

Welcome to the May 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.

This month has been busy as you would expect leading up to the general election delivering leaflets and speaking to residents. My apologies to anyone I have not called on. I am always available on email or phone if you have any queries. Meanwhile council business goes on.

The council's bus scrutiny panel is continuing to look at improvements to local services. If you have any comments or suggestions please let me know. I have again chased county highways officers for a permanent solution to the flooding on Smannell Road. They are also looking again at traffic calming on Icknield Way.

The residents' meeting in the church centre on Smannell Road was a great success with over thirty people attending to raise issues with me and local police. I will be reporting back to residents on this later this month. Further meetings are planned for 12th June and 4th September. I will circulate more details closer to the dates. In the meantime I am always willing to pass on any comments you have to the police and council officers.

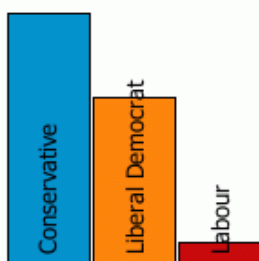
As already mentioned the General Election takes place on Thursday 6th May and it goes without saying that I am backing the Lib Dem candidate Tom McCann. This election offers, for the first time in over sixty years, the opportunity to break the old, tired, confrontational political system in this country. The idea that Labour and Conservatives should take turns failing is no longer acceptable. We have an opportunity for real change and only a vote for Nick Clegg and the Lib Dems will deliver that change, change that works.

Polling stations are in the usual places - Landale Wilson Hall (Enham), Smannell Road Church centre (Roman and Cricketers Ways), King Arthur's Hall (King Arthur's Way) and Smannell School (Smannell and Little London).

Don't forget residents in the new Andover parish can also vote for a town council on 27th May. 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



Labour can't win here

For all the latest news visit

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

<http://www.nwhampshire.libdems.org.uk/>



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>

10/00954/FULLN	27/04/2010	7 And 8 Stoke Road Smannell SP11 6JL	Erection of two storey front extensions and porches, and a detached garage
10/00859/FULLN	15/04/2010	35 Barley Road, Augusta Park SP11 6GB	Erection of dwelling (amended scheme to include conservatory)
10/00861/FULLN	15/04/2010	Askalot Kingsway Gardens, Andover SP10 4BB	Change of use to community advice and information centre
10/00825/TPON	12/04/2010	The Beeches Upper Enham SP11 6JB	Tree 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>

04.05.10	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road Andover.	17:30
10.05.10	Annual Council	Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover	11:00
12.05.10	Cabinet	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road Andover.	17:30
13.05.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
18.05.10	Planning Control Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
20.05.10	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
02.06.10	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
03.06.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
08.06.10	Planning Control Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 12 May 19:15	Enham Tea Rooms, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 18 May 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Smannell Parish Council and AGM	Wed 5 May 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
Andover Town Council elections	Thu 27 May	