

Welcome to the February edition of my e-Focus in which I update local residents on news items, council meetings and planning applications in the Alamein ward.

As before if you no longer wish to receive these e-Focus newsletters please contact me on len.gates@andover.co.uk and I will remove your email address from the circulation list.

A draft budget for the new parish council for Andover has been set and will be included in the council tax proposals at this month's Test Valley Borough Council meeting (see over).

There is still no news on the future of the Guildhall. I have discussed the matter with council leader Ian Carr and we are awaiting a decision from Prezzo. If they pull out a panel of Andover councillors will look again at ALL alternative uses.

Changes in local bus services have been referred to the council's scrutiny committee for detailed investigation. I am currently discussing details of this with the chairman of the committee. Bus services were on the agenda of last week's Andover Forum where public opinion was very much against the new timetables. I hope to see the scrutiny committee deal with all the issues raised.

At the next council meeting I will be supporting Romsey councillor Mark Cooper's proposals for Test Valley to sign up to the 1010 campaign. See www.1010uk.org for more details of this campaign..

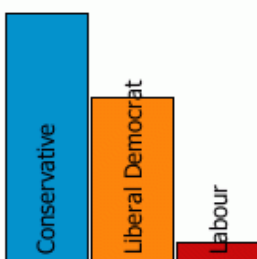
The plans for the redevelopment of Enham are now being considered by TVBC's planning department. If you have any queries or concerns please raise them with the planning department, or your local parish, or borough, councillors.

Objections to the re-routing of Smannell Road through the East Anton development will be considered by a public enquiry in April or early May. Contact me or Smannell parish council for more details. Also in Smannell I have raised the appalling condition of the road between Smannell and Little London with Highways officers and I expect a reply and action early in February.

I have also contacted Highways about the continual flooding of the footpath from Roman Way to the new pedestrian crossing outside Tesco on Smannell Road.

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Andover's votes in 2007



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been submitted in the past month. If you wish to see more details or comment on them go to

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=5600>

10/00029/FULLN	06/01/2010	Land At East Anton, Smannell Road, Smannell	Change of use of land to provide temporary demountable building for community facility
10/00021/FPN	03/12/2009	Land At East Anton, Smannell Road, Smannell	Diversion of Footpath 712, between Smannell Road and Footpath 714

THIS MONTHS BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Test Valley council meetings this month are as follows. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council. To view the agenda of the meeting, go to

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=201>

09.02.10	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
17.02.10	Cabinet	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
18.02.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
22.02.10	Council	Guildhall, High Street, Andover	16:00
23.02.10	Planning Control Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
24.02.10	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
10.03.10	Licensing Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 10 Feb 19:15	Enham Tea Rooms, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 16 Feb 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Smannell Parish Council	Wed 17 Feb 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
Andover Councillors Forum	Mon 8 Mar 19:00	Guildhall, High Street, Andover