



**LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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(as on 1st February 2008)

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| | Martin Marks** |
| | Cynthia Marvin ** |
| | Neil Ward |

* not seeking re-election ** co-opted.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members who have not renewed their membership for 2008 are reminded that this is now due. New membership cards are coloured yellow and the subscription remains at £2. You can renew by completing the form on the back page, place it in an envelope with £2 subscription, addressed to LoSRA and hand into Woods Newsagent, Pier Street, The Bookshop, High Street or give it to any Committee member. A membership card will be delivered to your home. The Association would like to thank the staff at both Woods and The Bookshop for their help. If you are unable to use any of these methods for renewal, please contact Mr Jim Bell, 023 92 552862, who will arrange collection.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 14th March in the Methodist Hall, High Street at 7.30pm. Admission is for paid-up members only, so please remember to bring your yellow membership card, as you will need it to vote. Subscriptions can be renewed and new members registered, at the door, on the night.

If you would like to serve as a committee member or want to nominate someone, please complete the form on the inside back page and return to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Christine Beavis, 28, Kings Road, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9NU by 7th March. We would be delighted to have new committee members and if you would like to discuss informally what is involved please call Richard Mackay on 023 92 550285.

Proposals to change constitution

Our current constitution states that our purpose is "*representing and, where necessary, endeavouring to protect the interests of the residents*". Following our successful fundraising to refurbish the area in front of the library, your committee consider that there are further opportunities to raise funds and carry out projects for the benefit of residents. It is therefore proposed that our mission be changed to "*represent residents and endeavour to improve the environment of Lee on the Solent*".

There is also a provision in our constitution that, in the unlikely event of the Association being wound up the funds are returned to members. This is perfectly reasonable as members have contributed to our funds through their subscriptions. However we nearly failed to obtain the Lottery Grant for the library project as, in theory, we could have received the cash, failed to carry out the project, wound up the Association and shared the money out between the members. To address this theoretical concern of funders, we propose that the constitution be altered so that in the event of the Association being wound up, any funds received for specific projects are either returned to the body making the grant or given to a charity that benefits local residents.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have been fortunate to have an enthusiastic committee throughout the year.

Gill Hartwell has served on the committee for a number of years but now finds it necessary to cut back on her voluntary work. She has not only kept the minutes of our meetings thus enabling us to follow up the actions agreed but has also attended meetings with the Police. In doing this she has been able to address residents' concerns over policing and anti-social behaviour with the appropriate authorities.

We will also miss John Beavis, who has not put his name forward for re-election, as he is intending to stand for election as a local Councillor in the May local government elections. He has contributed extensively during his time on the committee particularly in relation to the development of Daedalus and strategic planning issues. We are sorry to lose him as a committee member but if elected hope we will be working closely with him in future.

For personal reasons three committee members have stood down during the year, Lewis Garrad, Roy

Pankhurst and Malcolm Roberts. We are grateful for their contribution.

We have been fortunate to have had three new people join the committee as co-opted members during the year and they will be standing for election at the AGM. Jean Hedley is taking over John Beavis's responsibilities in relation to Daedalus and Strategic planning, Martin Marks will be focussing on health issues and Cynthia Marvin is representing us on the Sure Start board and, in addition to handling pre-school matters, will lead our efforts to recruit new members.

We are particularly keen to recruit committee members to focus on local environmental issues (such as the seafront, Alver Valley park development, recreational facilities etc.) and someone to keep the minutes of our meetings.

This Newsletter is delivered to you by a volunteer. We are extremely grateful for the time they give up to do this work. In order to ensure no one has an excessive amount of work we are looking for additional help. We are particularly short of people living on Cherque Farm. If you can help please call Nicola Hewitt on 023 92 554282.

It has been a busy year and apart from our ongoing involvement in local planning matters, police and health issues, we have been closely involved in the Daedalus development (including the threats of closure of the airfield to General Aviation and also the extraction of gravel), raising funds for and redeveloping the outside of the library and working with Sure Start to address the needs of pre school children and their parents. You will find more details in the various reports in this Newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their support – we now have a record number of members and this does give us more influence, particularly when dealing with public bodies.

Richard Mackay

SECRETARY'S REPORT

LoSRA has had a very successful ending to 2007 with three significant events. First was the Social Event in the Bulson Hall which was attended by our MP, Peter Viggers and Jenny Viggers, HCC Cllr Margaret Snaith and all four of our Ward Councillors – Deputy Mayor Derek Kimber, & Cllrs Graham Burgess, Brian Taylor and Chris Carter. I think all who came had a very enjoyable evening and valued the chance to talk to their elected representatives. The raffle was very popular with most of the prizes generously donated by Lee Businesses.

