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NEWSLETTER

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Pedal Car Grand Prix

On 12 July 2009, Station Road, New Milton was filled with many people attending the spectacular Pedal Car Grand Prix. An enthusiastic crowd of 3,000 plus were in attendance along with Town Council Mayor Cllr Alan O'Sullivan and contestants of 33 cars. Battle was fierce to the finish line in both senior and junior categories with Spirit of Royce taking the victory cup in the senior event after a grand 64 laps. New Milton's Gone Biking Mad team came a close second after vying for first and second place throughout the race ensuring crowd excitement.



Town Mayor waves starting flag

Birds on the Wing.

Overall the event was a raving success with lots of enjoyment all round from the crowd, racers and sponsors with an exceptional turn out. The New Milton Pedal Car Grand Prix sponsored by RHH Franks (New Milton) Ltd is supported by the Daily Echo and New

In the Junior race it was between Crazy Frog driven by Oliver Pilley, Alex England, Nathaniel Budley, Liam Welton and the Swebelli car driven by teenagers from as far as Warwickshire who overtook the New Milton team towards the end of the action-packed race. Desperate Housewives took the cup for the Ladies team followed closely by

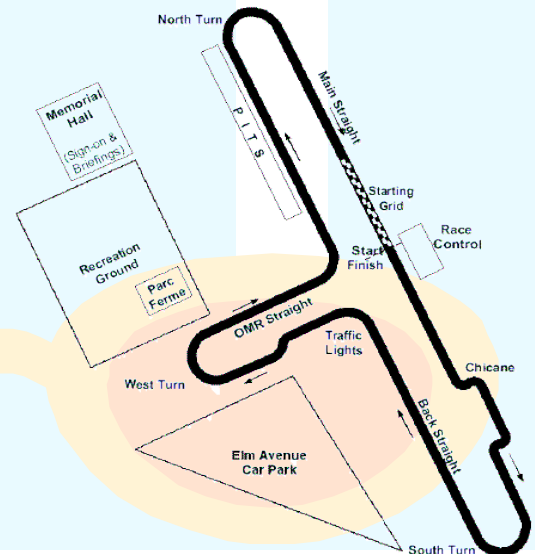
Overall Winner— Spirit of Royce



Desperate Housewives above



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New Town Mayor

Councillor Alan O'Sullivan—Town Mayor

My name is Alan O'Sullivan, 58 years of age, and I live with my wife, Valerie in Barton on Sea. We have three sons between us, two of whom have just finished university, and the third is running a successful IT consultancy in Paignton. We have both been residents of New Milton for nearly 30 years and take an active interest in our local community.

I first came to New Milton in 1980, having spent the previous 10 years working as manager for a national retail company. I was a manager for a local electrical retailer whose business I eventually purchased. I ceased trading in 1992 and went to work with



Cllr Alan O'Sullivan newly-elected Town Mayor receiving Chain of Office from Cllr Hutchins

Being a local retailer, I am concerned for the development of the town centre and am pleased with the completion of the new pavements at the southern end which saw numerous accidents due to its previous poor state of repair. I am monitoring the closure of the old Co-op site with Morrisons and look forward to the rejuvenation of our high street with more retailers coming to the town. I expect to see the market expanding to the north side of Station Road and maybe the pedestrianisation of the whole of Station Road south as a traffic free area to improve the environment for shoppers.

Previously I served as New Milton Town Councillor for 8 years during which time I was Chairman of the Finance committee for 5 years and oversaw the start of negotiations between the Town and District Councils for a convenient "one stop shop" which has finally resulted in the Town Hall we have today. I am proud that this year I have been elected Mayor and look forward to meeting as many New Milton residents as possible. I am particularly keen to encourage

I also serve as a Governor at the local junior school where until recently I was Chair, a post which I held for nearly 10 years. I am now chairman of their finance committee and continue to be involved in the development of the school. I am the Town Council representative on the Forest Arts Forum, which provides entertainment for all age groups.

My interests are looking after the local area and encouraging our town to thrive to make it a pleasant place to live and work in a place to be proud of.

Councillor Janette Duke—Deputy Mayor

Born at the Grove Maternity Home in Barton on Sea in 1956, I attended Ashley Secondary Modern which, after amalgamation with the Gore Road School became Arnewood. I live with my partner Patrick and we run Double D Builders together. I have a daughter Tori (Victoria) 24 living in Hordle, and Patrick has two sons Emmitt 27, who works with us and Isaac 22 who lives with us.

