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**THE RATEPAYER AGM**

Our AGM will be held at the  
Cowplain Activity Centre Association,  
Padnell Road  
on Thursday March 4th  
commencing at 7.30pm.

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of last AGM
- 3 Matters arising therefrom
- 4 Chairman's report (published on page 4 in this magazine)
- 5 Residents' Association Accounts
- 6 Ratepayer Magazine Accounts
- 7 Election of Officers – President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer
- 8 Election of Committee
- 9 Appointment of Auditors
- 10 Discuss the future of the Ratepayer magazine

**OBITUARY – WALLY RICHARDSON**

We were very saddened to learn that one of our staunchest supporters; Wally Richardson had passed away after a short illness borne with fortitude.

Wally had served on our Committee continuously since 1983 although he had supported us for a number of years previously.

A very precise man, on the rare occasions when he missed a meeting a formal letter of apology would be received. At our meetings the Minutes always came under Wally's scrutiny looking for any mistakes, which needed correction.

At one time he delivered the Ratepayer to an extremely large area of Lovedean.

His love of the area where he lived was shown during the many changes, which the Poll Tax brought when our name changed. It was at his insistence that Lovedean be included in our title and any suggestion otherwise was not to be countered.

Everyone joins me in sending May our deepest sympathy at this sad time. Wally will be very much missed by us all.

David Pink Vice Chairman

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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2004

This year I would like to open my report by wishing you all a belated Happy New Year. As usual, I am preparing this report in the middle of January, in time for publication in the March magazine. Since Christmas it seems to have done nothing but rain. I am hoping that by the time you read this, the weather will have cheered up and spring will be on its way. In addition, we should have been deluged with enough rain to prevent the water shortage, we were warned about in the autumn!

During last year, Waterlooville and District Residents' Association's (WDRA) committee held two further exhibitions in Waterlooville precinct. The first was quite successful, in spite of having to manage with two gazebos instead of the trailer, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Subsequently, we were able to follow up on several problems raised by members of the public. The second exhibition, which was held in early December, featured some of the excellent photographs belonging to our current president, Don Foyle. My thanks to Don for supplying this display, even though he was not too well at the time.

In late October, WDRA's committee organised a meeting to give the residents of Cowplain and Waterlooville the opportunity to express their opinions on the plans for the new Queen Alexandra Super Hospital. This is expected to be built around the existing hospital. Sue Robson, Director of Planning, and Helen Masters, Director of Private Financial Initiative, fielded some demanding questions from the audience. Since then, I understand, the plans have been rejected by Portsmouth Council, in their present form, and are back on the drawing board. Thanks to Don Foyle for his hard work in arranging this special meeting.

The A3 bus corridor construction is underway again, following the news that the Government has agreed to fund this through to completion in Horndean, with an injection of £25 million. Motorists will be pleased to see this project finished, as it is causing considerable congestion on the A3 near Waterlooville, especially during the early mornings and evenings.

At this point in time, we should have been informed about this year's increase in council tax. No doubt, it will be in double figures again, while the increase in funds available to low-income families, including pensioners, will be in single figures.

How long will it take for the powers that be to recognise that there is a problem here, which is causing hardship for many families?

Sadly, this year WDRA's committee has had to report the passing of Arthur Todd (first Chairman of WDRA), and two past committee members, Eric Wilkinson and George Patterson. Lastly, I was saddened to hear of the death of Wally Richardson in early January. The committee will miss Wally and extends its sympathy to his widow, May. An obituary is included elsewhere in this magazine.

As usual, I would like to pay tribute to all the bundlers, drivers and deliverers, who, unfailingly, get this magazine to 9000 households each month. Many thanks to Maureen, our recently appointed distribution manager.

In addition, this is my last chance to thank David Pink again, for his hard work for the magazine. Thank you for delaying your resignation as editor for so long. I am pleased that David has agreed to continue to serve as a committee member, which will ensure we do not lose his excellent local knowledge.

To the rest of the committee, my thanks for your hard work. To Michael, linchpin of our temporary editorial team, thanks to a busy man for continuing his help until May; to Geoff business manager and so much more - a great asset to our team; to Sally, another busy person, for her secretarial skills, advice and listening ear; to Mick, Hon treasurer, efficiency with a smile; to Eve, for help with typing and some fresh ideas. I have already mentioned some of the hard work contributed by Don this year. He, like me, is sometimes called upon to respond to enquiries from the public and press. Thanks to everyone again, including those I have not mentioned individually.

