

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



"Residents Working Together"

NEWSLETTER
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A message from our Chairman, Roger Hobbs

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2015. Having just come back from a long break in Canada and America it is good to see Summersdale looking beautiful now that the trees are in full leaf and the sun is shining.

There are 4 main issues that are of particular concern to our Summerdale Residents. These are:

the position regarding the Local Plan; (see page 2)
the Musculoskeletal Services at St Richard's Hospital;
the Goodwood Motor Circuit; (see page 3)
access to the Lavant Road Surgery. (see page 2)

Many of you may already be aware of the outcomes of some of these but it is still worth providing a review of where we are.

You may remember that many members were concerned about the proposal by NHS Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group to award the contract for **Musculoskeletal Services** to BUPA CSH Ltd. The main concern was the **impact that awarding that service would have on the delivery of other related services at St Richard's Hospital** - particularly the trauma services. WSCC Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) was not satisfied that consideration had been taken of the full impact on other hospital services. The **SRA raised their concerns with Andrew Tyrie MP and Jeremy Hunt MP, (the Secretary of State for Health).** A

full assessment to be carried out by an independent auditor was commissioned. The conclusions were that allowing the contract would have a significant adverse effect on the cost of the provision of other services in the hospital. This resulted in BUPA CSH Ltd withdrawing from the process. The CCG looked at other ways of improving delivery of this service that took account of the other related services within the hospital. Happily, the CCG have now awarded the contract to WSHT and are working on agreeing the provision of services.

I am a WSCC volunteer highway inspector for the Summersdale area. When you report problems with roads or footways in your local area it is usually me who goes out and assesses the problems. I am pleased to say that whenever I have reported that a pothole meets the intervention level, (40 mm depth), or some other issue needs their attention then these are quickly remedied. It is important you report any highway problems you see to WSCC highways and they can get them resolved. Vegetation problems take longer to resolve at certain times of year because nesting birds are protected.

Lastly, may I thank all of the SRA Committee who work so hard throughout the year helping to ensure Summersdale remains a beautiful place to live; may I wish that you all have a great Summer and you are able to get out and about and enjoy it to its full.

Dates for diaries 2015/2016

Committee Meetings		Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall		Glorious Goodwood 28 July - 1 August	For other information please go to our website www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk
2015	2016	Bank Holiday Weekend 28—30 August	We post information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway.
Thu 23 July	Thu 7 January	Revival Meeting 11 - 13 September	We will also advise you of any urgent matters by email ; the most recent email was sent on 9 March 2015 entitled "Goodwood Members Meeting".
Thu 10 September	Thu 18 February AGM	For information on events go to: www.goodwood.co.uk/whatson/whatson.aspx	If you did not receive it please email the membership secretary.
Thu 15 October	Thu 25 February		
Thu 26 November	Thu 7 April		
	Thu 2 June		
	Thu 28 July		
	Thu 8 September		
	Thu 27 October		
	Thu 24 November		

New Local Plan 2014-2019—Chairman's Report

The **Report on the Examination into Chichester Local Plan** by Sue Turner, the Planning Inspector, concluded that:

*“the Chichester Local Plan provides an **appropriate basis for the planning of the District**, providing a number of modifications are made to the plan”.*

(These modifications had been proposed by Chichester District Council (CDC) to the Inspector). The **report now goes before CDC members for their agreement to the modifications**.

Until a Local Plan was in place that identified a 5 year housing land supply, it was difficult for CDC to be able to deliver future housing developments in a planned and coherent manner. The Council were open to developers submitting applications on inappropriate sites and taking these to appeal to be adjudicated upon. Clearly this was a time consuming and costly process for the planning authority to have to enter into - with no certainty of success.

However, **the Inspector was satisfied that the Local Plan contained the 5 year housing land supply**, which is made up, predominantly, of identified sites or sites with planning permission. She did, however, find that **the Transport Study**, which supported the Plan, **was flawed** in that it only tested the housing growth at 415 units per annum based on development levels from the strategic housing assessment at that time.

