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Poppies at Barton Farm

Chairman's Miscellany - TrustNews Jun 09

The last three months have been exceptionally busy for the Trust. Two topics which have engaged us for some time - Barton Farm and Bushfield Down - have caused major concern. The driving force for this was the inclusion of both sites in the draft Local Development Framework which Winchester City Council is obliged to prepare for central government and which operates to a strict timetable. You will read more of this elsewhere in this issue but I cannot stress too strongly the extent of the work of the Policy Group on these topics and that it continues.

As with all the activities which the Trust undertakes, that work depends on volunteers. It was pleasing therefore that a reception for new members in March brought a number of offers of help which are being taken up. The more hands we have available, the more can be done. So please, if you have some time available, do tell our Secretary, Vicky Feldwick. As an example, the recently revived Landscape Group is to undertake revision of a tree survey which was done some

years ago. It is slow work but already some members have offered to help. More would enable the task to be completed more quickly.

In the last issue, it was suggested that publication of “Winchester; the Heart of a City” would fall in June. That has proved optimistic for the labour of final editing has fallen heavily on a small group, led by Keith Leaman, and it continues. Again, I can only praise their dedication. The end result will be worth it. It is now expected that publication - by P and G Wells Ltd - will take place in the Autumn.

Finally, I commend to you the new Trust website. Much hard work by members, especially Barrie Brinkman, has transformed it. The site now makes available most of the Trust’s publications and it is now much more topical. Its a source of information for us all.
http://www.cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk

Iain Patton

Planning Appraisal Group - TrustNews Jun 09

You might expect that the reduced number of applications going through the planning system right now would have the benefit of increased efficiency in the planning office because less time would be needed to deal with the throughput. Sadly, this doesn’t seem to be the case.

There seems to be a continuing tendency for the documents available for the general public to see at Planning Reception to differ from those that can be seen on WCC’s website. Sometimes it is at Reception that a copy of some plans are missing (on occasions the important elevations and plans of the proposed scheme), while at other times it is the website that has incomplete documentation, and on one occasion the website had a different version of the site plan from the one that could be seen at Reception!

There also seems to have been a hiccup in the appeals procedure. The Trust is usually informed of the appeals that are in the pipeline so that, if we have objected to an application, we write supporting WCC’s refusal. Recently, however, decisions have been made on two schemes to which we objected and would therefore have written supporting letters – if we had been informed that the appeals were taking place.

Both appeals concerned signs. First, at **Warden Hill, Stockbridge Road**, Sunrise Senior Living wanted to install three 6m high flagpoles, and a trellis-mounted and two wall-mounted signs, all three to be externally illuminated. The inspector in this case agreed that these signs and flags would be incongruous and intrusive in this residential area and dismissed the appeal. However, in a second case, an inspector decided that two internally-illuminated free-standing display units that had been installed without permission, at the **Murco Garage, Bar End Road**, should be allowed to remain.

The appeal by Banner Homes to demolish **Kirtling House, 52 Chilbolton Avenue**, has been dismissed. The inspector felt the semi-detached houses would be out of keeping with the character of that part of Chilbolton Avenue and that the bulky proportions of the block of flats would echo the somewhat institutional character of The Gables, the recently built block to the south, rather than reflecting the form and character of domestic buildings along the road, as laid down in the Local Area Design Statement. Banner Homes have now presented another scheme for demolishing **Kirtling House**, this time for a block of ten 2-bed flats and a block of three 4-bed dwellings, to which we have again objected, feeling most strongly that the structurally sound house should be retained. The basement accommodation we had found unacceptable in the houses of the previous scheme is now also incorporated into the block of flats, and although this reduces the height of the buildings we think this type of accommodation is more appropriate for a city centre than for a suburban residential area such as this and that if the developers are prepared to undertake this kind of excavation it would be better to reduce the number of units and use the space for parking, as has been done elsewhere along the road. This would have the benefit of avoiding the barren sea of parking at present proposed in front of the blocks, as well as providing a density more in keeping with the area.

For those who missed the announcements in the local press:**Aldi's** appeal to build on the site of **The Chimneys and 1 Burnett Close** has been allowed, and WCC has refused the Redrow Homes proposal to build 90 dwellings to the north of Francis Gardens as being premature to local policies.

