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WATERLOOVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

*I/We wish to *apply-for/renew annual membership of the Waterlooville and District Residents' Association

Date
(If accepted, this will be your joining date)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO CALLERS

From September, The Rowans Hospice is in need of people, willing and able to give a few hours each week, to answer all incoming calls in the new Reception Office. The Hospice is inviting applications from anyone who can give 4½ hours on a regular basis and is confident, while at the same time able to demonstrate a consistent level of courtesy and consideration to others. Although this is a voluntary role, expenses will be paid.

The Reception Office will deal with front-line enquiries from visitors, relatives and medical staff, as well as taking calls for fundraising. Therefore a warm and friendly personality is an essential requirement of the role.

The Rowans Hospice is supported by nearly 1000 volunteers in a variety of roles, from gardening and driving, through to serving meals and making tea. Volunteering in the Reception Office would suit someone wanting a more clerical role in the Hospice.

Hayley Hamlett, Voluntary Services Manager, said: "All our volunteers are highly valued and appreciated for everything they do in helping with the services of the Hospice. We are looking for some very special people to fulfil the Reception Office role on a rota basis for just a few hours a week each. We already have some of our regular volunteers wanting to take on these extra duties but need even more people from the local community to come and help us."

Anyone interested should contact Hayley on ☎ 9223 8538 for more details or visit the website www.rowanshospice.co.uk.

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CHAIRMAN'S AUTUMN REPORT 2011

Since holding our AGM in March we have held our normal cycle of meetings and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who attend on a regular basis.

As you will have read in July's Ratepayer, Michael Droney the Editor has decided to stand down next year. Michael came forward in 2000 when I decided to stand down as Editor. Having showed an interest he took on the role enabling me to take a break. Michael is a man of few words and a modest disposition and the Magazine you read today in quality and style is very much due to his hard work and being able to introduce the technology which has enabled the dreaded computer to be used to full advantage and has taken the magazine into the 21st century. I wish Michael well when the time comes for him to retire and thank him for all he has done and will continue to do for us until that day comes.

Michael will join a number of similar minded folk who have given excellent service to the community since 1952.

I reiterate what Geoff Lynch (Business Manager) said in the July's magazine, when requesting for someone to come forward, as a replacement and enable the Magazine to enter its 60th year next February with confidence. Please contact Geoff if you can help (contact details on Page 9). Thanks.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT OUR MEETINGS:

Broken Paving slabs:

The trip-hazard problem involving the broken paving slabs outside ASDA and Waterlooville Police Station has been fixed, after several letters and visits. They were on private property and not the Council's responsibility.

Memorial Book for Cowplain War Dead:

For some time I have been aware that no memorial exists for Cowplain folk who gave their lives in conflict. Due to Parish and Council boundary changes, some of the brave folk are named on Catherington, Hordean and Havant War Memorials but none in Cowplain. It is only recently that Don Foyle has located the names of the 29 involved.

Following correspondence with Rev. Dr Paul Moore, Vicar of St. Wilfrid's, it has been decided that a Memorial Book can be held by the Church and placed on the Altar each Remembrance Sunday. I am at the time of writing waiting to hear from the Head of the Arts Department, at Southdowns College, to see if one of the students might be able to execute the calligraphy necessary for such a book. I will provide updates as and when I have them.

Milton Road South Road Surface:

The resurfacing has not been included in this year's budget by Hampshire County Council. Maybe 2012 will see some action.

Milton Road South Noise Problems:

Residents who back onto the Aston Road Industrial Units have to regularly put up with smells, noise and unsocial working hours. The Environmental Health Department seem powerless to assist, as are the Ward Councillors and a letter to Cllr Tony Briggs Leader of Havant B.C. met with an unfavourable response. If any reader can come up with any sensible advice to get the matter sorted, please would they contact me. Maybe then, the Residents in the area will be able to have their windows open and enjoy their gardens, which should be their right.

Waterlooville South Community Board:

It is highly likely that this and others will be wound up and if they do continue will do so in a different format.

Waterlooville Precinct:

Recently, a brief presentation was given to members regarding the improvements to London Road Waterlooville Precinct. As with all such projects, much inconvenience will take place before the job is finished. We look forward to a more pleasant environment in which to shop and will be pleased when all the Precinct street lights are replaced. The present lights are past their sell by date.

West of Waterlooville MDA:

The development will start at the Purbrook end with a new access road from the ASDA roundabout. Further into the site, the Recycling Facility is being constructed to replace the Hambledon Road Facility.