In conclusion, I end this report with yet another word of warning. It looks as though this will be the last Chairman's Report to appear in 'The Ratepayer' magazine. Nobody has come forward to work as editor, or even to offer support to an editorial team. If, as I fear, the May issue of the magazine proves to be our final edition, it will become harder to communicate with the residents of the area. The only means of keeping in touch will be through our bi-monthly public meeting or our website, which is only available to those with access to the Internet. Our website address is – [www.theratepayer.org.uk](http://www.theratepayer.org.uk).

It would be excellent to be proved wrong!

Linda Bowden. Chairman

## WATERLOOVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

May I pay a tribute to David Pink, now retired, but still Vice Chairman of the Association. He was for many years the illustrious Editor of our magazine, and indeed manager of many needful requirements of the Association and Magazine. We wish him well and trust that his experience will continue to benefit the Association tremendously in its future days. "Grateful thanks David".

David covered most of the local history in his many publications as Editor but may I take this opportunity to briefly relate to some personal experiences from living in the area for the past 75 years, remembering the drastic changes that have taken place in that time.

My first contact with the outskirts of Southsea, where I was born, was on Sunday School outings by tram to 'Sparkes' Tea Gardens on Portsdown Hill (now a mobile/portable housing site) at the age of five. This was followed by adventurous tram trips to Hordean Woods for picnics (usually bluebell or primrose events) and other church outings on a solid tyre "double decker" Southdown bus to Petersfield.

In 1934 I moved to the old Hart Plain Avenue – just past 'Dirty Corner' (Milton Road Junction). I was most surprised to find, between Widley, through to Cowplain and the Lovedean Corner, that all of the side roads, with the exception of the Waterlooille crossroads, were gravel surfaced after the first 100 yards of tarmac and were cul-de-sacs.

My very sincere appreciation and regard to all who have administered to the cause of the Association and Ratepayer over its lifetime, and to those whom I have known from the earlier days of its formation. Grateful regards for those who hold office today and the members and supporters who I humbly represent as President.

My Best Wishes to you all.  
Donald Foyle I.S.M.

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## EDITORIAL NOTICES

**Old Ratepayer magazines, photos and news cuttings** I am always willing to give a good home to any of these and can promise they will be well looked after. Tel: 9224 0653.

**Age Concern Cowplain** - will be holding **Coffee Mornings** on Fri 5th Mar and Fri 2nd Apr at the Borrow Day Centre, Padnell Road from 10am to 11.30am.

**Cowplain WI** will be holding a **Coffee morning** on Sat 13th Mar at WI Hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain.

**St Wilfrid's Church Cowplain** will be holding a Cakes Bakes with Traidcraft at Age Concern Hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain on Sat 27th Mar from 10am to 12 noon.

**SNAP (Say No And Phone) Disco** will take place on Sat 27th Mar from 7pm - 11pm at Havant Leisure Centre. These events enable 11 to 17 year olds to enjoy a good night out in a Drug and Alcohol free environment. Entry ticket only £4 in advance. Tel: 9247 6026 or visit Havant or Waterlooille Leisure Centres. Supported by Neighbourhood Watch and the Local Police.

**Waterlooille and District Philatelic Society** - will meet on Fri 19th Mar at Westbrook Hall, Tempest Avenue, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Subject: US Canal Zone (D Allen).

**St. George's Church, Waterlooille** - hold **Coffee Mornings** every Wed and Fri from 10am – 12 noon. All proceeds to charity.

**Waterlooille Town Market** - each Fri in the Precinct.

**St. George's Market** is held every Thu in St. George's Church Hall, Waterlooille, 9.30am - 11.30am. Home made cakes, preserves, cards, crafts, eggs, plants, etc. Coffee and tea also available.

**RE-ACTION (Tools for self-reliance)** - If you have any tools suitable for refurbishment then contact Bob Ginger Tel: 9226 8762.

**Ark Angels** – a new fund raising group will hold coffee morning at Lovedean Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month.

