



In Touch

with our community

FAREHAM NORTH & NORTH WEST – SUMMER 2006

Don't miss the bus! You can help shape Fareham's future...

THE BACK end of a bus isn't usually this attractive, but this smiling face is what you'll see if you get stuck behind one.

Facing up to Fareham's future is the Council's duty, but it wants everybody to help put together the new Borough Plan.

Ward Councillor Pam Bryant said: "This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in planning our future, so using borough-wide buses to encourage community involvement seemed like an excellent way of spreading the message."

Work on Fareham's Local Development Framework (the replacement for the current Local Plan Review adopted in June 2000) is moving on apace.

This process will guide the future of Fareham for the next 20 years so it is important that residents have a chance to have their say on the options that will affect not only them but their children and grandchildren.

The future of the borough will be set out in broad terms in the core strategy, and the Preferred Options document issued during June sets out possible options that have been developed during earlier stages in the process when residents and organisations were able to respond to the Issues and Options document.

A series of one day exhibitions was set up across the borough - mostly in local shopping centres - to give as many people as possible a chance to have their say, and three workshops were held, two in the



On the buses: Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward (left) and Executive Member for Planning and Transportation Councillor David Swanbrow unveil the advert.

Civic Offices and the other in Ferneham Hall.

The consultation closes on July 31.

Councillor Bryant said: "It's crucially important that our residents are given the chance to tell us whether our ideas reflect their thoughts and are on the right road.

"That's why we need to highlight that they are our partners in the future of Fareham.

"During this consultation period there

were almost 20 events being held. These gave our residents borough-wide the opportunity to get involved, to see what we are suggesting and to tell us if we're heading in the right direction."

•Copies of the Preferred Options document are available at libraries throughout the borough, or at www.fareham.gov.uk/ldf.

...But the Government made sure you had to run to catch this one

JUST 48 hours' notice were given by the Labour Government that it aims to cram over 50% more houses into the South East.

A paper was published on its official website on June 21 - two days before the deadline for

public comment on the South East Plan - stating the intention to increase the original figure of 28,900 houses per year over the next 20 years to 45,000.

It would mean South Hampshire's annual total rising from 4,000 to 6,571, giving a

total of 132,000 instead of the 80,000 proposed.

Fareham Council Executive Leader Seán Woodward said:

"This would be the equivalent of one extra Whiteley per year every year for 20 years in South Hampshire on top of the exist-

ing proposed figures.

"If we do not hold the line at 4,000 houses per year it is hard to imagine there being a blade of grass left in South Hampshire in 20 years time."

Public examination of the SE Plan is due in the autumn.

We keep *In Touch* throughout the year - not just at election time

WARD NEWS BRIEFS

Illegal
It is illegal to park in disabled persons' bays without a blue badge.

Recently, the town's magistrates ordered an offender to pay £170 in costs and compensation for flouting the council's Car Parks Order.

Mayoral thanks
Volunteers from across the Borough were thanked for their efforts at a cream tea party organised by Fareham Community Action.

Mayor and Mayoress Councillors John and Pam Bryant attended and thanked the volunteers for their work.

Skatepark
Following consultations with residents living near Park Lane Recreation Ground, proposals for a skatepark have been modified and it is hoped to start work on it soon.

Church grant
St John's Church, Fareham has been awarded £2,950 by the County Council towards replacing its heating system.

County Councillor John Bryant said it was important for buildings that played a pivotal role in the community to be kept in good condition.

Tim Geoghegan
Thanks supporters who voted for him in May.

Although unsuccessful, he was pleased to talk to residents and discuss important local issues, including the proposed development north of Fareham and concessionary fares.

Citizen of Honour is the summit of success for Alan

NORTH WARD resident Alan Seeley was 'on top of the world' when he received one of this year's Citizens of Honour awards at the Mayormaking ceremony.

Afterwards, he came up with some interesting local history about those who succeeded and those who failed to do it for real.

Alan received his award for his years of service to the community's young people through his work with the Scouts and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in which he helped thousands of young people take on a variety of challenges.

Alan received a medal at the ceremony and will be invited to tea with the Mayor to sign the Roll of Honour.

While talking to Alan, he told us some interesting points about roads on the Uplands Estate.

Many, including Leigh Road, Mallory Crescent, Morshead Crescent, Bruce Close, Norton Drive were named after Mount Everest expedition leaders and climbers dating from 1921.

