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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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No school today! January brought extreme weather to Milton and the Common provided new recreational opportunities! More pics. P.14

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 10 February 7.00 pm

Mary Rose School, Gisors Road, off Locksway Road

AGENDA

How Your Local Pharmacy Can Help YOU

Hear about the Respect Project & Meet Milton's Youth Council

Update on Milton Common Art Project

Consultation on Plans for Southsea Seafont

Police Update Adoption of Constitution

FORUM MINUTES

28 October 2009

The Forum welcomed three new members, Dominic & Jenny Goodyear and Neil Bloomfield who had volunteered to join the committee.

Planning update:

The Forum Committee had objected to new neon signs at the McDonalds drive through and proposals to bring commercial waste from outside the area to the Portsmouth Incinerator, but both planning applications had been given approval.

St James Field Play Scheme

The play scheme for the field had now been agreed. Approximately 1/3 of the field will be used and fenced off. Sophie Davis (Play Pathfinder Community Projects Manager) confirmed that work should start in Feb 2010 & be completed by March 2010. *During this period the field will be closed to the public.*

Projects for Catch 22

Catch 22 (Wessex Youth Offending Team) are currently looking for projects to be undertaken in the form of unpaid work. It is hoped that by opening up to ideas from the community that both the young person and the community will benefit from the work. A number of schemes were suggested from the floor and these will be passed to the organiser

Pyramids

The Forum was pleased that the Council has ensured that Pyramids would now remain open meaning that a swimming pool will remain in the South of the City.

Milton Retirement Village

Shearwater House has now been completed and occupied. Concerns had been raised regarding the naming of the next block as Dunlin Court due to potential confusion with Dunlin Close. It was agreed that Egret Court would be put forward as the Forum's choice for the building.

Since the meeting, we have been advised that the name Brent Court has been chosen by Housing 21!

Building Schools for the Future

Project Director – PCC, Mike Fowler explained that the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is a national programme to transform the delivery of education and outcomes for young people by renewing/rebuilding 3500 secondary schools nationwide through Government investment of £200m into Portsmouth's 11 secondary schools which will change as follows with £25m local cash:-

Admiral Lord Nelson, **City Girls'**, Mayfield, Priory and Springfield will remain Community Schools. St. Lukes will become the Charter Academy. **City Boys and King Richard** will become Trust Schools. St. Edmunds remain Voluntary Aided. Redwood Park and Harbour staying as Community Special Schools.

Starting in 2011, four will be brand new schools with private finance management. (City Boys, City Girls, King Richard and St. Edmunds). All the remainder will be refurbished. In Milton £1M will be spent on Miltoncross - 180 pupils intake p.a.

FORUM MINUTES 28 Oct

Mayfield (part refurbish, part new build to include Harbour facilities for Cosham and Milton, new Portsmouth College and youth facilities) will start 2012 at cost of £15M.

Admiral Lord Nelson's £2M refurbishment, and the new City Girls for 200 pupils p.a. at £15M start in 2013.

BSF is a golden "Once in a lifetime" £200 M opportunity for the City to transform education and life chances for our young people; deliver "anywhere, anytime" ICT and learning opportunities for children and parents; address local & City needs with the support of businesses and churches to stimulate local economy and provide major employment/learning/business opportunities whilst supporting Local Strategic Partnership key priorities

POLICING IN MILTON

Police had run a very successful Anti-social Behaviour campaign throughout the summer. Heather Terrett stated that the Milton area was one of the safest parts Portsmouth. However, Halloween & Bonfire night were a very busy time for the Police and patrols will be stepped up during this time. Policing is to be divided between the North and South of the City, which means that the Tasking Patrol Team (emergency) will be stationed at Highland Road

Beat Surgeries at Eastney Community Centre are cancelled due to lack of interest and will be replaced by new Surgeries at Milton Co-op store. Times and dates are available from the Hampshire Police website under 'Milton'.

History of the RNLI by Frank Warren

For 40 years an inshore lifeboat at Portsmouth has provided search and rescue cover for the eastern Solent. Twenty awards for gallantry have been presented to the crew. Today the station operates two inshore lifeboats. Visitors are always welcome on a Sunday morning at the Southsea Station at Eastney.

