MILTON MATTERS

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June 2010



New Pathfinder Play area on St James Field

Don't forget Picnic on the Green 12 June. In this Bumper Issue Meon Junior School's Election Manifesto-Local trade discounts

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 16 June 7.00 pm
Mary Rose School, Gisors Road, off Locksway Road
AGENDA

Emergency Plan for Portsmouth – David Williams, Chief Executive Consultation on Plans to change Neighbourhood Forums Police Update + local issues

FORUM MINUTES

10 February 2010

The Revised Constitution was accepted

Mariners Walk: Barry Rawlings spoke about the meeting held on 25 Nov 2009 which discussed volumes of traffic, Moorings Way traffic lights, speeds and access. The next is due on 17 Feb.

SOUTHSEA SEAFRONT

David Evans, Seafront Manager, explained his responsibilities cover the area from the camber docks through to Eastney. Vandalism and poor maintenance have taken their toll on the promenade and this has made the seafront look tired. He stressed the strengths of Southsea:-

beautiful spaces and gardens
the promenade;
Southsea Castle and D-day Museum
(free entry for library ticket holders)
South Parade Pier;
Southsea Common;
brown signage
regular events
beach volleyball and soccer
bandstand events:

archery project in Old Portsmouth.

He is marketing Southsea, via visitor satisfaction surveys, school presentations, leaflets/newsletters and the hosting of various special events. A Seafront Attractions Forum is looking at ways to enhance the seafront and he is meeting regularly with the directors of South Parade Pier o encourage them to improve it. In response to questions from the floor, he explained the Council cannot purchase the Pier as it has already invested in two theatres in the

The beach is cleaned on a daily basis, and railings and shelters are being restored / renovated.

External funding is vital and David is seeking this. The Southsea Carnival is being held on 24th July 2010, and this should encourage visitors and residents to come along and enjoy the 2-day event. In response to a question from a resident, David spoke about the cycle lane being introduced along the seafront; residents commented that the loss of car parking spaces would not be of benefit to Southsea and cyclists will continue to flout cycling restrictions on the promenade.

WINTER WEATHER RESPONSE

Simon Moon and Bill Murphy from Portsmouth City Council attended the Meeting to speak about the January snow and the crippling effect it had upon the City. It was stressed that the weather conditions were exceptional, catching out every local authority, all affected by a shortage of salt from Cheshire needed by health authorities and social services as well, but rationed by the Government.

Since 2004, Portsmouth's roads and pavements have been maintained under contract with COLAS who concentrate on clearing primary roads first, secondary next e.g. Locksway Road, and other roads as feasible.

It was stressed that the City Council did seek assistance from other agencies such as the Royal Navy who are only allowed to help in a nationally-declared emergency, but the adverse weather conditions were such that very little help could be

FORUM MINUTES 10 Feb. cont

Winter Weather Response, cont).
offered by anyone and the City had to
deal with matters the best way it could
using Parking Attendants with shovels.
This meant that many minor roads and
pavements were not cleared at all,
unless undertaken by residents
themselves.

Asked what lessons had been learned for the future, it was stated that new salt bins have been ordered. However, should similar conditions occur in the future, the same chaotic situation will probably result. Residents can assist by clearing their own pavements of snow because the local authority cannot take action to deal with every road and pavement immediately. If minor roads cannot be cleared of snow and ice, residents cannot expect vehicles such as refuse collection lorries to operate normally with the risk of staff injury and damage to cars and other property. MILTON YOUTH FORUM

Two young people, Charlotte and Troy, gave a presentation about the Youth Forum and the Respect Programme, which operates in Southsea area.

It meets every Monday to discuss local issues, supports charities and gets involved in local organisations. It represents young people and HAS FUN! It is part of the RESPECT Programme (hosted by Portsmouth Football Club) which is open to 5-25 year olds. Membership is free to girls and boys of any ability. Young people who may be interested in taking part in the activities can get in touch with the Programme at the Eastney Community Centre.

