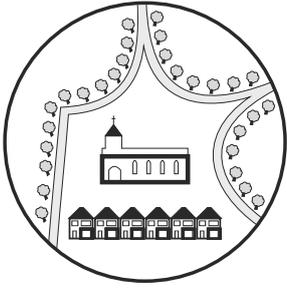


# Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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**PAWARA's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 25th November  
at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook**

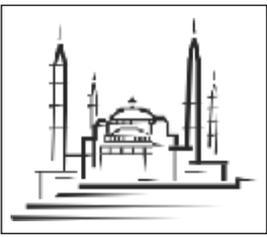
Members are reminded that subscription fees of £3.00 should be renewed during the evening.  
Please try to have the correct money.

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

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
  - (a) Chairman (Currently Sue Harvey).
  - (b) Vice Chairman (Currently John Briggs).
  - (c) **Secretary (still vacant).**
  - (d) Treasurer (Currently Bill Blackett).
  - (e) co/Treasurer +police liaison (Currently Michael Saunders).
  - (f) **Membership Sec. (Currently Sheila McIntosh, due for re-election).**
  - (g) Deliveries Sec. (Currently Anne Willoughby).
  - (h) Environment Sec. (Currently Mick Mills).
4. Election of Committee.

Stephen Long and Maureen Houlihan are standing down and both will be greatly missed. Stephen has promised to continue to organise our quizzes and Maureen will keep us up to date with neighbourhood watch information. Committee members voted in last year were Pam Cooper, Gill Griffiths and Rev Andy Wilson (a co-opted member). Therefore committee members due for re-election are David Heck, Gina Doggett and Brian Woolley. **This leaves 3 vacancies on the committee.** If any member wishes to join the committee please contact the Chairman or Secretary by 10<sup>th</sup> November.
5. Election of Auditors; currently Carol Crascal of Horndean and Jack Carruthers of Denmead.
6. A proposal for two changes to article No. 9 of our constitution; change '28 days notice' to '7 days notice' and change 'notify the Secretary' to 'notify the Chairman or Secretary'.
7. 7.45pm Our main speaker for the evening is Terry Wimbleton telling us about "the world of shells".
8. 8.30pm. Input from Mark Maitland, Community Officer for the MDA.  
Input from the police if able to attend.  
Input from County. Councillor Robin McIntosh concerning proposed 20mph speed limits.
9. A.O.B. from the residents.
10. **Remember to renew your £3.00 membership fee. Please bring your 09/10 membership card, if you have one.**

**Our residents' association is one of the best supported in Havant Borough.  
We are here to help residents and to be a voice for the community. Come and join us!**



**MDA update.**

Jacky Wilson, MDA liaison officer at Winchester, has asked us to squash a rumour going round that the new MDA will include a mosque! There are no plans for a mosque.

On the Taylor Wimpey site at Hambledon Road (Dukes Meadow) a phase 2 planning application is under way for 121 units. Winchester reference 10/02353/REM, if you want to comment.

The play area has been installed on a site next to the flats. This has been introduced earlier than the legal agreement required and will be a welcome facility for both new and existing residents.

**The Grainger Site.**

A "Hybrid" application from Grainger plc is expected to reach Havant and Winchester councils in the very near future. This includes the "re-masterplan" for their part of the MDA and the application for an additional 1000 houses. The bottom line is that if Grainger don't get approval for the extra 1000 they will go back to the permission they already have for 1500 units. We won't get the scheme residents prefer; which is the Adam Architecture design based on buildings typical of Hampshire towns and villages. It will be back to the original very modern Fielden Clegg Bradley scheme. At the AGM we should have more news of how this is progressing.

**The MDA Forum at Southwick Memorial Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

Several members of the PAWARA committee attended.

Despite the scrapping of top-down housing targets Havant officers told us that they are sticking to the 6300 new homes in the Borough included in the Local Development Framework. The reason given was that it is too far down the line for reconsideration of the LDF and that legal advice says that Havant cannot challenge these numbers.

However, Winchester have turned down Barton Farm (2000 houses) saying that "approving the application would not be appropriate given that the Winchester Local Development Framework and housing numbers would need to be reconsidered totally before being agreed". Winchester City council Conservative Group has asked the Council to review its requirement to provide MDAs and reserve sites in the light of the abolition of housing targets.

