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**Incidentally, we do hope  
you not only read your  
Fareham Today  
quarterly magazine,  
but keep it for refer-  
ence. A host of helpful  
phone numbers on the  
back page, plus all FBC  
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**LOOK - NO CARS !!**

**Trade Sales Cleared  
Highway Lay-by Double Yellow Lined  
Peak Lane/Rowan Way**

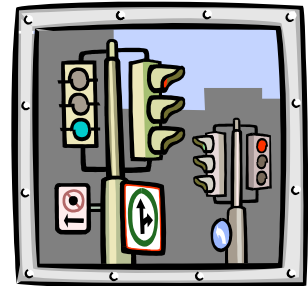
Local residents have expressed their pleasure in seeing this corner restored to a green and pleasant area once more. Mid-October saw the warning 'no parking' cones placed for a couple of days and the final departure of the cars, motor homes, lorries and vans, enabling the lines to be painted.

Coupled with the transfer of the Bring Bank Site to the Admiral Cunningham Public House in the summer, occupiers of the houses backing onto the corner can once again enjoy some peace and quiet in their homes and gardens.

The double yellow line solution following a successful plea by Ward Councillor **Diana Harrison** to Fareham's Executive to treat this long-standing menace as a matter of urgency. "I am now hoping to have a few bags of daffodils/narcissi planted to naturalise over the years—no maintenance cost to go on the council tax!"

**HIGHLANDS ROAD  
Pelican Crossing**

Hampshire County Council Executive Member for the Environment for Hampshire South, Cllr. **Tim Knight**, has informed Ward Cllr. **Leslie Keeble** that he has signed authority for this light controlled crossing to be installed in this financial year.



"It is more than four years since a 900-signature petition was raised by local people asking for a crossing in Highlands Road. Originally we wanted it sited down towards Place House Close/ Greyfriars/Blackbrook Roads, but this proved impossible first because it didn't meet the required pedestrian/traffic ratio and more towards Oak Road was impossible due to closeness of drives etc. Eventually the site close to Hillson Drive was tested by the County, met the required ratio and was chosen. It also complies with the safe routes to school policy and will be much welcomed by the parents of children at Henry Cort School.

County Councillors John Bryant and Ray Ellis have also put their weight behind our plea for this safety measure. At peak times of the day the children and the elderly have difficulty in crossing this busy road.

"It has been an unbelievably long struggle to get to this stage; we can only hope that this time, there will be no further delays by the County Council. It isn't sited where Di and I originally wanted it as the petition requested but the best we can achieve in the circumstances." Leslie told our editor.

**Mayor's Charities Forthcoming Events**

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**Sun. 20th Nov. Lunch**  
**Portchester Parish Hall.**  
**12 noon. £10**

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**Thurs. 1st. Dec Tea Party**  
**Mayor's Parlour**  
**2.30 - 4.30**  
 Speaker  
 Susan Curtis  
 Director  
 Neil's Yard  
 Covent Garden.  
**Ticket £3**

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**Fri. 20th Jan. 2006 Annual School Prom Evening**  
 Ferneham Hall  
 Tickets from £6.

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For more details of any or all of these events  
**Please ring Leslie on 01329 845339**

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**Mayor's Charities Are**

**The Rainbow Centre and**

**THE ROYAL NAVAL BENEVOLENT TRUST**

**Fareham to be home of nine-counties Fire H.Q.**

In mid-October the Government announced that a huge regional fire control room covering nine counties is to be based in Fareham. A multi-million pound centre is to be built at Kite's Croft off the Southampton Road, A27. at Segensworth.



The new control room, employing an estimated 58 people, will handle all the 999 calls from Buckinghamshire to the Isle of Wight to Kent. It will merge rooms in Hampshire, Isle of Wight and others in the south east, covering 8.9 million people.

Fareham Borough Council Leader, Cllr. Sean Woodward, said it is a jobs boost for the town.

"I think there's some doubt about the merits of regional control centres for fire services, but if we're going to have them it's very good news it will be in Fareham.

