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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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Amir Khan meets Milton youngsters Bobby and Ronnie
see page 8 (Photot by Royal Navy)

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 3 October 2007 at 7.00 pm

Meon Junior School, Meon Road

AGENDA

Forum AGM and Election of Officers

Update from Neighbourhood Policing, Residents' Parking Survey
and local traffic issues by Simon Moon

Meet the Youth Forum for Milton & Eastney

PICNIC ON THE GREEN 2007



Fencing demonstrations were a new feature this year.



Family Wheelbarrow Race



The weather was great and picnics were as popular as ever!



The ever-popular men's sack race



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All the children wanted to be Firemen



Sterling service on the Tombola



Just enjoying that glorious sun

THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME **The end of an era**

Since 1878 the Smith family have been publicans at The Old House at Home, Locksway Road, Milton.
1878-1889 -Lewis John Smith
1889-1925 Lionnel Jack Smith
1925-1979 Stephen John Smith (died 1987 aged 78)
married to Francis Smith (died 2005, aged 96)
1978-1986 Ray Own Scott Smith, married to Phyllis
1986-2002 :Phyllis Smith
2002 (to date) Linda Smith, partner Matt Bloy

The building itself used to be a farmhouse before it was a pub and what is now the front of the pub used to be the back of the building

The Old House at Home has always been a family pub, well supported by members of the Smith family and their partners in many ways such as making Roman blinds, painting murals on walls or landscaping the garden.

It has been awarded the Best Family Pub for the Meridian Region in 2007. The Morning Advertiser also awarded it Best Community Pub in 2006 due to the many different ways that the licensees look after the whole family from babies to great grandparents. We have a great pub menu, including a healthy eating children's menu, home cooked Sunday roasts and daily specials. We have a large pub garden which holds a 50 ft. bouncy castle and have many well supported garden parties throughout the summer with BBQs and entertainment.

The pub has a lounge bar which hosts the Broadside Folk Club every Wednesday and a Rhythm Roots & Blues Club every Thursday. It is also used for functions from Christenings to funerals and everything in between. The main bar features pool, darts, 7' large Sky screen, weekly quiz, Monday Senior Lunch Club, live bands, karaoke and parties.

We mustn't forget our own private air force a.k.a. Milton Homing Society, established 36 years ago. The pub also provides a venue for many groups and organisations to have meetings such as a Dyslexia club, Milton Forum and many carers groups.

The end of an era (cont)

The pub is Cask Marque accredited, does well with ales and is in The Good Beer Guide. We were also awarded The Best Bar None by Portsmouth City Council in 2007 for responsible retailing and raising standards in the pub business.

The Old House at Home is the hub of the community and makes a difference to a lot of people in many ways. Much of the charity work is done by Milton Village Trust (MVT) a group of volunteers, staff and customers who give their time and effort in fundraising to benefit local people and organisations. The MVT Committee – Dave Eastland, Gail Lincoln, Andy Dell, Pete Watson, Keith Eastwell, and myself, Linda. I would like to give special thanks to these people for everything they have done, and their support over the years in fundraising and community work.

At the end of September the pub is being sold and so will no longer be in the Smith family after 5 generations. After 30 working in this pub, and 5 years as the publican with Matt, it is time for change. I want to do other things like nurse training and being a member of the Portsmouth Lions I would like to give more of my time to their work.

Most of all, we would like to thank all our friends, staff and customers who have supported us, we wish them good luck and good health in the future. We would also like to wish Marc and Lisa all the best for their takeover on the 1st October.

Love from *Linda Smith and Matt Bloy*

The Forum would also like to thank Linda for her help with Forum events and for the use of rooms at the Pub for meetings

FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 3 OCT

The Forum Accounts will be presented at the next Forum and the Committee and Officers will be elected. If you have any nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, please send these in to the Freepost Address on the back of Milton Matters by Wed. 26 Sept.

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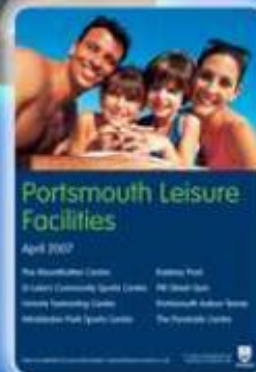
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POSITIVE FUTURES/UP FRONT PROJECT



Members of the Milton and Eastney Youth Project enjoyed a 'Discover Scuba Diving' session at Eastney Pool thanks to Triton Scuba. This is just one of the many activities on offer to 10-19 year olds living in our area. The project aims at developing young people's skills and offering them new experiences. Currently 625 young people are involved in football, Youth Forum, Sports Leadership Awards, Hockey, Dance, Boxercise, Fencing, Trampolining, Tennis, Gym and term-time weekly activities. During the summer Scuba Diving, Horse Riding, Pitt Street Gym and High Board Diving have been included. Levels of attainment are high at 31 Level 1 Awards in Sports Leadership, Football Coaching and ABA Boxing being gained. These enable the trainees to work alongside experienced coaches and receive paid work.

The local Youth Forum is going from strength to strength and has a question and answer session with the Leader of the Council in September. The Forum have invited them to our next meeting on 3 October so you can meet the boys and girls who are now working in their own community.

To publicise the forthcoming European Schoolboy Boxing Championships being hosted by the Royal Navy at HMS Nelson in September, Amir Khan visited Portsmouth and Q Shillingford kindly arranged for him to



meet the members of the Youth Project on board HMS Victory. Everyone was thrilled to meet their young hero - including the girls!