Very different approaches from two councils working together on our MDA.....

**The Co-op Stakes Road, Purbrook.**

Back in March the shop closed with regional management blaming the significant loss of trade on the Stakes Road improvement scheme and new pedestrian crossing, which prevented parking directly outside the store. Planning permission is being sought for two flats in the former retail area.

A decision is due at the beginning of November, so we should have news of that at the AGM.

**The Methodist Church, Stakes Road, Purbrook.**



Some of you may have seen this building advertised for sale in "The News" recently. PAWARA has asked the agents acting in the sale of the Methodist church to find out what is happening. At the moment the vendors are in discussion with Havant about future uses but many people who attended the church are concerned about what will happen to the interior, especially the organ which was donated by the Fielder family.

**Tesco Express.**

This application has not yet been determined. We are very grateful to Mr David Eaves of Havant Borough Council development control who came to PAWARA's last committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September and listened to our concerns. The access for deliveries is the main stumbling block, along with the perceived poor design which will affect nearby buildings in the conservation area.

**A secondary non-planning issue is the viability of the post office. If Tesco goes ahead the post office will close unless another site can be found for it.**

**Introducing Mark Maitland, MDA Community Worker.**



In September, 2010 Mark Maitland was appointed as the Community Worker for the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area (MDA). Mark has been seconded from Winchester City Council and will work on a temporary basis for 2 days per week until the funding is in place to appoint a full time worker. Mark has over 16 years experience as a community worker and has worked in a variety of locations across Hampshire. He hopes that using that experience he will be able to make a start on establishing the MDA as a sustainable and vibrant

**Jobs Alert!!**

The Office for National Statistics need temporary workers for the 2011 Census. If you are interested go to [www.ons.gov.uk/census](http://www.ons.gov.uk/census) and follow the link to Field Jobs.

community. A key aim of Mark's role is to support the integration of the new residents from the MDA into the surrounding communities. Part of the process for him to achieve this is to meet with local community groups and organisations and so Mark will be attending the PAWARA AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> November to explain more about his work. If you are unable to attend the AGM or have any questions or queries regarding his work, please use the following contact details to get in touch.

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(o) 07980 732129 (m)  
Email: mmaitland@winchester.gov.uk

### Our get-together evening.

This very successful and fun annual event was held at the Hampshire Rose, Widley on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Steve and Linda Long deserve a huge vote of thanks for the very entertaining evening, which they hosted despite their imminent move to Emsworth. We wish them happiness in their new home and thank them for agreeing to continue to run our quiz evening. There was further delight for Pompey supporters in our crowd as the team won 6-1! Thanks to all who attended and raised funds for the association through excellent raffle ticket buying.



Panto "The Sword in the Stone" on 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 and 7.30pm.  
Venue The Deverell, Hall Purbrook.

For tickets phone 07871 220222 or on line at [www.purbrookamateurtheatre.co.uk](http://www.purbrookamateurtheatre.co.uk)

PATS are always on the lookout for new actors and backstage crew. They meet on Fridays at 7.30 at the Deverell Hall.

*"The Purbrook Heath Story" by Andy Cragg*

*This is an excellent read for anyone interested in our local history and for any local cricket devotee. Eighty people had an input into this book and the photos and maps are clear and numerous.*

*Available from Baytree Bookshop in Waterlooville.*

### Now for the good the bad and the ugly!!

#### Good.

A big thank you to Asphaltic at Purbrook for mending and repointing the 100+ year old flint wall by the bus stop in Purbrook Village, which had been vandalised and the flints kicked out.

#### Good.

Havant Council works department. They mended our community notice board as soon as Cllr Gwen Blackett told them it was broken.

#### Good.

The PAWARA environment group. The next meeting is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 -11.30 am. We meet at Penjar Pond, Ladybridge Road. Come along!

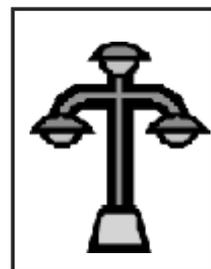
The photo shows Sandy Dell, taken two weeks ago. This site has now been restored to an attractive open space. Over the past two years residents have cleared all kinds of rubbish from the site including old



carpets, tyres and builders' rubble. Havant Council and the Probation Service helped with landscaping and planting and disposing of the rubbish. Sadly a few people still think it's OK to throw their garden rubbish and old Christmas trees away here.....

