

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



"Residents Working Together"

NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2014/2015

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A message from our Chairman, Roger Hobbs

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter for 2015.

On behalf of the SRA committee may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy New Year and good health and happiness in the future. Could I remind members that our **AGM this year is on 12th February**, (see the Agenda on page 5). This event has proved very popular in the past and it provides an opportunity to review what has occurred during the year and what is on the horizon about which we need to be aware.

There are **three main issues** that have been of concern to members since my message in the Summer; these are:

1. The progress of the Local Plan
(see my comment in 'Planning Matters' on page 2)
2. The Minerals Local Plan
3. The Musculoskeletal Services at St Richard's Hospital

The Minerals Local Plan (MLP) ...

WSCC has been consulting on their new MLP and I attended a consultation afternoon in Midhurst. Since then WSCC has undertaken a site assessment within the county. Locally, this assessment **identified potential mineral sites in Hunters Race, Lavant and West Stoke**. The consultation period for site assessment study closed in September. **The SRA objected to the inclusion of these sites** on the same grounds that resulted in the sites being refused planning permission at a planning inquiry in the past. WSCC are currently considering all the comments received and we await their conclusions with interest.

The Musculoskeletal Services at St Richard's Hospital ...

Concern was raised at an SRA Committee meeting regarding the proposal by NHS Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group, (CCG), to award the contract to BUPA CSH Ltd. The **concern** was the **impact** that awarding this service to an outside body could have **on the delivery of other services at the hospital, particularly the trauma services**. I attended a WSCC Health & Adult Social Care Committee (HASC) meeting. The **HASC were not satisfied** with the assurances given to them regarding the impacts and felt that a thorough impact assessment had not been undertaken. The SRA was concerned that the process had not fully examined the impact that the decision by the CCG might have on

the viability of other services that St Richard's provides. **The SRA wrote to Andrew Tyrie and Jeremy Hunt MP to state our concerns**. In his reply Andrew Tyrie was clearly also concerned, saying it would be a catastrophe if the hard won battles to save major trauma services at St Richard's over the past decade were now to be undermined. As a result of the groundswell of public opinion and the actions of the HASC, **a full impact assessment is now being carried out by Price Waterhouse Cooper** - jointly commissioned by the CCG and the Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The outcomes of this assessment will be **reported back to the HASC towards the end of January**. St Richard's Hospital is vital to the wellbeing of local residents of Summersdale and it is important that the impacts of such major decisions are fully assessed; hopefully that is now being undertaken before the final decision is made.

We will continue to discuss these important matters throughout the year and these can be **followed on our SRA website** and in the minutes displayed on the **SRA notice board** outside the One Stop shop.

Thank you ...

At this time of year it also gives me great pleasure in saying a big thank you to all the **Committee Members** who give up their time, and work tirelessly on your behalf. It is only through their endeavours, dedication and tremendous support that we have been able to influence how Summersdale looks now and into the future. I would also like to thank **Gillian Berry** who attends the **Neighbourhood Management Panel** on our behalf and keeps us informed of any anti-social behaviour that has occurred. We are fortunate that we do not have much reported crime in Summersdale and, when we do, the NMP help to quickly nip it in the bud; long may that situation last. Our area is renowned for its lovely trees and, thanks to **Meg Owen**, we have been able to **negotiate six new trees** to replace some of those lost during the year. (see page 2). These will provide a legacy for future generations to enjoy. I would also like to thank our **team of newsletter distributors** who work behind the scenes to ensure that your newsletters are delivered to our members' homes. Lastly, I would like to thank **County Councillor, Jeremy Hunt**, our former Chairman, who helps to keep us abreast of things **happening at WSCC** that affect our area.

Chairman's Comment on the Progress of the Local Plan

During the past two months The Chichester District Council's Local Plan has been examined in public to assess whether it is "sound". At our last AGM Councillor Tony Dignum provided an update on the Plan. He said that the **future housing number that had been proposed in the plan was below the governments Objectively Assessed Numbers (OAN)**, but the CDC felt this was a realistic figure owing to the special situation in Chichester - the constraints of the South Downs National Park and the harbour.