Having left school in 1973 I had a number of jobs including a two-year spell at the Wellworthy factory on the shop floor making piston rings. Following that I undertook a government training scheme and qualified as an Executive Secretary / PA. However, my enduring passion was always horses and from 1979 to 1982 I worked in racing yards at Lambourn in Berkshire and still keep very much in touch with the racing fraternity.

I returned to education when I was 38 and studied Economics, Law, Literature and Sociology on an Access Course based at Brockenhurst College.

Between 1986 and 2005 my daughter, Tori, and I lived on the Ashley Meads estate. In 2005 with my partner, Patrick, we purchased our current home in Downton Lane on the outskirts of the town.

I have wide-ranging connections in the area not only from school days but also from my interests in cricket as an ACU qualified umpire in the New Forest. I play golf when I can and am also a guide on Lymington Town Tours and have the late Arthur Lloyd to thank for my passion for local history as do many other people in the area who had the privilege of being taught by him during his teaching career.

I have always enjoyed the benefits of living in this lovely part of the South Coast and when I reached 50 felt that it was time to give something back to the community I grew up in by standing as a Town Councillor. I hope that, in some small way, I can help to make New Milton an even better town to live in and very much look forward to working with Alan O'Sullivan during his term as Mayor.



Cllr Janette Duke, the new Deputy Town Mayor with Mayor Cllr O'Sullivan and Cllr Hutchins

Chairman's cash boost for local charities

Outgoing Chairman of New Forest District Council, Councillor Paul Woods from New Milton, presented cheques to the two charities he has supported during his year of office - Oakhaven Hospice and First Opportunities.

The two charities shared a total of £6704, raised throughout Cllr Wood's term as Chairman from a variety of events, including a Magical Dinner Dance, the District Council's Pro-Am Golf Tournament, New Milton Conservative Club fundraising evening and a picture quiz organised by a Council employee.

Cllr Woods presented the cheques to Jayne Ashley of Oakhaven Hospice and Melanie Alacorn of First Opportunities at the Council's annual meeting on May 18. He said: "It has been a privilege to support these two very worthy causes. It gave me great pleasure to be able to present Jayne and Melanie with cheques from the funds raised during my year in office."

He added that, though the Council, through the grant-making process, awards significant sums to local charities, voluntary and community groups and to organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, he was especially pleased to make contributions to the work of Oakhaven Hospice and First Opportunities.

New Chairman of New Forest

More than half a century of living in the New Forest has helped provide Councillor Les Puttock with the ideal background to become the new Chairman of New Forest District Council.

Cllr Les Puttock was handed the NFDC chain of office at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday 18 May.

Cllr Puttock has been involved in local community life for decades, as fundraising chairman for the Totton East Scout Group, a member and then president of New Forest Rotary Club and, for the past 13 years, as a member of Netley Marsh Parish Council. He has been a New Forest District Councillor for the Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh ward since 2003.

Looking forward to his role as Chairman of the Council, Cllr Puttock said: "I want to bring the Council closer to the people. I see the role of Chairman as an ambassador who represents the Council in the best possible way.

"It is important to me that people realise they have a Council which is interested in its communities and wants to do its best for them."

Cllr Puttock has spent most of his working life in the area, much of it managing a heating engineering company. While in office he will be supporting The Stroke Association and Simon Says, a child bereavement support charity, which has opened a new branch in New Milton. He hopes also to give some support to Fenwick2, a community health and wellbeing centre, in Lyndhurst.

The Council's new Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Pat Wyeth, couldn't be more local. Born at the Fenwick Hospital in Lyndhurst, she moved to Scotland and Wales when her stepfather was in the Navy, but returned to live in Emery Down and then back to Lyndhurst in 1948.

Cllr Mrs Wyeth has been involved in the local community for most of her adult life, being a Guide Leader, District Commissioner, Chairman of the Residents' Association, parish councillor as well as a District Councillor. She is well known as the long-serving and respected Chairman of the District Council's Planning Development Control Committee.

The role of Council Vice-Chairman is normally followed by a year as Chairman, a role that is familiar to Cllr Mrs Wyeth as she was

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Councillor Paul Woods and Jayne Ashley, Oakhaven Hospice



Councillor Paul Woods and Melanie Alacorn, First Opportunities



Councillor Les Puttock and Councillor Mrs Pat Wyeth

Citizen of the Year

Winner!

