

MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

October 09



"Mixed Veg" Milton and Eastney Allotment Association Members' entries in the Annual Show - see page 4

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 28 October 7.00 pm

NOTE VENUE FOR THIS MEETING

Mary Rose School, Gisors Road, off Locksway Road

AGENDA

The Work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Building Schools for the Future

Police Update

FORUM MINUTES

17 June 2009

PORTSMOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Unfortunately, PFC made a last-minute decision not to attend the Forum but Eleanor Evans from Planning Aid South (an independent service providing help and support to communities on town and country planning matters) gave a useful presentation about Planning Aid which offers local communities support from its volunteers who can assist in running a consultation event and advise on local planning matters free of charge.

Debate was restricted because PFC were not present to discuss their plans for Fratton Park. The works already agreed by the Planning Authority to rotate the pitch etc have not been carried out. Representatives of the Portsmouth Football Supporters at the meeting said the Council should support PFC. Councillor Vernon-Jackson confirmed that to help Portsmouth achieve its ambitions, the Council have already agreed to sell them land at Horsea Island if the Club decides to move there and by making application to host the World Cup here they would further help PFC.

Eleanor agreed that she will be prepared to become further involved as and when PFC announces its plans, and could assist in other issues, such as the (now deferred) City Centre redevelopment.
(Eleanor's contact telephone number is 02380 651448).

HEALTHY TOWN STATUS

Jonathon Smith from Portsmouth City Council spoke about work being undertaken to make people aware of the need to keep healthy, and confirmed that PCC has received £3.1 million to assist with this. Various things being encouraged include the need for people to consider growing their own produce using allotments etc, encouraging children and young people to eat healthily, promoting schools to have cookery training classes, and helping people achieve a healthier life-style by cycling and walking initiatives. He also confirmed that there are 10 community centres delivering food into the community at present and this number should increase.

Mention of cycling initiatives promoted debate on the dangers of cycling on pavements and on the promenade. Councillor Vernon-Jackson stated categorically that he stands by the decision **not** to permit cycling on the promenade.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Michael Robinson, PCC Deputy Parking Manager, gave an update on issues raised at the previous Forum. He confirmed that yellow lines will be introduced in Moorings Way adjacent to the Milton Retirement Village by the end of July and that the 'no right turn' from Rodney Road into Milton Road (turning south) will also be introduced at the same time (these will be published).

FORUM MINUTES 17 June... **TRAFFIC UPDATE (CONT)**

Issues raised and discussed were:-

- why are there traffic humps as well as 20 mph speed restrictions? (implemented at different times);
- why is Catisfield Road the only one not made a one-way thoroughfare?;
- the need for positive signing of 20 mph restrictions at Moorings Way school (Michael will follow up this issue);
- 20 mph restrictions still require positive policing.

Car parking space provision in new developments – Councillor Darron Phillips confirmed that the Council now requires adequate provision for parking when considering planning applications

POLICING IN MILTON

Acting Inspector Stu Boyd and PS Heather Terrett confirmed that operation Nemesis (anti burglary) had been very successful. During the July to September 2009, there will be a push on anti-social behaviour in the area and Heather mentioned the greater interest now in Neighbourhood Watch schemes. She suggested that there should be a pilot scheme in the area to establish the merits of promoting schemes.

Pedal cycle thefts are increasing and the police are continuing to hold surgeries in the Co-op store in Milton Market every fortnight as well as the monthly surgery with Councillors in Bransbury Park.

Inspector Boyd and PS Terrett were thanked for their continuing support

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mountbatten Centre:

is the new pool large enough to qualify for Olympic standards? (Councillor Vernon-Jackson confirmed that it is and stated that it is very popular with children and the over 60s)

Victoria Swimming Baths:

disappointment expressed that the baths have closed and that this resource, along with others, is lost because of promotion of the Mounbatten Centre

Mary Rose School:

One resident stated that he was impressed with the "wow factor" of the school, as well as for the Mountbatten Centre.

Shopping Areas

there was mention of the social change and the demise of local shopping centres because of grandiose schemes such as the City Centre redevelopment or shopping facilities linked to PFC's possible plans. Milton is lucky to still have a good local shopping area, which should be promoted and preserved

Hampshire Fire Authority:

Officers from Southse Fire Station were present for part of the meeting to see what goes on in the Public Meetings. They may wish to give a presentation at a future Public Meeting.

The Chair thanked the speakers and residents for attending the forum which closed at 9.0 pm

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

How lucky we are in Milton to have such a thriving Eastney and Milton Allotment Association. Their Annual Show, held on 6 September brought in the crowds and the quality of the fruit, vegetables and flowers were superb. It was wonderful to see what you can achieve with relatively small plots of land.