Second was the Community evening in the High Street organised by the Lee Business Association. It was a great evening beginning with the switching on of the lights by the Deputy Mayor

Councillor Derek Kimber and singing carols around the Christmas tree. Most of the shops contributed to the festive spirit by providing food and wine. LoSRA had their table between All Seasons and Griffith's Butchers shops. We successfully recruited 20 new members and had good number of renewals, there were also several application forms taken away to be submitted later.

Lastly, there was the grand re-opening of the Library. You will see later in this report that LoSRA obtained a lottery grant to improve the area in front of the library.

LoSRA aims to build on the successes of 2007 with our involvement in the community in 2008.

On Thursday 7th February Ben Glass, of the Portsmouth Evening News, gave an informative and amusing talk on how the newspaper operates and how he gathers his stories. He was very ably assisted by Mary Griffin, political reporter for the News. From comments afterwards everyone enjoyed the talk.

You will see from the item, 'Dates for your Diary' that the Open Meeting on 22nd April is a talk by Cllr Peter Edgar with an update on Haslar – it will be good to welcome Peter who remains tireless in his campaign to retain medical care at Haslar.

There is growing concern over the Hampshire Minerals and Waste plan and the impact of the possible extraction of gravel on the Daedalus site. We are holding an Open Meeting on Tuesday, 13th May to explore and discuss this. In view of the likely interest we will hold the meeting in St. Faith's Church.

LoSRA is hosting 2 further Open Meetings in June and September and as yet has no firm plans for the topic so if anyone has a subject/speaker close to their heart that would be suitable for an Open Meeting please contact me.

Something else to look forward to is the Lee Festival, to be held on Bank Holiday Saturday, 23rd August. This is being organised jointly by Lee Residents' Association and Lee Business Association and chaired by Peter Patterson of All Seasons fruit and vegetable shop. The event will now be in Lee High Street & not Daedalus as previously billed. The theme of the Festival is 'Youth' and 'Community'

Christine Beavis, Hon Secretary, 023 92 793063

DAEDALUS DEVELOPMENT- FIRST DRAFT MASTER PLAN

SEEDA held a public exhibition on 7th and 8th December 2007 in the Methodist Hall, at which they presented 5 Master Plan Concepts for consideration. The 2-day event was very well attended and members of the public were encouraged to complete questionnaires.

A report will be available on the website (www.daedalus-seeda.co.uk) in early February. Groundwork Solent is compiling this report on behalf of SEEDA and it will provide feedback from all the consultation that has been undertaken during this phase (December/January) including the exhibition, business consultation, and continuing dialogue with residents and community groups.

There was support particularly for the employment uses and for the idea of a marina. There are some differences of opinion as to the location of the various elements of the development and the overriding concern remains that of transport. The master planners and SEEDA are taking this on board and will be looking at further ways of addressing this as the plans develop.

Remember that there are no development plans in place at the moment - only ideas & concepts. SEEDA do seem to be genuine about their desire to consult with the public thus far.

John Beavis 023 92 793063

DAEDALUS AIRFIELD.

The Airfield is owned by the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) and leased to the Hampshire Police Authority (HPA). Concerns over safety and liability led the HPA to place restrictions on mixed aviation (gliders & powered aircraft) operating on the site in May 2007.

More recently, after intervention by Gosport MP, Peter Viggers and Lee Flying Association (LFA) who took legal action, a decision by the HPA to stop all flying other than the Police spotter plane, the Search and Rescue helicopter and gliders in Dec 2007 was postponed until 14th May 2008 to enable a consultation process to get under way.

A worrying development is that the last remaining flying school at Lee-on-the-Solent, Carill Aviation ceased trading in December 2007. It was a well established, highly reputable company which had been operating from Daedalus as an aviation training and aircraft rental services company for over three years.

In addition, Thruxton Aviation maintenance and SRWN engineering have either already gone out of business or moved to new sites because of the impending ban. There are still five more businesses on the site which use the landing strip, and about 12 private planes that are based there. More information can be found at the Lee Flying Association (LFA) website www.eghf.co.uk

Local people are concerned that the flying restrictions may severely affect the long-term future of the

Airfield. If flying was to stop and tenants moved away it could be difficult to get them back and attract new aviation related businesses to the site in future, even if the airfield were to reopen for commercial use.

