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**DOES EBC HAVE PLANS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY? FIND OUT IF YOU WILL BE AFFECTED & HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.**

The Local Plan sets out a strategic vision and planning policies for the Borough over the next 18 years until 2029. The Council is legally required to produce a plan for the Borough that looks at least 15 years ahead and it must identify sufficient land for *development* to meet the community's needs over that period.

There will be staffed public exhibitions with the chance to see the plans and maps and discuss issues with staff at:

**Bursledon** 2pm-8pm, Tuesday 8 November  
St Paul's Church, Chamberlayne Road,  
Bursledon SO31 8DT

**Netley Abbey** 2pm-8pm, Thursday 10 November  
Abbey Hall, Victoria Road, Netley Abbey SO31 5FA

**Hedge End** 2pm-8pm, Tuesday 15 November  
Hedge End Village Hall, St Johns Road, Hedge End SO30 4AF

**Hamble-le-Rice** 12noon-6pm, Saturday 19 November  
Hamble-le-Rice Village Memorial Hall,  
High Street, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4JE

**West End** 2pm-8pm, Friday 25 November  
West End Parish Centre, Chapel Road, West End SO30 3FE

**Botley** 2pm-8pm, Monday 28 November  
Youth Hall, High Street Recreation Ground,  
Botley SO30 2ES

The Local Plan documents will also be available at the Civic Offices, Eastleigh Town Centre Office, local parish/town council offices, libraries and there will be a copy of the plan on [www.eastleigh.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/localplan).

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FORUM**

**NEWSLETTER 61  
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Comments must be made by 3 January 2012 on the consultation response form that is available in hard copy and online from EBC.

The Council will consider all the representations and comments that have been made and these will all be reported to Cabinet along with a revised version of the Local Plan in summer 2012.

P.S. Please read our Chair's letter in *You Write*

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**VILLAGE LOCAL PLANS**

Bursledon, Hound and Botley are busy producing Parish Plans, so that local people have the chance to say what they value about their their villages and what they want to be protected. Please respond to any surveys and events that are organised by your Parish Plan Steering Groups and get involved.

Our villages are worth preserving and if we are not prepared to say so, who will? ESPOPF's Age-Friendly Action Plan asked for housing to be provided, so that older people would not have to leave their familiar communities to find suitable accommodation. Here is a chance to say what we need.

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# ESPOPF NEWS PAGE

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### **SEPTEMBER OPEN MEETING**

As usual, we spent an interesting morning learning lots of things we didn't know before. Dr Stuart Ward, a GP from Eastleigh, came to tell us about the new Safe and Sustainable Acute Services that are being developed by a new grouping called NHS South Central. He spoke in particular about the Major Trauma Unit that is envisaged for Southampton General Hospital with a helicopter pad on the top of the car park. Although we were pleased to know that people whose lives were threatened would get to a specialist hospital more quickly, we were also concerned about how local people would be able to access services with less car parking available. Dr Ward promised to follow this up.

Diane Rodaway provided her usual Extend exercises and we had a most interesting session on Equality and the work of the Hampshire Equality Forum. Jane Vass from Age UK sought information from a small group of members about private pensions and annuities.

After a delicious lunch, we were given an excellent and thought-provoking presentation on the Council Tax by Roger Redman, who came all the way from Taunton Older People's Forum with his wife to urge us to join a campaign to end the Council Tax. The Committee will discuss how to take this forward.

The raffle raised £56. Thanks to all those who brought prizes and bought tickets.

The 100 Club September winners were:

£50 Betty Spaven (79) West End

£25 John L. Taylor (75) Bursledon

£25 Diana Sneezum (6) Bursledon

The 70 Club winners were:

£35 Terry Prosser (14) West End

£17.50 Mrs Oakley (66) Bursledon

£17.50 John Taylor (22) Hound

### **'THE WAY WE PAY'**

We have been very pleased to re-convene our *Frail Elderly* group of members to give further assistance to Age UK's ongoing research into

*The Way We Pay.* Our members are going to approach small businesses that they use and interview the owners about their willingness to continue to take cheques. AGE UK fears that banks are putting pressure on small business to stop receiving cheques, but needs evidence from our members that this is so.

