JUST 24 hours ago it looked as this, the 238th edition of The Globe, would be its last but now there are plans to mount a rescue operation.

At an emergency meeting of the community interest company’s board last night, a majority of directors rejected a proposal to replace the current online format with a paid-for monthly news magazine — subject to funding.

Instead, they voted to resume publication on Sunday, June 30, provided readers were willing to help cover running costs. They would be asked to make either a monthly donation of £1 each or pay an upfront discounted £8 annual subscription.

Gosport Globe Community Publications CIC Company Secretary Sue Courtney said today, Wednesday, May 29: “The Board of Directors is delighted to announce that publication of the Gosport & Fareham Sunday Globe will resume, as a subscription only publication, on Sunday, June 30.

“We believe the annual subscription of £12 — £8 if paid for a year in advance — represents outstanding value for a weekly publication of such exceptional quality.

“We do hope that you feel able to support this initiative designed to secure the future of the paper.”

Details of how payment can be made will appear on The Globe’s Facebook page within the next few days.

The directors will monitor and report on progress at a reconvened meeting to be held a fortnight tomorrow.

In spite of generous public support following an appeal earlier this year, the free, online edition was losing money. Although readership had continued to grow, averaging more than 2,000 pdf downloads a week and with thousands of others following us regularly on Facebook, since late last year advertising revenue virtually dried up.

Since it first appeared on Friday, January 23 2015, and despite various changes that included different publication days, switch to community interest company status and circulation expansion to cover the Borough of Fareham, The Globe has become a popular platform for debate on current, community and council affairs.

We will be contacting our contributors and supporters individually to keep them informed about developments.

Robin Young is standing down as Managing Director and Editorial Director to make way for “new blood” but will continue in a caretaker role until successors can be appointed to both positions.

Kevin Richards is now Marketing Director, overseeing subscription arrangements and Graphic Designer Connor Steel joins the Board as a Director.

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SEE INSIDE: Regular news updates, with relaunch plans on our Facebook page

ON A ROLL: Gosport’s Liberal Democrats celebrating at the Town Hall after Siobhan Mitchell tops the poll in Thursday’s Brockhurst ward by-election. Report and another photograph by Steve Hammond on Page 10
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As a general guideline, The Gosport and Fareham Sunday Globe base in Bury House will be open:
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Tuesday……………………………………….10am until 4pm
Wednesday…………………………………...10am until 4pm
Thursday…………………………………….by appointment only
Friday…………………………………………by appointment only
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News

Stubbington By-pass is back on track

AROUND THE HOUSES: Stubbington’s long-awaited bypass link to Gosport. Map, Crown copyright

Inquiry rules out resident’s case against route

By Chief Correspondent Rob Thomas
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OBJECTIONS to the proposed Stubbington By-pass by a single objector have been rejected after a public inquiry which has delayed the project by at least six months.
The inquiry by an independent inspector concluded the necessary Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Road Orders were in the public interest.
At the inquiry last November, the inspector — identified as a resident of Ranvilles Lane — listed a range of issues with the proposed route including:
- It had not been proven to be better than modifying existing routes.
- The consultation process was poorly executed and misleading.
- It would damage local farming.
- It would make Ranvilles Lane unsafe.
However, the council was able to answer the objections to the satisfaction of the inspector, whose report was accepted by the Secretary of State for Transport.
The decision has been welcomed by local politicians who can now look forward to the construction of the 3.5 km long, single carriage road.
Seán Woodward, the leader of Fareham Borough Council told The Globe he was delighted that, “having made all of the original decisions at Hampshire County Council to bring forward the access to Fareham and Gosport road improvements that this final part of that programme can now go ahead without further delay.”
“It will enhance the quality of life for the residents of Stubbington by taking huge amounts of traffic away from the centre as well as providing a direct route to the Solent Enterprise Zone and the wider Gosport peninsula, breaking down a key barrier to our area’s economic regeneration.”
The route of the bypass will be from near the ‘Titchfield Gyration’ junction on the A27, south of Fareham and to the north and east of Stubbington before ending at a junction with the B3334 Gosport Road between Stubbington and the Peel Common Roundabout.
Councillor Woodward said he expects construction of the bypass to begin by the end of this year and take two years to complete.

More reports and pictures on Facebook
PLANS for Gosport’s free events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landings are just about in place for the weekend of June 1 and 2.

Stokes Bay is the main focal point but there will also be a community-organised commemoration at Hardway on June 6. Gosport Borough Council has contracted with living history specialists Pike and Shot Limited to organise a wide range of activities at the bay which played such an important part in the invasion — parts of the Mulberry Harbour were constructed on the beach, and British and Canadian troops together with tanks and artillery embarked for the first stage of the liberation of Europe in 1944.

On both the Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 5pm, the land near Stokes Bay Sailing Club will house World War Two military vehicles including a Valentine Duplex Drive tank, and full-size replicas of a Spitfire and a Hurricane. Alongside will be the stalls of a vintage market, a marquee for talks and presentations, and demonstrations of military weapons.

During both days, there will be fly-pasts — a C47 Dakota on the Saturday and a Hurricane on the Sunday — and sail-pasts with craft from the Royal Navy historical boat collection.

Borough council Leader Mark Hook said: “The programme is full of variety — something for everyone.”

The only paid-for event is on the Saturday night. Tickets — costing £11.25 — for an evening of Glenn Miller and ‘swing’ music played by the Kalamazoo band can be obtained via the link on the borough council’s website, or at the Tourist Information Centre in the Bus Station. Councillor Hook was also mindful that it is, “the commemoration of the 75th anniversary and we should remind people of the horrors of war”.

Therefore, the centrepiece of the two days will be the commemoration service at 11am on Sunday, June 2, at the Canadian Memorial, Stokes Bay promenade. The £80,000 cost of the two days will be funded by the borough council and a significant contribution from Hampshire County Council, which Mr Hook said has been, “extremely generous”.

Details of the events can be accessed on the borough council’s website and Pike and Shot’s Facebook page. The county council has also contributed nearly £2,900 so that residents and families of the troops who left for the Normandy beaches from Hardway can remember its role in the invasion.

On June 6, at 10.30, a parade of military personnel and veterans along Priory Road will end at the memorial site for a service of remembrance and the laying of wreaths.

Afterwards, free refreshments — including, according to organiser, Councillor Jamie Hutchison, free cake — will be available on the Green as 150 children from Elson and St John’s schools perform a medley of wartime songs.

Vouchers for free entry that day to the Explosion Museum will be available but must be collected from organisers at the Green. Further details can be accessed on the MyGosport website.

Priory Road will be closed from 10am until about 10.45 for the parade.

A special Past Pictorial feature by Peter Maguire appears on Page 4.
OSPORT born and bred, Associate Editor and our local history expert Peter Maguire has an extensive archive of old photographs showing borough life from Victorian times right through to the digital age. This week, his selection is the continuation of a special series in the run up to the 75th anniversary of D-Day, highlighting the pivotal role that the Stokes Bay area played when the Allies were about to invade Normandy. And Peter will be moving up and down the decades for photo features on Facebook in our new temporary format. If you have any old family snapshots that will interest other readers of Pictorial Past and would like to share them, let him know, emailing peter.maguire@gosportglobe.uk.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Construction of the Mulberry harbours at Stokes Bay in the run-up to the D-Day landings

LOADING UP: A Sherman tank is driven onto a landing craft at Stokes Bay, ready for the crossing to Normandy

INVASION FORCE: Tanks and troops on the landing craft assembled in Stokes Bay

GETTING READY: Sherman Duplex Drive tanks

SNAPSHOTS CAPTURING D-DAY PREPARATIONS ACROSS THE PENINSULA
The developer who had his plans to build live/work homes at Daedalus rejected by Gosport Borough Council last year has returned to the fray.

Peter Day, the director of Hangar Homes Limited, has told The Globe he is now seeking planning permission for six — the previous application was for five — homes each with a hanger for a light aircraft and living accommodation above.

In addition, he has re-introduced his idea for a heritage centre which will be offered to the airport owner, Fareham Borough Council, “in consideration for the land to build the live/work hangars”.

The homes would be to the west of the control tower within the Gosport Borough Council boundary which is, therefore, the planning authority.

As reported in The Globe, the original plans were initially given planning permission by eight votes to six in February 2018. However, three months later the council’s Regulatory Board overturned its previous decision, eight votes to four.

Mr Day described the meeting as, “an ambush”, and said he would be appealing the decision to the Planning Inspectorate.

Last week, however, he stated: “Rather than launching an appeal, a resubmission of the planning application has now been made, addressing all [his emphasis] the points of refusal, one of which was not enough housing and employment density, which has increased with an additional live/work hangar.”

Lee West ward Councillor John Beavis is unconvinced. He said: “It is not appropriate in my view for Daedalus airfield to have Hangar Homes. In the development plan [for the area] we are very much focused on jobs. Hangar Homes does not offer sufficient employment.”

Even if planning permission is granted, Mr Day still needs to obtain agreement from Fareham Borough Council but leader Seán Woodward said in March 2018: “The council will not be selling the land to Hangar Homes for this proposal to proceed.” Mr Woodward confirmed this weekend that the council’s position on the matter remains unchanged.

The entrepreneur is hopeful of changing the council’s mind by not only building the heritage centre, “at no cost to the taxpayer”, but also promising, “the Velocity kit aircraft will be built by the engineering students at CEMAST.”

A Gosport Borough spokesman said the, “council has not received a valid planning application for this development as yet. Any application received will be advertised and consulted on as usual.”

Mr Day responded by saying: “The resubmission was made at the beginning of May but needs to be validated by GBC before going online via their planning portal, which I understand from my planning consultant is imminent.”

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IT IS a year almost to the day that Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club held its final meeting at Daedalus, Lee-on-the-Solent.

The Globe captured the last glider flight in pictures and words as members of the club pushed the glider into the hangar for the final time.

After 69 years of flying from Daedalus, PNGC left because of restrictions on glider flights and what the club felt were unaffordable increases in charges; nor was it prepared to accept a limited three-year tenure for using a piece of what it described as ‘scrubland’ at the site.

Now a photo — which the sender said was taken in the last week - has been received of the inside of that hangar: empty and somewhat forlorn.

The sender wanted to know about the loss of revenue of the empty hangar to the airport’s owner, Fareham Borough Council.

Contacted by The Globe, Council Leader Sean Woodward said: “The gliding club was occupying the hangar rent free and as a charity was not paying any business rates, therefore there is no loss of income.”

PNGC’s Centre Manager Tony World confirmed the club has not yet been able to find an alternative airfield from which to fly; its gliders, tug aircraft and other equipment remain in storage at several locations.

