

MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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*New arrivals on Duck Lake
Milton Common*

NEXT FORUM

14th July 1999 at 7.00 pm - Milton Campus Lecture Hall

- AGENDA**
- * **Effectiveness Of The University's Mobility Policy**
How does this affect students parking on the Milton roads?
 - * **Save Our Trees**
What are Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) and how do they tie into the Planning Approval System.
 - * **Milton Cross School**
An Update on Progress

MAY BANK HOLIDAY IN MILTON PARK

The last issue pictured the maypole dancing at the Milton Park 75th Anniversary in July 98. Although we did not have the same community involvement in the May Bank Holiday fun fair, entertainment was provided again in the Park and was well supported throughout the 4 days of the Fair.

The idea of the Fair had been discussed and agreed at the previous open Forum and general support for celebrations in the park was enthusiastic. We are hoping that next year, a millennium event with a Fair and community programme can be staged again and will be submitting a Community Initiatives Funding grant to allow this to happen.

This year, the Portsmouth Players, Milton Village Community Association, the St James Memorial Park Trust and the Forum all mounted information stands at the Fair. The Forum stand featured a fund raising Tombola and Raffle, ably organised and run by Olive Ilsley, her husband and family who we thank most sincerely. They raised £265.50 for Milton Matters.

Portsmouth City Council has funded Milton Matters in full until this year. We have now had to seek your help.

Thanks to kind donors

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THE UNIVERSITY 'S MOBILITY POLICY

Over the past 5 years, we have been reassured by the University that its mobility policy is able to address the problem of student parking by attracting students onto cycles and by restricting new, first-year students, prohibiting them bringing their cars onto campus.

Unfortunately, the experience of Milton residents living near the student hall of residence at QEQM, Furze Lane, and near the Milton Campus at the junction of Milton Road/Locksway Road, is that it is not working.

The University will be coming along to the next Forum to explain.



a NEW childrens park has been built
in the new housing off Warren Ave
at EDENBRIDGE ROAD.

Date of official opening to be
announced

THE NEW PORTSMOUTH CITY PLAN

The City Plan is due for revision and the Forum have been invited to join in the process. Firstly the City Planning and Engineering Service will hold an Area Meeting, to highlight local issues which need to be aired prior to formulating the Plan. The Ward Councillors, Forum representatives and any other residents or area based organisations will be invited. If you represent a Milton based organisation and would like to join in this process, please drop us a line at the Freepost address.

The next stage will be to hold city-wide Topic Groups on the subjects of Transport, Shopping & Town Centres, Housing, The Environment, The Economy & Tourism.

The meetings will begin in July running through to September. There have been many concerns in Milton about traffic problems, loss of open space, higher density of housing, loss of amenity and character. If you cannot attend, or do not represent a local group but have a point of view you would like us to put on your behalf, please write again to the Freepost, marking your letter NEW CITY PLAN

NEW LISTED BUILDINGS IN EASTERN PORTSMOUTH

We were delighted to learn that recognition has at last been given to St James Hospital and the Chapel in the grounds, built in 1879, which have now been given Grade II listed building status. This means of course, that application has to be made to the Planning Authority for any alteration which materially affects the historic or architectural interest of the building, both inside and out depending upon the features of the individual property. Milton Locks which have long been a Conservation Area have also now been granted Grade II listing.

Other buildings not in the immediate Forum Area which have been granted listing include the Portsmouth Prison, the Eastfield Hotel, Milton Cemetery Gateways, (the Cemetery Chapel is already listed of course), St. Cuthberts Church and The Tangier Public House.

MILTON WARD STATISTICS

Did you know?	
Population	13,300 which is 7% of the City's total of 190,000
Population density	40.42 per acre
Voters	10,740
Children 5-10	1030
Children 11-15	790
Jobs in area	3700
Production/construction	25.9%
Service	74.1%
Household size	2.38 (City is 2.3 average)
No. dwellings	5510
Average weekly income	£323
Unemployment rate	3.8% (City rate is 5.2%)
No. Income Support	1630
Residents	13,300
By 2001 - Residents	13,500
Age 0-15	19.7%
Age 16-44	40.2%
Age 45-retirement	20.2%
Retirement +	19.9%
Births	156 p.a.
Deaths per 1000	10.6%
Annual gross income	
£0-15,000	47%
£15-20,000	16.9%
£20-30,000	21%
£30-40,000	15.4%
% income support	12.1% (City rate is 17%)

(These statistics relate to the area in the Milton Ward Boundary.
The Forum boundary is wider and includes some areas of Eastney
Ward)

REPORT ON FORUM MEETING ON 27 JANUARY 1999

This has been the only Open Forum we have been able to hold this year due to the Local Elections in May and the European Elections in June, preventing any public meetings from the end of March to 10 June.

The Meeting in January was opened by the Chair updating the audience on current issues; these were that the suggestions and concerns regarding the Seafront Management Plan had been forwarded to the City Council: that Bovis Homes were to build 79 houses on the third phase of St. James Hospital Playing Fields and that only 13 trees with t.p.o.s were to remain. A second application for landscaping would be put forward later. Closing date for objections to Planning Dept. was 5 February 1999.

