



HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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New additions on the Boating Lake
June 2014
Simon Hill



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Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 13th December

2.00pm – 5.00pm

Portswood Primary School

There will be music, games and a show with 'Magic Wanda', a party tea and visit from Father Christmas. Suitable for ages 4-7 years

The cost is £3 per child for non-members or £2 per child for members.

Application form on back page
or to book places email keithareed@yahoo.co.uk or text 07754543776

CHAIR'S REPORT

This has been a busy few months for HRA, indeed the AGM in April already seems a long time ago. As always planning issues have dominated our agendas. In early August we learned of plans by Galliard Homes to redevelop the Highfield House Hotel as a 144-bed student residence. We were surprised to hear of this partly because the hotel is successful and enjoys high rates of occupancy, and partly because the outlook for future student numbers is highly uncertain. We therefore contacted Galliard. We pointed to some of the potential difficulties with the plan, not least the loss of what has become a valuable community facility. Although we have heard nothing directly from Galliard, there have been indications that they may be reflecting further on their plans. As soon as we have any firm information we shall gladly inform members. Apart from this, we have commented on a steady stream of planning applications, often involving the creation or extension of an HMO. We have been gratified by the continuing series of appeal judgements that have vindicated our opposition to inappropriate developments, most recently concerning 42 Blenheim Gardens and Portswood Cycles; 13 Grosvenor Road is due to be heard by

the Planning Panel on 28th October. It cannot be stressed too often that we are not NIMBYs but we do want to maintain the character of the area with a mix of different residential uses. Finally under this heading, we await the outcome of the Scrutiny Panel report on how planning can be used to create balanced neighbourhoods. Away from planning matters, we continue to work closely with the Southampton University Students Union and with the Hampshire Constabulary. At our most recent meeting we welcomed the new Vice-President for Engagement, Ellie Cawthera, and our new police Community Liaison Officer, PC Virginie Freval. We were very sorry to learn of the death on 2nd August, after a long and brave struggle against illness, of Dr Julia Brooking. Julia was a greatly valued former Vice-Chair of HRA and she is much missed for her commitment, tenacity and insight. Our sincere condolences go to her daughter Caroline and to her two brothers, Maurice and Mark McBride. Finally, just a reminder that our Committee meetings are open to all members and invited guests. They take place on the second Monday of each at the Highfield House Hotel at 7.30.

Roger Brown

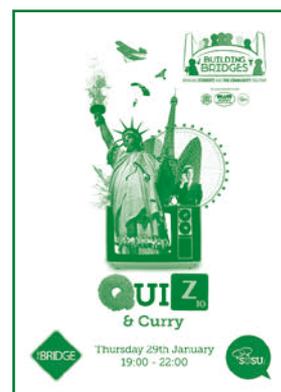
BUILDING BRIDGES

I am Ellie, your Southampton University Students' Union (SUSU) representative. I am originally from Devon but I graduated from the University of Southampton in Biomedical Sciences in July 2014. In my third year I ran in our cross-campus union elections and was voted into this position by students for students. SUSU's mission is to "Unlock the Potential and Enrich the Life of Every Student". As Vice-President of Engagement, I am the lead on the External Engagement zone within SUSU. In this zone I intend to work towards our mission by creating better community relationships between students and local residents by communicating efficiently with the external community and creating brilliant community volunteering and enterprising opportunities for our students. I'm so excited to be a key part in the many fantastic endeavours

towards our Building Bridges Project, which was detailed in the last edition of this newsletter.

One great scheme that falls beneath this is our Community Gardening Competition. Each student will be paired with a local resident to learn new skills and create a horticultural masterpiece (with the help of some additional funding from us) to enter into the Southampton in Bloom Competition at the end of the summer term. Further details to come.

Ellie Cawthera



LOVERS' WALK CYCLE-WAY ROUTE IMPROVEMENT

At the time of writing there is no further news on the progress of the scheme following the public consultation exhibitions last year. There was no secured funding then and there is even less likely to be any now.

However, the writer believes the scheme to be fundamentally misconceived and to require a rethink.