The proposal to demolish **79 Andover Road** for a block housing eight flats has been refused as being overdevelopment of the site due to the height, width, depth and bulk of the proposed building, which would be too visually intrusive and dominant in the street scene.

Two schemes to which we recently objected have both been refused. The planners thought the plethora of illuminated and garish signs proposed for the **Holiday Inn, Telegraph Way** (off the Alresford Road, next to Intech) would be intrusive and visually detrimental to the area, being adjacent to the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South Downs National Park. They also agreed with us that the 4-storey building proposed **adjacent to 13 City Road** had a design, height, scale and siting that would be visually intrusive and unsympathetic to the street scene.

A second proposal is being considered to demolish the **Heart in Hand, 40 Bar End Road**, this time for ten 1-bed and two 2-bed flats, with commercial space on the ground floor. Although less bulky than the previous scheme, we felt it would still have a mass that would be inappropriate for the street scene and have again objected. We were concerned at the lack of attention to sustainability and the unsatisfactory and very cramped accommodation that was being provided, aspects that are all too common in the developments we see. We also objected to the unsatisfactory living conditions proposed in the amendments to the permitted development at **Highcroft, Romsey Road**, due to the lack of natural light in some of the back-to-back dwellings, which would have required artificial lighting in kitchen/dining areas, halls, stairs and landings. Described by the developers under the new category of "city homes", we

felt they would result in undesirable living conditions for those living there, including young families, as well as being unsustainable in energy terms, and would not set a satisfactory standard for future similar developments.

Variety is the spice of life and adds great interest to our panels' task of looking at applications. Who else (apart from a planning officer) would one week be looking at the interesting and well-considered large extension to, and refurbishment of, the **St Cross Grange Residential Care Home, 140 St Cross Road**, and next week be discussing and objecting to a badly designed and inappropriate archway into the **Winnall Moors Nature Reserve at Durngate Bridge**?

Shione Carden

Obituary Jeffrey Smith - TrustNews Jun 2009

Jeffrey Smith, a Vice President of the Trust, died last month. In his long life, he contributed greatly to Winchester as a historic city and community and did so particularly as a founder and long serving member of the Trust.

Although born in Southampton, he spent almost his entire life in Winchester except for his service in the Royal Engineers during the second World War and briefly afterwards in London. A measure of his ability and determination is that he took his final examinations to become a Chartered Surveyor in an army tent on Salisbury Plain, having enlisted before he could take them. In 1948, he was invited to purchase the firm in which he had been articled, George Smith and Son, and with that he returned to Winchester.

As he settled back in the City and his practice prospered, he became alarmed at the plans of the City Council to pull down most of the centre for redevelopment. He was determined to change those plans and became a founder member of the Winchester Preservation Trust, later becoming a most distinguished and hard-working Chairman. At the same time he sought and gained election to Winchester City Council which then governed only the ancient city. He worked hard there too and in 1967 he was elected Mayor. He remained a member of the City Council until it was reorganised in 1973.

During his chairmanship Jeffrey saved the building that houses our offices in Lower Brook Street from demolition to make more car-parking space by getting it spot listed (one of his many skills). He then initiated its restoration, from near dereliction, to become the Heritage Centre. He also initiated the restoration of the porticos on 33 – 39 Southgate Street, and played a major part in opposing the demolition of Northington Grange.

Jeffrey's work for the City continued in this Trust and in other charitable and public bodies. In later years, his direct involvement lessened but his interest in and commitment to Winchester did not diminish. He contributed generously to support the Trust in publishing the highly successful "Time Gentlemen, Please" by Phil Yates (himself a generous donor) and in presenting to the Trust, in memory of Pat

Edwards, a splendid painting of the Westgate. Many will have seen it reproduced as one of the Trust's Christmas cards. It now hangs in the Heritage Centre. Jeffrey is survived by his two sons and a large number of grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Barton Farm & Bushfield Camp - TrustNews Jun 09

The following letter was sent to all City Councillors prior to the Council Meeting on 22nd April 2009. In the event the City Council decided to press ahead with including proposals for Barton Farm and Bushfield in the Draft Core Strategy Preferred Option Document (Local Development Framework). The Council did however resolve to press this and future governments to alter their housing targets so that Winchester is not compelled to develop sensitive greenfield locations.

