

Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Once again, this time in May, Andrew Perrin gave us a knowledgeable and interesting talk on 'Forgotten Widley and the Deverell Family'. We were amazed how generous John Deverell was to the people of Purbrook and Widley. Thank you Andrew. Your research into local history is admired and appreciated.

Jane Kent from Waterlooville Library explained the effort being put in to win an award of £700,000 from the lottery. The money would be used to fund new learning opportunities at the library and structural alterations.

Our next meeting is on 28th August, 7.15pm in Deverell Hall. The **Agenda** for the meeting will be:

(1) **Jacky Wilson**, (the newly appointed West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer) will explain her job description and her wish to hear residents' concerns in the future.

(2) **At 7.30pm Dr. Gordon Watson will begin his talk.** He is a Principal Lecturer at the Institute of Marine Sciences at Portsmouth University. Gordon intends to tell us about himself and the Institute and then about some of his areas of research e.g. worms and pollution and other areas that are relevant to the Solent area.

(3) **A.O.B.**

Jacky Wilson's Report *"The archaeologists have now finished on both sites and are writing their reports. The rights of way on the Newlands site that were slightly damaged by their work have been made good and one re-instated that had been overgrown for some time. Unfortunately there has been some fly-tipping in the copse opposite Milk Lane, I am in discussion with the developer on possible actions to discourage travellers, (who are believed to be in the area) from taking up residency on site. These measures, if implemented, should help deter further tipping. Tree protection materials have been ordered for the whole site, and the large oak at Milk Lane is now protected. Sadly the fencing, which had been delivered to the Old Plant Farm on Hambledon Road, was stolen so it has been re-ordered. On the Newlands site there has been a reptile 'hibernacula' created. These are areas designed to attract any reptiles on site (slow worms, snakes, lizards) so they can be transported away from any development land. Tiles and pipes or similar items are placed in spots where the reptiles will hide. Also a Great Crested Newt Fence has been erected to prevent newts from entering the developable land from the south of the sites. These fences are green sloping, low boards. Work started on 14th July near Maurepas Way roundabout on the access into the Newlands site."*

The MDA forum meeting on 14th July. Grainger showed a model of the 1st phase of the development at Plant Farm and we were assured that the construction traffic will access the land via Maurepas Way roundabout. PAWARA members raised three queries: (1) was a Biomass generation plant being considered? Such a plant was removed from plans some years ago due to public concerns about pollution. (2) What was 'trigger house build number' which would action the building of the southern access road? Answer, 800 occupied houses on the Grainger site or 1,100 occupied houses on the combined sites, whichever is the first. (3) A retirement village has been mentioned, will the number be included in the 2,000 figure or be extra? Answer, the village will only happen if there is deemed a demand and the number will be included in the 2,000. The next MDA Forum is planned for the end of September and should have more

details of the houses, the Boulevard and the new community centre. The actual date might be known on 28th August. The preliminary drawings of the centre look very promising and include a 200+ seater hall.

Thank you to Paul Outen our web site organiser. He always appears to keep it up to date.

Joe Toohey of Capita Symonds who is responsible for the roads and infrastructure on the MDA has sent this report. *“In the coming months a programme of mitigation works will be undertaken in order to allow works on the first phase of roads and infrastructure to commence without threatening the populations of dormice, badgers and bats in the area. The Milk Lane/London Road junction improvement works are now complete and works have moved on to the Maurepas Way/London Road roundabout. This work which is to serve as the main access to the new development has been approved by Hampshire County Council’s highways team and commenced on site on 14th July and is due to finish in early 2009.”*

PAWARA’s Get Together and Supper on 20th June at Purbrook Heath Cricket Club was a very happy evening. A big thank you goes to Alan Figgins the cricket club barman and to Stephen and Linda Long who prepared the quiz on Film Music. Amazingly we made a profit of £130.29.

Purbrook Park Playing Field housing development for just under 100 houses has been passed. No date is known as to when building will commence.

The new plans for fewer flats to replace **the Curzon Rooms in Waterlooville** have been passed.

**Pawara’s Environment Group. Venue; Penjar Pond.
Dates; 10th August, 14th September, 12th October.
Time; 0930--- 1130hrs**

Mick Mills writes “Volunteers are required to help us conserve and re-establish this pond. Over the years it has become neglected and if action is not taken now, it will continue to fill with silt and be lost forever. The pond contains a large amount of sedge, which apparently makes the pond quite unique within Hampshire. Our small team of volunteers have cleared away the litter and other rubbish surrounding the pond and over the next few months we shall remove some of the silt and manage the trees and sedge for the future. If you can spare just 2 hours once a month it will be much appreciated. The pond is located on the Southern side of Ladybridge Road near the junction with Penjar Avenue.

Sue Bancroft has received a reply to her letter concerning **Fortnightly Bin Collections**. Dawn Baxendale, Corporate Director HBC, writes these main points; *“The alternate weekly collections are now borough wide and proving to be successful for the majority of households”. “We have met the Government’s recycling performance standard of 30% and are now exceeding this by an additional 2%”. “Cases of maggot infestation during extreme hot weather have been limited with no formal complaints received and only 24 minor complaints during the summer of 2007”. “Our Waste Advisors are only too happy to meet with residents and can be contacted on 02392446010.”*

The County has updated the maps of where to walk, cycle and ride a horse. This update was last undertaken in 1964. A set of the maps are in Waterlooville Library.

Surestart Children’s Centre at Morelands Primary School in Crookhorn Lane has its official opening on Saturday, 13th September. The day will be a Family Fun Day from 10am till 2pm. The centre aims to offer a range of services for children 0—5 and their families, e.g. a nursery providing full daycare 8am till 6pm, drop-in groups such as Bumps and Babies, childminding group and family learning. The centre will be partially open during August. For more information phone 02392253770.

The garage site in Purbrook now has a blue fence around it and there is obviously some activity there but no one is saying who has bought the site. There might be more information at the meeting on 28th August.

We hope to see many of you on 28th August in Deverell Hall at 7.15pm.

