

The Naming of (Sussex) Meadows

Many will be aware that PTC purchased Land behind the Causeway Farm Development site (see map) with the long term vision of creating a managed Country Green Space. We are now looking for a suitable name and we would like you to vote for one of the suggestions below.

Below are the cases of three possible suggestions that have come to light and PTC would welcome any input from the Community or further cases limited to one paragraph to be considered by the Grounds Committee prior to their recommendation to Full Council.

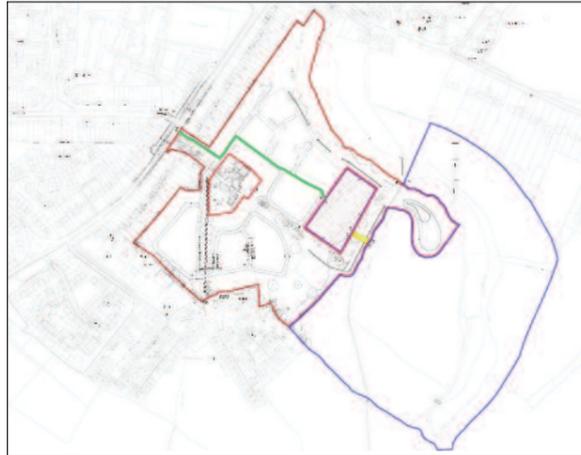
Case No 1: The John Goodyer Meadow/Goodyer Meadow

John Goodyer is widely recognised as one of the great botanists of the 17th century. Born in Alton in 1592, he died in 1664 and is buried in Buriton. He spent much of his married life living at the Spain in Petersfield. Prior to his death he set up a charity to help educate poor children from Buriton and Petersfield.

The charity was originally funded by rents which included the

renting of two fields at the upper end of The Causeway.

The current John Goodyer Trustees wish to submit that his continued 356 year legacy is honoured and marked appropriately. The naming of a managed area of the natural environment and ideally placed is clearly and exceptionally well suited to allow for the continued cost free enjoyment for all and also provide a further opportunity for environmental education for generations to come.



Case No 2: Criddell Meadows

The stream running through the meadows rises on private land near Ramsdean. It has been known as the Criddell since time immemorial. It is shown on Norden's 1595 map of Hampshire and is the name is retained today by the Ordnance Survey and the South Downs National Park. Descriptions of the Greensand Terrace

landscapes of East Hampshire mention the Criddell as contributing to the character and biodiversity of the area. The meadows in question belong to this landscape and the Criddell covers a substantial portion of them when it is in flood. During the preparation of the local Biodiversity Action Plan in 2011 the area was surveyed as the Criddell Meadows Transect. It is a geographical name rooted in the history of Petersfield. This is the existing name, so why change it?

Case No 3: Sussex Meadows

Sussex Meadows was a working title to differentiate it from the Causeway Farm building development itself. It is land off Sussex Road and the that stream within it flows towards the Sussex boundary.

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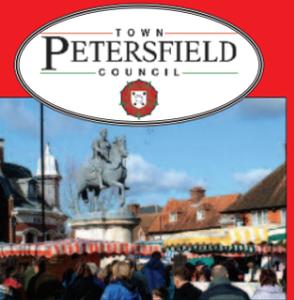
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A Message from the Town Mayor

I think that we can all agree that this has been a year like no other we have known in our lifetime. From March it seemed that we were at War but not a war that needed guns and bullets more a war that needed Doctors, Nurses and the full weight of the National Health Service. We went into "Lockdown" in March and gradually emerged from it in July. The Council officers who had all been working from home returned to the Office albeit aided by copious amounts of Sanitiser, masks and "Social Distancing".



In early July we lost Councillor George Watkinson, "the Father of the Council", who had served on the Town Council for twenty five years and I looked forward to him following me as your Town Mayor. We all miss him greatly and I have launched an Appeal to collect funds for a bench in his honour and the rest to go to the Rosemary Foundation - our local "Hospice at Home". Any cheques please to be made out to the "PTC Mayors Charity Fund".