THE LOCAL PHARMACY

Oliver Carter from Rowlands
Pharmacy (Fratton) gave a
presentation about changes taking
place with local pharmacies now that
Primary Care Trusts (PCT) want
"healthy living pharmacies" to provide
people with services such as blood
pressure testing, diabetes or antismoking clinics and advice on what
the drugs prescribed by GPs are
designed to do and how the patient
may be affected.

Many of these new facilities are available without appointments and are a "self-care" style of service where the pharmacy can determine whether or not a visit to a GP or hospital is necessary. Pharmacies also can treat conjunctivitis, water infections, coughs, colds, influenza, and can screen for hepatitis B and C. In addition, other services to enable people to live independently can be provided, such as compliance aids and modifications. The PCT message is to promote the idea of the pharmacist being the first point of call for minor ailments.

In terms of finance, the pharmacist makes very little from the issue of drugs and prescriptions, although nationally there is a high degree of wastage where drugs are not used. Residents raised several points, including whether blood testing could be undertaken at pharmacies, if the size of pills could be shown on prescription packaging, and the need for instructions for using drugs could be printed in a large font size for ease of reading. Colin agreed to take these issues forward. \(\beta \times \beta \times \times \beta \times \b

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The Chapel is open to a number of uses, quiet times, relaxation and musical events.

At the side of the chapel is a peaceful Interfaith Garden, with seats and peaceful areas, if people wish to plant a little plant or shrub in memory of a loved one there, it is permitted.

There are two Ministers ERIC MASSEY and LANCE BLAKE. Unfortunately ERIC after many years is retiring in June, he will be sadly missed, he has done so much for those with mental health problems in the City, I would not know where to start, saying about the countless acts of compassion and kindness he has shown over the years. He is a true Christian.

If you wish to know any more information or use the chapel, contact LANCE (another kind man) at the front hall, either call in there or telephone 92. 894419.

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MONDAY MUMBABA (10-12.15); OVER 60'S (1-3); MONDAY CRAFTERS (1.30-3.30): GUIDES (6.30-8.0); KUNG FU (8-9)

<u>TUESDAY</u> MUMBABA (9.30-12); WALKERS (10-12): LITTLE STEPS (1.45-3.15); ADULT TAP (7.30-9)

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING second Wed. of every month (9-11) WEDNESDAY FRIENDS (1-3); DOG TRAINING (6.45-9.15)

THURSDAY LITTLE STEPS GYM (9.45-11.15): MARTIAL ARTS (3.45-4.45): BROWNIES (5.45-7.15): KUNG FU (8-9)

FRIDAY SING & SIGN (9.45-11.45)

SATURDAY LITTLE STEPS GYM (9.30-11)

Situated in the grounds of Westover School the Baffins Community Association offers great activities for younger children which are very convenient for parents. Social, environmental and hobby groups for older people are popular too.

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The single storey building and toilets are wheelchair accessible.

The Baffins Community Association welcomes all local support

Milton Neighbourhood Forum has been featuring the programme of one of our local Community Associations every issue - Stacey Community Association next time. If you would like to make a contribution to Milton Matters, please contact the Neighbourhood Forums (p.24)

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GRUMPY SENIORS???

As I contemplated ongoing lists of personal DIY projects the other Saturday morning...things that were necessary for spring and summer in the garden...essential maintenance...and the list went on...I realised that I didn't want to do it!...on top of my weekly work load.

Where was my, 'Boundless Energy' and 'Infinite Drive'!?

Am I getting...OLD??? The 3 notorious chords played in my head from a 70's comedy thriller. I proceeded with my tasks...more one-at- a-time.

Yes...I am older now, but I feel 18 in my mind and I want to do everything without restriction and relate to everyone. I am fortunate in working alongside young people in our community as well as senior members; this helps me maintain some sort of perspective.

A dear friend of mine in her 80's reminded me recently that, "we never view ourselves as 'Older' and our minds remain young... if not... get even younger.

I have always taken heart and solace in speaking to the 'Wiser Generation'... so I spoke with many of the senior members of our community and discussed how they view 'modern times' and what their views are?

In 'Our' local community my most pleasant surprise was that no one seemed to base the discussions around, "Kids Today." If anything...people seemed to embrace any possible discussions and contact with the children in our community; possibly a dig at the computer generation?

