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Happy New Year



Mulled wine and Mince pies all round!

Following the success of the bangers 'n' mash evening in October 2004, where new residents got the opportunity to meet. Your CDW (Community Development worker) organised another get together over the festive season.

Through a mulled wine and mince pie evening, the plan was that residents old!! And new would have another opportunity to get together and meet in a social way and also raise any concerns to the CDW.

Given the seasonal element to this gathering the Good Intent Pub was chosen for the venue and on the 13th December a number of residents joined in with the festivities. A good time was had by all and The CDW had the opportunity to find out about any new issues raised. Some of you pointed out problems with parking (this is reiterated in the refuse collection article found on page 2), some mentioned brief moments when lighting was not working, but all in all you do seem to be happy with all aspects of the developing estate at the moment. This is further confirmed by no complaints being received in response to the newsletter being delivered in October.

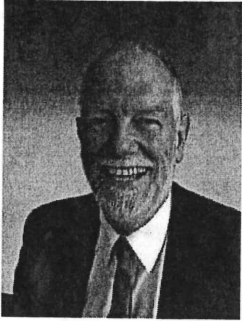
2 community development workers for the price of 1 !

Just to let you know there are now two CDWs working at Ramshill. Rebecca Probert who has been on maternity leave has just returned and will now be job sharing with Andy Boughton. Andy will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays and Rebecca will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both workers will be able to deal with any issues that arise and will help in anyway they can.

NOTE: If you have not yet returned your lifestyle surveys, please could you do so as soon as possible. The information you give us is vital in understanding the dynamics of Ramshill and the research will lead the way towards future initiatives and projects.

Should you or your neighbour require this newsletter or any other literature produced via your Community Development Worker in a different format, please let us know. We can provide an audio version, an email version, a version in large print and a version in any language

Message from your local councillor



My name is John West: and I have been the County Councillor for the Petersfield Division for almost 8 years.

If you are new to home owning I am afraid that Council Tax is one of your big bills. Through it you pay for services provided by:

1) Hampshire County Council
(01962 841841):

Education, Social Care, Roads, Recreation & Heritage, Libraries, Museums and Country Parks

2) East Hampshire District Council
(01730 266551): Planning; Housing; Car Parks; Grass Cutting

3) Petersfield Town Council (01730 268241): Festival Hall; the Lake, Heath and other public open spaces.

4) The Police (non urgent matters: 08450 454545)

5) The Fire & Rescue Service.

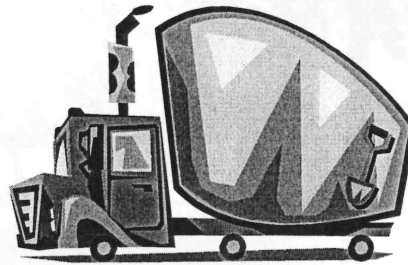
The boundaries for the County Council are changing and from the next elections on the 5th May 2005 there will be 2 County Councillors, one representing the north of the Town, the other, the south.

District and Town elections will be two years later. (We are elected for 4 year terms).

Maintenance of your roads will be the responsibility of the Developer until at least 12 months after the final surfacing, and that will not be laid until the last house is built. Some completed side roads may be adopted earlier; and thus will be taken over by the County Council.

May I wish you a long and happy time in Petersfield

John West, County Councillor
(01730 260028 email: john.west@hants.gov.uk)



Refuse collection

*Message from
Linda Horne - Waste
Reduction Team*

Having now been out with the refuse crews on this route a couple of times they report to me that the main problem is with cars being parked on the roadways rather than in designated parking areas making maneuvering difficult due to the size of the vehicle and the grass verges. In particular on Dickins Lane. As more people move in to Ramshill this will become a worse problem unless cars are parked in the off road areas. If the vehicle cannot get round the roads the bins cannot be emptied.

It is very helpful if residents put their address on their bin - there is a sticker for this purpose in the new residents pack.

Please remember bins must be out by 7am - the lorry comes in early before the construction companies start moving large vehicles around. All bins lids must be closed and no excess refuse will be taken. Recycling must be clean, dry and loose in the bin. Extra recycling can however be collected if it is put at the side of the bin in clear sack or open box.

For further information please contact Linda Horne - Contract Supervisor, Waste Reduction Team

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*Do you have any
issues to raise
about your estate?*

If so, please contact your Community Development Workers (details on the front page). You may not be the only one!

Do you have involvement in a community activity, club, or service that you would like to promote through this newsletter?

If so, please contact your community development worker, details on the front page.

'Working for the future of local children'

Hampshire Children and Families Forum aims to promote high quality provision for children and families to enable all children to fulfill their potential by:

- ♦ Talking to parents and carers about local services.
- ♦ Developing policies and communities, responding to local needs.
- ♦ Publishing Newsletters to keep parents up to date with local information and events.

