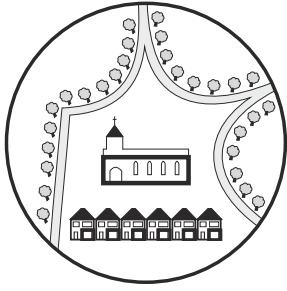


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter. The photograph shows Southwick House, where D Day began, the subject of our talk at the July meeting.



**PAWARA's July Public Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 28th July
Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU**

Agenda for the Meeting.

1. Chairman's Report.
2. **7.15 pm. Guest Speaker: - Illustrated presentation by Richard Callaghan from RMP Museum at Southwick House. "Behind the scenes at Southwick House – the story of the invasion plans."**
We are hoping to have a trip to Southwick in September to view the famous D Day wall map. There will be an opportunity to register your interest after the talk.
3. Major Development Area Update and current Planning Applications
4. Update on the Havant Borough Design Guide and on Waterlooville town centre improvements.
5. Environment group news.
6. Input from the police if able to attend.
7. A.O.B. from the residents

You don't have to be a member to come to talks or meetings but we do appreciate your input and support. Membership is still only £3 per year.

Current Havant Borough Council Initiatives:

Draft Havant Borough Design Guide.

When this is adopted in the autumn it will influence planning decisions and through those the way the Borough looks. **Public consultation is taking place at the moment and will end on Friday July 8th.** We can all make our views known and by doing so make this document a more accurate and useful one. The whole process is well signposted from the Havant Borough website. There is a form you can fill in on line for your comments.

We know that not everyone has access to the internet. We also know that for many residents it is difficult to get to Havant. You can find a copy of the Draft Design Guide at Waterlooville Library, along with feedback forms.

Of particular interest to readers of this newsletter will be the sections on Purbrook, Widley, Crookhorn and Waterlooville centre.

Sadly our area comes in as having many challenges on the design front, but many of the undesirable aspects mentioned by Havant Council, such as the urban clutter and ugly bus shelters are the result of Hampshire County's A3 Zip bus corridor.

St John's Conservation Area

Unfortunately, there is now only one Conservation Officer who has a full load of work in development control as well as responsibility for all the Conservation Areas. This means that the promised review of the Conservation Area round St John's church has been put back **again**. The target date is now March 2012!

This is really disappointing and PAWARA intends to take it up with Councillors.

Waterlooville Town Centre Improvements

Waterlooville is a difficult place to make look attractive to the visitor. Most people come in by car and have the backs of the shops as their welcome. There are lots of car parks but no open space and there are a lot of empty shops. Havant are trying to improve this with new paving, lighting, landscaping and street furniture in the town centre. There will be three phases to the improvements. In the first phase the fountain area will go and the ground will be levelled. This will make more room for the market and encourage people to walk up to the top end of the town and use shops up there. The retail park will be accessed by new crossings at road level. Cyclists will also be able to use the space with a marked cycleway.

The idea is to get more and better shops to come to Waterlooville and for people to enjoy shopping there.

Artists' impressions reproduced below – a bit sketchy but basically much more open space and some sort of performance space or shelter.

There is also a full explanation of what the Waterloo artwork on the columns at the northern end of the precinct represents.



At our meeting on 28th July we hope to have the final version of the plans on display, along with the autumn start date and timescale.

Community Boards

Funding for these has been withdrawn due to the spending cuts. The boards will now have to be self-funding if they want to continue. This was quite a shock to board members, who had been given no notice of Havant's intentions.

Axing the Community Boards seems odd when the current political climate is all about empowering communities, localism and the "Big Society".

A steering committee from the two Waterlooville boards is currently investigating ways forward.

The next meeting of the Waterlooville South and North boards will take place at the Acorn Centre 76 Eagle Avenue Wecock Farm Waterlooville on 29th June at 6.30pm.

As well as discussion on the future of the Boards, there will be a presentation by Havant council about the proposed business and technology park development at Dunsbury Hill Farm. Members of the public can speak from the floor. All welcome.



County Councillor Robin McIntosh Purbrook and Stakes South

Cllr McIntosh writes:

Roads and Pavements

"I have been working very closely with County Officers to obtain additional funding for ongoing maintenance of our local roads and pavements. There has been and will continue to be, a considerable improvement over the next year or so. I will ensure they undertake as much as possible given the constraints on our budget.

College Road Crossing

The proposal to install a crossing in College road has been submitted and is under consideration at County. I have pressed for an early completion and will continue to monitor the progress.

Home Fire Safety Visit

The Fire and Rescue service operates a home safety check and will fit Smoke Detectors free of charge if required. Contact Community Safety on **023 8062 6830** or **www.hantsfire.gov.uk**"

*Robin McIntosh also has a small budget to help local groups and societies. If your group needs funding for a particular project, get in touch on **02392 258144** for an application form.*

Julie Scarborough

Local hero Julie is a tireless charity fundraiser who often hosts sales and events at her home in Widley.