LoSRA will continue to work with all interested parties to try to resolve current issues and also to support the continued use of the airfield for General Aviation. We look forward to possible proposals for job creation at an aviation related Business Park.

John Beavis 023 92 793063

LEE-ON-SOLENT AVIATION DAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2008

Many residents will remember the spectacular Air Days organised at the airfield by the Royal Navy. On Saturday 23rd February from 11am to 4pm, the Lee Flying Association (LFA) has arranged an Aviation Day at the Lee-on-Solent Methodist Church Hall, to be opened by the Mayor of Gosport. Admission is free.

The Aviation Day will be informative and fun. A wide range of aviation groups, clubs, organisations and charities will be exhibiting, sharing projects and enrolling new members. Local people will gain further insight regarding the activities and opportunities that exist on the "other side of the fence".

The airfield can be an asset for the local community and economy, whilst giving priority to Coastguard and Police flights, as is the norm elsewhere in the U.K. LFA Chairman Malcolm Barton highlighted, "The community focus of the Aviation Day will help us put aside differences and achieve an agreement before the Hampshire Police Authority airfield closure date of 14th May".

Jon Butts – LFA

HAMPSHIRE MINERALS PLAN

There is much concern locally about the possibility of gravel being extracted from Daedalus. The ten year review of possible sites for minerals extraction is now underway by Hampshire County Council.

Preferred sites are Netley, Hamble and Hythe, each with over 1.5 million tonnes (mt) of aggregate available at each site. The possible alternative sites are Daedalus (0.9 mt) (not the airfield but the area to the east near Broom Way) and Warsash (8 mt). LoSRA successfully fought at the last Public enquiry in 1998 and Daedalus was removed as a preferred site.

Objections to Daedalus being considered as an alternative site have already been submitted by LoSRA and the Hill Head Residents' Association and Fareham and Gosport Councils. SEEDA has also made it clear that they would not wish for a delay in the delivery of the master plan which could be brought about by uncertainty over the site's future in respect of mineral extraction. The LoSRA objections can be viewed on our website <http://www.losra.org.uk>

LoSRA intends hosting a **Public Meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th May at St Faith's Church** so residents can understand the proposals and ensure the Inspectors are in no doubt about the extent of local feeling.

A consultation process is underway as follows:

17th. January 2008 Organisations to submit comments (LoSRA Objections submitted).

January to October 2008 Consultants to assess the objections and review the sites so that HCC can submit an updated plan to the Government.

October 2008 to TBA Further consultation with the public.

Spring 2009 – Public examination.

Autumn 2009 – Final plan published and adopted by HCC.

John Beavis

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

As you are probably aware we campaigned to have the library refurbished and are delighted it is now open and the improved facilities have received many complimentary comments.

In our last Newsletter we said that LoSRA had obtained a grant from the Lottery to improve the outside of the library and create an area where people could sit. We were also fortunate in obtaining Hampshire County Council's agreement to contribute to the costs. Because of their budgetary cycle we did not expect to be able to start work until the Spring. In fact HCC funds were released earlier and you will have noticed that work is well underway. The HCC contractor who was doing much of the heavy work had agreed to complete it in mid December but has let us down on this and various later promised dates. As of 31st January the work had still not been completed. We just hope the plants we have purchased survive prior to planting. However there is no doubt the area will be available by the Spring, when better weather will hopefully arrive so people will be able to make use of the area.

LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society exists to promote interest in all things horticultural. We have a thriving Society with over 660 family memberships.

Our own Trading Hut sells local discount garden supplies and is located in Hollybank next to the Scouts Hut. We have Plant Sales with both commercial and home grown specialities. We organise numerous day trips to gardens and a five day tour either in the UK or abroad and we get specialists to come and talk at our Social Evenings.

We have three Flower & Vegetable Shows a year in the Lee Community Centre for those who wish to match their skill against others. These shows also have a strong Art, Home craft and Floral theme.

To keep everyone informed and amused we produce six Newsletters per year, delivered to your door. All for the very modest sum of £2 per family per year. Contact Maureen Jennings 023 92 550869

CAR PARKING CHARGES

This has been the subject of much debate between the political parties in Gosport. There appear to be two questions to address: should there be free parking at some car parks or is this an unacceptable extra cost to Council Tax payers and secondly should all parts of the Borough be treated the same (in particular should parking near Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent High Streets have the same terms).