For most of Lovers' Walk the number of cycle and pedestrian movements intuitively does not justify the amount of tarmac of The Common and the associated expense that is proposed. Furthermore the existing surface is in good condition for most of its length, so reconstruction to marginally increase its width to meet a theoretically required standard would be doubly wasteful. Critical parts for improvement in some form are:

- a) the approach and 'holding area' at Burgess Road, where the narrow pavement and proximity to fast moving traffic is a serious hazard;
- b) the section between the University Highfield Campus and the Highfield Avenue crossing, where there are exceptionally high loadings of pedestrians moving between the two University campuses at certain times with high potential conflict with cyclists;
- c) the section outside nos. 1-5 Highfield Road, which is undisputedly too narrow and in a poor state of repair.

All other sections (most of the length) could be improved by vegetation clearance to lighten the route and establishing grass verges of about 2m wide on either side that would accommodate temporary overruns needed when occasionally the tarmac carriageway is not wide enough to accommodate passing pedestrians/cyclists.

In relation to (b) the scheme presently envisages a widening of the carriageway on The Common to 4m – only 1m narrower than Highfield Road, which is a bus route with parking on one side! This would have a major urbanising effect in conflict with the purposes of a common and would be strongly opposed through statutory inquiry by those seeking to protect The Common. In any event it is unlikely to resolve pedestrian cycle conflict on a shared route as, at times, the bulk of pedestrians would still obstruct cyclists expecting to be able to travel even faster on a wider route. It would also have little chance of securing the necessary statutory government approval, as there is a viable and less damaging alternative. Furzedown Road, limited to out-only for vehicles onto Highfield Lane, could be a two-way cycleway, with no significant loss of parking, replicating the arrangement that has existed on Highfield Road for the last 15 years. The existing path on the Common could be made pedestrian only and would require little if any improvement other than gravel shoulders in parts.

That would need to be combined with a scheme carried out by the University on its own land to provide a graded ramp for pedestrians and cyclists from the end of Furzedown Road down into the Highfield Campus to replace the ugly and dangerous steps constructed - unlawfully in the first instance - by the University when the Avenue Campus was opened. Surely an ambitious Russell Group University must aspire to an attractive, functional and safe pedestrian and cycle link between its two main campuses.

Simon Hill

UPDATE ON NEW HRA WEBSITE

We were making progress with formulating our new draft website when, unfortunately, our Webmaster had to resign in May for personal reasons. This set us back and it has taken us a couple of months to appoint a successor. However, we are now pleased to have a new and enthusiastic Webmaster, Ross, who has a lot of experience in website design and who has now started work on our new website. At the same time as changing Webmasters, we are also changing our web programme to one which gives greater flexibility and enables other HRA Committee members to input to the website at designated levels of use. We hope

that this will result in more frequent updates and a wider variety of input. I will continue to manage the website, with full editorial control, supported by Steve Connolly.

While changing programmes will bring significant benefits, it will unfortunately delay the launch of the new website as the draft site produced by the previous Webmaster needs to be imported into the new programme manually, in order to minimize problems. However, we are looking forward to reaching the next stage and will keep you updated on developments.

Nadine Johnston

NEW HORIZONS

Vanessa Beecham and Sally Wilkinson, both Highfield residents, are starting a new venture at Highfield School, in Hawthorn Road, commencing Saturday 27th September which is open to all children ages 7 up to 16.

“New Horizons” performing arts will give the children the opportunity to learn the fundamental techniques of musical theatre including dance, song and drama.

No previous experience is needed just enthusiasm, energy, a willingness to learn and to work as part of a team. It is our intention to nurture and develop talent, to improve confidence and teach skills that will benefit the children in all aspects of life; above all we want them to have fun. So if your child is a bit of a drama queen or king, sings in the bath and dances around the lounge this is the class for them.



Vanessa was born in Southampton and grew up here and attended Highfield School. She developed her love of singing and dancing at a very young age and after attending dance school in Southampton she went to London to the Laban Centre for movement and dance

(now Trinity Laban) to study for BA (Hons) in dance. Vanessa returned to live in Highfield seventeen years ago and for the past five years has been working with Highfield School focusing on creating their dance performance for the Be Your Best Rock Challenge competition which takes place every Feb/March at the Guildhall Southampton. The school has achieved three first places, two second places and has gone through to two finals, this year securing fifth place out of the entire southern region. She has also worked with a secondary school this year, which also won their Rock Challenge heat and went through to finals. On top of this she runs an afterschool dance club at Highfield School for years 3-6.

