



### A message from our Chairman ...

Gavin Barrett

#### Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2020

Summersdale, during lockdown over the last twelve weeks, has certainly been unusually quiet – few aircraft, no motor-racing, light traffic on the roads and much reduced social activity. In contrast, birdsong has seldom been clearer and a blend of generally good weather with helpful rain from time to time has made the very best of Nature.

Against that unusual backdrop, much has been done to keep a semblance of normality going. The District Council and City Council have provided support resources on an unprecedented scale. The same is true of a number of charities and informal groups who have sought to ensure that the vulnerable, lonely and infirm have not been forgotten. The overall community spirit has been impressive, even if displayed quietly and without fuss. Gardeners and DIYers have had a field-day; Summersdale has never looked better!

Now we are on the move again, not quite as we were, but enough to suggest that activities and tasks postponed can start to be revived.

In the coming months our elected representatives will be **taking stock of the social and financial havoc wrought by the pandemic**. This will, inevitably, lead to changes in priority, suspension of some services and acceleration of other plans, especially bringing forward eco-friendly policies for pedestrians, joggers, walkers and cyclists. **The City will definitely be different**. The commercial casualties in retail will leave some scars on the familiar street scene. One major policy matter that affects us all in Summersdale is the **long-awaited Local Plan**, deferred a number of times, which will define where development will be encouraged. With Government policy also likely to emphasise the need for even more housing, **we can expect pressure from developers for land to be released, brown-field sites utilised and some infilling of existing gaps between and behind houses**.

We cannot stop everything happening that we do not like, but we can seek, on your behalf, to keep such developments appropriate and proportionate to this visually delightful area of Chichester. **Your committee**

**is and will continue to be, vigilant in submitting objections, where necessary, to developments that would irreparably harm our mature environment**. We hope that prospective developers will understand why a community such as Summersdale will want to conserve as much of its fabric and aesthetic as is fair and reasonable. To this end, we are thankful for the untiring support of our elected representatives.

We were grateful too that His Grace, **The Duke of Richmond, spoke at our AGM**, weeks before the pandemic engulfed us, giving us a vision for Goodwood and thanking Summersdale for its support of this unique estate. His commitment to be untiring in opposing any A27 Northern By-Pass project and the threat that such a development would represent – not only to the future viability, even existence, of the Goodwood estate, but to the community of North Chichester, at the heart of which is Summersdale - is more than welcome.

A membership organisation such as ours already has some influence where it is needed, since **we represent several hundred members and their households**. However, it is more than essential that, as there are concerns about development, the still-not-dead A27 Northern by-pass project, and probable reductions in public services, we become even more influential through the **recruitment of many more members throughout Summersdale** – at £5 pa it is a modest ask, but the effect of having an even higher proportion of the community behind our efforts is out of all proportion to that small individual household sum. **Please recruit as many of your neighbours and friends as you can!**

It would not be right to end this message without paying **warm tribute to Richard Bramall**, our late Chairman, who died in March this year. His energetic and intelligent leadership of SRA will long be held as a model of how it should be done. During his final illness Vanessa Stern did sterling work as acting Chairman and your committee, as a whole, worked tirelessly on the pressing issues that always arise. They deserve hearty thanks from us all.

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### Planning Applications

There was a flurry of new and amended planning applications over the winter period, especially on the Lavant Road, (all via the same agent Smith Simmonds), and the SRA supported local residents by submitting a number of comments and objections. Our local Councillors assisted in the most prominent of these by ensuring that they were discussed at District Planning Committee Meetings rather than being decided by the Planning Department alone. Notable applications include:

23 Lavant Road: the application 19/03008/FUL for demolition and erection of 5 no. flats was refused, and the other application 19/02574/OUT for a terrace of 3 houses was subsequently withdrawn. This is next door to the block of 8 flats "Summersdale Place" that replaced the demolished Arts & Crafts house at no 21. However the developer has now submitted an appeal, so we await the outcome.

22a Lavant Road: the application 19/03037/FUL to demolish and erect 2 4BR semi-detached houses and a 4 BR detached bungalow has now been withdrawn.

10 Lavant Road: whilst the earlier application 19/00181/FUL to replace the large property with 6 flats and 1 3BR house was accepted, the more recent application 19/02831/FUL for 8 flats and 2 houses was refused. The property is now being advertised for sale - both in its existing form and also as the new development.

Glenmar House, Brandy Hole Lane: the application 19/02241/FUL for demolition and the construction of 6 flats is still outstanding. An amended site plan, submitted in May, appears to show only removal of the "Parking Court" in the SE corner, with 4 fewer parking spaces.

We had representations from a number of residents about some of these, and this is very helpful to the committee by bringing our attention to relevant issues.

The Chichester Society typically also submits comments, and we are generally in agreement with these.

Do not hesitate to submit your own comments – the volume of comments is an important factor in the decision, and an SRA comment is effectively considered just a single comment alongside any others. Planning Applications may be viewed on the District Council's Planning portal.

