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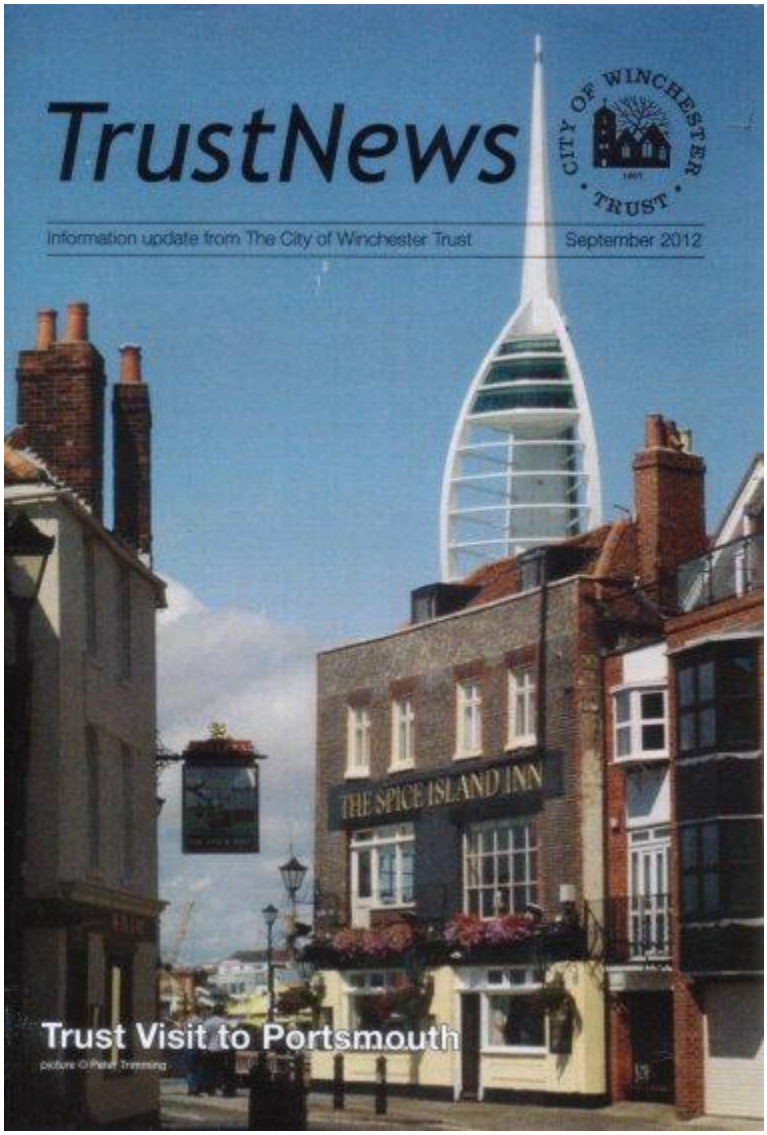


Trust visit to Portsmouth

Chairman's Jottings - TrustNews Sept 12

I never intended to become a television addict or for that matter an avid watcher of cycling. But here I am, half watching the strange antics of a man on a motorbike, dressed in curious clothes, leading a crocodile of cyclists around an oval track and at the same time. I am trying to produce some sensible `jottings' ! The Velodrome incidentally, for me, is the best architectural statement in the Olympic Park. It is a simple elegant statement which reflects the purpose for which it was built. Many of the other stadiums seem to try too hard to impress.

For some time now, Nick Hirst has been working away to bring order to our archive. Much of his hard work can be seen on our website. We have a wealth of information backed up by photographs covering much of the 20th Century. It is very accessible and, apart from the general interest of the collection, can on occasion provide

architects, surveyors and householders with useful background material for scheme proposals. The website has been masterminded by Barrie Brinkman and one of the items he has managed to undertake is to put a list of all listed buildings onto the system. It seems a great deal easier to check our site for listed buildings than the English Heritage website which always seems to be quite difficult. On behalf of the Trust, I should like to take this opportunity to thank both Barrie Brinkman and Nick Hirst for their amazing work on rationalising our archive and then making much of it available to Trust members via our website. www. cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk.