"It's good for job creation and, as we've learned from our dealings with Hampshire Highways, it is useful to have the people you need on your doorstep"



The announcement comes less than a year after National Air Traffic Services (Nats) and Meridian TV chose to plant their respective headquarters at nearby Whiteley.

Solent Business Park there has grown from strength to strength, attracting huge firms such as Zurich Insurance & Lloyds TSB before Nats created its national HQ. About 12,000 people now work at that site.

**Register for E-Billing and Receive Your Bills Online**

Fareham Borough Council has introduced a new **Citizen Account** that provides a quick and convenient way to receive Council Tax and Business Rate bills and view account details online.

The accessible and interactive e-billing service provides the account holder with the facility to receive and pay bills on line, link all their Council Tax and/or Business Rate accounts and also be informed of any changes by email or SMS messages.

Executive Leader, Cllr. Sean Woodward, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer local businesses and residents the option of e-billing. Not only does the Citizen Account make your bills more accessible, it's also interactive, allowing you to access more information on discounts, exemptions or even payments you have made and the instalments that remain for the year! It uses the latest technology to store and transmit your information, with an inbuilt security system that offers assurance that your information is only accessible to you. Better still it doesn't cost anything to register and provides account holders with the flexibility of choosing a time that suits."

To ensure the e-billing service is secure and personal data is protected, the Citizen's Account incorporates:

- Government standard authentication when you register for the service
- Password protected access to your account
- Encrypted data transmission via secure internet connection when you log on to your account, ensuring that your details are not accessible to any third party.

To register online for a Citizen Account please visit [www.fareham.gov.uk/ebilling](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/ebilling) or for further information please contact the local taxation team, tel: **01329 824651**

**A £2m improvement scheme for that nightmare Segensworth roundabout**

A £2 million scheme to improve traffic flows at this notorious roundabout is to get under-way next year. This will involve providing an extra lane around, traffic lights on the roundabout and making two of the exits (Barnes Wallis Road and Segensworth Road) one-way. Half the cost will be paid by developers of Solent Business Park phase 2 in Whiteley. The scheme is welcomed by all the local councillors.

**We keep *Jn Touch* throughout the year, not just at election time!!**

## Anjou Crescent Blackbrook Road

Many residents will be aware that an application to change the use of No.2 Anjou Crescent to Class A3 retail—to permit the use as a hot-food takeaway, was refused by FBC Planning Committee. The reasons were vitality & viability of Anjou Crescent shopping parade; the living conditions of nearby residents in terms of possible noise, disturbance and emission of smells; convenience for parking in Anjou Crescent and the character and appearance of the area.

However, that decision has been overturned in a successful appeal by the applicant to the Secretary of State and planning permission granted subject to the following conditions:

- The usual start within 5 years of date of permission
- **The use hereby permitted shall not be open to customers outside the following times:  
0900hr—23.00hr on any day.**
- Use shall not commence until details of all ventilation, filtration & extractor equipment for removal of cooking odours and any sound attenuation measure associated with this equipment have been approved in writing by local planning authority. Approved equipment shall be fully installed & operational before use first commences and thereafter retained, operated & maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

The appellants has also agreed with the Council that this use would amount to a requirement for 2 additional car parking space and he has given a unilateral undertaking which would entail a financial contribution to the improvement scheme.

Following the appeal decision the whole environmental improvement scheme was submitted to the October meeting of Planning Development Control, approved and Engineers promised me they would commence work in early November. **Lo and behold they arrived bang on 1st November!**

The scheme will not only provide a little extra parking, it will be better arranged and involves taking a few feet of the grassed area to form echelon parking, plus improvement of the footpath egress at an angle to a clearly marked way between parking bays, far greater safety for pedestrians.

"It has been more than four years of struggle to get this done. Because it is highway, I first approached the County Council who in 2002 agreed and in 2004 changed their minds.

"So I am very grateful to Fareham Borough Council for financing this for Fareham West (together with the contribution mentioned above) from the Environmental Improvements Budget.

"It should smarten up the whole appearance of the shopping parade; I am now going to try and get some daffodils/narcissi bulbs planted to naturalise and further enhance the area.