Committee meetings resumed in September and rounded off as usual by the meeting of the Town Council at which we elected Councillor Phil Shaw as the new Deputy Town Mayor. Phil is a well known local figure who has lived in Petersfield for over twenty years. Once again Covid 19 numbers went up, the enemy had was returning and we now have to work at home again and "Lockdown" is being enforced again in the Midlands, Parts of Scotland and the North of England.

We all still have to be extremely careful and take precautions so that we can look after the vulnerable. It seems that when one door closes another door opens and many of us who had never even been aware of it discovered "Zoom" this year and found that we could all work from home, have meetings and remember to tidy the bookcases which could be seen behind us.

We must look ahead and believe that it will get better and that life will get back to normal! We have had to change a lot of the way we do things but we still aim to do them. I always look forward at this time of year to plans for the Christmas Lights Event, welcome invitations to Carol services, concerts and the

Pantomime. Many of these will not happen but I am convinced that things will be able to get back into full swing again next year. Meanwhile, we are a military town and we will remember the Fallen and those who suffered as a result of their injuries in the many conflicts over the years. We will enjoy the Christmas Lights and the lovely tree that will be put up in the Square. Christmas will be a shade different this year as we don't know yet what the rules will be at the time because at the moment we can only meet in gatherings of six people. We will all still enjoy the celebrations of Christmas just as many will enjoy the other religious festivals that take place in winter.

Let us hope that we can all look forward to having a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year – with the end of the virus, the recovery of the economy and the revitalization of the jobs market!

Have a very Happy Christmas everyone.

Petersfield thanks the Nation's Allies

In this memorable year of Anniversaries PTC decided to mark the occasion by the laying and dedication of a Stone to thank our Allies for their responding to the Call of Arms to defend our Country. Plans for this to take place earlier in the year were thwarted by a number of issues but PTC is determined the Stone will be laid in the Anniversary year of 2020.

The Site chosen is alongside the Town Hall as you enter the Festival Car Park and has been chosen to complement Stones that are already there; Stones that were etched by a number of visiting servicemen with their best wishes as we went to war.

We are unable to encourage crowds to attend a very short ceremony so it is much of a question of "Watch this Space".

Cards for Good Causes

Opening from Saturday 17 October 2020 for 8 weeks, 10am – 4pm Monday – Saturday. Located on the High Street.



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Heath Pond Phase 2 Update

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, some of the work that Five Rivers would have carried out in March was not able to be completed, so the plan was to come back when the situation got back to some normality.

Five Rivers returned for five weeks between 10th August and 4th September to complete the following work.

1. Further Bathymetry Survey carried out.
2. Cladding near to the Plump Duck and Boat House.
3. Flex MSE bags installed along the east bank where concrete areas were originally re-enforced with sleepers – old sleepers and iron works removed.
4. Hydro-seeding of all newly reclaimed banks and new Islands.
5. Netting to keep birds and humans off of the hydro-seeded areas.
6. Heat treatment to all Nicospan to stop further fraying of the material and injuring wildlife.
7. Levelling off sand humps that had been formed during previous Five Rivers visit.
8. Completed snag list on Boardwalk presented by our Play Inspection Contractor.



Example of Cladding and gravel near to Plump Duck

What is Flex MSE?

Flex MSE is a revolutionary Geomodular building technology consisting of two components, our Flex MSE Bag and our Patented Interlocking Plate.

These leverage existing advanced soft armour systems to create an even stronger solution. Soft armour segmental systems allow for construction of permanent slope, wall and shoreline protection installations while allowing for full vegetation of the wall face.

No concrete, no rebar, no forming, and often no levelling pad are needed. Flex MSE improves on earlier systems by offering greater geogrid compatibility and increased contact friction between the geotextile Bags



What is hydroseeding process?

Hydroseeding is a planting process that uses a slurry of seed and mulch. It is often used as an erosion control technique on construction sites, as an alternative to the traditional process of broadcasting or sowing dry seed.



