

MILTON MATTERS

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HISTORIC WALLED GARDEN IN MILTON CAMPUS

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday

17th October 2001 at 7.00 pm - Milton Campus Lecture Hall

AGENDA

- * **Bus Services In Portsmouth - Mike Smith, First Provincial**
Come to discuss your needs and subsidised services

- * **John Longhurst - Enforcement Officer, Portsmouth City**
An entertaining presentation on how dog fouling etc is controlled

- * **Election of Officers**

THE LAST WALLED GARDEN IN PORTSMOUTH

Few Milton Residents will remember old Milton House which stood on the University's Milton Campus Dymond Building. Demolished around 1914, earliest records show Milton House, in 1691, as "a messuage or tenement barn backside and garden lying in Midleton (Milton) in the parish of Portsea".

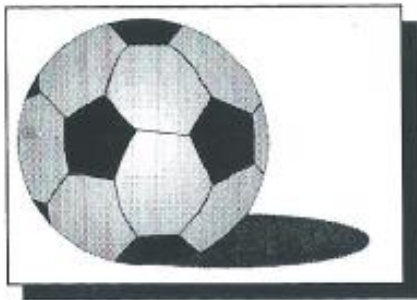
The house, grounds and walled garden appear to have been leased throughout the 1700's, and in 1841 came into the ownership of John Hallows, Commander in the Royal British Navy. When John Hallows died at the age of 91, the house was bought by James Goldsmith III in 1883. 'Jimmy' Goldsmith, the last Squire of Milton, also owned Middle Farm, in present day Priory Park.

On his death, the house appears to have fallen into disrepair and was demolished. Portsmouth Corporation bought the land and first Foster Building (1910) and then Dymond Building (1937) were erected as Portsmouth's Teacher Training College.

However, the walled garden still remains. Although only two and a half of the original walls still stand, evidence of Victorian planting are visible with the Gingko and Tulip trees among old apple trees. Beehives which graced the southern boundary have long gone.

Rarely glimpsed by Milton residents, the garden sits on a site under threat of development. Retention of the Dymond and Foster buildings would save this historic walled garden, the last in Portsmouth and many of the mature trees of which 150 have Tree Preservation Orders, on this site. Whilst the University may currently own the site, the history belongs to Milton Village and the City. You may visit the site with University permission.

If you would like to express a view that it should be retained, please write to Bob Colley, City Planning Dept., Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2YX.



PORTSMOUTH UNIVERSITY SPORT IN MILTON

The University's Langstone site is well known in the area for having many specialised pitches for all types of popular sports. These pitches are already well used by both University sports clubs and local community sports groups alike. In addition there are some in-door facilities such as a small gym and the dance/drama studio which is currently used by the Giselle Dance School on a regular basis, teaching dance and ballet to local youngsters. Both the studio and the gym can be booked for use by other local clubs and enquiries about these, the outdoor pitches or indeed any other University sports facilities should be made to the **Sports Enquiries Desk, 023 9284 3520.**

FUN IN THE PARK - 9 SEPTEMBER 2001

Thanks to Paddy Bradshaw, (PCC Leisure Services) Milton enjoyed another local Funday in the park with live bands throughout the day. Unfortunately, the funfair which had been booked, failed to turn up. A good crowd came along and at our stand, learned more about what the Forum does. Our tombola at the Funday raised £104. towards the cost of printing Milton Matters. Thanks to the Committee members who contributed gifts and Tremletts, Bransbury Butchers and Scissors in Milton who gave us vouchers and prizes. There were 8 young winners of the Tree Treasure Hunt.

A Village Green for Milton

To bring everyone up to date - the Town Green has now been registered following the Council's decision to accept the barrister's recommendation at the Public Enquiry.

It is hoped that community activities on the site will be organised from this autumn onwards and will be advertised locally. Any ideas, suggestions for events or offers to help organise these would be welcome by contacting me on the address on the back of Milton Matters.

More recently, an outline planning application (which did include the Town Green site) has been rejected by the City Council. Thanks to all Milton residents who wrote to the Development Control Committee and individuals who attended to demonstrate their outrage at building on this historic parkland. The Committee has however indicated they would be willing to consider new planning applications for the St. James Hospital land, so the remaining site is still not safe from housing development and we shall need to be ready to react to any application. *Caroline Scott*

Competition Winner - Congratulations to Brian Marshall of Locksway Road who successfully identified that the mystery photograph on Issue 15 was from the doorway of St. James Hospital built in 1878. Brian received a £25 voucher.

ADVERTISING RATES

Full page - £100 Half page - £50
contact J Burkinshaw, 92 736153 if you would like to advertise in this local magazine which reaches 3500 households in Milton, Eastney and Fratton areas.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

There is good news for all you lovers of trees. The line of historic poplars along the bus lane at Furze Lane/Locksway Road have all now been protected by a TPO. This prohibits anyone from cutting down, lopping or topping without the Council's consent.