If you are aged 10-19 and live in Eastney/Milton and would like to get involved, phone the office on 02392 752900 or ring
Julian Wadsworth 07924415169, Jo Savage 07824415170
Jamie Harris 0724415171

With the completion of Barclays Sports Site at Bransbury Park the team will be introducing Start Up Sports for 5-10 year olds involving football, basketball, hockey, tennis. Cricket, netball and tag rugby. These will run termtime on

Mondays 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Fridays 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm

If you are aged 5-10 and live in Eastney/Milton and would like to join Start Up Sports, phone Lee Moyce on 07812997347

From 1 October, Health Workers funded by the Primary Care Trust will be based at Bransbury Park to deliver health information to promote healthy lifestyles.

FORUM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

27 June 2007

PLANNING ISSUES -East Shore School: the Forum Committee had objected to the proposals due to lack of garages for properties, no shop or GP Surgery (as identified in the Planning Brief) and serious concerns about site contamination. Nevertheless, the application has recently been approved by the City Council and plans to remove toxins before building work starts should be considered at a future Public Forum

Old Renault Garage the application by Churchill Homes was rejected by the City Council, but an appeal outcome is awaited. The Forum raised objections to the proposals, primarily on grounds of access to the development from/onto Milton Road.(Since the last Forum, the Inspector has given the scheme the 'go ahead')

SOUTHERN WATER (SW) FLOOD PREVENTION PROPOSALS

Ben Green, Senior Project Engineer with Southern Water, gave a presentation on their proposals for spending £20m to update and improve Portsmouth's system for dealing with sewage and surface water. Eastney Pumping Station currently deals with all waste water and sewage, pumping it to Budds Farm at Havant. After treatment, it is then pumped back to Eastney and discharged 5.7 kilometres out to sea. In an emergency there is storm tank storage at Fort Cumberland, but the current facilities are inadequate to cope with flash floods now being regularly experienced. He outlined their 10-point plan for surveying and improving the current sewers, major new £10m station at Eastney, refurbishment and upgrade of Pier Road Pumping Station, improvements to screening at Pier Road. They will be looking at ways of removing surface water before it enters the sewers and he offered people at the meeting bags to bin fats etc. They also plan to bring in new technology, e.g "rain radar" for better response times. Also seek OFWAT funding for post 2010 growth);

Various comments from the floor were raised, including: -

Why had there been 22 instances of outflows direct into Langstone Harbour in the last year? **Ben was not able to talk on this topic.**

Will alternative car parking be available at Bransbury Park whilst work is undertaken at the Pumping Station? Ben hoped there will be extra parking, provided in consultation with Portsmouth City Council

What about noise and disruption for residents living adjacent to the Pumping Station as the engineering / building work at Eastney will take more than 2 years? **He advised that** noise and disruption is inevitable but will be kept to the minimum.

Forum Minutes (28 June 2007) - Continued

The planning application to the City Council for the works should go to the Development Control Meeting on 5th September 2007. *(After hearing that Hull's recent flooding was due to a town built below sea-level with poor pumping facilities - we can be glad Portsmouth's system is going to be improved and prevent floods here! -Chair)*

THE FUTURE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Steve Hutchings from **Southsea Police Station** is the Sector Inspector for the area. The former response-based style of service delivery meant that the Police were removed from the communities they served; it is considered that neighbourhood policing is a better option, whereby the Police are dealing with the causes of the problems rather than the results.

There are now Safer Neighbourhood Teams at the 4 City Police Stations . He has 4 Sergeants, 12 Police Constables and 12 PCSOs based at Southsea. There are 50 PCSOs in the City who also regularly visit schools. He believed for many residents it is the **fear** of crime rather than the **actuality** of crime which worries them most. **Police Sergeant Heather Terrett** spoke about the current situation in the Milton area. Groups of young people still give problems, but the Police are aware of those involved and will consider ASBOs and dispersal orders to combat anti-social behaviour . There are regular Police visits to 3 key areas (Broom Square, the Towpath and Furze Lane) and the Community Bus is achieving good results. The main concerns of residents are things such as wanton damage to parked vehicles. Issues from the floor concerned the parking on zig-zags at the Locksway Road and Milton Road / Velder Avenue junction to assist with traffic flows,

UPDATE ON RESIDENTS' PARKING - The Chair encouraged residents to respond to the Council's surveys of in selected roads in Southsea as this will also cover some roads in Milton. Residents' parking scheme is going ahead for Alverstone Road, with a proposal scheme to operate it 24 hours per day every day of the year, with non-resident parking restricted to two hours only.

Forum Minutes (28 June 2007) - Continued

The Northern Quarter: Phyll Priest Forum Committee Member attended a planning meeting to raise objections to the relocation of bus stops from Edinburgh Road to Stanhope Road, on the basis that bus users to the City Centre will need to walk extra distances to shops and this will cause hardship, for older people and those with mobility problems.

St James' Hospital: Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson reported that St James' Hospital has put in a licencing application to the City Council for the use of six marquees selling alcohol on Hospital grounds all year. The application has been rejected, although a reduced proposal has been agreed.

Event on the Green 2007: the Chair reminded residents that this year's event will be held on Saturday 7th July 2007 (weather permitting) and all residents are invited. Councillor Caroline Scott mentioned that the Hospital has asked if a permanent cricket crease could be installed in the middle of the village green.

Future Public Forum Topics: the Chair confirmed that the next Forum agenda should include

- a) continued update on outcome of survey on residents' parking
- b) update from Simon Moon on the topics he took from the previous Forum re speeds and use of Catisfield Road, etc.

Update from local police on their three crime initiatives for neighbourhoods

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