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ARTISTS’ IMPRESSIONS: The proposed heritage centre at Daedalus, above, and, below, and aerial view of how the hangar homes project would appear if it were to become reality
Journalism student Nahida Tasnim rounds up reader reaction

What YOU say about Globe’s crisis

THE Gosport Globe has been serving its readers since 2015, providing residents with a free local online paper reporting on events, crime and politics.

But sadly, as of today, March 29, the paper will no longer release a weekly edition on the website.

However, editor Robin Young has ensured that updates will be posted on the Facebook page and Twitter until a solution is created to get it running again.

Discussions are taking place to create a new version of the paper, provided funding is available.

Regional papers have been suffering a decline since the age of the internet and instant access news. Yet there is no local newspaper, either online or on the internet, which delivers news to residents of Fareham and Gosport.

Since The News in Portsmouth has had to make cutbacks to its surrounding areas including Fareham and Gosport, in-depth news coverage of both boroughs has been axed.

The response to the imminent closure of The Globe in its current form has been uplifting, with many readers offering their sympathies in emails to the newspaper and in postings on Facebook.

“I am really sad to hear that the Globe is closing down. I have so enjoyed reading it for the past five years. It is such a professional well produced online paper full of great well written and well researched community stories – you and all the Globe team should be very proud of your achievements, please pass on my most sincere thanks to everyone at The Globe for their outstanding contribution to our community. I will miss reading this great online paper.”

– John Beavis

“Would it not be an idea perhaps to become a subscription paper, it’s such a great paper to let slip, perhaps £1 for the two editions much cheaper than The News and more relevant to our area. Thanks for what you have achieved and look forward to hearing about a future publication.”

– Terry Austerberry

“Sad to see it go as I moved to North Devon six years ago and like to keep up with the news from Gosport.”

– Dee Moore

“Sorry to hear that, especially since The Globe has been knocking spots off The News recently for its Gosport coverage. I hope it will be reborn in another format.”

– Amanda Field

“So sorry to have just received the final issue of the Gosport Globe. I think the advertisers have missed out on an amazing opportunity.

“The content and quality of the ‘paper’ were really great. Hopefully the future will be brighter.”

– Pauline Rowson.

“We will miss it greatly... The Gosport Globe will be a great loss to many people.”

– Nicky Staveley

...and a postscript from the Editor

THIS year marks the 50th anniversary of getting my first newspaper job — on The Peterborough Evening Telegraph — and none of the positions I’ve held since then has been as demanding or rewarding.

If I ever manage to write the memoirs of a career that provided the privilege of covering the end of the military dictatorship in Greece and later drawn out but satisfactory conclusion to the peace process in Northern Ireland, the five years spent launching and then establishing The Globe in firstly Gosport and then Fareham, will make for a suitable climax.

But that buxom baroness hasn’t burst into song yet, nor is this particular project dead and buried.

That being the case, I won’t thank the many people who have done so much to turn an online weekly newspaper concept into a popular community service just yet.

They include politicians of all parties and across the board, heroes and heroines of the vibrant voluntary sectors in both boroughs.

However, it is important to mention that no paper would have been possible without the unstinting efforts of the unpaid ‘pro-am’ mix of people who have provided the editorial and advertising content and helped to put The Globe together.

Foremost among these are my friend and co-founder Tog Porter, who unfortunately had to retire hurt; that mine of local information, associate editor Peter Maguire; superb Chief Correspondent Rob Thomas; features and lifestyle writers Penny Miller, Jeanne Hambleton, Sue Courtney — who has done so much to develop Fareham coverage — and Pam Marsden; sports reporters Brian Seeley, Connor Steel, Steve Breen and Jack Willcock; star photographers Paul Jacobs and Lisa Webb, along with a gifted team of amateur contributors; artist Bill Slavin.

The list could go on for a while yet, and probably should, but before I forget, by no means least is my co-director and wife Fran, who has helped to keep the whole thing afloat and on an even keel.

And finally, you the readers, without whom none of this would have worked in the first place.

Robin Young

NEW ARRIVALS: Associate Editor Peter Maguire, left, with The Globe’s Editorial Director, Robin Young, and Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage shortly after the paper moved into Bury House in January 2017

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Dedication wins Keira BP award

IT WAS a special night for Gosport girl Keira Venables of 1st Alverstoke Guides when she was recognised for her hard work by gaining the Girlguide Baden Powell Challenge Award.

The award will be phased out later this year as Guiding moves over to a new programme of activities, badges and awards so Keira’s is one of the last to be presented.

The Baden Powell award is divided into five zones, each containing lots of different classes, and you have to complete 10 in total. These zones cover healthy lifestyles, global awareness, discovery, skills & relationships and celebrating diversity. You might organise an international evening, run a sports or cooking competition, go on a residential trip somewhere new, learn first aid, or do something to help the environment. The more creative you are with the classes the more of an adventure it is! Talking of an adventure, Keira went on a special Baden Powell adventure which is just for girls taking part in the award scheme.

Keira’s was a murder mystery event at Rowlands Castle.

Hilary Wilson, one of the Leaders at 1st Alverstoke Guides, said: “Keira deserved to gain this special award for her dedication over many months to complete the syllabus. Keira now gives back to Guiding by helping with Brownies as a Young Leader in Gosport and tries to inspire future award winners.”

Forty girls were presented with their Baden Powell award by the County Commissioner, Lyndsey Cook – a fantastic achievement by them all.

Girlguiding is the UK’s largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women, led by dedicated trained volunteer Leaders. 1st Alverstoke Guides meet each Monday at Brodrick Hall in Alverstoke from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and welcome new members. Guides are aged from 10 to 14 years.

Pam Marsden

Wading through the Brexit political mire

TO ANALYSE the present political climate will no doubt involve the repeat of so many cliches that have become popular of late with the Brexit effect on trust of political parties and figures.

It is not my intention to go along this route, stating the absolutely bleedin’ obvious but I do feel that careful distinction should be made by people when choosing in whom they should place their trust when voting.

The questions to be considered are: firstly, is this an election to choose someone to represent us on the local council, or nationally at Westminster?

Democracy is a simple concept and is based on the premise that the majority will command the policies to be implemented by the Government. We have to ask, have those parties under consideration for our vote reflected the democratically expressed will of the people?

On the one hand we have the Government who do not have a majority and rely on the DUP for support in the House of Commons. The Prime minister who is responsible for negotiating a deal that satisfies the expressed will of the nation.

The party and cabinet members have also to have their conduct subjected to the test. The answer to that has to be disappointing and we have seen personal interests and downright arrogance employed in the conduct of certain people including cabinet ministers.

Then we turn to Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition whose members voted overwhelmingly to direct the politicians on their preferred course of action. Have they deferred to the will of the people or have they used every opportunity to discredit and disrupt the process?

Some parties in particular have clearly shown their disdain for the opinions of the British people and have chosen to oppose the decision made in the referendum. They want another referendum Why? Because they do not consider that the people can be trusted to make a decision. You are wrong and must change your mind. We know better than you.

Was there a by-election in the Brockhurst ward and we must make a decision based on what we know to be the truth. The ruling party is always at a disadvantage because the other contenders for power are going to attack the decisions that have been made and try to discredit the councillors who implemented the policies that have brought us to where we are today. Did they make the right decisions in the face of events and circumstances, have they managed to provide the important services for the town and taken advantage of opportunities to improve Gosport?

Can we rely on the candidate of the party we vote for to listen to our views and accept they are elected to respect our views? Do we expect them to tell us the truth and not the lies, we are in danger of electing councillors demeaned and insulted taking on the job. How will you choose?

In my time I have seen hard working councillors demeaned and insulted with lies, malicious and downright slanderous campaigns. If we accept to believe the lies, we are in danger of electing someone who is proven prepared to lie and cheat and we have lost. Politics is known to be a dirty business, but there has to be limits and there can be no justification for the candidate who wins a seat on the council on the back of cheating and lying to deceive the electorate. Decency and integrity are important for without these all is suspect and trust impossible. Take good care of your hard won vote and use it wisely where it can be effective for the best interests of the town that we call home.

Roger P Allen
(former Mayor of Gosport 2010-11)
Connor Steel examines key Brexit developments of past week

Labour miss open an goal of biggest Tory infighting

WITH THE European Union Parliamentary Elections held this week, there was little expectation of Brexit developments and this was only made even less likely upon the breakdown of the talks between the two main political parties late last week. However recent political events have been unpredictable and this week was no different as a surprise announcement that has since threatened to break the Tories apart and ended the reign of Theresa May, but Labour may have missed their best chance of quickly getting into power anytime soon.

The events started on May 17th when announcements were made by both Labour and the Conservative Parties stating that cross-party Brexit talks have failed to create a solution. Shortly afterwards there was further reaction from the Tory side that the breakdown was caused by Labour failing to compromise on their demands on a second referendum and custom market to be part of the deal.

Speculation began to mount over last weekend that a ‘new bold plan’ was to be announced before the end of the month, a rumour that became reality on Tuesday evening when Theresa May outlined her agreed EU deal. Making such an offer was supposed to be the key to getting Parliament to back the Prime Minister as the opposition has been pleading for this to happen recently, but it was arguably not a new Brexit deal and this is why the gamble backfired for Theresa May.

Shortly afterwards all of the Labour, SNP, DUP and Liberal Democrats stated they would reject the updated deal, which ended any hope for the Prime Minister. It was strange as the announcement did open up the potential of a second referendum if MPs voted for this to happen, with Labour in particular standing firm on this theme and the speech could be seen as a victory for their negotiating team. But the majority of the opposition feel that this doesn’t solve others such as the Irish backstop, and the backlash only got worse for the PM as the week progressed.

Wednesday saw a odd atmosphere during PMQs and the following statement afterwards, before further discontent from the Tory MPs emerged. This included further letters of no-confidence in the PM as well as a cabinet resignation as Andrea Leadsom left her job in protest. After a meeting of backbenchers it seemed that the Conservative Party was beginning to crack with the PM refusing to resign. Labour did keep quiet throughout the day and watched as the Government’s crack deepened, when one simple move could have ended the Tory’s reign in power. With disarray by MPs and voters towards the Conservative Party, there was every chance they would lose a no-confidence vote if one was called by the opposition and this would have triggered an election. After all they narrowly lost the previous vote of this type back in January that was held the day after the first meaningful vote that lost by 230 votes.

Although there would have been no guarantee the no-confidence vote would have worked or had even gone ahead due to the EU Elections and the Westminster recess, it would have provided Labour the chance to say that they were actively acting on the government’s failures. Instead they decided to stay silent and wait for events to take shape and failed to take the open goal presented to them by the biggest infighting seen in the Government this week. This is arguably a gamble that could define the future of the opposition.