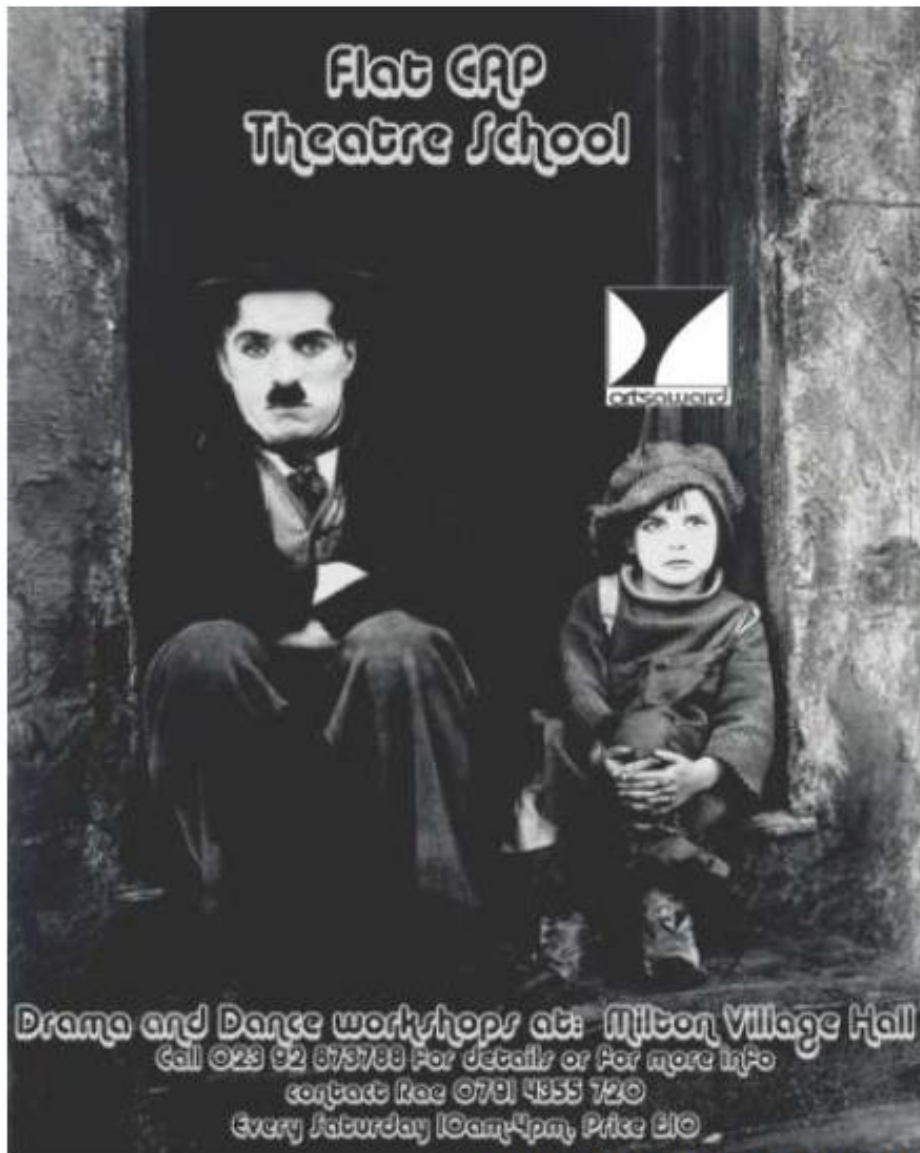
Suddenly there are more people wanting to take on an allotment than the Council can supply, so why not look again at your garden? Shelley of Dunbar Road planted potatoes in a large tub, runner beans in troughs, tomatoes in pots and had to admit "The potatoes may not have been enormous, but the flavour was far better than anything you can buy". She is determined to try again next year. Why not give it a go yourself? Even if you only have a patio, so long as you can give the vegetables a good depth of compost or a grow-bag, and are prepared to water them regularly, you should get some good results.

But maybe you don't know where to start? This is quite understandable since growing veg has been in decline since the last War when parks were dug up to grow food for the nation and young women were drafted in to become Land Girls. If a '**Learn to Grow Vegetables at Home**' scheme could be launched locally, would you like to join in?

Please pop in to the **Milton Village Hall or Milton Library**, and Add your name to the List and we will see what can be done.

