

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



"Residents Working Together"

NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2015/2016

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A message from our Chairman, Roger Hobbs

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter for 2016.

As I write this message it doesn't seem like winter at all; December has been so unseasonably mild. Could I remind members that our **AGM this year is on 18th February**, (see the Agenda on page 5). It is a great opportunity for us to meet and chat with members in an informal setting and review what has occurred during the recent year and what we need to be aware of on the horizon.

The Local Plan was found sound by the inspector earlier in the year but with the proviso that the housing figures be reviewed within the next 5 years, which would provide the opportunity for the authorities to sort out the problems with the waste water treatment capacity and the A27 delays. It is likely that, in reviewing the plan, there will be pressure on CDC to **increase** their housing allocation to align closer to the government's *Objectively Assessed Housing Numbers*. We shall have to see what implications that may have for further developments around the Summersdale area.

The Local Minerals Plan is undergoing more detailed technical assessments - looking at landscape, transport, flood risk, habitat and sustainability. Further work is also being undertaken to improve the assessment of the future need for minerals. WSCC are intending to publish the draft *Joint Minerals Local Plan* for **public consultation in early 2016**. The SRA will be kept informed of the **dates of this consultation and will make any necessary representations at that time**.

At this time of the year it gives me great pleasure in saying thank you to all the Committee Members who give up their time, and work tirelessly on your behalf, and support me so admirably. I would also like to thank Gillian Berry, who attends the Neighbourhood Management Panel and keeps us informed of any antisocial behaviour on our patch, which, she is pleased to report, is rare in our area.

Thanks also to Meg Owen who has been able to negotiate the planting of more new trees which helps replace those that have died.

See the article on trees on page 7

I would also like to thank our army of newsletter distributors who ensure that this newsletter is delivered to all our members.

Lastly, I would like to thank our County Councillor and former SRA chairman, Jeremy Hunt, who keeps us up to date with anything at County Hall that affects the Summersdale area and who regularly attends our Committee meetings.

On behalf of the SRA committee may I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that 2016 brings you good fortune, but above all else, peace, happiness and good health.

See pages 2 & 3 for the Chairman's report on propositions for the A27

Annual General Meeting

including Guest Speaker:
Katy Bourne (Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner)

7:30 pm on Thursday 18th February 2016
at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

All members are welcome to attend (you can join on the night); we normally have good representation from our local politicians.

The agenda and minutes of last year's meeting are on pages 5 & 6.

Members wishing to bring a **resolution** to the AGM should submit it in writing to the Chairman at least **7 days before the meeting**. Any resolutions received will be published on the SRA notice board by the letterbox outside One Stop in the Broadway.

The AGM will be followed by a social gathering with free drinks and canapés

The Problem

Hopefully, from information sent to you by e-mail and on our website, you will be aware of developments relating to improvements to the A27 at Chichester. I would like to take this opportunity to bring all members up to date. The current A27 suffers from considerable delays predominantly during the peak hours. This also results in congestion on our local road network from people either trying to access the A27 in the peak hours or people rat-running on other, often inappropriate roads, or from people trying to avoid the queues on the A27. Delays on the A27 are also considered to be having a negative effect on the economic prosperity of the whole of the coastal plain. WSCC has been in negotiations for some time with Highways England in an attempt to resolve the problem.

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The Options

Highways England are responsible for the efficient passing and repassing of trunk road traffic on the national strategic road network. **Mott MacDonald was appointed by Highways England** to examine delays to the trunk road traffic through Chichester and **test a number of options** that could mitigate these. I understand there are **6 options currently being considered**, 4 of which use a southern alignment and 2 which run north of the city. Any option chosen as the preferred route would have implications for the local area in general and particularly the communities who live directly along the route. In the assessment by Mott MacDonald **their consulting engineers will be looking at the 6 options largely in economic terms** as a cost and benefit assessment. When **considered purely in these terms** the northern option does have many attractions:

- the routes are shorter and more direct than the southern route enabling higher speeds and cutting down journey times,
- it can separate out the through traffic which would use the northern route from the local traffic that would use the southern route - further reducing the operational delays to the trunk road traffic but also reducing delays to local traffic which would no longer conflict with the trunk road movements,
- it would be easier to build as it could largely be constructed on open farmland, with no delays to the existing trunk road traffic.
- The construction necessary to deliver the southern options are likely to impose considerable delays to both trunk road and local traffic during the whole of the construction period, all of which would be included in the costs of those schemes.

