some cases – multiple learning difficulties.

County Councillor Peter Latham said

the school was undersized and required considerable investment to improve the building and address shortcomings in the accommodation to meet increasingly complex needs of its pupils.

He said: “There is a need for extra classrooms with accompanying hygiene rooms and toilets, as well as some specialist learning spaces to the central circulation space, including a new ramp to improve access.”

St Francis has an impressive reputation and its last Ofsted inspection in 2018 produced a glowing report.

### INSPIRATIONAL

After a recent visit, Fareham MP Suella Braverman said:

“Good to pop into St Francis’

Special School and catch up with inspirational Head, Steve Hollinghurst.

“Thank you to the team of dedicated staff and teachers for all you do to make this school - and Heathfield - excellent places of learning.”



## Stunning displays in Fareham gardens open day

**ELEVEN residents opened their gardens to the public this summer, giving visitors a chance to admire some stunning displays of flowers and shrubs.**



The annual event is a highlight in the calendar of ‘Fareham In Bloom’, many of the gardens being previous

winners of the Community Gardening Challenge.

Fareham North residents Colin and Gill Gittins’ garden is packed with flowers and ornaments. The cheeky garden ornament named ‘Bob Potts’, pictured in their front garden, is a favourite with passers-by.

Mayoress Councillor Louise Clubley, pictured at Wynton Way with Fareham Mayor Pamela Bryant, said: ‘Visiting all 11 gardens was an absolute pleasure, every one so different, well laid out and de-

signed, a really enjoyable way to spend a warm sunny Sunday.’

The Horticultural Centre in Wynton Way opened its gardens for the first time this year with a fantastic display of colour, all grown on site.

Congratulations to everyone involved in having such wonderful gardens to display.