Sally grew up in Southampton and after attending Southampton College for Girls (now Taunton College) headed to London to train at The Laban Centre and Royal Academy of Dancing. She remained in London for many years running her own dance school in Kingston, Surrey. With a desire to work with injured dancers and expand her career she later qualified at the London School of Sports and Remedial Massage. She has taught GCSE and A level dance. 7 years ago Sally returned to Southampton with her husband Nigel (a restaurateur in London) and her daughter Jess. They settled in Highfield where Jess attended Highfield School.

For more information please contact either Vanessa. beebecham@gmail.com or Sally. webber@rsj.uk.com

EXCITING TIMES FOR THE NUFFIELD

Sam Hodges, Director of the Nuffield Theatre, starts his second season with the Nuffield as the theatre celebrates its 50th anniversary. Sam has brought an innovative approach to the theatre's future with an emphasis on showing new works, local and national involvement and an inventive approach to staging. He has taken on a team of associate directors and the theatre will be welcoming 'Nuffield Guests' who will be bringing their own productions for a run at the theatre. He has also invited new associate actors to be involved with the theatre, Celia Imrie, Samantha Bond, who started her career at the Nuffield, Laura Carmichael and Tom Hiddleston. These well-respected actors will act as ambassadors for the theatre and will support the vision for future development. Sam has commissioned a new adaptation of the Snow Queen for the Christmas Show, in conjunction with a theatre in Northampton, by award-winning comedy writer Georgia Pritchett. Working in conjunction with another theatre means that the budget for the show can be shared and a higher quality show produced for the Christmas season which is important as it is often a child's first introduction to live theatre.

The Nuffield does not have a dedicated studio space so Sam decided to create one for the production of A Number by Caryl Churchill. A studio was built on the stage and the clever set was thought-provoking for both the audience and the actors. This show will be returning at the end of February. This production was co-produced by the Nuffield and the Young Vic. Sam's ambition for the Nuffield is for it to be “nationally known and locally loved”: the presence of 9 national and a couple of Sunday papers at a recent press night demonstrates that there is national interest in



what is happening in our local theatre.

There are numerous events at the Nuffield which will interest a wide range of theatre-goers: there are shows for young children, fortnightly workshops via Connectors Café, a drama club, a youth theatre and a monthly Writers in Conversation event led by creative writing lecturers at the University of Southampton.

As the Nuffield marks 50 years of theatre in Highfield Sam's plans for the future will no doubt raise the profile of the theatre both locally and nationally.

Go to the website nuffieldtheatre.co.uk where you will be able to see for yourselves the varied and ground-breaking events available at the theatre this season or call in for a brochure.

Caroline Knight

DR JULIA BROOKING

Julia Brooking, who was a long serving member of the HRA Committee, died of cancer on August 2nd, aged 61. Julia was Vice-Chair for many years and was an asset to the Residents' Association. Her sharp intellect and sensible approach to problems will be sorely missed by her colleagues, many of whom were also her good friends. Before Julia joined the committee, she had a successful academic career in psychiatric nursing. In 1986, when she was already a fully qualified nurse, she was awarded a first class degree in Psychology at North East London Polytechnic and then later a PhD in nursing at King's College London with Professor Jack Hayward. She had a passion for shaping practice and policy, and was appointed to be the Chief Nursing Adviser and a senior lecturer in psychiatric nursing at the Maudsley hospital



in London. She also spent six years in the Queen Alexandra's (Reserve) Army Nursing Corps, reaching the rank of captain.

Julia's achievements in carrying the best evidence forward into practice cemented her position as one of the country's

foremost mental health nurses. At the age of only 37, she assumed the foundation professorship in Nursing and Head of Department of Nursing Studies at Birmingham University, positions that she held from 1989 to 1994.

