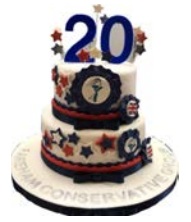




# InTouch



PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – 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.

Council Leader Seán Woodward 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



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



to attract wider range of professional productions.

- 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 Simon Martin 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."

## Climate-conscious councillors aim for carbon neutrality by 2030

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

It's the latest of the environmental initiatives introduced by the Council, which include development of a comprehensive recycling service, a programme of planting 30,000 trees around Daedalus and removing Single Use Plastics from Council operations by the

end of 2019-20 financial year.

At the October meeting, councillors discussed the scope of a newly-formed working group led by Executive Member for Streetscene Councillor Simon Martin.

First priorities will be to develop a carbon reduction plan to identify the Council's carbon footprint to provide a baseline against which progress can be measured.

It will look at all areas of the Council's services to identify carbon reduction

opportunities and at initiatives being progressed across the Borough, eg by businesses and community groups.

Simon Martin, who will regularly update the Executive with progress and put forward ideas for consideration, said:

"There is strong public interest in climate change, so any proposals which emerge will be presented to residents at Community Action Team meetings so they can have their say."



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





**NEWS ROUND**

**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.

**Hospice cheque**

Councillor Simon Martin, in his role as Chairman of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee, presented a cheque for £8,000 to Rowans Hospice.

**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.

They cited 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.

**Card aids rough sleepers**

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 wards where the problem has led to demands from residents to tackle it. Fareham StreetAid created the card with a QR code which can be scanned with money going straight to the Two Saints charity. They are available from reception at the Civic Offices, One Community in Fareham Shopping Centre and the Citizens Advice Bureau.



**Recarving their names with pride**

THEIR names were carved with pride and a nation's gratitude for their sacrifice in two world wars. But time and weather had almost obliterated several of the names on the 1914-18 side of Sarisbury's war memorial. Fareham Council, which has been responsible for upkeep of the memorial since it was dedicated on Armistice Day 1921, was determined to restore them. Councillor Simon Martin said: "Following wide-ranging consultations with stonemasons, national memorial and conservation specialists the Council has now appointed a company with the technical capability to restore missing and badly eroded names as originally inscribed. "This work will take place during a suitable spell of dry weather." Sadly, they were unable to restore the names in time for this year's Remembrance Day, but during the moving service and wreath-laying none was forgotten.



**Changes make voting easier**

CHANGES are being made to the location of polling stations in Park Gate Ward – but not in time for the General Election. The Council acted after residents were asked for their views, aimed at reducing the distance they had to travel to vote. At present, because of the ward's rapid expansion, 75% of voters have to go to the same polling station. Councillor Ian Bastable said thanks to changes made by Council officers, there would be a far more even distribution for those going to polling stations in Priory Park Community Centre and the church hall in Middle Road. Voters will be notified of any change of polling location. The changes are planned for the May 2020 elections onwards. \*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.

**Demands for safer crossing measures**



**MUMS WITH TODDLERS** have to 'chance their luck' running the gauntlet to cross a busy Locks Heath road.

And elderly residents in nearby sheltered housing accommodation also fear for their safety trying to cross. Both situations led to demands to ward Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans for increased safety measures to be taken. Keith Evans said residents were worried about the danger of parked cars blocking the street and making it hazardous crossing to the shops. They were particularly concerned about elderly residents living in sheltered accommodation in High Oaks Close and he was handed a petition (pictured) by High Oaks Residents' Association chairman Ian Fitcher calling for extended yellow lines at the junction of Centre Way. Susan Bayford said many people going to Locks Heath Shopping Centre were considering petitioning for a safe crossing between the pathway and bus stop. She said: "Bus passengers, mothers and toddlers visiting the Genesis Centre, patients going to the surgery, visi-

tors to Lockwood Day Care Centre and many others have to chance their luck to cross this very busy road. "Their plea to Hampshire Highways is to install a traffic crossing." Shopping Centre manager Sarah Cotton said many customers had approached her and she firmly supported a crossing on Centre Way. Keith Evans will hand the High Oaks petition and High Oaks request to the County Council for consideration by the highways team. **MAIN PHOTO:** Shopping Centre manager Sarah Cotton (left) discusses the Centre Way crossing problem with residents Jenny and Anton Minchin.

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**Treasure hunters**

SARISBURY and Park Gate Conservatives held a treasure hunt in the area.

It was well attended and started at Burridge Village Hall and finished in Warsash. Winners were Denise and Mark Steward and Julie Carbutt, who were presented with their prize by Seán Woodward. The event was organised by Seán Woodward and Joanne Bull and another will be held next spring. Some of the participants are pictured. Our next event is a New Year's drinks on January 5. Tickets are £6. Please contact Simon Martin for more details.



**Nominations wanted for citizen awards**

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

Winners will be invited to Mayor Making in May to receive their award from the outgoing Mayor and a reception with the new Mayor to receive Citizen of Honour certificates and a £100 anytime spend card. To nominate your hero either fill out a form online, call 01329 824310 or email publicity@fareham.gov.uk



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**Planners give Welborne the green light for 6,000 new homes**



Artist sketch: Buckland Development

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

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. After serious consideration, Park Gate Councillor Ian Bastable was happy to pass the application.

He said: "Unlike many other applications proposed by national developers, this one actually seems to care about the quality of the lives and homes we will be building."

Ian's pledge to Park Gate when he stood for election was 'the right housing in the right places'.

He believes Welborne meets this in many ways that he's not seen in other applications since he joined the Council, adding:

"Let's hope Welborne lives up to these promises and takes some pressure to build away from the rest of the Borough."

**COME AND JOIN US**

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 Park Gate Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Contact Simon Woodhams 07971 288993 or simon@sjwuk.com

**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 that although progress was being made to achieve nitrate neutrality on development

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

He said: "These delays are not good news because 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, allowing formal Council adoption of the plan in early 2021.



**Volunteers are wanted to restart SpeedWatch**

COMMUNITY SpeedWatch may restart in Sarisbury and Park Gate areas.

South Hampshire's first SpeedWatch was started 10 years ago in Burridge, but the group later folded.

County Councillor Seán Wood-

ward is seeking volunteers to set up a new one in his division, which also includes Swanwick, Burridge, Priory Park and Whiteley.

Volunteers use equipment to monitor the traffic speed, record the details and add them to a database.

Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters sent to registered keepers advising them they have been speeding and reminding them why it is a community concern.

Councillor Woodward said he could provide a grant to start the scheme and police would cover costs for vetting, training and support for office work.

Contact: [sean.woodward@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sean.woodward@hants.gov.uk) for an application form.

PHOTO: Councillor Simon Martin with Coldeast Residents' Association members Allan Duncan and Stewart Kimber monitoring Brook Lane which is one of the speed problem areas within Park Gate.

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