If you have an issue concerned with family life/and or childcare or if you think some services locally need improving please contact Julie Cunnah on 07702 217167 or by email pandl@hcff.org.uk

HCFF Focus Day

Wednesday 20th April 2005 at Intech, nr Winchester is an opportunity to meet the 20 co-coordinators based across the south, and participate in various workshops. This years theme is 'How Children Learn'. The event is free but by invitation only and includes a free lunch. If you would like an invite please contact Julie.

Can you help?

Why not get to know your new neighbours through delivering future editions of this newsletter to part or all of your street?

This newsletter is produced on a quarterly basis and your help delivering it would be much appreciated. If you think you can offer a helping hand in this way please contact your community development workers (details on page 1) to volunteer your

Neighbourhood Watch update



As Chairman of the Petersfield Area Neighbourhood Watch Association (PANWA),

I know that your new housing estate would benefit from joining the Neighbourhood Watch family. Our three main aims are:-

- To prevent crime
- To reduce the fear of crime
- To promote good citizenship.

To make a start we need people to come forward as co-ordinators and deputies, either for a whole road, part of a road, cul-de-sac or group of houses. New co-ordinators have to pass a police check before being approved. The work is voluntary as a service to the community. Our lamp post signs and window stickers have proved to be an effective deterrent to crime and vandalism.

Neighbourhood Watch draws residents together and helps to build strong communities. For details of what is involved in becoming a co-ordinator

please make contact with either myself (Geoff Eyre, Secretary 01730 266958), or the secretary, Alison Gauld.

So far a few Ramshill residents have expressed an interest in this scheme but we still need someone to come forward as a co-ordinate so if you are interested, please contact Alison Gauld, care of the Petersfield Police Station on 08450454545. Alternatively you can speak to your beat bobby's, Morris Thompkins and Bob Hooper for further information.

Do you have an idea for another Ramshill community activity you would like to see take place?

If so, please contact your Community Development Workers, (details - front page)

Petersfield Library

New to the area?

What better way to find out what's going on in Petersfield than a visit to the library? Conveniently situated in The Square at the heart of the town, the library provides details of the many clubs and societies that meet locally and the Tourist Information (in the same building) provides a calendar of events..

While you are in the library, why not sign up?

Just bring along some evidence of your name and address and you will be able to choose from the wide range of books, videos, DVDs, play station games and CDs available for loan. The library also offers free Internet access from it's suite of public access computers. There are regular baby rhyme times for the under 2s, poetry and science fiction reading groups and an audio book discussion group for the visually impaired. There is also an occasional programme of talks, author visits and theatre. Do visit us soon to find out more.

Opening hours: Mon 9.30-5 Tues 9.30-5 Wed 9.30-7 Thurs Closed Fri 9.30-7 Sat 9.30-1

WI (Women's Institute)

We meet at Sheet Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. We are a mixed bunch of friendly ladies who get together to make new friends and have a bit of fun. We invite some very interesting and varied speakers to our meetings and following these talks we enjoy refreshments and a natter. We also go on outings and we don't sing "Jerusalem." Our speakers for the next 3 months are:-

Feb.3rd "Have gavel will travel"

March 3rd "One arm, one eye, one mistress: a light-hearted talk about Nelson"

April 7th "Colours and styles for the mature women"

For more information, contact Doreen Oliver (president and press secretary) on: 01730 269060 or 01730 264033

Winton House Centre

We are currently celebrating our Silver Jubilee and you can find us at 18 High Street (opposite Somerfield).

The charity exists to help the people of Petersfield: to find information, we hire out meeting rooms for up to 30 people (at the lowest rates in town), we run the Pop-In Centre, a cafe where we serve home-made cakes, soup and toasted sandwiches.

Activities on a weekly basis include:-

Tuesday am - Jigsaw library

Wednesday am - a representative of the DWP Pensions' Service gives free advice.

Thursday am - Age Concern runs computer classes for the over 50s.

Friday am - the "Play Together" mothers' and children group meets and Age Concern representatives offer information to the public.

Saturday am - coffee mornings from the Winton Room.

Also, the Age Concern minibus runs from here on Fridays, providing a shopping service. At other times East Hants Leisure Learning runs a programme of classes or other societies meet. Petersfield Voluntary Care operates a hospital driver service from our office.

Other services include a database, hire of equipment to our users and provider services, such as photocopying, laptop and multi-media projector.

For more information phone us on 01730 266046 or just pop in. you can also find out more on our website at www.wintonhousecentre.org.uk.



Supporting the work of local
voluntary groups

Community Information

St Mary Magdalen Church in Sheet.

Your Parish Church is St Mary Magdalen Church in Sheet. You are always welcome at our Services:-



Sunday 6th March (Mothering Sunday)
10.00am Family Service

Sunday 20th March (Palm Sunday)
Young Family Service (aimed at the under 10's, but all are welcome)

Thursday 24th March (Maundy Thursday) 8.00pm Last Supper with Foot-washing

Friday 25th March (Good Friday)
1.30pm Building an Easter Garden

Saturday 27th March (Easter Day)
10.00am Family Communion

We look forward to seeing you at one of these services.