The Comments

However, I know that the reason for living in this beautiful part of the country is not based on an economic cost benefit analysis. I chose to live here because it is an attractive place to live, close to the local amenities yet in a quiet locality close to the rural countryside. I feel that the imposition of a northern by-pass would completely change what I know as the Summersdale area and encourage further large scale developments.

Andrew Tyrie's opinion

Our local MP, Andrew Tyrie, said that "[I] would be extremely concerned if any proposals for a northern by-pass for Chichester turned out to be true". He is correct when he said "it would change the character of the area forever. What is more, a northern by-pass would almost certainly trigger a green light for much more house building north of Chichester - far more than the area can reasonably absorb".

West Sussex County Council have been campaigning for improvements to the A27 around Chichester as the delays are seen as a major factor in holding back the economic vitality and viability of the Sussex Coastal Plain. Therefore, **I do not think that we can rely on WSCC to oppose a northern route**. However, I am sure we can rely on our local WSCC Member for Chichester North, Jeremy Hunt, to help support any future campaign against a northern route.

Tony Dignum, leader of CDC, has **4 major concerns**:

- the adverse impact on the countryside close to, or in, the South Downs National Park
- the continuing congestion that will be unrelieved at the existing roundabouts on the present A27 with no resources to improve the situation
- opening the area up to the by-pass route to additional housing - effectively creating a new settlement boundary for developers
- the irreparable damage to the Goodwood estate businesses.

Chairman's opinion

I feel that permitting the northern by-pass will unquestionably **change detrimentally the character of the northern part of Chichester** for many of SRA members. Although the battle to retain the daffodil field was to preserve the gap so that the two settlements, Chichester and Lavant, could co-exist without coalescing, a dual carriageway with grade separated junctions at the A286 would **sever the linkages between the two settlements**. It would **change the rural feel of the area** that currently exists and **it would encourage even more development in the northern part of Chichester**, leading to an urbanisation of the area inside the proposed bypass.

What Next?

In July this year the Observer reported that Highways England confirmed that **there was no preferred option, with data still being collected on the options.** I understand that this is still the position but that the decision must be getting closer as there are to be **meetings with the elected authorities in late January and a full consultation in the remainder of the winter.** The SRA will await the publication of the preferred option before commenting formally and the views of the membership will be sought at that time.

What Can You do?

However, there is a **local action group** who are raising a petition and I would direct you to their website on

local action group raising a petition

www.chichesterdeservesbetter.co.uk

for further information and a **chance to sign the petition if you so desire.** We will continue to liaise with local groups and Lavant Parish Council on your behalf.

Update from the Rotary Club

”Bridging Generations” is going well - as mentioned last year

The Chichester Priory Rotary Club is running a project called "Bridging Generations" at **Chichester College every fortnight on Tuesday mornings at 10.45 am.**

The get together is principally for conversations between **elders**, (older people who like to get out more), and **students** at the College. Students in Health and Social Care develop their communication skills.

Meetings offer coffee, tea and cakes and last for about an hour. **There is no cost.**

If you are interested call **Mike Harvey**, the Rotary coordinator on **01243 697186** leave your number and he will tell you all about the project.

ROTARY CLUB OF CHICHESTER PRIORY 2016 ROAD RACE - Sunday 7 February

The 25th annual Chichester Priory 10k race will take place on Sunday, 7 February 2016.

The Race starts at 10 am from the Northgate car park and will conclude in the car park by 11:45 am.