A meeting of GBC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee was held on 10th October 2007 where various parties (including LoSRA) were invited to answer questions from Councillors. As a result of this meeting Councillors requested an "evidence based report" so that they could consider the matter further. The Committee met again on 29th November and decided that two further meetings should be held, one where further input was obtained and a later one where the "evidence based report" would be reviewed. Further input was obtained at a meeting on 3rd January this year. Another meeting was scheduled for 9th January but a fire alarm was activated and the meeting was abandoned. On 31st January the Scrutiny Board met and passed a resolution asking the Community & Environment Board to take into consideration their findings when making a decision. No recommendation was made but they did note their "concern over the lack of parity in charging between short stay car parks in Gosport town centre compared with short stay car parks in Lee-on-the-Solent."

At a Council meeting on 6th February the Lib / Lab pact proposed a budget increase of 3.8% with short stay parking increasing to 60p per hour. The arrangements for 2 hours free parking in Gosport but not elsewhere would continue. The Conservatives put forward an amendment to have a budget increase of 1.9%., charge 50p per hour for all short term parking with no free period anywhere in the borough and have money available for other schemes in the borough This was agreed as two Liberal

members were not in attendance. We understand that the decision may be reversed at the next Council meeting on 25 February— this saga continues!

SURE START

Our local Sure Start Centre * serving Lee, Stubbington and Hill Head aims to be operational by 1st April 2008. It will be based in the grounds of Lee Infants' school and the plans for the modular build have been approved by the council. It is expected to be delivered in the last week in March.

The centre will act as a 'one stop shop', sign-posting all services in the area for families, children and young people. Day to day management will be provided by the recently appointed centre coordinator. She will link with all local providers of services, including health, social services, and education. Although our centre will not provide direct child care it will be responsible for ensuring there is adequate high quality provision to meet local needs. It will also provide training support and use of centre facilities e.g. toy library.

The centre is to be directly managed by the head teacher of Lee Infants' school and an interim Partnership Board has been appointed to act as strategic advisors to the centre. The fourteen members of the board have wide representation from all 3 communities, including LoSRA. Eventually there will be both parent and practitioner forums to provide information on community needs.

During next month, to raise awareness, it is planned to invite local school children to suggest a name and then a logo to be used by the centre. We hope over time it will become a major resource for all families, whatever their needs.

*General information on the programme is available at www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-centres

Cynthia Marvin – LoSRA representative on Sure Start Board

VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim Support offers FREE and CONFIDENTIAL support, advice and information to anyone affected by crime, whether the incident happened today or 20 years ago.

Our fully trained volunteers can come and see you at home or another safe location. Our contact can be a one-off, or you may wish to have ongoing support.

Volunteers needed

We are constantly seeking to recruit new volunteers. If you would like to be a part of our friendly team, then just call us and we will be happy to have a chat.

Contact Victim Support on 023 92 653111

Or visit our website www.victimsupport-hiow.org.uk

PLANNING

Lee Seafront.

A planning application (K17320/1) to build a block of 14 flats on the sites of 6,7 and 8, Marine Parade East (MPE) has caused serious concern. Apart from the adverse impact on No9 MPE and some flats in Bembridge Lodge, the proposed design did not, in our view, conform with GBC's Local Plan and their Special Planning Document which is intended to protect the seafront's special character. We therefore lodged an objection. After two meetings and a site inspection - and against the planning officer's recommendation that the application should be approved - the Regulatory Board finally refused permission.

The applicant can, of course, appeal against GBC's decision and we therefore felt that we should

seek an early meeting with the Council to try to resolve our differences over the interpretation of the seafront's Special Planning Document. The meeting, chaired by GBC's Chief Executive Officer was inconclusive but it did lead to a proposal by GBC planners that LoSRA might, in future, be invited to take part in pre-application discussions between the planners and developers of major projects. We welcomed this proposal and expressed our willingness to co-operate. It is obviously easier to influence matters at this early stage than to achieve amendments when the plan has been formalized and submitted.