*It failed to test the highway network at the higher “**objectively assessed need**”, (OAN), which was calculated at 505 dwellings per annum.*

However, she recognised that to halt the plan at this stage would, amongst other things,

“undermine the momentum and the very positive work that has been carried out by the local community”.

Therefore, **she concluded that the Plan should be adopted now, subject to a commitment to a review to be completed within 5 years**.

*“This will ensure that **housing delivery** after the first 5 years **can be updated** to take account of merging evidence on highway infrastructure and rigorous testing of the impacts of providing housing up to the OAN or any updated OAN”.*

We will need to be vigilant when it comes to the review, as this is likely to result in pressure to deliver more housing in 5 years' time. However, it should provide CDC with the policy framework to plan a **coherent strategy for future developments**; the community will get the opportunity to shape the future through consultation rather than having to consider planning for piecemeal developments decided by cherry picking developers. It will also mean that **CDC can collect the Community Infrastructure Levy, (CIL)**, from developers to go towards mitigating some of the detrimental effects of their developments. This provides much more surety of income than with the previous S106 agreements.

Update on the Lavant Road Surgery—Chairman's comment

You may recall there was an article in the Summer 2014 Newsletter, following information from the Lavant Road Surgery Business and Practice Managers. I wrote that there was no space to build additional rooms on the current restricted site. However, the practice had written to NHS England to register an expression of interest in funding for any new premises.

The good news is that, in February this year, the Government brought forward an initiative where **practices could apply for funding to improve their existing premises or build new ones**. As is usual with these type of funding, the timescale for submitting an application was very short so they looked again at the possibility of **enlarging the existing premises**.

Although not an ideal site location the practice has, with the help of a local architect, **submitted a proposal for funding**. This will provide space for more consulting rooms together with the ability to provide more specialised services.

(Since the application NHS England have contacted Lesley Kent, the Business Manager, to double check the figures but she is hopeful that the decision to go ahead will come soon—Ed.)

If they are successful in obtaining the funding then that will be a great additional resource for our local community.

The downside is that the **parking problems** associated with the surgery are likely to get worse.

How can you help as Patients?

We can help ourselves to some extent by, where possible, walking to the surgery; I know, myself, it is all too easy to jump in the car for these short trips.

Goodwood Motor Circuit held their 73rd Members Meeting at the end of March again this year.

Last year our SRA Goodwood representative, (Dennis Martin), and I received many complaints from residents regarding the noise which I reported last time. Following on from that event we have had a number of positive meetings with the circuit director in an effort to try to improve the situation.

Part of the problem last year was that there was very little advance publicity about the event and so many people were caught unawares. This year we were forewarned; we put notices on the notice board and on our website and e-mailed members. This was to make sure as many people as possible knew so that they could make arrangements to be away for part of that time if they wanted to. **Goodwood also agreed to undertake noise surveys at premises in Summersdale** closest to the circuit during the entire weekend so that there was a record for future reference. (see below)

There is no getting away from the fact that an **unsilenced event at Goodwood motor circuit is going to be noisy** for those houses closest to the Circuit in Summersdale. I am also aware that many thousands enjoy the events at Goodwood and many of those are SRA members. However, by **working with the circuit, having regular meetings and keeping the dialogue at a constructive level**, we can hopefully help to mitigate the effects of the events on our residents who live closest.

Although the wind was still from an unfavourable easterly and north easterly direction for the whole weekend so that the noise was clearly audible **I did not receive the complaints I received the previous year**. There were still the annoying joy-riding helicopters flying over Summersdale continually throughout the day which were an additional attraction for those attending the event; we have made our views known about these and, hopefully, their flight paths will be re-routed away from the built up area next year.

Goodwood Road Racing Club – Members Meeting 21 & 22 March 2015 Noise monitoring report—Dennis Martin

The SRA appreciates the co-operative approach of Goodwood; we negotiated with the Director of Road Racing to **acquire facts about the level of noise in the neighbouring area of Summersdale**.

