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Milton Park 75th Anniversary

NEXT FORUM

27th January 1999 at 7.00 pm - Milton Campus Lecture Hall

AGENDA

- * Traffic - Joint meeting with Baffins Forum , Eastern Road Alterations - Peter King
- * Education - Presentation on the Proposals for the new School

Preview of MILTONCROSS COLLEGE at the Forum Meeting. See the detailed design and layout of the new school explained by the Architect Ellis Williams. David Throp the new Headteacher will be giving an insight into his aims. This presentation has been specially arranged for the Forum so come along and hear what its all about from the people tasked with delivering this exciting new school.

Portsmouth Neighbourhood Watch Association

The Portsmouth Neighbourhood Watch Association was formed almost two years ago. Some of its main objectives are to fill the vacuum created by the changing priorities related to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, and to provide an essential link between Police, Local Authority and the N.W.Schemes.

The primary purpose of the First News Sheet, recently issued by the Neighbourhood Watch Association, is to establish a reliable data base containing the names and phone numbers of all watch co-ordinators and their deputies within the city. To this end it would be helpful if you contacted the Association if:

1. You are a co-ordinator and you have not received the 'First News Sheet'
2. You have received the News Sheet, but do not wish to continue as a co-ordinator.
3. You wish to serve as a co-ordinator or deputy.
4. There is no Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area and you wish to start one.

Contact: Phone (01705) 834568 Fax (01705) 834950
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Mediation Services

Tel - 431352 if you have problem neighbours

Tel - 843269 if you have problems with students as neighbours.

75th Anniversary Milton Park 17th&18th July 1998

It was a wonderful warm weekend and thousands came to see a packed programme of Live Music, Drama and Sport. Local bands played alongside professional musicians. The Portsmouth Players opened the doors of the new barn for everyone to see. There was bowling, a taster for all to try, organised Football, Tennis, Basketball, Hockey coaching and general sports. On Sunday the Inter Pub Tug of War took place, everyone seemed to join in. All these events were supervised by the City Rangers.

The Community Marquee held exhibitions by the City Museum, plans for the future of St James' Hospital grounds, paintings by Edward King, Milton Community Association and our own Milton Neighbourhood Forum and of course the City Rangers. The interest shown by everyone was overwhelming.

On Sunday pensioner Vera Mant, who was born the day after Milton Park was first opened, was given a V.I.P. day. First was lunch at the White House then she was invited to unveil a stone plaque on Milton Barn to commemorate the opening of the Park and the refurbishment of the Barn.

Sincere thanks must go to everyone who helped to make this a special weekend for us the people of Milton.

If you wish to see this fantastic event happen again please write to the Milton Neighbourhood Forum using the Free Post Address. Lastly we must thank everyone who attended the event because without you it would not have been such a wonderful weekend.

PETER MILLS

MILTON MATTERS

The Forum Editorial Committee prepares Milton Matters for your information and enjoyment. We have had many compliments about the content and believe that it is a very useful way of letting you know about current issues. If you are not able to get along to our evening open Forum Meetings, you can read a summary of what was discussed. You can tell us about your experiences or send a letter voicing your opinions. We have always printed and circulated Milton Matters three or four times a year, just before each Forum to remind you of the date and the agenda items

A copy is hand delivered to every house in the Forum area - 3500 copies in all which has been paid for from successful bids to the Community Initiatives Fund. This year there were many demands upon the fund and the Forum was fortunate to receive £800 towards printing costs but this is £400 short of what is needed.

The Committee will be doing its best to raise money towards this and will be trying to obtain sponsorship rather than taking up space from your magazine by advertising. If you have a business and would like to sponsor the magazine we would be very pleased to hear from you. We are also asking whether local people who have received the magazine and enjoy reading it, might make a £1 donation towards its continuation. All contributions will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in the next issue. If you would like to support us financially, you may send the form below, in an envelope with a cheque made payable to Milton Neighbourhood Forum.

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I would like to sponsor the magazine.
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St James' Memorial Park Trust

The Trust is committed to saving 12 acres of historic green land on the St James Hospital site; to retain it as a park for the people of Portsmouth rather than allowing more housing development.

The Trust is bidding for National Heritage Lottery Funding to buy the land and needs information on how the public have used this site and grounds this Century.

PLEASE spare a few minutes to think if you have been a user of the St. James Site, or did you work there?