Sir John Hunt's British expedition was the first to reach the 29,035 ft peak Hillary Close and Tenzing Close were named after Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay who conquered the world's highest mountain

three days before the Queen's Coronation in 1953.



Honoured: Alan Seeley after receiving his award. **Inset:** Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay



£300,000 package to transform Oak Meadow Early Years Centre

FAMILIES will reap the benefits from a £300,000 refurbishment package agreed by Hampshire County Council to transform Oak Meadow Early Years Centre in North West Fareham into a Children's Centre.

It is part of the County Council's Children's Centre strategy which will see centres becoming a one-stop shop for a range of services aimed at supporting children and families.

The Oak Meadow revamp will include a self-contained nursery unit with a crèche, tod-

dlers' room, pre-school areas, staff room, laundry, toilets, kitchen and baby areas.

There will also be a new garden area which can be accessed from the baby area, community rooms, a meeting hall, offices, a training room, sensory room and a play area.

County Councillor John Bryant was pleased the package would provide better facilities for the North West community.

"Conservatives are committed to meeting the needs of families to help them stay safe and healthy and to access



Seeing for himself: John Bryant visits the centre.

facilities and services which enable them to make the most of educational opportunities and to contribute to the economic well-being of their

communities. "The Children's Centres are just one of the means by which we can make this happen," he said.

Bloom, bloom! Fareham all set for battle of the flowers



JUDGES from the South and South East in Bloom Committee visited the Borough on July 4 to judge the regional finals.

Fareham Council is hoping to follow on from the success achieved in last year's regional In Bloom competition when the Borough was awarded winner in the Small City category of Southern England in Bloom and took the silver gilt medal, and was proud to receive a silver medal at the nationals of Britain in Bloom.

Chairman for Streetscene Panel Councillor Pam Bryant (pictured) said: "This prestigious event looks at everything from soft and hard landscaping and floral displays to the cleanliness of the borough along with community involvement, parks promotion and events as part of our own Fareham in Bloom."

Litter 'zero tolerance' policy works

FAREHAM'S zero tolerance towards litter louts is working.

In the year to March 2006, 75 fixed penalty notices were issued for litter dropping and four for dog fouling, but none had been issued to date since then.

Success is due to the council's enforcement team which is making the Borough a cleaner place.

Councillor Pam Bryant, a member of the Public Protection Review Panel said people were taking it seriously.

"We will not tolerate the dropping of litter or dog fouling and will issue an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice of £50 (prosecuting if necessary).

"However, there are still some areas that we need to target. The aim is to stop the deposit of litter of all types. If residents witness a dog owner not clearing up after their dog, we would like to know about it."

Chains of duty and devotion



HISTORY was made when John and Pam Bryant took their chains of office at the annual mayormaking.

The North Ward Councillors are the first husband-wife team to be honoured as Fareham's first citizens.

Pam was Mayor in 2002 when John stood loyally by her side as consort.

Now they've swapped robes and regalia as John became Fareham's 33rd Mayor with Pam as his Mayoress.

They plan to meet as many residents as possible during their year in which John has chosen the British Heart Foundation and FORT (Friends of Oncology and Radiotherapy Trust) as his charities.

There will be several fund-raising events, including afternoon tea parties hosted by the Mayoress.

Next one will be on Wednesday, August 9 at 2.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour. Tickets to include tea are £3.

Pam says thanks 1,544 times

PAM BRYANT is delighted to have retained her seat as one of the North Ward representatives, having increased her majority once again.

She said: "I am grateful to everyone who turned out to vote for me on 4th May. It was good to meet so many familiar faces during the campaign as well as on polling day.

"We are very lucky to live in such a delightful part of the Borough, and I will do all I can to preserve our last piece of countryside north of the motorway which Government has earmarked for major development."

| Results | |
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| Pamela Bryant (Conservative) | 1544 (67%) |
| Lib Dem | 371 (16%) |
| Green Party | 226 (10%) |
| Labour | 176 (8%) |

Licensing Act hits charities

THE NEW Licensing Act came into force last November, which not only affected licensed premises, but also any events organised by charities or small groups raising money at fetes, fairs, BBQs etc.

Temporary Event Licences are required if any of the following is taking place:

- Sale by retail of alcohol
- Supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of a club
- Provision of regulated entertainment
- Provision of late night refreshment (hot food any time between 11pm. and 5am)

Regulated entertainment, subject to specific conditions and exemptions, includes performances of live music, any playing or recorded music or dancing.

At least 10 working days' notice must be given to the Licensing Department. Further information can be obtained from Fareham Borough Council Licensing Office.

