

MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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Milton Park – Community Event August 2000

Next Forum

Wed 24th Jan. 2001 at 7:00pm – Dorothy Dymond Lecture Hall
Milton Campus – Locksway Road

*** AGENDA ***

New Political Structures & the role of Neighbourhood Forums – Brian Partridge
Primary Care Group
Festival of the Sea – a Video Presentation
Eastern Road Works – an Update
Traffic Management Update (The Avenues – Mariners Walk)

LEAD OFFICER BOWS OUT

DAVID POINTON who has been the Lead Officer and the link between the Forum and the Council, has sadly had to hand over his duties due to pressure of work, to Larry Nicholas who will take on this role for Milton Forum.



Working with the Forum right from the start in September 1993, a great deal of the credit for its success is due to David's knowledge, sound advice and understanding of the difficult issues which have been tackled over the last 7 years.

Many readers will remember the heated discussions over the T&G Fish factory.

It was due to David's dedication, integrity and skill that so many representatives of the various Council departments were willing to

attend and to tackle questions over this and other difficult and challenging issues.

He organised consultation sessions on traffic, prepared exhibition material for displays and helped the Forum to grow to take on not only the contentious matters but also its role as a means of open communication between the Council and the residents of Milton.

We shall miss him at our meetings and the support he always gave the Forum.

Don't work too hard David!

Chair, Secretary and the Committee



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Kamil & Zahia

Offer you a warm welcome and expert advice

2000 Celebrations in Milton Park

On Sunday August 13th the people of Milton once again showed their warmth by supporting a day of live music and sport. Well received exhibitions were provided by Linningtons, the Police and Fire services, the RNLI, Hampshire Library Service, City Rangers, City Museum, Milton Village Association, Portsmouth Players, Portsmouth Football Club and not least of all Milton Neighbourhood Forum.

Money raised on the day towards Milton Matters was in excess of £200 .
Congratulations to everyone for supporting us so well.

Everyone seemed to have a good day – young and old alike.
Youngsters crowded into the community tent to see Portsmouth Football club players and collect their autographs.
People sat on the grass and listened to the music and watch the displays.
Despite having to dodge the showers many people stayed until the very end of the day.

If you would like another community event like this then please let us know.
Peter Mills

LOCAL HISTORY -

THE OLD CANAL INN - MILTON VILLAGE

The Old Canal Inn was built in 1931 and named after the Old Portsmouth section of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal System that was completed and opened in 1822, but unfortunately the system fell upon hard times and was closed. The section that we know as Goldsmith Avenue was filled in with refuse around 1896 and converted into an Avenue and named after a leading Milton family the Goldsmiths. The Section near 'The Old Canal Inn' was filled in at a later date and was used for a short time as a caravan park among other things.

Remnants of the junction of the Old Canal system with Langstone Harbour can still be seen to this day at the bottom of Locksway Road and part of it has been converted and used by the boating club as a slip way for launching their boats out into the harbour.

From the air you can still see the line the Canal took from the entrance at Langstone Harbour along its route which has now been built upon with new housing, up along Goldsmith Avenue and onwards where it becomes a little harder to define because of new development that has erased traces of the route.

The first Landlord of the Old Canal was a gentleman by the name of Bill Finch, who used to be in the Hampshire Regiment with the rank of Sergeant Major. There have been numerous Landlords & Landlady's since then including to name a few Kit & Arthur whose surname is not known and more recently by Jeff Upstell. After that the management has changed hands several times.

Doris and her son Ernie who are regulars have seen the changes to the pub and the coming and going of all the Landlords since the Old Canal was built. Doris has recently celebrated her 90th Birthday in the Old Canal Inn and is just as sprightly as ever and has a sense of humour that has to be seen to be believed.

Her son began visiting the Old Canal with his father who sadly passed away, but they both remember when the pub was split into a Public and Saloon area.

- If only we could see what they have seen over the years, the changes both good and bad. You'll see both of them, most evenings drinking their usual tippie.

The Old Canal Inn is at present managed by Tim & Billie Atkins who are running it for the people that own the lease. Tim is a born and bred Milton boy and his mother still lives close by.

After leaving home he lived in Southsea and more recently in Portsea, but when he got a chance to come home to the Milton Village he jumped at the opportunity and brought his wife back with him.

He would like to settle down once more where he belongs in Milton.

The Old Canal Inn at heart is a family pub where Mum, Dad and the Kids are welcome. The pub has a family room that is well stocked with toys to keep the kids amused while mum and dad are having a quiet drink at the bar. The way the management look at it is that you can't always find a baby sitter, so as long as the children are well behaved and not running around, then they are more than welcome and their mums and dads can have a drink knowing that the kids are safe and not too far away from them.

The pub has a limited amount of bar food available rolls and sandwiches and simple no nonsense meals, nothing fancy, but good wholesome food (well apart from the chips) all made and bought from the local shops, meat from the butchers, bread from the local bakery at the top of the road, you get the idea.....

So what does the Future hold..... Well we hope that we will be here for sometime, but only time will tell.....

Tim and Billie would like to warmly invite you the reader to all come and visit them, like the flyers you have had through your door say's,

"Here's our door mat you'll always find a welcome on it..."

We hope to see you soon.....

Tim and Billie Atkins

Summary of Milton Neighbourhood Forum 20th September 2000 at Dymond Lecture Theatre Milton University Campus.

1. Introduction

Chair welcomed the members and guest speakers.
The chair gave an update in respect of the issues discussed in committee meetings since the last forum.