*When did you first use the St James grounds and why?
What are the most important features that attracted you to the site?*

*Do you have any personal memories of the site?
Anything memorable, unusual, amusing?
Do you have any photographs, magazine articles etc., that show how the site has been used over the years?*

How would you feel if the site was no longer available as an informal park for Portsmouth residents?

Have you friends or family who have left Portsmouth who would write in?

If you can answer any of these questions, please drop a line to the Chair of the Trust,

*Ms C Scott,
15 Locksway Road, Milton,
Portsmouth, PO4 8JN,
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EASTERN ROAD ALTERATIONS

Work to the Eastern Road is now complete. The City Council has responded to the number of accidents caused through right turns off the Eastern Road to provide improved refuges for those turning right and this change, together with a cycle lane on each side of the road on the existing road surface, has reduced the lanes for motor vehicles down to 1 lane north and 1 south.

The City Engineer hopes that the scheme will encourage more cycling and that accidents will reduce through slower speeds. He will be attending the Forum on 27 January 1999, by that time the scheme will have had a chance to prove itself.

The concerns the Forum Committee have received include:-

- Concern that ambulances will have difficulty moving north and south if the cycle lanes are used
- Serious concerns that those who have to work outside the City will face continued delays
- Increased use of shortcuts through Mariners Walk, Salterns Avenue, Shore Avenue
- The slipstream from large lorries will make children using the on-road cycle lanes unsteady
- Why can't speed cameras be installed instead to catch those who speed in the Eastern Road
- A crossing is still needed at Swordsands Road. This would slow traffic down and help children going to the College and Admiral Lord Nelson School
- Eastern Road delays increased on Pompey match days

The Baffins Neighbourhood Forum is equally concerned and will be joining us at 7 pm in our usual venue. Do come along and tell us if you are affected or if you feel the changes are an improvement!



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Quiz Answers Iss 8

1. Swan Duck and Frog Lakes
2. Owls and Kestrels
3. Small mammals
4. Great Green Bush Cricket
5. Grey Heron
6. Smooth newt
7. Swallows, Swifts and House Martins
8. Gatekeeper
9. Common Lizard
10. Dan Powell
11. 1970
12. It is built where the houseboats used to be moored

Summary of the 2020 Workshop discussions held in November

How you would like Portsmouth to be in 2020

1. Better Transportation - Park & Ride
Improved buses Green transport policy
Cheap Public Transport
2. Children to be able to walk to school
3. Better Image - emphasise island character
4. Better sense of identity
5. Open space protected
6. Diversity of local/small shops
7. Access to good quality education for all
8. Improved leisure & cultural facilities - more choice
9. Children free to play safely around the City
10. More life in City Centre

**Summary of Milton Neighbourhood Forum 17th June 1998
7.00 pm Dymond Lecture Hall, Portsmouth University.**

Apologies: Cllr. R Cole

1. Chairperson's Opening Address.

Janice Burkinshaw extended a welcome to members, city councillors, and guest speakers while expressing disappointment at the low attendance for such an attractive agenda.

Principle activities since the last Forum were as follows:

1.1 Milton Allotments.

Mr Young's talk at the last forum was followed with an article in Milton Matters.

1.2 Alterations to Yellow Lines in Milton.

Mr Elcombe of the City Engineers dept explained proposals to the committee which expressed concern for the local traders if parking on the east side of Milton Road is removed.

1.3 Portsmouth Council Community Initiatives.

Various suggestions are being forwarded.

1.4 New Committee Member

Mr C. Bacon was elected.

2. Our Health Service - Penny Humphris - Chief Executive of Portsmouth & S.E.

Hants Authority supported by Karen Southwell - Portsmouth N.H.S. Trust and Ian Piper - Portsmouth Health Care Trust.

Penny Humphris began by explaining the structure of the Health Service at National and Local levels.

The Health Authority is the purchaser and the Trusts are the providers or contractors for the Health service.

The G.P. fund holding system is to end in March 1999 as the current government felt that it is unequal and unfair. A fresh approach is being developed.

It costs £313 M to cover 534,000 people at £550 per person in the area.

300 Doctors with about 1850 patients each seeing 25-30 people a day. 159 Dentists provide NHS Services and other options.

The Authority has to assess illness by electoral ward and control the budget allocation. One third each goes to acute services and primary care which includes G.Ps., Dentists, Opticians and Chemists. 12% goes to maternity and children's care, 9% to the elderly and the remainder is shared among mental health, health education, palliative care and health visitors.

