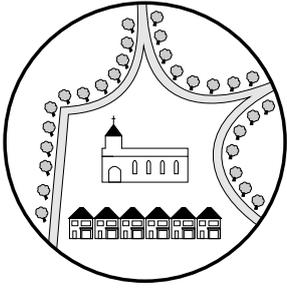


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Grade II Listed Building*

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

Purbrook in the snow. It was fun for some but not those unable to get out of their homes. Lots of residents helped each other and there was a great community spirit. It seems we can still all pull together when we need to...



Penjar Pond in the Snow

Our next public meeting will be:-

Thursday 25th March 2010 at the Deverell Hall London Road Purbrook from 7.15pm

Agenda:

1. Chairman's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Talk by local historian Andrew Perrin on Historic Buildings of Purbrook and Widley.
4. Mini-update on Major Development Area by Jacky Wilson, Winchester City Council MDA Project Implementation Officer.
5. Any other business.

Andrew's knowledge of our local area is unsurpassed and his talks are always very popular. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to pay your £3 annual sub if you haven't done so yet.

Our Local Councillors have all been invited and we very much hope they will be there. Police officers usually attend from about 8pm. If you have any concerns please come to the meeting and speak to them directly.

St John's Conservation Area

Havant Council report that this will probably not be reappraised until 2011. This is disappointing as we are struggling to protect what is left of the historic heart of the village.

MDA Update

Plant Farm farmhouse:

Due to numerous vandal attacks on the Grade II listed farm house, and theft of slate and building materials, a security fence has been erected to prevent further vandalism. The works were completed at the end of January 2010. If any residents see anything suspicious occurring at Plant Farm the Grainger team and the Police would be very pleased to hear from you.

Archaeological surveys:

The consultants are busy collating and analyzing the results of the field work and will be submitting their final report in the next few months.

Proposed new Cemetery:

A workshop was held just before Christmas which was attended by Winchester City Council, Havant Borough Council, the Rowans Hospice, local residents and Grainger. The outputs of this workshop are currently being incorporated into the development of the master plan.

Public consultation:

The November consultation report has been uploaded on to the site (www.newlandshampshire.co.uk) Click on the 'previous exhibitions' link on the homepage. Despite some atrocious weather the turn out was very good. The main comments seemed to focus upon the 40% social housing threshold, traffic generation, cemetery location, and what the new homes would look like. A further public consultation event will be arranged for early in the spring.

Wimpey Site Hambleton Road

40 properties are now occupied with 200 under construction for completion this year.

Planning - The Former Caravan Sales site, Widley

Developers Barratt David Wilson Homes held a pre-planning event at Christ Church Hall on January 27th. All our local Councillors and many residents attended to give valuable feedback on the plans for 31 units including 11 units of social housing. Amended plans will now be submitted to Havant Council within weeks.

The Coop at Stakes Road Purbrook.

When you receive this newsletter the Coop will have closed. Whatever the reasons, this is a sad loss of amenity to residents. Some residents have been expressing their feelings by way of a Facebook Group.

Tesco Express

The proposed closure of the Coop also brings up the subject of Tesco Express and the future of London Road Post Office, which is in the One Stop. Tesco were refused planning permission for the old Manor Filling Station site in 2008 but rumour now is that they will be putting in for planning permission again and that if they succeed One Stop may close at Christmas.

Neighbourhood Watch

There are 23 active groups in the area. To join a group or to start one in your street call area Chairman Norma Sterling Tel: 9264 1819

Policing

Michael Saunders of our committee is in the Key Individual Network (KIN), which is a Hampshire Constabulary initiative to improve and create lines of communication between residents and the police. Waterlooville South has seen a reduction in criminal damage of 25% since 2007 and other areas of crime have reduced too. However there are still isolated problems with anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

Parking in Purbrook Village

Havant Council has been undertaking a review of parking arrangements in the village. To have your say contact Havant Council. Plans are on show at the Civic Offices, Libraries and on the Council website. Notices will be in The News and advertised locally.



All the nice girls love a sailor! Pam and Cdr Jones after his talk "HMS Warrior" at our AGM in November

Pam Cooper

Our AGM was tinged with sadness because Pam Cooper (pictured above with Cdr Ken Jones of HMS Warrior) retired as Chairman. Pam has given so much to the Residents' Association and has been fighting the MDA on our behalf since 1995. Thank you Pam and thanks for staying on the committee.

Environment Group

The group meets on the second Sunday morning in the month from 9.30 to 11.30. Forthcoming dates are 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June and 11th July. We normally clear rubbish, cut back brambles and tidy up. The venue varies so if you are interested contact Mick Mills on the number above or 07952 673922 and become part of this enjoyable and worthwhile group.

On the Web

PAWARA is in the process of updating the website to make it a much better resource for residents. If you have a local business or are involved in a local group we would like to publicise it for free. If you have an upcoming event please contact us so we can put it in the events diary. We have also started a PAWARA Facebook Group.

What's On and Local Groups

Purbrook Horticultural Society Spring Show

Saturday 20th March 2010 from 2.00pm. All Welcome at the Deverell hall Purbrook.

Christ Church Portsdown Neighbourhood Lunch

At 12.30 on the fourth Friday of every month you can get a two-course hot meal for just £3.50 at Christ Church Hall and maybe meet some new friends.

To book phone Gill Cross on 9237 934, or Revd Andy Wilson on 9237 5360. Or just turn up – they always prepare a bit extra.

Phoenix Centre Crookhorn Lane

All sorts of evening activities are available including: Table Tennis, Weightwatchers, Boxing and Kick Boxing (classes for children and adults)

Bingo on Sunday evenings. All welcome. Eyes Down 8.00pm

Contact Jane Page for Club membership details on 92 240114

Purbrook WI Meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Deverell Hall from 2-4pm. There is usually a talk as part of the meeting. For the meeting on 8th April, Waterlooville Fire Brigade will be speaking about "Safety in the Home". If you would like to join the WI call Thelma on 92 264186.

St John's Purbrook Church Hall Groups

Kidzone	Term Time	9.45 - 11.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	5.45 - 6.45
Brownies	Tuesday	6.00 - 7.30
Guides	Wednesday	7.00 - 8.30

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Obituary Ron Stanley

Ron passed away in December 2009 and his funeral took place on December 16th at Portchester. Ron was a great supporter of the Association and will be much missed. "Abide with me"