

A large derelict building, on the site of the Old Manor Hospital in Salisbury, caught alight on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 just after midday. The fire swept through the whole property and required the attendance of five pumps, including Fordingbridge, to bring it under control.

Fordingbridge firefighters attended a serious road traffic accident just before 6am on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008 on the A338 Road near Downton. The driver of one of the vehicles involved was released from the wreckage with serious injuries whilst another driver was declared dead at the scene.

A fire broke out in the roof of The Old Post Office in Stuckton on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008. The blaze was started by a spark from the chimney flue, just after 9.30pm, which ignited some ivy growing up the side of the barn conversion property. The flames spread to a small area of the roof with the fire being extinguished by crews from Fordingbridge and Ringwood.

The 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 saw Fordingbridge in action again. A two vehicle road traffic collision occurred on the A354 Road at Woodyates just after 8am. The driver of one of the cars needed extricating from his car by Fordingbridge and Verwood firefighters and was airlifted to hospital by air ambulance.



***Road Traffic Collision A354 Road, Woodyates – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008***

Another road accident required the services of Fordingbridge on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008. A small kit car collided with another car on Bowerwood Road at Fordingbridge just after midday. Luckily nobody was badly hurt in this incident but Fordingbridge firefighters were required to make both vehicles safe.



**Road Traffic Collision Bowerwood Road, Fordingbridge – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

A severe fire broke out in a bungalow on Christmas Day 2008. The fire at 2 High Street in Durrington started just after 6pm with Fordingbridge assisting Wiltshire firefighters at this seven pump incident.



**A bungalow severely damaged by fire in Durrington - Xmas day 2008**

A large horse, which had become stuck in a bog alongside Ringwood Road in South Gorley, needed the assistance of Fordingbridge firefighters to free it on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

The following evening, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Fordingbridge were in action again with another horse. The animal had got one of its rear legs wedged through the bars of its stable at Arniss Farm

in Godshill. The crew quickly cut the offending bar away and the horse was successfully freed from its predicament!

A thatch roof caught alight at Trantridge Cottage in Pentridge just after 1pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009. Fordingbridge were called upon to assist their Dorset colleagues at this ten pump incident. Although a large area of the thatch roof had to be removed the property itself was successfully saved from serious damage.



***Thatch roof fire at Pentridge – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009***

A bizarre accident occurred on the Martin Road at Tidpit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009. Just after 9am the handbrake failed on a tractor that had been left unattended, in a field adjacent to the main road, whilst the driver was feeding some chickens. The tractor crashed through the hedgerow before colliding with a car that was driving along the road. The two occupants of the car had to be released by Fordingbridge and Cranborne firefighters.



***Road Traffic Collision at Tidpit – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009***

Fordingbridge were in action again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 when the thatch roof of The Yew Tree Inn at Odstock caught alight shortly after midday. They assisted Wiltshire crews with saving the property from complete destruction at this ten pump incident although a large area of the roof was damaged. The blaze had started in the chimney.



***Fordingbridge crew stripping thatch from the roof of The Yew Tree Inn at Odstock – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009***

The 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 saw Fordingbridge firefighters carrying out two rescues in one afternoon.

The first was at Water Lane Farm in Hale. A cow had been stuck up to its waist in a bog for some considerable time before the call for help was received from the farmer just before 2pm. On arrival the Fordingbridge crew dug out the clinging mud from around the animal whilst awaiting the attendance of specialist equipment from Eastleigh. Eventually the cow was hauled from its unhappy resting place and pulled to safety where it was treated by a vet.



***Cow stuck in a bog at Water Lane Farm, Hale – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009***

The second rescue of the afternoon was at a road traffic collision on the Cranborne Road at Cranborne. An elderly car driver had gone off the road and crashed into a large tree just after 4.30pm. One of the branches had actually pierced the window screen and the roof needed to be cut away from the vehicle before the casualty could be taken to hospital by air ambulance. Fordingbridge assisted a crew from Verwood with the extrication and fortunately the persons injuries were not to serious.



**Road Traffic Collision at Cranborne with the Air Ambulance to the rear – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

A caravan was destroyed in a fire which broke out shortly after 3pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at Ridge Farm in Godshill. Several gas cylinders had to be cooled at the scene by Fordingbridge firefighters due to their close proximity to the blaze.

