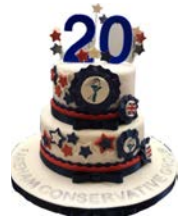




InTouch



FAREHAM EAST & WALLINGTON – Autumn 2019

It's 'curtain up' in 2022 for a transformed Ferneham Hall

THE LAST night of this season's pantomime at Ferneham Hall will be a showstopper.

It will be two years before the curtain rises again, then it will reveal the present jaded building stunningly transformed into a new community, arts and entertainment venue.

This will be the flagship of the **Conservative** Council's vision to revitalise Fareham town centre over the next few years.

Councillor Tom Davies said: "Ferneham Hall has become tired and dated over the 40 years of its life, and transforming it is one of the Council's key priorities.

"This exciting concept will see it become a bustling hub of activity, daytime and evening, seven days a week, offering something for everyone."

And the new £12.3m centre will be professionally managed for the Council by leading leisure and events operator BH Live, which manages 17 venues in the South and London, including Portsmouth Pyramids and Bournemouth International Centre.

Ferneham Hall will close on January 6 after the cast in this year's panto 'Beauty and the Beast' take their final bow so the project can take centre stage. It will include:

- Main auditorium with 808 seats, retractable on the ground floor and fixed on the first floor balcony, bigger stage dimensions to attract wider range of professional productions.



Vision: Artist's sketches of the remodelled Ferneham Hall and (below) the spacious foyer.



•New larger foyer continuing up to a first floor bar and terrace, with areas for small pop-up exhibitions. All-day café on the ground floor, with outdoor seating available.

•Secondary performance space with 120-capacity auditorium, demountable seating, projector and screen. Flexibility allows uses such as cinema screenings, conferences, dance, community or club meetings.

•First floor studio to accommodate a range of activities eg yoga, dance, exhibitions and conferences.

•Large, flexible meeting room for hire on the ground floor. Organisations will be encouraged to hire the studio and other spaces if required.

The design team is looking to ensure the building has a low carbon footprint and is investigating solar panels, photovoltaic panels and an air source heat pump.

InTouch team leader Stephen Ingram added: "Town centre shopping areas will have to transform over the next few years.

"The need for a traditional shopping centre is declining. We can see that in our own shopping centre.

"Shopping centres will need to develop and attract residents for other purposes and a

brand new community, arts and entertainment venue will bring residents into Fareham and be a vibrant venue in the town centre."



Artist sketch: Buckland Development

A NEW community north of Fareham moved a step closer when Council planners granted outline consent for Welborne Garden Village.

Welborne development gets green light

Buckland Development Ltd plans include up to 6,000 new homes, new district and local centres, schools, shops and community facilities.

Other features of the development:

•Major improvements to Junction 10 on the M27 turning it into an all-moves junction

•More than 1,000,000 sq ft of employment space creating around 6,000 new

jobs

•Community and health facilities; local pub and hotel

•New secondary school, 3 new primary schools, nursery and pre-schools

•Sports facilities, play areas and allotments

•270 acres of natural green space

There is also the possibility of a new rail station to serve the community.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





NEWS ROUND

Best place to retire

Fareham has been named the best place to retire in the UK in Yopa's National Guide 2019.

We won the best place to retire category, with Yopa - a national estate agent - citing our proximity to the sea, fantastic local amenities, relatively affordable house prices and location.

In an Office of National Statistics 'life satisfaction' survey, Fareham came third in the UK.

ONS data shows the Borough's reputation in this category has been steadily rising.

New housing strategy

The Council has launched a new policy on the provision of affordable housing.

The Affordable Housing Strategy sets out how it will be delivered over the next 5 years, including Council housing.

There are around 4,200 affordable homes in the Borough, but the Council estimates that another 3,500 will be required by 2036 to meet demands.

Grit bins check

Winter is coming and Councillor Tom Davies and InTouch team leader Steve Ingram will be out in the ward to check grit bins are full and ready for the cold weather.