For further information please contact Rob Dewing, Vicar on 01730 263673

Petersfield Rugby Club

"Petersfield Rugby Club's Youth Section was formed in 1984 and provides the opportunity for boys and girls to play rugby to the best of their ability. The Youth Section offers facilities for boys and girls from aged 5 to 19. Our total membership continues to grow year on year but the focus remains on ensuring that every child enjoys the game in a safe environment. We are based next to the Taro Centre, and have some of the best pitches in the County.



Our players have represented, County, Divisional and International sides, and we have a good record in the Hampshire Cup and Mini Tournaments in the South of England.

We are very proud of our links with local schools, and will be hosting a schools tournament for Year 8 at the end of January, with a festival for Years 2 and 3 planned for April. Many young players join the club having attended our Mini Rugby Workshop which is held in the middle of August every year, this workshop is promoted through local schools and other youth organisations in the town.

For more information about Petersfield RFC you can visit our website at www.petersfieldrfc.com, or you can e-mail questions to

petersfieldrfc.youth@btinternet.com. But the best way to learn about the club is to come and find out for yourself on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning."

Voluntary Action for East Hampshire

If you are involved with a voluntary or community group (e.g. Residents Association, Sports Club, Church, Youth Group, Charity etc) then Voluntary Action can give you all kinds of support.

Here are some of the ways that we can help.

- Support with *starting up a new group*
- Information about where to get *funding* to run a project or club
- Regular distribution of *information* for voluntary and community groups
- Provision of *affordable training courses* for volunteers and workers
- *Hiring out of equipment* – audio-visual aids, tables etc. (And much MUCH more)

To find out more, call 01730 710017, e-mail info@vaeh.org.uk or write to Voluntary Action East Hampshire, The Tilmore Centre, Tilmore Rd, Petersfield GU32 2HG Website: www.vaeh.org.uk

Voluntary Action's Events

Raising Cash for Community Projects – Thursday 10 February 9.30 – 3.00 Cost £10 (£15 for statutory bodies)

Venue Liphook Millennium Hall

Introduction to Health & Safety – Tuesday 15 March 9.30 – 12.45 Cost £14 Venue: St Mary's Hall, Liss

Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees – 6.30 – 9.30 Cost £10 (£20 for statutory bodies) Venue: To be confirmed

We also work closely with East Hampshire Volunteer Centre who can help you to recruit and work with volunteers.



Volunteer Centre
East Hampshire

Petersfield United Reform Church



Update from Kay Blackwell the children and family worker

We run a wide variety of groups for children and families.

For pre-school children (birth to five years) there is the **Fiddlesticks Music** groups and the **Little Fishes** toddler and carer groups that run every week in term-time. At the end of each school term we also run a special service for pre-school and early years children and their families. These are mid-week services and involve story telling, singing and lots of puppets and fun, all aimed at younger children. Afterwards there is a free party for all (which in the summer is a Teddy Bears Picnic in our lovely garden!)

We have a regular Sunday School (called 'JFC') and on the third Sunday of each month we have an all-age children's service in the hall with lots of games, singing and other fun activities.

Every fortnight we run a flag-dancing group (called 'FABS') for ages 8 - 15 and there is also a term-time drama club (called 'Action') for ages 6 and upwards.

For parents we are currently running a **Positive Parenting** course and in addition we run a weekly Women's Bible Study Group (with Crèche facility) and a monthly Women's Fellowship, Prayer and Praise evening.

If you are interested in finding out more about any or all of the above then please feel free to contact me on 01730 - 710282.

Petersfield Community Centre

Petersfield community centre has a wide range of activities to offer from **choirs to keep fit, Bridge to Upholstery, Tai Chi to Dog training, Art to Dance, Yoga to Smoking groups, Garden design to Pilates, Judo to English Literature, Music to Line dancing** and **much much more.**

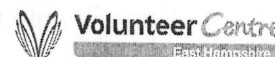
They also have rooms available for hire from as little as £4.25 for 2 hours

To find out more information and contact details for all the above, drop into the community centre to pick up a leaflet.

Petersfield Community Association, The Centre, Love Lane, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4BW

Tel: 01730 262081

Volunteer Centre East Hampshire



(new name for the East Hampshire Volunteer Bureau)

We expect some of you made New Year Resolutions at the beginning of January. How many of you have already given up or are struggling to stay committed?

2005 has been designated as the UK Year of the Volunteer so instead of giving up something you enjoy, why don't you start doing something you will love – **VOLUNTEER.**

Volunteering can:-

- Help you lose weight
- Make you feel less stressed
- Be something different to do with family and friends
- Give you valuable work experience and skills
- Be an opportunity to try new activities
- Help you meet new people and make new friends
- Improve your health
- Boost your sex life – research shows it.

For more information contact Volunteer Centre East Hampshire on 01730 710017 or email action@ehvb.org.uk or visit <http://www.yearofthevolunteer.org>