The Chair then asked David Pointon, Link Officer, to explain the offer of a Fun Fair for the May Bank Holiday weekend in Milton Park which would be supervised by the City Leisure Dept. and a marquee would be provided for community use.

Mr David Throp, Head Teacher of Milton Cross School then spoke on his objectives for the new school being built on St. Mary's Hospital grounds, due to be complete in September 2000.

Mr Throp explained that the school would be financed by a private consortium and bankers who would put forward the design to the City Council and eventually finance the school for 25-30 years, but would have no control over the educational side or pupils.

Mr Brian Fairbrother of Ellis Williams Architects showed the innovative plans, a design which incorporated education, technology and community areas. The main aim was to create a bright cheerful social building, where the hub of the building would be the centre for imaginary multi-purpose use. The class rooms will vary in size to suit the subjects and a special needs area will be created with all the necessary facilities. In the dining area a 'Cyber Cafe' is planned which will benefit adult education. The sports arena will have a full size badminton court, whilst outside the play area is going to be on a south facing site whilst the art rooms will face north for the best light. Segregation of pedestrian and vehicles is an important part of the plan, so is

the security arrangements and gates will be locked when school begins each day. The design is to encourage community use and plans to offer many facilities.

The aims and objectives of the school is to encourage pupils to achieve, become adaptable, confident, respectful and committed, in a friendly supportive and secure environment, where pupils, teachers and parents become a partnership.

Mr Peter King, the City Engineer was present to explain the thinking behind the Eastern Road alterations which many at the meeting felt were causing greater delays. It was suggested that a survey should be done to assess the traffic flow after all the works were completed. Concern was raised that the cycle tracks were not being used and that the new traffic arrangement was causing excessive use of side roads, Mr King agreed to look at this problem. Mr King also spoke of proposals being put forward for a ten minute service by First Bus for the Milton and Baffins area and a new road being considered through the Fratton Goods Yard when the sale of the land was complete.

The Chair thanked all the guest speakers and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

MR A C KNOTT

It is with considerable sadness that I have to report the death of our former secretary Mr Tony Knott who was an active member of the Forum Committee from its inception until poor health overcame him last year. Tony was a selfless worker who always gave 100% effort in trying to make life better for his fellow citizens with a style uniquely his own. He will be greatly missed both as a valued member of the Committee and as a personality who I feel proud to have known.

David Pointon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I read with great interest and enjoyment the article on Milton creek in an earlier edition of "Milton Matters".

Heather O'Dare evocatively describes the sights, sounds and atmosphere of this beautiful, and sadly lost area, which was a paradise for growing children - my brother and I certainly regarded it as such, and spent many happy years, from 1954, when we moved into the then - new flats along the Eastern Road, until around 1964 when we "flew the nest".

By that time, of course, the best days had passed - the Council had started to fill in Velder Creek (as we always called it) by 1963. My wife and I have recently moved to my old home, and I feel a great sense of continuity with the past here in Milton; I have started to compile a book on Velder Creek, and have already gathered many memories from local residents, former and present, along with several priceless photographs showing how it all was, including a rare colour view of the whole of the Creek taken in 1959.

I am keen to find more, and would be grateful for permission to copy any that readers may have.

My main occupation at present, however, it is my research on the artist Edward King, who was a patient at St. James Hospital for 25 years until his death in 1951.

King did oil paintings of both Park's Quay and Kendall's Wharf, as well as many, many other paintings of the area in and around St James, especially at Milton Locks. I would be particularly grateful for any information on, or memories of Edward King, and for permission to photograph, for the book I am preparing, any paintings that readers may have.

Yours Sincerely

J.M. Christie

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Beautiful St. James' Hospital

A place where kindly tolerance
Of life was understood.
Yesterday I entered in
And turning right. I beauty saw;
The widespread blooming chestnut
And abundant holly sprung
From the brown hedge, aside an expanse
Of green, green grass.

This wooded scene preserves
The water table and shelters
The swiftly dwindling birds.
Where is the sky-lark and the hooting owl?
And the bumble bee and butterfly
That flew from flower to another wild flower?

Should we save this last remnant
Of Portsea Island woods
Decimated in the living memory
Of one hundred years, my life-time,
In which so many local people
Died in Battle and War-time bombs?

Should we save such a beautiful area
The last in St. James' hospital,
For posterity, in the final year
Of our second millennium 2.. 1999?

**THEREFORE SUPPORT THE ST. JAMES' MEMORIAL PARK
PROJECT.**

Rose Lynch. (aged 87 - Milton Resident since 1930)

Portsmouth Neighbourhood Watch Association

In Issue 9 we told you how the Portsmouth Neighbourhood Watch Association hoped to complete a comprehensive data base of all the co-ordinators and deputies in the City. Despite disappointing response, we have now created an acceptable data base in both South and North Divisions covering most of the City. This has meant many phone calls and the help of our volunteer computer expert. We also have a group of 'mail dropping' volunteers who undertake delivery of mail relevant to the Associations activities.