New Milton Town Council has recognised Ted Horne by voting him Citizen of the Year 2009. Mr Horne is an 87-year old ex— New Scotland Yard policemen who in the 1980's moved to Grove Road, Barton-on-Sea. Ted has served with many police forces, in 1941 he joined the police force in Palestine until 1946 when he joined the Metropolitan Police. Rising through the ranks over a period of 28 years, Ted reached the rank of Detective Inspector. Ted moved to Barton-on-Sea in 1980 and became involved with the Citizens Advice Bureau as manager. However, this was not just the extent of Ted's community service as he is also greatly involved with the Royal British Legion serving as President, involved with the Poppy Appeal and as long term Remembrance Day marshal. In the 1990's Ted joined the Royal National Lifeboat Institution as chairman of the local branch.

The Citizen of the Year award was presented by Cllr John Hutchins at the Annual Towns Meeting on April 15th 2009. Mr Horne kindly thanked all those who had nominated him for the award and accepted the award not just for himself but also for the people who have worked with him in community projects over the last 25 years. A seat dedicated to Edward Horne has been placed next to the new Mosaics at Mallard Court, Station Road with the text "Edward Horne BEM, President, local branches of Neighbourcare, Royal British Legion and Chairman of RNLI"



To the left: Edward Horne, BEM.
To the right: Cllr Alan Rice, TD

CCTV cameras are coming

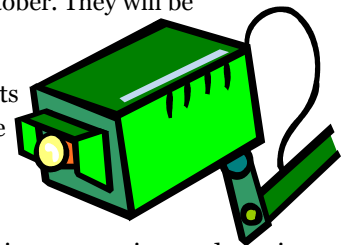
Great news for residents, CCTV cameras are due to be installed in September and operational by October. They will be painted green to blend in with the current street colour scheme.

The existing Safer Neighbourhoods team make every effort to provide a visible presence on the streets of New Milton and the surrounding areas. However, on some occasions outside influences and crime investigations dictate where and when they are able to patrol.

A police officer or police community support officer's time is often taken up doing things that do not always gain headlines such as visiting victims of crime to offer reassurance, intelligence gathering, crime prevention, and visiting youth and other social groups. All of these are essential parts of policing communities but often out of the public eye.

The local police do their best to provide regular Street Meets and Beat Surgeries to meet up with the community and offer the opportunity for residents to voice their concerns. They will vary the times that these events are held, but please remember you can contact the local police at any time on 0845 045 45 45, asking for New Milton police station. If someone is in the station they will speak to you straight away, otherwise just leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also email them at new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Regardless of whether they are seen out and about or not, there are always police officers patrolling our area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to make our neighbourhood a safer place in which to live and work.



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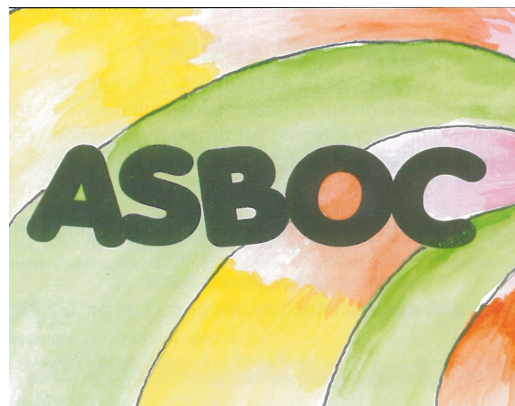
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The ASBOC Café Project

Great news for New Milton Youth as the ASBOC Cafe Project is nearing completion and should be opening sometime this autumn! In 2004, a trio received Anti Social Behavioural Orders, but wishing to give something back to the community they formed a partnership with Action For Youth and the collective thoughts of the trio and Action For Youth lead to the establishing of a youth café. The ASBOC committee was formed and more youths became involved with the project and have been working since 2005 to ensure the opening of a cafe.

In 2007, New Milton Town Council and New Forest District Council Crime & Disorder Portfolio holder Councillor Goff Beck identified a suitable site on the recreation ground. It wasn't long before planning applications were made and approved by the District Council. Most recently the unit has been split into two and the Council handed over the keys to ASBOC in August 2009. The Cafe will officially open for all youths and an open day will take place on the Recreation Ground shortly.

We hope the ASBOC open day is a great success and wish them the best of luck.



Arnewood Youth Council

This third Joint Meeting of Representatives was held at the Arnewood School between 6 Town Councillors, 7 students and the Deputy Head-teacher of Arnewood School with the Assistant Town Clerk and Chair of School Governors in attendance. A range of issues was discussed including:

- Update on situation with empty shop premises within the town centre
- Suggested communication methods for the two parties
- Planned civic events for the town and the method used to advertise them

The newly-elected Chairman / Mayor of the Town Council, Cllr Alan O'Sullivan, welcomed all those attending and ran through the notes of the last meeting held on 4 March 2009 for any matters arising.

