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**JUBILEE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY
ST. JAMES HOSPITAL, MILTON**

NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 18 September 2002 at 7.00 pm -Dorothy Dymond
Lecture Hall, Milton Campus, Locksway Road

Composting - Clare Hillman, Friends of the Earth
Update on joint initiatives for Youth Action - PC M Brown &
PC A Hewitt
Local Issues and Neighbourhood Watch

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

What a splendid occasion the Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II turned out to be! The national celebrations far exceeded our expectations and the royal visit to Portsmouth was another magnificent day for all who went along.

The Jubilee weekend itself was celebrated in Milton in a very inclusive way by the excellent range of entertainment provided by the Langstone Christian Fellowship. Many families went along to the bouncy castles, singing, face painting and other activities provided FREE to all by the Fellowship. Their marquee on Milton Common was a magnet to both old and young and made the weekend a real holiday with a purpose. I am sure all those who attended, would like to say a big



"THANK YOU"

"WELL DONE"

"PLEASE DO IT AGAIN BEFORE TOO LONG"

to the Fellowship. Their weekly meetings are held in Shore Avenue every Sunday 10.30 am - 12 noon.

The Forum's contribution to the Jubilee was the planting of a Golden Oak tree in the grounds of St. James Hospital. Unfortunately we were not allowed to put this on the disputed Town Green site but it can be seen at the main entrance to the right of the driveway

Good use was made too, of the picnic tables and new football play area provided by the Avenues Community Association on Milton Common. Do make sure your children know it is near Shore Avenue.

REDUCING OUR WASTE HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT AND CUTS DOWN ON THE COST OF LANDFILL



In Milton we are fairly good at recycling our waste, judging by the number of green bins and piles of newspaper and cardboard to be seen outside front doors the night before BOXIT collections. Many of us also regularly use the bottle banks for glass and recycle our unwanted clothes and shoes by donating to charity shops or using the textile recycling bins. Many of us go even further down the road of the 3 R's (Reduce, Recycle and Reuse) by using a method of recycling which can be done completely at home - **COMPOSTING!** By composing organic waste, you can reduce the amount you throw into your bin by up to 30%. It's cheap, easy to do, and does not take up too much space in the garden.

Rubbish that can be composted includes tea bags, fruit and vegetable peelings, cut flowers, grass and hedge clippings, leaves weeds, vacuum cleaner dust and old (natural) fibre fabrics. We are just at that time of year when there is lots of garden waste and composing is so much safer than burning!



Once it has rotted down, the compost can be dug into the garden at any time. It will improve the structure and moisture content of the soil, and put back nutrients thereby encouraging better plant growth. No more need for chemical fertilisers either.

Find out where you can buy a cheap, discounted Composting Bin to suit your needs, or where to take your waste if you have not got a garden by coming to the **Forum Open Meeting on 18 September** and hear a talk on composting from Portsmouth Friends of the Earth.

"Every day's digging before Michaelmas is worth 2 days after"

To decipher this, firstly we need to know when Michaelmas is, it is the 29th September. Then, where should we be being encouraged to dig?

Many Portsmouth gardens are too small for growing vegetables and fruit but there are vacant allotments at Milton Piece and Hope Cottage Allotment sites off Locksway Road. The allotments have good parking; a very active society for the purchase of seeds; fertilisers; manure; and tool hire. They even publish a range of recipe books with some very original and interesting new ways to use all that produce. To find out more ring:-

Portsmouth Leisure Service - 92 834171
and get digging before the winter sets in!