As many of you are aware, the Trust has been concerned about the protection of Winchester's historic and important green belt setting. It is felt that the Winchester District Local Plan does not fully recognise the importance of the setting which should in our view have strong policies to protect it, given the Government's requirement for a large number of houses to be somehow absorbed into the City. The Trust's policy group led by Patrick Davis, have worked hard to submit representations to the Winchester District Council local plan.

Iain Patton has organised two very successful outings to Portsmouth and Guildford this year. We have one exciting visit left this year and that is to Malvern which Iain has been arranging with help from the Malvern Civic Society. We are very much looking forward to this visit and I understand that there are still a few places left.

Keith Leaman

Planning Appraisal Group - TrustNews Sept 12

During the indisposition of the group's chairman over the past 6 months, the panels have continued to view all the applications in our area, and comments have been submitted each week to the planning authority; unfortunately the group's resources could not run to the monthly reports to the trustees or the usual Planning Appraisal Group report in the June Issue of TrustNews. The Trust is particularly grateful to Robin Freeman who has held things together and is undertaking most of the extra work involved.

It is impossible to cover all matters of interest since the March TrustNews, but some of the most interesting have been presentations by intending applicants seeking the Trust's views, sometimes on their own initiative and sometimes suggested to them by the planners. Amongst these was the presentation at the **Theatre Royal** when the Director set out his proposals for modifications designed to improve access and circulation so that the audience would enter from Tower Street away from the traffic, also introducing the prospect of a paved court between the Theatre and the Discovery Centre, which would reinforce the cultural link between the two and enhance the character of the area. We were disappointed at first when few of our criticisms made at a presentation of the proposed new **St Clement's Surgery** in Friarsgate were taken up in the subsequent application; however, the planners and councillors agreed with us, so that the scheme was improved before it was approved. Another presentation has given us high hopes for the development of the important **Peugeot Garage** site; a sketch scheme envisages three terraces parallel

with Southgate Street and separated by two courtyards; the all important mews building, preserved and converted, would be seen through the front terrace across the first courtyard, its restored archway giving access to the second courtyard beyond. We also received presentations of revised proposals for housing and a small convenience store on the **New Queen's Head** site, for the long awaited infill site at **21 a & b Southgate Street** (opposite the Hotel du Vin), and for the **Fire Station** site in North Walls (where our objections to the previous scheme were reported to you in March). Our comments in each case have been well received and have influenced the outcome to a greater or lesser extent.

A matter that has concerned us during this period is the increasing number of applications for **loft conversions** where they involve over-large, so-called 'dormers'. Roof conversions may be an outcome of the recession, and there is no harm in that. Outside a Conservation Area, however, these 'sheds-on-the-roof', as PAG calls them, come within a householder's **Permitted Development** rights, the rules for which were unfortunately compiled by a well-meaning civil servant who apparently did not fully understand what was at stake. These 'sheds' are allowed across the full width of a back roof, provided they stop a very few inches short of the ridge, the eaves and the gables, thus destroying the design, compromising the character of the road and gradually the character of Winchester itself. It was clearly assumed that the backs of houses are of little or no importance and that views of gable ends never occur. We would like to think that there may be some scope in the **Localism Act** for revision of these rules, perhaps in the same way that the **National Planning Policy Framework** has introduced the concept of **Heritage Assets**, which should extend protection to buildings considered important by local people even when not listed. We have already seen a case in Winchester where the planners judged Park House in Park Avenue to be a Heritage Asset and refused permission for its demolition, a decision that was subsequently upheld by the appeal inspector. This gives added impetus to the compilation of a Local List, and the Trust would welcome members' suggestions for buildings worthy of inclusion.

News from Civic Voice - TrustNews Sept 12

Free day passes for National Trust and English Heritage properties

As an active member of Civic Voice we are keen to publicise the advantages to our members. Civic Voice has arranged for free day passes to properties managed by National Trust and English Heritage.

The NT Pass can be downloaded using the following link: www.civicvoice.orq.uk/ nationaltrustcivicvoiceoffer2012. The pass is transferable and can be used by others if you are already a NT member.

