

## \*\*\* Members' Get-Together \*\*\*

**Thursday, 26th November 2009, 7.30-9.30pm**  
**in the Main Hall, Cantell School**

Come and meet old friends and colleagues, voice your local concerns and get an up-date on on-going action in our area. Nibbles and cold drinks will be served.

**Please give us the pleasure of your company and if you'd like to bring a non-member friend along, they'd be very welcome.**

To help the organisers, please complete and return the attached reply form by 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Rights of Way consultation**

Earlier this year Ebra was invited by the Council to take part in a City-wide survey of footpaths for possible inclusion on the Definite Rights of Way Map. Wherever we could, we gave details of the past and present use of twenty-two footpaths in or bordering our area. Many of our members also sent information and the Rights of Way Officers thank us all for the number of responses they received from our area. A further public consultation on the initial findings will be held later.

### **Cantell School**

Just to remind you that the **next residents' liaison meeting** at the School will be at **6.30 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. (As an aside, since the rebuilding of Cantell, the School has generously allowed us to use their premises for our own Committee and Members meetings and we are very grateful for this help).

### **Policing**

#### **Community Policing Personnel**

Yet again, there are changes of personnel in the Community Policing team at Portswood Station. We now have **Inspector Tony Rowlinson** in charge and the Community Sergeant is **Sergeant Stewart Chandler** who was previously with the Police Licensing Unit. (Please note that the new team wants more people to let them have their e-mail addresses to go on their information mailing list).

#### **Bassett Police Panel**

The second meeting was held on 9 September. As a result of one priority set by the residents at the first meeting, we were pleased to hear that youth nuisance at the Sports Centre has reduced due to the increased Police presence. The next meeting will be at Great Oaks School on 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Please let Jean know if there are any problems you would like raised at that meeting.**

### **Police Warnings**

A young man calling at doors asking for work or money, although not regarded by the Police as a threat, can become a nuisance if encouraged.

A bogus BT employee rings householders threatening to disconnect because of unpaid bills and asks for immediate payment by credit card!

### **University News**

Arrivals Weekend was well managed, with arrivals split between Saturday and Sunday. Congratulations to the organisers.

Boldrewood. Work is being carried out on the existing Annexe building. We have withdrawn an official complaint about the planning processes involved in the redevelopment of the site as we believe we can get no further with our enquiries. However, we are left with concerns at the manner in which the Council's adopted local plan was put aside and a lack of transparency in the process from the residents' point of view.

Mountbatten landscaping A hedge of native trees is being planted in front of the wire fencing to screen off the open "swaks" area from the road. We're told it's going in at a height of 1.8 metres and will be maintained in future at 2.5 metres.

New Vice-Chancellor. Professor Sir William Wakeham has retired and we welcome his successor, Professor Don Nutbeam, returning to Southampton from the University of Sydney.

### **Students' Union Licence for "The Cube"**

The Union made an application for an extension of opening hours on Fridays and Saturdays to 3 am; for later entry to the venue up to 12.30am and to waive the Condition that substantial food must be available while alcohol is being sold. Fifty-eight objections were made by residents; Highfield RA and Ebra attended the Council's Licensing Panel Hearing on 24 September and were represented by the Barrister, Miss Sarah Clover of No 5 Chambers.

The Panel ruled that a causal link was established between clients leaving the venue and damage and disturbance in Glen Eyre Road and Church Lane and beyond. The extended hours were refused but the other two changes were granted.

The Union have appealed against the decision and so have the residents' groups. **We are all saddled with a misguided decision in 2001 to create a nightclub in the middle of a residential area**

**Fluoridation of Water**. We are hoping that the City Council will be taking another vote on this matter and decide to withdraw its original support.