At the outset of the inquiry **the inspector requested that the CDC review their low housing number** with the inference that the plan would be found unsound if this number could not be fully justified or could not be raised more in line with the OAN. The representatives from the **developers were pushing for the plan to be found unsound** which would result in the CDC not having a Local Plan in place. This would be the worst scenario for our area as that would provide a 'free for all' for developers. The CDC has come back to the inquiry with an **increased figure** that is still below the OAN. **The inspector will be reporting early in the New Year** on the soundness of the plan. To deem the plan sound she

needs to have been convinced that the constraints in the local area are sufficient to justify the lower housing figure.

What does these initial increase in the housing number mean for Summersdale?

If the plan is found sound then the planned development proposed for White House Farm after 2029 will be **brought forward** and an additional 250 homes will be programmed to be constructed **before 2029**. Further afield there will be extra houses in East Wittering and Bracklesham. If the plan is found unsound then we will have a lot of pressure for further development in many of the villages along the A259 and around the settlement area boundaries of Chichester, which could affect the Summersdale area.

STOP PRESS

I have just received a request from CDC to comment on 'proposed modifications for public consultation' - changes that they have proposed to their original Local Plan proposals, which they amended to try to meet the Inspectors' concerns regarding the low proposed housing numbers.

The consultation period runs **from 8th January and finishes on 19th February 2015**; the committee will be making comments on those modifications.

Planning Applications and consents....

Various consents for new developments, extensions, variations and tree planning applications within Summersdale have been approved by Chichester District Council; however none are considered to raise significant concern or notable interest.

The Progress of the Colten Care Home ...

The 72 bed care home on the corner of Broyle Road and Wellington Road, is now starting to take shape.

When completed the 3 storey building will dominate the key southerly corner plot of the Roussillon Park development. (see the article on page 3).

The development by Care Home operator Colten Care has been named Lavant Hall and has a planned opening date of spring 2016.



For more detail visit www.colten-care.co.uk/new-homes.aspx

New trees in Summersdale ...

6 new trees were planted in November

2 were paid for by the SRA* and one by a local resident**

The remaining 3 were replacements paid for by WSCC

LOCATION	ROAD	SPECIES	ENGLISH NAME
1*	Highland Road	Pyrus calleryana Redspire	Ornamental Pear
'Ivybank' **	Summersdale Road	Pyrus calleryana Redspire	Ornamental Pear
The Corner House	Highland Road	Prunus Pandora	Japanese Flowering Cherry
Side of Abbotsford	The Broadway	Prunus Pandora	Japanese Flowering Cherry
O/s Bay Tree House	The Drive	Sorbus aria 'lutiscens'	Whitebeam
O/s 19 Highland Road*	The Lane	Quercus rubra	Red Oak

The Corner of Wellington and Broyle Road ... and beyond

from Roussillon Park to the Rugby Club

What now is at the corner of the Broyle and Wellington Road,
Where once, surveying all beneath, the proud French cockerel
crowded?

We see the wooden rafters that are waiting for their tiles
At the stripped and empty restaurant where the food would
bring us smiles.

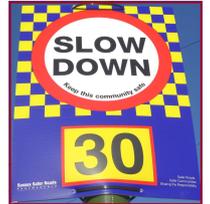
For months what greets the eye has been enough to 'chill
the blood'

Various combinations of hoarding, poles and mud!
Just close your eyes; imagine when everything will function
And peace will be restored to our southern boundary
junction!

At Roussillon Park a new
children's play area for
aged 8+ is now open to all .
(You do not have to be a
Roussillon Park resident to
use it)



A temporary reminder to those
who hanker after the days when
you could go up to 40 mph on this
stretch of the road.



Look through the viewing window in the hoarding; and see
a prime example of how things sometimes have to get
worse before they get better — scaffolding and mud on
the construction site of the Colten Care home, Lavant Hall,
(see what it will eventually look like on page 2)



Just a little further on, the result of negotiations
between the SRA and Zero C has now come to
fruition. A new 'puffin' crossing has been installed

Puffin stands for Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligence.