The English Heritage pass is more restrictive; it is not transferable and is usable between between 1st September and 31 January 2013. It is downloadable at the link: www.civicvoice.org.uk/englishheritage2012pass. Alternatively both passes can be obtained by post, including a stamped addressed envelope with your request sent to: Civic Voice, Unit 101, 82 Wood Street, The Tea Factory, Liverpool L1 4DQ.

Civic Watch Survey 23 June 2012

Thank you to all those who completed the short survey about views on where we live, either on line or on paper and thanks also go to all those who kindly manned the CWT stall on Saturday 23rd June. I have reported to Civic Voice the comments I received, that the survey was too banal, along with the results of the survey. Nearly 150 replies were received altogether.

We got strong positive results to the questions 'Are you proud of where you live?', with 92% saying yes and 'Do you feel part of your community?', with 83% saying yes. The third standard question, perhaps not surprisingly, produced a negative answer, 'Do you feel your voice is listened to?', with 46% saying no and 35% saying yes.

Civic Voice are intending to run a similar survey each year through all their member civic societies.

John Beveridge

Planning Winchester's Future-Where are we now? - TrustNews Sept 12

A year ago I pointed out how confusing a time it was to explain for certain what is happening in strategic planning, both nationally and locally. Huge uncertainty remains but the Trust's Policy Group has tried to keep up with events and has made further representations to the City Council on the latest version of its Local Plan. This is against the background of the still awaited "final decision" from the Secretary of State on the appeal by Cala Homes on their application to develop at Barton Farm. We are now told that this decision will be made before the end of September.

To add further to the confused national picture there is on-going uncertainty about the abolition of "regional strategies", particularly on housing numbers. The Localism Act 2011 provided for the abolition of regional strategies in a two-stage process. The first stage, to remove the regional planning framework, took effect when the Act received Royal Assent last November. The second stage will be to abolish the existing regional strategies by secondary legislation. In a recent parliamentary answer it was stated "Any final decision on this must take account of assessments of, and consultation on, the possible environmental effects of revocation of each of the existing regional strategies." This has yet to happen!

Then at a local hearing in Winchester starting on 30 October the Council's full Local Plan will be examined by an independent inspector who will invite those he wishes to hear on the topics he selects for detailed consideration. The agenda for this exercise is bound to be significantly affected by whatever decision Mr Pickles will have made on the Barton Farm planning application the previous month.

The Trust is keen to be involved in this Local Plan examination which will lead to the adoption of a plan to guide the future of our City over the next 20 years.

Our latest evidence to the City has covered three different but related topics. This was required to relate to what we had said earlier but could take into account new events and the implications of the new National Planning Policy Framework. (Some 30 or so other interest groups and individuals have also now responded.)

The Trust was fortunate again to have Harvey Cole's advice, particularly on housing and shopping issues and we were therefore able to update our earlier evidence to question some of the Council's population and retail projections.

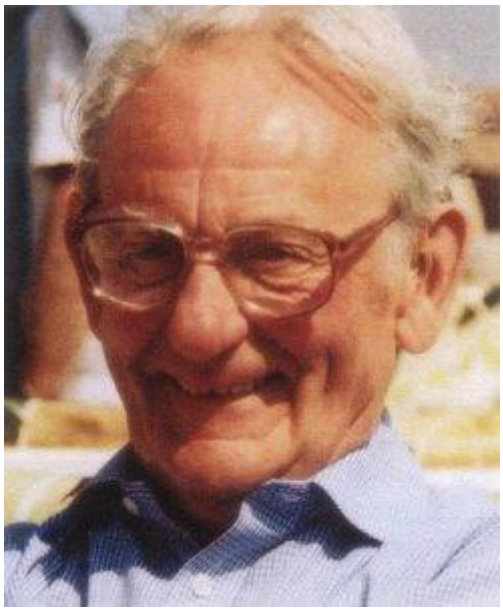
We have also stressed again our opposition to the Council's proposal to define Bushfield Camp as an "Opportunity Site" for development in the Local Plan. The National Planning Policy Framework has introduced a new way of protecting certain categories of open land from development. In our view Bushfield Camp appears an ideal candidate for designation as a "Local Green Space."