Fordingbridge attended a fatal road traffic collision on the A338 Road at Charford on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The accident which involved a car colliding with the rear of a lorry occurred at 4.20pm. The female passenger was declared dead at the scene and had to be released from the wreckage after a lengthy Police investigation.

A swan, which had landed on the roof of a building to the rear of the High Street in Fordingbridge, needed the services of Fordingbridge firefighters on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 to allow it to be safely captured in a special harness and then released back into the wild.



**HFRS Rural Safety Officer Jim Green with the rescued swan – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The roof of Church Farm Barn in Coombe Bissett was damaged by a fire on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The blaze was caused by workmen fixing the flat roof of the property and started just before 6pm. Fordingbridge assisted Wilton and Salisbury firefighters in bringing the fire under control and preventing it spreading to other parts of the building.



***Dan Palmer, Pete White & Colin Coley stripping tiles off the roof of Church Farm Barn in Coombe Bissett – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009***

A large bonfire got out of control at Green Bank, Fryern Court Road, Tinkers Cross on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and set fire to a large pile of logs and a wooden storage shed. The blaze which started just before 5pm took several hours to bring under control.



***Derek Jones damping down at Green Bank in Tinkers Cross – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009***

A road traffic collision between two vehicles on the Fordingbridge flyover brought the busy A338 road to a standstill whilst Fordingbridge firefighters made the scene safe on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009. The lunchtime accident saw the Air Ambulance also attend and land on the main road. A total of five casualties were taken to hospital with varying injuries.



***The scene of a road traffic collision on the Fordingbridge Flyover with the Air Ambulance visible in the distance – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009***

A stable was completely destroyed by a fire on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The outbuilding which was in a field in Hyde Lane at Stuckton caught alight just after 4.30pm. When Fordingbridge firefighters arrived the stable was already well ablaze.



***Dampening down the embers of a stable fire in Stuckton – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009***



***Fordingbridge Fire Station – May 2009***

A classic 1969 Bristol car was badly damaged when it caught fire on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The car was parked in front of a wooden garage at Rose Cottage in Martin when the blaze started just before 12.30pm. Fortunately the building suffered only smoke damage and a 1932 Humber parked alongside was also undamaged.



***Fordingbridge firefighters dealing with a car fire at Rose Cottage in Martin – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009***

A fire broke out in a garage that had been converted into a workshop and gym at a property called Westfield in North End, Damerham on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The blaze which broke out just after 1.45am severely damaged the building and its contents.

A young boy got his hand stuck in the rear window of his parents car on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 at 10.55am. His quick thinking parents drove the distressed child directly to the fire station where Fordingbridge firefighters were waiting to assist him from his predicament. The boy was easily released without serious injury to his hand.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 an acetylene cylinder caught alight in a workshop at Tenantry Farm in Rockbourne at 8.50am. Fordingbridge firefighters quickly removed the blazing cylinder to the outside and cooled it with a hosereel to prevent any further damage.

A young male who was enjoying a 'donut' ride behind a speed boat at New Forest Water Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009 needed the assistance of Fordingbridge & Ringwood firefighters when he was suddenly thrown from the ride at high speed and suffered several injuries. When crews arrived just before 1.30pm the casualty was unconscious in the water. Two firefighters entered the lake in lifejackets to assist him to the pontoon for treatment by ambulance personnel. He was eventually airlifted to hospital by helicopter.

A tragic road accident occurred on the A354 Road at Martin Drove End on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at around 4.45pm. Three elderly sisters returning from a party collided with another vehicle resulting in the sad death of one of the ladies. Fordingbridge firefighters released the other occupants of the car.

A serious car accident occurred on the Somerley Road at Somerley on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 just after 11.20am. A 4x4 vehicle careered off the road and crashed into a large tree severely trapping the young male passenger. Fordingbridge & Ringwood firefighters assisted by Cranborne and Verwood crews eventually released the casualty using hydraulic cutting equipment. He was airlifted to hospital with serious life threatening injuries.