**Lovedean Village Hall** will hold a **Jumble Sale and Auction** on Sat 6th Mar from 1.30pm onwards and an **Antiques Fair** on Sat 27th Mar from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Tel: 9259 3904 or 9226 9961 for details.

**The Rowans Hospice** – The Waterlooille Area Support for the Rowans Hospice would like to thank all the people who braved the elements on Saturday 13th December to attend the Annual Christmas Fair at St George's Hall. The event raised a staggering amount of £601.35 in just 3 hours.

**Rowans Support Group** - will hold a **Spring Fayre** from 10am to 1pm on Sat 3rd Apr at St George's Hall.

**A Craft & bric-a-brac Fayre** – will be held between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Sat 27th March at Waterlooille Community Centre. All proceeds to Grace Children's Home, Mysore, South India.

### FURNITURE DONATIONS

If you have furniture to dispose of, as well as charity shops, there is now **STOREHOUSE**, a charity project providing cheap second hand and restored furniture to the local Community.

Free collection of donated furniture, from single items to a whole house, telephone 077 7169 7708.

## WATERLOOVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

(Covering the Wards of Cowplain, Stakes, Waterlooille and Hart Plain including part of Lovedean)  
Affiliated to the Hants. Fed. of Residents' Associations

**President:** Mr. D. Foyle I.S.M., Tel: 9225 7467

**Vice President:** Mrs. J. Rea, Tel: 9225 8261

**Chairman:** Mrs. L. Bowden, 7 Lancaster Way, Waterlooille. Tel: 9225 4806

**Vice Chairman:** Mr. D. Pink, Tel: 9224 0653

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. N. Chedzey, 103 Sutton Road, Cowplain, Waterlooille, PO8 8PT, Tel: 9242 6575

**Hon. Secretary & Minutes Secretary:** Mrs. S. Beard, 3 Wrexham Grove, Catherington PO8 OTP. Tel/Fax: 9259 3351.

### MAGAZINE

Editor: Position vacant

### ADVERTISING

Unfortunately, there are presently no spaces for advertising.

For general advertising enquiries contact the Business Manager at 11 Ruskin Way, Waterlooille, PO8 8JX or email [business@theratepayer.org.uk](mailto:business@theratepayer.org.uk)

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### BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Tuesday 2nd March at WACA (Rear of ASDA)

Friday 26th March WI Hall, Cowplain

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### USEFUL INFORMATION

**Waterlooille Police Station:** Swiss Road, Waterlooille, Hampshire PO7 7FX. Tel: 999 in an emergency or 0845 045 45 45 for non-emergencies giving details of your beat area:- Cowplain and Hazleton; Stakes and Crookhorn; Waterlooille or Wecock, when the beat officer will get back to you. Or use Crimestoppers on Tel: 0800 555 111 where messages are dealt with in a strickly confidential manner.

**Registrar of Births and Deaths:** "Ferntown" Town Hall Road, Havant. Tel: 9248 2533. Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. Mon and Tue 2pm - 3.30pm.

**Citizens' Advice Bureau,** Swiss Cottage, 9 St. Georges Walk (Hambledon Road) Waterlooille. Tel: 9271 7700 (Answerphone out of hours). Hours: Mon, Thu and Fri 10am - 3pm, Tue closed, Wed 10am - 1pm. Telephone advice only 1pm to 3pm and Thu evenings 5pm - 6pm.

#### Age Concern Day Centres

**Cowplain:** Borrow Day Centre, London Road. Tel: 9226 6423.

**Disabled Information and Advice Line (DIAL)** Tel: 9282 4853 (answer phone when closed).

**Good Neighbours Schemes:** Cowplain Tel: 9225 4090. Waterlooille Tel: 9226 6005. (Help line 9am - 6 pm. Mon to Fri. For assistance with collecting prescriptions, lifts, small odd jobs and errands.)

#### Community Centres and Halls:

**Westbrook Hall** Tel:9243 2828, **Wecock** Tel: 9225 8423, **Waterlooille** Tel: 9225 6823, **Cowplain** Tel: 9226 7029, **Stakes** Tel: 9224 0166, **Merchistoun Hall** Tel: 9259 7114, **Lovedean Village Hall** Tel: 9259 6636. **Deverell Hall Purbrook** Tel: 9264 2747. **WI Hall Cowplain** Tel: 9226 2408.