On Wednesday the mood amongst the Tory party was at its lowest point yet with confusion and the mood completely changed with the Government’s crack with the PM refusing to resign. Labour has been playing the long game by sitting on the fence, as well as infuriating their supporters and with MPs in the process. This may be a risk that may actually work, but time will tell.

reaction to resignation: Page 7
MAY I GO NOW: Theresa May announces the intention to leave her job during a statement early on Friday morning in Westminster. Picture, Reuters

HISTORY WAS MADE in Westminster on Friday morning when Theresa May announced her resignation on the steps of Downing Street in an emotional statement, in which she would trigger a Conservative leadership contest in just two weeks on June 7.

Doing so means she will beat Gordon Brown’s in the race for the shortest leadership tenure in recent times but also assures her being in charge for the state visit of American President Donald Trump and the Peterborough By-Election held the day before Theresa May leaves.

On June 7 the Prime Minister will become an interim leader and will stay at Number Ten until a replacement is found, which is a very similar scenario to when she took charge after David Cameron resigned back in 2016. Strong rumours suggest that the contest for the new Tory leader will be finalised around mid-July and the official change-over of power will occur before the summer recess, with around fifteen to twenty candidates expected to run for leadership. A number of Tory MP ballots will start taking place from June 10th as they whittle the candidates down to two, before handing the choice to the Conservative Party Members.

In an emotional speech the Prime Minister listed her achievements including setting up an inquiry for Grenfell Tower and that the economy is on the right track, before admitting her failure to deliver Brexit before breaking down in tears as she finished addressing the nation. Now that she has finally given a date for her departure, political sources and voters were divided when they began to analyse her tenure.

Some people will feel that she should have gone months ago as she made fundamental mistakes when dealing with Brexit and lacked leadership qualities, which made Theresa May one of the worst Prime Ministers ever. Some may say she has no legacy and has failed on everything, particularly with her reaction to the Grenfell Tower fire and the Windrush scandal. Cuts and austerity are also affecting people in many ways despite all of the Government’s positive financial statements.

On the other side of the argument you have some voters and political analysis that argue that Theresa May did a fairly good job, particularly as she dealt with the poisoned chalice of Brexit and the issues that were left for her to deal with. Other people will feel that the Prime Minister was treated badly by her own party MPs, who have forced her out of the job to deliver Brexit before she completed it. A lack of compromise across Government is not her fault and she was a hard working leader, with tributes being paid to her from all members of Parliament who wished her well in the future and also stated their praise for her work and effort during her tenure.

Ultimately June will see the end of May as Prime Minister, which was definitely the correct decision for herself and the country. She can leave with her head held high but will rue missed opportunities as well as backfiring gambles taken in her three years in charge. If these had worked in her favour, then history will have told a very different story about Theresa May’s tenure.

Caroline Dinenage says...

IT IS with a heavy heart that we are saying farewell to the Prime Minister. Despite the incredibly difficult challenge she was given, she has shown undeniable strength, courage and resilience. I am grateful for her service to our country that she has worked so passionately for.

Prime Minister May with Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage following election in 2017. Fareham Conservative MP Suella Braverman has made no comment as yet.
Party retains Austin’s ward

Siobhan’s the liberal face of democracy!

RUNAWAY victor in Thursday’s Brockhurst ward by-election for a councillor to replace the late Austin Hicks on Gosport Borough Council was Siobhan Mitchell, right, of the Liberal Democrats.

Siobhan, a Brockhurst resident, polled 488, or 52 per cent of the votes cast on a turnout of 25.85 per cent.

When the count at Gosport Town Hall was concluded an hour after polling stations closed, she described herself as “delighted”.

Upset of the night was the Labour Party showing, candidate Kirsty Smillie coming last on just 80 votes.

Runner-up was Conservative Pecs Uluiviti with 214 and third, Simon Bellord, British Union & Sovereignty Party, 165.

On a night that saw his party take the lead in a UK popularity survey, 24 per cent to the Brexit Party’s 22 per cent, Lib-Dems group leader Peter Chegwin predicted the end of Tory control on Gosport Borough Council at the next local elections.
How DIY sunscreens can act as a barrier to safety

INTEREST in homemade sunscreens is hot, but many of these do-it-yourself brews lack effective sun protection, a new study warns.

Researchers found that only about one-third of homemade sunscreens derived from Pinterest, a popular information-sharing website, specified how much sun protection factor each "natural" sunblock (SPF) contained. In some cases, SPF content dipped as low as 2, far below recommended guidelines for preventing premature aging and skin cancer.

Overall, about one out of 10 sunscreen recipes failed to adequately protect skin from dangerous ultraviolet rays, the study authors found.

"It is a great sign that consumers are paying attention to what is in their products," said study author Julie Merten, an associate professor with the University of North Florida's Brooks College of Health.

But she and her colleagues are cautioning the public to be mindful that "they do use Pinterest to make their own sunscreen, to be sure it is a formula that offers true broad-spectrum protection".

Unlike commercial sunscreens, the Pinterest recipes aren't tested or regulated, and could cause harm, Julie says.

She acknowledges "legitimate concerns" about some commercial sunscreens, including reef habitat destruction and hormone-disrupting chemicals and notes these, "align with a societal shift toward more natural and organic products".

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Shifting Shed shapes up

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FOUNDED by Martin Corrick in 2013, the Gosport Shed has now taken over the old woodwork shop on the St Vincent College campus.

It is now been transformed into a social area, with workshops and a hobbies room. Much of the work was carried out by Shedder Dave Robbins and his helpers. The Shed has done sterling work for many local groups, from disabled children’s charities to playschools. There are fully equipped workshops available for members to pursue their hobbies and also learn new skills. Most just turn up for a tea or coffee and a chat, especially on a Monday at 10am for the weekly meeting to find out when future trips are available.

The Shed organise trips for members to such places as car or aircraft museums, steam fairs, fishing and sailing trips, the theatre and four or five-day European short breaks which are very popular. Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage visited the Shed to open the new premises, chat to members, be given a tour of the new facilities and unveil a plaque before being serenaded by the ukulele band and choir.

She said: “I feel a closeness to this group. I was at their very first inaugural meeting where there were just nine members and have maintained friendship as they have grown in numbers. “It’s a little known fact that loneliness costs the NHS more than smoking. The Gosport Shed gives men of retirement age a chance to get together for comradeship, the opportunity to learn new skills and take part in community projects.”

New members are always welcome. Membership costs £60 per year with £1 per week for tea or coffee. Opening hours are 9.30am till 4pm Monday until Friday. The Gosport Shed can be found by taking the third entrance to the college in Mill Lane and follow the yellow signs.

You can find more information about the group here: http://www.thegosportshed.co.uk/.

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THE President of the China Yachting Association found out what it is like to be aboard one of the 70-foot Clipper Round the World yachts when she visited Gosport.

Madam Zhang Xiaodong was at the Clipper Race Training Centre in Premier Marina, and was pleased to see that three of the yachts in this year’s race have Chinese sponsorship: Qingdao, Sanya and Zhuhai use the race to promote their cities.

She said: “It’s good to let the world know that sailing in China is developing and more and more Chinese people are beginning to sail.”

Madam Zhang then went to Clipper Ventures’ Hamble School of Yachting which is involved in the development of sail training centres by Clipper China. The 12th Clipper Round the World Yacht Race gets underway on September 1, with 11 boats setting off on their 40,000 nautical mile journey from St Katherine Dock in London.

More than 700 crews from 44 countries will sail at least one of the eight legs as the yachts travel to South America, South Africa, Australia, China and North America.
STOKE ROAD is one of Gosport’s most famous areas and has been around since Victorian times, having been used as a tram link through the town.

It now sits proudly near the town centre and boasts a steady stream of shoppers to its stores and some consider it more popular than the High Street. But what are the benefits and improvements needed within Gosport’s oldest shopping area?

Stoke Road has enjoyed increased prosperity over recent years while other shopping areas have declined. One of the reasons for this visitor increase may be the introduction of the Ellipse Bus Service in 2012 and which serves the street every seven minutes. The transport allows residents and visitors to get off at a certain point on Stoke Road, as there are numerous stops at regular intervals along the route. The transport links definitely make up for a lack of car parking facilities, with only limited spaces available on the road-side. There are also plenty of car parking spaces around Gosport High Street if people are prepared to walk, as well as the large car park located behind Waitrose and the surrounding row of shops including a popular bike store.

Waitrose is certainly a pulling point for Stoke Road as it provides high-end food products at reasonable prices, as well as providing a different shopping experience than traditional shops such as ASDA or Tesco. It is also one of the few high-street brands to occupy the stores, which is actually no bad thing with the area located near the main shopping centre.

Stoke Road is a good place for people who want to grab and go, with many trade-based stores along its length. These include DIY businesses offering furniture and appliances, as well as other essential services such as estate agents and solicitors. Printing and textiles are available but what about the leisure side of the shopping experience that appeals to most?

As with Gosport High Street, the Stoke Road area offers a wide range. You will find vintage cafes alongside fast food joints such as a kebab or chip shops. There are also two popular pubs in close proximity with the White Hart and The Vine, which offer food on a daily basis as well as alcohol if desired. Both show live sporting occasions, as well as hosting themed events for national celebrations.

Most importantly to residents, there is scope on Stoke Road for health and beauty related essentials. There is a health centre across the road from Rowlands Pharmacy, and barber shops and hair salons for those who want to look their best whilst also relaxing at the same time.

There are no large areas of natural beauty in Stoke Road, but cultural and historical interests are catered for. Alongside old church buildings and chapels sit a number of art themed galleries, which offer exhibitions and sales of their designs. Information boards outline the historical background of the area and provide an interesting read for anybody keen to learn about the background to Gosport.

Despite all of the positive aspects of Stoke Road, it does need some upgrading, as do most shopping areas around Britain. Car parking and toilet facilities are added improvements that would certainly encourage more visitors to the area, as well as a wider road.

When busy there are places where vehicles have to reverse to make room for on-coming traffic. This can be problematic but it is a quirk of Stoke Road and it is good to see the area being used as one of the more popular transport links through the town.

Stoke Road is a route that definitely mixes historical influences with flashes of modern shopping, which is a pulling point for many who want to visit the area. It may be outdated compared to nearby shopping experiences in the surrounding area and could arguably do with a slight lick of paint in places, but this should not deter people from visiting.

The quirkiness of Stoke Road comes from the historical origins and buildings, which have been unchanged since the Victorian era. So why would we change centuries of history on the basis of arguably minor improvements?

It would cause chaos in the area and would not be completely necessary, due to the fact that Stoke Road is thriving at present and long may it do so.