In the meantime, the applicant had sought a meeting with us and this was held on 29th January. We were able to explain our

thinking and to demonstrate how keen we were that developments should adhere to the Special Planning Document. We were able to point to the recent development on the Belle Vue site where the front elevation accords well with the remaining domestic housing along Marine Parade. The Developer's representatives expressed a willingness, subject to financial considerations, to modify their plans to go some way towards meeting our aspirations and to lessen the adverse impact on the abutting premises, No9 MPE and Bembridge Lodge. We will meet again when the developer has made progress in his "re-think". The hope is that agreement can be reached with LoSRA and the local residents before re-applying to GBC. Much remains to be done but we are pleased with the way things are going.

The Local Plan will eventually be replaced by a Development Framework Document. One of the key requirements is that there is consultation with organisations such as ourselves and the general public on major developments along the lines we are already doing in respect of 6,7 and 8 MPE.

Waterfront Brasserie (K16900/1)

An application was lodged to increase the ground area of the building by about one third. The restaurant, itself, would remain as it is but there would be a single storey extension parallel to the cliff and close to it, with a ridge height lower than that of the restaurant. The building style was sympathetic to what already exists and we saw no reason to object. The plan has been approved by GBC.

51 to 53 High Street- behind the Trim and Swim shop (K17432)

The Planning application for changes to the existing building and development of the site was refused permission by the Regulatory Board. We objected on the grounds that it did not conform to the Local Plan

Driving test centre at Daedalus (K17477)

Application has been made for a Multi-purpose driving centre with motorcycle manoeuvring area at Daedalus, on land owned by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. Details can be seen at the Planning Office on 3rd Floor of the Town Hall in Gosport. We find no reason to object.

Alison Roast 023 92 796601

CHERQUE FARM

Cherque Way, the link road from Portsmouth Rd in the South to Shoot Lane in the North, has still not been completed. However, there seems to be some progress albeit very slow. We have written to Persimmon but received no response. We are now setting up a meeting with the Hampshire Highways department to try and find out the reasons for delay. When this road links with Portsmouth Road, lights etc, will have to be installed at this junction. We will hopefully be able to give you some idea of when all the above is likely to take place, and a completion date in our next Newsletter.

Hampshire Highways (HH) also deals with traffic calming humps and traffic issues such as parked cars etc. When all the roads on Cherque Farm are finished and adopted by HH they will look at putting Double Yellow lines where parked cars create danger for other road users.

We understand that some of the missing boundary fences on Cherque Fram have now been completed.

LEE'S HIGH STREET

At last progress is being made to developments at either end of the High Street.

The development that goes around the corner into Milvil Road includes a Café/Restaurant and 2 retail shops. We hope that this will encourage residents and visitors to look at the existing shops at the Eastern end.

There will also be new retail facilities at the other end of the High Street.

Solent Mobility Centre is opening on the site of the old One Stop shop. They will be stocking all types of mobility buggies, wheelchairs, furniture disability aids etc. and, if needed will install items into your home. The shop will open its doors on 8th of February.

It is good to see that the High Street does offer a selection of shops with recent additions of Hardware and Bathroom & Plumbing shops.

LEE FESTIVAL

LoSRA and Lee Business Association are jointly organising a festival on 23rd August (bank holiday Saturday).

The Festival will have two themes, Youth and Community Awareness.

The High Street and Pier Street will be closed and a Community Event will be staged within the village centre open to all Charity and Community Groups both in Lee and Gosport.

Also in the High Street, the Methodist Hall will be used for a Youth Training Promotion under the banner "Talk to the Apprentice".

In support of the day an Extreme BMX stunt team will be performing in the High Street.

The four Lee pubs will be involved with evening entertainment, the Old Ship hosting a grand fireworks display.

On the night there will be a Charity Evening in the Community Centre with the duo Tribute Two, buffet and complimentary glass of wine. Tickets will be available shortly at £10 each.

If you would like to be involved in helping with the Festival please contact Alison Roast of LoSRA on 023 92 796601 or e-mail leefestival2008@aol.com

Peter Patterson Festival Chairman

TALKING NEWS FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Fareport Talking News is a local charity broadcasting local news, features, articles and information particularly relevant to the blind and visually impaired.

Tapes or CDs, featuring news and articles from the previous weeks 'News' and 'Echo' are sent out, free of charge, every Monday, to blind and visually impaired listeners.

If you would find this service useful, or, if you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving these communications, please contact the Fareport Talking News studio on 01329 664364 or Terry Wilson on 02392 554548

SOLENT FRIENDS' CLUB

"Solent Friends' Club continues to attract new members and has now moved into the Bulson Hall at St. Faith's Church due to lack of space in the Lowry Room. Meetings are from 1.30pm until 3.30pm every other Wednesday. There is a full programme of activities for 2008. The object of the club is to promote "Friendship For Older People" within the community. Subscriptions are £2.50 per head per meeting and tea and biscuits are provided. A bring-and-buy table and raffle are held at meetings to raise money for the social fund. For further information, contact Jack Wilcock - Club Leader on 02392 556815."