Some months later this particular incident had a memorable ending when the young man came along to the fire station to express his thanks to all the crew for saving his life. Hearing the accounts of his recovery, his treatments, ongoing therapy sessions and his enthusiasm for his life and his future was an amazing experience. It certainly made the personnel on station that night feel quite humble and that our job was always worthwhile!



***Road Traffic Collision involving a car into a tree at Harbridge – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009***



***Chris West who was cut out of the car on a 'thankyou' visit to the station in April 2010***

A major forest fire broke out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009. The blaze at Blackwater Common in Alderholt was reported at 4.45pm. Due to the location of the fire it took Fordingbridge firefighters some time to initially reach the actual scene of the fire due to locked gates and difficult access

through the wooded area. It took the attendance of three pumps and eight landrovers to extinguish the flames with crews battling for several hours to bring it under control.



***Blackwater Common, Alderholt well alight – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009***

Fordingbridge firefighters came to the rescue of a young girl who had climbed up a tree in Reeder Close, Fordingbridge and got stuck on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 just before 11.15am. The crew quickly assisted her and brought her back down to earth safely.

A male casualty had to be cut free from his people carrier after it had come to rest on its side in a ditch on the Cranborne Road at Cripplestyle on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 10.40pm. Fordingbridge & Cranborne crews released the driver who was taken to hospital.

A serious fire broke out at Mundays Cottage in Martin just before 2am on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The roof and first floor of the premises were badly damaged and a dog that was in the house sadly died. A total of six pumps from Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset attended the blaze and Fordingbridge firefighters returned throughout the day to damp down hot spots.



***The badly damaged roof of Mundays Cottage at Martin – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009***

A chimney fire spread to the roof of Bell house in Lower Road, Charlton All Saints on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 just before 7.15pm. Fordingbridge firefighters were able to assist Salisbury crews to save the property from serious damage.

A large property in Blissford was badly damaged when a severe fire broke out just after 10.30am on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The owners of Brook farm in Blissford Road, Blissford were away on holiday when flames swept through the house sadly killing three dogs that were inside. A total of six pumps assisted Fordingbridge firefighters to extinguish the blaze.



***Fire at Brook Farm, Blissford – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009***

In January 2010 the fire station had double glazed windows put in to help improve the general appearance of the building. The windows were fitted during extremely cold weather and several of the new panes had to be replaced as they cracked due to the very low temperatures.

A fire broke out in the thatched roof of Burnside Cottage in Rockford near Ringwood on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010. A total of eight pumps and three water carriers attended the blaze which badly damaged approximately half of the building.



*Steve Coles, Pete White & Colin Coley making a fire break in the roof of Burnside Cottage, Rockford – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010*



*Burnside Cottage the day after the fire*

Two horses had to be rescued from the River Avon at Fordingbridge Recreation Ground on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The animals had escaped from an adjacent field just before 9am and had followed each other into the water. Both horses were safely got back to dry land.

A Fordingbridge crew was sent to assist at a tragic fire at Shirley Towers in Southampton on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010. This twenty pump fire had started the day before and sadly claimed the lives of two firefighters from St Marys Fire Station. Over the following weeks collections were made for the two men and Fordingbridge alone raised £2215 in their memory.

A passenger in a taxi had to be released from the vehicle by Fordingbridge and Salisbury firefighters on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 after a collision on the A338 Road at Charlton All Saints at 7.50pm. The casualty was airlifted to hospital with serious facial injuries.

Another road accident on the A338 Road occurred on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010. The two vehicle collision at Blashford just before 3pm saw Fordingbridge and Ringwood firefighters cutting two people free from the wreckage of both cars.

A large cow who had sadly just lost a calf became trapped in a water filled ditch at Manor Farm in Alderholt just before 8am on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010. A crew from Fordingbridge got the animal's head clear of the water and then along with a specialist crew from Poole Fire Station the cow was eventually moved to safety. Unfortunately the animal did not recover from its ordeal and was destroyed the following day.



*Fordingbridge & Poole firefighters rescuing a cow from a ditch at Manor Farm in Alderholt – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Fordingbridge were sent as a relief crew to a serious house fire in Dilly Lane, Barton On Sea. The fire had destroyed the roof and first floor of the property and Fordingbridge firefighters carried out damping down and assisted with fire investigation at the scene.