The City of Winchester Trust
32, Upper Brook Street, Winchester SO23 8DG
9th April 2009

Dear Councillor .....

Adoption of Winchester Local Development Framework (LDF)
Provisions for Bushfield Camp and Barton Farm, Winchester

The Trust is aware that members will have to consider many difficult issues when deciding to adopt the Development Framework at Council on 22 April 2009. Amongst these are two issues to which the Trust urge members give their special consideration and support.

1. Bushfield Camp Policy WT3 (CAB1823LD)

There has long been an aspiration by owners and would-be developers to make use of this greenfield site, giving rise to the supposition that it is therefore suitable for development of some kind. Having abandoned the idea of sports use, the City Council is now proposing that it should have a commercial function. On two grounds the Trust believes this to be mistaken.

(i) On the evidence that has been made available, the Trust sees no justification for allocating any part of this site for a 'science/knowledge park in conjunction with other use'. The need for, or the promotion of, industrial use has not been demonstrated. Moreover this location would appear to encourage in-commuting from the south, without any evidence that it would reduce outward commuting from Winchester.

(ii) This is a site that makes a **nationally important contribution to the landscape setting of south Winchester, the river valley, the Church and Hospital of St Cross, views from St Catherine's Hill and the South Downs National Park**. The City Council's study of 'Bushfield Camp and its Surroundings' (December 1977) describes the site of the old army camp (apart from a small area of

sports field) as “moderately visible/sensitive”. Considering the unique importance of the views into the site from across the valley this description should still have meant that built development would be visible and harmful. The attached photographs show that the Bushfield Camp area is clearly, rather than moderately, visible from the other side of the valley, **meaning that buildings on this site would be very obtrusive**. We hope you will agree that it would be a serious and irretrievable mistake to harm these views that have been so successfully protected in the past.

It should also be noted that the old camp site is designated as a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation).

The Trust urges members to make no provision in the LDF for development at Bushfield Camp on the grounds of its national landscape importance, and because the need for a science park is not proven; should it become so after the proposed investigation, we urge that a different and less sensitive site be found.

2. Barton Farm Policies S22 and WT2 (CAB1823LD)

Whilst the Trust has never favoured development of Barton Farm, it acknowledges that government requirements and planning commitments made in the past allocating this site for development would be extremely difficult to reverse, and may well have to be honoured. However, the implementation of this allocation should be subject to three clear requirements that should be included in the wording of the LDF.

(i) Release of this site for development should only be permitted when there is **conclusive evidence** at both regional and local planning level that this site has to be made available to meet a demand for housing in Winchester, because no other allocated sites or unimplemented permissions exist. The present recession makes this proviso more important than ever; the allocation should therefore retain its **reserve status**.

(ii) If the City Council is satisfied of the need to develop this site, a **masterplan** should be commissioned by the City Council (not the developer alone), which is not only supported by a detailed site analysis of the site and its context but also **embodies a high degree of design skill** for which consultants with architectural as well as urban design experience are normally essential. The plan should be based on respected principles of urban and landscape design and impact. The Trust would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the brief and consultation process. The masterplan should include two additional elements:

- Proposals for traffic and other infrastructure problems beyond the site boundary for agreement with the authorities **prior to planning approval**.
- Examination of opportunities for development of the land east of the railway, proposed for ‘green infrastructure’ by WCC, to allow the open and extensive landscape to the north of the ridge line on the 65 metre contour (the line of the existing footpath) to be retained in agricultural use.

The adoption of the masterplan should be subject to public consultation.

(iii) That **safeguards** are clearly included in the LDF, to ensure that the development of this site, should it be required, is carried out in accordance with the adopted masterplan by all parties seeking to obtain planning permission to carry out the development of the site in part or in full, for all phases.

The Trust respectfully hopes that you understand and appreciate our concerns, and will support and promote our proposals on these two important issues.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman, City of Winchester Trust

The Civic Trust - TrustNews Jun 09

The Civic Trust went into administration in April blaming the 'squeeze on local authority spending' for its downfall, and the loss of a remunerative government contract for administering the national Green Flag award for parks and gardens.