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### **MACULAR DE-GENERATION**

Margaret Baker asks members to bring used bottle tops to Open Meetings, so that she may collect them and send them on to the charity.

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### **FIRST WESSEX HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

We have been communicating with First Wessex about the proposed re-development of the Extra Care Housing in Eastleigh. It has been decided that the current accommodation is not fit for purpose and this will create a major re-settlement problem, given that many of the residents will be in need of specialist, temporary accommodation that is just not available. At the same time, the demolition and redevelopment of First Wessex bungalows is continuing throughout the parishes. We ask any tenants who may be experiencing problems and need support to let us know so that we may help. (Tel. 023 8040 3311 (Diane Andrewes))

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### **"GROWTH NEGLIGENCE"**

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of evidence that has been provided for our research by our members about their experience of cancer. We understand that, as usual, we seem to be breaking new ground by, in this case, finding out what patients really think about NHS services. Our findings match those that have been brought to light by the recent Care Quality Commission Report and by the Health Ombudsman and they raise urgent issues about the ageist attitudes and lack of care of older patients in the NHS. We launch the Report at our November Open Meeting.

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### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 13/11/11**

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 17 2012**

# NOTICE BOARD

## ONE COMMUNITY OLDER PEOPLE'S WELLBEING PROJECT

**JULY 2011 - MARCH 2012**

The aim of this project, part funded by EBC, is to deliver information about wellbeing and healthy lifestyles to older people's clubs and groups in the Borough. The priorities are exercise, sign-posting of HISP and UK Online Centres and nutrition.

### CHANGE OF NAME FOR HISP

The Home Information & Support Project (HISP) will be known in future as One Community Information & Support (OCIS) The telephone number remains

**023 8090 2405**

The new worker, Alison Robertson, came to our September Open Meeting. OCIS offers a free, confidential, information service. We understand that the service of home visits for help with benefits will continue.

### SMARTWATER PROPERTY CODING

The importance of marking your possessions in the fight against crime cannot be underestimated. Hampshire Constabulary is equipped to detect SmartWater and criminals know this. It is a revolutionary forensic coding system that shows up on a marked property using a UV light. For more information visit [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)

### BEWARE VANITY!

Millions of older people with hearing problems are suffering unnecessarily and even damaging family relationships because of personal vanity. A survey of people with mild or moderate hearing loss found that the vast majority of them

don't have a hearing aid. The reasons given are that hearing aids would make them feel old, or that they would be embarrassed to use them in public. Fewer women than men consult their GPs about their hearing loss.

Unfortunately, all this means problems with partners and arguments within the family. For instance, family members often have to leave the room if the volume of the television is too high. Surprisingly, the problem is also affecting people across the generations and is not confined to older people.

Getting advice from GPs is the first step towards improving quality of life for someone whose hearing is not what it ought to be.

### RESEARCHING HOUSE HISTORY

Afternoon workshop 2-4pm on Wednesday 16 November at Hampshire Records Office (near Winchester Station) £10 Book in advance. Tel. **01962 846154**

[enquiries.archives@hants.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.archives@hants.gov.uk)

### DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

The current analogue delivery of television programmes within the ITV Meridian region will be switched off in April 2012.

Digital UK has been set up to help viewers find out how and when to switch. Their advice line is **08456 505050**.

The Switchover Help Scheme, run by the BBC, can give practical help. If you are 75 or over, or on certain disability benefits, registered blind/partially sighted, or living permanently in a care home, you may ask for help. For £40, or free if you get income-related benefits, you are entitled to receive practical help to switch one TV set to digital, including choice of equipment, installation

and after care. To access the scheme, call the Helpline number **08456 505050**

### MEALS ON WHEELS

The payment of £3 will provide you with a hot meal and sweet delivered to your door. Contact Julie or Janine between 8am and 2pm on **023 8062 9130**. For more details of the service visit [www.eastleigh.gov.uk/meals](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/meals)