Our third proposal to the Council suggests that a new "Green Belt" should be designated on the north, west and south sides of the City. (Immediately to the east of Winchester is the designated South Downs National Park, whose purpose is to safeguard the natural environment and existing built heritage).

Patrick Davies,
Chair Policy Group

Robin Beckford Merton - TrustNews Sep 12

Robin died on 12th July 2012 after a short illness. He will be greatly missed by all his friends in the Trust but, above all, by his wife Jilly, his children and grandchildren.



Robin was born in Winchester and spent his childhood here. Later, he became a soldier and had a distinguished career in the 4th and 11th Hussars. He served in Germany, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Aden and the Far East. The family settled in

Winchester while Robin was still serving. On retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel, he became involved in local life, not least in the Winchester Preservation Trust, as we were then called. He gardened an allotment at St. Cross with military efficiency. Nearby allotment holders had to work hard to stay anywhere near the level of tidiness and productivity of the Merton land.

In 1997, Robin became Chairman of the Trust and remained so until 2001. It was a busy period: the purchase of a 99 year lease of the Trust's premises in Upper Brook Street, promoting the first steps to preserve Bushfield Down from development; continuation of the Chippindale Venture with local schools, the production of "The Future of Winchester - a Strategic Vision" document; and a major effort to carry through the change of name to "The City of Winchester Trust" which involved much careful planning and legal procedures. All this took place under the watchful and supportive eye of the Chairman who worked tirelessly to bring about these achievements.

In 2003 the Trust published Robin's meticulously researched booklet about West Hill Cemetery entitled "A Peaceful Place to Rest".

After his retirement as Chairman, Robin continued as an active Trustee, always willing to take on a duty, organise an outing and as he had always done, be on hand with wise words of advice. His presence on the Trust Council will be sadly missed.

Trust's new President - TrustNews Jun 12



Having sadly lost Judge Christopher Clark due to his relocation to the Truro Court, we are delighted that Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester, has agreed to become President of the Trust at the AGM on 26th September, when she will also give the address. Apart from all her other achievements, Professor Carter has impressed the Trust with her interest in the well being of the City, leading to a greatly enhanced relationship between the University, the City Council and other

local organisations. In particular, she has consistently supported the trust when asked, and shares many of our aspirations for the future of Winchester.

Professor Carter has been Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winchester since 2006 and was previously Pro-Vice-Chancellor Academic at the University of Glamorgan. Her research area is Environmental Geochemistry and Health, and she was until recently International President of the Society of Environmental Geochemistry and Health. Her research interests include pesticides, trace metals, and micro-anionic nutrients and she has published over one hundred papers and several books in the field. Professor Carter is Chair of the Cathedrals Group of Universities, Vice-Chair of GuildHE and a Director of UniversitiesUK. Other national roles include Chair of the University Vocational Awards Council and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group on FE and Skills.

Professor Carter will speak at the AGM about "A University and its Community", including something of the history of the university with illustrations from the early King Alfred College days, plans for the future and relationships with the town.

The Winchester Studies - TrustNews Sept 12

The Trust has asked me to write a brief report on the progress of The Winchester Studies, the series of volumes being produced by the Winchester Excavations Committee as a result of the great excavations conducted by Martin Biddle (now Emeritus Professor) in the sixties and early seventies.

After a lull in publication, brought about by lack of funding, illness, and the untimely death of Birthe Kjolbye-Biddle, volumes are now in the process of being published at regular intervals. First out, in March this year, was The Winchester Mint, a volume unprecedented for the scope of its analysis and illustration of any English city's moneyers. The volume illustrates 3,200 coins between the reigns of Alfred and Henry III, including coins and jetons found in the Winchester excavations.