Julia's achievements are all the more remarkable as we have been told that she was a rebellious teenager who was expelled from two schools and left with only 2 'O' levels!

After a two-year break for full-time motherhood following the birth of her daughter, Caroline, Julia returned to academic life as director of research at Southampton University. She retired in 2001 to concentrate on motherhood but she also managed to fit in travelling with Caroline, school governorship, and her passion for opera, wine, food, walking, tennis and service to her local community.

Julia was also immensely brave: this was demonstrated in her final weeks when she just concentrated on living for as long as she possibly could so she could be here for her daughter. Julia packed a lot into her all-too-short life. She published widely and served on many nursing and health research panels and committees. She combined professional success with devoted motherhood and a warmth and generosity towards family, friends and colleagues.

She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and many friends. We extend our condolences to her beloved daughter Caroline and to her brothers and wider family.

Caroline Knight

POP UP CINEMA IN HIGHFIELD

I am Rosie the Portswood Residents' Gardens gardener, a post which I have held for several years now. Back in early summer I noticed there was a projector screen in the Pavilion and this set me thinking that this could be a great place for a little independent cinema night. My boyfriend, Luke, and I have been to many indoor and outdoor indie cinemas in various places over the years and I have always loved them. There isn't much else like this in Southampton so it seemed a good idea! To make a real night of it we thought of serving BigUp Hotdogs too.

Our team consists of Luke, Tom, Luke's brother who is a chef by trade and massive film buff, our friend Karmen and me. Together we hope to create a different night out by providing a delicious hotdog, all toppings are homemade by Tom, frankfurters are award winners and the buns are freshly baked, from Biglands, Southampton's oldest Bakery, and of course a fantastic movie in the beautiful

surroundings of Portswood Residents' Gardens. We hope that people will enjoy this alternative to the mainstream way to watch movies.

The dates are changeable due to what might be happening in the Gardens each month but we aim to put on 2 screenings a month on Sunday nights. We update our Facebook and Twitter so that is a good way of obtaining up-to-date information. Our Facebook address is: www.facebook.com/biguppopup and twitter is www.twitter.com/biguppopup

Doors open at 7pm and film starts at 7.30pm the price is £7 which includes a hotdog and movie. Unfortunately we have no pre-booking method as yet: capacity is comfortably 45.

Rosie Gutteridge



CAMBRIDGE IN HIGHFIELD



I'm a Cambridge Weight Plan Consultant and part of what I do for a living is help people lose weight, healthily and quickly. I love it when I see my clients looking good and feeling great when they've reached their goal weight and I like to encourage them to eat healthily and exercise gently to maintain their weight loss and improve their

health even further. When you lose weight with Cambridge Weight Plan you not only look good and feel good, you also get the important health benefits that go with that weight loss: reduced risk of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, depression and arthritis to name but a few, so not only do you look good on the outside, importantly, you're healthier on the inside too. If you would like to lose weight with Cambridge Weight Plan please contact me on 07836311611 or email me at Cambridgemandy@gmail.com and I'd be delighted to help you.

Mandy Smith

BIG LUNCH

The village green character of the Little Common played host to the Highfield Big Lunch on 1st June, when about 100 local residents gathered for a largely sunny lunch – one of many around the country designed to bring local communities together. The more energetic played games and others just chatted to those who they knew or have seen around but not met before. Put next year's lunch, on Sunday 7th June, in your diary now.



Simon Hill

THE CHURCH ROOF

Repairs to the church roof have gone to schedule as we have been fortunate to have a very dry September. Replacement of shingles on the spire are nearly complete and we hope to see the scaffold around the tower coming down very soon. As the scaffold is dismantled the newly restored weather vane will be revealed. In the meantime work on the main south roof continues, old tiles have been stripped and you should see new ones being put in place.



