

IMPACT



Newsletter for PACT (Petersfield Area Community Trust) Summer 2000 • Issue 2



PACT members and friends at the Summer Party 1999

Welcome to the 2nd issue of *impACT*! Here is our new and updated guide to what PACT have been up to recently - as ever there's a lot to tell you about!

We lead with the issue that began PACT - the former Howard Mallett Centre and the latest, brilliant news.

Do you remember the hot spell in April? It prompted the Management Committee to put on their thinking hats (or should that be sun hats!?) and plan the Summer Party on 22nd July at St Matthew's Piece, and despite recent weather we hope that the sun will shine! Come along and meet your community! See page 3 for details!

Finally, if summer has caught you and your wardrobe off guard why not attend the Style and Beauty evening on 29th July held to help raise funds for the exciting Mosaics Project. See back page for details.

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PACT SUCCESS!

Community access restored and improved

PACT has been campaigning tirelessly to restore community access to the facility formerly known as the Howard Mallett Centre since it was leased to Dawe Media two years ago. We are delighted to be able to report that, with the support of local councillors and planning department officers, three tremendous successes have recently been achieved:

(1) Community use of all facilities is now available through Jane Guthrie via tel. 355233! PACT has been emphatically assured that over 100 community-based bookings have been made this way, including a regular group of 11-16 year old break-dancers!. Staff at the studio have also supported individuals who have dropped by and made informal requests, such as a person who asked for help to make a recording of a wedding.

(2) In many circumstances, use of facilities at the centre is entirely free, thanks to the provision of caretaking by Mick Rushby and media support by John Colman.

(3) PACT and local councillors have finally achieved membership of the previously exclusive 'User Group', allowing community interests to be genuinely represented.

What's more:

- the all-weather football pitch on Broad Street has been



renovated and is bookable for community use via 568838; funds are available to support groups who cannot afford the full £20/hour booking fee.

- the York Street side of the old Howard Mallett building has been reseeded and is open for public access.

- Parkside Community Education has at last appointed Tanya Harrison as a community youth worker for Petersfield, to replace Ken Adams, who had worked so very hard with PACT to run our successful Junior Youth Club; PACT looks forward to great strides being taken now!

- Sharon Clark is a City Council 'Reccy Ranger' who is running youth activities on St Matthew's Piece (Sturton Street), which should continue over the summer.

Things are finally looking up for genuinely accessible local recreational, sport and leisure activities.

Your detailed and helpful

responses to PACT's community survey (copies of the results are available through 570157) clearly confirm the strength of local desires for closer neighbourhood ties and a focal point for community activities. We promise to continue to seek even wider and better services for all members of our community, of all ages.

Please do make use of these newly won facilities. Let PACT know about both successes and frustrations in accessing these new services, how well they meet your needs, and tell us how you would like things to improve. Call 562364 with your comments.

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PLANNING

Draft regional planning guidance for the East Anglia Region identifies the Cambridge sub-region as an area of rapid growth with Cambridge as a centre for knowledge-based industry. There is a high demand for new housing and the top priority is to re-develop previously used land - 'brown field sites' within Cambridge.

Petersfield is a prime target for such development. It has a mix of residential and commercial properties and is already densely populated. Site owners and developers are taking advantage of the regional planning guidance. Existing residents are confronted on all sides by commercial sites being sold and redeveloped for housing. Proposals almost always constitute an over-development. Residents have to appeal to local planners to ensure that plans are modified to make them more reasonable and acceptable.

Developments which are underway or under consideration are: Ridgeons (Tenison Road); Foister and Jagg (Abbey Walk); Labgear

(York St); Simperts (New St); Philips (York St); ex-CRC building (Young St); possibly Occupation Road and major parts of Newmarket Road. It is not surprising to find that local residents are suffering from 'planning fatigue' and dread the impact of demolition and construction all around their homes.

Philips Site, York Street

Residents who took part in the 'Planning for Real Day' exercise last September were very disappointed with the plans from the developers. The outcome of that consultation, in the form of a 'Planning Brief' were totally ignored by Wilcon Homes - who did the Ridgeons site in Tenison Road.

The proposals for the Philips site are an incredible 244 dwellings (house and flats). The most unacceptable feature is that 4-storey blocks of flats would be built very close to the boundaries with existing homes in Silverwood Close, New Street and York Street. Representatives of Philips Site Action Group put resident's concerns to the developers at a Development Control Forum held on 10th May. The developers will come back with amended plans.