### BREATHE EASY HEDGE END LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP

If you suffer from asthma, bronchitis, emphysema or any other lung condition, you should join this local support group. It meets at the Underhill Centre in St John's Road Hedge End SO30 4DU on Fridays. Contact Brian Osborne for more details: Tel. **01489 784446**

### FREE COMPUTER COURSE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

Open Sight Head Office in Bishopstoke 9.30am-4pm  
Wednesday 30 November. To book a place call Loraine Brown on **07909 92746**

### USEFUL

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS HANDYPERSON SERVICE

**0845 459 5036**

**DIAL A RIDE**

**023 8090 2450**

#### EASTLEIGH COUNCIL

**023 8068 8000**

([direct@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:direct@eastleigh.gov.uk))

#### HOUSING OPTIONS

**023 8068 8165**

#### NOISE COMPLAINTS

**023 8068 8000**

#### GARDENING SERVICE

**023 8068 8307**

#### MEDICAL TRANSPORT

**023 80455180 (BHH)**

**023 8027 0088 (HEWEB)**

#### HELP WITH BINS

**023 8068 8440**

## YOU WRITE...

- around £178 per week

- cost of proper care in the NHS or community to be shared by society as a whole
- a warm home with a £500 fuel allowance per household.

We ask you to lobby your MP on these issues.

**Dot Gibson**  
**NPC General Secretary**

**Dear Editor**

Following your comments on the proposed helipad on the Southampton General site, I had a chat with the Medical Director. He said that the eventual site is going to be the top of the new Children's Block outside Casualty. The temporary solution has been to place it on the car park.

Because of all the issues with parking, the Trust has made significant changes to the on-site parking rules. They have limited the amount of parking available to staff and have moved 160 staff-parking places to the old Ordnance Survey site at Millbrook, with a Park and Ride. Apparently, this had made a massive difference and there are no queues left.

I wait to see and then be convinced, but an extra 160 places permanently for short-term visitors should make a huge difference, so they may well be right.

**Stuart A P Ward Dr**  
**Hampshire PCT**

**Dear Editor**

Further to your enquiry, the Government cancelled the Future Jobs Fund, so we have no funding to pay the loft clearers and insulation installers, who were getting trained to do these very valuable things. Sorry!

**Jane Altounyan**  
**Community Climate Change**

**Dear Editor**

...The Government made clear in the 2010 Spending Review that its first priority was to reduce the budget deficit and that support for buses should take a share of the spending reductions. As with the decision to cut the Bus Service Operators' Grant (BSOG) by 20% from April 12, tough decisions had to be made, including that to end the BSOG coach concession from October 2011.

While the coach concession has provided valuable service to older and eligible disabled people since 2003, it cannot be funded indefinitely. By taking this decision, higher priority programmes, such as the national bus concessions, were able to continue.

All coach operators, including National Express, are free to continue to offer half-price concessionary travel to older and eligible disabled people on a commercial basis.

**Philip Hammond MP**  
**Secretary of State**  
**Department of Transport**

**Dear Editor**

I am writing to let you know that I have received Hampshire County Council's initial comments on your complaints (about cuts to the Mobile Library Service) and will write to you as soon as possible.

**Victoria Miles Investigator**  
**Local Government Ombudsman**

**Dear Editor**

The National Pensioners Convention believes that pensioners are facing a series of attacks on their living standards. We need to highlight our demand for three basic rights in retirement:

- decent basic state pension that takes everyone out of poverty

**Co-ordinator EBC**

**Dear Editor**

Veterans and war widows may claim from £150, for travelling in Britain, and up to £5,500, for those who served in the Far East, to revisit battlefields, graves of comrades and loved ones who fell in service to their country.

It's not just the Army, Air Force and Navy who can apply. It also includes Merchant Navy, Auxiliary Territorial Service, Wrens and Women's Auxiliary Service – all are eligible.

Five levels of grant are available from the Big Lottery Fund (Heroes Return 11) but claims will have to be lodged before the end of the year.