PIER HOUSE

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we were in discussion with Hampshire County Council about the marketing of this important building.

We are pleased that it has been advertised for sale by way of a design offer tender process. This means that the design quality of a developer's submissions will be assessed alongside financial offers. The offering document states "Given its location within the Conservation Area, together with its prominent position, high quality design is essential and proposals that do not adhere to the requirements of this Guidance are unlikely to be considered."

After an initial flurry, there has been steady interest since marketing commenced on 2nd November 2007. The closing date for proposals is 29th February and it is usual practice for developers to submit tenders on the day itself rather than over a period of time.

Short listed developers will meet with HCC to present their proposals and be questioned. This presentation, together with their submission, will form a substantial element of the appraisal process.

Following a successful bid planning approval will have to be sought from Gosport Borough Council.

HASLAR HOSPITAL (contributed by Save Haslar Task Force)

The Haslar Task Force recently issued a consultative document on the future use of the site. Following distribution problems, several Lee Residents responded with help, resulting in a return, so far, of 13,000 signatures. Thank you for your support.

The document addresses changes in circumstances since the closure of Haslar was announced in December 1998, including the:-

- 193,000 population currently living between Gosport waterfront and the Hamble River, a figure growing at a rate of 1,100 people per year even *before* the adoption of the South East Plan (SEP)
- the South East Plan (SEP) requiring a minimum of 80,000 homes built between Marchwood and Emsworth.
- original Health Capacity Map not taking into account the SEP.
- increase in demand for acute care.
- increase of elderly people requiring hospital treatment, plus the Government's policy for more patient choice on where treatment is provided.
- massive demand for extra rehabilitation facilities for troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq (Haslar could be brought into immediate use)
- threat of a downgrading of services in West Sussex resulting in an impossible demand for services at QA hospital.

Taxpayers paid for Haslar Hospital. It would be a tragedy to see it destroyed. Help us by writing to:

Ursula Ward, Chief Executive, Portsmouth Hospitals Trust, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham,

Portsmouth PO6 3LY

Gareth Cruddace, Chief Executive, Hampshire Primary Care Trust, Southampton International Business Park, George Curl Way, Southampton SO18 2RZ

Councillor Peter Edgar, spokesperson SHTF

HASLAR TASK FORCE RESPONSE FORM

As a lot of people in Lee on the Solent did not receive the response form a copy is printed on the back of this page which can be used if you have not already submitted a form. The full Task Force document can be seen at Lee- on-the-Solent Library, www.gosport.gov.uk or a copy obtained by calling the Town Hall on 023 92 584242 and asking for Brenda Booker

There have been a number of due dates quoted for return of the response forms but we can confirm responses will be accepted up to mid April.

Haslar Task Force Response Form

I / we support the proposals of Gosport Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council and the Haslar Task force for the future use of the Haslar site, and that ways should be found to utilise the site for the provision of healthcare services and treatment of people in Gosport, Fareham and surrounding areas.

Name.....Signature.....
Name.....Signature.....
Address.....
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However if you believe Haslar should be closed and services provided at the War Memorial Hospital, please sign here.

Name.....Signature.....
Name.....Signature.....
Address.....
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This form should be returned to Brenda Booker at Gosport Town Hall. If more convenient it may be placed it in an envelope, addressed to LoSRA and handed into Woods Newsagent, Pier Street, The Bookshop, High Street or Jean Robertson at 8, Russell Road, Lee on the Solent. Jean will then arrange onward transmission.

PROPOSED BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Lee-on-the-Solent library is planning to introduce a book discussion group for the visually impaired. Fareham Library already runs such a group and we hope to emulate their success in Lee. The group will be run in exactly the same way as any reading group but the material of choice will be tapes, CD's or large print publications. Once we have established there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be held at the library to discuss the way forward. Should this be of interest to you, or anyone of your acquaintance, please contact-Helen Wilson tel.023 92 554548 or you can e-mail terry.wilson93@ntlworld.com .