Community Facilities

A meeting was held last March between representatives of PACT and a Senior Planning Officer where PACT made the case for a concerted effort to gain maximum contributions

towards Planning Facilities.

PACT is pressing for a community centre as compensation for the disruption and discomfort to existing residents and to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding community.

Carpet Mill, Mill Road

A well-attended public meeting was held on the 10th May. Local residents have a number of objections to the plans and made preparations to meet with the local developers, Turnstone Estates at a Development Control Forum on 7th June.

Latest news is that a Residents' and Trader' Steering Group is to draw up it's own plans for the area as a counter-proposal to Turnstones.

Open Space

There is a worrying trend to provide open space provision as grass surfaces on top of underground car parking. This is not an acceptable way of meeting the need. It likely that these grassed areas will suffer badly from wear and tear and it will not be possible to plant specimen trees. PACT wrote to the Planning Dept and has received a constructive reply: 'the Council is aware of the limitations of such open spaces on natural group.' PACT's comments are to be "encapsulated in the revision of the Arboricultural Strategy and the future revision of policies relating to open space."

Beehive Centre

Replacement of the food store and provision of a new bus turning point were supported by residents and are to go ahead. However York Street residents vigorously opposed Phase 2 of British Land's plans which included a new delivery road behind their houses. This was turned down by the City Council's Planning Sub-Committee on 28th June.

Cambridge Local Plan

This is due to be revised and PACT will get involved in the consultation so look out for opportunities to get your say on what principles you think should guide planners in the future - especially in the Petersfield area.

There are many other planning issues and not enough room here. For more information or to join the working party contact Glenys Malyon on 570157.



Demolition at Philips site. Taken from Silverwood Close, this picture shows the close proximity to neighbouring streets.

SURVEY OF NEEDS

Last June we conducted a survey of need of residents living in the St Matthew's and Riverside areas. Ninety-four were returned and have been computer-analysed as our Community Survey Report.

Feedback was very useful and ideas for activities included a Petersfield carnival! PACT has taken this plus other concerns and issues on board for the future.

The report is now available to purchase at £5 per copy (£3.50 for members of PACT). To order a copy or become a member of PACT please complete the form on the back page.

Congratulations to Jackie Minchella from Hilda House, Staffordshire Street who won a bottle of wine in our prize draw! Well done!

Calling all children aged 6 to 14 years

What's available?

- Sporting Courses
- Activity mornings
- Circus workshops

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Monday, 14th August—12.30 –2.30 pm

Tuesday, 29th August—1.30—3.30 pm.

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Friends of Mill Road Cemetery

Friends of Mill Road Cemetery were again lucky with the weather for the second 'Spring Clean the Cemetery' day in April. Forty people came along to help this much-loved graveyard look its best, enjoying refreshments provided by Donaldsons, the bakers in Mill Road.

The Norfolk Street end of the Cemetery is looking a bit different these days. The grass will not be cut until mid-summer to encourage flowers and grasses. A botanical survey has revealed more than 160 species in the Cemetery. Please convey any comments to Frank Dean, 560058.

Friends of Mill Road Cemetery was inaugurated last year to care for the Cemetery as a place of spirituality, remembrance, history and nature. For further information contact Shayne Mitchell, 128 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, tel. 313541. Membership is £5 for one year. All, especially those with friends and family graves, are invited to the Open Afternoon on Saturday 23rd July with an Open Air service at 3pm with the Salvation Army band.

PACT'S NEW ADDRESS

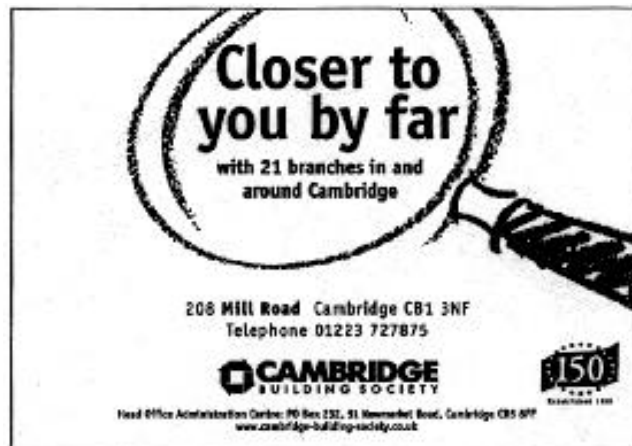
We have a better and quicker URL which is:

<http://www.colc.co.uk/cambridge/forum/pact/>

PACT is pleased to welcome DANIEL GORDON, our new Webmaster who is busy keeping the site up-to-date.

