



# InTouch



TITCHFIELD & TITCHFIELD COMMON – 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 Connie Hockley 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 Sarah Pankhurst 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."



**VOLUNTEERS** are pictured celebrating at an awards evening in Titchfield Community Centre.

## Celebrating Titchfield's golden moment

It was held to thank those whose efforts to make the villagers' entries in the South and SE England in Bloom competition 'just perfect'.

The evening was a huge success with many awards going to folk who had 'done their bit' without seeking recognition.

Thanking them for their efforts, Councillor Connie Hockley said: "In the South and SE England competition, they were

awarded a gold in the 'Large Village of the Year' category, plus an award for the highest marks in the Hampshire entries."

Titchfield in Bloom had the honour to represent the South and SE Region at the National in Bloom Awards held in London on October 26 and won a silver medal.

She added: "Considering the TIB volunteers have only been going 3 years, this is a remarkable achievement."



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





**NEWS ROUND**



**Scouts need volunteers**

The Scout Association in Fareham is looking for people to commit to becoming a leader at weekly meetings of Beavers (aged 6-8), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-14) and Explorers (14-18).

They are also seeking administrators, such as treasurer or manager, to support the efficient running of groups in Fareham or people with specific skills who can assist with activities for the young people, such as sailing and climbing.

To find out more please contact Mike McHugh on 07714 872599 or Brigid Ryan on 07733 060882.

**Choose your local heroes**

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

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

To nominate your hero either fill out our nomination form online or call communications on 01329 236100.

**80 years of good advice**

Citizens Advice in Fareham has celebrated its 80th year of service in the town, a real achievement as the centre requires a large number of regular volunteers.

It largely uses its own resources and project funding, although the Borough Council continues to assist with financial support.

**Our apologies**

In the summer edition of InTouch, under 'Villagers' floral displays' the photo showed a stunning water feature on the green at the bottom of West Street.

This was attributed to Titchfield Primary School when, in fact, it was designed by a Titchfield in Bloom committee member and constructed and watered by committee members.

We are sorry for any confusion and apologise for the error.

**Meadows will 'bee hive' of summer activity**

COLONIES of bees should be buzzing around Titchfield's meadows next summer.

Fareham & District Bee Keeping Association (pictured) set up several hives after opening their new site at Abbey Meadows in the country park.

The ribbon was cut by Titchfield Councillor Tiffany Harper who said the site was



named in memory of dedicated past members Ray and Jean Powell, who helped shape the thriving association as it is today.

**Planning consent for Welborne**

COUNCIL planners have granted outline consent for Welborne Garden Village.

Plans include up to 6,000 new homes, new district and local centres, schools, shops and community facilities.

It will include major improvements to Junction 10 on the M27 turning it into an all-moves junction and over 1,000,000 sq ft of employment space creating around 6,000 new jobs

There will be community and health facilities; local pub and hotel, new secondary school, 3 new primary schools, nursery and pre-schools, sports facilities, play areas, allotments and 270 acres of natural green space.

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



Artist sketch: Buckland Development

**Street Aid card will help tackle Borough's rough sleeper issues**

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.

Councillor Connie Hockley (pictured) said Fareham Street Aid had created the card with a QR code which can be scanned with money going straight to the Two Saints charity.

She 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 Bureau."

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

One Community will take clothing and food donations.

Both events will be in the Mayor's parlour at 2.30pm. Tickets are £4 in aid of her charities.

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**Church ventures forth into the 21st Century**



HARD to believe this is a church, but behind its ultra modern design it is still very much God's house where a Christian community worships.

The break with tradition was formally sealed when the former Locks Heath Free Church was reopened in September as Waypoint Church.

The £5m showpiece took a lot of time planning with valuable contributions from parishioners and £40,000 each from Fareham Borough and Hampshire County Councils.

Councillor Sarah Pankhurst said: "I love the 21st Century design and am sure the facilities provided will be a valuable addition to the community."

The very modern and welcoming external design opens into a fresh-looking, bright and welcoming entrance way.

There's a new cafe and the large bright worship area continues the open and welcoming design, plus a fantastic sports hall that adds to the new community centre facilities.

Sarah Pankhurst added: "I am very proud to have Waypoint Church in my ward."

"The parishioners must be very pleased now that their contributions have become a reality."

PHOTO: Councillor Connie Hockley, Council Leader Seán Woodward and ward Councillor Sarah Pankhurst with Senior Minister Mark Madavan, who formally opened the extension in Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common.



**Carbon neutrality by 2030 aim**

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

It follows the October Council meeting when councillors discussed the scope of a newly formed working group led by Executive Member for Streetscene Councillor Simon Martin.

The group's first priorities will be to develop the Council's carbon reduction plan and identify its 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, for example by businesses and community groups.

Councillor Martin will regularly update the Executive with progress and put forward initiatives for consideration.



**Fitting send-off for Eddie**

VILLAGE personality Eddie Matthews was a popular assistant cook at the Earl of Southampton Trust day rooms.

Appropriately, she chose October 25 to retire after 25 years' service to the community.

The day rooms were bursting at the seams as well-wishers popped into the 83-year-old's retirement party.

She was showered with presents and a feast fit for a king was laid on.

Councillor Connie Hockley said: "Eddie will be sorely missed by all her friends who have used the day rooms over the years, always to be greeted by a happy smile and welcome."

"Happy retirement, Eddie, and thank you for all you have done over the years."

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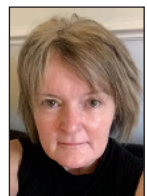


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**Let us deliver Brexit and get back to domestic priorities**



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.

**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 Connie Hockley 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 Pamela Bryant, Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson and Councillor Connie Hockley.

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