**John Babbage**  
**babbagejohn7@gmail.com**

**Dear Editor**

Please find enclosed cheque for of our subscriptions as I can't remember paying them. If I have already done so, it will be a very grateful contribution as your newsletters are very informative and interesting and the work you do on our behalf is most appreciated. Long may it continue!

**Hannah Barber Hedge**  
**End**

**Dear Editor**

When I stood for election in Hedge End, we found there was a need for a railway station, so we ran a campaign to test the support for it being put in the Local Plan. The rest is history!

**June Watson Chair**

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EASTLEIGH SOUTHERN PARISHES

OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

# ***OPEN MEETING***

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 2011**

**HILLDENE CENTRE HIGH STREET**

**WEST END SO30 3DU**

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING (10.30am)**

**CHARITY STALLS RAFFLE OCIS (HISP)**

**SOUTHERN NHS TRUST WORKSHOP (11.30am):**

***'COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES***

***FOR OLDER PEOPLE '***

***EXTEND EXERCISES***

***AFTERNOON (2pm)***

**LAUNCH OF ESPOPF'S CANCER CARE RESEARCH**

**"GROWTH NEGLIGENCE"**

## **BOOKING FORM WITH PAYMENT DETAILS**

**RSVP Betty Lawrence 8 Rookley Netley Abbey SO31 5PH Tel.023 8045 3680**

Name(s).....Tel.....

Address.....

**CHOOSE:**

**DEADLINE:10/11/11**

**CHICKEN a la king with fresh vegetables ... LASAGNE ... VEGETARIAN LASAGNE ... (£3.50)**

**HOME-MADE PROFITEROLES WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE ... SHERRY TRIFLE ... (£2.50)**

I/We wish to book ..... lunches @ £5 (2 courses) or Main Course (£3.50) ..... Sweet ..... (£2.50)

PLEASE INFORM BETTY OF CANCELLATIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

ALL ORDERED MEALS TO BE PAID FOR ON THE DAY.

I/we wish to reserve ... seats on the door-to-door **One Community Bus**

**SUBSCRIPTION:** I/we wish to pay to 'ESPOPF' the 2011/12 annual subscription £3/£5 .....

# THE ESPOPF 100 CLUB

(Licence No. 115/1307/06)

## ***A great way to raise funds for ESPOPF and a chance to win prizes up to £50***

### **1 Why do we have a 100 Club?**

*It was established in 2006 to raise money locally for ESPOPF's running expenses.*

### **2 What is a 100 Club?**

*100 numbers are entered every year into a bi-monthly draw. Participants over the age of 16 are charged £1 per month per number to enter the draw. Half the total income goes towards the prizes and half to the good cause (ESPOPF). If 100 members join, the total annual income will be £1200: £600 for the good cause and £600 for prizes. The Club is licensed by the local licensing authority.*

### **3 How much can I win?**

*100 numbers are entered into the bi-monthly draw at our Open Meetings when 3 numbers are drawn. The prizes are 1 @ £50 and 2 @ £25 at each draw. With 3 prizes every other month, every number has 18 opportunities to win a prize throughout the year. (Last year we also ran a 70 Club with equivalent prizes.)*

### **4 Who can join?**

*Anyone can join and buy as many numbers as they like.*

### **5 How do I pay?**

*Send the slip below **with a cheque for £12 per number** (made payable to **ESPOPF 100 Club**) to Betty Lawrence, the Hon. Treasurer, at 8 Rookley Netley Abbey SO315PH or bring it to an Open Meeting. She will allocate your unique membership number(s) and hold it(them) in the ESPOPF 100 Club Register.*

### **6 How will I know if I have won a prize?**

*The draws will be made at the 6 Open Meetings in the year. The cheques will be presented to the winners on the spot or sent to the winners if they are not present. Details will be reported in the Newsletter. Club Rules are available on demand.*

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NAME .....Tel. No.....

ADDRESS .....

I wish to purchase ... 100 Club Numbers @ £12 each. I enclose a **cheque** for £.....

payable to ESPOPF and sent to 100 Club Promoter, 8 Rookley, Netley Abbey, SO31 5PH

The numbers will be in the name(s) of 1.....

2.....

3.....