FAREHAM NORTH & NORTH WEST CONSERVATIVES

We are very active with social and political events and membership drives. If you would like further details, to join us, or to help in any way such as distribution of *In Touch* newsletters in your road, please contact your ward councillors.

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Your man in Westminster



By
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The Government used the World Cup to bury bad news. They sneaked out proposals to build 45,000 houses a year in the South East on the day England played Sweden.

No wonder they wanted to hide this as it would mean in South Hampshire alone building 130,000 houses over 20 years compared to the current plans for 80,000. The scene is being set for the Government to overrule these plans and force through higher numbers and when I asked the minister who has the final word on this to rule it, she refused.

We know we need more houses in the South East: people are living longer and more of us are living on our own. These factors push up the demand for houses.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for young people to get on the housing ladder because of rising house prices. New homes are inevitable, but who should decide how many are built?

At the moment, the final decision about how many houses will be built in our community will not be taken by local councils, despite the work they put into developing plans.

A minister sitting in Whitehall will decide how many houses will go in Fareham and how many of them will be built on brownfield sites (including back-gardens) and greenfield sites.

I think this is wrong. It is time that local people had a much greater say over development. You and I will have to live with the consequences of development, not the civil servants and ministers sitting in Whitehall. We will have to deal with the traffic jams from the front door to the school gates to the office car park, when Government fails to spend enough money on the roads needed to support all the extra housing. It is right that we have a stronger voice in those decisions so that we can decide how best to meet the needs of our community.

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Fareham tops county waste recycling table

FAREHAM residents have wasted no time in helping the Borough Council to meet Government recycling targets.

In fact, householders have responded so well that the Council has exceeded the 30% target.

In the quarter to April, a figure of 37.8% was achieved – the highest in Hampshire and one of the best in the country.

Councillor Brian Bayford, Executive Member for Streetscene, commented:

“This is due to the efforts of many residents in fully using the blue-top recycling wheelie bins and to the extra free service offered by the collection of green waste.”

However, the target to be achieved by 2010 is 50% so further plans are being made to support and advise residents who are unsure of what to recycle and those who do not take advantage of the recycling facilities.

Owing to the success in meeting the Government target a special grant has been allocated by a Government agency (WRAP) to further encourage recycling.

This will be used to provide a monitoring and ‘door-stepping’ programme by a specialist team.

The team will identify areas and residents with problems and provide assistance to help and advise.

There are about 90 blocks of flats or maisonettes that are currently

unable to be properly serviced due to inadequate space or difficulty of access.

Priority is being given by the Council to resolving these problems and the ‘door-stepping’ team will also be involved.

All new flat developments in the Borough are required to meet guidelines on space and servicing for waste management.

Some residents have requested extra



Not the way to do it: ‘Dusties’ will only collect garden waste that’s in official green bags.

green sacks, which can be provided up to a maximum of 3.

These will be collected by the ‘dusties’.

However it is not possible to collect green waste in anything but the bag provided.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO YOU

1 x 240 litre green top bin (for those with a 140 litre)

2 x 240 litre blue top bins (for recycling)

Green garden waste sacks

Ring 01329 824387 or 824389.

For further information, call Councillor Brian Bayford on 01489 880740

More safety measures for Delme roundabout

FURTHER safety measures are to be introduced at the Delme roundabout in the wake of a serious accident in September 2005.

Havant College student Sarah Greenwood suffered head injuries when she was in collision with a motorcycle as she crossed the A27 Eastern Way, beneath the Delme flyover.

The County Council has already taken interim steps to reduce the chances of more accidents, including coloured anti-skid surfacing and a warning sign at the viaduct approach.

A feasibility study was car-

ried out by County and Borough officers to examine the possibility of a signalled pedestrian crossing.

Ward Councillor Trevor Howard said a camera was installed overlooking the recently marked out pedestrian crossing and ran all day so that traffic and pedestrian movements could be studied for peak and off-peak times.

“That video survey highlighted the difficulty of crossing the South approach slip and the pedestrian problem of seeing and assessing the speed of approaching traffic,” he said.

One recommendation was

to install a “toucan” signalled crossing near the existing bollards. Another was to ease the peak-time traffic congestion inhibiting traffic from Portchester by painting a yellow hatch box area at the junction of Cams Hill and the roundabout to create space on the roundabout for Westbound traffic to join.

Local councillors approved. The difficulties of working at a time that would not exacerbate the problem were mentioned and the job will not be finished until early 2007.

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