The Town Council I.T. support representative gave a presentation of Twitter, a suggested form of communication between the Council and the School. The students suggested using Facebook or a similar networking site, however there were likely to be access difficulties due to the school's firewall (filter) and Data Protection issues. After some discussion it was suggested that a Forum be set up, by invitation of each individual's school numeric email address. On request of the Deputy Head Teacher, the Town Council I.T. support representative will liaise with the School I.T. section to implement the forum.

On the issue of the town becoming 'greener', the recent change of Christmas lights to LED was welcomed, and any new equipment/vehicle change would encompass better energy efficiency. There followed a discussion on a proposed new cycle path from the roundabout at the end of Gore Road running to the School, and parking/congestion issues along First Marine Avenue in the summer.

It was highlighted that a history exhibition would be running in one of the empty shops between 8-31 July. Other events in the town include a Fun Day at the Recreation Ground on 11 July, and Pedal Car race on 12 July. The Deputy Head Teacher said the school could publicise Town Council events. Some students would like to see more events held on the Recreation Ground, such as a food festival similar to that recently held in Christchurch.

Of all the facilities suggested, the students were in agreement that a cinema would be most welcome in the town, as younger students were not yet able to socialise in the cinemas within larger towns. Although Forest Arts Centre show films, it was felt these were not current enough to compete with cinemas at Bournemouth etc. Venues for live music and ten-pin bowling were also discussed. Some students had recently attended a film workshop so could make a tape of suggested facilities for the town.

The Chairman suggested that Councillors may wish to volunteer in turn, visiting tutor groups once a month, to widen communications with students. Attendance at year group meetings, or the 'Speakeasy' sessions on a Friday would be useful. It was also suggested that nameplates be introduced at the next meeting to help foster closer working relationships between all attendees.



Town Events

Coming Up

This Autumn...



Car Boot Sales



And other exciting events

Date

Sep 13th

Sept 27th

Oct 18th

Oct 31st

Venue

Moore Close

New Milton

Station Road

Moore Close

Host

Rotary Club Car Boot

New Forest Marathon

Italian Market

Round Table Fireworks



Highlight events coming up...



Italian Food Market,
Sunday 18th October in Station
Road from 9AM.



Get your running shoes on!

The New Forest Marathon is
back on the 27th September
raising over £40,000 each
year. The Half Marathon starts
at 09:30am followed by the
Full Marathon at 10:00am.



**Round Table Annual
Fireworks Display** held at
Moore Close on October 31st.
Sure to be an outstanding
display!

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Events Spotlight

ITALIA IN PIAZZA

THE REAL ITALIAN FOOD MARKET



**NEW MILTON
TOWN CENTRE**

**SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
FROM 9AM**

ITALIA IN PIAZZA
THE REAL
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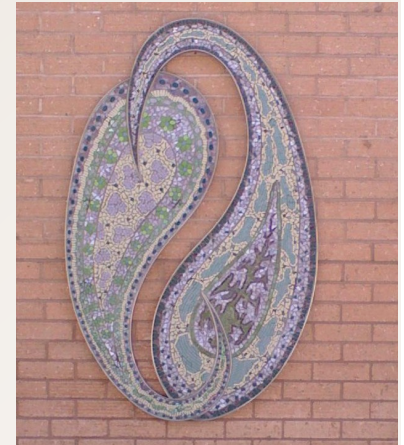
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Mosaics Handover

July 15th 2009 marked the official hand-over of the Mosaics created by renowned local mosaic artist Trudi Lloyd-Williams based upon ideas from students of local schools including The Arnewood School, Ashley Junior School, New Milton Junior and Hordle Primary School. The formal ceremony was lead by New Milton Town Mayor Councillor Alan O'Sullivan along with Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for the Environment, Councillor Mel Kendal. The New Milton Junior School Choir provided exceptional musical contribution to the event.



Everyone taking part in the Mosaics designs from all schools were given certificates recognising all the hard work put into the final design. We are very proud of what young people and Trudi Lloyd-Williams have achieved. Be sure to take a look at the new mosaics when you pass Mallard Court in Station Road, dedicated to the memory of Arthur Lloyd, New Milton Historian.