The Civic Trust was the independent nationwide charity dedicated to helping communities make better places in which to live, work and play. The Trust has campaigned for better places for people since 1957 (the same year as our foundation), and was a powerful, definitive and distinctive voice which helped communities to imagine, shape and deliver inspiring places and an enduring future. Probably its greatest achievement was a campaign that led to the creation of Conservation Areas in the 1960s, arresting the widespread demolition of characterful urban areas.



The Civic Trust was the umbrella organisation for many Civic Societies across the country representing people who care passionately about their environment. The Civic Trust was perhaps best known for its Awards and for the Heritage Open Days which it arranged each autumn.

Although the City of Winchester Trust had a great deal of respect for the work of the Civic Trust, it allowed its membership to lapse in recent years because it was felt the high subscription asked did not represent value for money. Ironically discussions had recently been opened with a view to rejoining due to improvements in its service.

We shall be actively involved with other societies in the south in exploring the options for a new, more affordable central organisation.

Bookbinding - TrustNews Jun 09



Tim Wiltshire at work

What would you do if you inherited a valuable first edition from your favourite aunt? Would you try to sell it? Your children forbid it but point out the obvious - the cover is falling off.

You decide to have it repaired, but where? You envisage a trip to London until a friend tells you to look in Winchester. Where? Tucked away at the back of that splendid bookshop, P and G Wells, in College Street is the man who can help you. A small group of members visited him recently. Tim Wiltshire is a true craftsman. He works with tools which have not changed for centuries. Indeed, some of them date back to the 18th century. Those present learned much of the history and practice of bookbinding and saw some splendid examples of Tim's craftsmanship.

We were most fortunate. If there is support for another visit - not more than six - please register your interest with Vicky Feldwick. No promises, but we could try for another visit. If that doesn't happen and you take a book to him for a little TLC, it will be beautifully repaired.

Iain Patton

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Learning from Brighton - TrustNews Jun 09

In March, architect Kate Macintosh organised a study tour to Brighton and Hove for Winchester City Council and Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC). The purpose was to see what lessons could be learned from Brighton's New England Quarter, a site incorporating a number of green initiatives, and from Brighton and Hove's 2008 Special Planning Document on Sustainable Building.

The Special Planning Document is a trailblazing initiative, covering many areas from climate change to community to ecology, many of which are beyond government requirements. While it might be expected that WinACC would be interested in such matters, it was pleasing to find that the City Council is too. Nine councillors, two directors of the Corporate Management Team, plus the Sustainability Officer and no less than eight other planners all joined the trip. From the Trust's point of view, the only pity is that few of the councillors represent the six city wards that the Trust covers - but that's a constant problem with the planning committee. Our hosts were the conservation officer of Brighton and Hove, followed by one of their planners; and we also met the architects of some of the separate developments.

The New England Quarter is old British Rail land, 8.7 hectares on a sloping site to the north east of the station. There is almost no private parking on the site - a brave move by the local authority. Nearly a quarter of a million pounds was made available through a s106 agreement for public art - another brave initiative. The scheme seems to be on target for between 30% and 40% of affordable housing (out of 355 units planned). A ‘green lane’ runs through the site on the line of an old railway track.

Two incidents stand out as a cautionary tale for planners. The initial developers, in agreement with Brighton and Hove, produced a masterplan for the whole site, but that was compromised when the site was sold off in different parcels. The result is a number of individual developers, adhering to the masterplan and its environmental requirements to a greater or lesser degree.



A site designated for a six-storey hotel received an application for one of 42 storeys. Turned down by B and H, the developers went to appeal, but happily lost. Now, however, that site is still unused, and has almost certainly blighted the adjacent eco-homes which are not selling well. The eco-homes themselves, a carbon-neutral scheme of 172 flats on the BedZed model, demonstrate that the partner-developer is all-important. Whereas BioRegional succeeded wonderfully with Peabody at BedZed, with a volume housebuilder as partner, here the results are less convincing. The language school on the site, designed by Winchester’s architecture plb, is altogether more successful. With brown roofs and solar panels, and clever air circulation, its environmental performance is good and the ambience, with natural wood and a large atrium, pleasing.

We also saw an example of shared space, near the Dome: (slow) traffic, cyclists and pedestrians all safely using the same route, ample public seating and - whatever you call pavement cafes when there are no pavements.