Here she is (standing 3rd from the flag) with friends and family at their street party for the Royal Wedding.

Julie is hosting a charity sale at her home – 9 The Crest, Widley on Saturday July 16th from 12noon to 4pm. Entrance 50p, accompanied children free of charge. Entrance includes refreshments. This sale is in aid of Naomi House hospice and the Alicia Pannell wheelchair fund.



Julie would also like to hear from former pupils of Daley's School, St Theresa's Grammar and Convent of the Cross Schools. All of these eventually became Oaklands Catholic School.

A commemorative window to the Daley family is to be installed at St Colman's Church Cosham, with a reunion and refreshments afterwards. If you would like to attend, contact Julie on **02392 389689**.

Anne Willoughby

Anne has been a stalwart of the PAWARA committee as Deliveries Secretary for many years. She has recently moved to the Isle of Wight to be nearer her family, but we are reliably informed that she will still be going to Fratton Park! We wish her the very best for the future.

Michael Saunders has agreed to take over, with the help of wife Pam. We thank them both and all our dedicated deliveries team. You do a great job!

Purbrook Youth Experience Fund

We featured Purbrook Youth Experience Fund in the previous newsletter. They are still looking for youngsters (13-19) who live work or are in education in Purbrook and like a challenge.

Contact the youth team on **023 9226 1535 or 07718 146218**.

We will publish more about their summer activities schedule on the PAWARA website.

Christ Church Portsdown Summer Fete

Takes place on on Saturday 2nd July from 12noon to 3pm in the grounds of Purbrook Park School Park Avenue Widley PO7 5DS Admission 50p. Children under 12 free. Attractions include arena displays, a tug-of-war and grand raffle.

St John's Church, Purbrook Summer Fete Saturday 9th July Time 11am to 3pm

The theme this year is "Country and Western"
The fete will be held at the rear of the church in the grounds and car park.

Special guest to open the Fete and there are lots of stalls, with fun for all.

The Rowans Summer Fete on Purbrook Heath takes place from 1pm-4pm on Saturday 17th July.

With over 50 stalls and a full entertainment programme in the arena there will be something for everyone at this popular event.

Footnote

You may have heard about the campaign to keep vascular surgery at QA hospital. PAWARA supports the campaign which is being lead by the News and the Medical Director of Portsmouth Hospitals. If you don't think we should lose these valuable skills from our NHS Trust please contact:-

**keepit@thenews.co.uk or
simon.holmes@porthosp.nhs.uk**

Planning Matters

The Methodist Church Stakes Road



The site has been sold and the good news is that the main building will probably be preserved. The planned use is not residential.

Several people have contacted PAWARA about what will happen to the contents. The Methodist Church has told PAWARA that the font has already been removed to Hart Plain Church and various plaques have been relocated.

If not required by the new owners, the organ will be sold and used elsewhere.

The pulpit and pews will be sold but any dedications or plaques will be removed prior and returned to the original donor families if possible. We hope this reassures those who still have strong family ties to this building.

Tesco Express, 3 London Road Purbrook Old petrol station site.



What a picture! Thanks to Frank Pegg for this unusual view of the old garage site, taken from St John's church tower.

As you may have heard, planning has been granted for a Tesco Express with flats above. At a lively meeting on 26th May. PAWARA and Cllr Gwen Blackett fought for residents' amenities, especially our Post Office.

We all wanted an end to this story of an ugly eyesore but not at the cost of our Post Office. Tesco have agreed to consider putting it in the new store

We must make sure they do this.

Planning Matters

The former Co-operative store Stakes Road

After an application for a car sales and car upholstery workshops was withdrawn, Havant has given consent for change of use to a professional office premises.



We understand this will be an accountancy firm relocating from Petersfield. Good news for near neighbours as the hours of business will be Monday to Friday only with no late nights or Bank Holiday working. The trees with Preservation Orders are subject to protection in the planning consent.

The picture shows a mature oak tree at the rear of the former supermarket.

Former Purbrook Park Playing fields, junction of Stakes road/Stakes Hill road.

Persimmon Homes, who were to develop the site, have not completed their application. It looks like the land will continue to be unused for some time. This is a real shame.

The West of Waterlooville MDA

The first phase will begin on site later this year. Initial infrastructure works are anticipated to begin in autumn 2011 with serviced parcels of development land to be sold onto house builders soon thereafter.

John Beresford, director of development at Grainger, said: "Our approach to the design has a feeling of the English Garden Suburb Movement where community well-being is at the heart of our philosophy. We are looking forward to seeing the community come to life."

Meantime, Havant are asking the developers for even more contributions to fund:-

Improvements to the Purbrook Heath Sports pitches, Upgrading the local shopping centre in Purbrook, £1.2 million towards achieving better integration with Waterlooville, New allotments, Second primary school.

The extra costs associated with having 400 extra affordable homes.

And finally – have a wonderful summer everyone!