The RNLI has saved more than 137,000 lives since its foundation in 1824, originally as the National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck after an appeal by Sir William Hillary who lived in Douglas on the IOMan where he witnessed the wrecking of dozens of ships. The name was changed in 1854 and cork life-jackets were first issued to crewmembers in that year.. Through the years, there have been countless stories of courage against a background of technological developments and social change.

During the 20th century lifeboats moved from sail and oar power to petrol and continued to save lives through two world wars. The first women joined their crews. In 2001 RNLI lifeguards were introduced plus the first lifeboat station on an inland waterway.

RNLI volunteers across the UK and Ireland are united by a willingness to commit time and energy to a cause about which they are passionate. It is because so many crew members, shore helpers, fundraisers and others are volunteers that such a high proportion of funds can be spent on first-class lifeboats and equipment.

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YOUR FORUM CONSTITUTION

Name will be "Milton Neighbourhood Forum".

Objectives The Forum is a non-political organisation for the benefit of Milton by promoting a discussion between local residents, the City Council and other appropriate organisations about issues of concern locally and improvements to the area's environment, appearance and/or amenities.



Membership All people living in the area designated as being the Forum area are automatically members of the Forum. The Portsmouth City Councillors for any ward wholly or partly within the area covered by the Forum are Members (i.e Milton and Baffins Wards), together with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the City Council will be honorary members without voting rights.

Meetings The Forum should meet at least twice per year. Meetings will be called by the Chair, by the Committee, or by any 10 Members passing a signed request to the Secretary or Link Officer. An agenda, stating the subjects to be discussed at the meeting will be displayed locally and circulated to every household in the Forum area at least 7 days before the meeting. If for any reason the agenda fails to be delivered to any individual household as required above, this will not invalidate the meeting. Meetings will be open to everyone living in the neighbourhood. Decisions may be taken by a majority vote of those present by a show of hands. No decisions shall be taken if there are less than 20 residents present.

Officers There will be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, plus, desirably, a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 forum representatives, elected annually to serve on the committee. Outgoing officers are able to offer themselves for re-selection. The Chair's responsibility will be to call at least 2 meetings of the Forum per year, to agree the agenda and to chair the meetings. The Secretary will receive requests for meetings from the Chair and/or Members, arrange for the circulation of the agendas and to minute the meetings. Vice-chair shall deputise for Chair/Secretary in their absence.

Forum Representatives: Members of the Neighbourhood Forum are eligible for re-election as Forum Representatives, who will act together to carry out the functions of the Committee.

The Committee: The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Forum Representatives may together comprise a Committee to assist the efficient running of the Neighbourhood Forum. Meetings of the Committee may be held as agreed by its Members. The role of the Committee will be to obtain input from the neighbourhood, to prioritise issues and to take action on them as appropriate, feeding back such action to the neighbourhood via the Forum. The Committee shall also be responsible for suggesting items for discussion and preparation of the agenda for Forum meetings. The Committee shall have the authority to represent its views as being those of the Neighbourhood Forum and to make decisions on matters of concern to Milton if urgency does not allow the full Forum to be consulted. Such decisions shall be reported to the next full Forum Meeting.

YOUR FORUM CONSTITUTION cont.

The Committee must have a quorum of 6 members of the committee for a meeting to proceed. Minutes will be taken and copies circulated to all Committee Members and Ward Councillors within 21 days of the meeting having taken place.

Persons other than Officers, Councillors and the Lead Officer may be invited by the Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary to attend Committee Meetings and take part in relevant discussions. Such persons will not have voting rights if the issue necessitates decision.

In the absence of the Chair or Secretary at a Committee Meeting, the Officers shall elect a Chair and Minutes Secretary for that particular meeting. The Secretary may nominate a 'stand-in' Secretary who shall be a member of the Committee as required.

