



In Touch

FAREHAM WEST WARD

Conservatives

WINTER 2008/9

Hospital go-ahead after 25-year wait

But is the prognosis another quarter century before the beds arrive?

IT'S BEEN hanging around for 25 years in the waiting room, but this month the trauma finally ended when the community hospital was given the all-clear.

Initially, it will not be a hospital in the true sense because there are no beds in Phase 1, but there will be space for a two-storey extension with beds.

The Borough Council's planners approved plans for the new hospital at Coldeast with Parking for 120 cars on October 1st and work should begin soon.

It was hoped that access to the hospital could have been achieved via Coldeast Way but both the Primary Care Trust and Hampshire County Council argued that this was not possible.

The entrance will be via a new access on Brook Lane, which will mean some tree loss although the curved roadway should ensure that the visual damage will be kept to a minimum.

The building will be of single-storey design in the shape of a gentle curve. It will be built on a part of the Site that was reserved for health facilities in the 2000 Fareham Local Plan Review.

High quality care

The hospital will provide a brand new facility that will focus on the needs of the local community and improve patients' access to high quality health care close to their homes.

There will be diagnostic & imaging facilities with space reserved for a mobile MRI scanner. Services currently provided by the Sylvan Clinic will transfer to the new facility. These amenities should save many residents having to make visits to Gosport or Portsmouth for diagnosis or treatment. Acute conditions will still be treated at Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth.

Free Parking

The PCT originally wanted to charge patients for using the car park, but after pressure from local councillors it has been agreed that the use of the car park will be free for the first 3 hours.

"This should ensure that most patients visiting the hospital will not have to pay for parking, but will meet the PCT's requirements to prevent the car park being used as a free all day car park for commuters using Swanwick Station," said Councillor Swanbrow,

Executive Member for Planning & Transportation.

He added: "Fareham has waited a long time for a community hospital. What has been approved may not yet be all that residents want, but it is a start.

"Further facilities that would normally be found in a hospital will, hopefully, follow long before another 25 years are up"

The Editor

Also in this issue

Fareham's splendid results in the 2008 South & South East region of Britain in Bloom
And we name and congratulate Fareham West Winners in their categories.

News on Blackbrook Park Ave Parking Problems
Irresponsible Dog Owners

Mark Hoban MP writes on Page Four

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Fareham in Full Bloom

At South & Southeast region in Bloom Awards

The sensory garden was Overall Winner in the Best Small Park category with a GOLD medal

The Fareham in Bloom Team won the Community Involvement Award for their outstanding work over the last 13 years

The new West Street landscaping won the Best New Commercial Landscape Award and

For the 5TH YEAR RUNNING we won our category as overall winners in the Large Town/Small City with a GOLD medal.

This really is an exceptional result and we believe one of the best entries we have made. Thanks must go to many people both from our volunteer group, Council Departments and the community who give so much of their time and make such a difference.

Congratulations to Fareham West Ward residents who were individual winners in the Fareham in Bloom competition

Category—SMALL FLORAL FRONT GARDEN

E & J Purnell 87 Abbeyfield Drive—SILVER
Steve Hurst, 213 Highlands Road—SILVER

Category—LARGE FLORAL FRONT GARDEN

Graham Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Rd—SILVER GILT
Pamela Hobbs, 22 Penine Walk - SILVER
Jean Williams, 32 Meadowbank Rd—SILVER

Category—PLANTSMAN'S FRONT GARDEN

Colin Tait, 51 Longmynd Drive—SILVER GILT

Category—HANGING OR WALL BASKET

Pamela Hobbs, 22 Penine Walk—SILVER
Jean Williams, 32 Meadowbank Rd—SILVER
Graham Cooper, 30 Meadowbank Rd—SILVER

Category—CONTAINER /WINDOW BOX/TUB

Pamela Hobbs 22 Penine Walk -SILVER

Category—PLANTSMAN'S BACK GARDEN

Colin Tait, 51 Longmynd Dr.—**GOLD & OVERALL WINNER**
Jill Hill, 19 Barnwood Rd—GOLD
Mr & Mrs. Gray, 10 Peak Drive—SILVER GILT
S. Ellis, 13 Blackbrook Rd—SILVER

Category—WILDLIFE BACK GARDEN

Mr. & Mrs. Gray—**GOLD & OVERALL WINNER**

Category—BEST FLORAL DISPLAY—ANY CONTAINER

Pamela Hobbs, 22 Penine Walk—SILVER
R. West, 2a Meadowbank Rd—SILVER
S. Ellis, 13 Blackbrook Rd—SILVER

Category—UNUSUAL GARDEN FEATURE

Steve Hurst, 213 Highlands Rd—SILVER GILT
And he was our only winner in FLORAL BACK GARDEN SILVER GILT again! Well done Steve!

**This is where we usually say
We Keep In Touch all year round—
Not just at election time**

To find out why we have been a bit short on editions since the May elections, please read Cllr. Di Harrison's personal letter opposite, top of page 3.

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Dear Residents of Fareham West,

First, and most important may I thank you for the wonderful support you gave to me in the Borough Elections on May 2nd. I polled 1,715 votes—which was 68% of the votes cast. I felt humbled by the result particularly as I was not well enough to get round the ward myself as I normally do. I was undergoing tests for severe giddiness and irregular blood pressure etc. and it eventually transpired to be narrowed arteries and one virtually completely blocked one from the heart to the brain and I faced - wait for it—an Awake R.Carotid Endarterectomy (for the uninitiated as I was until then) that is opening up that main artery, cleaning it out to restore the flow of blood over the brain. Delicate major surgery but essential as I was at much risk of a stroke. Leslie and our wonderful team of distributors took over the election campaign and a majority on the night of 1386 votes was the best possible medicine I could have had. The most arduous task I have been allowed to do at our Annual BBQ was present the bouquet to the hostess! They have taken such good care of me.

