

A warm welcome to PACT's first ever quarterly news sheet that brings you local news and opinions in a new format.

In previous years, we have issued our annual ImPACT magazine, which has been very successful and widely accepted for delivering a good overview of what is happening in Petersfield. However, at our last AGM, public opinion was in favour of a more regular news bulletin that could deliver more up to date news and not be so expensive (or heavy!) to deliver.

This we have done and we hope that you like this new format. It is available online and from key outlets in your neighbourhood. Please check the local notice boards for a full list of outlets or look at our web site. <http://www.colc.co.uk/cambridge/forum/pact/>

Summer Event in mid June 2008. Our street party, combined with a charity auction and tombola, enjoyed superb weather, was an outstanding success with about 400 people attending. We raised around £1300 towards community centre funding.



For those of you who may have missed it, we had lots of dance and music and an amazing amount of food donated by local businesses and residents. Our thanks to you all for making this event so wonderful.

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Petersfield Area Community Trust

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Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age.

October saw lots going on in the area. This was a county wide event offering a wide range of activities and seminars specifically targeting the older adult. Petersfield played an important part in the proceedings and was host to several dozen events over the month.

One event in particular warrants special mention. Held at the Chinese Community Centre at the former Howard Mallett club, we had a seminar titled "Community Groups in the 21st Century" which looked at the implications held by the new Sustainable Communities Act. We had two regional speakers and one national one. Each gave an overview of how the new Act could change the way how local government could be influenced to meet local expectations for service delivery. It was all riveting stuff and we'd like to thank the Chinese Community centre for their fabulous food and hospitality.

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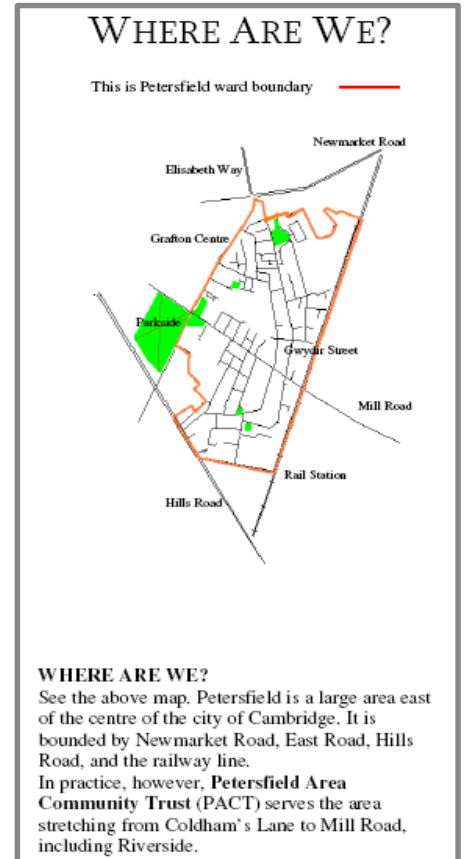
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Have you seen our latest three-fold leaflet? Launched in Oct 2008, It's packed full of information about the work that we've done in the past and ongoing projects. The map below is one of the sections that highlights the Ward boundary. The leaflets are available from local outlets. Check notice boards for full details.



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Our AGM in November 2008 was not as well attended as we had hoped. A combination of cold weather and dark evenings kept several people away. This was reflected in the Open Forum that we held after our AGM. A request came in to try and move the timing to something more favourable and PACT are checking their Constitution to see if this is possible. As we can only change our rules at an AGM, we will have to raise the motion for this year's event in November 2009 in order to effect a change.

The Open Forum actually gave us some very useful pointers. We wanted to 'touch base' with local people to see where the focus of attention should be over the next few years... and this newsletter is a direct result of the feedback that we received.

St. Matthew's Piece and the Howard Mallett building have been a major feature in the PACT 'to do' list. The discussions over the disputed strip of land that lies between the park and the actual HMC building have proved to be very frustrating. Various meetings have taken place, some with PACT and some as part of the East Area Committee meetings. On each occasion, it would seem that the message to the City Council, who have paper title to the land (a fact discovered and flagged up by PACT) has been to fight to retain the land. But in more recent developments, the City Council are refusing point blank to allow further negotiations with the public in case their position is undermined. We can only speculate, but PACT feels that any deal that is about to unfurl may not be in residents' best interests. So great are our concerns that we are raising the matter with the Local Government Ombudsman to try and shed some light on what is going on.

A very fond farewell was given to Glenys Malyon, as she has stood down from her active roles within PACT. Seen here with flowers and a 'thank you' card signed by many admirers, Glenys has promised to keep in touch with us and we are allowed to ask questions now and then if we need guidance on historical matters. Enjoy your retirement, Glenys!



Community Centre. Hopes for seeing our planned new building, which we had thought were very unlikely due to the recent credit crunch, have recently had a big boost!

We received a message from the controlling Estate Agent, Januarys, inviting us to a meeting to discuss progress on the development. We went along, fearing the worst. But the meeting proved to be a very positive one where new ideas were explained and suddenly our drive for a new building was back in gear.

Excited by this turn of events, we have been able to feed ideas to their Architects as to what we would look for from the building. We are now digging out our business plan, blowing off the dust and updating the data to fit in with the new proposals.

We have been offered a smaller space than our original plan had shown, but we believe that it is still a viable unit that will offer a broad range of space and facilities to the area. Our frontage will be onto Newmarket Road. We hope to have a main hall and 3 smaller rooms that will have some flexibility in their layout, so people can hire out even a small room for 'one to one' meetings or choose anything up to the main hall, which could be as big as 11.5m by 5.5m, with full kitchen facilities and ample storage.

There will be good toilet provision, especially for children, which will allow the building to offer space for up to 20 young children to enjoy high quality services. So much has yet to be decided. PACT is taking expert advice on key matters and we are doing our bit to suggest ideas that will make the new building as green as possible. Look out for further updates in PACT's next quarterly bulletin.

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