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Forum Representatives will be expected to attend committee meetings regularly. When they are unable to attend, Forum Representatives should tender apologies in advance of the meeting. Elected Officers who fail to attend 2 consecutive Committee meeting without advance notification, will be considered as having resigned and a replacement sought at the next Forum Meeting.

A Forum Member who wishes to raise a particular issue with the Committee must give notice to the Secretary, who will add item to the agenda of the next Committee Meeting. The Forum Member shall have the right to attend that meeting and participate in discussion of the topic.

The Neighbourhood Forum shall have the power to remove the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Forum Representative from office by a majority vote.

Functions of the Neighbourhood Forum are:-

To discuss matters of interest and concern to the Milton district

To discuss these with the City Council and other agencies and organisations and to represent the views of local people to those bodies

To raise issues where action is required to improve the environment, appearance an/or amenity of the area and receive progress reports on action taken

To comment on any proposal before the City Council which affects the neighbourhood

To make bids to and assist the Council in prioritising schemes in the Milton area

To provide feedback on City Council services and to advise the Council on development of its corporate priorities and service plans.

Changes to the Constitution. The constitution and/or area covered by the Forum can only be changed by a 2/3rds majority vote of members present at a meeting of the Forum. The agenda for such a meeting to be circulated at least 7 days before the meeting and must include notice of proposed change(s)

Dissolution of the Forum

If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Forum there remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Forum, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution(s) within the area having objectives similar to those of the Forum (including prohibition of distribution of assets between its members) determined by te Forum members on or before the time of dissolution.

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WEDNESDAYS W.I.* Disco Dance* Badminton* Partipole

THURSDAYS Just Sew* Disco Dance * Yoga * Short Mat Bowls *
Pilates * Kikz Yoga * Boxercise

FRIDAYS Art Club * Seniors' Friday Club * Theatre School *
Tai Chi * Short Mat Bowls * Roisin School of Dance

SATURDAYS Theatre School * Disco Dance

SUNDAYS Zion Pentacostal Church * Champions International Church* Pilates

**CAFÉ IN THE PARK AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN
Monday to Friday 11am to 2pm**

PICNIC ON THE GREEN - 12 June this year. Are you part of a local organisation who would like to join us at St James' Field? Phone Chairman, Janice Burkinshaw 02392 736153 to book a space.

SCAMBUSTERS - The Council wants to hear about any scams which come to you in the post. Please keep any mailings you get and take to Civic Offices between 1-26 Feb or in collecting bins around City.

Free Afternoon **Scrabble Club at Milton Beddow Library** is held at 2.30 on a Tuesday afternoon, fortnightly. Next meeting is 19 January. No need to book a place – a fun activity – not competition standard, so feel free to come along. Half Term Activity for children 5 years and over on Feb. 17th 10.30 am at a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** with story and craft. Come in Alice in Wonderland Fancy Dress!

THE ARTILLERY ARMS & ITS SURROUNDINGS

Travelling to the heart of our village community...down the old canal tow path; we slip into The Artillery Arms for a pint. The Artillery has remained a hub of our local social life for many generations and it is easy to gather local information there. Everything seems comfortable



and well established despite the many licensees who have taken the reins over the past 12 years. A recent photograph of FA Cup final revellers hangs comfortably next to folk in the 1970's; posing before a coach sets off to 'Glorious Goodwood'

The Artillery remains a true 'Free House' since 1993 when Doreen and Ron Waight bought the freehold from Gale's Brewery. The purchase of Real Ales, Lagers and other beverages by the business can accommodate all tastes without brewery restriction; A pub where



locals



dictate the tipple. Research has unveiled many interesting facts about the immediate area.

Many changes have occurred over the past 120 years. The Canal has been filled in, businesses have come and gone, a street has even been replaced by a business concern and then turned back to residential flats and housing. There has been a pub called the Artillery along the Canal since at least 1892 when Kelly's Directory lists Mr Thomas Hume as the publican. In 1902 John J. Young purchased the land on the corner of Hester Road and what is now Old Canal to incorporate the Artillery Arms into his brewery chain and where the Hume family remained as publicans until 1914.