If you find a broken or empty grit bin please do let us know and we'll get it sorted.

General Election help

If anyone would like a postal vote or if they're not going to be here and need a proxy voter, please get in touch with us. We can help.

Police discussion

InTouch team leader Steve Ingram says he had a positive discussion on local issues with Fareham Police Sergeant Michelle Winstanley.

It covered bicycle theft, drug use, the importance of helping young people in the community, visiting schools and setting up advice centres and clubs

He said: "This meeting was very worthwhile and I believe a lot of good things will eventually come out of it."

Dinner raises £900 for two charities

AN EVENING organised by the Mayor at Antonio's restaurant raised £900 for two charities.

InTouch team leader Steve Ingram attended and says the cash will go to Fareham and District (1350) Squadron Air Training Corps and the Rowans Hospice. The ATC is collecting money towards a new minibus to transport cadets to



campus, competitions and other events. Rowans Hospice offers specialist support to improve the lives of people with life-limiting illnesses and their share of the money will go towards a therapeutic jacuzzi/hydrotherapy bath.

PHOTO: Fareham Mayor Pamela Bryant is seen (left) chatting to guests at the charity dinner.

Expert stresses the importance of bees

BEES pollinate a third of the world's crops and are an essential part of the ecosystem and agricultural economy.

Without them, many familiar foods would disappear. Bee keeping expert Tony Ashworth told InTouch team leader Steve Ingram the UK's 240 bee species were under threat, particularly from garden pesticides.

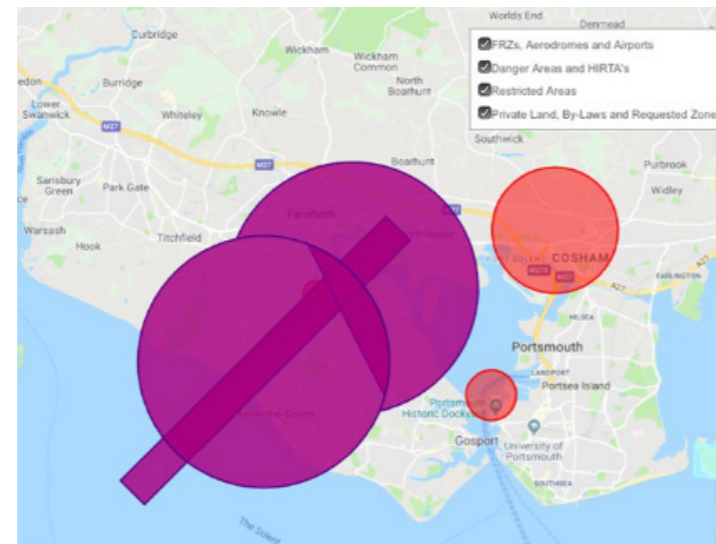
Tony, who runs a hive products business near Fareham, combines his 30 years of teaching skills with his knowledge of bees, beekeeping and ecology to help others get the passion.

Stephen said: "As well as offering hive adoption to businesses, he can help set up an apiary, train staff, give lectures and bee experiences."

"The service he and his family are providing for the area is to be applauded. Not only is it helping to save our bees, it also helps our ecology."

Meanwhile, colonies of bees should be buzzing around Titchfield's meadows next summer. Fareham & District Bee Keeping Association set up several hives after opening their new site at Abbey Meadows in the country park in memory of past members Ray and Jean Powell.

New laws restrict drone flying over Fareham



DRONE flying is restricted over a large part of Fareham Borough.

Since new UK laws came into force this year, it is now illegal to fly a drone within 5km (3.1 miles) of an airfield. Other sensitive areas such as prisons are included in the raft of new Government legislation.

Councillor Tom Davies said he had received several emails about the complex issue and was able to clarify the situation.

He said: "I understand there are lots of rules about drones, and people may not be aware that flying drones in Fareham and in most of the Borough is illegal."

