



## Parklands People - Summer 2011

### Parklands Residents' Association Newsletter

#### PRA Committee 2011

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## What next for the Inn on the Green?

Our local pub, the Inn on the Green (formerly known as the Mitre), has now closed. The Co-op is proposing to open a new supermarket on the site and has applied for an off-licence to sell alcohol. Chichester District Council is currently considering objections to this.

A **PUBLIC MEETING** is to be held on  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3 p.m. at St Wilfrid's Church**

to discuss whether or not local residents would welcome this, prefer to have a pub back, or think it should be turned into something else. We will also talk about what this might mean for our local shops at the Ridgeway and what we can do to make sure that our shops continue to be an asset to our community. The more people who come along and express their opinions, the greater the chance we can influence things for the better – **please do come, if you can.**

### What is the Parklands Residents' Association?

The PRA represents local residents' views to local councils and our MP (but is non-political) as well as other authorities such as the police. We co-ordinate responses to local planning and licensing applications and have links with other residents' associations/local interest groups. The PRA promotes a sense of community and good neighbourliness.

### What have we achieved? In recent years the PRA has:

- Pressed for improved access to the shops (for those in wheelchairs/mobility scooters/buggies)
- Raised funds for a community noticeboard and put it up outside the Ridgeway shops
- Helped fight to keep the Post Office open
- Lobbied the planning authorities on housing developments west of Centurion Way
- Replaced trees, planted a mini orchard, sown a wildflower meadow and supported Greening Parklands
- Put in a bench on the Sherborne Road green and repaired another
- Organised litter picks
- Monitored car parking near the College and schools and reported problems/illegal parking
- Supported road calming measures and the 20's Plenty speed limit reduction campaign
- Liaised with our local Police Community Support Officer over anti-social behaviour
- Attended and organised public meetings to put forward the views of the Parklands area
- Organised salting the pavements in snowy weather
- Pressed for micro allotments in Durnford Close
- Put older residents in touch with Parklands School as part of a successful project on the Second World War
- We organise an Annual General Meeting and invite speakers on issues affecting Parklands

### What next?

We were delighted with the turnout at our Annual General Meeting at the end of March and picked up some valuable insights into what you think about living in the Parklands area. We heard what you liked about our community as well as your concerns, complaints and priorities. You wanted PRA to:

- Make sure that the views of Parklands residents continue to be heard at the County, District and City Council level when decisions are made affecting the local area (especially on housing);
- Keep residents in touch with what's happening in Parklands;
- Promote improvements to services and facilities (such as more benches, disabled access to the shops, and keeping a pub or having a café);
- Improve safety and signage, enforce parking and speed restrictions and keep the environment peaceful.

As a result we've put together an action plan to take your priorities forward and, whilst we can't promise to work miracles, we will ensure that your comments are taken into account and try to do something about them. We need to maintain a strong voice if we are to continue to influence developments in the area and will be working hard to increase our membership and raise our profile in the Parklands area.

**Why not join us?** Contact one of the Committee (details at the top of this newsletter) and we'll send you a membership form - our subscriptions are very reasonable at only £4 per household or £2 for a single person.

This newsletter has been sponsored by Henry Adams, local estate agents.  
They also sponsored Parklands Primary School's summer fete



## Keeping you in touch with your community

- **THE BIG LUNCH on Sunday 17 July** - come along to our picnic in the park from midday. Bring your own food and perhaps games to keep all ages amused. We'll be by the play area and look forward to meeting you. Don't like coming to things on your own? Give Joan a ring and we'll get in touch so you can come with someone.
- **Notice Board** – Had a look at our smart new Community notice board outside the Ridgeway Shops yet? If you would like to advertise a community service, news item or charity event on the notice board or in the next edition of this newsletter, please contact 782751 or email **Paula @parklands-chichester.org**. We aim to get newsletters out to the whole area three times a year in March, July and November.
- **Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)** - We need more co-ordinators in the Parklands area. It's quite easy, not time-consuming, and helpful but not essential to have a computer. The local police send you messages to pass on to the people in your patch (it is up to you how many houses you take on). Being in a neighbourhood watch area reduces crime and can reduce your insurance premiums too! To find out more, ring Brian O'Donovan(782537) or contact your local PCSO. For obvious reasons we can't tell you which areas of Parklands are not covered!
- **Greening Parklands** – When we learned that around 1000 single use plastic bags were given out each week at the Ridgeway shops, we asked how we could stop them ending up in landfill. Our answer was re-usable **shopping bags**. They last for ages and carry a "Shop Local" message. So, get your limited edition shopping bag from: **Penfold's family butchers** or **CostCutter** and bag a bargain!
- **Mini-Orchard** – Enjoy the wildflowers, thanks to the District Council and Parklands School. We hope to raise funds to plant extra apple trees in the autumn too.
- **Parklands primary school summer fair** raised a huge £2700! Thanks to everyone who helped and came along.
- **St Wilfrid's Beach BBQ** is taking place on Saturday 9 July between 12 and 3pm at the Church Hall.
- **20's Plenty** - The PRA is supporting the reduction of speed limits in residential areas in Chichester to 20 miles per hour. This will help save lives in the event of an accident, and encourage safer cycling too.

You may not know that local councillors also come to PRA meetings. It's a way for them to hear our concerns so that they can represent us at City, District and County level. If you have a problem that cannot be resolved with the appropriate local council staff, you can contact your councillor. Their contact details are:

- **West Sussex County Council:**  
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- **Chichester District Council:**  
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- **Chichester City Council:**  
Mr R Campling (Lib Dem) Tel: 07921 631114 E-mail: [R.Campling@chichestercity.gov.uk](mailto:R.Campling@chichestercity.gov.uk)

**New to the area?** Here are some activities:

- **12th Chichester Scout group** - meet at the Scout HQ, Sherborne Road on Wednesday evenings for Beavers (6-8 yrs) and Scouts (10-14), whilst Cubs (8-10) meet on Tuesdays. There are waiting lists for all sections so apply well before boys/girls are 6 years old. Membership forms are available when sections are meeting or by email: [applications@12thchichesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:applications@12thchichesterscouts.org.uk). The Scout Hall is available for hire too – contact Alan Pope on 528821 or email: [alan-pope@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alan-pope@tiscali.co.uk). Adults interested in becoming leaders welcomed.
- **Parklands Club for the over-55s** meet on Thursdays 2-4pm for social activities at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. New members always welcome (please note they take a summer break during August).
- **Bingo** – this group has just set up in St Wilfrid's Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm

**Is your group listed here?**

**Let us know if you want to be included**

### Calling local businesses, trades people and groups!

Want to advertise your service or business in our newsletter which goes to over 1500 homes in the Parklands area? Get in touch with Paula to discuss how we can help by emailing her at:

[paula@parklands-chichester.org](mailto:paula@parklands-chichester.org)



## Chichester

## Dance Centre

Dance Classes at Bishop Luffa School  
for children of all ages.

Phone: 01243 -780893

Email: [enquiries@chichesterdance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@chichesterdance.co.uk)