Lastly, the award-winning Jubilee Library, short-listed for the 2005 Stirling Prize, was perhaps the star of the show. With louvres allowing in the low winter sun but keeping out the summer sun, a passive ventilation system with wind towers on the roof, the building is popular and successful and immensely elegant. The handmade blue-black tiles facing it are stunning, a craftsman’s triumph. But yet again land ownership acts against the building: when you enter Jubilee Square. Instead of seeing the library, as had been planned, you see a branch of a famous pizza chain.

Brighton and Hove are to be congratulated on their environmental stance; no-one said it would be easy.

Judith Martin

Winchester College Development - TrustNews Jun 09

The following paper was sent to the Bursar in response to the College's request for comments on the document they recently issued for public consultation. The paper refers to a meeting earlier in the year when we made a number of suggestions about a draft that we were shown in confidence. Our latest comments do not go into the details of College's proposals, whether about development or landscape schemes, because the Trust expects to be given an early opportunity to do this, case by case, as detailed proposals are brought forward.

> **Winchester College Development Winchester College Campus Conservation and Development Framework**
> **Preferred Issues and Options Consultation Document - March 2009**

Comments by the City of Winchester Trust - April 2009

The Trust is pleased to note that the comments it made previously have been taken into account in the revised version, and the Trust would again wish to compliment the College and its consultants on the composition and clarity of the document, which is a model of its kind. As a result the Trust has only two specific comments to make at this time:

p.47 – 8.2 We do not feel that the welcome addition of bullet point 9 goes quite far enough, and request that the undertaking "to continue to achieve the highest possible architectural standards for new development on the campus", should be extended to include development off-campus, including land sold to developers. We believe this point was overlooked with Barton Farm and hope the College will in future include a covenant that development by others must first be approved by the College. In this connection we would put it to you that if you do not already have one, a long-term consultant architect – not necessarily to carry out projects, but to advise on such matters as this, has great advantages for any estate.

p.62 The Trust welcomes the addition of the final section of the document that lists a number of enhancements to the environment and landscape of the campus. We would ask, however, that there should also be a general undertaking, similar to 8.2, to take up all opportunities that arise in the course of development to enhance existing buildings and their surroundings. There is a specific comment with reference to the PE area that new development will provide an opportunity to improve this part of the campus, which has been allowed to grow without regard to its overall appearance, and we don't doubt that similar opportunities would be taken elsewhere. Nevertheless, it would be as well to say so. Such a general undertaking as we suggest would have advantages if it were included in the brief for those responsible.

We have also suggested that a running list might be made of those things that the College would like to improve if the opportunity arises.

General comment

The Trust continues to have no objections in principle to any of the developments listed in the preferred options, many of which have interesting potential, though some will undoubtedly prove controversial with sections of the public. Of these we predict that Wellington House and the adjoining houses, development at Turners, Antrim House and its surroundings, the Queen Inn Garden, the new Boat Club and its replacement, Blackbridge Yard, and the Water Meadows may all give rise to most concern. Much will depend on the brief and the design solution in each case, and we repeat that it would be helpful to the Trust and, we suggest to the College, if it is possible for us to be included in consultation at the earliest possible stage.

Iain Patton, Chairman, City of Winchester Trust

Summer Walks 09 - TrustNews Jun 2009

All walks on a Thursday
Meet at 6.15pm. Walks start at 6.30pm.
Starting point Heritage Centre Upper Brook Street unless otherwise indicated.
Non members very welcome. Suggested donation £2

4th June	**Victorian Winchester**	**Elizabeth Proudman** City Guide
11th June	**Popular Pubs of Winchester**	**Phil Yates** Author and Trust member
25th June	**The Semi detached House** (meet by fountain in Peninsular Square)	**George Saumarez Smith** Director Robert Adam Architects
2nd July	**The Western suburb of St Paul's** (meet by the Westgate)	**Richard Baker** Retired Architect and Planner
9th July	**Ashburton Court Far and Near** (meet at viewpoint on St Giles Hill)	**Andrew Rutter** Retired conservation officer
16th July	**Wolvesey - the two palaces** (meet 6.30pm outside entrance gates of Wolvesey)	**Michael Carden MBE** CWT Vice Chairman
23rd July	**Development opportunities for Winchester**	**Keith Leaman** Architect
30th July	**Owen Browne Carter's Winchester**	**Robin Freeman** Architectural Historian