YOUR COMMITTEE

THANKS TO RETIRING VICE CHAIR



Ken Rowlands has been Vice Chair for the Forum for several years but has just resigned on leaving the district. Ken has been a strong and effective Vice Chair and a great champion of the Neighbourhood Forums. He has worked tirelessly to keep the Forum represented at all possible occasions and produced the magazine with ideas and expertise we shall find difficult to replace. I personally have greatly valued Ken's wise advice and support. We shall all miss his contribution to our Forum.

Chair

Summary of Milton Neighbourhood Forum 20th June 2001 at Dymond Lecture Theatre Milton University Campus.

Introduction

Chair apologised for the cancellation of Agenda Item 2, Operation of Bus Services and associated problems.

Update From the Chair

- Town Green, St. James Hospital – The Public Enquiry in May resulted in the Government Inspector allowing this land to qualify for special status and to be known as a Town Green. This has been agreed by Portsmouth City Council and is in the process of being registered. Also Portsmouth City Council Development Control Committee is minded to refuse the Hospital Authority, planning approval to revise the plans for housing on this site. However the Hospital Authority has the right of appeal to both these decisions.
- QEQM University site, Furze Lane, Milton – The plan to build flats for a further 680 students has run out of time. The planning application is to be renewed with an alternative use for the site for housing (in the draft new City Plan document) if flats for students are not needed in the long term.
- City Plan – Local views have been handed in regarding the Brent Geese Strategy, development of QEQ M and the University plans for the development of the Milton site in Locksway Road.
- Barnard Tower – The University has offered a second visit for local residents on Saturday September 22nd 2001. Rosemary Flewitt will meet visitors at 2pm by the cafeteria.
- Publicity was given to a variety of coming events of interest to the local residents; the start in September of the Avenues Play area; a local community event in Milton Park likely to be on 9 September.
- The South Downs National Park – Proposals have been put forward to make the South Downs a National Park covering an area from Winchester to Eastbourne, excluding built up areas.

Talking Rubbish PCC has distributed a paper with a proposal for larger rubbish bins, seeking feedback from residents.

Portsmouth Primary Care Trust

Sheila Clarke and Dr. Charles Lewis spoke on changes to the Portsmouth Primary Care Trust. Points raised included:-

- Training for the service
- Recruitment issues
- Retaining staff
- Good flexible working conditions
- Bringing staff training back to Portsmouth
- Unsatisfactory waiting lists
- Local doctors more involved in straightforward surgery
- Portsmouth's health problems
- Improvements to existing services

Local Bus Service

Mr Danny Johnson, PCC's Passenger Transport Officer described the role of his section in the City Engineer's Department

- Tendered bus routes
- Dial a Ride
- Tokens and bus passes
- School buses
- Bus Shelters
- The Hard Interchange

The Future of Neighbourhood Forums -

A meeting is due to be held in July.

Langstone Campus

Maria Garside, Student Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, reported on problems with vandals and the University's proposals to combat this, particularly at the QEQM Sports Fields. The Forum expressed disappointment that a meeting held last year with the University had not led to proposals for activities for local youth on the site. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged before fencing and other deterrents were put in place.

Milton Bowling Club is seeking young members phone **92 370767**

Traffic Survey

Mariners Walk and the Avenues traffic control measures have been put on the back-burner by PCC

Rodney Road Roundabout concerns re traffic congestion expected during alterations.

The meeting closed at 9pm with the Chair inviting suggestions for new topics from the floor.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM WEBSITE - View minutes and news on www.portsmouthcc.gov.uk 'your council' (neighbourhood forums)

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Committee will be standing for election at the next Forum on Wednesday 17 October at Milton Campus Lecture Hall, Locksway Road. We shall be seeking

New Committee Members who gather opinion and views from people in their area and in a non-political environment, work to maintain and improve the Milton Forum area.

The Forum Area extends from Fratton Bridge to St Mary's Hospital and south to Bransbury Road. If you live in this area and would like to serve on the Committee, we would be very pleased to invite you to the next Forum. Please phone me on 92 736153 for more information.

At the meeting we shall also nominate and elect Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair, and agree the Editorial Committee.

The Forum is keen to welcome representatives of other groups, Tenants Associations, Neighbourhood Watch, Community Association, Children's groups, etc. as Committee Members in order to give a balance of all sections of the community on this powerful voice for YOUR area.

Janice Burkinshaw, Chair

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Can you help us to raise funds to look after the many unwanted cats in the Portsmouth area, by becoming a member, or help us with our fundraising, supply bric a brac, or give a home to one of the loving but unloved cats in our care.

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Cat welfare:	02392 716744

Or write to us at:

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