"I hope everyone will enjoy the improvement."

*Ellr. Di Harrison*

## Fareham continues to bloom and to win!

### Fareham - Overall Winners Again!

For the Large Town/Small City Category and received a Silver Gilt at the presentation for South & Southeast in Bloom. This is the second year running that we have scooped this prestigious award as part of the Britain in Bloom campaign run by the RHS. We also picked up four other awards.

Di and Leslie want to offer our **Congratulations to the Fareham in Bloom winners in Fareham West Ward.**

Steven Hurst, 213 Highlands Road  
Mrs. P. Hobbs, 22 Pennine Walk  
John Purnell, 87 Abbeyfield Drive  
Mr. G. Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Road  
Harry Kewish, 1 Veryan  
Alan Hillary, 152 Abbeyfield Road  
Mrs. I.K. Chamberlain  
The Heathfield Arms, 116 Blackbrook Road  
Mr. And Mrs. Tait, 51 Longmynd Drive.



Many of you won in more than one category but space prevents us from giving all the details. Well done everyone. Your efforts brighten everyone's day!

## Recycling - early indications we are doing much better!

It is now approx. 8 weeks since the fortnightly collections and new garden waste service began and we seem to be approaching our statutory target of 30% recycled for 2005 with **West Ward one of the best.** This rises to 40% in 2006 and even 65% in subsequent years. **This is the sole reason for revised alternate weekly collections now being implemented across the country.**

**No money is being saved** by Fareham Borough Council—after initial set up costs any savings are being ploughed back into a free green waste collection service.

**All available to you**—1 x 240 litre green topped bin (replaces 140 litre bins if necessary), 2 x 240 litre blue topped bins and green waste sack **all free.** Larger households of 6 or more can have a 360 litre green topped bin. composter from FBC—just £5.

**Remember** the Government is likely to impose fines on councils not reaching targets which will be passed on to all council tax payers. If we all make the effort, we all gain in so many ways. Thank you for your efforts and keep up the good work!

*The Editor*

### Personal Message from the Mayor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who wrote, rang or e-mailed messages of congratulation and best wishes following my election as Mayor.

Christine and I are thoroughly enjoying meeting so many new people and representing the Borough at the many and varied functions to which we are invited. It is hard work at times, but a great honour. You may care to cast your eye over the list of functions in aid of my charities which is on Page Two. Please ring me for full details of any or all.

I would like to assure all the residents though that although we are busy, I am still available for Ward work. Please don't be afraid to contact me as usual, if you have a problem, query or comment. I am still one or your two Borough Councillors!

*Leslie Keeble*



“Whatever your views about the desirability of the 80,000 new homes planning for South Hampshire, we all agree better services are needed to meet the needs of those already living here.

“Closure of Blackbrook Birthing Centre and the question mark hanging over the long promised community hospital tells me something must be wrong when we also hear about record amounts of taxpayers’ money being spent on the NHS.

“Our road network is under pressure from the existing volume of traffic. We regularly gridlock now. The Government has no answer.

“I could go on with a whole list of infrastructure promised but not forthcoming, we need to play catch-up with infrastructure for the homes we have already built; if we cannot meet the needs of the existing population, how can we meet the needs of so many extra households?

“I led a debate in the House on Tues.25th October.a timely debate coming just days after the closure of consultation on the “Where shall we live?” document, about housing development in the County but focussing in particular on the plan for South Hampshire .

“I am afraid that the Minister did not give firm commitments on infrastructure and enabling local councils to manage housing development in line with the provision of roads, schools and sewerage etc. but there is an indication that they would like to work with local authorities on these areas.

“I know that Cllr. Sean Woodward is going to make similar points to the Government next month. Sean and I have agreed that MPs and council leaders need to work together to ensure that the Government commits to funding their share of the infrastructure cost and I think this commitment should be in place before building north of the M27 commences.

“I will be looking for further opportunities in Parliament to push the case for adequate funding for that infrastructure to be in place ahead of these new houses.

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