All proceeds from the race go to **Rotary Charities** both locally and abroad as well as **Chestnut Tree House and local Youth groups.**

For safety purposes during the race there will be a **series of road closures affecting Summersdale** residents' access to Broyle Road via Wellington Road, The Broadway, The Avenue and The Drive as well as the interruption of traffic on College Lane and Wellington Road at the start of the race.

All roads will, of course, be accessible by the emergency services at all times.

You will probably find it preferable to **limit your driving** in the Summersdale area on race day **between 9:45 am and 11:45 am** to avoid the worst of the congestion.

In particular you are advised to **avoid Summersdale Road and College Lane between 9:40 am and 10:10 am** when these roads are closed and travel to Chichester along the Broadway and the Broyle Road.

From 10:20 am and 11:30 am for traffic movements to and from Summersdale, you are advised to use Summersdale Road and College Lane.

During this period **access to and from The Drive and The Avenue will be strictly limited as both the western sections will be subject to Road Closure Orders.**

Limited access for those travelling to Midhurst will be via the Broadway as this junction will be subject to control by Police Officers.

Naturally we would hope that you would be able to support the event by cheering the runners down the Midhurst Road on their way back to the finish – quite a spectacle—seeing some 2000 runners in convoy heading for the Festival Theatre

Full details of road closures will be available on Summersdale notice boards, The Chichester Observer and Summersdale Residents Association and Chichester 10k web sites nearer the time.

The race organisers, the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory, apologise in advance to residents for any inconvenience caused

The ever-present subject of noise abatement became particularly troublesome during the summer, so we requested a **meeting with Mark Gibb, the Aerodrome Operations Manager** which was held on 30th October. 4 SRA members attended, including 2 recent complainants from North Summersdale. A constructive meeting ensued and good neighbourly relations were strengthened.

The discussion ranged through all the confusing control procedures required to observe the stipulations of the Section 52 Agreement between Goodwood and the CDC made in 1987. While some planes stationed at Goodwood today may be very noisy, they are not banned per se; what is very important is that they observe the fly-out routes avoiding built-up areas. This is particularly important when taking off from Runway 24 south west into the prevailing wind. Parts of Summersdale are within a few hundred metres from the end of this runway; thus the fly-out route has to bank right very early on and head through the Lavant Gap - (known to some as the Daffodil Field) - and over the junction with Hunters Race. Also this route must not turn too sharply because of the need to avoid North Lavant.

Safety is paramount and, therefore, under certain weather conditions, or when in the hands of trainee pilots, **planes cannot always remain in this corridor.** You can find a map of the departing and arrival routes on the Goodwood website:

