

# Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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**Our next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall** is to be along the usual local historical lines of the past February meetings. Andrew Perrin is unable to attend in February but hopes to be with us in May. Instead Bob Hunt has kindly agreed to give a talk called "Beneath Portsdown" about the four main underground structures beneath Portsdown which include 5 miles of tunnelling. His website is [www.portsdown-tunnels.org.uk](http://www.portsdown-tunnels.org.uk). Bob is Portsmouth born and bred and has been interested in Portsdown and what lies beneath since 8 years old. He is not an archaeologist, but it seemed odd to him that more was known about a Long Barrow, from 2,000 BC, than a World War II deep tunnel shelter. Hence his website was born.

### **The Agenda for the 28<sup>th</sup> February meeting will be:**

- (1) Bill Blackett ( treasurer ) will give an update on our account.
- (2) County Councillor Robin McIntosh will present a cheque to the Association.
- (3) Bob Hunt, "Beneath Portsdown".
- (4) A.O.B. from the residents.
- (5) Please pay your £3.00 membership—the cards are red for 2007/8.

Our thanks go to **Ian Limb from Portsmouth Water Company** for his talk at the November meeting. He enlightened us as to where the hidden wildlife watercourses are in the Havant area. They are easily accessible to the public you just need to know where they are. It was an interesting, lively talk but he did not tell us about the £250,000 raised by his Water Company for the "Water Aid Charity" which helps people across Africa, Asia and the Pacific region. **Well done to the Portsmouth Water Company.**

### **Purbrook Park Playing Field Development.**

The revised plans were explained by Persimmon (the developer) to the community and councillors at the Havant Civic offices on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. It was clear that Persimmon had moved a considerable way towards solving many of the residents' past concerns and objections.

The number of dwellings has been reduced from 102 to 93.

The % of 3 storey buildings is reduced from 5% to 3%.

The % of 2½ storey buildings is reduced from 43% to 38%.

Therefore the 2 storey buildings % had increased from 52% to 59%.

Only two 3 storey blocks remain and PAWARA asked if they could be moved nearer the centre of the development, perhaps one overlooking the western green area. PAWARA also asked if the western green area, which is alongside Stakes Road, would be 'traveller proofed' as a priority. It is not known when these plans /further revised plans will come before the planning committee.

**A West of Waterlooville Forum Meeting** also took place on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm in Deverell Hall.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive a general update and discuss the retention of open spaces, the name of the MDA and possible community involvement. Wimpey intend calling their area 'Old Park Farm' and Grainger will call their area 'Newlands Common'. The Developers have agreed with the councils a sum of £35,000,000 which will be used on e.g. community needs, off-site road improvements, Waterlooville Leisure Centre, etc. Some dwellings may be completed in 2009 but it will be a further 5-7 years before full completion. A search for archaeological remains is the reason for the trenches in the fields.

### **The Environment Group.**

Those who attended the AGM will be aware that **John Harvey** tendered his resignation from the committee. John has been one of our stalwart members as Chairman and Environment supremo for many years—he will be greatly missed. Luckily for PAWARA **Mike Mills** volunteered to take over from John. Mike has been a regular helper since the very beginning of the group. He has met with Rachael Moroney of BTCV (British Trust of Conservation Volunteers) regarding the Penjar Pond in Ladybridge Road. It is hoped that over the next couple of months, following on from discussions to be had with the Environment Agency and Havant Borough Council, we can formulate an action plan to help in the rejuvenation of Penjar Pond.

2,000 daffodil bulbs were planted along the A3 in Widley and Purbrook and we are grateful to the Probation Service for their help. The second Sunday of the month will continue to be the time when residents can make a real difference to some green patches in our area. Thus **9<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am till 11.30am** will be the 1<sup>st</sup> get together of 2008 **at Penjar Pond**. Come on, give a helping hand for an hour and a half, and receive a polo shirt for your effort. Don't leave it to the same 7 people. All tools are provided including litter pickers and bags for those on 'light duties'. The next four dates are 9<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June, all at 10am--- venues decided on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### **The Garage Site in Purbrook Village.**

Cllr. Gwen Blackett reports that the latest information on this site is that it has been sold; but she has not yet found out who the new owner is nor what he or she intends to use it for.

### **Muriel Smith writes "Aluminium Foil".**

Don't throw it away. Let Christ Church Portsdown recycle it, and save the landfill sites. They also recycle mobile phones and postage stamps, but please make sure to keep the stamps separate from the foil. At the moment the church is open Tuesday mornings 10am till 12noon. and Wednesday mornings 9.30am till 12 noon.

### **Trades Corner.**

Claire Whyley has just started her own business as a mobile beautician. She also organises 'Pamper Parties' for up to six people. If you feel in need of some pampering then contact Claire on 02392386668 or 07947907707.

### **Serving you.**

Havant Council Staff have put together a map to show where they think 6,301 houses should or could be built over the next 20 years. Space in built-up areas has been found for 4,400 leaving potentially nearly 2,000 to be accommodated on Greenfield sites. A map and information will be in the next 'Serving You' and the Council wants feed-back from its residents.

### **The Meeting Place Youth Club, Elizabeth Road, Stakes.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays in the month, 6.30pm till 9.00pm, aged 13—19. Young Women's Group; Wednesdays 6.00pm till 9.00pm, aged 13--19. Detached youth workers engaging with the young out on the streets; The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6.30pm till 9.00pm, aged 16+. Open Drop-in; Thursdays 7.00pm till 9.00pm, aged 10—17. Open Drop-in.

Other opportunities on offer; '**Baby Think It Over**'--experience being a carer of a computerised baby; '**Trips**' to London, bowling etc; '**Music Fusion**'—D,J-ing, beat boxing, music technology; '**Listening Ear**' --explore personal issues; '**Pre e-2-e**'—exploring employment and training; '**739/Get It On**'—well-being drop-in including access to free condoms, pregnancy testing; '**Smoking Cessation**'—support to stop smoking; '**Special Projects**'—to develop confidence and self-esteem.

For more information please contact Mark Cluett 07718146216(mobile) or 02392262014(office).

We hope to see many of you on **28<sup>th</sup> February to hear Bob Hunt's 'Beneath Portsdown' talk.**

A successful and healthy 2008 to you all.