Cost of care figures included Emergency Operations £52K, planned Operations £18K, day cases £23K, Outpatients £99K, subsequent outpatient cases £250K and Accident /Emergency £100K.

Government plans to improve the health and life quality of the nation requires focus on a variety of issues including the worst off in society, areas of deprivation, causes of poor health including age, genetics, lifestyle, diet, physical activity. Other causes include unemployment, poverty, social exclusion, environmental quality and access to services.

All the above requires collaboration between agencies eg local authority, Community Health Council, Police and Probation Service.

The Health Authority has a statutory duty to operate within budget limits and this leads to the dilemma of how to cope with an ageing population, policies for new expensive drugs, the demands of increased public expectation and variations in health.

The main problems in this area are heart, cancer and children.

In conclusion the near future includes rationalising acute services at St Mary's and Queen Alexandra Hospitals, National policies for special care being regionalised and implementing new government policy for primary care which all G.P. practices must join.

Questions & Answers.

Q. what is happening with Haslar Hospital?

A. Although our Health Authority has donated £7M it has no control over a hospital designed to treat the Armed Forces and train its medical staff for times of war. Its viability and future is being assessed by the MOD and the answer will be known soon.

Q. What is the strategy for community health care in the area for St James Hospital?

A. (Mr Ian Piper) - Government is reviewing care in the community. At St James some patients will move to new accommodation and more beds may be made available. The site has a long term future although some patients will move to Havant. There will be more support for those in the community.

Q. A very low proportion of money is spent on preventative medicine compared to direct care. Does this promote many of today's problems?

A. It is a dilemma often discussed. Government policy is that people as individuals are responsible for themselves.

Penny Humpris was thanked for her interesting talk along with her colleagues.

- 3. Consumer Affairs - Mr David May**
David gave an interesting talk on inconsistencies and misrepresentations, and reminded the audience of the legal aspects behind warning 'Let the Buyer Beware'. He illustrated textile markings required by law although washing instructions are voluntary. The Good traders scheme and the Properties Misrepresentations Act were also explained. Thanks were extended to Mr May.
- 4. Further Information from the Chair.**
Janice commented on discount leisure cards for the less well off, a failed planning application for a retail outlet in Goldsmith Avenue and Eastney Forum's request for an additional community information point.
Caroline Scott was asked to update the Forum on the proposed St James Memorial Park. She told the Forum that charitable status had been gained. Land and ecological surveys have been carried out and data compiled for a preliminary bid for the land. More support would be welcomed and a display will be mounted at the Milton Park 75th Anniversary Celebration
Ken Rowlands thanked Mr John Christie for the loan of the copies of various works of Edward King depicting the grounds of St James Hospital.
- 5. New School -St Mary's Site -Mr Mike Fowler.**
The Council has noted local concern regarding places for infants and senior pupils in the area.
The new school funding has been applied for by a Private Finance Initiative whereby a consortium of Bankers, Fund Managers and Builders would construct and operate the building for an agreed period of time (25 years) The City Council define the requirements which the architect incorporates into the design. The scheme saves on capital resource and 70% of the revenue comes from the government transferring the risk .
Proposals include access from Milton Road to a three storey building for 1000 pupils in a secure site. In 2001 all classes must be less than 30 children and plans for disabled pupils in mainstream education by 2004.
Thanks were extended to Mr Fowler.
- 6. Beat Officers Report - PC Borthwick**
In an encouraging report PC Borthwick explained the progress that he and his colleagues Dean Johns and Stuart Gardner have made with establishing sports nights in Milton Park for youths from 7 - 16 years and encouraging 'local trouble makers' to participate in the games thus diminishing problems. he asked for qualified tutors to lend support.
He also spoke of time spent on a venture expedition in Wales with 12 children from Homes in the area which helped to establish a good rapport. Further trips are planned and the Chair said funding should be proposed from the Community Initiatives Scheme.

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

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- Two schools for starters (8,3 and 4)
- Two parks (7 and 9)
- And two B's in another (4 and 7)
- A part of our allotments (6 and 5)
- And another more suited for boating? (7,4)
- Ye Olde ____ Pub (6,5)
- And another ancient one ? (3,5,3)
- A place for books (7)
- And where to use them (10)

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