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MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

October 2024



Teddy's 1st Punch & Judy – Clare Ash

Milton Open Forum

Wednesday 16th October 7.00-9.00pm
Christ Church, 239 Milton Road, PO4 8PH

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The Old House at Home, Locksway Road

As an established public house in our community, Chris Drain, Landlady, and Paul Skeates, Landlord of the Old House at Home tell us of their exciting programme of events planned for the rest of this year.

- Saturday 26th October 2024 - Halloween fancy dress with band entertainment
- Friday 8th November 2024- DJ entertainment
- Saturday 9th November 2024 - music from the 60s 70s 80s
- Tuesday 24th December 2024 - Christmas Eve - Sing-a-long with Daniella Day
- Tuesday 31st December 2024 - New Years Eve - DJ Stevie entertainment - a ticketed only event *

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- Mobile numbers
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Recent News & Events

New Website We have a new website – find it here: miltonforum.org.uk
If you are a resident, enter your email and (just once a month) we will update you on what is happening here.
If you are a local group, organisation or business and you want to let people know about a local event or activity, let us know and it will be shared with local residents.

Next Forum Meeting Do make time to attend our next Forum – everyone is busy but this is important. We plan to talk about many local issues. Put Wednesday, October 16th in your diary.

Martin Silman, Chair

An apology to the Old House at Home Public House

The team at Milton Matters would like to apologise for their error in the last edition (Number 78, Page 21) of this publication when we provided the wrong name for the landlady of this local pub.

We realised our mistake after printing and, whilst we have already apologised in person, we would like to do so again here in writing, to **Chris Drain (landlady of the Old House at Home Public House)** and her team for any distress caused.

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Local Planning Update

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In July, Vistry held a public consultation on their plans for the former Harbour School on the St James Hospital site – incorporating a new ‘Orchard Park’ and comprising 58 new homes. We expect a planning application later in the year.

Elsewhere on the St James site, PJ Livesey are moving ahead with their development of 209 new homes (151 within existing buildings, 58 new build). We had hoped for an update from them for this issue – but they have promised something for the next one, so watch this space.

The final area of the old hospital is still owned by central government and latest we heard, discussions on its use are ‘ongoing’ – again watch this space.

At our last open forum meeting we had extensive debate about the proposed leisure centre with pool and doctors surgery development in Bransbury Park. At that time, a Planning Application was expected to be discussed in September but schedules have slipped as improvements are incorporated and we now expect to see the final plans in the next few weeks – full details will be on our website.





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Friday, 4th October	SEND Butterflies Parent Carer Coffee Morning	10:00am-12 noon	Carers Centre, Orchard Road, Southsea, PO4 0AD
Saturday, 12th October	Portsmouth Friends of the Earth - Sewage, Storms & Floods Walk	11:15am	Bransbury Park: Book on Eventbrite (1006290811907)
Wednesday 16th Oct	Milton 'Open Forum'	19:00	Christ Church, Milton Road PO4 8PH
Saturday, 26th October	Old House at Home - Halloween Fancy Dress with band		Old House at Home, Locksway Road
Friday, 1st November	SEND Butterflies Parent Carer Coffee Morning	10:00am-12 noon	Carers Centre, Orchard Road, Southsea, PO4 0AD
Friday, 8th November	Old House at Home - DJ Entertainment		Old House at Home, Locksway Road
Saturday, 9th November	Old House at Home - music from the 60s 70s & 80s		Old House at Home, Locksway Road
Friday, 6th December	SEND Butterflies Parent Carer Coffee Morning	10:00am-12 noon	Carers Centre, Orchard Road, Southsea, PO4 0AD

To add your events – go to miltonforum.org.uk and click the calendar banner.

Community Infrastructure Investments

Regular readers will know that all new developments contribute to a community fund which councillors and the Milton Neighbourhood Forum can choose to spend on worthy projects – recently we have agreed to contribute toward the installation of CCTV at Eastney Community Centre, a mural on the train shed in Bransbury Park and funding towards the provision of an outdoor learning project called Transforming Outdoor Spaces at Moorings Way Infant School which will be collectively delivered and managed by Trees for Cities and Portsmouth City Councils Public Health Directorate with Moorings Way Infant School supporting the design and implementation.

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The Portsmouth Local Plan produced by Local Planning Authority (LPA) sets out planning policy through to 2040. Planning Applications are submitted to the LPA and are managed by planning officers, to whom elected councillors delegate most decisions. It is updated every 10 years or so and the current changes have reached a stage of review known as 'Reg19' which is largely technical - the Plan has been developed over a number of years, the public have been consulted (in 2019) and their views taken account of, and this near-final version is going to the Planning Inspectorate (a central government group based in Bristol) to confirm that it meets all the rules before final approval.

As it is newer than the Milton Neighbourhood Plan, then the Local Plan will likely take precedence - this is why we spent time comparing and discussing differences. For example, the Milton Neighbourhood Plan tried to create a continuous 'coastal zone' down the eastern side of the city. This has been largely achieved.