**Street Lighting Defects** These should be reported on Tel: 0800 50 60 60 quoting the number on the lamp post.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECT** Tel: 0845 600 4555.

**Hampshire County Council Information Centre** in Waterlooille Library Tel: 9224 1677.

### LIBRARY SERVICES IN OUR AREA County Library, The Precinct, Waterlooille:

Mon/Tue 9.30am - 5pm; Wed 9.30am - 1pm;

Thu 9.30am - 7pm; Fri 9am - 7pm; Sat 9.30am - 5pm.

Tel: 9225 4626/7.

#### Mobile Services:

Mon - **Woodlands Primary School**, Cowplain 9.15am - 10.30am and **Hulbert Junior School**, Waterlooille 10.45am - 12.45pm. Thu - **Corner Eagle Avenue, Milton Road**, Cowplain 1.20pm - 3.50pm and **Crows Nest Car Park**, Hazelton Way, Cowplain 4pm - 7pm.

On alternate Tuesdays, mobiles will also call at **Purbrook Car Park** from 11.30am - 1pm. **Westbrook Hall** from 2.40pm - 3.40pm and **Herriott House** from 3.50pm - 4.50pm.

On alternate Thursdays, mobiles will also call at **Hart Plain House** from 1.30pm - 2.50pm and **Falcon Car Park**, Hambledon Road from 1.40pm - 2.50pm.

To check the calling times and dates of the mobiles Tel: 9248 4519.

All users can call into mobiles when they stop at Sheltered Housing etc.

**Storytimes for Under 5's** 2pm - 2.30pm every Thursday at Waterlooille Library.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**Friends of Wecock Wood** - meet 1st Tue at Wecock Community Centre from 10am - 12 noon.

**Waterlooille Bowling Club** - New members needed. Please contact Sec. Tel: 9279 1754 for further information.

**Westbrook Play Area Action Group** - If you would like to support this group, trying to raise funds for a play area at Westbrook, contact Mrs Hartridge Tel: 9259 3124.

**Havant Volunteer Bureau** - hold outreach sessions at WACA on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, between 10am and 12 noon.

**BINGO** at St Georges Hall, Waterlooille, every Tuesday 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**The Georgians Social Club** meet on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of each month at St Georges Hall, Waterlooille from 1.30pm. If you are elderly, like outings, speakers and musical entertainment Tel: 9259 4250 for details.

**Stakes South Community Project** - details from Charlie Wilson - 72 Cunningham Road (Chairman) or Jim Harrison (Sec) Tel: 9223 2897.

**Bon-Amis - Singles Social Club (25-60)** - meet Tue evenings at Cowplain Activity Centre. Make new friends, varied social and leisure activities. Details from Chrissy Tel: 9278 1902 or Steve 9278 9380.

**Waterlooille Folk Dance Group** - meet Mon 8pm -10pm at W.A.C.A. Tel: 9261 1238.

**Waterlooille and Cowplain Allotments and Gardens Association** - Shop at Forest End Garage Site open 10am - 12 noon Saturdays and Sundays for sale of seeds, compost, etc. Tel: 9259 6361 for information.

**Crown Short Mat Bowling Club** - meet and play every Monday evening between 7pm and 10.30pm in Deverell Hall, Purbrook. New members welcomed. Tel: 9224 0387 or 9269 0069 for more details.

**SE Hants Group of the Ramblers Association** - hold Sunday and some weekday walks. For further information Tel: 9225 4959.

## **AGE CONCERN PROFESSOR TOLD ONLY TWO YEARS LEFT**

Within days of Age Concern Hampshire highlighting the case of Dinah Warnock another case of Age Discrimination involving the same University has come to light. Professor John Pickering who is a visiting Professor at Southampton University applied for the post of Director in the department for which he works. He was told that it was a five year job and as he was already 63 he only had 2 year's left and was therefore too old.

Chris Perry, Director of Age Concern Hampshire, said: "It is scandalous that in the twenty-first century with so much emphasis on "social inclusion" that older people can be totally excluded from the workforce for no other reason than their date of birth - nothing at all to do with whether or not they can do the job. What is even more amazing in this case is that this is the University, which gave birth to "Life Long Learning". Professor Pickering is a former Professor of Manchester University, former Deputy Vice Chancellor of Portsmouth University, professionally active and could easily have done the job.