#### Bad.

Hampshire County Council. Well not that bad; but some local residents are wondering when Hampshire will get round to replacing their tatty street lights – especially in Purbrook Gardens. Southern Electric Lighting has been given a 5 year contract to renew all lamp posts and it will be our turn in 2013 in Purbrook and Widley. Don't be tempted to paint them yourself. As the man from Southern Electric says "don't go down that road" – all right we won't; but we wish you would and soon!



#### Ugly.

The footpath from Stakes Road to the car park. No wonder we don't want to use it. All the rubbish and dog mess!



We will get involved through the Environment Group to improve things but we need help from the council and probably the owners of the site adjacent.

## Dorothy's Dream.

As Dorothy expresses in The Wizard of Oz, "There's no place like home".

The Rowans Hospice has launched a £1million Appeal to raise money for 'The Rowans Hospice at Home'. This new service will endeavour to support 365 patients, their families and carers each year and is all about choice – about being able to choose to stay at home rather than being admitted to hospital for 'end of life' care.

They aim to commence this service in April 2011 and with your support they can make Dorothy's Dream a reality.



There is lots of information on the website ([www.rowanshospice.co.uk](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk)) with plenty of fundraising ideas. For more information, to request a fundraising pack or to make a donation to Dorothy's Dream, please contact The Rowans Hospice on **9223 8531**.

## Coming Soon....

### Hospice calls all would-be Santas for a stroll in the park.

The Rowans Hospice wants fun-loving individuals, families, friends and work colleagues to get into the spirit of Christmas for their festive fundraiser on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, starting at 10.00am.

Walkers can choose either a 4km rugged route or for families with small children there is a tots trail suitable for pushchairs. Each participant will receive their choice of festive dress: either a Santa costume or reindeer antlers with flashing noses as part of their registration fee. . As well as a festive costume, participants will receive a pack full of fundraising tips, and on the day there will be hot chocolate and mince pies. Registration in advance, £10 for adults and £2.50 for children.

[www.rowanshospice.co.uk](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk) or call **9223 7146**.  
Registered Charity No 299731

**Don't forget PAWARA AGM 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Deverell Hall, Purbrook 7.15pm.**

## Letter from America. An article by US racehorse owner/breeder Carol Moore about her childhood memories of Pigeon House Farm, Purbrook

Having moved to the USA 27 years ago, to further my career in the racehorse industry, I was delighted, on a recent trip home, to get together with my best friend, Julie Lovelace, and visit our friends at Pigeon House Farm. Julie and I were 'pony pals' there over forty years ago and have been friends ever since.

Ernie Ware, who moved to the farm in 1928 as a three year old, is amazingly well, and doesn't seem to have slowed down much. His youngest daughter Shirley, another pony pal, now runs the farm, along with her cousin Chris. It was Chris' wife Andy who was responsible for taking me to my first interview when I was 16 years old and applied for a job at Cowdray Park working with polo ponies. That was the beginning of my career with horses, and what a ride it's been!

I am not sure how Ernie, and his late wife Elsie, put up with us. As Ernie said, "They never went home!", and it was true we were there from dawn till dusk, and even camped out at night before gymkhanas, since not having horse boxes meant a really early start - hacking!



Ernie's middle daughter, Barbara, made up the foursome of our "pony club", and, as she was the dairy maid during that time, we would always give a hand with the milking.

We would ride ponies and horses for anyone who had them available, so that included riding at Hookheath Farm and Mill Farm too. When we weren't riding, we were pestering farmers for any available work. Ernie's late brother, Bob, was a great help, having us clear the fields of flint, naturally a never-ending job!

All in all it was a very enjoyable trip down memory lane and Julie and I really appreciate Ernie, Shirley and Chris taking the time to bring us up to date on so much that has happened at the farm since those early days. Who knows if I would still be making a living with horses now if I hadn't had such a great time at Pigeon House Farm all those years ago?

*The Wares still rear 1500 turkeys at Pigeon House Farm, mostly for local butchers and loyal private customers. Most of them are spoken for this year but there may be a few left!*