### Warrendell, Plainwood Close

The detailed application 20/01164/REM has now been submitted for 21 new dwellings following outline application 98/02043/OUT. The latter was permitted in 2018, subject to an S106 agreement providing for 2 affordable dwellings and pedestrian/cycle access to Centurion Way. The deadline for comments was 21 July, though we have pointed out that the application lacks sufficient detail.

### Westhampnett/North East Chichester SDL Land North East of Graylingwell

The SRA is monitoring phase 2 of this development 19/03191/REM of up to 200 no. dwellings—in particular the proposed pedestrian/cycleway to the end of Fordwater Road, near the bridge over the River Lavant. At the northern end it would run between the River Lavant and houses on the east side of Maplehurst Road. A recent update - though not yet shown in the documents - an email thread of 6 July states that "*the Applicant will be relocating the footpath/cycleway so that it runs along the River Lavant corridor in order to address that concern*" (as suggested by the SRA and Chichester Society)

### Footpath access to Centurion Way North of Hunters Rest/Maddox Wood

We understand that the footpath recently constructed north of Maddox Wood was due to be opened once the 5th house of the Maddox Wood development is sold. However the fences at each end are now open sufficiently to allow access.

### Summersdale Character Appraisal

Following encouraging discussions with the District Council's new Conservation Officer- (see last newsletter) - and the City Council's Planning Advisor, we have updated the Character Appraisal document, originally produced in 2008, in the hope that it can help introduce a degree of protection for our area. We recently met planning consultants enlisted to help quantify metrics such as property footprints and separation for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan currently in preparation.

We have been advised to consider Local Listing status for some of the most representative street scenes -

The Avenue, north side; The Broadway north side; Highland Road, south side; and Summersdale Road – along with some individual properties.

Those already listed include:

Tudor House, 7 Lavant Road; 13 Lavant Road;  
29 The Avenue; Chestnut Cottage, The Drive;  
Fordwater Copse, Fordwater Road;  
Woodland Place, Rew Lane

We would be glad to receive suggestions for any other properties that might merit inclusion, such as other Arts and-Crafts style houses on the Lavant Road, and Warren Farm House.

## Donation to the Centurion Way User Group (CWUG)

Mr Mark Hillman of CWUG made a request for financial support in acquiring suitable equipment to facilitate the maintenance of Centurion Way – an amenity much valued by Summersdale residents and beyond.

We took the opportunity of pointing out that a number of our members would wish to see cyclists on Centurion Way show greater regard for the safety of pedestrians by making a clear audible sound via a bell, horn or vocal sound by way of warning (in good time!). CWUG are conscious of the risk and part of the work is to ensure that signage about behaviour on Centurion Way is visible and legible – alas it is often defaced.

This was the reply from CWUG:

*“At the moment volunteers (mostly retired) bring whatever tools they have for keeping the vegetation from encroaching on to CW. These are petrol lawnmowers, hedge trimmers and strimmers as well as hand tools. Volunteers are funding fuel and repairs themselves. Any funds would go towards purchasing strimmers, hedge trimmers and a robust pedestrian mower which would belong to the group for all to use. We would hope to use rechargeable units to reduce fuel and noise pollution whilst we work.*

*The work we have done for the past four years is purely to stop vegetation reducing the width of the track. Four years ago, at times, there was only enough room for single file passage owing to the mass of nettles and brambles falling onto the path. Our area of operation is that area owned by WSCC. This is from Fishbourne Road East to the City boundary at the southern end of the “amphitheatre”. North of this is owned by CDC and maintained by the Lavant PCC work team. North of Binderton is maintained by SDNP.*

*As a daily user of CW on my cycle I understand the points about cyclist behaviour. As in any sphere of human behaviour there are problems on all sides and CWUG does what it can to educate those we come into contact with. Unfortunately signage is regularly defaced or removed. Improved policing of minor offences generally in the community may change this sort of problem.”*

There was unanimous support from committee members for a donation.

**The donation we shall make is £300 (towards the CWUG target of £1000).** We have received assurances that the equipment purchased will be looked after by a “registered keeper” and will remain the property of CWUG at all times.

## News from Goodwood—what’s happening and what’s not

Sadly, we have had to take the decision not to hold the Festival of Speed and Revival this year.

All ticket holders have the option to rollover their tickets or request a refund.

**Please note that the Motor Circuit is currently open for track days and cycling only.**

For Goodwood Motor Circuit ‘Corona Secure’ measures visit

<https://www.goodwood.com/globalassets/motorsport/motor-circuit/cycling/goodwood-motor-circuit---corona-secure-procedure.pdf>

### Cycling for All

The track will be open:

**Thursdays 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

and **Sundays 9 am - 4 pm**

Adult £10 | Young Person (13-17) £5 | Child (0-12) £0

13-17-year-olds must be accompanied by a parent/guardian but do not need to be on track cycling.

Under-12's must be accompanied on track with a paying parent/guardian—equipment not provided.

Additional safety measures will be in operation during cycling sessions, including:

- The booking and sign on process is now completely contact free
- Staff will have PPE equipment available to them
- Toilets will be regularly cleaned and sanitised throughout the day
- Social distancing measures will be enforced

## Goodwood Aerodrome Report .... from Brian Quilter

**Goodwood Aerodrome is not currently open to the general public.**

When this report was sent at the beginning of July, the departing aircraft using Runway 24-06 and Runway 28-10 had NOT been flying into the NPR.....Noise Preferred Routing...as directed by the CDC Agreement. ATS - the Air Traffic Service at Goodwood Aerodrome - have no control over them.....and the pilots know it.

