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The Old House At Home
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Next Forum

Wed 27th Sept. 2000 at 7:00pm – Dorothy Dymond Lecture Hall
Milton Campus – Locksway Road

Traffic - Paul Glen *** AGENDA ***

Benefits Agency – The system (Questions & Answers)
St James' Hospital – Estates Office
Greenfingers
Standards of Service

LOCAL HISTORY - THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME- MILTON VILLAGE

The Old House at Home Pub was built sometime before 1833 as a Manor Farm in the quiet countryside of Milton Village. One of the first occupants was Mr Smith (first name unknown) who moved here from Gosport on account of his health. The extensive grounds to the rear of the building were used as a meadow which stretched down to the now extinct Portsmouth to Arundel canal. He was the first Smith to pass the property onto his son. Maps of 1870 show three pubs and ale houses in Milton. The oldest the Travellers' Joy (PH) the White House (PH) and the Old House at Home (BH) ? Did BH indicate it was an ale house or a Brickwoods pub?

The present licensee, Phillis Smith, runs the pub as a family concern with the support of her seven children. Born in the City of Limerick Phillis recalls that her Grandfather-in-law's failing eye sight in the late 1920's meant the need for his son to marry, as licensees were not allowed to be single. Her father-in-law, Steve Smith, ran the pub in the traditional manner from the late 1920's until his retirement in 1978 when his son Ray Smith took over.

The changes in the pub over the two war years have been seen in customers no longer using it to place their horse bets and the loss of the Bottle and Jug which was generally used by Milton Village women to take away their favourite fruit wines from the wood.

Today the pub comprises a blend of the traditional (no fast food here!) and the modern with a strong imprint of the characters who came before.

The pub retains its old sign, albeit lower, and its facade is enhanced by the fine specimens of mature trees which mask a mature and sizeable garden.

Once inside the newcomer is overwhelmed by the glorious red furnishings and paintings which dominate the interior, enhanced by low light from the stained glass light shades.

Ray Smith's paintings which cover most available space combine fantasy with humour. The cartoon mice and rats are in fact caricatures of the pub's punters in their characteristic poses. The married men are portrayed by mice with knots in their tails. The large 4 X 2 metre painting depicting the Battle of Pompey Royal (between the mice of course) is a serious comment on the withdrawal of real ale by the brewery in the 1980's. If all this is hard to imagine then a visit is a must and Phillis will be pleased to explain what is hard to convey in words.

In Summer seasonal sports and pastimes are evident with the meeting of the pigeon fanciers, of sixty years standing, and the local cricket club plus the odd Morris dancer or two.

In Autumn, Winter and Spring the roaring log fires in the bar and lounge defy anyone to approach too close but once adjusted to the heat it is difficult to leave.

The local Folk club has met here in the Lounge bar for almost thirty years and Thursdays Rhythm, Roots and Blues club has firmly established itself over the last few years. There are a wealth of events from Charity fund-raising to social activities, Darts, Snooker, Children's activities (Friday evenings) Quiz night (Tuesdays) and there is the opportunity of hiring the lounge for small functions. Phillis's passion for collecting wall plates (around 400 at the last count) is worth a visit in its own right.

So what does the future hold for this traditional stronghold in the heart of Milton Village? Perhaps one of Phillis's four daughters or three sons may decide to carry on a tradition which now stretches back over a hundred and fifty years.....

OFFICIAL OPENING OF MILEBUSH ROAD PLAYPARK



Residents have been campaigning since the 1970's for a safe play area for the children living, south of Milton Common. When Bovis Homes developed the land on St. James Hospital Playing Field, the opportunity was taken to ensure the contractor provided a play space. This park has now been taken over by the Council and will be maintained to their safety standards.

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Cllr. Barry Maine) opened the playpark on 21 July 2000 and was joined by four classes of children from Moorings Way and Meon Road Schools, the Chair and Committee members of Milton Neighbourhood Forum. After the Lord Mayor cut the tape, all the children took turns in trying out the swings, slides and hanging bars.

The Playpark and picnic area is accessible by footpath from Godwit Road via Mayflower Drive and from Milebush Road on the new housing development off Edenbridge Road.

MILLENIUM CELEBRATION ON 13 AUGUST IN MILTON PARK

Many thanks to all who donated prizes and gave their time to the celebrations in the park on Sunday 13 August.