Our new, easy-to-remember email address can redirect mail to the most appropriate Management Committee member: **PACTCambridge@bigfoot.com**

If you haven't got access to the internet at home remember that you can get online at free public access points around the City, our nearest one is at the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Maids Causeway tel 361418.



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Community Award Success!

PACT recently enjoyed a night out at the Cambridge Evening News Community Awards ceremony at The Guildhall.

Local groups picked up awards for their hard work in the community and we were delighted to accept a prize from the Cambridge Evening News and McDonalds to help maintain and renew noticeboards in Petersfield. Well done to all the other groups and thanks to the Cambridge Evening News and McDonalds.

Membership Renewal

Your membership money is vital to PACT and we hope, through publications like **imPACT** you are aware of the work we undertake to make Petersfield a pleasant place to live in! Many membership fees are outstanding and as we are a voluntary group we cannot afford to call everyone who has not paid. Please check your records and, if you need to renew complete the form overleaf and post it to 102 York St.

Advertisement

Vocalis Ltd are producing the next generation of speech recognition technology. To give an authenticity to in-car voice recognition systems data must be collected from drivers with a variety of regional accents.

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Sessions take about an hour and transport is provided
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City Council Noise Disturbance

457457 (7pm-7am weekdays,

9pm-9am weekends, bank hols)

Cambridge City Council 457000

Faulty Street Lights 0800 253529

Cherry Trees Club 568306

St. Matthew's Cat Collective 311828

Citizens Advice Bureau 361418

Petersfield Live at Home 566081

Demolition in Progress

The demolition of both the Philips site and Beehive site are underway as we go to press. Residents have been alarmed to see young children in school uniforms on the Philips site recently. Wilcon Homes and Foxglove Demolition are aware of the situation and have improved the security. Senior Construction Manager at Wilcon, Andy Williams said, "We are concerned regarding this unlawful entry...and are reviewing any possible methods of keeping unwelcome people out." Please check your boundary is secure and ensure that a child you know doesn't get seriously hurt. Trespassing is both dangerous and a criminal offence.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Picnic, St Matthew's Piece, 22nd July 1-3pm

Mill Road Cemetery, Sunday 23rd July, Open Air service

PACT AGM, Wednesday 15th November, 7.30pm,
St Matthew's Church Hall

PACT Community Party, Wednesday 4th December, 7.30pm,
St Matthew's Church Hall

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MOSAICS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

Designs are being drawn up to transform the empty concrete at the corner of St. Matthew's and Norfolk Street into a beautiful miniature park. Members of the community are getting ready to create the 3 mosaic centrepieces for display there. To support this project (financially, or in kind), please contact Anna on 566772 or via email PACTCambridge@bigfoot.com.

You can SPONSOR A MOSAIC TILE- make your contribution a permanent feature of this exciting project! Or you can SPONSOR A PLANT - improve the environment and the park in a special way.

Or come to a Style and Beauty Session, Saturday 29th July, 2-4pm. Learn about skin-care, health, nutrition, style and beauty, experiment with the colours that suit you, talk to experienced consultants.

The £5 booking fee (payable directly to Petersfield Area Community Trust Millennium Project) plus 50% of all retail profit of orders taken will go to the Millennium Project. Please see above for contact details.

STREETS FOR PEOPLE

'What a welcome piece of paper that dropped through the letterbox - normally they get thrown out straightaway!'

This was one response to the leaflet distributed in the St Matthew's and Riverside area about 'Streets for People'.

'Streets for People' is a local initiative to ask people what they do and don't like about our streets and what they'd like to see to make them safer, quieter and more pleasant. Last year's PACT Survey of Needs showed that more traffic was one of people's biggest concerns.

At 2 'Streets for People' events in St Matthew's Church Hall we heard about examples in other towns.

Ideas include lower speed limits, trees and shrub planting. We then had the chance to do hands-on planning with large-scale maps. Everyone had a great time identifying problems and working together to suggest solutions. One participant said, 'I was amazed at the creativity shown!'

Key problems identified were Norfolk Street and speeding in Sturton Street, York Street and Ainsworth Street. Wheelie bins and pavement parking also make life difficult. We are now collating the ideas. If you would like to know more please contact John Collins 562364 or Shayne Mitchell 313541

Public Meeting

with Cambridge City Traffic Planners
and Safer Routes to School

St Matthew's School (Norfolk St)

Tuesday 18 July, 4.30 pm

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