LEE ICANGO

We are an independent voluntary provider and principle organiser of excursions and Community Transport for housebound, disabled and immobile people in Lee. We are suffering from a shortage of drivers, and will lose another this year when he will be compulsorily retired at the age of 75. We

would like to extend our service to meet other needs such as shopping trips, hospital visiting etc. **We desperately need you to become a volunteer driver.** All you need is a standard car licence and we'll do the rest.

For details please contact: Lawrence Brodley, The Hon. Sec. Lee ICANGO, Osborne House, 2, Manor Way, Lee-on-the-Solent. Tel: 023 92 551083 or email to: brodley@btinternet.com

CONTACTING THE POLICE OR STREETSCENE

Some time ago we told you that the police and Hampshire County Council were introducing a 101 phone number for the public to inform of non-emergency incidents such as vandalism and graffiti, noise nuisance, threatening and abusive behavior, abandoned vehicles, dumping and fly-tipping, drunk and rowdy groups, drug related anti-social behavior and broken street lighting. Calls to 101 cost ten pence

This was funded mainly by central government. The government grant ceases on 31 March and as of publication date Hampshire Constabulary has not reached agreement with all local authorities for ongoing funding. They are still hopeful that agreement will be reached so that the service can continue.

The other numbers you can use are as follows:

Where offenders are nearby, life is at risk, injury is caused or threatened, crime or disorder is in progress or in other emergency situations, you should dial 999.

To make reports of, and request investigation of minor crime, passing on messages for police officers and staff, recording lost and found property or for advice and general enquiries you should contact the police switchboard on 0845 045 45 45 or 01962 841534.

To make confidential reports related to crimes you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

To report and get action related to litter, fly tipping, street cleaning, street lighting, graffiti on adopted highways, abandoned cars or shopping trolleys, litter or problems with dog fouling you can call Streetscene at Gosport Borough Council on 08000 198 598

To report and get action related noise problems you can call the Pollution and Environment team at Gosport Borough Council on 023 92 54 5505

HAMPSHIRE BOBBY TRUST

This organisation runs a practical service providing home security for needy, elderly and vulnerable victims of crime. If you have been a victim you can contact the Trust on 023 92 899056 and one of their trained fitters will carry out a full crime-prevention survey, fitting appropriate locks, spy-holes, door chains and where practical, making good the damage caused on entry by the burglar.

MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to report that our membership at the end of 2007 was 908, the largest ever. As our membership grows so does our influence so please encourage friends and neighbours to join.

Jim Bell – Membership Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (all at 7:30 p.m. and at the Methodist Hall, High Street unless otherwise shown)

Friday, 14th March: Annual General meeting

Tuesday, 22nd April: Open meeting. Peter Edgar will be giving an update on Haslar and the work of the Haslar Task Force.

Tuesday, 13th May in **St. Faith's Church**: Open meeting to understand and discuss the Hampshire Minerals and Waste plan and the impact of the possible extraction of gravel on the Daedalus site.

Tuesday, 3rd June **at the library**. Official opening of the area in front of the library, refurbished with the aid of a grant obtained by LoSRA. Details to follow but it is expected Brian Kidd (who appears regularly on Radio Solent's Topsoil programme) will perform the opening at about 10:30 and there will be other events on the day and later in the week.

Tuesday, 24th June: Open meeting, topic to be decided.
Saturday 23rd August: Lee Festival in the High Street.

Tuesday, 23rd September: Open meeting, topic to be decided.

Saturday, 22nd November: Social Event at the Bulson Hall, St. Faith's Church.

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LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Nomination of Officers & Committee Members to be elected at the AGM on Friday 14th March 2008

We _____ and _____

as members of the Association nominate _____

to serve as _____

Proposed by _____ (Signed)

Seconded by _____ (Signed)

This is acceptable by the nominee, who has signed here

_____ Dated _____

Please return this form to the Hon. Secretary, Christine Beavis, 28, Kings Road , Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9NU.

PLEASE NOTE NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7th MARCH

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2008

I/We would like to renew membership of the Lee-on-the-Solent Residents' Association for 2008 and enclose my/our membership subscription of £2.00 each.

Title _____ Initial _____ Surname _____

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Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Payment may be made by cash or cheque made payable to Lee-on-the-Solent Residents' Association.

Please place the completed slip and subscriptions in an envelope addressed to Jim Bell, LoSRA and leave it at Wood's Newsagents in Pier Street or The Bookshop in the High Street

Please indicate below if you are prepared to assist LoSRA and tell us what sort of role would interest you.