

For further information or to contribute an article contact Jackie Kelsey (01730) 234097, or email jackie\_kelsey@easthants.gov.uk

April 2005

# On the agenda FOR APRIL

### The East Meon Parish Plan

The East Meon Parish Plan has been adopted by the Parish Council, which Michael Blakstad will present to the Committee. Following the presentation Michael Blakstad will seek the Committees' views on the recommendations made by residents of East Meon.

This Plan tackles such issues as Traffic, Flooding, Village Life and the Economy of East Meon.

Contact: Chris Paterson, Community Project Worker (Environment) on 01730 234018 or email: chris\_paterson@easthants.gov.uk

### **Olympic Bid DVD**

Come and watch a DVD highlighting London's Olympic bid. The DVD explains not only the sports covered but also other benefits that will result from a successful bid for the games.

The Official Olympic Bid website is www.london2012.com. Please visit the site and register your support. Every message counts!

Contact Officer: Rebecca Owen, Community Project Worker (Sports and Play), Tel: 01730 234396 Email: Rebecca\_owen@easthants.gov.uk The next meeting of the

Central Area Community

Committee will take place at
6.30pm, on Tuesday 5th

April 2005 in the Council

Chamber, Penns Place,

Petersfield. Local residents
are welcome to come along
and join in the discussions.

# Area Project fund applications to be considered at the April meeting:

- Horndean Technology College (Horndean Community Campus) - £2,000 towards setting up a summer holiday play scheme in Petersfield.
- Liss Woodcraft Folk £1,524 towards setting up a summer play scheme in Liss.
- East Meon Parish Council £800 for the provision of village entrance signs.
- Royal British Legion (Petersfield) £500 to organise and run a VE and a VJ day celebration.

Contact: Chris Paterson, Community Project Worker (Environment) on 01730 234018 or email: chris paterson@easthants.gov.uk

To view Committee papers in advance of the meeting please go to www.easthants.gov.uk and visit the Democracy pages.

## FORWARD PLAN

The next meeting of the Central Area Community Committee will take place on Tuesday 3rd May 2005 at 6.30pm at Liss Triangle Centre.

### Headway plans an outreach Drop-In Service for Brain Injury in East Hampshire

Following the successful grant application to East Hants District Council, Headway are now able to extend their outreach Drop-In service to the Petersfield area. Headway Portsmouth and South East Hampshire is a local charity, which supports adults with acquired brain injury support, advice and information.

The Drop-In service is open to all people with acquired brain injury living in the East Hampshire area. Family members of a person with acquired brain injury, and interested professionals may also attend to get advice and information about all aspects of acquired brain injury.

The focus of the Drop-In service is to access peer support, personal development, access social activities, and reduce social isolation. Advice on specific queries can also be accessed, and a mobile resource library is available.

We do not yet have a venue, day or time for the Petersfield Drop-In, but if you are interested in being kept informed of the development of this service please contact us on 023 9273 1931 or headway1@btconnect.com

### MARCH ROUND UP

## PRESENTATION – LISS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Mr Clive Seymour, the Chairman of Liss Community Association, gave a presentation on the work of the Association.

The objectives of Liss Community Association are to advance education, social welfare through recreation and leisure time occupation and operate a community centre.

These objectives are achieved through the Association running things themselves, working with others to meet local needs, providing facilities and taking the opportunities to represent locally the Association Members and users of the Triangles Centre.

Events held at the Triangle Centre include an After School Club, an annual art exhibition, annual village pantomime and Walking to Health. The Centre has an IT suite which they had built themselves with help from East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and local business. The Triangle Coffee Bar is run by an independent group of volunteers, and is a meeting point for people who otherwise may be isolated.

### COUNTRYSIDE GRANT – LISS CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS.

The Countryside Co-ordinator showed the Committee slides of the Liss Riverside Railway Walk, which included some of the work carried out by Liss Conservation Volunteers.

Mr Paren, a member of Liss Conservation Volunteers gave a summary of the work undertaken by the Volunteers.

Liss Conservation Volunteers began in April 1993, and included the management of 17.5 acres of wilderness which followed the course of the old Military Railway from Liss to Longmoor.

Approximately 75% of the land was owned by Hampshire Country Council and 25% by Liss Parish Council. Membership at present is approximately 100 people, which includes a work force of about 20 people. Routine maintenance of the paths, meadows and woodland were undertaken.

Mr Paren thanked EHDC for their support. He felt it was a good example of the community and the voluntary sector working together.

### GRANTS AWARDED AT THE MARCH MEETING

Central Area Project Fund-**£1,400** was awarded to **Relate Portsmouth and District**.

**£1,200** was awarded to **Liss Riverside Railway Walk** from the Countryside Gants budget for work to be carried out on the Liss Riverside Railway Walk.

**£1,500** was awarded to **The Integrated Management plan for Petersfield Pond** from the
Environmental Enhancement
budget for 2004.

**£262** was awarded to **St Saviours Committee** towards the carrying out repairs and maintenance to St Saviours Hall, Liss.

If you have a community project and would like apply for funding from the Central Area Community Committee, please contact: Chris Paterson, Community Project Worker (Environment) on 01730 234018.

#### Presentation of cheques at the March meeting:

The Chairman presented the following cheques:

**£1,800** to Mr David Morgan representing **Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool** towards a technical feasibility study for an intergrated solar heating system.

**£1,865** to Mrs Pauline Chapman representing **Headway Portsmouth & South East Hampshire** towards a 'drop-in service' for people who had suffered brain injuries.

#### PETERSFIELD TOMORROW OPEN EVENING

The Petersfield Tomorrow Steering group held an open evening on the 15th March to discuss results of the work undertaken on the Petersfield Healthcheck.