MIX OF THE OLD AND NEW: Stoke Road offering a range of historical and modern views to its shoppers. Photographs by Connor Steel
Singers, actors and performers from both sides of the English Channel, will present a very special evening of celebration and entertainment at Portsmouth’s iconic New Theatre Royal on Sunday, June 9.

Packed with stirring stories, powerful performances and tears of laughter, the special show has been created as part of D-Day 75 commemorations, and will step back in time for a side-ways look at the bravery and spirited nature of those involved.

The cast will be led by the hugely entertaining Tom Swift, who recently thrilled audiences at New Theatre Royal in The Jungle Book.

Joining him will be Veni Vidi Canto from Normandy, Portsmouth’s own Becki Short, Red Sauce Theatre and Fine Voice Chorus, and a superb supporting cast. The evening is directed by Scott Ramsay, who had also directed Peter Pan at the Portsmouth venue.

New Theatre Royal Director Scott Ramsay said: “The show celebrates D-Day in two ways. The first half covers the events of what happened from different angles. The second half is a rarely seen celebration of the live entertainment seen at the time, very much about the spiritedness of the age and something I think we hanker for. It’s going to be both moving and great fun, and very much a celebration of the many, many people who were involved.”

The concert is on Sunday, June 9, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 to £15 (ex-Services go free). For a full vintage experience, buy tickets for the Dress Circle and come dressed in 1940s fashion. For more information and to book tickets visit www.newtheatreroyal.com or call the box office on 02392 649000.

Family fun in store at Navy annual charity spectacular

Advance tickets are now on sale for the annual HMS Collingwood Open Day featuring the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity Field Gun Competition. Tickets for the event on Saturday, June 1, can be purchased online at www.ticketzone.co.uk.

During the Open Day there will be attractions, entertainment and displays designed to capture the imagination of everyone.

There will be an Interactive Zone includes hands-on activities, The Rockets Children's Motorcycle Display Team, and the high rope challenge.

Attractions for the younger guests can be found in the Toddler Zone, whilst the older children can enjoy the free funfair.

Parts of the base are open to visitors, allowing them to see the Royal Navy’s training equipment and experience some training first hand, navigating a ship into harbour on Collingwood’s Warship Bridge Simulator.

The gates will open at 0930. A free bus service will run twice per hour from Fareham and Gosport and back.

Residents Association talk

An open meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, with a guest speaker from Wates talking about Daedalus Waterfront Development and IFA update. Methodist Church Hall, High Street Lee, starts at 7.30pm.

For more information, contact the secretary via email: secretary@leeresidents.org.uk or on line at www.leeresidents.org.uk.
Goddesses in rugger line-out

THE GOSPORT Goddesses Rugby team was formed in 2015 when the new Manager, Emily Wakelin, moved back from France.

Emily started to play rugby at the Gosport and Fareham Rugby Club in their mini youth group as a nine-year-old. But at the age of 12 she had to find another club as there were no teams in Gosport for women and girls.

When Emily returned from France, she wanted to make sure that girls and ladies had a team to be part of and so the Gosport Goddesses were born.

The Goddesses play in the Hampshire Ladies Touch Rugby League and county tournaments monthly. The season runs from September to May and they play between six and eight matches at each tournament. The club are always looking for new players to join them and don’t panic as all abilities are more than welcome whether you have played rugby before or not.

So they say why not give it a go and maybe become a Goddess? Training starts at 6.30pm every Monday and Friday at the Gosport and Fareham Rugby Club. Everyone is welcome, although you have to be 14 years and over to be able to play in the tournaments.

It’s a great way to keep fit and have fun and also meet like-minded ladies.

Goddesses Manager Emily said: “I am very proud of the Goddesses for all of the hard work and commitment they are and have been putting in and of course the support of our coaches.”

And Head Coach Peter Ward said: “I am very proud to be the Goddesses’ coach and the way they are all putting into the team and are keeping fit at the same time.”

Interested? if so you can contact the Goddesses on Facebook at gosportladiesrugby or www.gosportgoddesses@outlook.com
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- Services for Children
- Transport

Contact Angela on 02392 604683 for further information or to book an appointment.

EVERYBODY NEEDS A BUDDY
And we need you!

The Diving Museum is a small volunteer-run museum on the shores of the Solent in Gosport. We are small but growing fast and we are looking for volunteers to join us.

You don’t need to know anything about diving, but if you enjoy company and conversation we would love to hear from you.

The museum is open only on weekends and Bank holidays between Easter and October. So if you can spare one day a week, or a month, we would welcome your help to meet and greet our visitors. If you prefer to get more hands on, we have exhibits that need maintaining, grass that needs cutting, and we are more than happy to help you become a museum guide.

If you are interested, please contact us at prdivingmuseum@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Interested in helping? We have opportunities for volunteers to help with guided tours, admin, marketing and other roles. Please contact us at

volunteer@gosportheritage.co.uk

Do you have an interesting story to tell about Gosport’s heritage or people who have helped shape our community? We’d love to hear from you. Your story could be part of the programme for 2019

info@gosportheritage.co.uk

Printed programme available at info points from early August

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Author probes riddle of hero diver’s death

Thatcher linked to Admiralty ‘cover up’

EXACTLY how decorat-ed World War Two hero Lionel ‘Crabbie’ Crabb met his death after div-ing into the murky waters of Portsmouth Harbour remains a mystery.

But, in an extended edition of his earlier book, Commander Crabb, What Really Happened, author John Bevan explores several unsettling possibilities, while raising more ques-tions than answers.

Launched earlier this month on HMS Warrior, Crabbgate — as the title suggests — concerns, “A failed MI6 spying mis-sion and a bungled gov-ernmental cover-up”.

And the fact that 30 years after his death the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, ruled that a 30-year ‘cover up’ on the Crabbgate papers be extended until 2057 has only served to fuel theo-ries of a face-saving exer-cise to protect prominent establishment figures.

In Dr Bevan’s highly readable, well-illustrated and meticulously re-searched 200-page analy-sis of events leading up to and circumstances surrounding Cdr Crabb’s disappearance on April 19, 1956, he paints a vivid picture of a man whose peacetime exploits were a cloak-and-dagger continuation of his earli-er wartime heroics.

“Bevan referred to as ‘Buster’ but never to his face, ‘Crabbie’ Crabb had a history of excessive drinking and heavy smoking so was unfit physically when he en-te red the water just yards from where Warrior is moored today.

He was never seen alive again and, some 14 months later, a badly decomposed, headless corpse was found in Chichester Harbour.

Amid a great deal of controversy, it was iden-tified as belonging to the missing diver.

Possible explanations about how he met his death after setting out to inspect the hull of the CND submarine on one of several visiting Russian warships, ranged from misadventure to Soviet Union subterfuge and subsequent Secret Service skullduggery.

One report suggested that he had either been, “observed by the Russians and taken aboard alive” or was killed carrying out his mission and the body either on the ship or still in the water.

How he was supposed to have died varied be-tween his being killed by a Soviet frogman, shot by a marksman or simply abducted to Russia.

Because Crabb had known Moscow recruited traitors Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Donald Mclean, there was also a suggestion that he himself had been ‘turned’ and gone to live in the USSR.

Whatever the truth be-hind the various scenari-os, there was no doubt that the Admiralty and MI6 were behind at-tempts to keep it hidden.

Now a spiffingly 86-year old but at the time a free-lance reporter despatched by the Daily Mail to find, “a retired Navy diver called Commander Crabb because ‘a friend is writ-ing his biography and hasn’t heard from him for a couple of weeks and he was last known to be go-ing to Portsmouth’,” Peter Marshall provided a fore-word to Crabbgate and was among speakers at the May 10 book launch.

A former RNVR sub- lieutenant and reporter on the Portsmouth Evening News, he was well quali-fied to do some digging.

What he discovered was that after his disappear-ance four pages of the register from Portsmouth’s Sally Port Hotel, where the divorced Cdr Crabb had been staying, were removed.

Obligingly, the police superintend-ent responsi-bile had left a receipt.

Further possible expla-nations for the Crabb affair suggest a CIA con-nexion or that First Sea Lord Lord Mountbatten had been involved and the 100-year block on the Crabbgate papers was to prevent embarrassment for his favourite nephew, Prince Charles.

Another speaker prais-ing the detail contained in Crabbgate was Vice Admiral Sir Michael Moore, who said in a foreword to the book: “Commander Crabb was without doubt an unusual character but what is without question is that he was extremely brave which the award of a Geographical Medal and OBE for his wartime service as a diver dealing with underwater mines recog-nise, and I would hope that those who read this book will keep this at the back of their minds as they hear about the other side of his life…

The only thing for sure is that we will never know what happened unless the Government can be convinced that it is in the public interest to come clean.”

As for the author’s con-clusion concerning the diver’s disappearance and whether or not a body was conveniently found, he said: “Scotland Yard were conveniently found to investigate murder cases around the UK and I chose to create a detective with an understanding of the sea gained during his time in the Merchant Na- vy and an insight into human nature for both good and evil as wit-nessed during his days of incarceration in a German prisoner-of-war camp, making him unique in his approach to solving coastal based crimes.”

“I hope readers will enjoy investigating the baffling crimes with In-spector Ryga,”

Executive Producer Andrew Mark Sewell, said: “I’ve known and admired Pauline Row-son’s marine mysteries ever since I read her debut DI Andy Horton novel, Tide Of Death. Pauline is an intuitive crime writer who crafts intricate plots, real page turners, always with a distinctive coastal setting.”

B7 Media is an audio producer and publisher known for its acclaimed BBC Radio 4 dramatisa-tions of Isaac Asimov’s I Robot, Ray Bradbury’s The Martian Chronicles and Dan Dare: The Audio Adventures. Its audiobook range, launched in January, includes Sam Meetings’ The Afterlives of Doctor Gachet; Stepha-nie Bull’s The Shape of Veronica and Chris Jack- son’s Roger Federer: Portrait of an Artist. See also pauline@rowmark.co.uk.

HISTORICAL FICTION: First novel in the 1950s crime series by author Pauline Rowson, right

Audiobook deal for new mystery crime thrillers

Audio publisher B7 Media has announced an exclusive deal to produce audiobooks based on a new historical mystery crime series by author Pauline Rowson.

The writer, from Hay-ling Island, is creator of the popular DI Andy Hror-ton novels and Art Marvik mystery thrillers which are set in and around the Solent.

First novel in the series, Death In The Cove, fea-turing Scotland Yard De- tective Inspector Alan Ryga, will be published in September.

Pauline’s crime novels have been described as: “Gripping, full of twists and turns, multi-layered, and compelling.”