2. Update From the Chair

Concerns over the lopping and felling of trees on the St. James' Hospital site. Leaflets were available.

An invitation for Forum representatives to attend a meeting to discuss Portsmouth transport with the City Engineers Dept. will be the subject of a report at the next meeting.

The Primary Care Group will give a talk on future changes at the next Open Forum.

Our committee will continue to work with Portsmouth University's Langstone Committee to improve relationships with the residents of Broom Square.

The University arranged a visit to Barnard Tower to enjoy the panoramic views across Langstone Harbour to the East and across the city to the West on September 9th. Thanks are due to Rosemary Flewitt who gave up her time to schedule the 32 visitors.

Mr. Smith of Furze Lane is asking for support to petition the Bus Company with a view to improve Sunday / Bank Holiday bus services to include the Sea Front, The Hard, and Gunwharf Quays

Local Government Boundary Commission changes.

Following a survey of local residents, the committee submitted suggestions reflecting the consensus of opinion from the residents in that they wished to retain the identity of Milton Village as it is.

In the final report only two roads have been reassigned.
No further action will be taken.

The Chair asked the forum whether they would consider joining with the Baffins Forum now that the Electoral areas would overlap. The general feeling was to leave the Forum as it operates at present and liaise with others as circumstances warrant.

The future of Neighbourhood Forums and alternative Consultation methods will be discussed at a meeting on September 21st.
This will be reported on later.

The financial future of Milton Matters is under threat. It was partially secured by adverts placed in the last edition by Hampshire Fire & Rescue Services and the Langstone Christian Fellowship. The Chair asked if anyone knew of potential future advertisers to help maintain the magazine.

Standards of Service within the Milton area could be topic of discussion at future meetings. Suggestions were requested to be put to the Council at a Forum meeting.

Following complaints about Milebush Play Park, residents were assured that the Police, City Rangers and Local Councillors were looking at addressing the issues.

3. Benefits Agency - Jackie Stanley (Information Officer)

Ms Stanley gave an interesting talk on Benefits associated with 3 specific categories.

Contributory - When personal records determine entitlement.

Non Contributory - covers disability issues

Income Related - a means tested support benefit

Each heading covered many issues and leaflets were made available for anyone interested

The Chair thanked Jackie for a very informative presentation

4. Traffic Issues - Khalid Shaban (City Engineers Dept)

Dodge run traffic through the Avenues Estate to Warren Avenue.

The Avenues representative Mr Hallett gave an update on issues raised with the City Engineers one year ago with no resolution so far.

Mr Shaban reported that a survey showed 60% of traffic did use the area as a rat run. It was a problem for residents but not a high priority due to the relative lack of accidents.

He stated that funding such schemes was a problem and no viable solution has been put forward by the local residents, and that the planned Velder Avenue improvements should reduce the problems.

The reaction to this comment was that it would not solve the problems and that the additional traffic generated by the planned housing on the St James' Hospital site, children accessing Milton Cross School and access for emergency vehicles was an added concern.

Mr Shaban was asked to take back the following 2 requests:

1. The Avenues be made a special case and a scheme stopping southbound traffic joining the road at its junction with Eastern Avenue be considered by the Traffic and Transportation Committee in February 2001.
2. A traffic survey to be conducted in Mariners Walk and the committee to be informed of its outcome.

Moorings Way First School asked for their concern as to the safety of their pupils to be included in the minutes owing to the increased levels of traffic passing their site should access through Mariners Walk be restricted.

The meeting Closed at 20:50

STOP PRESS

**** *The New City Plan has been passed by Council.* ****

Public Consultation will take place early in the new year and a copy will be available in the Milton Library for you to peruse and decide if you have any questions to raise.

Leaflets will be sent to householders to identify precise time-scales.

**** **ST. James' Hospital Grounds** ****

A PUBLIC INQUIRY WILL BE HELD ON 8 & 9 FEBRUARY 2001 IN GUILDHALL INTO THE CLAIM BY MILTON RESIDENTS THAT LAND AT ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS IN EFFECT A VILLAGE GREEN AND SHOULD BE RETAINED AS SUCH FOR MILTON VILLAGE. AN INSPECTOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO HEAR THEIR CASE AND THAT OF THE AREA HEALTH TRUST WHO HAVE PLANNING PERMISSION TO DEVELOP MUCH OF THE SITE FOR HOUSING

**** **Brent Geese** ****

A Brent Goose Strategy document has now been published setting out how Portsmouth should manage its migrant population of this internationally important bird. Approximately 11% of the world population of the species over-winter in the Portsmouth area on the harbour and amenity grassland. Public consultation on the draft began in December and will be completed at the end of January 2001. A copy of the Brent Goose Strategy can be seen in the Planning Department and the Central Library. The Forum has urged that a copy should go in Milton Library too. So do make your views known on this important local issue.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MILTON WINNERS IN 'BRITAIN IN BLOOM'

Morgan Road - Best street of less than 30 houses

Moorings Way - Best School Garden cultivated by children

Nautical Wordsearch

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1. *Four Establishments - (9,11,5,6)*
2. *Four Destroyers - (9,9,9,7)*
3. *Three to visit - (7,7,8)*
4. *Three to Refresh (7-5,7, 5-6)*
5. *Two Carriers (10,11)*

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Children, and a Youth Group***

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***You or your family would be welcome at
any of our meetings. Ring 023 9273 5818
for details of our weekday activities.
If we can be of practical help please also
ring the above telephone number and
leave a message.***

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