Going to the press in October are Winchester: the Historic Town Atlas and The Peoples of Early Winchester. The former is a boxed volume of maps, with gazetteers and discussion, of ten periods in Winchester's history between its Belgic beginnings right up to 1800. A foretaste of this is a wonderful little pocket map of Winchester in 1800, with special sites explained and illustrated. It can now be found in Winchester bookshops. The Peoples of Early Winchester gives a unique and unfolding picture of how the inhabitants of a city (whether Romans, Saxons, Normans, and others) changed over a period of a thousand years from early Roman Times to the Late Medieval Period.

Two works describing and discussing the very bedrock of the modern city will be sent to press in 2013: The (royal) Anglo-Saxon Minsters of Winchester and Winchester Castle, the home of The Domesday Book.

So far seven volumes in the series have appeared over the years, including one whose typescript was produced by none other than Sione Carden! This was the

Winchester schools' dig at Lankhills, a wonderful (and now famous) volume illustrating all kinds of cross-bow brooches, belt fittings, ornaments, and strange funerary practices. Other volumes discuss Medieval Economics, the Cult of St. Swithun, the Winton Domesday, and Property and Piety.

Still to come, with the help of the University of Winchester, are volurne:-:, on The Animals of Early Winchester; The Environment, The Pottery of Medieval Winchester, and Wolvesey Palace.

The volumes in this series are very large and scholarly. People ask whether books more suited to people's pockets and general understanding could be produced. These excavations, however, were carried out before the days of "developers' contributions", a fact that bumps up their price, but arguably decreases the sort of pressure that leads to fallibility. The Committee does have in mind a slim volume (written by a local historian) containing general conclusions and asking further questions. But in the meantime the Winchester Museum Service and other historians depend on these basic scholarly works for a proper understanding of the city's growth and development.

According to The Times Millenium Edition of 1 January 2000 the excavations that underpin this series were "one of the most important archaeological excavations worldwide of the twentieth century".

Jock Macdonald MA,
Vice Chairman winchester Excavations

Trust Visit to Portsmouth - TrustNews Sept 12

Dark skies, wind and rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of guides David Baynes and his wife Jackie as we toured Old Portsmouth. Fuelled only by coffee we assembled at Point, the promontory of land that in centuries past has been the scene of much drunkenness and noise. We were going to learn more about the area known as Spice Island - so called because many ships bringing spices from the East docked here.

LONG ASSOCIATION OF WITH THE NAVY

As we looked at the harbour. David explained that it was Richard the Lionheart, in 1194, who first recognised the strategic advantages of Portsmouth with its docking and repairing facilities and easy access to France. Hence its long association with the navy. We had a fine view of the Spinnaker Tower, which has become a famous landmark and tourist attraction for the city of Portsmouth.

We made our way along Tower Street noting the interesting houses, particularly that of Wylie the artist with its rooftop studio. The old defences are still in place and we climbed the Round Tower, part of the fortifications built to defend the area from the French. Henry VIII and Charles II extended Portsmouth's defences and the old walls are still in place. The Square Tower was used as a powder magazine and during the

Civil War in 1642 Governor Goring, loyal to Charles I, flung the keys of the Tower into the sea rather than hand them over to Cromwell's soldiers. 200 years later the keys were dredged up from the sea bed and are now in Southsea museum.

David explained that the channel into the harbour is very narrow and deep and landlubbers have a very close view of vast ferries and naval vessels as they enter and leave the harbour.

Turning our back on the sea — and the blustery wind — we headed inland past the ruins of the Garrison church towards the Anglican cathedral dedicated to St Thomas. After an interesting tour we made our way back to the High Street. David pointed out the former George hotel from which Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson left by the back door to avoid the crowds who had gathered to bid him farewell as he joined the Victory for the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

We ended our tour at the Abarbistro near the fish market where a very good lunch was enjoyed by all. There was an opportunity for wine tasting, a visit to the fish market, the Spinnaker Tower or just shopping in the afternoon.

Thanks …

Our thanks go to our hosts David and Jackie who had obviously taken a great deal of trouble to ensure we had an informative and enjoyable visit. Old Portsmouth, at the end of the old A3 road is an historic and fascinating area far removed from the busy city of Portsmouth.