This resulted in an agreement by Goodwood to set up professional monitoring equipment over the 2 day period, **the entire cost of some £2000 to be met by Goodwood**.

Two residents in Maplehurst Road agreed to accommodate the equipment and the results were duly provided in a report by the consultant.

Summersdale happened to be down-wind for the event and the consultant also had monitoring equipment in a car park up-wind of the track.

Copious data were recorded every 15 minutes and these were included in the report showing:

- a) average levels over every 15 minute period
- b) instant peak levels
- c) back-ground levels

The results are expressed in decibels (dB) and it is important to understand that this scale is exponential – ie in this case the **perceived noise doubles for every increase of 10 units** . The WHO guidelines state that **no serious annoyance occurs when the 15 minute level is below 55 dB**.

The **upwind** monitors recorded levels certainly **below 60** whereas **down-wind** (Maplehurst Rd) the levels were in the region of **60 – 70 dB**.

**Yes, the event was very noisy ,
but Goodwood is permitted by the CDC to hold 5 unsilenced meetings per annum,
3 of which are for the Revival Meeting.**

Is 'The Wellington Restaurant', (formerly, Comme Ça?), any closer?

The gates are open and builders are in action again.

But for how long?

And will it now continue till it is complete?

I managed to talk to the site manager,
but got no definitive answers to those questions.

So we wait and see! Ed.



Update on the Roussillon Park and Graylingwell Park Developments

Graylingwell Park



to the left, behind the trees, is the water tower, in front of which is the Clock House



“Over the course of the next 4 years, Graylingwell Park will deliver a total of **825 new and converted homes** of which 40% will be affordable housing.... Around **28% of the development is complete** and around 500 people now call Graylingwell Park their home. We’re currently about halfway through the project and have **just released our 5th phase of homes in ‘The Manor’**. “

*Andrew Reynolds,
Sales and Marketing Director at Linden Homes, Guildford*

*Top left:
a roof-top view of the new buildings which fill in the space between the refurbished old hospital buildings*



The Manor



*Top right:
the approach to the Superintendent's House*



*middle:
the converted Superintendent's house*

*bottom:
houses bordering Graylingwell Drive*

Roussillon Park

There are now **148 occupied** dwellings in the development out of an eventual total of **252**. Phase 4 is currently being built and the houses are selling well. Phase 5 is yet to start.

Extra Trees

A number of new trees have been planted in the development—see top right. A second row planted on the South side of the green will provide an avenue of shade.



Update on the refurbishment of Chichester RFC Club House

Chichester Rugby Club has had great success in recent seasons and currently has **4 good teams** - with the First XV, the best they have ever had, now in **National 3 London & the SE League**. This is the best amateur level they can reach and it has taken 4 promotions to get there. Whereas, before, they were playing clubs in Sussex, Kent, Surrey and Hampshire they **now play clubs from Norfolk to the Channel Islands**.

Inspired by their success, and wanting to provide facilities to match, they have embarked on a major and ambitious

refurbishment of the Club House which, when complete, will go some way to matching the theatre at the southern end of the park. The building has been extended to the side and the rear; the exterior is complete and work is now being carried out on the interior—which includes a new kitchen, a gymnasium, a meeting room and a function room which will hold 200 people seated. The **hope is that it will be complete by September** ready for the new season.

The finished building will **provide facilities** not only for the Rugby Club but also for **people in the local community to hire**.

CHICHESTER RFC



“we are so proud of our Club House—the balcony provides a wonderful view across the park to the Festival Theatre and the Cathedral”



What is happening at 'Grow Chichester' - Oaklands Park?

Quotations and photographs from the Transition Chichester website www.transitionchichester.org

"Some of you may already know that our lovely Ellie Garwood is taking a back seat for the time being. Ellie has been the person whose energy has sustained Grow Chichester; her vision of growing spaces in Chichester has indeed grown and become strong.

The apples growing in both Oaklands Park and Whyke Community Orchard are there because she made contact with a grower of Sussex apple varieties.



