

Welcome to the April 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.

There's not much progress I'm sorry to say on the various issues I highlighted last month.

The council's scrutiny committee has met to consider local buses and has written to community groups to seek their views. The next meeting is later this month when hopefully there will be some action in addressing the obvious problems with local services. If anyone has any particular points they want raised please let me know. The committee's report back to full council will now be delayed but it is essential that we look properly at the issues and how we can provide the best service.

Sand bags were put in to stop flooding on Smannell Road open space. As anyone who uses the path regularly knows it hasn't worked. The path needs to, and will be, raised to deal with the problem.

I have again raised the issue of East Anton site traffic using Icknield Way. The existing traffic calming is inadequate and the increase in traffic is making the area unsafe for pedestrians. More on this next month.

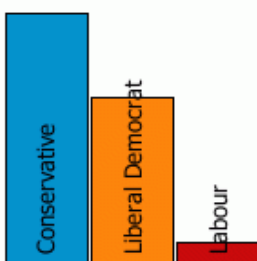
Following the recent car vandalism in Roman Way there will be a residents' meeting next Saturday (12th April) at 3:00 pm in the church centre on Smannell Road. Police and council officers will be there. All residents are invited. This is your opportunity to discuss the problems and tell them what you want done to resolve them.

Alamein Community Association are running a Fun Day on Saturday 17th April from 12:00 to 4:00. Events take place in and around King Arthur's Hall. See my web site for more details.

Finally elections take place for the new Andover parish (town) council in May. The exact date will depend on whether a general election is called for May 6th.. As everyone knows I have been a strong supporter of this council. In Alamein ward I will be supporting three excellent local candidates - Barbara Carpenter, Kevin Hughes and Andrew Whiteley.

Cllr Len Gates, Alamein ward, Test Valley Borough Council

Andover's votes in 2007



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<http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/>

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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>

10/00662/FULLN	23/03/2010	Ottershaw, Little London SP11 6JE	Erection of a conservatory to side
10/00546/FULLN	11/03/2010	1a Newbury Road, Enham Alamein SP11 6HG	Demolition of the existing dwelling (C3 use) and construction of a replacement building
10/00529/HCC3N	09/03/2010	Land North East Of East Anton Manor Farm, East Anton SP11 6AB	Construction of a new 420 place primary school with associated parking and external works

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>

06.04.10	Planning Control Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
07.04.10	Standards sub Committee	Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover	09:30
08.04.10	Licensing Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
14.04.10	Cabinet	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
15.04.10	Standards Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.	17:30
21.04.10	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road,	17:30
22.04.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst,	17:30
27.04.10	Planning Control Committee	Council Chamber, Duttons Road,	17:30
29.04.10	Full council	Council Chamber, Duttons Road,	16:00

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND OTHER MEETINGS :

Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 14 April 19:15	Enham Tea Rooms, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 20 April 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Smannell Parish Council	Wed 21 April 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
ALAMEIN FUN DAY	Sat 17 April 12:00	King Arthur's Hall and Askalot, King Arthur's Way, Andover