Cowplain Problems:

The Bottle Banks in Mission Lane Car Park are being emptied more often and the area swept of broken glass more regularly. Whilst in London Road, the Traffic Enforcement Officers are keeping an eye out for those who are parking in short-term bays on a long-term basis.

Finally, a big thank you, to the Committee and our supporters who regularly attend our bi-monthly meetings. Why not come along and join us - membership details are on the front page.

David Pink (Chairman)

DELIVERERS WANTED

We have a small army of goodhearted volunteers who give up a few hours a month to deliver this magazine. Unfortunately, now and again we lose some of these foot soldiers for various reasons and we now need volunteers to deliver in the following areas:

In Cowplain: Hazelton Way 1-23; Fairmead Walk; Greenfield Crescent and Greenfield Rise; Park Lane; Idsworth Road; Stephen Close and Hart Plain Avenue from London Road down to Milton Road.

In Waterlooville: Rivesdale Estate covering Riverdale Avenue; Danesbrook Lane, Tamar Down and Oakhurst drive.

Would you be able to deliver the magazine in one of these areas? If the answer is 'yes', then please contact Maureen Walker, our Distribution Manager, on ☎ 9225 7305. Walking is very good for you! And, it only takes just one hour to deliver 100 magazines!

WORD PLAY

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Answer on page 13

EDITORIAL NOTICES

ELECTRONIC DEMOCRACY?

'e-petitions' is a possible way for you to influence government policy in the UK. You can create an e-petition about anything that the government is responsible for and if it gets at least 100,000 signatures, it will be eligible for debate in the House of Commons.

Visit <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/> and search the existing e-petitions to see if one on your subject already exist. Register your vote if it does, otherwise create a new petition. It will be checked by a government department and then the public can sign it. It can be open for up to 1 year.

Sue Ryder Cowplain - '£1 day in our back garden', Thursday 8th September, 11am to 3pm. Come along and give us your support in our large summer sale. Everything must go!

Coin Club - Meet on second Friday of month at the Langstone Conservative Club, at Havant, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact ☎ 9238 9419 or email to crsf3639gg10@talktalk.net.

INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

You are invited by the Hampshire Genealogical Society (HGS) to their Family History open day on Sunday 25th September, at Horndean Technology College, Barton Cross, Horndean (main entrance via Merchistoun Road). You will find:

Talks from guest speakers; many family and local history Societies; HGS Publications on sale; 'Information/Help/Membership' desk; 'New/Second-hand/Family/Local History' books; Family history trade and other stands. Entrance is free and all are welcome.

CHARITABLE CAUSES BENEFIT

FROM A YEAR OF GENEROUS PUBLIC DONATIONS

Former Mayor of Havant, Councillor Yvonne Weeks is distributing the money raised by her fundraising activities during her Mayoral year. In total, events such as the Charity Ball in December 2010 and the Classic Car Run and Rally in April 2011 raised £18,163.

The generous donations, made by the public, are split between two main charitable causes, other local Havant-based voluntary organisations and some aspiring young Olympians.

Park Families received £5,000, It helps parents, children and families within Leigh Park and Havant. The donation will enable the charity to sponsor an extra apprentice.

The Soldiers, Sailors Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) received £8,000 and thirty-three other causes are set to receive up to £200 each from the charity appeal fund. They include the Macular Disease Society; the Havant and Waterlooville Swimming Club; Help in Bereavement; Angel Radio; Waterlooville Guides; Samaritans and St John Ambulance Bathing Service.

Councillor Yvonne Weeks said: "The generosity of people around the Borough during my Mayoral year has been overwhelming. It's one of my proudest achievements that the charity appeal fund for 2010-11 will help so many worthy causes."

Over the next 12 months all funds raised by The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Ken Smith, will primarily benefit two organisations: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and Dorothy's Dream (The Rowans Hospice at Home Appeal). Other charities in the Borough and aspiring young Olympians can also apply for cash from the Mayor's fund.

Old 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. ☎ 9224 0653.

St George's Church Hall, Waterlooville, holds **Coffee Mornings** every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon in St George's Hall. All proceeds to charity. Also a **Market** every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Home made cakes, produce, cards, crafts, eggs, plants, etc. Refreshments also available.

Gospel Hall, Mill Road, Waterlooville, holds **Coffee Mornings** each Friday, from 10am to 12 noon. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

Waterlooville Town Market - each Friday in the Precinct.