Her latest is set in 1950s England, a country still struggling to come to terms with peace in the grip of austerity and ra-tionalism. Recently promote-d to inspector at the Yard, the former Mer- chant Navy seaman and German prisoner of war is despatched to Portland in Dorset.

The body of a man dressed in a pin-striped suit has been discovered in an isolated cove on the island by war photogra-pher Eva Paisley.

Ryga is keen to prove his worth on his first solo investigation outside of London. Ignoring the warnings of the local po-lice inspector and Dorset Chief Constable that his task in Eva is mishandled, Ryga quickly realises that her observations could provide the breakthrough he needs in a complex murder investigation and the answer to the haunting circumstances that have sent a man in the pin-striped suit to his death.

According to Pauline: “The 1950s is a fascinat-
It’s a dog’s life!

The page that’s all about the animals YOU love

It shouldn’t happen to a volunteer

Volunteering with Gosport CP is always a rewarding thing to do but at times it can be funny too. Sometimes there are incidents that we just have to laugh about.

Cats Protection foster pens all have a safety porch so that people can enter the pen without a foster cat escaping through an open door.

The doors can be bolted on either side and occasionally someone has been locked in for a short period by another person exiting the pen and securing the outside bolt. However, as far as we know, Heather is the only fosterer to be locked in by her own cat!

As well as bolts on the outside, the pen door has two rotating latches. Heather’s cat Loki found these fascinating and would often reach up to spin them. One Saturday morning, much to Heather’s horror, she realised that Loki had managed to rotate the latch completely to the closed position and she was stuck in the pen. Even worse, her mobile phone was in the house. Thankfully, Heather’s husband was home so after what seemed like an age he came to find out where she was.

The latch has since been moved out of Loki’s reach!

It’s not just fostering that can lead to amusement. Coordinator Chris has been followed home by a stray who clearly identified her as a cat lover! Early one morning Chris had received a call about a black cat wearing a CP paper collar and, as the address was just around the corner, went to see the situation. The cat was in OK condition, so Chris decided to leave it where it was in the hope it lived nearby.

The cat had other ideas, however, and followed Chris home. As soon as she opened her front door the cat streaked by her, ran upstairs and jumped onto the bed where Chris’s hubby was surprised to be woken by a strange feline.

Luckily one of our foster pens was vacant, so the cat, now dubbed Simon, was taken in for safekeeping. His owners never came forward despite extensive advertising, so Simon was put up for adoption and soon found his own forever family. If only all strays were so easy to capture!

Need to contact Gosport Cats Protection? Visit https://gosport.cats.org.uk/gosport/adopt-a-cat or call Chris on 02392 582601. For Lost and Found contact Carole on 07946 678264.

It Shouldn’t Happen to a CP Volunteer

Kate Stapelford

Just 35 Scottish Wildcats left

GET your hankie ready… the Scottish Wildcats are one of the rarest animals in the world.

A third of them live in the publicly owned Clashindarroch Forest in the Scottish Highlands, but they are in danger from logging by the Holyrood government’s Forestry Commission Scotland.

If this does not stop immediately, the wildcat will become extinct.

We always loved cats, and these wildcats — often dubbed the ‘Tigers of the Highlands’ — are particularly special. A project to protect and conserve them called Wildcat Haven needs help to keep the rare animals alive.

Wildcat Haven has found 13 wildcats in Clashindarroch Forest.

It is their last and only known major stronghold and breeding site.

But logging is taking place in the middle of kitten season, disturbing wildcat mothers, which could make them abandon or even eat their young.

The logging will tear the wildcat population apart, and threaten many other rare animals that live in the forest alongside them.

Conservationists and animal-lovers can sign an online petition WildcatHaven.com and also on facebook.com/ScottishWildcatHaven calling on the Scottish Government to immediately halt the logging and exploitation of Clashindarroch Forest to ensure the iconic Scottish wildcat survives.

The Scottish Government offices are at 26 Whitehall, Westminster, London, SWIA 2AU.

ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION: The Scottish Wildcat can only be found in an area earmarked for logging

It’s a dog’s life!
**Rosie Fest**

**An 11 Hour Live Music Marathon**
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**Free Entry**
Children Welcome
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**Hot Dogs**
**Sweet Stall**
**Toy Stall**

**Raffle**
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**Alzheimer’s Society**

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**Lee Players**

**Pier Pressure**
**A Murder Mystery Evening**

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**Gosport Community Association**

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Sunday 23rd June - 11 am to 3 pm

Thorngate Halls, Bury Road, Gosport

**Admission Free**

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An exciting shopping event with beautiful handmade crafts. Support talented locals. Stalls, entertainment, fresh food and lots more.

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**The Provincial Society**

**Ride & Fire!**

Free rides on a heritage bus to and from Explosion! - the Museum of Naval Firepower, Priddy’s Hard at 11:30; 12:30; 13:30 & 14:30 from Coach Bay 3 (Gosport Bus Station)

On April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14 and October 13, 2019

More details available on www.provincialsociety.org and at the Tourist Information Office, Gosport Bus Station.

All journeys subject to driver and vehicle availability
GOSPORT VOLUNTARY ACTION is a registered charity providing support, advice, information and practical help to voluntary and community organisations in the borough.

As part of a national network of councils for Voluntary Service it has over 200 members in the Gosport area and represents the voluntary sector on committees relating to health, access, young people, economic regeneration and crime and disorder. GVA also provides services directly to the community: advocacy, domestic assistance, activity groups, transport, gardening and a handyperson service. It is able to provide services to the community because of the time and commitment given to us by volunteers and agency workers, together with the financial support of Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and many gifts and donations. Another key role is providing practical support and advice to charities and voluntary groups. Tel: 02392 583838.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The Community Engagement Team was set up to provide support to existing voluntary and community groups in Gosport and to work on the development of new projects. It runs up to four open community lunches a year, inviting speakers on relevant topics to offer members the opportunity to learn from each other and network. It also organises an annual community conference to bring together voluntary sector organisations and statutory agencies to debate a topical issue and to ensure that the community voice is heard. Tel: 02392 604681.

GIVE VOLUNTEER: Go Volunteer is one of 350 or more Volunteering Development Agencies across England. It acts as a one-stop volunteer recruitment agency for over 400 volunteer organisations and community groups across the borough. The Volunteer Centre offers an interview and advice service either in person or by telephone, to discover the needs of the potential volunteer and match these to one or more of 200-plus opportunities locally. All vacancies are advertised on our website www.gosportvolunteercentre.org.uk or www.dol.org.uk. Anyone aged 14 to 90 plus can be helped to find the right one. Recruiting and retaining volunteers also requires skill and management expertise and the VC endeavours to advise the local sector on best practice, training and relevant changes in legislation. Tel: 02392 583836.

SUPPORTED Volunteering Project: helps people of all ages, regardless of mental or physical disadvantage or isolation, find the confidence and opportunity to engage and hopefully progress to volunteering. It offers a free eight-week course — Preparation for Volunteering — which is a broad-based introduction.

Contact Peter d’Agostino at GVA, tel 02392 604686.

GIVE GAIN AND GROW GOSPORT: This project, now independent of GVA, provides a volunteering group for people with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, with some members who have learning difficulties. It is for people who would like to try volunteering but would appreciate the support and encouragement of a small group situation. There are various volunteering options with Give, Gain and Grow including: gardening, arts and crafts, litter picking, fund-raising, campaigning, walking group, beach cleaning, Give, Gain and Grow is a friendly group of volunteers who meet to plan their involvement in community projects. It welcomes new members. Email: ggiangrow@hotmail.com for up-to-date details concerning meeting dates and venues.

DUSTBUSTERS: A domestic cleaning service for the elderly, frail and vulnerable of the community. Dustbusters has maintained an enviable reputation since 1992 in providing a dependable service to the residents of Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent. It provides help with housework, laundry and ironing and shopping – and for some people, most importantly, companionship and company. There is a monthly administration fee for it. Tel: 02392 601314.

VISITING SERVICE: Befrienders are volunteers who visit an older person in their own home who may be socially isolated or perhaps house-bound. Volunteers can offer friendship with a weekly visit. They may share a cup of tea and a chat; read mail for a person with a sight problem; visit the shops together or take a trip out for coffee together. On average 5,000 older people in the area most of whom live alone. Referrals can be from any source such as Adult Services, health professionals, hospital discharge, GP’s, family, friends or self-referral. Tel: 02392 604681.

TELEPHONE SERVICE: The Telephone Service provides a weekly telephone call to older people who may be social isolation. A trained volunteer makes a regular weekly phone call from the Befriending Service office to chat. The same volunteer will ring the same person every week, thus regular contact helps to foster a rapport. Volunteers are DBS checked and carry photographic identification. Referrals can be from Dustbusters. Tel: 02392 503871.

DART: Helping people who are frail, elderly or disabled to remain in their homes in comfort is the prime concern of this service. From mending a tap to decorating a room, the team can bring brighter surroundings and a safer environment. This service is available to the residents of Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent. All workers are DBS checked and carry photographic identification. Access to the service is through completion of an application form. There is a monthly administration fee for this service. This doesn’t apply if help is already being received from Dustbusters. Tel: 02392 503871.

ADVOCACY: Advocacy in helping people to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain services they need. Advocates and advocacy schemes work in partnership with the people they support. Tel: 02392 604696.

DRIVING FORCE: The service is invaluable to Gosport residents as many people who are elderly, infirm or disabled find it impossible to access public transport. Volunteer drivers use their own cars to help people visit friends, clubs or attend appointments for a minimal cost to cover expenses only. Tel: 07722 743117.

COMMUNITY ACTION: Community Action Fareham provides a community transport service for charities, youth and community groups and local community groups in the Gosport and Fareham area. All vehicles are adapted with handrails, low steps and a lift or ramp for wheelchair and walking frame users. It can be contacted on 01329 223152.

NOBES HALL: Managed by GVA, it is a light and spacious community hall in Bridgemary and available for members of the public to hire. Facilities include a large hall equipped with folding tables and stackable chairs for up to 40 people. There is a small kitchen and parking for four cars. Facilities are fully accessible for people with a visual impairment or mobility problems. It is available to hire. Tel: 07911 40188 for details.

THE OLD RAILWAY SUITE: Situated in the former Gosport railway terminus, this 20-person meeting or training room is also available for hire. It can seat boardroom or theatre style and has tables/chairs and a small kitchen area. Onsite parking for six cars is available and nearby free parking in Gosport.