Five Rivers will be returning in the Spring of 2021 to carry out planting and re-planting as follows:

1. Re-plant between Boardwalk and Sussex Road with reed plants.
2. Re-plant Reed Bed Islands on the pond side of the Boardwalk.
3. Plant Reed Bed Islands in the Sussex Road Car Park corner.
4. Coir Sods along Sussex Road Nicospan for the length of the Boardwalk. This is to re-enforce the Nicospan and also provide a margin of vegetation.

Five Rivers are proposing the following to be planted next spring.

- 20 No. Common reed (*Phragmites australis*)
- 5 No. Lesser pond sedge (*Carex acutiformis*)
- 5 No. Yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)



Heath Pond - Rats

Over the last few months there has been a greater number of rats seen on the Heath by the Pond than was previously the case. A significant reason for this is the amount of waste left by visitors as well as the bread and other food left on the ground to feed the ducks, swans and geese which is far more than they are able to eat. This is then taken and used as an easy source of food by the rats around the Pond as has been evidenced by some of the local residents who have seen the rats eating this material. The Council has no wish to stop people coming to the Pond to enjoy the scenery, wildlife and flora but would ask visitors to stop bringing food for the birds. Instead, those wishing to feed them, please purchase the food available from the Plump Duck for this purpose. Thank you.



Remembrance Sunday – 8th Nov 2020

It is with considerable sadness and deep regret that Petersfield Town Council in consultation with St Peter's Church and the Petersfield Branch of the Royal British Legion has concluded that our Town's signature event of recognising and remembering the Fallen and all Sacrifices has had to be most severely curtailed for 8 November 2020. We can no longer hope for the best as arrangements take some planning and rehearsal which currently cannot be undertaken and cannot be re-introduced at short notice. It follows, therefore, that there will be no parades and marching bands with contingents.



Current arrangements and again always subject to change at the very last minute depending upon circumstances is for the minimum number of persons who will attend the War Memorial on Sunday 8 November 2020 and observe an Act of Remembrance and Silence on behalf of the Community. Names of our Fallen will be read. This will be filmed and portrayed in our 'Petersfield Remembers' film footage we have been gathering during this year of many Anniversaries. All key organisers have been informed of the situation. The Remembrance Garden installed at the War Memorial will be available for individual Poppy Crosses. Local Organisation Wreath Layers are being contacted for alternative arrangements and options. Appropriate road closures will be in place for this Service.

We are certain all will very much understand the position we are all in and would not only ask but implore that folk do not gather or converge in the High Street and immediate area. Unplanned crowding or lack of social distancing may cause the Service to be halted immediately which is something none of us would wish for. We do hope that 2021 will see us back in good heart for this annual and very well attended event."

Please refer to the PTC website for alternative ways in which you can donate to this year's poppy appeal.



Memory Walk



On Saturday 19th September Petersfield Town Council's Town Clerk, Neil Hitch completed his third and final Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society this year.

"For this final walk I was joined by Steve Field and seven other colleagues and some of their family members from local council's at New Alresford, Four Marks and Rowlands Castle for a 6.5 mile circular route from Farley Mount near Winchester. Previously walks were completed with my family at Holmesley in the New Forest and near Maidstone, Kent.

My wife has suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for over 6 years and has deteriorated quite significantly during the recent Covid-19 lockdown and subsequently, as all of her usual support activities and groups ceased to meet in March, only starting to open up again in October. For this reason, I decided to seek to raise money for Alzheimer's Society, knowing that Petersfield was confirmed as a Dementia Friendly Community in 2016 during the Town Mayorship of Cllr James Deane. Requests for financial support for this cause were shared throughout Petersfield, churches I attend in Shirley, Southampton and Hythe as well as the Society of Local Council Clerks – both locally and nationally. The fundraising link is; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/neil-hitch.

To date, including Gift Aid, £3,500 has been raised with contributions received from over 100 people across the whole country which is an amazing response and I am extremely grateful to all from the community that have responded to this effort. Many contributors from across the country remember my wife from when she was very active in the local council sector as clerk to three different councils in the New Forest as well as being the first National Training Manager for the Society of Local Council Clerks. The fundraising link remains open for anyone who wishes to contribute further.