Angel Radio - 101.1 FM - the nostalgia radio station serving the local community. For information: ☎ 9248 1988, website: www.angelradio.co.uk, email: studio101.1@hotmail.co.uk

Waterlooville and District Philatelic Society - meets on Thursday 15th September, from 7.30pm at Westbrook Hall, Tempest Avenue. Guests Petersfield Philatelic Society. ☎ 9259 3987 for details.

Age Concern H5O hold **Coffee Mornings with advice for the over 50's** at The Beacon in The Meridian Shopping Centre, Havant, from 10am to 12 noon, on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Havant 50+ Forum meet from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, 1st Monday of month, at the Beacon (Upstairs) Meridian Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

HAVANT FREEGLE - offer unwanted household items for reuse by others, rather than dumping them?

Visit www.iloveFreegle.org.

Coffee & Co - Do you need a listening ear; have you suffered a loss, redundancy, divorce, bereavement? Come along to St Wilfrid's upper hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain, for an opportunity to chat with others. 10.30am – 12noon, first Saturday each month. Phone Shirley on ☎ 075 3202 1498 for more information.

Group support for the bereaved every third Thursday at the Borrow Centre Cowplain, 10am to 12 noon. Meet other people who are experiencing the the pain of bereavement. For further details call Ingrid on ☎ 07885 843 863.

Havant Borough Talking Newspaper, 19 East Street, Havant. Information, guidance and comfort for the blind and visually impaired. ☎ 9248 0101 or visit www.hbta.org.uk

Chat to a Friend In Hampshire Are you an older person living alone or with someone else in Hampshire? If you need information about services and facilities or help then ☎ 08000 323 456. The call is free, confidential and supportive. Available 9am - 11pm, 365 days per year!

LOVEDEAN VILLAGE HALL

Lovedean Village Hall holds jumble sales on the second Saturday of alternate months. The next sale is the **Jumble Sale** on Saturday 10th September, from 1.30pm. A **Car Boot and Table Top Sale** is on Sunday 2nd October, from 2pm. Contact details - Cynthia Harris on ☎ 9259 3904.

The Community Innovations Team can help older people who are at risk of losing their independence but who currently do not meet the criteria for support. Do you have concerns regarding your health and wellbeing or find everyday activities increasingly difficult? Call ☎ 9248 4687 or email cit.havant@hants.gov.uk.

Waterlooville and District Garden Club meet on the first and third Monday of every month at the Age Concern Centre, Cowplain from 7.30pm to 10pm. For further details contact Mike Adams on ☎ 9225 1491 or drop in at a meeting.

WATERLOOVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

(Covering the Wards of Cowplain, Stakes, Waterlooville and Hart Plain including part of Lovedean)

President: D. Foyle I.S.M., ☎ 9225 7467
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Vice Chairman: Mrs. J. Rea, ☎ 9225 8261
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ADVERTISING AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

At present there is no advertising space available. For general enquiries, comments, and corrections or to submit an article please contact the Business Manager/Magazine Compiler at 11 Ruskin Way, Waterlooville, PO8 8JX or email: business@theratepayer.co.uk.

NEXT BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS

Waterlooville Community Centre (Behind ASDA): Tue 27th September and 11th October, 12.45pm to 3pm and 4pm to 6.45pm.

St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Cowplain: Thu 8th August, 1.30pm to 3.25pm and 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

National Blood Service Website - www.blood.co.uk

You can pre-book appointments via ☎ 0845 7 711 711

USEFUL INFORMATION

Waterlooville Police Station: Swiss Road, Waterlooville, Hants. PO7 7FX. ☎ 999 in emergencies, 101 for non-emergency calls or leave information-only messages, in strict confidence, on **Crimestoppers** ☎ 0800 555 111.

Registrar of Births and Deaths: Havant Library. Visit: Mon 9.15am - 12.15pm and 1pm - 4.30pm. Tue and Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm and 1pm - 4.15pm. Wed 9.15am - 12.30pm. Thu 9.45am - 12.45pm and 1.30pm - 5pm. Telephone ☎ 01329 225 397 Mon - Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9.30am - 4pm.

Citizens' Advice Bureau, Swiss Cottage, 9 St. Georges Walk (Hambledon Road) Waterlooville. 'Drop-in' hours Mon/Thu/Fri 10am to 1pm. Telephone advice Mon to Thu, 10am to 2pm ☎ 0844 856 3407. Online Advice: www.adviceguide.org.uk.

Disabled Information and Advice Line (DIAL) ☎ 9282 4853 (answer phone when closed).

