



Welcome to the 2007 spring edition of the North Camp Newsletter.

Rushmoor Borough Council produces the newsletter twice a year and delivers it to 3,000 homes in the area to tell the community about progress with the North Camp Regeneration Project and other community initiatives.

Woodland Project

A project is under way to improve the natural habitat of a small wooded area at the Yeovil Close entrance to Queen's Road Recreation Ground.

Rushmoor Council has drawn up a timetable for clearing overgrown brambles at the site and using old wood to install two loggeries. These will consist of pieces of wood buried into the ground to encourage stag beetles, a nationally scarce insect, to use the site.

The Council will also be planting to simulate a woodland edge at the entrance to the recreation ground and hopes to plant a hedge to link the wooded area with the wildlife garden on the other side of the park.

The Council put in a bid to the SITA landfill trust to help fund this project and was delighted to hear at the end of March that its application had been successful.

Information Board to be Relocated to Make Way for New Development

The North Camp Notice Board and the planter that sits alongside it are to be relocated. They have sat at the corner of Camp Road and High Street for several years and now, the site is being redeveloped, Rushmoor Council has been asked to move them.

The notice board and planter may be sited on the footpath between Camp Road and Peabody Road car park, along with two ornamental columns for hanging baskets.

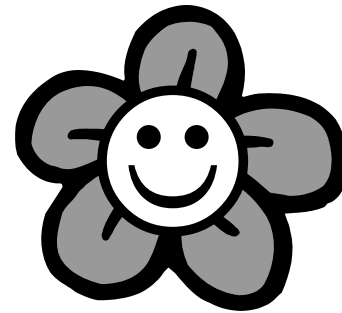
The land to be developed had been vacant for almost 20 years, and was hidden behind large hoardings. A new contemporary style building set over three floors providing four shops with 12 flats above will be developed.

North Camp residents and businesses highlighted this site as one of several needing improvement during consultations in early 2000. Other sites highlighted during the consultation were 5 - 7 Camp Road, which now houses Manhattans restaurant; 8 Camp Road, which provides a retail unit and flats above; and 10 Camp Road, which now houses Fizzy Kids.

This is the last in the list of sites on Camp Road to be redeveloped and will provide additional retail and residential activity in the shopping area.



North Camp gets set to bloom!



Spring is finally here and preparations are already under way in North Camp for Rushmoor Borough Council's annual Rushmoor in Bloom campaign and competition. Many residents and businesses in North Camp and across the Borough support the competition every year, which invites the whole community to take pride in Rushmoor and spruce up their gardens.

Christine Osment, owner of Bransons tobacconist in Camp Road, has been a member of the Rushmoor in Bloom Forum and local judge for many years. Christine says:

"The competition is great fun and it shows the real sense of community spirit and pride that there is in North Camp. I am looking forward to another successful year and I can't wait to see the colourful flowers, roundabouts and displays which make the area look so attractive".

North Camp has had its fair share of Rushmoor in Bloom winners. In 2006, there were five winners in North Camp. Anthony Bridges of Netley Street scooped first place in the best wildlife garden category and Mr Owens of Minster Close was presented with the best newcomer award. The Wings Cottage Restaurant in Alexandra Road was presented with a special award in the regional South and South East in Bloom competition. Certificates of Excellence were also awarded to the Netley and Winchester Street Residents' Association (opposite) and to Shaftesbury Court, all in North Camp.

Sue Jones, Rushmoor in Bloom co-ordinator says:

"The competition is open to all residents of Rushmoor. It really doesn't matter if you only have a small garden or no garden at all! We have lots of different and fun categories including best balcony display, best front garden and most unusual planted container. There really is something for everyone, all we ask is that you have a go!"

With such a hot summer last year, the Council will be moving towards more water efficient planting in the Borough's roundabouts and flowerbeds this year. North Camp residents can expect to see Lavender, Roses, Californian Lilac, Red Hot Pokers, Lambs Ears, Allium 'Purple Sensation', Silver Bush and Dianthus 'Doris' decorating the roundabouts in Netley Street, Southampton Street and Cross Street this year.