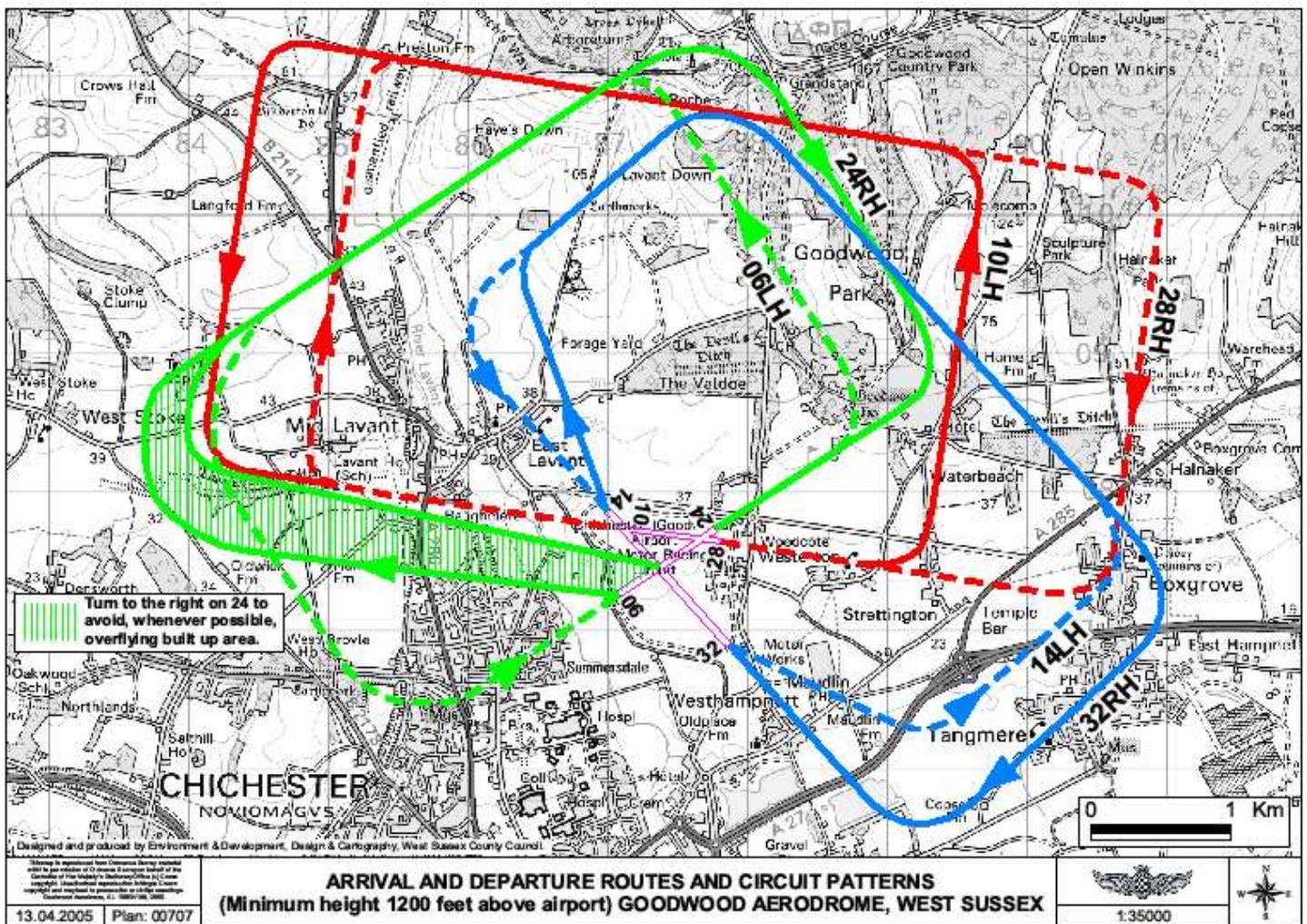
www.goodwood.com/aviation/pilot-information/noise-abatement

Click at the bottom of the page for more information on fixed wing circuits on the noise abatement chart. (see map below)

Mark Gibb is very conscious of the importance of effective controls through:

- briefing of pilots
- tracking by the Air Traffic Control staff
- logging of deviations
- pilot follow-up
- disciplinary action
- management of the complaints hot-line (01243 755162)
- notices at runway start points

He indicated in confidence that *"in the longer term there might be possible fundamental changes that could benefit Summersdale."*



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7:30 pm
at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 12th February 2015
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2015
5. Election of Officers (namely Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2, Planning Secretary, Assistant Planning Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Goodwood Liaison, Newsletter Distributor) and other Committee Members.*
Chairman: Roger Hobbs; Vice Chairman and CRAG liaison, Graylingwell Liaison, RAGE2 Liaison: Sue Spooner; Minutes Sec 1: Janet Leonard; Membership: Vanessa Stern; Treasurer and Minutes Sec 2: Peter Bickley; Planning: Andrew Birch; Assistant Planning Sec: Trevor Owen; Webmaster: Michael Steel; Newsletter Editor: Mary Quiney; Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin; Newsletter Distribution: Michael Berry;
6. Election of Independent Examiner
7. Guest Speaker - Katy Bourne (Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner)
8. Other Resolutions**
9. Open Forum

* Nominations to the Committee or for any Officer post may be **made by any member provided it has the consent of the nominee**. Nominations can be made at the meeting but it is helpful if they are submitted in advance to the Chairman. We are keen to appoint new and younger members to the Committee.

