



Extra News

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Message from the New Chairman

In writing my first report as the newly elected chairman of Romsey Extra Parish Council I want to start by paying tribute to our outgoing chairman, Councillor Teresa Hibberd.

During the past three years under Teresa's chairmanship the parish council has achieved a great deal. The past year's achievements include the much improved and extended footpath along Highwood Lane and additional lighting along a dangerous length of Halterworth Lane.

Grants have also been given to a number of other organisations in Romsey. For example the 10th Romsey Scouts received a grant, which will go towards the purchase of a new tent for the Beavers group. The Romsey Choral Society received a grant which enabled them to produce a high quality brochure to promote their programme of music for the year. Improvements to Woodley Village Hall have also been part-funded by the parish council

We have strengthened links with Mountbatten School with the parish council now sponsoring an annual citizenship award. The parish council has also provided financial support to help the school to produce an excellent CD, which shows the high standard of musical achievement at the school. The Mountbatten Community Choir has also contributed with two terrific tracks.

Looking to the future we expect a number of important planning applications to come before the parish council in the coming months. Some will doubtless be contentious; others

may well bring other benefits both to Romsey Extra Parish and Romsey as a whole.

However the parish council is not the planning authority and cannot give or refuse planning permission. That role belongs to Test Valley Borough Council. We can and do object to planning applications that we feel would be detrimental to all or part of Romsey Extra, and forward our objections to TVBC for further debate.

Finally many of you will have read in the local paper that Romsey Extra Parish Council, together with Romsey Town Council has come together to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the area. This will not be a quick process – it could take a year or more - and a great deal of work will need to be done before the final plan emerges.

It is very much a requirement that parishioners become involved in this process. I hope therefore that you will take the opportunity to visit the first exhibition on current progress, which is scheduled for mid-June. Please watch the local press for details.

Finally before the plan can be legally adopted there has to be a local referendum. The plan can only proceed to final adoption if it has the support of the majority of our voters. If the plan finally gets approval it will then become your plan for Romsey Extra and Romsey.

Chris Wesson



Retiring Chairman—Teresa Hibberd

After three years as your chairman I am standing down and you now have a new chairman Cllr Chris Wesson who I know will do an excellent job and I support him fully.

It has been an honour and privilege to represent Romsey Extra at the many civic and parish events over this period. I have met so many people in and around the parish and I have always endorsed the many

different groups and volunteers who work hard in our community.

The councillors on the parish council work very hard on your behalf and they will continue to do so, we are a good team. I would like to personally thank our clerk Carol McFarland who has been my rock and steered me through many parish council meetings and her advice has been

invaluable. I would also like to thank my fellow parish councillors who have always supported me over the period of my Chairmanship. Your council has achieved an awful lot over the last 12 years that I have been involved. I am still a Councillor and will be carrying on with the projects that I am engaged in so I will see you out and about.

Parish Councillor Changes—Co-option of Andy Carter

Following the departure of Miles Willshire in April due to persistent non-attendance the Parish Council co-opted Andy Carter at the end of May.

My wife and I have lived in Romsey since 1977 and our children were educated at Halterworth and

Mountbatten Schools. My career was spent in teaching culminating in being the Deputy Head Teacher at the City of Portsmouth Girls' School for over twenty years. During that time I built a close relationship working in partnership with the Local Authority, local and national

organizations, employers and training agencies, parents and governors, and also served for a time on the governing body.

My wife and I bought some land with a barn in the New Forest National Park where we keep horses and I collect and restore old vehicles.

Abstinence or Temperance Brewery v Landowner — Phoebe Merrick

In 1879 William Cowper-Temple was elevated to the peerage and became Lord Mount Temple having inherited Broadlands from his step-father, Lord Palmerston, in 1869. Mount Temple was something of a pioneer amongst the aristocracy with his views. One of these was the cause of total abstinence from alcohol and he was one of the first Victorian aristocrats to start wearing a blue ribbon as a sign of his conviction. In the early 1880s, like many a convert before and since, he felt the need to argue the cause which he had embraced, and as a result had become involved in an exchange of letters with the Country Brewers Society and in particular with Thomas Strong.

Thomas Strong is the man after whom Romsey's principal brewery was named from the 1858 until its final closure in 1991. He started as a manager of the Horse Fair Brewery, but finally bought it in 1883. He bought a small estate known as Harefield, where he built himself a fine house, and in the grounds a gatehouse and two estate cottages. These survive as part of Viney Avenue. Strong died in 1886 and is buried in a fine pink marble tomb in

Botley Road cemetery.