Puffin crossings have sensors located in a black 'mat'
area near the kerb which can tell when people are
waiting to cross. These sensors control the red/green
light which controls the traffic.



'Comme Ça' est comme cil
On the corner itself - the bare bones of a new roof and the rest of
the building stripped back. 'Comme Ca' promised so much in the
plans... but construction has come to a halt!



Start to walk along Wellington Road and
this is what you see on your left — another
view of the construction of 'Lavant Hall'



At the far end of Wellington Road look into Oaklands Park to see
more scaffolding and mud! The Rugby Club Pavilion is at present
unrecognisable — but in the process of being transformed into
something more beautiful and more functional with new facilities
that the local community will benefit from.

The story of a Chichester boy who became Nelson's Captain of the Fleet and Mayor of Chichester



Why is the restaurant at the Ship Hotel called 'Murrays' ?

Restaurant signs now

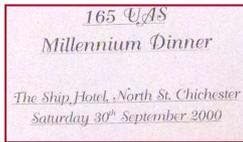
Restaurant logo on the menu in 2000



See the recently erected plaque



2000—Barry hosted the annual reunion for members of 165 University Air Squadron



The Ship Hotel was chosen, as General Eisenhower had visited RAF units there in 1944 prior to the D-Day landings. The menu used then was replicated for the 165 UAS reunion.



Barry started his research into the history of the Ship Hotel and Admiral Murray and discovered that one of his RAF colleagues was a cousin of a direct descendant—Ian Murray. In 2001 he wrote the original version of his book "My Dear Murray" of which there were only ever 12 copies printed.

2005—Richard Plowman was Mayor of Chichester and celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

Richard discovered Barry's book and together they noticed that Murray became Mayor of Chichester in 1815. They set in motion plans to celebrate the 200th anniversary.

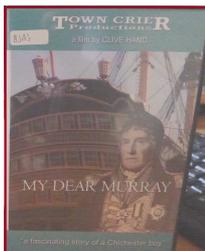
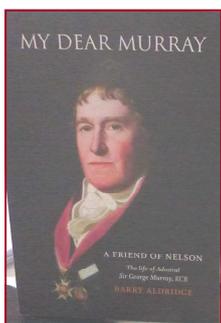


Barry in his study with the book and DVD

2013—Barry travelled to the Scilly Isles and met Todd Stevens who had written a book about Colossus in 2007

The Colossus was Admiral Murray's ship that was wrecked off the Scilly Isles. Todd Stevens is a diver who has retrieved many artefacts from the wreck.

2015 is the 200th anniversary of Admiral Sir George Murray becoming Mayor of Chichester in 1815 and the 250th anniversary of the commissioning of HMS Victory. There are plans for an exhibition at the Chichester Museum with artefacts from the Portsmouth Royal Naval Museum and the Scilly Isles Museum



Barry has now rewritten his book after further research and a DVD has been produced by Richard Plowman and directed by Clive Hand. The book (only) is on sale at Kim's Bookshop and the Record Office; both the book and DVD are on sale at the City Council Offices and from Barry at the AGM (or tel 01243 771893).

Annual General Meeting

including Guest Speakers:

Barry Aldridge (showing and talking about the 'Murray' DVD and the plans for the 2015 celebrations)
 Professor Clive Behagg (Vice Chancellor of the University of Chichester)

7:30 pm on Thursday 12th February 2015
 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 the following 2 pages.

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**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2015 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 13th February 2014
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st December 2014
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.*
6. Election of Independent Examiner
7. Guest Speakers- Barry Aldridge (talking about Admiral Sir George Murray)
Professor Clive Behagg (Vice Chancellor of the University of Chichester)
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 seven 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 43rd AGM on 13 FEBRUARY 2014

WELCOMES

Members and guests. Guests included the Mayor Cllr John Hughes, WSCC Cllr Jeremy Hunt, CDC & City Cllr Tony Dignum, CCC Cllr Barbara Rees, Guest Speaker Sarah Mansell (CFT), and Honorary and Life Members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S AGM ON 7 FEBRUARY 2013

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 SPEAKER

Sarah Mansall, Campaign Director, Chichester Festival Theatre, gave an update on the progress made in the last year towards an opening date for the theatre in July. Theatre goers will be able to tour the theatre in June.