** If you wish to **propose a Resolution** please send it in writing c/o *The Chairman, 1 Brandy Hole Lane PO19 5RL* (or to admin@summersdaleresidents.co.uk) at least **7 days before the meeting** so that it can be published on the SRA notice board next to the One Stop Shop.

The AGM will be followed by our usual social gathering including drinks and canapés.
All members of the SRA are cordially invited to attend.
New members are always welcome and can join on the night.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

SRA membership subscriptions were due on 1 January. It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order. If you have not paid, or wish in future to pay by standing order, please send the enclosed form to:

the Membership Secretary - Mrs Vanessa Stern, 15 Selham Close, Marchwood, Chichester PO19 5BZ
preferably before the AGM.



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ABBREVIATED MINUTES of 45th AGM on 12 FEBRUARY 2015

WELCOMES

Members and guests. Guests included the Mayor Cllr John Hughes, WSCC Cllr Jeremy Hunt, CDC & City Cllr Tony Dignum, CDC & CCC Cllr Peter Budge, CDC & CCC Cllr Len Macey, CDC Cllr Barbara Garrett, Guest Speakers Mr Barry Aldridge and Vice Chancellor of Chichester University Professor Clive Behagg, Honorary and Life Members and 82 Members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S AGM ON 13 FEBRUARY 2014

Minutes accepted unanimously as a true record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

Chairman's report and accounts submitted to the meeting. Accounts approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were elected unanimously:

- The Chairman: Roger Hobbs
- Vice Chairman: Sue Spooner
- Minutes Secretary: Janet Leonard.
- Treasurer and Minutes Sec 2: Peter Bickley
- Membership Secretary: Vanessa Stern
- Newsletter Distribution: Michael Berry
- Planning Secretary: Andrew Birch
- Newsletter Editor: Mary Quiney
- Assistant Planning Sec: Trevor Owen
- Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin
- Webmaster: Michael Steel

ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

John Wilford was elected unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Barry Aldridge addressed the meeting on Admiral Sir George Murray KCB, a local man who sailed with Admiral Nelson. Vice Chancellor Clive Behagg of Chichester University spoke on the recent achievements of the University and his vision and plans for its future.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

It was agreed to ask CDC to monitor Goodwood airfield car and 'plane noise within Summersdale.

OPEN FORUM

- a) WSCC Cllr Jeremy Hunt said that WSCC portion of the council tax would again not be increasing. WSCC was investing to save, through initiatives such as the family outreach programme and an injection of funds for extensive road maintenance and resurfacing.
- b) CDC Cllr Tony Dignum said that CDC council tax would not be increasing. CDC were awaiting the Local Plan Government Inspector's report following the Local Plan enquiry. He was hoping that the Plan would be found sound and that the revised increased new housing numbers would be agreed.
- c) WSCC Margaret Evans said that the hiatus in reorganising MSK treatment at St Richard's Hospital meant they were no nearer to their goal of being a one stop shop for orthopaedic treatment.

The formal meeting was followed by our usual social gathering.

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We seem to be very fortunate, yet again, in having the promise of the planting of 8 verge trees in Summersdale this winter; 3 of these trees are replacing trees that have failed, and 3 replacements under Tree Preservation Order (TPO) conditions [ie to replace trees removed, as it is the piece of ground that has the TPO on it, not an actual tree].



As a community we need to recognise our responsibility to ensure these trees succeed; each tree costs £175 and Summersdale's reputation for its 'wonderful appearance' is reliant on having trees along its roads.



—and, should we have a dry spell during the tree's first 2 yrs of life, giving it a generous watering [3 gallons each time]. It is very possible that, as cuts are inevitable, tree planting and the tiny bit of after care these trees receive from the Council will be further reduced.