6th August	**Colebrook Street then and now** (meet in Abbey Gardens)	**Tony Humphrys** City Guide
13th August	**St Cross Park Excavations** (meet at Porter's Lodge, St Cross)	**WARG Members**
20th August	**1000 years of bellringing at the Cathedral** (meet outside West door of Cathedral)	**Colin Cook** City Guide
27th August	**A biography of Southgate Street**	**Graham Scobie** Historic information officer Winchester Museum service
3rd September	**University of Winchester plans for next 10 years** (meet at West Downs Main entrance)	**Mr Tommy Geddes** Deputy Vice Chancellor

Please note there have been some changes since the March edition of TrustNews.

The Pump House, Garnier Road - TrustNews Jun 09

Towards the end of March this year, a number of the Trust's councillors paid a visit to the former sewage pumping station in Garnier Road. It has been cleverly converted into offices now occupied by "The Remarkable Group", a PR and creative design agency.

Commissioned in 1878, the building and its associated sewerage scheme was completed in 1882. This alleviated Winchester's deplorable waste water drainage problem which had been a running sore since medieval times, exacerbated by increasing industrial activity and a growing population. The rising use of piped water provided by the Water Works Company had not been matched by a service to carry away the growing volume of waste water. For instance, the hospital in Parchment Street discharged its effluent straight into the Upper Brook, then an open stream, as did the slaughterhouses. Everywhere there were putrid cess pits, and the River Itchen provided 'fresh' water and acted as a sewer! Disease was rife; there was a cholera epidemic in 1834; and life expectancy was 42 to 50 years. In the densely inhabited areas of the City the stench was unimaginable.

The original power for the pumps was provided by two double-acting beam engines manufactured by Grimson of Leicester. Steam was raised by three side-by-side coal-fired Lancashire boilers housed to the rear of the main building. In 1904 an extension was built to house a new a new triple expansion steam engine by Worthington and Simpson and an additional coal-fired boiler by Babcocks and Wilcox. In 1932 another extension was built to house three large Pearns pumps driven by Allen two-stroke 90hp diesels. A second Babcocks was added and refuse used as fuel as it was cheaper than coal. The clinker thus produced was used to surface the footpath beside the Lockburn stream that runs past the Pump House on its western side.



In 1950 the triple expansion engine was replaced by an electric centrifugal pump and two of the Allens were replaced by four cylinder Ruston Hornsby diesels of a similar rating. Major changes took place in 1958 and 1959. The much loved beam engines were removed, a new and larger Babcocks was installed serving two Sissons steam engines. The pumps were together capable of lifting over seven million gallons every 24 hours to a height of 170 feet to the sewage farm about half a mile away. The final phase of mechanisation took place in 1987, when a fully automated electric pumping system was installed in a new building behind the Pump House, and that is still in service today.

Until the building and the site were sold, the previous owners were content to let the building decay. In the event, the chimney, which was a landmark on the southern boundary of the City, was unsafe and had to be demolished. Today the refurbished building bears little evidence of its grimy, clanking and sulphurous industrial past, but its history is not forgotten. The architect Chris Hughes of CH Design (Europe) Ltd., in partnership with Michael Radford and Bob Shelley, has designed an office conversion fizzing with contemporary features but respectful of the building's past. Much of the original steelwork, roof trusses, brickwork, green and white wall tiling and the overhead gantries remain, stylishly incorporated into a light, spacious and airy working environment. Indeed without the gantries it would have been difficult to remove some of the machinery which weighed up to five tons. With the addition of a mezzanine deck floor and a glass atrium it is a pleasant and attractive working space.

With grateful acknowledgements to Kirkbridge Properties Ltd., The Remarkable Group, Chris Hughes and not least, Raymond John Whale, a former operative at the Pump House.

Robin Merton

New Members - TrustNews Jun 09

Welcome to our new members:

Mr M. Nelles
Mr A. Morgan

Ms D. Vaughan
Mrs C. Secker
Mr and Mrs P. Evins
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Revd Ivor Dowse
Dr Tracey Eddy
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