

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



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NEWSLETTER  
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## A final message from our outgoing Chairman, Jeremy Hunt

Dear Member,

Sadly, due to my recent election as the County Council Member for Chichester North, this will be my last editorial as your Chairman. Over the past 3 and a half years I have had a very rewarding time, both representing the SRA on many outside bodies, as well as heading many campaigns to try to retain the special character that is 'Summersdale'. To quote from our excellent Neighbourhood Appraisal, 'Summersdale is an attractive area in the north of Chichester, spacious and leafy. It is a historic suburb with high quality architecture in street scenes that are worthy of enlightened protection'. I hope that I have been able to do my 'bit' to try and provide some 'enlightened protection'.

None of this would have been possible without the superb support of your Committee. They all give their time and effort quite freely to work on behalf of all the members and I would like to say a big thank you to them all, both past and present, without whom none of my work would have been possible. I'm not sure that our Committee is unique, but they are a very special team and in all my time as Chairman I can't remember a cross word being spoken. Our meetings have sometimes been rather long (sorry!), but they have always been friendly and constructive. I'm obviously very sad to be leaving behind such a great team, but very happy in the knowledge that the future interests of Summersdale are in such safe hands.

Despite the sadness at stepping down as your Chairman, I am delighted at the prospect of my new role representing Chichester North on the County Council. I don't see it as leaving the 'family', but as gaining a much bigger one! My ward stretches from the North East quadrant of the City in the South, up the Lavant Valley as far as Upwaltham and from Chilgrove in the West to Halnaker, Boxgrove and Westhampnett in the East. It certainly represents a challenge, but I feel very honoured to be representing such a beautiful and diverse part of the County. So sorry, you can't get rid of me that easily!

One project which I am especially pleased with, is the new format of our AGM. With the demise of the summer gatherings the new combined AGM, complete with guest speaker and followed by a social gathering, was introduced in 2011. This proved an instant hit and has gone from strength to strength, with only standing room left at our AGM last February. I very much look forward to renewing old acquaintances as well as meeting new members at our next AGM in 2014.

Finally, I would like to wish your new Chairman, Roger Hobbs, all success in his new role. I hope he gets as much pleasure from being your Chairman as I have done. I am certain that the Association is in safe hands and that it will continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you all very much and I wish you all a very happy Summer.

## Dates for diaries 2013

Committee Meetings			Goodwood
<i>7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall</i>			
<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	Thu 29 May	<b>Glorious Goodwood</b>
Thu 26 July	Wed 8 January	Thu 24 July	31 July - 4 August
Thu 13 September	<b>Thu 13 February AGM</b>	Thu 11 September	<b>Revival Meeting</b>
Thu 25 October	Thu 27 February	Thu 16 October	14 - 16 September
Wed 28 November	Thu 10 April	Thu 27 November	

## A message from our new Chairman, Roger Hobbs

First of all I would like to say what an honour and privilege it is to have been elected Chairman of the Summersdale Residents' Association. I would like to thank my immediate predecessor, Jeremy Hunt, for all his huge efforts on behalf of the Association. Jeremy has been our Chairman for the past 3 and a bit years, and has tirelessly worked on your behalf to shape the future Summersdale. I am sure we all wish him well over the next 4 years in his endeavours. He has also offered to continue to attend our committee meetings; this is most welcome as it will help to provide continuity during my settling in period. Jeremy replaces Mike Hall who stood down at the last County Council elections and I would also like to give him a special mention. Mike worked tirelessly on our behalf on the various Rage campaigns, the Local Plan consultations and other local planning issues which affected our area. He was always available to discuss other issues and regularly attended our AGMs. We have been very fortunate to have had such an active Councillor who really cared about our community.

We now welcome a new Committee member, Janet Leonard into the fold as Minutes Secretary. Throughout the year we have had many members

attend our Committee meetings, often when they have a particular issue to raise. Member attendance has been particularly valuable in the recent discussions regarding the Chichester District Local Plan Consultations, and the Graylingwell and Roussillon Park developments. I will endeavour to ensure that this open house approach continues, as it enhances the working of the Association.

Where we live in Summersdale is a very special part of the beautiful city of Chichester and its character is under pressure as never before from proposed development in our area. The current national planning policy's presumption in favour of development means that we will have to accept that there will be changes. I am sure many of us would wish that this did not happen, but ignoring the realities of that situation may well result in losing the opportunity to have some impact on the development. Therefore, the real challenge is to make our views heard at every stage of the planning process, to ensure that the changes that do occur are integrated as seamlessly as possible and that Chichester in general, and Summersdale in particular, remains a special place where we all want to live.

## Planning Matters - Applications

### **13/00960/FUL –**

#### **Land East of 117 Croft Mead - 2 houses**

Detailed application for 2 new houses adjacent to the Copse has already received over **100 objections**, based on the access being partially on land currently used as public open space and the previous planning history of the site. The SRA submitted a letter of objection and have supported local residents. Due to the **numbers of objections** submitted the application, if not refused, will need to go to planning committee.