He obtained the map (pictured) showing the banned zones; other sensitive areas are around Portsmouth Naval Base and the restricted Portsmouth MoD research establishments.

"Flying drones in the no-fly zone is a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison."

Drone users can only fly within our restricted zone with permission from Air Traffic Control or the airport.

From November, any drone weighing more than 250g must be registered with the Civil Aviation Authority and users will be required to undertake mandatory online safety tests.

Drone pilots who fail to register and

sit the tests will face fines of up to £1,000.

Police have also been given new powers to enforce the drone laws. Aviation minister Baroness Sugg said in a statement: "Whilst we want this industry to innovate and grow, we need to protect planes, helicopters and their passengers from the increasing numbers of drones in our skies."

"These new laws will help ensure drones are used safely and responsibly."

Useful updates on the new laws and codes for drone flying can be found on www.heliguy.com.

We're seeking your local heroes

RESIDENTS are asked to nominate local heroes for Citizen or Young Citizen of Honour awards.

The annual awards honour those who have made a difference to the lives of local people. There are two categories – under 18s and 18+.

Previous winners have been nominated for bravery, helping others at school or college, coping with something life changing, volunteering, helping the local environment or caring for an individual.

Councillor Tom Davies said: "No matter what it is, we want to hear about it, so we can give local heroes the recognition they deserve."

Winners will receive invitations to Mayor Making in May with two guests to receive their award from the outgoing Mayor; a reception with the new Mayor to receive Citizen of Honour certificates; the Civic Service and Remembrance Day Service; a £100 anytime spend card.

To nominate your hero either fill out a nomination form online, call 01329 824310 or email publicity@fareham.gov.uk



Carbon neutrality aim by 2030

FAREHAM is forging ahead with plans to mitigate the effects of climate change, aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

It's the latest environmental initiative promoted by the Council, including development of an extensive recycling service, a programme to plant 30,000 trees around Daedalus and removing Single Use Plastics from Council operations by the end of the financial year.

At the October meeting, councillors discussed the scope of a newly formed working group.

Councillor Tom Davies said its first priority was to identify the Council's carbon footprint to provide a baseline against which progress could be measured.

It will look at all areas of Council services to identify carbon reduction opportunities and at initiatives under way across the Borough.

Street Aid card will help tackle Fareham's rough sleeping problem



A DONATION card has been launched making it easier to give money to a charity which directly helps rough sleepers in Fareham rather than giving cash directly to individuals.

It will be particularly welcomed in Fareham town wards where the problem has led to demands from residents to tackle it.

Fareham Street Aid created the card with a QR code that can be scanned with money going direct to the Two Saints charity.

Councillor Tom Davies said: "It can also be shown if you are approached for money as a way of saying that you are donating to a Fareham Street Aid partner."

"They are available from reception at the Civic Offices, One Community in Fareham Shopping Centre and the Citizens Advice centres.

"Those using the card should carry it close to hand so it can be easily produced."

Tom and South Ward Councillor Geoff Fazackerley are working to encourage volunteers to promote the new card. One Community will take clothing and food donations.

"We will be arranging a two-ward public meeting to get to grips with the problems. Your Conservative ward councillors are doing it, not just saying it," added Tom.

PHOTO (l to r): Geoff Fazackerley, Hayley Hamlett from One Community, Gemma from Two Saints and Tom Davies.



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WE SERVE YOU ALL

Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.

Let us deliver Brexit and get back to domestic priorities



I am honoured to be standing for re-election as your **Conservative** Member of Parliament on 12th December.

This General Election is vital because we need a new Parliament to support Prime Minister Boris Johnson to get Brexit done. Like the majority of voters in Fareham, I voted and campaigned to leave the EU in the 2016 Referendum because I see the many opportunities for trade, migration, sovereignty and laws.

Boris' new deal offers these opportunities and that is why I support it. Your vote will make the difference on 12th December.