Good Neighbours Schemes: Cowplain ☎ 9225 4090. Waterlooville ☎ 9226 6005. Help line 9am - 6pm, Mon to Fri. Website www.stgeorgesnews.org/goodneighbours. For shopping, transport to medical appointments, home visits.

Community Centres and Halls:

Westbrook Hall email treasurer.wha@talktalk.net

The Acorn Centre, Wecock ☎ 9225 8423

Waterlooville ☎ 9225 6823

Cowplain ☎ 9226 7029

Merchistoun Hall ☎ 9259 7114

Lovedean Village Hall ☎ 9259 3904

Deverell Hall Purbrook ☎ 9243 0217

Havant and District MENCAP, Anders Hall, Milton Road. Available for hire. ☎ 9278 7302

Springwood Community Blding ☎ 9223 0330

Faulty street lighting, traffic lights or road defects? Report to ☎ 0800 506 060 or visit www.hants.gov.uk and follow link to 'report highway defect'. (Quote lamp post no)

LIBRARY SERVICES IN OUR AREA

County Library, The Precinct, Waterlooville:

Mon/Tue/Wed/Sat 9am - 5pm; Thu/Fri 9am - 7pm.

☎ 9225 4626/7.

Storytimes for Under 5's 2pm - 2.30pm every Thu at Waterlooville Library.

HAMPSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

All new stops will be public stops even if they are located at a school, playgroup or sheltered accommodation.

Cowplain Herriott House, Padnell Ave

Thu 2.30pm - 3pm: 1st Sep, 29th Sep, 27th Oct, 1st Dec.

Waterlooville Eagle Avenue:

Thu 3.15pm - 4.15pm 1st Sep, 29th Sep, 27th Oct, 1st Dec.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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

Waterlooville Folk Dance Group - meet Mon 8pm -10pm at W.A.C.A. ☎ 9261 1238. Cost £2.50. All ages welcome.

Waterlooville 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. ☎ 9259 6361 for information.

Bowling Club Contacts:

Waterlooville: ☎ 9225 2594 (Ken Tallyn)

Purbrook Crown Short Mat: ☎ 9224 0387/9269 0069

Cowplain: ☎ 07754 124 170 (Alan)

☎ 07979 760 239 (Clive)

Short Mat Bowls: ☎ 9225 6524 at Cowplain Activity Centre. The sessions are 2½ hours long and are held on Mon at 10am and Wed/Thu at 1.30pm.

Keep Fit for Mature Ladies - Join friendly group. Meet 1.45pm on Wednesdays at Lovedean Village Hall. ☎ 9259 3383.

WATERLOOVILLE U3A IS ON THE MOVE

We are moving permanently to The Sacred Heart Parish Centre, London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR as from Wednesday 28th September at 2pm. The Parish Centre is situated on the No. 41 bus route one stop north of Waterlooville Precinct. There is plenty of parking available.

The speaker at the meeting will be Charles Haskell. The subject of his talk will be WW1 and The Battle of Ypres. ☎ 9224 0409 or visit www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk.

'Reflections' - Ladies barbershop singers. Sing songs from the 40's on any weekday afternoon to raise money for charity. ☎ 9264 1468 for details. New members welcome.

Townswomen Guild - Waterlooville The Guild meets every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at St. George's Church Hall at 2pm. We are a friendly group organising outings, interesting speakers and we provide tea and biscuits. Contact the Secretary ☎ 9278 7045 for more information.

Macular Degeneration Association meet each Thursday, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, at the Age Concern Borrow Centre, Cowplain. ☎ 9226 4973 for details.

The Purbrook and Widley Rowans Support Group is holding a **Harvest Market** at Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook on Saturday 17th September from 10am to 12 noon.

The Acorn Centre, Wecock Farm, Waterlooville holds a **Table Top Sale**. Thursday 22nd September, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Free Entry. Table can be booked in advance at £3.50 each on ☎ 9225 8423.

CAMPS INTERNATIONAL – AN UPDATE

In May we told you about two young men, Chris Brown and Matthew Everett who needed to raise sponsorship and donations to cover the cost of their trip to Borneo to assist in conservation work.

Both are working hard towards this goal and if you think you could help them please contact Chris on chrisb@hotmail.co.uk and Matthew on michelle.everett@btinternet.com in the meantime here's what Matthew is planning:

Matthew has organised an evening of musical entertainment on 10th September in support of his expedition to Borneo next year.