Please report via the Goodwood Aerodrome Noise Complaints online, (see bottom of the last page). Fill in the online form; just concentrate on the time the aircraft flew over ...the model does not matter as Goodwood record all outgoing flights.

# 8 May VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



*They wrapped the trunks with Union flags to decorate the Drive*



*And parcelled up the post beneath the sign*



*Put a ladder up a lamppost to bring the scene alive, strung bunting round it, stretched out line by line.*

*And so as not to be outdone  
The Avenue joined in the fun*



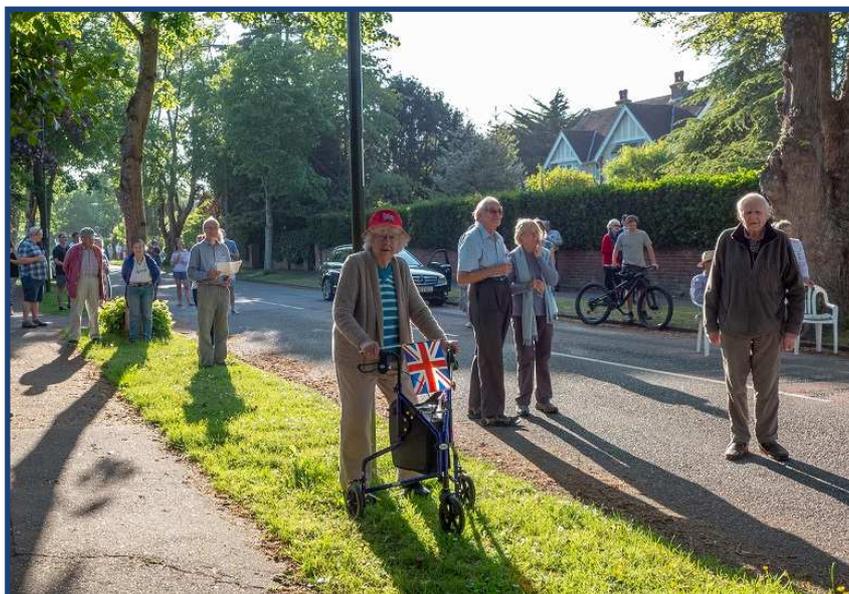


*Chairs and tables, put by gates,  
were all prepared for tea  
And residents sat there - so welcoming*

*And on the corner by the flags -  
arranged so beautifully -  
Rosie\* came to get us all to sing*



*And the people came and stood  
(socially distanced!)  
And joined in when they could*



\*Rosie Turner has played at 'clapping for carers' and for The Avenue street parties. Thank you to her and all those who put up the decorations. It was a lovely day and the local residents made the most of the opportunity to join in the celebrations.  
**"We'll meet again..."**

## Something achieved



BEFORE



AFTER

After the SRA objected, the staircase at the back of the One Stop store was removed as it had never had planning permission—although the clutter of the storage racks, bin etc still remains!

## Something still to do?



Cars parked on the verge in the The Drive next to the footpath at the back of Marchwood prevent the grass from growing. Committee members have been leaving a notice on them asking them to park in the road—but have we succeeded in our objective yet?

## Your Committee

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*Please let the membership secretary know if you have decided not to continue your membership particularly if you have cancelled a standing order*

## Dates for diaries 2020

Committee Meetings	Goodwood	Other information
<p><b>All normal committee meetings have been suspended since March.</b></p> <p>We held one meeting on Zoom on 28 May, which Jeremy Hunt (WSCC), Mayor Richard Plowman (CCC) and Craig Gershater (CCC) also attended.</p> <p>The next Zoom meeting will be on 10 September.</p> <p>If any member has an issue that they wish to be discussed please email the Chairman at least two weeks beforehand.</p> <p><b>Look on the noticeboard for updates on future meetings</b></p>	<p>Up to 5,000 horse racing fans will be allowed into Goodwood racecourse in August for the annual Qatar Goodwood Festival. <b>The final Saturday of Glorious Goodwood, August 1st, has been designated as a pilot event aimed at welcoming crowds back into sporting events following the coronavirus lockdown.</b></p> <p>It follows an announcement by the Prime Minister Boris Johnson that certain events will be used as trials to determine whether events with large numbers of people are safe enough to proceed from October.</p> <p>For other Goodwood events see page 3</p>	<p>Complaints about Goodwood flights go to <a href="http://www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/">www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/</a> fill in the online form, (or get someone to do it for you), and submit it so that there is a written record of the complaint:</p> <p>For other information <a href="http://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk">www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk</a></p> <p>We post information on our <b>notice board</b> by the letter box in The Broadway.</p> <p>We will also advise you of any <b>urgent matters by</b> email</p> <p>email for our PCSO Jason Lemm: <a href="mailto:jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk">jason.lemm@sussex.pnn.police.uk</a></p>