We also wanted to guide development away from the 'brownfield' Langstone Campus site by swapping those development rights to the artificial pitches bordering Locksway Road. The Local Plan does not rule out this option, but it does not promote it as we hoped.

Overall, we are in accord with the City Plan - It is not the city's fault that we have a high target for new housing, that comes from regional studies and central government targets. Lack of space for new build is the issue.

We highlighted that this is compounded by the failure to deliver on alternative travel which also means the city scores poorly on all health and wellbeing metrics and we argued for better protection of designated habitats and improved air quality which will lead to better outcomes. The submission is Milton-centric but our locality is of city wide benefit. We also made suggestions on tighter framing of policy. You can see our full comments on the miltonforum.org.uk website (or the councils planning portal).

Ward Boundaries Consultation

Council wards may be changing – a consultation inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries will close on 4th November.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

Come to the Open Forum and let us know or complete the online questionnaire: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/portsmouth>

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We have opened a community shop where people can come and grow together, gaining skills through volunteering, accessing training in a supportive atmosphere and progressing towards regaining a sense of belonging in society.



Pop in for a cuppa and a cake, 11am-2pm Tue-Thu and pay what you can afford.

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Forty-4-Frankie - an update

This campaign was launched in March of this year to raise funds for more 24-hour defibrillators in Portsmouth and increase awareness and confidence in using this emergency equipment in appropriate out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA).

Since the last Milton Matters in May 2024 we have the following achievements and actions:

- Forty-4-Frankie is now a Constituted Community Group
- Two more 24-hour defibrillators have been installed and registered: at Rowlands Plant Hire and Services in Alchorne Place, Copnor owned and run by a local Milton family, Liz, Mark and Luke Head-Rapson =>



<=& at The Good Companion Pub, Eastern Road run by Scott Donnelly

- As with the first one at the Old House at Home, these two installations have benefitted from their own in-house fundraising alongside financial support from Forty-4-Frankie
- Encouraging two community settings to register their defibrillator units on The Circuit so that all emergency services are aware of their availability. And if YOU know of companies, community settings, businesses etc who do have a defibrillator please encourage them to
 - Register their equipment on The Circuit <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>
 - Consider having their defibrillator outside their building for full 24-hour accessibility
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- Conversations with local councillors from all wards in identifying the gaps and possible funding opportunities
- A mention on Radio 4's Woman's Hour
- A visit to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress
- Visits to established gatherings to share information and accept generous contributions
 - Portsmouth Trefoil
 - Health Stand at Cosham High Street Market
 - May Day Fayre at St Mary's Church
 - Holmbush Court Social Group
 - Milton Neighbourhood Picnic on the Green
- Three fundraising events
 - My sister's head shave raising over £1700 =>
 - Bingo evening at Little Bears Forest Pre-school raising over £300
 - Euro 2024 Sweepstake with my neighbours raising £65
- Fundraising tins at local businesses and establishments
 - Penelope Anne Schoolwear
 - Beeny's Café
 - Farmhouse Pub and Innlodge Hotel
 - City Technology
- And up and coming events for you to look out for
 - More defibrillator installations
 - Great South Run on 20.10.2024 - where local Baffins resident Tony Adams is running for Forty-4-Frankie
<https://www.forty-4-frankie.co.uk/#Tony-Adams>
 - Website page on Milton Neighbourhood
 - Interview on Express FM
- Of course, we still accept funds via our Crowdfunding page
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/forty-4-frankie> or directly into our dedicated Treasurers' account (please contact Lynn for details if you would prefer this donation option)



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I would love to hear from anyone who is interested and particularly if you live in apartments in Gisors Road at the Milton Road end of Locksway, or, Holmes Park in Milton Road as we have difficulty with access there.

Please contact me:-

Lynn

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We are also planning next years 'Picnic on the Green' so if you have any ideas or suggestions, or want to help, please let us know.

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AQUIND News

The Secretary of State has yet to decide on whether the proposed AQUIND Interconnector between Normandy in France and the UK can go ahead. If it does, objectors fear untold traffic chaos and environmental damage as trenches are dug for the cables from where they are proposed to land at Eastney Beach, up through the city of Portsmouth and onward through Widley and Waterlooville to Lovedean.

One of the reasons for the delay in deciding was because the Ministry of Defence (MoD) had asked for time to review the proposal. They have now done so and their recommendation is that the development does not get approval owing to fears about security at the naval base in Portsmouth.

In a detailed 8-page analysis, the MoD stated: "the Proposed Development would unacceptably impede and compromise the safe and effective use of a key defence asset, HMNB Portsmouth, and RN operations in the area of HMNB Portsmouth and the English Channel, including unacceptably limiting military training. This represents a clear risk to UK defence and national security."
We obviously hope that the Secretary heeds this view when making his/her decision.

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