Deidre and David Renwick

Are you up for the challenge? - TrustNews Sept 12

Vicky, our secretary, is due to go on Maternity leave in mid October and the Trust is seeking to appoint someone to fill the gap for an initial period of six months. The formal advert is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is a paid position and essential for the smooth running of the Trust and its office at the Heritage Centre on Upper Brook Street. One of the main parts of the role is dealing with members enquiries either by phone, email or in person at the Heritage Centre on a Wednesday morning when the office is open. The secretary also serves the Trust Council ensuring that minutes are taken and distributed, agendas are set and that meetings run smoothly.

Ever wondered about the internal workings of the Trust? Ever wanted to give some time to the Trust but not a long-term commitment? Need to gain some experience in either the business or charity sector? Then this might be the opportunity for you.

To quote Vicky "It's a lovely friendly atmosphere and the job allows to you be in touch with many different people from the city including other local organisations, the City Council, architects and also some national organisations".

If you'd like to talk through the role with Vicky then please call the Heritage centre on 01962 851664 or details of how to apply can be found in the advert.

Greener Travel Gathering - WinACC - TrustNews Jun 12

For City of Winchester Trust members and friends - to explore creative ways to cut traffic congestion, air pollution and the harmful greenhouse gas emissions that are ruining our atmosphere.

Date: Thursday 20th September, 6:00 — 8:00pm The Heritage Centre, 32 Upper Brook St, S023 8DG

Light refreshments provided

A friendly, informal get together. There will be someone there to spark discussions, lots of information to take away, and you can get more support and advice by joining WinACC's online Greener Travel Club. Monthly emails with news and tips will keep you on track to your chosen goals.

Good for your health, community and the environment.

To say you are coming, or to find out more call John Beveridge 01962 853436 or Heritage Centre 01962 851664 / email secretary@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk or go to http://www.winacc.org.uk/travel

Part funded by the Department for Transport through Hampshire County Council.

Open Gardens 2012 - TrustNews Sept 12

The third "open gardens" event was spread over two days, Sundays 17th and 24th June. Fourteen gardens were open to members and their guests and one garden at 12 Christchurch Road opened on both days with teas provided. Members and guests made at least 500 visits and some with great energy visited almost all the gardens.

The object of the event is to give members an opportunity to visit a variety of gardens of enthusiasts and there to meet other members with a common interest. It works. Incidental to that but useful to the Trust is the money raised from donations and from teas. The combined total was £461.67.

None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm, commitment and hard work of those members who laid their gardens open. Warmest thanks are due to them. Perhaps the best measure of the success of the event are the words of a visitor to the garden of Wolvesey Lodge "I've been transported to another world. Many thanks."



Iain Patton

New Members - TrustNews Sept 12

We would like to welcome the following members who have recently joined the Trust:
Ms J Gasket,
Mr & Mrs D Harte,
Mr M Jahn,
Mrs J Kime,
Mr M Nelles,
Mr G J Scott,
Mr M Slinn (rejoined)

Membership currently stands at approximately 550 households. The Membership Secretary has recently been reviewing the membership list and arranging for all subscriptions be renewed on 1st April each year. Almost all members now pay their subscription by standing order. These two measures have been very helpful in reducing time and cost of administration.

Trust Visit to Malvern - TrustNews Sept 12

As featured in the last edition of TrustNews, the Trust is organising a trip to Malvern on 25th-26th September. The trip, hosted by the Malvern Civic Society, includes a

tour of the town and a visit to the museum and the priory on the 25th and then time to make your own explorations on the 26th. Accommodation is being arranged on an individual basis allowing you to meet your own budget.

There are currently a good number of bookings but if there is anyone else interested in attending please contact Iain Patton (Vice-Chairman) on 01962 854272 or email the secretary. (secretary@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk).

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City of Winchester Trust part-time Secretary - TrustNews Sept 12

(Maternity Cover)
8 hpw, £10.50 per hour to start early/ mid October
initially for a period of 6 months
Hours to include Wednesday mornings
Duties include:
Minute taking, Annual returns, Meeting/event organisation, Correspondence, General office duties, Services to members, Assistant to the Treasurer
Apply by sending a current CV to secretary@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk including two references
Closing date for applications: Monday 17th September, 12 noon.

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