The Forum Tombola Stand raised £208.50 towards the printing costs of Milton Matters.

Full Report next time folks!

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**Summary of Milton Neighbourhood Forum 24th May 2000
7.00 pm Dymond Lecture Hall, Portsmouth University.**

1. Introduction.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. Update from the Chair.

The Chair introduced the newly elected ward councillors - Cllr Nick Lacey and Cllr Robert Pettigrew. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bye and Charlton.

AFM Site Eastern Road - Members of the Milton and Baffins Neighbourhood Forums met with representatives of the City Engineers and Planning Departments who presented various planning options for the site.

Proposed new Ward - The Forum has formally responded to the Local Government Commission indicating the views expressed by its membership.

Agenda Changes - the presentations from the Benefits Agency and 'Street Drinking' have been rescheduled for a later date.

Avenues Group - the 'Avenues' have been awarded £5000 from the PCC initiatives Fund and are currently awaiting the outcome of a Lottery Bid before proceeding any further.

Primary Care Group - A new consultation body is being formed to focus on the provision of Primary Health Care within the community.

'Local Compact Conferences' - Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups invited to attend a seminar with PCC at the Hilton Hotel (Farlington).

3. e-Government - Adam Reeves (Strategy Dept).

Mr Reeves introduced his presentation by outlining the new Government edict - 'Using New Media to Improve Customer Services in the City'.

The aim was to explain the new technology and seek views as to how it could best serve the community.

It could save travelling into the city and save money by providing local information and accessing centres at low cost. Year 2005 is targeted to offer a speedier more efficient service.

Suggestions to make interaction speedier include:

One stop shops - video links - internet - digital TV - mobile phones.

Some of the audience felt visiting the Civic Offices should remain an option and not everyone can absorb the latest technology.

Ideas forwarded included:-

The Council Offices should provide a 24 hour service.

Contact Name for progressing responses.

Named Duty officer

Guaranteed return calls

Weekend opening.

Security of information was a concern.

Mr Reeves agreed that security was an issue and will be looked at to ensure that strict confidentiality was secured.

4. Development of Milton Campus - Mr Chris Murray (PCC Planning Dept).

Mr Murray explained that the University is exploring alternative sites for their business school and this is the first indication of a proposed future move.

There is no current formal proposal for the site but Mr Murray referred back to the ASDA proposal 4 years ago. The buildings are not listed but an interactive housing could be an acceptable option.

Concerns include traffic and the protection of trees.

Mr Finch for the University stated that the site will continue till 2003 and said buildings recently demolished were beyond economical repair. No new plans exist for the Furze Lane (QEQM) campus.

5. Velder Avenue Traffic Works - Mr Paul Glover (PCC - Engineers Dept).

The Chair asked Mr Glover about the new Transport Fund of £83,000 (18th May 2000) for locally important schemes and was advised to raise specific issues with Ward Councillors.

Mr Glover reported on future City wide road schemes.

1. Fratton Goods Yard - due to start March 2001
2. Eastern Road - southern end - installation of a central reservation.
3. Eastern Road (M27) improvement to traffic signals.
4. Milton Cross School - additional cycle facilities - Sept 2000.



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- Make sure everybody knows where the door and window keys are kept.

Get out

Get the Fire Service out

Stay out



NEXT FORUM MEETING 27th SEPTEMBER

Outline planning permission was granted on 1.4.98 for the development of part of the grounds of **St. James Hospital** for residential purposes with some public space and play area. The development was subject to legal agreements involving off-site highway works, the provision of affordable housing and delivery of public open space. These legal agreements are now being amended with regard to the building of affordable housing on this land and the phasing of the development of the site, starting with the most southern part, adjacent to Locksway Road, followed by the north where the villas were and finally the centre of the site. We will update the Forum on **27 September** as these discussions progress.

Jackie Stanley . from the **Benefits Agency** will attend the next Forum to speak about the range of benefits available and to answer your questions.

We have also invited **Greenfingers** to tell us about their work and will include on the programme any matters which arise from the next Committee Meeting.

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5. St Mary's Hospital junction /crossing - revised layouts June 2000
6. Milton Cross School - Safety barrier improvements.
7. Eastern Road Phase 3 - full reconstruction of carriageway, removal of cycle lane south of Eastern Avenue - September 2000 to March 2001, considerable congestion expected during this period (no work to be carried out during December)
8. Rodney Road - Velder Avenue - Milton Road junction improvement to include cycle and pedestrian ways - opening spring 2001.
9. All major changes will be linked to CCTV system.

