



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The time since our last newsletter has been very busy. We have had a Special General Meeting to adopt a new Constitution, a talk on the History of North Camp and an Open Meeting on the Aldershot Urban Extension. On December 12th we round off the year with a "Christmas Open House", explained below.

2009 has been the busiest year for NCMCA for a long time. We intend to continue in the same fashion, and are now starting to plan the programme for 2010. We are already organising meetings for January and February.

On behalf of the Committee may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year !

Mike Palmer – December 2009

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



NCMCA are holding a Christmas Open House on Saturday the 12th December. This is a social event to allow members, and their guests, to come together and enjoy each other's company. A buffet lunch will be provided and admission is free !!

So, if you are shopping in North Camp that day, or have some time to spare, come along to the Baptist Church in Queen's Road between 12.00 and 2.00 pm where you will be very welcome !

NIGEL TO STAND DOWN AS SECRETARY

Everyone will know our Secretary, Nigel Baines. Nigel has lived in North Camp, apart from his Army service, since childhood and has a distinguished record of public and charitable service, both as a Councillor for St Mark's Ward and as a member of many charity and community organisations.

Nigel has been our Secretary for several years now, but has reluctantly decided that the time has come to stand

down at our next AGM in February. While Nigel will be missed as Secretary, we are hopeful that he will stand again as a Committee member and thus his experience will not be lost to us.

If you are interested in standing as a candidate for Secretary at the AGM, do please let a member of the Committee know and we will be happy to discuss what is involved.

ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Mark's Church held a Christmas tree festival on the 28th and 29th November. Thanks to a generous donation from Cllr Mrs Diane Bedford, NCMCA were able to enter the splendid tree shown above, which was setup by Christine Osment and Jimmy Noyce.

CHRISTMAS SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

This annual event is again proving very popular and His Worship the Mayor has been invited to judge the entries in the week starting 7th December

SGM, 28TH SEPTEMBER

The new constitution was adopted at the SGM, removing the uncertainty that had surrounded the previous document after revision in 2007.

The draft new constitution was circulated in early September. If you make the following small changes to that document you will have a copy of the new Constitution. Please delete the line *"To be added only if this Constitution is adopted"* on page 5, and delete *"draft"* from the footer on each page.

Two members have suggested changes to the document and the Committee will table these at our AGM on 15th February next year.

The SGM was followed by a talk on North Camp from the well known local historian and author, Jo Gosney, who showed many interesting old photographs and gave fresh insight into the history of our village. Among the many interesting stories Jo told us was one, perhaps apocryphal, of grand pianos being carried from the Queen's Hotel when it suffered a major fire not long after opening over 100 years ago.

ALDERSHOT URBAN EXTENSION OPEN MEETING

The speaker was Tracey Coleman, Rushmoor Borough Council's Project Coordinator for the AUE.

The meeting, on the 11th November, was well attended even though, after the arrangements had been made, the Council announced that the Development Committee meeting to decide on the TAG application for more flights at the Airfield was to be held on the same night !! We had many apologies from people who had decided,

reluctantly, that they should attend the TAG meeting.

Tracey gave a most interesting talk on the history of the AUE project and its current status. The talk can be found on our website at www.northcampmatters.co.uk

A lively discussion took place. A major concern was the increased traffic which would be generated along Lynchford Road, which is already operating well over capacity. Tracey explained that while the AUR project had funds to mitigate such problems, it could not finance a complete solution. The developer is required to produce a full transport assessment and include mitigation to support planning applications for the AUE.

While the AUE will have two primary schools, it is Hampshire County Council's intention that secondary school pupils will go to the Connaught School in Aldershot, which has spare capacity, and that they should walk or cycle to the school.

A Wavell Governor in the audience said that the capacity at Wavell is expected to rise from the current 864 to 1020 by 2014/15, and thus there would be spaces for AUE children there.

Health services for the AUE will be provided by the Aldershot Centre for Health. Frimley Park Hospital is already moving Outpatient Services there. If the Centre can't cope, then the NHS Trust will need to make provision for additional services.

NC SUMMER FAYRE 2010

Rushmoor Borough Council has told us that they will considerably reduce the level of support to be provided to the Summer Fayre next year. We are currently talking to the

Council to determine what support will be available. Planning will start once the results of these talks are known.

Increased support from the local community will be essential if next year's Fayre is to go ahead, so do please get in touch if you can help. We plan to use the same subcommittee approach that worked well this year.

EVENT CALENDAR 2009/2010

December 2009

Christmas Open House, 12th December, 12.00 to 2.00 pm

January 2010

We plan to hold an Open Meeting in January on the future Rushmoor Core Strategy, the Farnborough Airport Area Action Plan, and the implications for North Camp.

The speaker will be Andrew Lloyd, the Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council.

At that time the Council will be holding a consultation exercise on the core strategy and this meeting will help everyone in North Camp respond to the consultation.

The date will be set when the dates of the public consultation are published.

February 2010

Our Annual General Meeting has been set for 15th February 2010

THANK YOU

for reading this. Please email comments or suggestions to mdp@palmer@hotmail.co.uk or ring our Honorary Secretary, Nigel Baines, on 01252 542262