New Milton Town Council Mayor Councillor Alan O'Sullivan with Trudi Lloyd-Williams and Hampshire County Councillor Mel Kendal cutting the ribbon at the official opening of the Mosaics.



Cllr O'Sullivan prepares for the official opening



Young supporters



Arthur Lloyd's daughter, Mrs Marion Randerson.

The History Exhibition

Station Road, New Milton



Residents and Town Clerk (left) explore the history exhibition in Station Road.



The History of New Milton 'A Seaside Home in the Country' Exhibition has been an overwhelming success. Planned to open for a month, due to public demand, we have extended the Exhibition for another two weeks. 4,000 visitors will have visited the Exhibition by the time we close on Thursday 27th August. We are absolutely delighted with the response from the public who will be able to see a much larger Exhibition at the St Barbe Museum in Lymington at the end of October when they will be organising a few free days for New Milton residents.

It has been a great pleasure for me to lead this very exciting New Milton Town Partnership project from its inception two years ago. A small committee was formed and immediately took on board the St Barbe Museum expertise in the form of Steve Marshall its curator, later the amazing Sarah Newman newly-appointed Outreach Co-ordinator for the Museum joined us and helped to make the Exhibition such a success. The participation of our schools has been most welcome and their exhibits have been greatly admired. All ages and groups have visited the Exhibition. We were delighted to welcome our friends from the Leonard Cheshire Homes and the Lions Club. It was very exciting to see all the archive material brought in to the Exhibition which will be stored at the St Barbe Museum.

We are indebted to the many volunteers who tell me they have enjoyed their work immensely and to St Barbe Museum, The New Milton Town Partnership believed in this project and were so supportive. Securing an empty shop in the centre of Town to hold the Exhibition was always going to be difficult but we are indebted to the proprietors of 110 Station Road for their generosity.

- Cllr Valya Schooling



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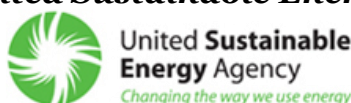
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From the United Sustainable Energy Agency



How smart is your driving?

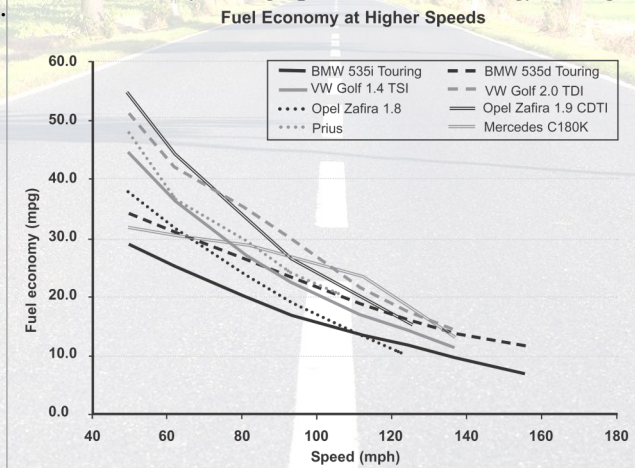
Meeting Diary

What's happening at the Council?

All our upcoming meeting dates can be found below

- September**
 - 7th—Full Town Council
 - 10th—Planning Committee
 - 15th—Allotment Holders
 - 16th—Amenities Committee
 - 24th—Planning Committee
 - 28th—F&GP Committee
- October**
 - 8th— Planning Committee
 - 12th—Full Town Council
 - 14th—Budget Meeting
 - 22nd—Planning Committee
 - 27th—Amenities Committee
- November**
 - 5th—Planning Committee
 - 9th—F&GP Committee
 - 19th—Planning Committee
 - 23rd— Full Town Council
- December**
 - 3rd—Planning Committee
 - 7th—Amenities Committee
 - 17th—Planning Committee
 - 21st—F&GP Committee

- Most car drivers could be travelling a lot further on a tank of fuel. No new car is required - just a change to smarter driving. Try these tips:
- Shift up the gears earlier (between 2000 and 2500rpm). Cruising comfortably in 5th gear is the best place to be.
- Cut your top speed. Wind resistance increases significantly with speed. The optimum speed for fuel efficiency is 45 – 50mph.
- Avoid unnecessary braking by anticipating the traffic ahead. Fluid motion is better than stop start.
- When slowing down, stay in gear and take your foot off the accelerator as early as possible. This reduces fuel consumption to near zero.
- Plan your route to avoid congestion or getting lost.
- Smarter driving could save you the equal of about **one month's worth of fuel** each year. For more money saving tips, contact the Energy Saving Trust on **0800 512 012**.



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