Joanna Ladkin

THE GRAZING GOAT



CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU
GRAZING GOAT 2014

Tomato & Roasted Pepper Soup
Chickpea Croutons, Red Onion

Gin Cured Salmon, Buttermilk Pancakes
Herbed & Rabbit Salad, Citrus Dressing

Confit Chicken & Wild Mushroom Terrine
Leek Bean Salad, Truffle Bruschetta

Baby Spinach, Crispy Bacon & Blue Cheese Salad
Shaved Brussels Sprouts

Butter Roasted Breast & Leg of Turkey
Glazed Carrots, Chestnut & Orange Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes

Confit Belly of Local Pork
Black Pudding, Apple & Leek-Apple Purée, New Forest Elder Sauce

Individual Nut & Spinach Roast
Spiced Carrot Purée, Herb Bread, Truffle Dressing (V)

Pan Fried Sea Bream Fillet
Roasted Asparagus, Cauliflower Remoulade, Potato Gratin

Wine served with a selection of seasonal ingredients

Traditional Christmas Pudding
Brandy Sauce, Real Caramel

Selection of Locally made Seasonal Ice Creams

Vanilla & Cinnamon Pastry Cetta
Parmentiers & Choux au Lait

English Cheeses, Grapes, Biscuits & Quince Jelly

£25.50

Come join us at The Goat for a lovely Christmas Lunch or Dinner!! Bookings now being taken for November & December. Live music every Friday & Saturday throughout December. Whether it's a glass of mulled wine by the open fire or a family and friends filled afternoon... you will not be disappointed by the on-going quality of our food or our warm welcoming staff.

bookings@grazinggoat.co.uk - 02380 555566/07950695629

HIGHFIELD WI

Highfield WI has been up and running for over three years now and our monthly evening get-togethers have covered a lot of ground. In the past year alone, we've had a talk on the history of Hilliers Gardens, a literary evening with local authors, and lively Zumba and ukulele sessions which even the shyest member enjoyed!

Meeting at 8pm on the 4th Monday of the month, in the Residents' Gardens Pavilion, we try to keep WI 'business' brief, and make time for chatting over good coffee and cake or a glass of wine.

We have been able to include plant and cake sales, and via our large 'giving bucket' we support a number of local women's' charities with practical and relevant donations, such as toiletries or children's books.

You may have noticed our presence in the local community at last winter's Police Community Fair in Portswood where our cake sale provided a colourful attraction on a cold Saturday morning.

Occasionally small groups of us get together to try our hand at something new and, encouraged by previous successes, we had a stupendous success at this year's New Forest Show, winning prizes for our cordials and craft, in the face of stiff competition from other WI groups. We do of course take part in the national life of the Women's Institute, with its significant lobbying power, over important issues such as the decline of the High Street, and midwife numbers.

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the WI, which is already attracting national notice. Here at Highfield, we are planning our own program, as always trying to cover a wide range of interests, and we hope there will be something for everyone.

So why not come and join us? New members who sign up for next year now can benefit from an extra 3 months membership free. Bring a friend or a relative (several of us do!), or just come by yourself – we are a friendly bunch - and find out about poetry, cycling, your inner artist... and that's just for starters. You could even buy one of our fairly-traded cotton shopping bags, designed by us during a charity workshop, and sewn by an Indian women's cooperative.

Oh, one last thing, if you want to sing 'Jerusalem', try the last night of the Proms instead!

Look out for fliers advertising future events and how to join, or email: highfieldwi@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/highfieldwi>



LITTLE COMMON

By Spring, last winter's working parties had brought the southern end of the Little Common, opposite the Avenue Campus, back to open glade under mature trees, as it used to be 25 years ago. Having cleared the ground of branches, roots and other obstacles to machines, we had hoped that SCC's maintenance crew could have mown or flailed it thereafter. However, the warm wet start to the summer and unusually rapid vegetation growth coincided with further cost saving changes to way open spaces are maintained. Staff who otherwise might have been able to work on the Common had to respond to higher priority mowing of fast growing grass on football pitches and housing estates elsewhere in the City. Consequently the open glade at the southern end of the Little Common soon became overrun with nettles and brambles. It stayed that way until there was capacity in late summer for the flail machine to clear the new vegetation. Grass has re-established over much of the area that hopefully can be regularly mown from now on.