Closing date for entries is Monday 25 June. For further information call Sue Jones at Rushmoor Borough Council on 01252 398 005, email susan.jones@rushmoor.gov.uk or visit www.rushmoor.gov.uk.



Berlon Wine Bar

The Mayor of Rushmoor, Councillor John Marsh, officially opened the Berlon Wine Bar in Lynchford Road on Friday 23rd February - the latest addition to what is fast becoming the gourmet centre of Rushmoor.

All those who attended the small ceremony agreed that this was a much needed facility and that it is a very attractive addition to the North Camp restaurant scene.

Those who were at the Berlon for their first visit vowed to return soon.

The evening included a raffle for a bottle of Champagne, kindly donated by the Managing Director of Elixir Fine Wines UK (Ltd), the proceeds of which (more than £100) were donated to the Mayor of Rushmoor's Charities.

After the event, the two Directors of the Berlon Wine Bar, Albert and Luan, declared that they were very grateful to all who attended the official opening and hoped they would all return soon (and repeatedly) to enjoy the atmosphere and hospitality of the Berlon.

North Camp Village Website Upgrade

The official North Camp website, www.northcampvillage.co.uk, has been upgraded to offer a cleaner, sleeker look, with easier navigation.

The viewing size has been optimised for 1024x768 screen resolution, as 800x600 is becoming obsolete, so visitors will now be able to view more information on a page without having to scroll so much.

The whole website now offers the ability to customise text size, so that visitors whose eyesight isn't so good can enlarge the text to a size that's easier for them to use.

Anyone with an interest in North Camp is encouraged to email news and views to be posted on the site. At the moment, we're trying to encourage residents and traders to submit content - everything from photos and drawings of the area to musings and local articles. Material can be emailed to steveoptix@hotmail.com

The notice boards and web forums are completely free to use and all social groups, charities and societies are welcome to advertise their events and news on the site.



Quick stat check:

The website has now passed the 14,000 visitor mark, with the most popular time of visit between 2pm and 3pm on a Tuesday!

Local Groups invited to join in North Camp Procession

Organisers are hoping for sunshine, crowds and colourful costumes at this year's North Camp Summer Fair on June 30th.

'Animal Antics' is the theme of this year's parade, which sets off at noon to march through Camp Road to the Queen's Road Recreation Ground, accompanied by music from local groups. The fair takes place at the recreation ground and includes arena displays, sideshows and a car boot sale.

Event organiser Sharon Lucas said:

"This event gets bigger every year and we are keen to build on last year's success. It is an excellent opportunity for local groups to promote their work for free. Many groups also take part in the procession, in uniform or in full fancy dress, and there's a prize awarded to the 'Best in Parade'. This year's theme is Animal Antics, so now's the time for groups to start thinking about their entries."

Anyone interested in attending the event should register their interest with Sharon Lucas 07981 236 473 or Debbie Whitcombe on 01252 398 793.

North Camp Football Club Update

North Camp FC is looking forward to next season with more teams running. The club now has an under-sevens' team that play on Saturday mornings in the North East Hants Youth League. It is also looking to set up teams for under-eights and under-14s.

The men's team made it through to the semi finals of the ADSL Division 6 Cup, a reflection of the dedication and talent of all concerned. Ian would like to thank everyone involved in the club this season, including Max Ball at the Holiday Inn and all other sponsors involved in the Christmas Party.

For details of the clubs mentioned above and anyone who would like to get involved or sponsor a team with any equipment or kit, please call Club Manager Ian Lucas on 07870 520 747.

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is making changes

The North Camp Matters Association is changing its name to highlight its close ties with the local community.

The association hopes that the name of North Camp Matters Community Association, agreed at its annual meeting, will better reflect its aims.

The group approved its new name following a useful discussion about a revised constitution and various amendments to it. There will now be another meeting, at which the amended constitution should be available for consultation and, if finally accepted, approved by the members at the meeting. The date of the next meeting will be published shortly.

For further information contact Nigel Baines on 01252 542 262 or visit www.northcampvillage.co.uk

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