A daily Crime List is faxed through to the Association's Office by the Crime Reduction Police Officers and a small group of volunteers operating from the office, phone through to the relevant Co-ordinator whose street or area has been affected by the incident.

There is still more work to be done. For the scheme to merit some degree of success, there has to be an efficient dissemination to all households in the area and effective response and action by the residents. Police involvement and responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch was expected to be ongoing but with recent restructuring this has changed to an advisory capacity.

The notion of Neighbourliness was the foundation of these schemes so perhaps the Police responsibility was misguided. If we could return to the days of "two pints of milk please, money on the table in hall, key in letterbox" we should not need such schemes. Let us hope that the continued monitoring of Neighbourhood Watch can help restore some of these ideals.

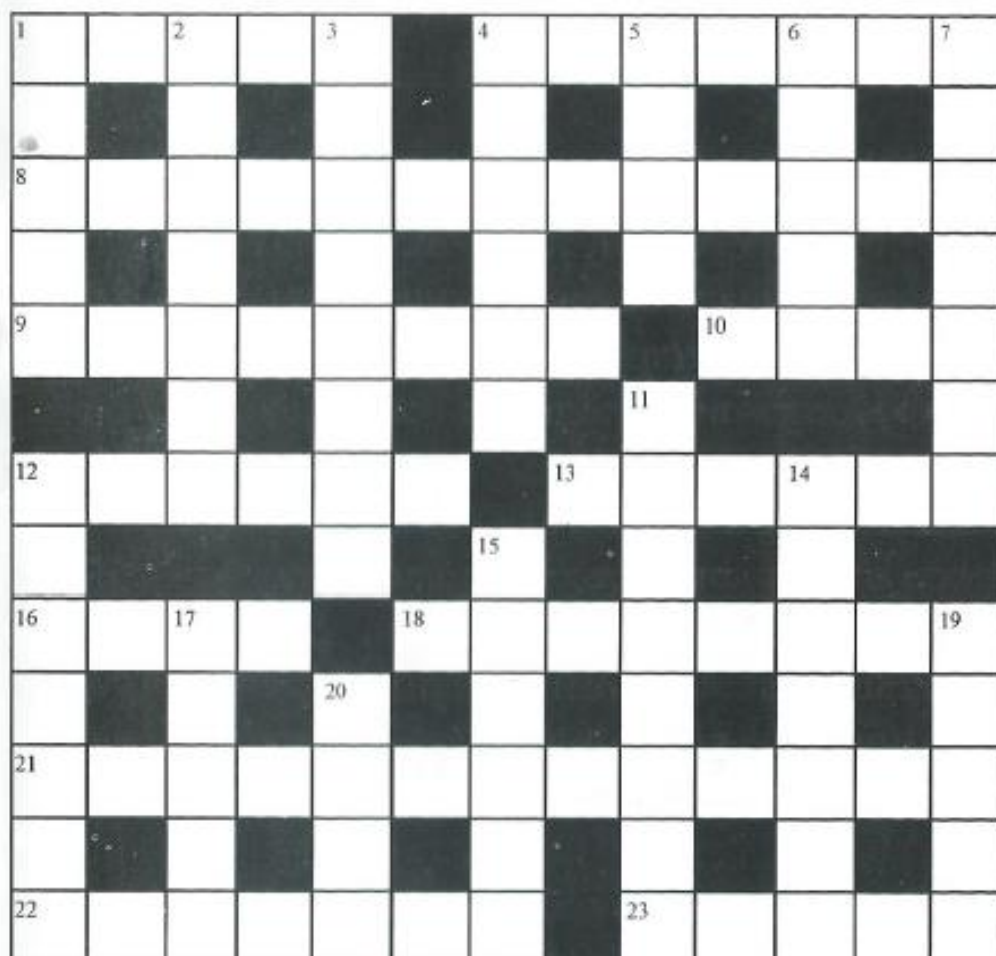
Demetris Papanicolaou

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the tombola and raffle that was held in Milton park over the 29-31st May.

Also thank you to you the public for your generosity for although the weather wasn't great we didn't do too badly.

I would also like to thank my helpers, Rosemary and John and especially Val who really was a god-send, and finally I would like to thank the fair owner Mr Matthews for kindly announcing the winning raffle prize numbers over his public address system.

Once again thank you all very much.



ACROSS

1. The Fratton End has one at last.
4. Show a white one for cowardice.
8. This stood where Sainsbury now stands.
9. Opposite to USA Republican
10. Up Pompey, Pompey Up.
12. Make Bigger.
13. David Whittle fronted Portsmouth
16. Silent.
18. Person marrying second time illegally.
21. Public House in Goldsmith Avenue.
22. Fitzroy plays for Pompey.
23. Lived.

DOWN

1. Fathered a Foal.
2. Bottomless.
3. Fragile.
4. Flowery.
5. Mountain range in Europe.
6. Big Public House.
7. Transmitted Telegraph Message.
11. Dirty.
12. Reduces to lower rank.
14. Bishops throne.
15. Sonny was a boxing champion.
17. Unit of heat.
19. Bridge for Nottingham cricket.
25. In this way.

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