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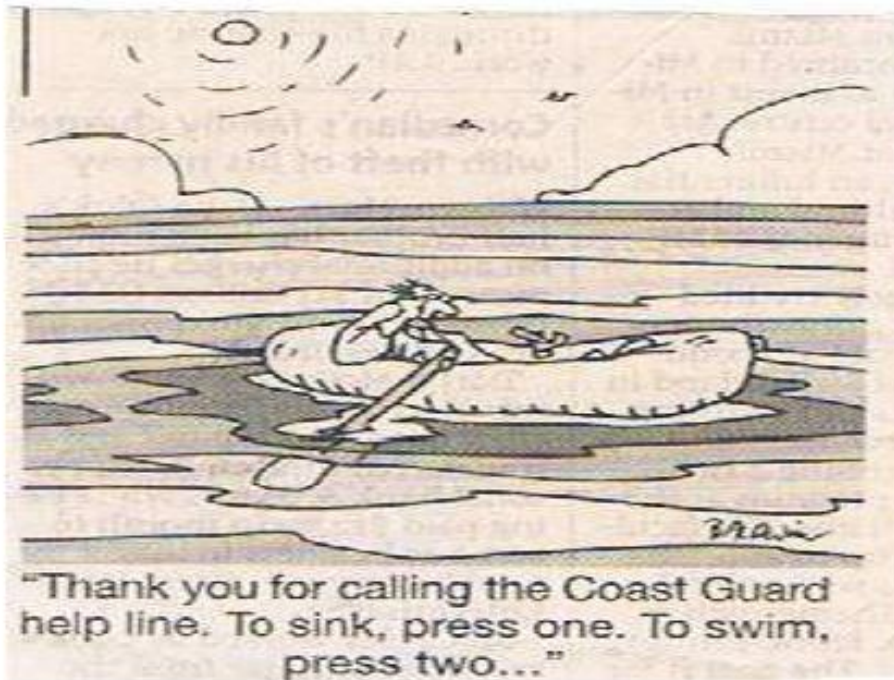
Following a request in August to the Probation Service their Community Payback team quickly got to work on Essed Road and have made a great job of tidying it and trimming the shrubs.

Let's all try to keep it that way until its owner decides to build... perhaps Portsmouth Council could consider a litter bin here too?

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 28 OCTOBER 2009

There is an ambitious plan for rebuilding and refurbishing many Portsmouth Schools including work at Milton Cross, over the next five years. Come along to the next Forum to hear when all this will take place and if the current economic climate is going to affect the plans. Mike Fowler from the Council will be giving all the details and answering your questions.

Living and working by the sea, with opportunities to use the waters around our shore for leisure, we should all be aware of the wonderful work that the Royal National Lifeboat Institution undertakes on a voluntary basis for us. Come along to the next Forum to hear more about this vital service



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THIS YEAR'S PICNIC ON THE GREEN



It was another hot and sunny day, and the Lord Mayor was most impressed by the commitment of everyone in Milton to making this a day to remember. A great big 'thank you' to the Committee

Members and helpers who made the Milton Picnic on the Green an even better event this year.

'Thank you' too all to the local churches and organisations who gave their time to our community day offering such a good range of fun activities. Most of all 'Thank you' to everyone for coming along and joining in the races, listening to the Stoneyridge and Grammar School Bands, and the Storyteller.



Also for taking part in the craft activities, tree trail, tombola, trying out fencing, bobbing for apples, buying teas, cakes and ice creams, football fun, painting your faces or having a portrait, flipping a lid, bouncing in the castles and climbing over the fire engine, putting your dog into the Show and talking to the Police, Community Wardens and Clean City Service teams.

THIS YEAR'S PICNIC ON THE GREEN



Ben Thanh-Liem Dowling from Milton Cross School who ran competitions at the Picnic, has given us the results:-Treasure Island: Maxine Emery won the £10. Name the Teddy: no-one guessed it, his name was Charlie Drums: Well done all, you played marvelously.



It takes so many kind people to make this day happen and it is lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves without having to spend too much money. **Please come to the St James Field - it is Public Open Space for your use** whenever you wish. It is easy to walk there with the family for a picnic, play cricket or football or just to sit under the trees. There will soon be a new play area ready for next spring.



Well done everyone! Please contact the Forum if you would like to be part of the Picnic in 2010. Roll on **12 June** next year



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Hr	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sun
09				Weight W. (9.30)	Yoga (9.30)		
10	Music Mad	Music Mad	Music Mad	Weight W. (10.30)	Yoga	Drama (Flat Cap)	
10 SH	Music Mad S/H	Music Mad S/H	Music Mad	French Class S/H			
11				French Class SH	Yoga (11.30)	Drama School	
12						Drama School	
13				Craft Club	Tai Chi	Drama School	
14	New Age Curling	Co-op Ladies		Craft Club		Drama School	
15		Co-op Ladies				Drama School	
16					Yoga (4.30)	Healing (4.30)	
17		Yoga* (Teen)		Pilates*	Yoga* Improve r	Healing	
18		Yoga		Pilates	Yoga	Healing	dog trg
19 SH	Japanese (New) S/H		Com'ittee bi month				
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19	Tap Dancing	Yoga		Line Dancing (7.30)	Yoga	Clairv- oyant (7.30) new	dog trg
20	Tap Dancing	Yoga (8.30)	Keep Fit - New	Line Dancing	Yoga	Clairv- oyant	
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