An articulated trailer carrying a load of plasterboard caught fire on the A338 Road at Downton just after 4.30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010. When Fordingbridge and Salisbury crews arrived the trailer

was well alight. Hosereels and breathing apparatus were used to extinguish the blaze which badly damaged the vehicle. A water carrier from Wilton also attended.



*Articulated lorry trailer fire on A338 Road at Downton – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010*

A fire in a thatched property in The Borough at Downton broke out at 1.40pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The blaze was started by workmen using an angle grinder on the roof. Fordingbridge firefighters were the first on the scene but were unable to prevent serious damage being caused to the property and the adjoining cottage. A total of twelve pumps from Wiltshire & Hampshire tackled the fire and Fordingbridge crews spent the majority of the following day as well damping down the smouldering remnants.



*Two badly damaged cottages in The Borough, Downton – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010*

A mother and her two young children had to be rescued from their 4x4 car after it crashed into a large hedge in Station Road, Fordingbridge at 11.40am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010. The vehicle

came to rest in a precarious position with branches from the hedge having to be cut away by Fordingbridge firefighters before the family could be removed to safety.



**Road Traffic Collision on Station Road, Fordingbridge – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Fordingbridge took part in ‘Exercise Orion’ at Fort Widley in Portsmouth. The three day event simulated an earthquake with large numbers of ‘real’ casualties requiring to be rescued from collapsed buildings, tunnels and flattened vehicles. Fordingbridge firefighters worked alongside other Hampshire crews as well as Urban Search & Rescue teams from Italy, Spain, Germany & Sweden throughout the day & evening.



**Operation Orion, Fort Widley, Portsmouth – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

A fire which started in a fridge in a downstairs Utility Room at Cherry Tree Cottage, The Common, Woodgreen on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 extensively damaged the thatched property. The flames quickly spread to the thatched roof and by the time Fordingbridge firefighters arrived just after

12.40am it was well alight. A total of eight pumps attended and battled in vain to save the building which had suffered a similar fire only three years earlier. Crews from across Hampshire, Dorset & Wiltshire attended and remained at the scene all day damping down the remnants.



*Thatched roof fire at Cherry Tree Cottage, Woodgreen – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010*



*Damping down the burnt out shell of Cherry Tree Cottage, Woodgreen – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010*

A fire broke out in the roof of a bungalow named Debanker in Lyburn Road, Hamptworth at 3.30am on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Although the property was not badly damaged four pumps from Fordingbridge, Salisbury & Lyndhurst attended to put out the blaze.

After an extremely heavy snow fall on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 a call was received just after 3.15pm to a chimney fire at Carpenters Farm House in Whitsbury. Despite the treacherous road conditions firefighters from Fordingbridge managed to reach the property to find that a large beam was also on fire above the fire place. With the assistance of firefighters from Cranborne the wood

burner and fire place surround were dismantled to allow access to the burning beam which was eventually extinguished. To ensure that the property, built in 1698, was safe from any possible collapse a team from the Hampshire Urban Search & Rescue Team were sent to prop up the beam and all the loose brickwork inside the large chimney. Crews remained at the scene for just over six hours.



**Members of the Urban Search & Rescue Team shoring up the dangerous fireplace – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

A mobile home was badly damaged in a fire at New Farm in Midgham on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The blaze which started at 11.15pm needed the attendance of three appliances from Fordingbridge & Ringwood as well as the water carrier to bring it under control.

An overheated mobile phone charger was the cause of a fire which started in a first floor bathroom at Breamore House, Breamore at 2.50pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The blaze was quickly put out and the room was not too badly damaged although there was considerable smoke logging in the area of the fire.

Fordingbridge firefighters, along with Animal Rescue crews from Lyndhurst & Brockenhurst fire stations, were called to the rescue of 'Mischief' the horse just before 10am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011. The horse had become stuck in a swimming pool at the rear of Sims Farm in Godshill when it fell through the pool cover after getting out of an adjacent field. The animal was pulled to safety and suffered no ill effects from its ordeal. The story made the news in some national newspapers the following day!



**Clipping from the Daily Mirror about Mischief's rescue – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011**

A bedroom was badly damaged in a fire that had started underneath a bed just before 9.50am at Spring Meadow Nurseries in Cornpitts Lane, Damerham on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The fire was extinguished by crews from Fordingbridge & Cranborne.