By voting **Conservative**, we can secure a majority in Parliament so that we can deliver Brexit, restore democracy, bring this constitutional crisis to an end and move onto other domestic priorities like more police in Fareham, more funding for our local schools and better NHS services.

None of the other parties offers this. Labour and the Liberal Democrats want to prolong the uncertainty and not honour democracy. Vote **Conservative** on 12th December to get Brexit done!

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Suella BRAVERMAN

AS YOUR **Conservative** Member of Parliament since 2015, I have worked on a large variety of local issues and been a voice for Fareham in Parliament.

My track record includes:

- 1 Leading Fareham Community Hospital Taskforce to support more services there, including the Same Day Access to local GPs
- 2 Supporting young people and skills through my 4 annual Apprenticeships and Jobs Fairs with Fareham College and seeing a doubling of the number of apprentices in Fareham since 2015
- 3 Fighting for better transport such as upgrades to Junction 10 and better train links.
- 4 Assisting thousands of people in Fareham to find better housing, resolve problems with pensions or benefits, secure a school place and better social care for an elderly relative.

Thousands of residents have at-



tended my public events for Senior Citizens, Health Services, Brexit and better Broadband.

More needs to be done and that is why I am pleased that Fareham will see more police on the beat locally following worrying incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Fareham Town Centre and Locks Heath.

I am delighted that all schools in Fareham will see an increase in their funding with Sarisbury Junior School, Hook-with-Warsash, Park Gate Primary, Brookfield Community School and Cams Hill schools receiving significant amounts to address their previous lower levels of funding.

And I am glad that we are seeing record investment in our NHS, mental health services and social care.

I hope that I can count on your support to continue the work.

Downend homes appeal dismissed over safety issue

A PLANNING inspector summed up the highways situation in a plan to build hundreds of houses on farmland at Downend as 'un-acceptable'.

He used the same word to condemn the County Council for approving the developer's highway schemes in the first place.

And he dismissed an appeal by Miller Homes to build 350 homes at Winnham Farm, Downend to the delight of councillors and residents who bitterly contested the plan for the 50.4-acre site.

It hinged on the major implications of thrusting over 1,000 extra daily traffic movements along Downend Road, its

bridge bottleneck and inevitable jams at the overloaded A27 junction.

When the inspector, Grahame Gould, was told the application included no major improvements at the Downend Road bridge, the appeal was doomed.

Councillors stressed at the hearing the impact the scheme would have on narrow local roads, arguing that if the plan were accepted, there must be a separate pedestrian footbridge over the railway.

It was feared the danger for pedestrians with only a 1.2 metre proposed footpath and the 'give way-shuttling' options for traffic would cause considerable queuing.

The inspector took issue with the

County Council's approval of Miller Homes' highway schemes and declared the County's two 'acceptable options' for pedestrian and highway useage were 'unacceptable'.

However, he agreed in his 23-page report that in sustainability terms the site was adequate and the nitrogen calculation acceptable. Then came his damning summing up:

"I am of the view that the unacceptable harm to pedestrian safety and the operation of the public highway that I have identified could not be addressed", and he concluded that 'in highway terms this scheme was unacceptable'.

Prestigious Queen's award for Fareham's Y-Services



Y-Services, the charitable organisation looking after youth services across the Borough, were honoured to receive a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

It's the highest award a voluntary group can receive and was presented by the Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire, Mr

Nigel Atkinson.

Andy and Maria Kennedy, who founded the charity in 2011, received the award.

Councillor Tom Davies said: "Y-Services is well-known across the area as being a great organisation offering a range of diverse groups and young people fantastic oppor-

tunities.

"This prestigious award is well deserved."

PHOTO (l to r): Y-Services CEO Andy Kennedy, quadriplegic yachtsman and Deputy Lord Lieutenant Geoff Holt, Mayor Councillor Pamela Bryant, Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson.

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