The variety concert will be compered by retired Royal Marine Bandsman, Don Lloyd and will not only include solo performances from both Matthew and his brother Jonathan but also several special guests. These include, amongst others, Horndean based choir 'Achoired Taste', run and conducted by Lou Bundy, flautist Clare Draycott, music teacher and leader of Portsmouth based 'Flute-It', singer Emily Day and third year student of the Royal Welsh Music College, David Harrington on piano.

This special event will take place at St Wilfrid's Church, Padnell Road, Cowplain, PO8 8DZ, starting at 7:30pm. All tickets (£5) can either be purchased in advance from Michelle Everett by telephoning ☎ 9257 1045 or at the door. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR NEW SAINSBURY'S STORE GRANTED.

In July, Havant Borough Council's Development Management Committee approved Sainsbury's application for a new supermarket on the former Salvador Caetano site, Hambledon Road, Waterlooville.

Councillors voted 6 to 1 in favour of granting approval for the application which includes a supermarket, parking for 438 cars and 48 bikes under the building, a petrol filling station, a new pedestrian crossing over Maurepas Way, to provide better access to the town centre and associated landscaping. The supermarket design will also include sustainability measures such as a biomass boiler and rainwater harvesting.

The development is expected to create 350 jobs, which will benefit the local community in Waterlooville. The planning permission will be subject to a Section 106 legal agreement that will secure developer contributions towards transport infrastructure and public realm improvements, as well as a variety of highway works and a commitment to ensure that job opportunities are available to local long term unemployed people. The adjacent Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) will also be relocated to allow for the supermarket to be built.

Councillor Paul Buckley the committee chairman said: "We weighed the impact of the application on local residents very carefully, set against the importance of this development for Waterlooville. We had to conclude that the new store provides considerable economic and employment benefits for all the residents of Waterlooville and therefore has to be supported."

Answer to Word Play - In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out?

CROP CIRCLES

Extraordinary contradictory creations! Even their name is misleading as since becoming prevalent in the late 1970s they have progressed to more complex shapes and patterns. Many theories have been put forward to explain their existence, a hoax, disruption to the Earth's magnetic field where ley lines meet, mini tornados, the earth itself trying to make us aware of global warming and of course, extra-terrestrials trying to contact us.

The first recorded anomaly appeared in 1678 when, having lost his labourers due to a dispute, a farmer awoke to find his field completely mown, to a standard of quite unnatural perfection. The Mowing Devil was held to account but, perhaps exhausted by his efforts, he did not appear again.

In the 1990s, two hoaxers came forward, claiming responsibility for circles made since the early 1970s. As usual, the explanation appeared absurdly simple, a rope, a piece of board called a foot stomper and perhaps, too much time on their hands. They had undoubtedly created some of the circles, but it was impossible for them to have made them all. Obviously other people had copied their ideas and the circles spread across the country. And yet...

Close examination of the 'made' crop circles show that when a heavy object used to flatten the crop, it breaks the plant stems. In the 'natural' circles the stems are not broken but bent normally about an inch from the ground. They appear to have been subjected to a short but intense burst of heat which softens the stems allowing them to drop into their flattened position. In addition it has been claimed that 'genuine' crop circles have the capability to change the local electromagnetic field so that compasses cannot locate north; camera and phone batteries fail to operate, and background radiation rises to 300% above normal.

Many circles occur in Wiltshire, in the vicinity of Stonehenge. This led to the suggestion that spirits living inside the stone emerged and left circles, trying to warn the human race of global warming and world pollution. An alternative theory is that the earth itself is an entity and produces circles in protest against man made depredations. Eyewitnesses have reported that crop circles form in less than twenty seconds, in some cases being accompanied by brightly coloured balls or shafts of light

But perhaps the most popular theory is that extra-terrestrials are trying to communicate with us. Space is huge there is a strong likelihood that we are not alone. A distant race may well have the technology to travel across the stars to us. But if they are that advanced and after all the time and effort they have put into the crop circles, surely by this time they should have given us some idea of what they are trying to say.

Hazel Matthews

FAVOURITE TREE COMPETITION

Jaime Gargett, Havant Borough Council's Arboriculturalist, devised the competition with the Tree Council's Director, Jon Stokes, and the Tree Wardens. It is hoped that members of the public will nominate a tree in Havant Borough that they may have seen on a daily basis or one that they have enjoyed for a number of years. It could be especially beautiful at a particular time of year, a local landmark, or just mean something special to you.

Send your entry, including a photograph and location, to Jamie Gargett, Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX. The closing date 1st November. Your submission could be included in a 2012 calendar.