This was eventually done mid July, completely successful but it took a good few weeks to recover completely. As most of you know I have had the privilege of writing our In Touch newsletters but I did not get the post-election thank you done.

Just about recovered from that operation I have somehow in the last 6 weeks managed to trap nerves in my neck/spine which has virtually put my left arm out of action and causes almost continual pain. As I write this I am looking forward to my appointment with a Consultant Spinal Neurologist on Tues. 2nd Dec. when hopefully I will get a clear diagnosis and a date for another major operation to remedy it.

Hence the lateness of your Autumn/Winter In Touch but looking on the bright side, at least it is late enough for me to be able to, along with Leslie and our Committee, to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year. The number 8 might be lucky for the Chinese but it has been a roller-coaster for me, the high spot being that election result which enables me to be in post until 2012 and to continue my work as Chairman of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Planning, Standards Panel and of course sharing the load with Leslie of caring for Fareham West Ward. I haven't as yet had to miss any of my work at FBC.

I am just hoping and praying they can sort this out in time for me to enjoy a pain free Christmas as a very dear friend has booked a holiday for us over the whole Christmas—so that I can just be spoilt and lazy and recouperate with none of the work and hassle!

Now as Eliza Doolittle would have said “Wouldn't that be Luverly?”

**All good wishes for Christmas and 2009 to you all
Sincerely**

Di Harrison

**NOW BACK TO BUSINESS
WARD MATTERS**

**Blackbrook Park Avenue/A27, Fareham
Proposed No Waiting at any time.**

Our proposals have been designed to improve safety and the free flow of traffic on the highway. **We propose to extend the existing double yellow lines on both sides of Blackbrook Park Avenue for a distance of approximately 15m. to the north.**

FBC Traffic Management Engineer intends to implement the TRO early in December.

**HAVE YOU GOT £75 to
spare on DOG POO?**



Most of the dog owners in our ward are very responsible people who bag up their dog's poo and dispose of it either in the appropriate litter bin or take it home and put it in their green bin. It is a pleasure to see Blackbrook Park being used so responsibly by their owners and pets.

During a recent leaflet delivering around the Ward I have come across places where the few are spoiling it for the many.

On the garage forecourt at junction of Oak Road and Highlands Road some doggie bags have just been thrown onto the ground for others to clear up. Also the grass verges outside of nos. 171 to 175 are being used as a doggies toilet. Please think of others or do you have many £75s to throw away.

Please let me know whether there are any other hot spots where we need to ask the enforcements officers to concentrate upon.

Clr. Leslie Keeble

Tel. 845339

Our Editor writes:

When you get your new 2009 diary—don't Forget to put in Sunday 18th January—Curry Lunch Party.. And our ever popular BBQ will be on Saturday 4th July..final venue to be decided—but put this in your brand new diary.....

Clr. Di Harrison is too modest to mention that she won 2 Silver Gilt Medals for both her Plantsman's Front and Back Gardens—her first attempt at entering. But as she lives the other side of the A27 her house comes under Titchfield Ward. But we will send her congratulations anyway!

The Editor

Our man in Westminster
by
Mark Hoban
MP for Fareham

As part of the Conservative Treasury team, I have spent a lot of time over the summer thinking about how the Government has got us into a mess. During the good times, rather than put money aside for a rainy day, Gordon Brown continued to borrow to the point that he has, according to independent government statisticians, breached his own borrowing rules. These, which were meant to control government finances, **are now in tatters**. So now we are in more difficult times, he's not able to help our families, pensioners and businesses weather the storm.

Oh, Gordon why didn't you mend the roof whilst the sun shone? That's called Prudence, don't you remember?

How do we put our public finances back into good order? How do we make sure that the governments stick to the rules? We will set up an Office for Budget Responsibility, which will keep politicians on the straight and narrow when it comes to tax & spending. **Like having an old-fashioned bank manager. You remember the ones who would let you know that you were overdrawn and rather than offering you more credit, suggested that you might like to reduce your overdraft and live within your means.** That's what the office will do. When Gordon Brown was overdrawn, like **Oliver Twist** he **asked for more credit**, the Office for Budget Responsibility **will knock that on the head!**

Once we are able to get the finances back in order, we will be able to do what government is meant to do, **to be on your side.** It will mean that when the economy is not going so smoothly, the Government has the money to help businesses, families and the elderly. So rather than doing what has happened this year, raising taxes on families with big hikes on car tax or asking small companies to cough up more, government can help, not hinder.

Government is not about flashy gimmicks and wheezes, it is about doing the dull, sensible things that make real differences to our ordinary citizens when it matters.

It is about reassuring people that you have got a firm grip on what is happening. **Our Office for Budget Responsibility shows that we are serious about putting our economy right.**

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FAREHAM WEST BRANCH

Invite you to

CAFÉ TUSK

(Corner of West St & Quay St. Fareham)

2-Course

CURRY LUNCH PARTY

on

Sunday 18th January 2009

12.30 - 3.30 pm

Fish & Chips, Chicken Nuggets may be ordered as an alternative to curry

TICKETS £15 adults & £7 for children
up to age 12.

to include all you can eat and all wines,
beers and soft drinks are available from

Leslie Keeble (01329) 845339 or

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Yes, of course there will be our usual
SUPER RAFFLE

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