The unusual early summer storms brought down two old oaks that have since provided climbing frame material. But these will obstruct machine clearance and in time will become overrun by brambles and saplings, which will detract from the open glade character. Their removal will however be costly and is not a high priority, given the amount of more pressing tree work required in other parts of the City, but will remain an objective.

At the southern end there is still some removal of stumps, stems and overgrowth and completion of the dead hedge to be done this winter.

At the northern end clearance of some large hollies and brambles under mature oaks, and removal of some smaller fallen trees remains to be done to provide an open view through and to prepare for easy machine maintenance thereafter. Clearance of vegetation either side of the underpass is also needed to avoid a repetition of new growth encroaching on to the pathway as happened this year. The Carriage Drive from Highfield Avenue to the underpass was meant to have been kept as an open predominantly grassed 'ride' between gorse/bramble at the edges. Instead mature gorse has been allowed to become established across its entire width and will now take considerable resources to remove. There are thus more than enough tasks to keep the working parties busy this winter - there is always a variety of tasks suited to all ages and strengths – including upper body work-outs that could save on the gym membership for some.

Simon Hill

Working party dates: winter 2014/15

From Weds 20 October 2014 – Sat 04 April 2015

1st and last Wednesday afternoons of the month
13.00 - 16.00

1st Saturday morning of the month
10.00 - 13.00

Meet opposite end of Khartoum Road

MAIN COMMON

Over the last 5 years Common Sense has concentrated its efforts on the most-used central part of the Little Common. However the areas to the north of Highfield Avenue and south of Highfield Road are also in dire need of attention. These areas include Lovers' Walk, running the length of the east boundary of the Common from Burgess to Blenheim Roads. 50-60 years ago it was predominantly open. It has a completely different feel to now, much enclosed by dense groundcover of holly on either side and, except for very short stretches of Highfield Road, shaded by tree canopy along its entire length. HRA would like to see it substantially opened up to make it feel safer and appear more attractive. That is a major project, requiring professional as well as



volunteer work. A scheme is being drawn up as the basis for funding bids. Email mail@southamptoncommon.org if you would like to comment on the draft. It is hoped that volunteers including University students and/or staff could carry out some preliminary work, such as removal of small saplings. However, a promised University working party last winter failed to materialise when none of the 7 students who had signed up turned up.

North of Highfield Avenue many erstwhile open areas have been lost, including most of The Carriage Drive up to the Burgess Road crossroads, much of the sides of Highfield Avenue and glades within the wooded areas, all of which were kept mown until 20-25 years ago. The Carriage Drive now has woodland encroachment over most of its width, with juvenile trees well established. This will take a major professional contract to return it the openness it had before a stop to regular mowing was ordered, apparently for reasons unrelated to staff resources.

On the main Common, west of The Avenue, significant previously open areas are reverting to woodland, as grass-cutting areas are progressively reduced year on year. The rate of woodland encroachment, even in recent years, is quite alarming. This is most noticeable around the northern end of the Show Ground, between the Boating and Ornamental (Fishing) Lakes and in the (once) orchid area east of the Ornamental Lake.

Additional large areas were left uncut for the first time this summer: that enabled grasses and other plants, including heather, to emerge and flower, even in one season, to great ecological and landscape benefit. However these

areas require regular, if infrequent, cutting to avoid sapling oaks, birches and sycamores becoming established: left uncut for 2-3 years these sapling stems can prevent machine maintenance and be beyond the capacity of staff, even with volunteers, to clear by hand.

Where that has happened in the past, such as between the Boating and Ornamental lakes, there is now juvenile woodland, which there are no plans or resources to clear. As it grows, this will shade out the diverse species that were the reason for leaving grass uncut in the first place. It will then become an extension to the adjacent mature dense woodland, with holly under-storey and ivy groundcover that already covers most of The Common. Those areas are largely dark and oppressive – relatively sterile in terms of landscape and ecology. That is in stark contrast to the predominantly open heathland character of more than 2/3rds of The Common only 80-90 years ago.

That raises the issue of the type of Common that we want. The default setting, since the withdrawal of grazing animals and the more recent progressive restriction of machine cutting regimes for temporary ecological benefit, is relentless forestation. In the not too distant future that will all but take over The Common save, no doubt, for token

open areas that even the most trenchant of the laissez faire promoters would accept have to be kept.