However, it is still possible for individuals to request a tree to be planted if they are willing to pay the £175. This needs to be done in May in order to fit into the Council's planting scheme.



I am sure we all appreciate how wonderful The Broadway looks with its now established line of trees. Can we help maintain Summersdale verge trees for future generations?



It would be so helpful if residents would be willing to look after any tree planted on the verge near their house—just keeping an eye on it



CHICHESTER TREE WARDENS WHY VOLUNTEER TO BE A LOCAL TREE WARDEN?



- You would be joining a national force of many thousands of local tree champions who serve as a key part of the Tree Council's community action programme. Together Tree Wardens devote nearly two million hours a year caring for the trees within their local environment.
- You would be joining the Tree Wardens scheme which has been in action for the past 25 years and is very much in the forefront of contemporary tree issues relating to the environment and pressures of development.
- Tree Wardens come from different backgrounds and have the whole range of experience, knowledge and abilities. They all have a common belief that trees are a precious part of our national heritage and are prepared to do their part to ensure future generations are able to enjoy the beauty and variety of our landscape.

You need enthusiasm rather than expertise

- There is plenty of advice and support through contacts, literature, and training days for you to benefit from the West Sussex Network coordinated by the West Sussex County Council.
- You would become a key local person in campaigning for more trees, of the right kind, in the right places; for better care of all trees, of all ages; and for inspiring effective action for trees. Your goal would be to make trees matter to everyone.

Here are examples of what you could do as a Tree Warden

- Survey trees and gather information about them.
- Provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism.
- Involve your neighbours in tree projects.
- Get together with like-minded people for training and field trips.
- Spearhead Tree Council initiatives
- Plant and care for trees.
- Carry out woodland management.
- Set up tree nurseries using locally collected seeds.
- Work with schools and youth groups.
- Give talks and guided walks.

Here is what to do next

Check out the Tree Council and the West Sussex Tree Warden websites:

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/Tree-Wardens>
or www.westsussex.gov.uk/treewardens

Contact Julie Bolton or Naomi Hoyland at West Sussex County Council

Julie.Bolton@westsussex.gov.uk
Naomi.Hoyland@westsussex.gov.uk

Copy in Geoff King
Chairman Chichester Tree Warden Group
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Help us to keep you in the picture

When we want to send a message that's more than just a greeting
 You could be at the AGM or a committee meeting;
 Perhaps you read the notice board or maybe the Newsletter
 Or visited our website! ..but what is even better
 If we could obtain your email address
 We would be able to alert you
 To anything that may cause distress
 Or, at the worst, may 'hurt' you.

If you are an existing member we may not have your email.
 You can **check this** by seeing if you received the email sent on
17 December 2015 entitled **"A Northern Bypass ?"**
If you did not receive this,
please send an email to the membership secretary with
'SRA member email' in the subject header
 so your email address can be added to the list.
*We do not use your email address for any other purpose and never
 make members' email addresses available to any third parties*

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Dates for diaries 2016

Committee Meetings		Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall			
2016	2017	74th Goodwood Members' Meeting 19—20 March exclusively for GRRC (Goodwood Road Racing Club) members at the Goodwood Motor Circuit	For other information please go to our website www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk
Thu 7 January	Thu 5 January	Moving Motor Show 23 June	We post information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway.
Thu 18 February (AGM)	Thu 16 February (AGM)	Festival of Speed 24 - 26 June	We will also advise you of any urgent matters by email see the item headed "Help us to alert you" at the top of the page
Thu 25 February	Thu 23 February	Glorious Goodwood 28 July - 1 August	
Thu 7 April	Thu 6 April	Revival Meeting 9 - 11 September	
Thu 2 June	Thu 1 June		
Thu 28 July	Thu 27 July		
Thu 8 September	Thu 7 September		
Thu 27 October	Thu 26 October		
Thu 24 November	Thu 23 November		