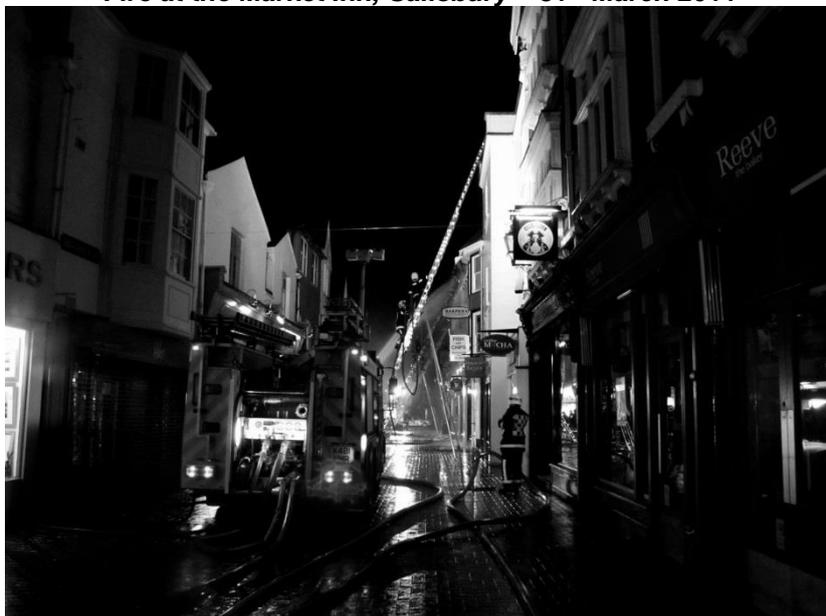
A horse became stuck in a drainage ditch in a field at Folds Farm, Godshill Wood at 4.45pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The animal was successfully released by Fordingbridge firefighters and specialist crews from Lyndhurst & Brockenhurst.

Fordingbridge firefighters attended a serious road accident in Southampton Road, Salisbury on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The accident, involving a car and a lorry, occurred just after 11am and sadly the passenger in the car died at the scene. The car driver who was released from the wreckage also died a few days later in hospital.

A large fire broke out in Butcher Row, Salisbury in the early hours of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. The blaze started in the roof of The Market Inn before spreading to other adjacent buildings including Stobys Chip Shop & Costa Coffee. A total of twelve pumps, including Fordingbridge, battled the flames at the height of the fire which caused significant damage to one of the oldest shopping areas in Salisbury.



***Fire at the Market Inn, Salisbury – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011***



***Fordingbridge firefighters working off the 135 Ladder to the rear of the Market Inn***

A serious road traffic collision on the A338 Road at Charford claimed the life of a driver on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The accident involving two cars occurred just after 8am and Fordingbridge & Ringwood firefighters had to cut the trapped female free from her overturned vehicle. Sadly she passed away shortly afterwards in hospital.



**Road Traffic Collision A338 Road, Charford – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Later the same day at 2.35pm a serious fire broke out in a bedroom at Crossways Farm, High Street, Damerham. The fire, which had been burning for some time before being discovered, severely damaged the first floor and roof space before being brought under control by crews from Fordingbridge & Cranborne. The blaze was intensified due to the walls & ceilings of the bedroom being entirely covered in vinyl records!



**Crossways Farm, Damerham – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Fordingbridge firefighters were sent to assist at a huge fire at Swinley Forest in Crowthorne, Berkshire. The blaze, which at its peak had 40 pumps in attendance plus numerous landrovers, burnt for several days and damaged an area in excess of 300 hectares. Crews from Royal Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey, London, Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire & Hertfordshire damped down the scorched area. Not only was this

the biggest fire Fordingbridge crews had attended it was also the furthest they had ever been sent to an incident.