Many conversations centred on technology and how it dictates to us. Being old fashion myself, I could sympathise with gripes about direct debits and internet payments.

"How do utility companies gain the right to insist on direct debit payments...or say I must pay more for service charges and administration if I don't sign up?" was an echoed comment.

"My daughter has set us up on 'internet monitoring' for our bills...but they still take more each month than we owe... I wish I still paid at the post office," was another reflection.

These issues were echoed onward to the, "Lack of personal contact in investment options" and the dismay people had in understanding banking representatives when it came to their 'Life's Savings'.

Many people I spoke to saw the need for more non-affiliated advisors holding sessions at local community centres, or even public houses and supporting people with facts for more educated, impartial decisions.

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GRUMPY SENIORS???

Other concerns in our changing world addressed worries for grandchildren who spend large portions of their lives on Social Networking Sites; yes...your Nan and Granddad are aware of how you spend your time! Surprised??

I was surprised myself in finding out just how aware people are regarding internet contact. Even from those who don't use computers.

"It's not just us 'Silver Surfers' a couple told me, but all of our friends are concerned," and then the conversation got more serious, "bullying in the play ground or in the park is hard enough to tackle, but how do I tackle situations where my grandchild is being bullied in their own home while chatting with friends on the computer!?"

Another group 'work- shopped' their way through technology and found themselves spending Christmas morning in a living room full of holograms with their loved ones; opening presents alongside a group of their grandchildren's friends in a virtual networking environment.

Yes...your grandparents are aware...very aware.

We have so many opportunities within our community to interact with each other: The 'Cafe in the Park' at Bransbury Park Community Centre, Events at our local Schools Churches and Libraries: The Forthcoming Café at Milton Village Hall.

We have a rich community steeped in heritage and it is vital to growth that we understand views from all generations collectively. This is most easily demonstrated by the amount of support we get in our 'Local Forums' and The Picnic on the Green. Both are attended by young and old and represent a great cross section of our community.

It is heartening when we see the community come together as a whole and let us never forget how important a lesson we can learn from the 'Senior Generation' in our community! But most people I have spoken to say that they still learn from their grandchildren on a daily basis. This was not profound or based on new technology, but based on the simple things in life.

Is it cliché to say, "Bring our community closer together?" or just plain common sense to remind us that, "The fabric of life is best knitted in patchwork?"

A Sunday School teacher once told me she had high hopes in asking small children to draw pictures of 'Sunday Service'. She received a group of pictures showing people's feet and the back of pews.

I'll end on that note. Please send your comments and local views to us, dominicgoodyear@yahoo.co.uk' 9

THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME

After re-opening this grand public house in January 2009 a lot of work has been put in to try to restore it back to what was once the hub of Milton Village. The first year has been about stability during difficult financial times but now we are very positive for the future.

Abby and leuan are recently installed as the Joint Managers and are doing an excellent job in bringing in the community with events such as a charity car wash supporting the local Scout group and raising money for Rowan Hospice. There are many other things planned especially for the Summer.

The folk club on Wednesday evenings is thriving along with the Ukulele Strummers on Thursday evenings. I am glad to say that we also have an open mike night on every other Tuesday evening. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these evenings in the Lounge either as a player or spectator.

leuan is a keen rugby man (although his true colours are red!) but he has created a great liaison with the local Nomads Rugby Club who are using the lounge as their clubhouse and hold many events including quizzes.

Now that the summer is here the Bar-b-q is flashed up almost permanently along with some gentle music in the garden and swings for the children so that they don't get too bored.

The lounge is a lovely quiet bar when not in use with our groups and ideal for a peaceful drink and chat.

Our aim is to bring the smile back onto people's faces and enjoy the community spirit which is The Old House at Home. Please keep an eye on the boards outside the pub for future events.

Abby and leuan look forward to meeting you.