Issues raised: Cyclists sharing footpaths, no drop off points at new school, removal of bus lane along Milton Road - Bus company still wishes to retain the lane.

Mr Glover can be contacted on 023 9284 1312.

6. Gardening for Wildlife - Claire Taylor (Hampshire Wild Life Trust)

Claire Taylor gave an interesting talk on wildlife gardening. The acreage of private gardens in the UK is greater than all the nature reserves and provides an ideal opportunity for improvements. Illustrated ways of doing this were presented and information sheets are available from the Trust.

7. Any other Business.

The Raffle raised £15 for Milton Matters.

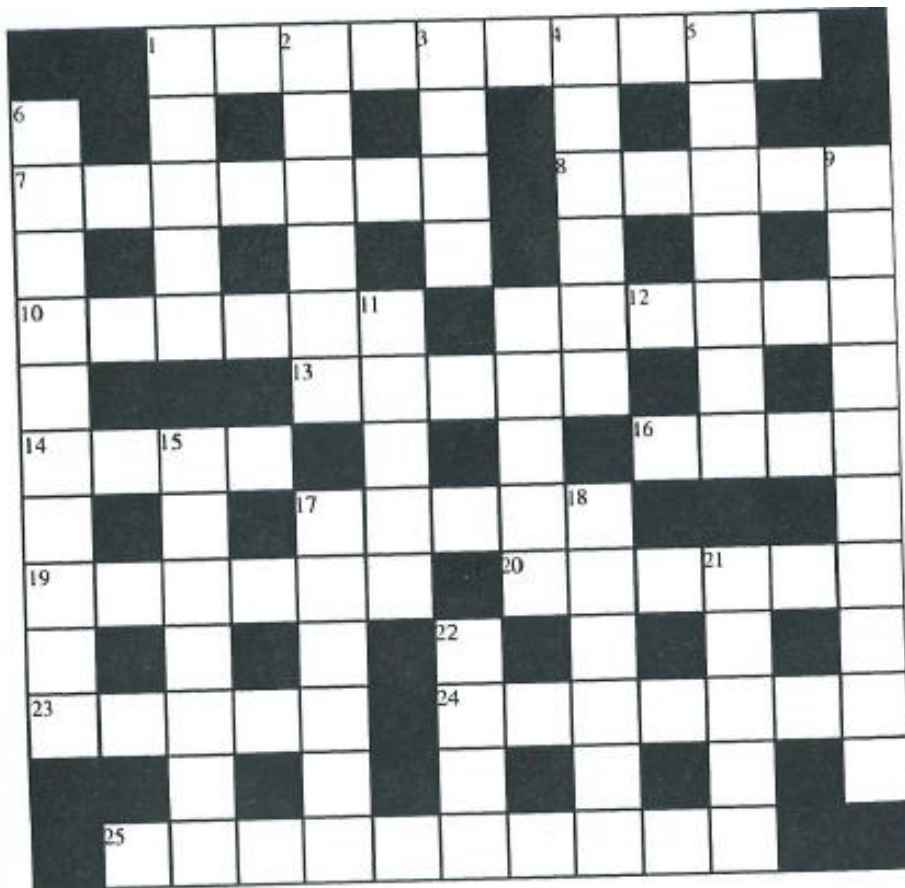
The Chair advised that advertising is sought for the funding of future editions.

Milton Park Millennium event is on August 13th. 2000

Portsmouth Society Millennium Event 1945-2000 at St Agatha's Church - Market Way from 10-21 July between 11:00 am and 16:00 pm.
Photographs of changes in Portsmouth.

Concern about children causing problems in Stowe Road, Police will continue to try and resolve the problems.

The Chair thanked all the guest speakers and members of the Forum for attending.



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7. Musically Lively.
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10. Bludgeoned.
12. Winifred - pianist.
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2. Rough Lump of Native Gold.
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6. Rythmical Sound for Stylised Movement
9. Woody Guthrie Was One.
11. Ancient Celtic Priest.
12. Reduces to lower rank.
15. Ringo Starr is One.
17. A Fiddle.
18. Slower than Lento.
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