*"Thanks to everyone that came to the launch event at **Oaklands Park Community Garden, 17th May from 11.30 - 1pm** It was wonderful to share the time and the garden with you all."*

At Oaklands she then asked for volunteers to plant them, tend and water them and, later, prune them..... The first big crop might well be this autumn at Oaklands Park if the amount of apple blossom is any indication."

There are some new contacts on the scene

Contact;

Julia Sander, Sarah Clark and Meg Owen or Jo Lodge (see below for contact details)



Weekly sessions are on **Tuesday evenings**, from 5 pm—7 pm (weather permitting), throughout the summer months. The garden can be found on the College Lane side of the park behind the wooden climbing equipment.



"The wildflower meadow at Oaklands Park, under the orchard, provides an important habitat for a range of bees, dragonflies, butterflies and numerous other insects."

For more information

contact Julia Sander on

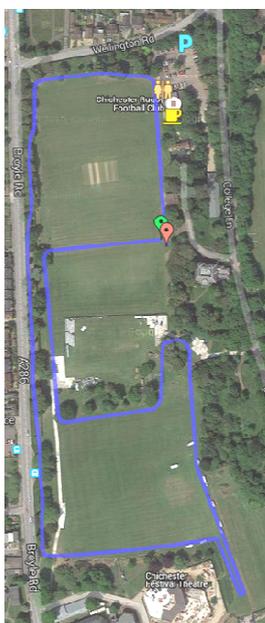
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or Jo Lodge on

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"This year's display is kindly funded by Chichester Festival Theatre and Chichester District Council, as well as through Transition Chichester (and fundraising events)."

Chichester Park Run



"Chichester park run is a **FREE weekly 5km event** for runners of all standards, which takes place every **Saturday at 9 am in Oaklands Park, Chichester**. It is **not a race** against other runners, but a 5k timed run and it can really be..... for fun or as part of a training plan.

It offers an opportunity for all the local community, male or female, young or old, to come together on a regular basis to enjoy this beautiful park and**to jog or run together irrespective of their ability** – this event is truly open to all and best of all it really is **FREE!** **Taking part is easy – just register before your first ever park run.** The great thing is that you only ever need to do this once!

The course is 5000m (5K) long -3 laps of Oaklands Park. This has been accurately measured by us with a professional measuring wheel. It is undulating and predominantly grass with a tarmac section. Some sections of the course may accumulate mud, leaves and puddles after rain.

Fantastic views of Chichester and its Cathedral can be viewed on the downhill sections running north to south. Starting at the floodlight near the pavilion, runners cross the park east to west and follow a 3 quarter anti-clockwise loop. Then there is a bigger 3 quarter clockwise loop including an out-and-back cul-de-sac in the south-east corner and an uphill tarmac section to the west. "

Quotations and map

from the website:

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SRA membership subscriptions were due on 1 January.

If you find a payment form in this newsletter it indicates that we have not received yours.

It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order.

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If you have not paid, or wish in future to pay by standing order, please send the enclosed form to:

the Membership Secretary

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Parking Voucher Blues(and other colours!)

Whenever you need a short time to stop
To collect your dry cleaning or pop into a shop,
Just scratch off the voucher, of appropriate price,
And display in the windscreen; it's done in a trice!

It used to be easy, as easy can be.
Each stay of 10 minutes cost just 20p.
Combining your vouchers, the blue, red and green,
You could work out the ones to display in the screen.

But the council decided to put up the cost
So that residents' arithmetic skills are not lost.
So 'good luck' when you search for a free parking bay
And allow time to calculate how much to pay!



Colour	Time	Cost per voucher	Cost per book of 10
Blue	9 minutes	20p	£2
Mauve	15 minutes	35p	£3.50
Red	17 minutes	40p	£4
Yellow	22 minutes	50p	£5
Green	26 minutes	60p	£6
?	30 minutes	70p	£7

"What a crazy system!

What a crazy way to encourage visitors to come!"

Sue Spooner—Vice Chairman

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