NELSON'S WAY

While walking the dog on Milton Common a few months ago, I happened across a group of people walking south along the foreshore path. 'Is this an organised walk' I asked, to which they replied that they were walking 'the Nelson way'. What kind of walk is that I wondered? A commanding walk when about to face the Frenchies? A swagger after an evening with Emma Hamilton? A slightly swaying walk across a heaving deck? I was wrong on all counts as it turned out. The Nelson Way is a walk linking the great man's birthplace in Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, via London, Box Hill, and Chalton to Portsmouth and the scene of his death; HMS Victory and I thought it should be of interest to us in Milton as it passes through our neighbourhood.

Author and walker Les Ham had the idea for a long-distance walk that would link places associated with Nelson and did this using pathways already in existence. Les has written a book, *The Nelson Way*, which describes the walk, divided into handy or should that be 'feety' and walkable 'bite-sized' pieces. Coming from the north, the walk enters Milton along the footpath that runs along the side of Langstone Harbour. Following that path south it passes between Locks Sailing Club and the Langstone Harbour Fishermen's Association (or should that be 'Fisherpersons' Association'?) into Locksway Road. It cuts along an alleyway into Ironbridge Lane and then south across Bransbury Park. From there, follow Henderson Road left and round towards the seafront and then along the promenade, through Old Portsmouth and on to HMS Victory.

The book has more information on Nelson related to the seafront - where we see a memorial using an anchor from HMS Victory, the Garrison Chapel in Old Portsmouth where Nelson attended the funeral of a fellow officer and the nearby bastion from which he was probably rowed out to his ship for that historic and fateful last voyage.

So if you are going shopping at Gunwharf Quays this summer, instead of driving, why not walk there in the footsteps of history along the Nelson Way! Let's end on one of the many quotations attributed to Nelson. We are probably all familiar with 'England expects', etc. Living in a congested city perhaps it would be good to close on a lesser-known one: 'My only wish is to do as I would be done by'.

More information about the book, *The Nelson Way*, can be found at: www.leshambooks.com or it can be purchased from booksellers or direct from the publisher, Trafford Publishing UK); e-mail: info.UK@trafford.com.

MEON JUNIOR SCHOOL ELECTION MANIFESTO

On the eve of a major election the students at our local Junior Schools gave us their views on what changes and/or improvements they would like to see in our local community. The comments used are unaltered from handwritten response.

<u>Recycling and Bins</u> Milton area is usually fairly clean and tidy. However recently around the local shops and supermarkets there has been more litter, making Milton look untidy. As well as this, occasionally if something is opened or spilt this could make it smell wrong. This would not be the case if people were more aware a recycling place and more rubbish dispensers were placed around Milton. Decreasing litter would benefit all public extremely well and would improve Milton and make it an even better environment to live in.

<u>Good Luck Ceremony</u> So people can meet new people and give them a good luck charm so they can have faith in themselves. It could be held at the Guildhall every Sunday and everyone can go to this event.

<u>Road Safety</u> I think that Road Safety is extremely poor in Milton. More pedestrian crossings are very helpful for young children and older adults.

<u>Fun Fairs</u> I would like you to make more fairs with 'Gravity Machines' because they are really fun and they keep you on the pod.

<u>Parks and Games</u> I would like to arrange a new shop called 'Games' which has got millions of games for ... (Various 'Brand Names')...also I would like a new slide in Milton Park because the yellow slide has gone

<u>Milton Market</u> I think that Milton market is a near and useful market. However, I think it should be made bigger. If you need to go shopping quickly, you can be at Milton Market in a few minutes. Because its near and useful I think one shop of everything should be in Milton Market like: Food Shops, Clothes Shops, Chemist and other useful shops.

<u>Milton Park</u> My idea is about Milton Park because I think more could be done with it. The reason I think this is because that there are loads of empty grass spaces, also there is that brick building, it could be used so a free sport centre.

More Family areas

We need more family socialising places. Parks, cafes and restaurants are good for this type of socialising. But people without children should not be allowed in.

Youth Clubs

Knock down old buildings and build youth halls across Milton is a fantastic idea. These days children are out causing trouble. Youth clubs will encourage children to understand ways to enjoy child-hood. Furthermore, the clubs should provide art and crafts; outdoor activity equipment (etc). Youth clubs will make Milton a better place to live because children will not be up to mischief and they will be enjoying themselves in a fun environment.