LOUD & PROUD: Loud and Proud offers opportunities for young people aged 16 to 25, whatever their background or abilities to engage in a wide variety of confidence-building, volunteering and social activities within the community. The group is currently funded by Comic Relief and supported by Gosport Voluntary Action. It ensures a safe and friendly environment for participants. It has recently advertised for a new volunteer coordinator, and is keen to hear from new volunteers who can provide some help in the areas of music, drama, dance, acting. Contact CAB by phone on 0344 111306. The Adviceline and website is www.gosportcab.org.uk.

THAMESIDE BUNB (Buffs) meet at our club, 33 Sack Road, Gosport, Hants, PO12 1LS, tel 2392581071. The club is open Mon to Sat nights from 7.30pm until 11pm and on a Sunday afternoon, from 11.30am till 3pm.

We are a fraternal organisation that raises money for national and local charities. From Tuesday to Saturday night and Sunday lunchtimes we have Lodges for gentlemen to meet up with like-minded gent to raise a few quid and have a good time.

We also have a ladies section called the Gladies which meet at the club on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We hold social nights and various fund-raising events throughout the year. All monies raised go directly to the cause nominated.

BRENDCONECARE CLIFFSHIRE: Clubs for older people meeting in Gosport throughout the week, with activities including games, quizzes, exercise classes and singing. Tel Karen Seale on 01962 857099; website www.brendoncare.org.uk/clubs; email: clubshires@brendoncare.org.uk.

CEDAROA: Cedar Oak offers support, information and counselling for those experiencing unintended pregnancy, miscarriage, baby loss or coping with pre or post abortion issues. We provide non-judgmental, professional counselling for women of any age, their partners and families, within a safe and confidential setting. Pre-abortion counselling provides opportunity to think through options so that an informed decision can be taken. We are able to supply details of local abortion providers but we do not refer women directly for terminations.

Cedar Oak Centre is above Cornerstones bookshop at 9 Benstemers Lane, Gosport PO12 1HW. We are open on two days each week: Monday 12-4 (except Bank Holiday Fridays) and Thursday 10-2. Contact us by phone on 02392 523735 or via the link on our website www.brendoncare.org.uk/cab/Oak is a registered charity (No: 1011476) and is affiliated to the Association of Christian Counsellors.

HOME-START GOSPORT & FAREHAM: Home-Start Gosport & Fareham is a voluntary organisation promoting the welfare of families with at least one pre-school child. Fully trained volunteers visit families in their own homes once a week. They offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families who need a bit of support during the early years. Volunteers have varying experiences and interests and a family that would benefit from our support. Families can be referred by professionals or refer themselves. We can be contacted on 02392 170180 or through our website www.homestartgosportandfareham.org.uk.

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GOSPORT DIS-PLAY CLUB: A charity offering friendship, fun and support to people with physical disabilities in the Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent areas. It is not necessary to be totally in a wheelchair. Meetings are on the 25th and 65th of the month. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Hall in Clarence Grove, Gosport, during the daytime. A hot, two-course lunch is available for a small fee and some transport is available if required. Gosport Dis-Play Club members are a friendly group enjoying many different social activities. It gives a little respite and time to relax. If you would like further information about our local group, telephone Jacqui on 01329 315241 or Marg, 02392 586076. Contact: Gosport Town Branch, Lost & Found service, phone Carole on 07946 786274. Website: www.gosportcats.org.uk.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CatsProtectionGosport. Email: gosportcats@virginmedia.com

OAKLEY WATERMAN CARAVAN FOUNDATION: The charity provides respite care for families with children suffering from life-threatening or terminal illnesses. Doogie Leask, dlewask@yahoo.co.uk.

HARBOUR CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: A warm, welcoming safe space for anyone affected by cancer. It offers practical and emotional support services for patients, relatives, carers and friends. Opening times are: Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm; Saturday, 10am to 1pm. Contact: Harbour Cancer Charity (10313) which is based at Stoke Road, Gosport, tel 02392 501503; fundraising@harbourcancer.org.uk.

HOGSMEADE HEATHEN SUPPORT GROUP: meets at Gosport War Memorial Hospital on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Telephone 02392 581267.

HAMPSHIRE CARDIOMYOPATHY SUPPORT: The charity, with regular talks and presentations at locations around the county. Contact Sarah Dennis at Cardiomyopathy UK, helpline 0800 0181 for contact details — free from a landline.

FRIENDS OF LEELAND PARK have acted as the interface between owners Gosport Borough Council and the public since the site’s redevelopment in 1998. There are regular open days in the last Sunday of each month, meeting at 10.30am to undertake a range of husbandry tasks. Further details can be found on their website at: http://leelandpark.bckt.co.uk or find them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/leelandpark.refires. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact the secretary by email for full details: Philip.sandall582@gmail.com

BIPOLAR UK: support group covering the Gosport area meets at the John Pounds Centre, 23 Queen Street, Portsmouth, PO1 3HN on the first Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm. Groups are open to attend and are open to all individuals affected by bipolar, including those with a diagnosis, those prediagnosed, their family members, friends and carers. You don’t need to be diagnosed to have a look at your options, so we hope to have you coming - just turn up! Our support groups are intended for people aged 18 and above. If you are aged between 16 and 18, you can attend a support group if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

THE AMERICAN MODEL RAILROAD GROUP: Based in Gosport, we hold regular meetings twice a month. There is an inviting and the serious modelling of running trains. Further details can be obtained from our website http://gosportrailroaddiscusgroup.webs.com/ where up-to-date information can always be found. You do not have to have an interest in American trains, any interest in trains will do and we are always ready to accept new members with a friendly welcome.

GOSPORT TALKING NEWS: This is produced weekly, on memory stick, for blind and visually impaired listening in the Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent areas. Recorded every Monday morning by volunteers at the studio in Stubbington, it is news taken from the Portsmouth News, Gosport News and Gosport Globe, as well as features, entertainment and information relating to visual impairment. Gosport Talking News enables those who have difficulty reading the words or understanding the topics to keep in touch with local happenings. It is free! If you know anyone who is visually impaired and would benefit from receiving these weekly broadcasts, please contact Gosport Talking News. They can register by calling our studio on 01329 646364 or you could telephone us on their behalf.

GOSPORT YOUNG AT HEART UNITY CLUB: Now operating its 2nd year, every Friday at the Brendon Care Centre, The Anchorage, off Willes Road, Gosport, from 2pm to 3.30pm for a cup of tea, biscuits, friendships, gossip and a good fashioned laugh. It is open to anyone aged over 60. There is a big variety of entertainment and trips out. Transport can be arranged. The cost is £2 per week plus raffle tickets and Thunderball Lottery syndicate. For more information, please contact Heather on 023 9525 2161.

SING FOR FUN: This is a relaxed music group for young people and adults with disabilities. It meets at the Lowry Room, Gosport Borough Council, on Thursday, 6pm until 7.15pm and, session two, 7.15pm until 8.45pm. Donations of £3.50 please to cover rent and refreshments. Telephone and information is available if required. Gosport Lazarus Fellowship: LEE LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LHS): Our Society has been at the heart of the local community for over 73 years. We welcome new members of all ages to join our voluntary action group.£3 per house-hold and receive the show schedule and six newsletters a year. The LHS holds three flower and vegetable shows a regular at the Lee Community Centre, Lee-on-the-Solent.

We will also hold two social evenings with guest speakers in May and September. Members can make use of the LHS Trading Hut in Holywell Bank that is open every Sunday and Thursday between 10am and 12 noon. If you are interested in joining, just drop into the hut and pick up an application form or contact the Secretary, Nicola Skelton, 02392 551133, for more information. We are currently seeking a Social Evening co-ordinator to book speakers for the two social evenings. If you are interested, please contact Nicole.

ST LUKES CHURCH HASLAR: Open for Sunday service every fourth Sunday of the month, 11am. GOSPORT ROTARY: The Rotary Club of Gosport, founded in 1919, was one of the earliest clubs as the club was founded in 1919. There are two social evenings with guest speakers in May and September. Members can make use of the LHS Trading Hut in Holywell Bank that is open every Sunday and Thursday between 10am and 12 noon. If you are interested in joining, just drop into the hut and pick up an application form or contact the Secretary, Nicola Skelton, 02392 551133, for more information. We are currently seeking a Social Evening co-ordinator to book speakers for the two social evenings. If you are interested, please contact Nicole.

BROCKHURST BAPTIST CHURCH, Netherton Road, Gosport, PO1 5RQ (cheques payable to Gosport Hospital Radio). GOSPORT HOSPITAL RADIO (formerly Radio Haslar): Broadcasting to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Haslar (including the Live at Home Scheme). Office tel: 023 9260 1600 – leave a request for a friend or a member of your family. Our station is dedicated to the patients and their families, volunteers and staff, and especially to military personnel who feel that they have nowhere left to turn. We would be delighted if you would consider donating a card. You can do so by sending the text RADIOM to 70070 and £5 will be donated to Gosport Hospital Radio. Telephone 023 9277 3073 or 023 9275 3344 after 12 noon.

GOSPORT STROLLERS WALKING FOOTBALL: Walking football played to suit all abilities and ages over 18. Many of the current participants gave up playing running football at around the age of 40 and are aged in the 50 to 70 range. The return to team sports has brought all sorts of benefits to all of us. Gosport Leisure Centre — Mondays, 12 noon to 1pm; Thursdays, 7pm to 8pm. Just turn up. For details, call 02392 438950 or email harryredman@pfpleisure.org.uk. Support veterans locally. Help and advice for former emergency services and military personnel who feel that they have nowhere left to turn — 68 High Street, Gosport PO12 1DR, phone, 02392 583099; website, www.firstlighttrust.co.uk.

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BACKGROUND photos of places in Gosport past and present. Over the years we have had the opportunity to bring all sorts of benefits to all of us. Our volunteers based in three GP practices in Gosport, ensure people don’t mind if they need help and advice available locally — from loneliness to debt advice and housing issues. Anyone can visit the service. GPs will also refer patients who feel would benefit from it. More information is available from www.gosport-voluntaryaction.org.uk or phone: 023 9258 3344 after 12 noon.

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St Luke’s Church: At Royal Haslar, Gosport. Open for Sunday service every fourth Sunday of each month at 11am. Phone 02392580851 for information.

Best Foot Forward: Weekly walks led every Tuesday at 10.30am from the Gosport Discovery Centre. Telephone for information on 01329231193 or email enquiries@firehams-uk.org.

Shore Leave Haslar: A horticultural therapy project for service veteran within health support needs. On the second Wednesday of each month, May to September, welcome along to the Memorial Garden at Haslar 11am until 1pm. Buy plants, craft products and seafood. Access via the green pedestrian gate on Haslar Road. Contact 07711216319.

Saturday Gathering Community Swap Shop: Held on the first Saturday of each month 3pm until 5pm at the Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church. Clear out unwanted items and swap them for something else.