Mount Temple was of the opinion that moderate drinking was a precursor of heavy drinking and the only way to avoid such peril was to become a total abstainer. He further said that the brewers and distillers were only trying to protect their profits, and not the drinkers.

Strong, on the other hand said he favoured temperate drinking, and pointed out that Lord Mount Temple had drunk alcohol until he was 70 so was trying to deny others a pleasure from which he had benefited for most of his life.



Longbridge Cottages 1966 example of pre-Victorian estate housing

He then waxed lyrical on the shortcomings of Lord Mount Temple as a landowner. He pointed out that the Broadlands estate did not provide a sufficient number of cottages for its estate workers which they needed because their wages were so low that they could not afford commercial rents. He said further that some of the cottages that the estate supplied were 'scarcely fit for human habitation'. He added that the other big estate in Romsey, that of the Fleming family, was as bad in this respect.

Warming to his theme Strong then vilified Lord Mount Temple for not employing men all the year round, when they had no other employer. Strong considered that at very least they should be employed for 'half-time' during the winter months, which would lessen the hardship felt by their families during those months.

Unfortunately no critique survives, if one was ever made, of the employment practices at the brewery, so we cannot judge how good or bad an employer Strong himself was.

Summary of Annual Report 2014

This is a summary of the Annual Report presented at our Annual Parish Assembly in April.

Planning

Planning Applications:

In the year we commented on 71 applications. Notably we objected to 20 houses off Peel Close on the grounds of unwarranted development in the countryside and access issues we were pleased that Test Valley Borough Council refused this application.

Abbotswood: This year we looked at 5 more applications, showing further details of the properties and layouts, advertising signage and the Informal Recreation Areas / Strategic Open Space.

Oxlease Farm Fishlake Meadows: This was an application for around 55 houses on Oxlease Farm considered last year and we decided that policy considerations must prevail and chose to object. This year has seen a further application for this site but again we objected on our original grounds.

Tesco: We first looked at this application in October 2012 it was clearly in the countryside but this needed to be balanced against a need for more varied retail facilities for the town. At a joint meeting with Romsey Town Council both councils decided to object for many reasons including: countryside policy, impact on the town centre and traffic. We have seen a couple of further applications in connection with this application; however, our original position remains the same. We wait for Test Valley to make its decision.

Test Valley Draft Core Strategy: We considered this in April last year and again in March this year. In summary we objected to development at Whitenap, Hoe Lane and the Housing Allocated Principles. The sports facilities at Ganger Farm were supported; as was the retention of the local gap.

Romsey Neighbourhood Plan: The Localism Act 2011 introduced statutory Neighbourhood Planning in England. It enables communities to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for their area and is intended to give communities like Romsey more of a say in the development of the local area. A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document and will take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the Neighbourhood.

Test Valley Borough Council would have to take into account the Neighbourhood Plan when writing their borough wide plan. Romsey Town and Romsey Extra Parish Councils (The Romsey Councils) have agreed to jointly produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Romsey.

Projects

Woodley Village Hall:

We purchased a water heater for the kitchen and have supported the village halls plans for a new porch canopy and other improvement works. Furthermore, we have agreed to help with the layout to the front entrance by updating the garden to the right of the main entrance.

Footpath Highwood Lane:

This year we have seen the footway completed. We will try to ensure the vegetation is trimmed back and the footway swept clear.

Grants

We continue to grant monies to local organisations, groups and individuals in the Parish for a variety of purposes.

Council Administration

Newsletter:

Each year we aim to distribute 4. We are very grateful to Phoebe Merrick who writes the History Spot, and Sally Leach who writes the Nature, these articles are always very interesting.

Website:

The Parish Council has engaged Refined Line to produce our new website the launch scheduled this year has been delayed but we hope to have it up and running soon.

Footpaths & Roads

Speed Limits:

Notable successes have been a 40mph speed limit on Highwood and Green Lanes. Further we have supported 30mph speed limits along Braishfield and School Roads and parts of Sandy and Jermyn's Lanes. Together with the extension of the 30mph along Winchester Road and 40mph along parts of the A27 at Shootash. In addition to our Speed Limit Reminder Sign we now have a Speed Indicator Device to help with setting up a Community Spedwatch.