OPEN FORUM

- a) WSCC Cllr Jeremy Hunt said that WSCC portion of the council tax would not be increasing but would still cover, inter alia, adult social care, flood relief schemes and upgrading roads. Recent local works included improving wheel-chair access to buses in Lavant Road, clearing the drains around One Stop, and filling multitudinous pot-holes in the roads which is ongoing.
- b) CDC Cllr Tony Dignum said that the Local Plan would be submitted to the Inspector in April but could take six months to be approved. It will provide for 410 houses per year in areas including White House Farm, Tangmere, Shopwyke and Old Place Farm; this excludes in-filling. Under a government "new homes grant", SRA could bid for capital community projects grants.
- c) The bus company was not prepared to issue another number for one of the route 60s despite the confusion caused by their using one number for two routes.
- d) Thanks were given from the floor to the Committee for all its hard and useful work
- e) A report from Karen Turrell, Police Community Support Officer, was read out and noted.

The formal meeting was followed by our usual social gathering.

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News from the 'Singing for Health' Choir Vox Anima

After a very busy four years, **Eileen Pankhurst** has decided that she can no longer continue running the Lavant Road Surgery PPG Singing for Health Choir, which has been so very successful. All of us in the choir are very grateful indeed to Eileen and to Caroline, her assistant, for all the very hard work they have given to the choir over the past four years.

We will be starting the **new term in January**, and will be under the leadership of **Dr Rod Paton**, our musical director, with Chichester University under his Life Music label. He will be making all the arrangements and we shall be singing in



the University of Chichester
Bishop Otter Campus
College Lane
from **January 12th** from **6.30pm to 7.45pm**
The room where we meet is called **H144**

He encouragingly says that all current and new members are welcome to the informal and lively group, and that "everyone can sing, there are no wrong notes in music and yes, it does you good, that's official!"

Please contact:
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News from the Rotary Club

A Project - "Bridging Generations"

Would you like to make some new friends and help students on their journey through life?

The Chichester Priory Rotary Club has started a project called "Bridging Generations" at **Chichester College every fortnight on a Tuesday morning 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. 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 chat to you about the project.

The meetings are every fortnight in term time.

A Thank You!

The Rotary Club wishes to **thank the Summersdale residents** for their understanding and acceptance of the inconvenience that our race inflicts upon them. This will be our 26th year and we have **raised considerable amounts of money for local charities**,



but each year we encounter more and more red tape, particularly with regard to traffic management. The Rotary Club Committee is actively engaged in **finding an alternative route** outside of the City centre, and you might like to know that, in all probability, this may very well be the last time that we disrupt your Sunday morning.

And a Warning

ROTARY CLUB OF CHICHESTER PRIORY 2015 ROAD RACE - Sunday 8 February

Following recommendations from Sussex Police and West Sussex Highways:

Short sections of The Drive and The Avenue (between the Lavant Road and Chestnut Avenue) **will be closed to through traffic for a short period*** to allow the runners to travel south safely along the Lavant Road.

Appropriate diversions will be signed and extra Police Officers will control the Broadway.
***Between 10.00 and 11.00 am** - please avoid these sections of the Avenue and the Drive or use the diversion routes.

Help us to alert you..

We have **email addresses** for **223** members
(out of 422 members).

This enables us to send these members email alerts.

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
28 September 2014
entitled **"CDC Draft Plan Examination"**.

**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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*Please let the membership secretary know if you have
decided not to continue your membership
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Dates for diaries 2015

Committee Meetings		Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall			
Thu 8 January	Thu 23 July	73rd Goodwood Members' Meeting, 21 - 22 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 12 February (AGM)	Thu 10 September	Moving Motor Show 25 June	We post information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway.
Thu 26 February	Thu 15 October	Festival of Speed 26 - 28 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 9 April	Thu 26 November	Glorious Goodwood 28 July - 1 August	
Thu 28 May		Revival Meeting 11 - 13 September	