

Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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PAWARA's Annual General Meeting will be held on 26th November at 7.15 pm in Deverell Hall.

Members are reminded that subscription fees of £3.00 should be renewed during the evening. Please try to have the correct money.

Agenda for the A.G.M. and Meeting.

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
 - a. Chairman (Currently Pam Cooper who will be stepping down from this post)
 - b. co/Chairman (Currently Maureen Houlihan)
 - c. Vice Chairman (Currently John Briggs----due for re-election)
 - d. Secretary (Sue Harvey nee Bancroft----due for re-election)
 - e. Treasurer (Currently Bill Blackett)
 - f. co/Treasurer (Currently Michael Saunders)
 - g. Membership Sec. (Currently Sheila MacIntosh)
 - h. Deliveries Sec. (Currently Anne Willoughby)
 - i. Environment Sec. (Currently Mick Mills).
4. Four committee members were elected last year and have agreed to remain with us i.e. Gina Doggett, David Heck, Stephen Long and Brian Woolley. Three people have come forward seeking to be voted onto the committee i.e. Pam Cooper, Gill Griffiths and Rev. Andy Wilson. If any member wishes to join the committee please contact the co/Chairman by 23rd November 2009.
5. Election of Auditors: currently Carol Crascall of Horndean and Jack Carruthers of Denmead.
6. **7.30pm a Presentation by Commander Ken Jones on Brunel's "HMS Warrior 1860".**
7. A.O.B.
8. At about 8.30pm £3.00 membership enrolment. N.B please try to have the correct money.

At our last meeting in June we were given a very limited update of the NEW plans for the MDA. We were grateful for the attendance of Jackie Batchelor (H.B.C.), Jacky Wilson (W.C.C.), Steve Tilbury (W.C.C.) and Jonathan Steele of Atkins. They answered some quite testing questions from the residents.

Chris Lyons, a conservation Officer from Havant Borough Council explained the process that will take place next April when Purbrook is re-assessed as to whether the conservation area in Purbrook is extended.

Our thanks go to Andrew Perrin, our local historian, who has agreed to give information to conservation Officers and consultants to support a case for extension next year.

Lastly but not least Linda Long, employed by Portsmouth City Council, gave us an informative and enjoyable talk on Health and Well-Being. Residents were given advice on simple ways to a healthier lifestyle which included some members taking part in a fun way. Thank you Linda.

An Archaeological report was sent by Graingers to PAWARA containing very detailed explanations on the 'finds' unearthed in the Plant Farm area. One other copy was been sent to the Waterlooville

Library. Any member who would like to 'plough' through this document should let a committee member know.

Our Get Together in October at the Hampshire Rose was very enjoyable due to the hard work of Stephen and Linda Long. The Management made us most welcome, the supper was excellent and surprisingly a profit of £170.50 was made.

The New Plans for the MDA will be shown at the Waterlooville Community Centre on Friday 13th November from 1.30pm to 7.30pm, and Saturday 14th November from 10am to 3pm. The plans will show how another 1,000 homes are to be accommodated. Disturbingly, the plans will show that Planners and Officers intend to put the cemetery back next to the Rowan's Hospice. Such an indelicate position was turned down in 2002 when over 1,200 people objected. Is it hoped residents will be worn down or not notice this sleight of hand, thus hoping that residents will give in and therefore planners will get their way? Please make an effort to view these plans.

A report from Mick Mills on the Environment Award and the team's work.

Following our entry into the Southern England in Bloom competition earlier this year, we were awarded a 'Merit' for the Penjar Pond project. We will not be carrying out any work during the winter months but shall be starting again on the second Sunday of each month as follows:

14th March 2010 11th April 2010 9th May 2010

If you wish to help on any of these days please feel free to contact me on 07952 673 922

Residents, friends and neighbours of **Purbrook Gardens held a street party** on Sunday, 23rd August and made the occasion a fund-raiser for the Rowan's hospice. With live music, a barbecue, a raffle and tombola they were able to raise £550 for the local hospice. A generous local company matched that amount thus making £1,100 from the day. The whole event was the brainchild of Gill Griffiths, whose husband John died last year after being nursed at home with the support of the Hospice staff. "I just wanted to give something back to the Rowan's" says Gill. Raffle prizes were donated by local shops and businesses, and music was provided by "Fetch Gunther" a family group who got people up on their feet dancing. Doug and Al played a jazz guitar and saxophone. About 80 residents attended the event, and the atmosphere was amazing. Gill says "We hope to make it an annual event".

The black and white columns in Waterlooville. John Briggs writes: "The artwork was always intended to be the finishing touch of the main project, which was the clearing and re-paving of the northern end of the precinct. It is unfortunate that Havant Borough Council having chosen to install the artwork before carrying out that work. Installing it now fails to do justice to the artwork, and does little to enhance the area.

The Waterlooville Library is due to be modernised at the beginning of next year when it will be closed for 6 months. The alterations will include a new entrance, furniture, shelving and new rooms. The third floor will have a learning space for teaching activities like card-making and French conversation. More handrails and a new lift will be welcomed by the disabled and elderly.

The issue of 'Whole Council Elections' was circulated for the public's comment earlier in the year. Havant B.C. has decided to postpone any decision and they will reconsider the issue during March 2010.

The charity Home- Start, Havant is looking for trustees –particularly people with finance, business or management backgrounds who would balance up their skills base. Locally **Home Start** meet at Mill Hill Children's centre in Mill Road. It is a small group which is working with and for families who are going through difficult times and have young children. Unlike *Sure Start*, which is the government-funded initiative based on the **Home Start** model, they have to get all their money from grants and donations so funding is always a problem, particularly as people confuse them with *Sure Start* and think they are well provided for by the government. Find out more by talking to Wendy or Maggie on 02392 241234.

The Old Garage site in Purbrook and The Empty Caravan site in Widley.

No Planning applications have been received by H.B.C.

Hope to see many of you on Thursday 26th November in Deverell Hall at 7.15pm.