**Fordingbridge firefighters at Swinley Forest in Crowthorne, Berkshire – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
L-R Steve Coles, Steve White, Pete White, Paul Dorrington, Jim Hesford**



**Fordingbridge's Landrover alongside a Royal Berkshire appliance from Windsor on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
& Fordingbridge's Water Tender Ladder on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Swinley Forest, Berkshire**



Fordingbridge's Water Tender Ladder & Water Carrier were sent, just after 12.20pm, to assist at a 5 pump fire which broke out at a commercial garage in Hangersley Hill, Ringwood on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011. The blaze which was started by a worker using welding equipment badly damaged a workshop and several cars which were being stored for restoration.



*Fire at SDA Motors in Hangersley, Ringwood – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011*



*Fordingbridge firefighters setting up the Water Carrier Dam at SDA Motors – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011*

Fordingbridge attended a serious house fire at 6 The Beeches, Tollgate Road in Salisbury on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. The fire, which spread throughout the three storey premises, sadly claimed the life of the male occupant who was inside when the fire started at 12.30pm. A total of 6 pumps attended the incident.



***House fire at 6 The Beeches, Salisbury – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011***

A large heath fire on Upton Heath in Poole on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011 saw Fordingbridge's Landrover attending at 6.20pm to assist at this 30 pump blaze. The Landrover was sent back again early the following morning to continue damping down the scorched area.

A tragic road accident occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11.25pm on the Southampton Road in Fordingbridge. A car carrying three young local people overturned after hitting the grass verge and rolled over several times. A female was trapped under the car and was quickly released by Fordingbridge firefighters when they arrived. Attempts were made to resuscitate her at the scene and three of the crew went in the ambulance to Salisbury Hospital to assist with CPR throughout the journey. Sadly the casualty died the following day. Another of the passengers in the vehicle suffered serious head and neck injuries.

Another 6 pump fire was attended by Fordingbridge on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 3.55pm when St. Francis Church Hall in Castle Road, Salisbury caught alight. The building which was also used as a Pre-School was badly damaged throughout.

A Fordingbridge crew were sent to assist Wiltshire firefighters with an overturned milk tanker on the London Road in Salisbury on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The accident, which occurred just after 2.10am, saw the driver having to be cut free from the cab and 4,000 litres of milk leaking into the drainage system.

A large manor house was badly damaged after a serious fire broke out just before 4am on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The roof of Fryern Court in Fryern Court Road, Tinkers Cross was well alight when Fordingbridge firefighters arrived. The roof and first floor of the property, which was formerly the home of famous local artist Augustus John, suffered serious fire and water damage. A total of 8

pumps, 3 water carriers and an aerial ladder from Salisbury attended the blaze at its height with crews remaining at the scene most of the day.



*The roof of Fryern Court, Tinkers Cross well alight – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011*



*The extent of the damage to Fryern Court after the fire was out – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011*

Later the same day the derelict Rifle Range in Ringwood Road, Alderholt was badly damaged when fire swept through the building at 2.40pm. A total of 4 pumps from Hampshire & Dorset plus the water carrier from Fordingbridge brought the blaze under control.

Fordingbridge firefighters, assisted by crews from Ringwood & Salisbury, had to release a farmer from underneath an overturned tipper lorry on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The accident at Ogdens Dairy Farm in Ogdens happened just after 10am when the lorry crashed over on to its side pinning the male casualty by his left leg. After an hour of digging through the contents of the lorry's load to get at the

farmers injured leg he was finally released although sadly lost his lower left leg in the process. He was airlifted to hospital by the air ambulance helicopter.



***The rescue of a farmer trapped by his leg under a 24 tonne tipper lorry at Ogdens Dairy Farm – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011***

A period of very heavy rain during the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 resulted in widespread flooding of local roads around Fordingbridge and Ringwood.

Fordingbridge crews were firstly called out to three cars that were stuck in deep flood water underneath the old railway bridge on Sandleheath Road in Alderholt just before 12pm and assisted the car owners to get their vehicles to safety and also baled out some of the water from inside one of the cars.

Another call was received just after 1pm to a female motorist trapped in her car in deep flood water on Lindford Road in Lindford Bottom just outside Ringwood. Fordingbridge firefighters managed to drive through the fast flowing water to reach the stricken vehicle and rescued the lady from her car and transported her to dry land in the back of the fire engine.



***Flash flooding – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011***

A fire broke out in two chicken sheds at Chalk Hill Farm in Tidpit just after 9.30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The buildings were well alight when Fordingbridge crews arrived and sadly a total of two hundred chickens were killed in the blaze.



