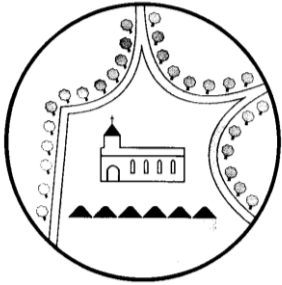


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association

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View of Purbrook from Portsdown Hill

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Our public meeting on 25 March was very well attended, in spite of some awful weather. More than eighty residents enjoyed Andrew Perrin's illustrated talk on the historic buildings of Purbrook and Widley. Thanks to Andrew for such a fascinating evening. Thanks are also due to Hampshire County Councillor Robin McIntosh. Robin arranged a grant from County for the new microphone units we used at the meeting.

Our next public meeting will be:-

**Thursday 22nd July 2010 at the Deverell Hall,
London Road, Purbrook commencing at 7.15pm.**

Agenda:

1. Chairman's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Talk by Don Bullivant on the discovery of the Mary Rose. Our speaker dived on the Mary Rose with Alexander McKee, who discovered the wreck.
4. Police officers Nick Donnelly and Luke Goble will be with us from around 8pm and will give a report on policing in the area. If you have any concerns please come to the meeting and speak to them directly.
5. Any other business.

Come along and enjoy what should be a fascinating presentation on the story of the Mary Rose.

Housing Targets to be Scrapped

This is an extract from the announcement made by Communities Secretary Eric Pickles on 31 May.

"We've promised to use legislation to scrap top-down building targets that are eating up the Green Belt. That's why I have written to all councils to let them know from today they can make planning decisions in the knowledge Regional Strategies will soon be history. It will no longer be possible to concrete over large swathes of the country without any regard to what local people want."

Alderman Bill Blackett, who for years has opposed the large scale development of green field land West of Waterlooville said; "This is great news and we urge Havant Borough Councillors to review the Active

Waiting List for houses in Havant and to call an urgent meeting of the West of Waterlooville Forum to reassess the real need for houses in the MDA."

However, in the meantime the wheels of the MDA continue to turn.... *This MDA Update kindly provided by Project Managers Capita Symonds, representing the developer, Grainger plc.*

"The next Public Exhibition has been scheduled to take place on **Friday 9th July, 1.30pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 10th July, 10am – 3pm at the Waterlooville Community Centre, Maurepas Way, Waterlooville.**

The Exhibition will provide the public with an opportunity to view and comment on the proposals.

Since the last Public Exhibition in November feedback has been taken on board. The team has commenced designing phase 1 of the residential development at Newlands. The team has attended Community Boards to present the emerging master plan and phase 1 of the development. Questions were fielded on a number of issues and concerns highlighted have now been taken into consideration to influence design.

Archaeological Surveys: Two teams of archaeologists have been on site this year to investigate further areas to the west of the site not previously looked at. Reports produced by both teams have determined that there are no significant findings to date.

Plant Farm farmhouse: The protection works to Plant Farm have now been completed and will ensure that vandals cannot cause further damage.

Cemetery Workshop: At its last meeting on 31st March the forum approved the proposed location of the cemetery on land north of the Rowans Hospice staff car park. Ground water monitoring is currently being undertaken to determine its suitability for this particular land use. As the monitoring must be carried out throughout the seasonal variations of the year this monitoring is an ongoing exercise. "

Details of the results of consultations are published on the MDA website: www.newlandshampshire.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Scam Alert

In this fraud, someone calls you saying that you have an unpaid BT phone bill which must be settled immediately by credit/debit card to avoid disconnection. DON'T DO IT, even if they do seem to be able to cut you off. That is part of the scam. They are after your card details. You have been warned!

Planning - The Former Caravan Sales site, Widley

Developers Barratt David Wilson Homes have put in for full planning permission for their site, now named "Copperfields". Taller housing will be on the London Road, to prevent "overlooking" of houses in Deverell Place.



The Old Garage Site

After years of dilapidation nothing has happened. The centre of our village is dominated by a blue hoarding / fence!

Here's what has been achieved locally on similar sites.



Chichester, near station



On the A3 at Cowplain

Parking in Purbrook Village

Councillor Gwen Blackett thanks residents for supporting her at the election and promises to keep working hard for the community.

Gwen regrets that she didn't manage to get 30 minute parking outside the shops, but there was not enough support for the change and it remains at one hour.

The police have been warning anyone they see double parking, so beware!

PAWARA Environment Group



The group meets on the second Sunday morning in the month from 9.30 to 11.30. Forthcoming dates are:

11 July, 8 August,
12 September, 10 October.
We meet at Penjar Pond,
Ladybridge Road.

This lovely photograph of a mother mallard and her chicks back on the pond is by Adele Mallows.

New business opens in Purbrook A new beauty salon "Radiance" began trading on 31 May at 32 London Road. A wide range of beauty treatments is available.

Contact Rachel and Sam Tel: 023 9226 9639.

Broadways Coffee Shop

Broadways café, next to One Stop, is celebrating five years of trading. The café will enjoy a refurbishment in July but will remain open throughout.

On the Web

We have now been contacted by residents several times through the website, informing us about local problems. We can almost always get hold of someone who can help. We welcome any news, notices of events and your local photos.

The Rowans PAWARA has received a very nice letter from the Chief Executive, Ruth White, thanking residents for their support of the hospice and outlining two new initiatives:

- The Rowans Hospice at Home nursing service, which is scheduled to begin in Spring 2011.
- A partial redevelopment of the hospice, including a new entrance for patients.

More details on the website www.rowanshospice.co.uk

What's On and Local Groups

St John's Purbrook Victorian themed fete takes place at the rear of the church on Saturday 3 July from 10.00am -4.00pm. The fete will be opened by Brian Kidd, local star of Radio Solent's "Topsoil"

The Rowans Summer Fete takes place in the afternoon of 18 July at the Heath. Many attractions including HMS Collingwood's Junior Field Gun Team, many stalls, tombola and refreshments.

Phoenix Centre Crookhorn Lane

Fun day on the green 31 July. Many attractions including a hog roast, bouncy castle and paddling pool. Tickets £5 adult, £2.50 child. All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Purbrook Horticultural Society Summer Show

Sunday 22 August at Crookhorn College of Technology, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville.

Doors open 2.00pm. All welcome – refreshments available.

Why not join PHS? Membership is £5 a year and there is an active programme of events and meetings. The garden supplies shop on London Road, Widley, is open on Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30am.

Purbrook Friendly Club

Meet on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at Deverell Hall Purbrook. Fee £3. The club provides companionship and activities for the over 60s, from chair exercises to coach trips!

Contact Sheila Stapleford on 023 9264 9860

Obituary PCSO Bev Lavery

A week after speaking to us at the March meeting Bev died in a tragic accident. We all feel the loss of such an energetic and dedicated PCSO. Our sympathy goes to her family and colleagues. She will be sorely missed.