The main purpose of the event was to enable all who are concerned about the future of Petersfield to test out ideas and projects that would contribute to an action plan for the town.

The Petersfield Tomorrow group hope to involve community and voluntary groups, town and district council, statutory agencies, businesses, private sector groups, schools, youth groups and anyone else who has an interest in the future of the community, economy and environment of the town.

If you or a representative from your organisation would like to attend this event please contact Linda Boatswain on 01730 302808, or alternatively by email on petersfieldtomorrow@vaeh.org.uk

#### PETERSFIELD (BELL HILL) PARISH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

Hugh Philip Fraser Sandeman (Conservative) is the new Parish Councillor for the Petersfield (Bell Hill) Parish Council after winning the by-election held on 10th March 2005.

There was a 28.55% turnout, with Paul Francis Gooding (Liberal Democrat) polling 210 votes, William Joseph Organ (Labour) polling 40 votes, Andrew John Owen (Independent) polling 63 votes, and Hugh Philip Fraser Sandeman (Conservative) polling 234 votes

Contact: Penny Freeman, Elections Officer on 01730 234093 or email: penny\_freeman@easthants.gov.uk

# THINK SAFE! 2005

Over 700 ten to eleven year olds from schools throughout East Hampshire will be taking part in this year's Think Safe! Event. The emergency services and other organisations will be involved in setting up mock hazards, emergencies and demonstrations which will be visited by small groups of children. The children will then take up the challenge of identifying the dangers in each situation - and learning about the action they should take.

Morning and afternoon sessions took place over a one week period, from 14th to 18th March 2005, at Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

Think Safe! was organised in collaboration between East Hampshire District Council and First Partnership, with the active participation of a variety of organisations. These include the Hampshire County Council Road Safety Unit, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Army's School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Hampshire Ambulance Service plus EHDC's Enforcement officers from Animal Welfare, Health and Safety, and Food Safety teams. Transport for the school children will be provided by Lucketts Travel.

Contact: Chris Barrett - Principal Health and Safety Officer – 01730 234311 or Mark Jewell - Health and Safety Officer – 01730 234302

# LICENSING COMMITTEE'S TRIAL RUN

Members of East Hampshire District Council's Licensing Committee took part in a mock licensing hearing recently. Licensing officers presented them with a scenario about a public house that had applied to extend its licensing hours and to hold various forms of entertainment including lap dancing. Many objections to the changes were received from authorities such as Hampshire Police, Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Noise Pollution Officers, Health and Safety Officers and nearby residents including the local church. It took all day to hear the representations. The Licensing Committee finally decided to refuse the pub permission for the proposed activities as they would

adversely affect crime and disorder, public safety and cause a noise nuisance.

Angela Howes, Principal Licensing Officer, said, "The scenario presented the Licensing Committee members with all sorts of issues that they may be confronted with over the next six months. It is absolutely essential that the Committee is as prepared as it can be to deal with these important local issues".

In reality the Licensing Team has received very few applications. All businesses and clubs which currently have a licence to sell alcohol or to put on entertainment need to convert their existing

licences before the 6th August 2005. Similarly any premises that sells hot food or drink after 11.00 pm needs to apply for a licence before this date. Time will soon be running out.

David Robertson, Environmental Services Manager, said, "We recognise that some businesses and clubs may not know how to proceed with their applications. We have therefore decided to offer some open workshop sessions here at the council offices on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd April. Anyone who wishes to come along need only to call a member of the Licensing Team on 01730 234360 to say that they will attend".

Contact: Angela Howes, Principal Licensing Officer on 01730 234360 or email: angela\_howes@easthants.gov.uk

## EAST HAMPSHIRE JOINS UP TO BEAT FLYTIPPERS

East Hampshire District Council has joined forces with major land-owners in the District to combat fly-tipping.

In an innovative move, EHDC's Streetcare Team convened a forum of organisations, including the MoD, National Farmers Union, The National Trust and The Forestry Commission. In addition, local groups such as the Deadwater Valley Trust and neighbouring Waverley Borough Council were involved, as well as the Environment Agency, which works closely with local authorities and landowners. The event was hosted by Whitehill Town Council.

Issues such as the location of flytipping hot-spots were shared, along with methods of surveillance and evidence gathering. Forum members agreed that details of flytips should be fed back to EHDC for inclusion in 'Flycapture' the national database of flytipping activity.

The Forum will pool information and resources, which could be targeted at securing the prosecution of offenders, with the ultimate goal of eliminating flytipping in the District.

#### **Flytipping Facts**

Rubbish is illegally dumped somewhere in England every 35 seconds.

Almost 28,000 fridges, freezers and washing machines were dumped in England between July and December 2004 - yet most domestic waste can be disposed of free of charge at civic amenity sites.

EHDC also operates bulky waste and garden waste collection services, both for a very small charge. These services are available free of charge or at a reduced cost to residents receiving housing or council tax benefits.

Flytipping costs EHDC over £40,000 every year, clearing on average over 500 tips annually. However EHDC only has responsibility for some 20% of the land area of the District, so realistically overall levels are likely to be far higher.

Anyone who would like to find out how to dispose of waste legally should contact the Customer Services Team for advice on 01730 234295.

#### 2005 UK YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER -Theme for March is 'Older People'

On 23rd March an open afternoon was held at the Physic Garden in the Petersfield High Street. The Volunteer Centre in partnership with the Petersfield Welcome Club invited local people to find out how they could improve the quality of life for older people who live in the neighbourhood.

For further details contact: Sue Green on 01730 710017 email: action@ehvb.org.uk web: www.ehvb.org.uk