MEON JUNIOR SCHOOL ELECTION MANIFESTO

Nature Reserves

We could build a 'Nature Reserve' by extending the dog park by St. James and make sure that no dogs are not allowed to be in the reserve. I think that this would make Milton a much better place to be because Milton is turning into a more of a crowded city and a bit noisy.

Portsmouth is so poor for areas of nature. How will children learn about animals without one? There are plenty of flats, more every year. But has anybody thought about a field and trees? Has anybody thought of wildlife? One reserve isn't enough. Action should be made now! Before it is too late!

Portsmouth is ever so poor on nature reserves. More and more animals are dying by buildings and roads which is built near or on wildlife homes. Also, this is bad for the environment. This may cause global warming! 20 years ago there were many Nature Reserves! Now, Only Some! Venue in Milton Park

I would like a big venue in Milton Park so lots of band can play and make millions more popular and so Milton gets more money so it can be a better place. This could help by attracting more people to Milton and encourage more people to have a night out.

<u>Community Observation</u> Many teenage delinquents stand outside of shops and houses intimidating children and older citizens. We should stop delinquent groups because encouragement for the younger generation to be naughty. Residents having more than one car per house More space for cars on and off road

<u>Parks</u>

There are 3 parks in Milton and there is a population of children that go to parks every day. Most of the parks are crowded every day. It would be better in Milton because there should be animals in the field to save the animals and to save the animals we need more parks and fields.

My idea is that I think there should be more fields/parks or they should be improved. There should be more parks or field areas because most of them are being destroyed to be replaced with flats. Not only is it bad for the environment, animals and insects are losing their homes. Also Parks/ fields need to be improved because they have been vandalised or destroyed. Litter and broken play areas and benches have made our parks extremely unappealing to the public. Also more parks will give more areas for wildlife.

At Milton Park and Bransbury Park it would be good to fill in the grass like some games- e.g.: Slides, Swings, Line wire, Sand, Dog Area, Baby Area, Cleaner Toilets and many other things. (and refurbish the toilets).

Thank you all for your contributions - lots of new areas to tackle

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NEW TREE WARDENS NEEDED FOR THE CITY, PLEASE HELP

Tree identification walk around Milton Park guided by the Tree Council on Sunday 23 May 1.50pm at gate opposite St James Church, launches recruitment of more Tree Wardens. National Cherry Tree Survey www.nhm.ac.uk/cherries. New

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The Neighbourhood Forums were formed in 1992 as a way to ensure local input, consult on Council services and provide opportunities for people to have their say. Eighteen years on the Council is reviewing the form and function of these bodies in relation to the Council's wider community engagement and decision-making activity. Your Committee will be hearing proposals from the Council to improve the Forums to better meet your needs. We will bring these ideas to the next Open Forum. PLEASE COME ALONG AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT! Is the time of day of our meetings right,? Do you get enough feedback from the Council on issues you have raised? Is there sufficient action? Are you hearing from Councillors? Do we raise the right issues? IF YOU DON'T SAY, WE DON'T KNOW!

In this issue children from Meon Junior School have given us their views. A lively group of youngsters interested in their area deserve to be heard!

At the last Forum, you will see from the Minutes that we raised everyone's concerns about the services we received during the very bad weather in January. We have written to the Chief Executive of the Council to ask what action has been taken to deal with future emergencies. One of our suggestions was that as the Council Officers who provide our services, do not have to live in the City (unlike your Councillors) makes it difficult for them to be at their desks during bad weather or if there is traffic gridlock. We would like this to change!

At our Picnic on the Green this year we will have some new features – don't miss this event. You can also bring the children to the new Play Area at St James Field to try it out on 12 June.

Moorings Way bund on the Common will be treated as a meadow area this year and will be cut once in early autumn after flowering to enable bees and insects to gain maximum support from the flowers



Larry Nicholas, our Link Officer who carries out the liaison with the Council on behalf of the Forum, is retiring in May. He will be with us at the Picnic on the Green, so look out for him and join us in thanking him for all his efforts make sure our Forum is one of the most active. He has done a huge amount of work in his own time for us all and we shall miss him very much.

Thank you Larry

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