Street Lighting:

The County Council through a private finance initiative has been replacing all the street lighting in the county. We worked with a resident and the County Council to have a replaced light on the footway near Bramble Drive moved back as not to obstruct the footway. In

addition we have arranged for additional lighting to be installed along Halterworth Lane from the crossing to Winchester Road.

Flooding:

This winter has seen unprecedented rainfall with flooding in many areas. Flooding at the Luzborough end of Highwood Lane was solved following the Parish Council meeting with the County Council engineer. It appeared that a laundry basket had become lodged and blocked the ditch. This has now been removed and a grill installed to prevent this happening again.

Resolved Concerns:

The concerns we have on footpaths and roads are always a strong feature of our meetings. These concerns are all brought to the attention of Hampshire It is getting promised changes actually underway that does normally take us some time and effort. Footway – Highwood Lane has been resurfaced with new curbing.

Running Water – Halterworth Lane the clearing of the bank, enlarging the drainage channel and installing a new 'French drain' is hoped will cure this long running problem.

Outstanding Concerns:

Resurfacing of footway and highway – Footner Close and Hunters Crescent. We will continue to discuss with Hampshire Highways other items of outstanding concern.

Parish Amenities

Bus Shelter Crampmoor - The shelter has seen the seat repaired and painted.

Finance

Provisional Accounts for 2013/14:

	£
Income:	
Precept	33,386.62
Other	2,990.84
Total	36,377.46
Expend:	
Admin & VAT	18,062.01
Running	3,210.82
Projects	2357.00
Grants	3770.00
Total	27,399.83

Income less Expenditure	8,977.63
Brought Forward	22,521.81
Balance	31,499.44

Precept 2014/15: The precept has been set at £34,687

Woodley & Crampmoor Friendship Club

The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Woodley Village Hall at 2 pm and is open to members over 55. There are slideshows, talks, demonstrations, bingo and some social time (chat) at **JULY**

16th "History/Characters of New Forest" Jill Daniels

AUGUST

6th & 20th Half Day Outings

SEPTEMBER

3rd Bingo

17th "Postcards To/From Romsey"
Charles Burnett

OCTOBER

1st "Old Romsey" Joy Knowles
(LTVAS)

15th Trading Standards

NOVEMBER

5th "Fire Service" Anton Phillips

19th "Fungi of Hampshire" Phil Budd

DECEMBER

3rd Christmas Bingo

17th Lora Williams Entertainer

Council Meetings

The Council meets at 7.15pm in the Ganger Room, Woodley Village Hall, School Road (unless otherwise stated):

Thursday 10 July

Thursday 14 August

Thursday 11 September

Thursday 9 October

Thursday 13 November

Thursday 11 December

Abbotswood Photos

On the afternoon of Friday 26 September, Phoebe Merrick will be showing 100 pictures of Abbotswood. The event will be in Romsey Town Hall between 2.15 and 3.45 and all are welcome. It is part of the Romsey Local History Society's programme and we ask £2 donation from non-members.

Phoebe will have pictures of the area before any building work took place, as well as photographs of the building of the estate and will be showing these.

Romsey Police Rural Beat PCSO Jo Cole

Recently the rural have been targeted in a number of shed and garage breaks please make sure your sheds and equipment are secure.

Mark all items with post code and record serial numbers, e.g. UV pens or forensic marking kits, i.e. Smart water; even consider painting pink spots on equipment this will deter a possible offender.

Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com

Community Events

Woodley Close Community Picnic
Saturday 9 August
12-3pm

Open to all, please come along to the play park for face painting, bouncy castle, coconut shy and more....

Roaming Rendezvous Community Cafe

Friday 25 July 2014

Woodley Village Hall, School Road, Romsey
10.00am - 12.00 noon

Pop in to our friendly, informal cafe to meet a friend, read the paper, and chat with our friendly volunteers.

Come for a few minutes or stay longer!

Enjoy a FREE hand or shoulder massage from our British Red Cross volunteers!

Continuing on the fourth Friday of the month:

22 August 26 September

For more information call: 01794 519495
A Community Partnership Initiative in Romsey Extra



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We welcome any feedback you might have on any issues raised in this newsletter or any other issues that concern you in the local area. Your feedback will help us to confirm that we are representing the general views of the parish as well as identifying particular problems that we are not aware of. We welcome any comments you might have and your participation in our activities. Please send them to the Clerk at the address on Page 1 or e-mail as above.