Conversely a Common, with long vistas, the feeling of openness and diverse heathland vegetation that it once used to have, will require continual active intervention and maintenance. This will involve both identification of successor trees (to replace important older ones that will shortly die) and the robust clearance of other trees that have grown in once open areas, particularly those where maintenance has been withdrawn in the last 20-30 years. There is an urgent need for a comprehensive management plan for The Common as a whole that reflects different and sometimes conflicting expectations. The communities that most use The Common should be involved in its production. There will be a preliminary presentation on the issues around the future of The Common at the Northern Southampton community Forum at 7.00pm on 20 November at the Highfield House Hotel to which residents associations on the Shirley and Banister sides of The Common will also be invited. The Common is a City-wide recreational resource and its future should be decided on a City-wide basis.

Simon Hill

PORTSWOOD RESIDENTS' GARDENS PAVILION

The Trustees have recently been reviewing the purposes of the Pavilion.

In recent years it has been used for children's parties and the occasional wedding. Unfortunately several of these events have caused problems for residents living near the Pavilion with noise, litter and other disruption among

them. As a result Trustees have reluctantly decided now to restrict all such events to resident subscribers to the Gardens only.

Should you require information about other types of event at the Pavilion please email John Coffey at john.coffey@uwclub.net

OFFERS FOR MEMBERS

Ceno's Restaurant & Wine Bar	8055 4400
10% loyalty discount off food & drinks, when taken together (cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer)	
Gandhi's Restaurant	8055 3121
10% off food and drink, any day of the week	
Kohinoor Indian Restaurant	8058 2770
Kuti's, Oxford Street	8022 1585
Noorani, Fair Oak	8060 1901
The Pier Thai Restaurant	8033 9211
20% discount, on mid week, non anniversary days	
Baan Mai Thai Cuisine, 273 Portswood Road	8067 6063
10% off all meals, including Takeaway	
Mango Thai Tapas	8067 9977
10% on food.	
Highfield House Hotel	8055 4223
10% off published prices	
Lucy's Cakes	07796 953952
10% off	
Jack and Will Bakery	8058 4772
10% discount	
Sheila Tomlinson Yoga	07963 338923
First lesson free	

All the above offers are conditional upon production of a current HRA membership card at the time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HIGHFIELD PROPERTY MARKET?

The consistency in demand for all types of property in this district has seen a very positive impact on prices.

Specifically we have achieved above market trend expectations for unusual or individual homes or those of exceptional quality or location

Highfield has an excellent infrastructure with the local schooling being extremely well regarded, extensive day to day shopping facilities, and very convenient travel communications. There is still very much a strength of community which only adds to the demand in this area. When you couple this with the broadly positive sentiment in the property market, and an improving economic backdrop, it creates an almost 'perfect storm' of conditions: it is therefore entirely understandable that there is an upward pressure on prices.

Looking ahead, with all these positive factors in mind and demand continuing to outstrip supply, the expected local conditions remain favourable.

We are currently experiencing significant demand for all property types locally, with some homes having been sold within days of them coming to the market.

We are always happy to provide up to date advice on marketing and homes values and would welcome the opportunity to be of service if required.

Pearsons 02380 233288

Lee Turner



Shake your baubles!

Christmas 2014 Ceno Style

Dining out this Christmas has never been so easy. Ceno is the perfect venue for your party - from a small group of friends, to entertaining your favourite clients, or a major office party. For the ideal winter night out with great festive food and drinks, all throughout December, call us now to experience Christmas, Ceno Style.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I/We would like to join/renew membership of the Highfield Residents' Association and enclose the subscription of £3.00
(One subscription covers all members of the household)

Name(s) of adults _____

Email _____

Postcode (please include) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Tel No. _____

I enclose my membership fee of

and a voluntary donation of Thank you!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY APPLICATION

I wish to buy tickets as follows:

Children's Christmas Party on 13th December.

@ £2.00 for members' children

@ £3.00 for children of non-members

Name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) attending [children up to and including year 5]

I enclose cheque/cash for total of

Name _____

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