THE ARTILLERY ARMS & ITS SURROUNDINGS

The Artillery is unusual in that the public bar was separate from the original lounge cellar and accommodation. This was possibly due to

Alma Terrace



licensing laws being so strict, to where magistrates were always on the lookout for prostitutes and bookies runners fleeing out the back doors of pubs at the sight of police coming through the front. Beneath what is now the public bar is an old skittle alley located in the cellar, (unfortunately I haven't been able to view it). This was also the site of a carpenter's workshop used during the

building of the

Hester Road Houses

Changes around the Artillery include the levelling of Alma Terrace in the late 1960's. Alma Terrace ran parallel to Dunbar Road along the tow path. At this time, before Artillery Terrace was built, Locksway Road could be accessed from Hester Road, although it was not considered an official thoroughfare.

A squash court and leisure facility was built in place of the houses that made up Alma Terrace by the White and Newton Furniture Company. The Furniture Company sat between Dunbar Road and the Tow Path. White and Newton were established for over 60 years employing up to 160 people at their height. After a bid to sell off part of the land to Barratt Homes fell through in the early 1980's, White and Newton were forced into receivership in January 1985. The firm finally shut its doors in November 1985 after all revival attempts failed. Their dining furniture still holds national recognition for its quality to this day with furniture being produced in the Yorkshire Pennines under the Sutcliff Group of Lancashire.

Other businesses on Hester Road included J & M Gooch Grocers at No. 2 and A. E. Manchip & Company Furniture Removers in the garages on what is now Old Canal. The Danish Bacon Company that traded on Goldsmith Avenue also had a warehouse on the site of the new social housing built on Old Canal. This I am told was last used by British Telecom as a local Warehouse Depot until its demolition in 2001 - 2.

THE ARTILLERY ARMS & ITS SURROUNDINGS

During their early days as publicans, Dorren and Ron had the public bar and lounge knocked through and in the early 70's an extension was built on to the lounge bar running along Old Canal. The extension created a large lounge area where people could arrange functions and music could be played.

I had the privilege of spending a few hours with the Waights one evening. They spoke of various happenings during their 27 year reign as publicans from 1970 until the late 1990's. They took pride representing the local community in charity fundraising and organising trips out to various events around the calendar. We then spoke of everything from a family of foxes that came for regular feeds to the delight of locals, to impromptu evening surgery sessions. One in which the doctor had cause to sleep over. They also spoke of a 'Public Well' that was situated at the corner of The



Artillery car park; now the site of a telephone pole.

The Artillery Arms continues to play host to the local community as a place for fans to enjoy a pre-match breakfast or BBQ ... then commiserate or celebrate after Pompey matches; A place to play darts, pool, cribbage, poker,

dominoes or watch sporting events; a place where both younger and older generations can pop in for a laugh without worry; A regular meeting place for colleagues from local business to unwind.

*Our history is important to us and we hope these articles prompt discussions between friends and family. Milton Matters is published for community interest. We encourage anecdotes and interesting facts about our local area from everyone. Please send your **Living Memories** to domincgoodyear@yahoo.co.uk*

NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 10 Feb. 2010

This is the start of a new decade – 2010 is with us! We have updated the **Forum Constitution** and will be adopting this at the next Open Forum on 10 February. It is printed in full here so that all residents of the Forum area can read it and bring any questions to the meeting.

The **Respect** programme which started in Milton has proved to be so successful that its Manager, **Julian Wadsworth received an MBE** for services to young people in Portsmouth in the New Years' Honours. Come along to hear more about it on 10 Feb. and meet members of the Youth Forum. Aged 11-18 they meet weekly and act as a voice of the young people in Respect and the whole area. The Neighbourhood Forum is open to **ALL AGES** so come along to this meeting and find out more about what is open to you. Don't miss out!

The City Council is responding to the calls to improve the **Seafront and has a scheme to put before you at the next Forum. Please come along.**

Pressure has been enormous lately on Queen Alexandra Hospital. Often the local **Pharmacist** can do a lot for you and is willing and happy to help. Learn more at the next Forum. You will also be able to hear from Simon Lee Dicker about his art project for **Milton Common**.

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