

Some readers took objection to some of the jokes in the last issue, if you were offended we apologise and we will look to make them more acceptable but we will continue to put some in as we think it lightens the tone and some people like them!

Action Line: 08005 191919

Together (anti social behaviour/litter): 0845 605 2222

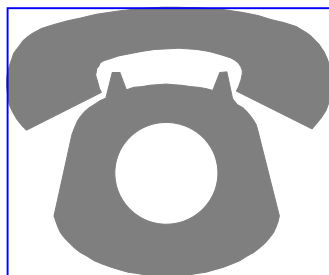
Police: 0845 0454545 Swaythling Housing Society 02380628000

Lordshill Housing Office: 023 8073 0484

Police non-emergency 101 (there is a 10p charge for this at present)

CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION

You can contact us through the
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Leave a message



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We also have names and numbers of many more.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT
TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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NEXT OPEN MEETING
THURSDAY 24 JULY,
7.00 IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM,
ROZEL COURT

Light refreshments
provided.



**40 YEARS ON THE
CHANNEL ISLES**

Eileen Downes from Millbrook History
Society will give us some background about the
local area.

SUMMER EVENT 2009

We are looking into the organising of a celebration of the finishing of the building of the Estate in 1969 — 40 years ago. Initial idea is that we hold a free event on Five Acres for all residents, proposed date is 2 August.

Were you one of the first to move into your house when it was new? We would like to find out who has lived on the Estate longest, and there are a lot of families where children have moved back into the area after growing up here. Who are they?

This could be of interest to older residents who have stories of the early days and how life was for them at first; and also for the youngsters to give them a sense of history (40 years is a long time to them).

We are seeking grants to enable us to make it a real community event and possibly produce a book!

If you would like to be involved in some way come along to the meeting in July or contact us and we will come to see you. It need not involve a lot of time, we just need some who are willing to help with ideas in some small way. Particularly we want to involve young people

Have you got any stories, or ideas about what would be good? Three people who were here in 1968 have already said they would be willing to share their memories with us.

It may seem like a long time away but to do it properly takes time, and money so we have to start seeking grants. We want to make it free for all and to include youngsters.

At the July meeting we are going to hear from Millbrook History Society who have a lot of knowledge of the area.

101

A resident recently contacted us to say she had disturbed someone in her garden in the early hours of the morning. They ran off without doing any harm. When asked if she contacted the police via 101, of course she had considered that nothing could be done. She was quite right that no one would come out as there was nothing to see; but it is important to report these incidents as this information could add to other reported items and a link could be made to something which had occurred elsewhere and help to solve a crime by piecing together the facts, the description might be the same as another incident.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall, one turns to the other and says "Dam!"

MOBILE PHONE

We are getting very few contacts through our mobile number or our hotmail contact so we are going to abandon them. There are several ways of contacting us; web site; SCC number on back page; or talking to one of the committee when you see us about. We can't hope to solve all of the problems but sometimes we know a man who can!

A woman had twins and gave them up for adoption. One of them goes to Spain, they name him 'Juan'; the other went to a family in Egypt and is named 'Ahmal.'

Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, 'They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal.'

A man drowned in a bowl of Muesli. He was pulled under by a strong current!

Little Johnny has been playing at his friend Mary's house all afternoon, when Mary's mother brings Johnny home she looks very angry.

Mary's mother says: "I caught your son playing doctors and nurses with my poor little daughter".

Johnny's mother replies: "Let's not be too harsh on them. They are bound to be curious about sex at that age."

"Curious about sex?!" Replies Mary's mother. "He's taken her appendix out!"

WEB SITE

Our web site www.cidtra.com is still being worked on. We intend to get photos on it and maps. Past newsletters will be available and contacts which might be useful to residents. If you have any suggestions let us know.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Hennessey—Chair
Podge Eldridge —Secretary
Gary Waters—Treasurer
Danny Bradley
Lin Holder
Mike Holder
Paul Langler
Jane Vine

Open Meetings take place every two months. They are on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, March, May, July, September (AGM) and November. 7.00 in Rozel Court Community room. Committee will meet informally before each to set the Agenda and revue the situation.

COUNCILLOR McEWING SURGERIES

If you have an issue which you would like to bring to the attention of Cathy, she holds surgeries at Mansell Park Pavilion in Evenlode Road on the last Friday of each month at 6.00pm. It might be best to phone her before so that she can make enquiries for you.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Gail Sketcher is the lady to contact. Either call the Lordshill Housing Office and ask for her or if you want to discuss something face to face she is there regularly at 10.00 — 12.00 on the first Monday of the month.

DOG MESS (No its not a joke!)

Some people have noted that there are not many dog bins about. You may not be aware that it is quite OK to put dog poo in any rubbish bin, provided it is in a bag. That includes your own wheelie bin. So no need to throw it in the bushes!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to a clash of commitments this will take place on September 18th, that is the third Thursday in the month. This is a one off.

A café for parents.

In the Vaudin Room @ Millbrook Community School

**10.00-12.00am
every Wednesday**

Run **by** parents **for** parents of teenagers. A chance to relax for an hour or so, have a cuppa and a chat! Relevant information available re: parenting support.

Feel free to bring a friend! Just pop-in whenever you can.

Refreshments are free of charge. Young children welcome but remain your responsibility.

**Millbrook Community School
Community Office**

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WHAT DOES CIDTRA DO?

Besides printing and distributing this Newsletter we have good contacts with the Council reporting any damage and chasing the results (sometimes this takes a long time but we keep at it). Currently battling over the lighting. We attend meetings of the Federation of Residents Associations to keep in the Citywide picture.

With the local housing office and a warden we are looking at a way to mark car parking spaces in St Martins Close to make better use of the space after a request from a resident.

Abandoned and suspicious cars are reported.

Estate signs have been designed and will be installed at the top and bottom of Boniface Crescent with an updated map.

We have asked that the damaged walls are once again repaired and some of the steps have recently been repaired.

We are talking about a fun day to be held on Five Acres to celebrate 40 years.

We will keep you in the picture about the School building on Five Acres.

If you have suggestions about what is needed on the Estate please approach us.

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Take a
break