### **13/01457/FUL - White Eaves, Chestnut Avenue – Demolition of existing house and erection of 1 detached house and 2 semi detached houses**

The application involves the demolition of an existing dwelling and replacement with **3 large 5 bedroom houses** by Elbury Developments. The SRA were consulted by the developer in advance of the application being submitted.

### **13/00879/REM -**

#### **Hunters Rest, Lavant Road – 24 dwellings**

**Detailed plans** have been submitted by Seaward properties. This site received **outline approval in 2012**. The development includes a mixture of detached and terraced houses and flats. The SRA is disappointed that the original planned link to Centurion Way is no longer required by the planners, due to the cost implications for the developers.

### **12/04521/FUL - Broyle Road/The Broadway - 18 houses/flats**

A **detailed application** for the North West corner of the site for a mixed residential scheme by Lowdness Limited was submitted and subsequently withdrawn. A revised application is expected

# Planning Decisions and Appeal

## 13/00390/ADV – 8 Lavant Road - Application for new signage for the Surgery and Pharmacy

The original application was revised from 4 signs down to 2 smaller parallel signs and subsequently **approved** after some local residents and the SRA submitted objections.



## 12/01551/FUL - Land at corner Broyle/Wellington Road, Roussillon Park -72 bedroom Care Home

As expected this detailed application was **approved** with planning conditions. Construction is anticipated to start in 2014.

## 12/00008/FUL - Land to the South of Tudor Close (rear of 5 Lavant Road) - 2 dwellings to rear

The planning appeal against the decision by CDC to refuse consent was unsuccessful.

## Taylor Wimpey Application

### Planning Appeal procedure

As we go to print we understand that **Taylor Wimpey have submitted a planning appeal** against the refusal of planning permission for the "daffodil field" also known as the land north of Keepers Wood. RAGE 2 will be reconvened to deal with this Appeal. We expect the appeal to be dealt with by way of a public Inquiry. If you submitted comments to Chichester District Council (CDC) then the planning department will write to you and tell you about the **appeal and deadlines**. CDC will submit to the Planning Inspector copies of all letters of support or objection it receives about the application while considering it. These will be fully considered by the **Inspector** who decides the appeal.

If you **did not write** at application stage, or you **did write and now have something new** to say, you can send your comments to the **Planning Inspectorate in Bristol**. You **must** make sure that the Planning Inspectorate receive your comments **within 6 weeks** of the starting date for the appeal. We estimate this to be the **26th July**. Late submissions will be returned.

When submitting your comments you should **include**:

- Your name and address;
- The **Planning Inspectorate** appeal reference number [APP/L3815/A/13/2200123](#);
- The site address ie Land North of Keepers Wood, Lavant Road, Chichester
- State- 'I am against the appeal proposals' and explain whether it is for the same reasons as given by Chichester District Council or, if not, explain your own reasons.

You can make your comments on line through the Planning Portal using the search facility at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/search](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/search) or you can write or email.

If you send your comments in a letter please use **black** ink and either write neatly or used type front of **at least size 11**. If possible, send **with 3 copies** to;

The Planning Inspectorate  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol BS1 6PN

Helpline: 0303 444 5000

E-mail: [enquiries@planning-inspectorate.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@planning-inspectorate.gsi.gov.uk)

For more information on procedure download the Planning Inspectorate; please see; **"Guide to taking part in planning, listed building and conservation area consent appeals proceeding by an inquiry – England"**

[www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/planningappeals](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/planningappeals) and under the **Taking part in an Appeal** click **Inquiries**

The Inquiry will be held at a venue to be arranged in Chichester. The Planning Inspector will determine who can speak at the Inquiry. RAGE2 and SRA will be making submissions and seeking to work with CDC on achieving the best outcome.

**We would encourage members and residents to submit fresh comments to the Planning Inspectorate, well in advance of the deadline. If you are not registered with the SRA then please forward your email details to [membership@summersdaleresidents.co.uk](mailto:membership@summersdaleresidents.co.uk) and request you receive email updates.**

**The Inspiration..** This collaborative project between the Lavant Road Surgery and the University of Chichester is now in its second year. It all began in October 2011, when the Practice's newly-formed Patient Participation Group, (PPG), was discussing what could be done to promote good health and well-being in patients. The riveting TV programmes featuring Gareth Malone and the various choirs he set up showed clearly the beneficial effects that singing had on the participants. In particular, the benefits for the 'Boys Can't Sing' Choir and the Military Wives Choir were striking in terms of overcoming social isolation, improving confidence and enhancing general well-being, regardless of age.

**Finding the Leader..** We decided to set up a local singing group for our patients and look for an appropriate venue. Most church and village halls with access to a piano were already fully booked for regular weekday evening meetings; however, the Music Department of the University of Chichester turned up trumps. The Head of Music explained that the university wanted to establish stronger links with the local community, and would welcome collaboration with the local surgery. Dr Rod Paton, a senior music tutor, offered to lead our singing. With over 30 years of experience in leading instrumental and vocal groups of all backgrounds and abilities, and having a national and international reputation through his Lifemusic research project, he has proved an admirable choice.