Parents and Toddlers: Every Wednesday in term time 10am until 11.30am, Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church. Entry by family including refreshments. Phone 023 9252 1877, www.gosportwaterfrontbaptistchurch.org.

St Mary’s Church Alverstoke: Join for three to four meetings a year including Candlemas, Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Phone 07780654709.

Alverstoke Floral Decoration Society: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month 1.45pm until 3.30pm in the Jervis Gallery, St Vincent’s College. Membership £42 for 10 demonstrations a year or £5 per visit with tea and biscuits. Phone 02392580746.


Gosport Sailing and Motorboat Club, Lower Quay Fareham, George Wilson and Shep Woolley hail from UK’s (retired) University of Portsmouth. Tickets £5. Booking is essential, so contact the library, call the booking line: 02392 523463 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop to guarantee a place.

Intermediate Ukulele Monday, May 13—June 17, 5.15pm to 6.45pm For those who have completed the beginners or improvers course and would like to keep improving.

This course will assume that you can hold and tune your ukulele and can already play some chords and strum along to some songs. You will learn some more chords and songs to improve your technique and repertoire.

Costs £37.50. Booking is essential, so contact the library, the booking line: 02392 523463 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop to guarantee a place.

Blues Guitar for Improvers Saturday, May 11, 10am to 1pm FOR those who have completed a previous blues workshop or improvers course and would like to keep improving.

A fun and friendly workshop where you will learn some blues guitar phrases to improve your playing.

Costs £15. Booking is essential, so contact the library, the booking line: 02392 523463 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop to guarantee a place.

Advanced Strumming on the Ukulele Saturday, May 18, 10am to 1pm ABILITY to read ukulele tab will be an advantage but will be explained on the day if necessary. You will learn some advanced strumming and chord techniques. Funds £15. Booking is essential, so contact the library, the booking line: 02392 523463 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop to guarantee a place.

Mindfulness Activities for Adults DO YOU need a bit of ‘Me Time’? It can be easy to rush through life without pausing. Gosport Discovery Centre is providing you with the perfect excuse to stop and escape. Come along every Monday between 1pm and 3.30pm. Join in our free group or ‘ground floor’ talks. Stay for half an hour or for the whole time it is up to you. Offer will be adult colouring, constructing or even have a go at paper puzzles and feel the stresses of the day melt away. All resources supplied.

Family Board Games BOARD games aren’t just for Christmas! If you are looking for some family time on a Saturday afternoon, then Gosport Discovery Centre is the place to be.

A new fortnightly Family Board Games session between 2pm and 3.30pm, on the Children’s Floor. Offering a great opportunity to break away from the screens and spend some quality time together. We have a selection of games available and it is free. Just come along and join the fun!
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We are always very happy to take on new presenters. They have to join Gosport Hospital Radio (formerly Radio Haslar) but they will receive full training on our system currently still www.radiohaslar.co.uk.

**Programme Schedule**

**Monday:** 1pm – 2pm. Flashback with Steve France (pre-recording).

Chart-topping music from the 1960s & 1970s. 3pm – 4pm. Nice N Easy with Marion Hamill. Show that takes a gentle, musical stroll through the decades. 7pm – 8pm. Simply Music with Simon Defty and Anne Hamilton. From Americana to Zydeco, a programme of musical styles from across the world.

More good music from Gosport Community Radio. Tuesday: 10am – 10.30am. More great music from Gosport Hospital Radio’s range from across the years. 10.30am – 12.30pm. Sandy Butler’s Morning Call. Music from across the years as well as the latest entertainment news and what’s on guide. 1pm – 2pm. Easy Listening with Ian Hansford.

Wednesday Requests with Mark Watson and Ruby Murray. 7pm – 8pm. That’s Show Business with Tammy Murray. The best tunes from the Shows, Films and TV. 8pm – 9pm. Wednesday Requests with Mark Watson and Ruby Murray. Your requests and dedications played on air.

**Thursday:** 1pm – 2pm. Flashback with Steve France (pre-recording). Chart-topping music from the 1960s & 1970s. 2pm – 3pm. On the Sunny Side with Keith Fossey. Keith swings the music from the 1930s. 5pm – 6pm. Sounds Like Country with Charlie Hutchings. The best in Country Music together with interviews with the hottest country stars. Charlie has details of forthcoming tours and festivals. 7pm – 8pm. Baird Company with Alan Baird! Baird & Trainee Presenter. 8pm – 9pm. Nice N Easy With Marion Hamill. 9pm – 10pm. Glam and Glitz with Paul Dodd. Your requests and dedications played on air.

**Friday:** 1pm – 2pm. Afternoon Call with Graham Freer. An hour of some of the best in adult contemporary music. 2pm – 3pm. Nice N Easy with Marion Hamill. The show that takes a gentle, musical stroll through the decades. 4pm – 5pm. Story hour with Cheryl Norey. Reading with Cheryl Norey – Cheryl reads a short story for the hour. 7pm-9pm. Bob Whitebread. Bob’s 50-40s Special. Wednesday: 1pm – 2pm. Good music with Liam Wilcox. 2pm – 4pm. Afternoon Call with Graham Freer. A selection of easy listening music from the 50s to the present day with an interview or two thrown in. 7pm – 8pm. That’s Show Business with Tammy Murray. The best tunes from the Shows, Films and TV. 8pm – 9pm. Wednesday Requests with Mark Watson and Ruby Murray. Your requests and dedications played on air.

**Saturday:** 1pm – 2pm. The Hit Mix with Gary Milchard. An hour of music from the 1980s. 3pm – 5pm. The Cheryl Norey Show – music from today Great music from Cheryl to take you through the afternoon. 6pm – 8pm. Martin Freeman. Staying In.

**Sunday:** 10am – 12.30pm. Gosport Hospital Radio takes you through the morning with a range of music from across the years. 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Sunday Requests, with Sandy Butler & Trainee Presenter. Sandy plays your requests live on air.

Call the Studio on 02392 601600 for a request or look out for our Request Team on the Wards. We also use this show to help train future Gosport Hospital Radio presenters.

**Programmes on YOUR Gosport Hospital Radio**

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 30**

**Aladdin (PG) (128 mins)**

Fri: 14:30 17:30 20:30
Sat - Thu: 11:30 14:30 17:30 20:30

**Avengers: Endgame (12A) (181 mins)**

Fri - Tue: 13:30 19:50
Wed & Thu: 13:30

**Detective Pikachu (PG) (105 mins)**

Fri: 12:50 15:10 17:30
Sat - Tue: 10:20 12:50 15:10 17:30
Wed & Thu: 10:20 12:50 15:10

**John Wick Chapter 3 - Parabellum (15) (131 mins)**

Daily: 17:10 20:10

**Paw Patrol Mighty Pups (U) (70 mins)**

Sat - Thu: 10:00 11:45

**Rocketman (15) (120 mins)**

Daily: 12:10 15:00 17:50 20:40

**KIDS CLUB**

Peppa Pig: Festival of Fun (U) (68 mins)
Sat - Thu: 10:20

**NEW FILMS**

The Secret Life of Pets 2 (U) (89 mins)
Fri: 13:00 15:20 17:40 20:00
Sat - Thu: 10:40 13:00 15:20 17:40 20:00

Godzilla King of the Monsters (12A) (132 mins)
Wed & Thu: 17:30 20:30

Gosport Globe Sudoku

Click to solve it!

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Globe Football Correspondent Connor Steel with his weekly round-up of what's happening with Gosport and Fareham clubs

Borough prepare for a new season
Changes in management and on the team

AFTER scraping relegation on the final day, Gosport Borough FC have made a series of management and player changes in preparation for the new season.

The changes first started on May 1 with a club statement that player-manager Craig McAllister and Matt Tubbs were leaving by mutual consent after a disappointing season, and low confidence for improvement next year.

Both McAllister and player-coach Tubbs ended their one-year tenure in charge of The Borough following years of playing in non-league clubs across the South coast.

Lee Molyneaux was announced as the replacement for the managerial role after his job as player-coach at Havant & Waterlooville during the 2018-19 season.

Molyneaux has experience of non-league level football and has played for many local clubs such as Portsmouth, as well as spending four years with Gosport Borough. He played a huge part in the FA Trophy victory in 2014.

ON THE BALL: Gosport's new manager in action. Picture, Gareth Fuller

Making up for a potential lack of managerial experience, Molyneaux has brought in two assistants with Kevin Braybrook as Head Coach and Ben Kneller as his assistant manager.

Both have experience of non-league football over recent years and working together will surely bring good fortunes back to Gosport Borough following a disappointing couple of seasons.

All three management signings have expressed their hopes and desire for the new season in new, paying respect to their previous clubs and the mood seems to be positive around the club as they look to build on a promising end to last season, in which they were unbeaten in three games to ensure safety in the Southern Premier.

Alongside the restructuring of the management team came the news of player departures and signings to the club.

Star midfielder and Gosport captain Charlie Davis has left as he felt that he couldn’t commit to travel following a change in work arrangements.

Sam Lanaham has also left at the end of his contract, making it four players to go from Gosport, with Craig McAllister and Matt Tubbs choosing not to continue playing following their resignations as part of the management team.

In response to player departures came a flurry of new signing announcements on the Gosport social media links.

The first signing was the re-introduction of Ryan Woodford from Havant & Waterlooville, having played for Borough in the 2015-16 season.

Joining Woodford is George Barker, who has signed a new contract at Gosport after a successful stint in 2018-19.

His goals and assists paid a huge part in avoiding relegation and the club will hope for more of the same next season.

Alongside new signings and player departures is the attempt by Borough to make the club more community based.

In recent weeks the club have been asking for volunteers and media staff to work at Privett Park, as well as open trials being held on May 31 to encourage young players to join up for further development into the first team.

There is no doubt that a different approach was needed after two successive seasons of scraping relegation, with the changes made to date creating a positive vibe around the club in the close season.

Fixtures for the new season are due to be released by the end of June and pre-season friendlies have been announced for July as preparations continue.

There is likely to be further news of signings and departures for the club over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out on The Globe for updates on future Borough news, as well as other non-league clubs across the region.

Extra Time

Fareham mourn ex-boss

FAREHAM Town are mourning the death of their former manager, Jon Gittens, who sadly passed away this month.

Gittens led Fareham to their best ever position of fifth in the Wessex League Premier.

He also took them to the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup during his two-year tenure between 2002 and 2004.

Sholing in the league above

SHOLING have been allocated a place in the Southern League Division One for 2019-20 as they continue their rise up the football pyramid.

The Boatmen now face an average away trip of 77 miles but will still play some local ties against Moneyfields, Winchester City and AFC Totton.