***Chicken Shed fire at Chalk Hill Farm, Tidpit – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011***

Fordingbridge's Water Tender Ladder and Water Carrier were sent as relief crews to a 10 pump fire in a battery recycling warehouse next to Lasham Airfield at 12.45am on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The blaze at Lodden Recycling, Church Lane, Lasham had started the evening before and involved an industrial unit containing over 300 tonnes of recycled batteries. The fire gave off a very large plume of smoke which was visible for miles. The Fordingbridge crews remained at the scene throughout the night and the incident took several days to bring under control.



***Fire at Lodden Recycling, Lasham – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011***

A fire involving 90,000 tonnes of household rubbish broke out at the Blue Haze Landfill Site near Ebblake in the early hours of the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Water Tender Ladder & Water Carrier, along with crews from Ringwood and Verwood & the High Volume Pumping Unit from Hardley Fire Station, tackled the large fire which continued to burn throughout the day. The Water Carrier returned to the incident later that evening to assist with damping down.



***Large plumes of smoke rising from the fire at Blue Haze Landfill Site – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011***

A spate of road accidents during September 2011 resulted in three people having to be released from their vehicles by Fordingbridge crews.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, a female driver had to be cut free from her Mercedes Convertible on Roger Penny Way at Bramshaw Telegraph just after 6pm.

A male driver had to be released by Fordingbridge & Cranborne firefighters on the 17<sup>th</sup> September after his car aquaplaned during a heavy rain storm on the A354 Road at Martin Drove End and collided with a tree at 6.30pm.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011 a young female had to be extricated from her car after a head on crash on the A338 Road at Breamore just after 7.20pm.



***Road Accident on Roger Penny Way, Bramshaw Telegraph – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011***

An elderly gentleman had to be rescued from his bathroom after collapsing against the door. Fordingbridge firefighters attended Avon View at Bickton just after 6pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and removed the bathroom door to allow the casualty to be taken to hospital.

On New Years Day 2012 a large Shire Horse, named Tommy, had to be rescued from a swollen ford at Ditchend Bottom in Newgrounds, Godshill just after 3.15pm. The horse, which was

returning from a visit to the pub with its owners, took several hours to get back to dry land with Fordingbridge, Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst crews involved in the successful outcome.



**Rescue of 'Tommy' the Shire Horse at Newgrounds, Godshill – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012**

A road traffic collision on the A338 Road at Gorley on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 saw the diesel tank of a lorry being ripped off and the road surface being badly damaged by all the leaking fuel. The accident, which involved a Landrover and the lorry, occurred just after 6.30am and saw Fordingbridge firefighters at the scene for some time preventing the diesel entering the nearby River Avon.



**Road Traffic Collision A338 Road, Gorley – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

A large heath fire broke out just before 10.50am at Hasley Inclosure, Ogdens on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The blaze, which had been deliberately started by two boys, damaged an area of two hectares and took the attendance of 4 pumps, 4 landrovers and a water carrier to bring under control.

A unique opportunity to practise using 'High Expansion Foam' to extinguish a fire or contain a spillage occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Fordingbridge firefighters, alongside crews from Ringwood

& Burley, attended an exercise at TradeB on Charleston Industrial Estate in Hardley. The crews dealt with a simulated hazardous gas leak from a large tank and used foam to isolate the flow of gas.



*Foam Exercise at Hardley – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012*

An elderly man required the assistance of Fordingbridge firefighters, at 3.50pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012, after being run over by a lawnmower and becoming trapped against a tree at his house in Hale Road, Woodgreen. He was quickly released and taken to hospital with a leg injury. A fire broke out in a downstairs bedroom at Allenbrook Nursing Home in Fordingbridge shortly before 5pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The blaze seriously damaged the room and caused smoke logging throughout the large building with many of the residents still inside their rooms. One elderly lady had to be rescued from her bedroom, which was full of thick black smoke, by a BA crew and carried outside to safety. A total of four pumps and the Water Carrier attended to bring the fire under control and carry out the evacuation of some residents.



*Fire at Allenbrook Nursing Home, Fordingbridge – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012*