Concert at the WSPMA Annual Conference June 2013

**Who could come?..** We chose the title of 'Singing for Health' for the group, hoping not only to promote singing per se, but also to add to the ever growing body of evidence showing the value of singing in terms of general health and well-being. We wanted to appeal to as many people as possible, regardless of self-perceived singing ability. Proficient singers would be welcome, but also individuals who normally would have no chance of auditioning successfully to become a member of a choir.

*I come into the latter category, having been told as a child that I couldn't sing - true. But I like singing. I hear all the right notes in my head, but - to paraphrase Eric Morecambe - it is just that I don't necessarily reproduce them correctly, and in the right order!*

**The Venue ..** We meet at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings on the University's Bishop Otter Campus site in College Lane. The site is easily accessed on foot, by bike or by car - parking is free after 5 pm.

**The Format..** Sessions operate on a drop-in basis; people come when they can and when they want to, so the number of participants varies week by week. Sessions start with gentle breathing and warm-up stretching exercises; these really do help people to feel relaxed and prepared for singing - all great fun.

warming up



**Finance and Research..** The surgery's PPG operates on a self-funding not-for-profit basis. There is a small contribution per person towards the costs of each session; but, in our inaugural year, (which concluded this February), we were fortunate enough to obtain lottery funding. This enabled us to retain Rod's professional expertise, and also to support some physiological and psychological/social research by teams led by Dr Julia Potter and Dr Ruth Lowry from the University Sports Department. These investigations (covered by confidentiality agreements) included records of BMI, height, weight, fat and muscle mass, peak flow measurements for lung capacity, and analysis of the stress hormone, cortisol, in saliva. Some people also kept daily records of hours slept, resting pulse rate, waist circumference, mood and number of medications taken.

**Development and Benefits..** Initially 'Singing for Health' was designed for Lavant Road Surgery patients only, but now relations, neighbours and friends of patients are welcomed. Over 100 different people have come to the 50 or so sessions held so far, with an average of c.30-40 attendees per session. For some, Monday singing has become addictive. Friends have been made and friendships renewed; other benefits include improved breath control, greater vocal range and quality, better posture, better sleep patterns, increased energy and feeling less stressed or less depressed. We hope that 'Singing for Health' will continue to flourish with the unwavering support of our GPs, our nursing and admin staff and PPG members, combined with the enthusiastic backing and co-operation of the University of Chichester.

## The Avenue Celebrates Again



The people in The Avenue were partying again  
Enjoying right good company and the surprising lack of rain!  
To celebrate the coronation that was 60 years ago  
Balloons and bunting, crowns and cakes all made a lovely show.



.....with food like this  
and weather like this



they need an excuse to do it again next year!!

Competitions included:  
'Guess the weight of the cake',  
'How many sweets in the jar?' and  
'Who could make the best crowns?'



## The Theatre in the Park

Those of you that attended the AGM in February will remember our Guest Speaker, Sarah Mansall, Campaign Director, Chichester Festival Theatre. She described a 1,400-seater acoustically-lined tent in the park near Oaklands House, having a similar layout to CFT.



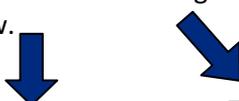
Well here it is nearing completion. The metal structure on the outside supports the tent so that there are no poles or columns obstructing the view of the audience.

It will be such a good venue for Barnum which combines elements of traditional musical theatre with the spectacle of the circus; characters include jugglers, trapeze artists and clowns.

## 'New lamps for old'!

**New street lights** should be in place all over Chichester by the end of September.

The change has aroused different reactions from people in Chichester ranging from those who do not see the need for change to those who prefer the new 'moonlight' to the old orange glow.



2 different styles -  
examples of the new lights



"Local Authorities are increasingly turning to **intelligent systems** as a way of **saving energy** and having **greater control** over their street lighting stock." (Phil Yates, Director of Lighting Services at SSE).

The Mayflower System allows individual street lights to be monitored and switched and light output to be dynamically controlled. Nodes installed on the street lights communicate with the Sub Master, which in turn communicates with the Back Office System providing up-to-date on-site performance data, which is necessary for the effective control of the lighting system.  
(visit [www.mayflowercontrol.com](http://www.mayflowercontrol.com) for a diagram and details)

## What could you meet in College Lane in 5 minutes?

These photographs were taken over a **five minute period** in the middle of a weekday in College Lane.



Then it mounts the pavement to get past another car



**12:11**  
The university bus goes down the lane



**12:13**  
The 60 bus comes up the lane and a car mounts the pavement to get past



Further up, the 60 bus squeezes past the Campus bus



**12:10**  
The 50 bus comes down the lane and squeezes past a car

**12:15**  
Another car slows down to get past the Campus bus



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