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Lee Victory Festival Celebrations!



The weekend of 23-24 September saw the Lee Victory festival take place, and for the first time, part of the celebrations took place at Daedalus (Solent Airport) by agreement from Fareham Council, who own the site.

Around 10,000 visitors enjoyed the event which included a fairground, play areas, food and bar facilities, Military re-enactment groups, static displays of World War 2 aircraft plus a flying display over the sea front and fly pasts by historic aircraft.

The weather was kind for most of the weekend and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves at this community focused event which allowed people to get remarkably close to military vehicles and aircraft and experience the sight and sound of these magnificent machines to which we owe so much.

A further event is planned for 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings.

Your local Conservative Councillors are here all-the-year-round, tackling local issues and getting things done. **If Pal, Jacquie, Steve or Kay can ever be of help to you, please do get in touch.**

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Crofton Conservative Councillors Reporting Back

Unveiling of King Charles III Coronation Bench

This wonderful new addition to the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park was officially unveiled by the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Fred Birkett, to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023.

The bench was designed by Nigel Searle and created by Nigel Clutterbuck, John Duffield and Patrick Mannerings with the intention of incorporating items dear to the King including:

Three delphiniums represent the "third" in King Charles III and are also Charles' favourite flower.

The four flowers; daffodils, thistle, rose and shamrocks, represent the four nations.

The arch that forms the back of the seat is a reference to Charles' love of architecture. It is the shape used in the construction of very early timber buildings called "cruck" and is reminiscent of gothic churches and Victorian municipal architecture.



The infills on the back of the bench show an oakleaf design. The English oak, a staple of manufacture and construction throughout the UK for many centuries.

Amongst the leaves are three birds. Charles is a patron for the RSPB and a lover of the countryside.

The infills on the front of the seat show a pair of fish among the reeds and the side infills are roses, popular with the Royal family. The curved seat represents the landscape.

The four Stubbington and Hill Head Councillors, Pal Hayre, Jacquie Needham, Kay Mandry and Steve Dugan, attended the event which was a blustery and showery day but all were impressed by the design and the originality it brings to our open space in Stubbington.



An update from Caroline Dinenage MP



Caroline Dinenage writes:
The new session of Parliament has been eventful!

The King's Speech, likely the last one before the next General Election, announced 21 Bills to be introduced in the coming Parliamentary session, with four overarching priorities: growing the economy, strengthening society, keeping people safe, and promoting our national interests.

I was pleased to hear priorities which reflect those of people in Stubbington and Hill Head. It has been a tough time over the last couple of years, with the pandemic and war in Ukraine having such a seismic impact on the global economy, particularly energy costs.

The government has been responsive to this, providing targeted assistance worth around £3000 and additional cost-of-living payments to those most in need, with more to come over the winter.

Good news that the government has already achieved one of its priorities, by halving inflation a month sooner than was targeted.

Inflation is ultimately a tax on the value of the pounds in our pockets, so seeing it fall to 4.6%, after hitting 10.7% at the start of the year, will help our money go further, especially with wage growth now running at around 8%.

There were other Bills in the King's Speech to fundamentally change our society for the better, to criminalise possession of Nitrous Oxide, the small silver cannisters which often litter public spaces.

There were further measures to tackle smoking, which costs the NHS around £3bn per year, and 75,000 GP appointments every month. And crack down on disposable vapes which, while helpful in kicking tobacco, are increasingly appealing to school aged children and an environmental menace.

Councillors Pal Hayre, Jacque Needham, Steve Dugan & Kay Mandry

Working for Hill Head & Stubbington all-year-round

Titchfield Haven Update

Hampshire County Council formally put Haven House up for sale with Savills estate agents at the beginning of October with a view to inviting formal offers for the freehold by way of informal tender by 12 noon on 1st December.

Titchfield Haven Community Hub submitted its best bid of £200,000 in September and a lease at a peppercorn rent of the existing visitor reception facilities and an additional room for admin. No date has been given for a decision by Hampshire County Council.

Let's hope for a positive outcome for the Titchfield Haven Community Hub who with the support of the Community, Councillors, Leader of Fareham Borough Council and our local MP have worked tirelessly to save the Haven!



New Stage Curtains for Stubbington Community Centre!

Crofton Amateur Dramatics group are very pleased with the new stage curtains funded by our local County Councillor Pal Hayre's Hampshire County Council members grants. Any local charities or groups wanting support please contact Pal overleaf!



Poppy Display in the Village!

Once again, the ladies of Crofton have done us proud with their magnificent display of poppies for Remembrance Sunday. As councillors we have supported the community project throughout and helped the costings with a grant from The Hammond Hall Trust.

In the past year we have given grants to the Tennis club and Sailing club. The trust is there to support community groups www.hammondhalltrust.co.uk.

Fareham Council Executive Member Ian Bastable writes:

We all want an easy to use waste collection service, and many people would like to be able to recycle a greater range of items; in particular, plastic tubs and trays which today *cannot* be recycled in Hampshire.

Part of planned government reforms are to have a unified recycling service across the country. As Fareham's Executive Member for Streetscene, I have been working with the government minister Rebecca Pow (see photo)

to agree a satisfactory way forward for the residents of Fareham that does not require seven separate bins. *This has resulted in recent announcements by the Prime Minister.*

Fareham's food waste is currently converted to energy, minimising the environmental impact. I am now insisting that a separate food waste collection service will only be implemented if it brings a net environmental benefit.

I am also working hard to simplify the remainder of the recycling collection service.

Waste & Recycling Update



Ian has successfully lobbied Government Minister Rebecca Pow.

Action for Crofton



Local Stubbington Councillor Pal Hayre writes:

Thank you to Fareham Borough Council for installing new metal railings to the northern boundary fence line to properties in the Stubbington Green car park. They will prevent any damaged caused by cars to neighbour's fences.

Update: Oakcroft Lane Development

Local Stubbington Councillor Jacque Needham reports:

Oakcroft Lane development for 206 dwellings is coming along at speed and has got ahead of the new access road coming out onto Peak Lane.

A total of 30 houses are expected to be occupied before Christmas. They will include 10 affordable rent and 2 Share ownership.

Oakcroft lane will therefore be closed for through traffic until the access road is completed hopefully in May. Access to the cemetery will be by Titchfield Road as will the Ark.

Remember - Local Conservatives have kept the Borough's Council Tax the 4th lowest in England AND protected local services That's an impressive record!