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

EASTNEY & MILTON ALLOTMENTS

AUTUMN SHOW



ENTRANCE 50P

OPENS 1.30 PM

Summary of the Milton Neighbourhood Forum, 22 May 2002 at Dymond Lecture Theatre, Milton University Campus, 7 pm

The Chair welcomed members and guest speakers before reporting on events since the last Forum

1 The Committee discussed the future of Neighbourhood Watch and agreed to seek an update at the next available Forum due to higher levels of vandalism

2 Successful sale of advertising space in Milton Matters by Rosemary Flewitt

3 Regret that it has not been possible to stage a Jubilee event on the Town Green

4 Local Council elections (new Councillors listed on p.12)

5 New Council Cabinet structure with meetings open to public

6 Planning permission sought for new 18-bed unit at St. James on undeveloped land. Forum requested retention of trees and hedges

7 Of 3 'listed' gazebos in St. James, 1 will be demolished, 1 restored

Paul Newbold and Gareth Williams updated the meeting on the New City Plan Revisions

As a result of comments, changes have been made to the plan:-

- Monorail terminus now Southsea funfair
- Mountbatten Centre development as regional sports venue
- No extra car park on Southsea Common
- Alterations to Flathouse Quay
- Changes to Housing proposals, Tipner, Cosham Fire Station

New proposals include:-

- Transport interchange in town centre
- Rail freight terminal at Copnor
- Housing in Havant Road, Exmouth Road
- Town Green, St. James
- Historic Dockyard
- Flood protection policy
- Late night entertainment uses
- Portsdown Hill
- Revised policies on amenity and pollution, nature conservation telecommunication, community amenities

The revised new City Plan should be adopted by Dec. 2003 after a public enquiry in January.

Questions were raised from the floor on loss of small businesses through the need to build 5000 new homes in the city with jobs near to living accommodation often in light industrial units.

The planners reported that the Government objects to development of a hotel at the former caravan site on Eastern Road as this is open coastland. A new hotel will be built at Gunwharf.

Milton Campus is still planned to have 65% housing, 35% industrial use but consultation was promised. (The Forum has already submitted its suggestions for elderly persons flats/hotel accommodation on the site retaining the existing building fascia)

St. James land is included in the new city plan as a Green. PCC has launched an appeal against the Courts decision to overturn the results of the Inquiry. It may not be possible to refuse planning permission for housing development however. No plans for building on Milton Common or the foreshore.

Whilst demolishing the Tricorn, PCC hope to make it a temporary open car park whilst development of the area may take up to 1.1 years with 2 major new stores, but retaining the Market.

Langstone University housing development is not going ahead.

PC Mike Brown and PC Andy Hewitt, Milton Beat Bobbies updated the Forum on

- High profile police presence on Milton Park drug dealing
- Two policemen on beat since recent burglaries
- Response time for emergencies should be 2 minutes (if no other action taking place at the same time)
- Local calls are mainly problems with local youth
- Multi-agency approach to youth problems is needed as young people are bored and a range of options is being explored involving Portsmouth Football Club, and the University. The Town Green area has been suggested but would need maintenance and security, a Youth Club at the end of Furze Lane in the hut by Oyster House was suggested as being an option. **Action was strongly sought by the meeting to progress this problem and an update agreed for the next meeting on 18 September.**

Richard Brett, PCC Leisure Service Youth & Community

explained the work of the service with 25 staff, funding of £775,000 targeted largely at the heart of the City, Paulsgrove and Leigh Park. It is recognised Milton needs attention too but the shortage of youth workers prevents this being resolved.

Questions and comment from the floor resulted in the Chair offering to write to PCC to seek how the following could be achieved

- reasonable size hard courts for play/free use of tennis courts
- use of Milton Village Hall
- use of Eastney Community Centre and schools
- A plan for a community hall in Milton campus redevelopment
- Sponsorship from a large company

Richard Brett agreed to keep in touch with the Forum and update us.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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Word Search Answers from last month

Original name Mr Pickwicks - Cremorne Gardens

Nickname St. James Church - Runaway Church

Squire of Milton 1900 - Jimmy Goldsmith

Old name of Winter Road - Hill Lane

Old name of Locksway Road - Lily Lane

What stood on Velder Creek - Houseboats

What stood in centre of Milton Park - Bandstand

What stands on corner of Dunbar Road - Milton school

Till 1991 on corner of Highland Road - Bus Depot

What ran along Goldsmith Ave - Canal

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