Other leagues have also been confirmed and more information will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Pompey fail to score in the play-offs

PORTSMOUTH face another season in League One after suffering a 1-0 defeat on aggregate against Sunderland in the semi-finals of the play-off process.

Pompey failed to score in both legs against an organised Black Cat defence, so there will be no trip to Wembley over the Bank Holiday.

It was still a successful season for the club who won the Checkatrade Trophy and finished fourth in the league, but some fans will be disappointed they have fallen at this late stage.

‘Globe derby’ in July

IT WAS announced this week that a ‘Globe derby’ will take place in a pre-season match at Cam Alders in July.

Gosport Borough will be playing Fareham Town in a rare encounter between the local side to be held on Wednesday, July 24, with a 7.45pm kick-off, although this has yet to be finalised.

Connor Steel
Mateusz Bereznicki
A TALENTED Fareham College business student is proving he has the brains and brawn to go the distance after successfully beating a Hungarian boxing champion at the Olympic Hopes for Boxing Tournament in the Czech Republic.

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Mateusz Bereznicki, a business student at Fareham College, has made a name for himself in the world of boxing. His dedication and hard work have paid off, as he recently defeated a Hungarian boxing champion in a tournament in the Czech Republic.

 Mateusz said: “It is difficult, but my tutors are really supportive. “They’ve given me time off for my boxing tournaments and when I returned to college they’ve helped me to finish off my work and catch up on anything I’ve missed.

“Boxing really helps to keep me motivated and disciplined to do as best as I can, whether that be in the ring or in the classroom.”

Faculty Director for Enterprise and Digital Industries at Fareham College Ashley Michael said: “We are extremely proud of Mateusz’s sporting achievements. He is extremely dedicated to his sport whilst being an exemplary student who continues to strive for Distinction grades.

“After his studies at Fareham College, Mateusz hopes to either join the Army boxing team or progress onto an apprenticeship. We continue to wish Mateusz every success.”

WEIRD AS PUNCH: Mateusz Bereznicki with his winner’s trophy and medal

Sidecar speedway back on the track
AFTER an absence of some 10 years, sidecar speedway will be returning to the Isle of Wight at the Smallbrook Stadium in Ryde on Saturday June 1.

Practice will be from 6.30pm ahead of the first race at 7pm.

Not everybody will be interested in the Champions League Final. The meeting, Round 1 of the 2019 British Sidecar Speedway Championship, will be hosted by the Wightlink Warriors speedway team with 20 sidecar crews expected to compete on the UK’s longest speedway circuit.

The 1,000cc motor cycles race clockwise, without brakes, over four laps with the skills of the driver and passenger steering the monster machines home safely.

It is expected that there will be a minimum of 24 races on the night.

The event organiser is Tracey Cossar who can provide further details by email to tracey.cossar@acu.org.uk.

There is a promotional video on the Facebook page Sidecar Speedway GB and more information on the website, www.sidecarspeedway.co.uk.
Navy veteran back for Assault Course

FAREHAM veteran Robert Ellis has paid a special visit to the Royal Navy Leadership Academy at HMS Collingwood, to witness a class on the Assault Course.

The 83-year-old joined the Navy in 1951 at HMS Fisgard, Torpoint, leaving 24 years later as a Chief Aircraft Artificer.

Often passing HMS Collingwood and the infamous Assault Course, he decided to contact the Commanding Officer to see if he could visit and witness sailors facing the challenge.

Delighted to grant his wishes, Robert was hosted by Lieutenant Commander Jon Pollard, the Officer in Charge Royal Arthur Squadron, RNLA and Lieutenant Bart Allen-West, the Senior Rates Leadership Course Officer.

Receiving briefs on the requirement by Chief Petty Officer Richard Clark, Robert watched as SRLC 10/04 began and completed the challenging run.

The fitness challenge is completed on the first Thursday of each course and can last from 15 to 25 minutes.

It provides the students with an opportunity to practice planning and presentation skills and aids in the development of their communication, leadership and team bonding.

During his time in the Navy Richard was a highly successful athlete, winning 14 triple and long jump Royal Navy Championships, and holding the RN triple jump record for a number of years.

He also won inter-service titles, representing Hampshire many times and Great Britain once in the County Championships.

On leaving the Service Richard taught at Crofton School for two years, and continued to support them for 20 years.

After his visit, Robert said: “This is very impressive. It’s not an easy Assault Course but perhaps when I was younger I would have coped. It did look very hard!”

Before leaving, Robert witnessed students tackling the course receiving feedback from the run by their instructors.

Hampshire pick Morris for Vitality

HAMPShire Cricket have announced the signing of all-rounder, Chris Morris, for this year’s Vitality Blast competition.

The South African international will join the squad ahead of the campaign following his ICC World Cup 2019 commitments with South Africa, and will be available for the duration of the tournament.

A fierce right-arm seamer and destructive middle-order hitter, Morris has made 63 appearances so far for his national side since making his debut in a T20I against New Zealand in 2012, averaging just 20.50 with the ball in T20Is to go with a strike rate of more than 130 with the bat.

The 32-year-old also has an outstanding domestic record, with 215 wickets at just 21.82 apiece to his name alongside more than 4,600 runs at a superb strike-rate of 152.10.

Alongside his exploits domestically for the Titans, Morris has also excelled in several franchise competitions around the world, including the Indian Premier League and Caribbean Premier League, whilst he also has experience in the Vitality Blast having featured for Surrey back in 2016.

Hampshire Cricket League

County Div 1

Hook & Newnham Basics 2 183-8
Vs Gosport Borough 1 182 all out

County Div 2

Winton Iv vs Sarisbury 2 match abandoned

County Div 4 South

Fair Oak 3 167 all out
Vs Fareham & Crofton 2 168-5 R.Fitsell 56
Portsmouth & Southsea 2 179-5
Vs Locks Heath 2 178-8
Sarisbury Athletic 3 167-7
Vs Bedhampton 2 168-7
Gosport Borough 3 138-6 G. King 202
Vs Steep 2 135 all out A.High 5-35

Regional Div 1 South East

Wickham 1 207-8
Vs Fareham & Crofton 3 93 all out
Portsmouth 3 208-8
Vs Challengers (Gosport) 1 207-7
Havare 3 70-4
Vs Rowner 1 69 all out
Gosport Borough 3 137 all out
Vs Solent Rangers 2 139-3

Regional Div 2 South East

Sarisbury Athletic 5 200-8 Ian Black 57 n/o
Vs Bedhampton 4, 190-9 Mike Brogan 5/56
Burridge 4,133-3
Vs Gosport Borough 4, 132-7

Southern Premier League Div 1

Sarisbury Athletic 96 all out Ricky Rawlins 42
Hook & Newnham Basics 236 all out
Yachtsman Alex about to cast off in new boat

AFTER more than two years in development and build, Gosport sailing team Alex Thomson Racing is preparing to launch its new IMOCA race boat. Designed by Alex Thomson Racing and French naval architects VPLP, the new HUGO BOSS is currently being constructed by world renowned British boat builder Jason Carrington and his team on the South Coast.

One of eight new boats expected to be launched specifically for the 2020-2021 Vendée Globe, HUGO BOSS remains ‘one to watch’ in the IMOCA Globe Series.

The yacht will race for the first time in October in the Transat Jacques Vabre, a 5,395 nautical miles double-handed race from Le Havre, France to Salvador, Brazil.

Joining Alex Thomson as co-skipper for the race will be seven-time Volvo Ocean Race competitor, and former Olympic sailer Neal McDonald. Currently Performance Manager at Alex Thomson Racing, Neal holds more than 30 years experience in professional sailing. Prior to his offshore racing career – which included races such as the Whitbread Round the World, the Sydney to Hobart and the Volvo Ocean Race - he represented Great Britain in the 1988 Summer Olympics, before becoming both the International 14 world champion and 49er European Champion in 1989.

He said: “I was working with Alex since 2015 in the lead up to, and throughout, his 2016/2017 Vendée Globe campaign, I had the opportunity to gain a real understanding of how he operates. Since then we’ve developed a great relationship and I continue to respect him hugely as a skipper.”

The pair will take to the starting line in the TJV on Sunday, October 27. The race will present the first opportunity for fans and followers to witness the new HUGO BOSS in competitive action.

And Alex said: “The launch of the new boat is a pivotal moment for our team, as we look ahead to the Vendée 2020.

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Youngsters learn to pull their weight

GOSPORT-BASED youth engagement charity Oarsome Chance hosted its latest Portsmouth Pull rowing challenge, a 10km fundraising row around the harbour on Saturday.

The event raises funds for educational work with local young people. This row-a-thon of a lifetime was taken on by five teams, who each completed a lap of the historic naval harbour. The race started and finished at Oarsome Chance’s St Vincent College HQ and took in Portsmouth’s most iconic landmarks including the Spinnaker Tower, Nelson’s flagship HMS Victory, Portchester Castle and Gosport’s Millennium Bridge. By taking part, each team has raised sponsorship to fund the vital work of Oarsome Chance.

The winning team from Hardway Sailing Club have been training hard and their efforts were rewarded with an impressive new lap record of 1 hour 2 minutes and 19 seconds. Also competing were a team of students from St Vincent Sixth Form college; Team Seahorse from Gosport’s own Seahorse Bar and Restaurant and two home teams from Oarsome Chance, including an all-women team, who set a new record at 1 hour 30 minutes and 50 seconds.

The 23-ft wooden skiffs that went head to head on Portsmouth Harbour were each crewed by four rowers and a cox. Four three-metre long oars propelled each of the boats.

Three of the skiffs were built in the Oarsome Chance workshop by young people on the programmes. John Gillard, Oarsome Chance Principal, said: “The conditions today were perfect and yet again we had a great day’s racing with some fierce competition between the teams. Hardway have worked hard to take on their record, so their win was well deserved. But all the teams did brilliantly. Which is fantastic, as these events are great fun to take part in but also help to raise money to support our vital work with disadvantaged young people.”

This was the first Portsmouth Pull of the year with more events planned for July, September and November.

The unique experience is an innovative way to raise important funds to support the charity’s work.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, Clipper Race Founder and Chairman, said of the Portsmouth Pull: “Pulling a boat is an energetic way to view Portsmouth’s lovely harbour.”

Oarsome Chance brings about change for disadvantaged young people aged nine to 19 who are disengaged from mainstream education and at risk of exclusion using a combination of sport activities, coastal and dry rowing, and vocational training – boat building, carpentry and bike maintenance.

The charity is signing up teams for the next event in July. To find out more and register for one of the limited team slots, contact events@oarsomechance.org or visit www.oarsomechance.org/portsmouth-pull.