Dinah Warnock was taken on as a lecturer by Winchester College of Art, which is now part of Southampton University. She spent some time working on the curriculum, which was sent to the Head of Fashion, only to have her contract cancelled within a week of commencing - because she was 67 and the University does not employ anyone over 65 years of age.

Mrs Chamberlain who was taken on by NAAFI last May when she was already 65 years of age. A new manager challenged her on the shop floor, asked her age and said she had no right to be working there. She was given her notice four weeks before Christmas.

No other group can be discriminated against in this way and, as it stands, the law condones it. In October two men made the headlines because they were refused grounds for unfair dismissal, as they were over 65 years of age. The Government is legislating to outlaw discrimination on grounds of age by 2006 but a cultural change in attitude is needed to rid society of this institutionalised ageism.

It is ludicrous to think that at a time people are living longer, and younger people are settling down later in life, people are being excluded from the workforce earlier. There are 2.8 million people, a third of the population, between the ages of 50 and 65 out of work. The number of men out of work in this age range has doubled in the last twenty years. It is virtually impossible to get work over the age of 65 years.

To exclude people from the workforce purely on their date of birth at a time when there is a perceived skills shortage and pensions crisis is sheer stupidity. We need to stop thinking "people of working age" and consider the ability of people to do a job. 83% of those at our "Worthy Of Work and pensions" conference thought there should be no recognised retirement age and people should be able to go on working for as long as they choose or are able. An overwhelming 95.4% thought the earnings link should be restored to both occupational and state pensions.

Last year the public voted Sir Winston Churchill "the greatest Britain of all time". He was 67 years of age when he first became Prime Minister and 77 years of age when he was elected for a second time. This was when the average life expectancy after retirement was just three years. It is now possible to spend up to 40% of ones life in retirement. We must adjust to increased longevity of life and end this social exclusion and discrimination."

## **HAVANT WOMEN'S AID (HWA)** (From The Communicator)

HWA provides services to women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering domestic violence. Domestic violence is not always about physical abuse. It may be verbal, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse. An abuser could be a relative, friend, husband or partner. Some men control women and children by not letting them see friends and family, or by not letting them have enough money for essential things. Some men are threatening but never use physical violence. Any of these forms of abuse can leave someone feeling fearful and hurt.

HWA provides a variety of services including refuge, outreach and resettlement services, drop-in services for women and children, and an advice line. They work to ensure that women and children will be empowered to lead lives free of domestic violence.

### **Refuge Accommodation**

HWA has refuge accommodation in Havant Borough. This is safe accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence. Families living in this accommodation are given both practical and emotional support to ensure that they can come to terms with their experiences and to ensure that they will have a future free of domestic violence.

### **Strengthening Families Project**

This project offers a confidential support service to women and children experiencing domestic violence. It comprises: telephone advice, one-to-one services, counselling, drop-in services, workshops, play therapy, group and individual sessions for older children and young people, individual tailored advice to women, focusing on their current risks and options for safety.

### **A19**

A19 is a confidential service for young people living with domestic violence. HWA works to provide a safe environment in which young people can discuss openly and in complete confidence their experiences and problems in coping with domestic violence.

Sometimes women just want to talk things over without being pre-judged and with someone they don't know and may not see again. We can arrange to meet them at our office in the Borough or in a local café or somewhere else convenient to the caller. Sometimes women are only allowed out alone to meet their children from school, and their partners time them. If requested we can meet a mother at a school, doctor's surgery or housing office.

Often it is not safe for a woman and her children to stay in her own area. Through Women's Aid Federation of England (WAFE) we can find space and support equivalent to that offered locally for families who need to go outside our area. Our networking with authorities such as Housing, Police and Social Services enables us to provide a high standard of support to our clients.

The project has 3 full time project staff posts, one for the refuge, one for children's project and one for outreach and resettlement, a Project Leader, and Sessional Play Worker. We also welcome women from the community who are prepared to volunteer and give that vital commodity, their time.

Please telephone 9248 0246 for information about any of these services or if you wish to help.