



InTouch



FAREHAM WEST – 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 show-stopper.

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 Leslie Keeble 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.

Councillor Tina Ellis 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

Spitfires reach for the sky

We're getting used to the nostalgic sound of Merlin engines in the air as magnificent Spitfires fly above Fareham. You can see them up close as pilots 'scramble' by visiting Café at Zero 5 at Daedalus Airfield.



Rapid response

At the end of the alley between Napier Crescent and Blackbrook park this overgrowth was not only a hazard to pedestrians but was also starting to



force its way into the resident's shed until Councillor Leslie Keeble, pictured above, quickly arranged for its removal.

All colours bins

It's easier to recycle glass containers as the old bins are being replaced by ones in which you can put all colours.

Tina Ellis, who's pictured beside the one in Anjou Crescent, says there's no need to take off the tops as the metal can be recovered during recycling.

Eyesore remains

InTouch team leader Stephen Child is to ask councillors why nothing has been done about unsightly overgrowth in Peak Lane, despite residents' protests.



Streets plagued by selfish drivers



THE driver of this lorry should go to Specsavers.

He's parked on the grass verge in Place House Close right opposite the sign that forbids it. Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis say

they receive numerous complaints from residents whose drives are blocked.

Apart from damaging the grass, it also puts mums with prams and the elderly in danger as they often have to step into the road to get by selfishly parked vehicles, as the picture (above) taken in Brady Road shows.



'Triffids' invade couple's garden



couple's property in Malvern Avenue and threatened to engulf their lean-to.

Tina Ellis (pictured) said: "Not only is the woodwork being destroyed, but it's rendered the lean-to unusable." The invasive foliage should be removed as soon as Tina has alerted the Council's

Streetscene to deal with it.

•Triffids are fictional tall, prolific and highly venomous plant species in John Wyndham's 1951 novel *The Day of the Triffids*.

LOOKS like a scene from *The Day of the Triffids*.

This monster bush grew and grew until it spread over the wall of an elderly

Gardeners gather glut of gold gongs



Steve and Jane Hurst and Tina



Ian and Anne Gray

It was also declared category winner, with the Sensory Garden of Reflection winning its category and Westbury Manor garden awarded a gold and category winner.

Eleven of the ward's gardens were open to the public on July 21 and raised £3,000 for the Mayor's charities.

Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis have written a personal letter to all the West Ward winners congratulating them.



Chris and Colin Tait



Mandy Smith

IT WAS golds galore and also many silver and bronze awards for Fareham West's gardeners in the annual Fareham in Bloom competition.

And the Borough maintained its supremacy by winning gold in the Small City category at the South and South East in Bloom contest for the 16th year running.

THE WINNERS

Marie Phillips, Oak Road 2 golds, silver gilt; Mr and Mrs Powell, Ashlyn Close 2 silvers; Mrs Shirley Luton, Oak Road silver gilt, silver & bronze; Mr and Mrs Purnell, Abbeyfield Drive 2 golds, silver gilt; Mandy Smith, Woodvale 3 golds, silver gilt; Ian and Anne Gray, Peak Drive 2

golds; Steve and Jane Hurst, Highlands Road 2 golds; Chris and Colin Tait, Longmynd Drive 2 golds, 2 silver gilts; Heather Scott, Abbey Road 2 silvers; Mrs P A Fisher, Abbey Road gold, silver, bronze; Mr Hilary, Abbeyfield Drive 2 silvers

Prestigious Queen's Award for 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 Hampshire's Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson.

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

Councillor Leslie Keeble said: "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.

Drivers still speeding

SPEEDING, highlighted in our summer edition, is still worrying people in Peak Lane area.

InTouch team leader Stephen Child (pictured) says drivers are endangering pedestrians at controlled crossings, particularly at rush hour. He is interested in receiving collaborative information from other residents.



Trench drench

PRIORITY ROAD residents were curious when workmen dug a long trench during a spell of bad weather.

We learned it was an electrical fault that needed urgent repair.



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If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Fareham West Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Leslie Keeble on 01329 845339 or Tina on 01329 843936.

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.

Nitrates pollution disrupts Fareham housing plans

FAREHAM planners are well advanced identifying new sites to meet Government demands for up to 2,500 extra homes, but the Council could still fail housing delivery tests due to the nitrates pollution factor.

After being forced to take its development plan back to the drawing board, it hopes to put the revised strategy and any necessary new policies before the December Executive meeting.

But Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said progress was being made towards nitrate

neutrality on development sites, but there were still 1,700 on-hold house applications.

He said: "Until this backlog is cleared, Fareham is at serious risk of failing government housing delivery tests with resulting penalties requiring even more short-term housing delivery – a real mess.

"Fareham, with other local authorities, is strongly engaging with government departments and statutory organisations to get some common sense applied and to see longer term solutions as opposed to short term fixes."

Meanwhile, if the Executive agrees the

revised strategy there will be a public consultation during the winter.

The Council will then merge the results with the 'on-hold' draft Stage 1 and prepare the plan that it proposes to submit to the Planning Inspectorate.

This new overall Borough Plan will be published for general comment in early summer 2020, before going to the Inspectorate in mid to late summer.

The examination timetable is up to the Inspectorate but should be over the autumn/winter period, with formal Council adoption of the plan in early 2021.



PARAMEDICS are pictured stretcher-ing an elderly lady off to hospital after she was hit by a car at a dangerous junction.

Accident sparks fresh call for crossing

Mrs Val Kearley was trying to cross Highlands Road at its junction with Blackbrook Road and ended up in intensive care at QA Hospital.

It's led to renewed demands to Hampshire Highways for a pedestrian crossing. A 13-year-old girl was injured there 3 years ago and there have been many near misses.

Councillor Tina Ellis said a recent petition and several requests to the County Council for a crossing had fallen on deaf ears. She said:

"They always say they will go on figures of accidents recorded and they do not see the requirement."

Tina said many people used their cars instead of risking

crossing the road.

A partially sighted lady in Abbeyfield Drive and others on that side of Highlands Road with small children constantly complain about the situation.

"My father-in-law says he 'takes his life in his hands' every time he crosses and the postman and I have helped people across many times."