



Spoof ad targets Tesco

'Every Little Helps' sounds familiar and has been adopted as the title of a spoof ad produced by Friends of the Earth to publicise the destructive effect that Tesco has on local shops. The ad featuring comedian, Alexi Sayle, comes at a time when a new NOP survey shows that half the public would oppose a new Tesco store in their area while only a third would welcome one. Havant FOE's campaign 'SAY NO TO A BIGGER TESCO' is still running but little has been heard of Tesco's plan to replace its present store on Solent Road. See the link on our website.

Recycling at Tesco

We are pleased to hear that the Tesco Recycling facility in Havant is operational again after an upgrade. A welcome addition to what we can now recycle there are Tetrapak cartons. To ease the recycling process and reduce volume, discard the plastic pourer and pull out the ear flaps so that the pack can be flattened.

FOE Stall at Local Events!

27 August Emsworth Show

8 September St Faith's Church Fair (corrected date)

30 September Woodland Fair, Friends of Park Wood, Cowplain.

Literature, Membership, Free Energy-saving Bulbs, Sustainability information.

Volunteers needed for all these events. Contact Sue or Ray if you can help.

Al Gore Film

An estimated 90 people showed up for the film and it was agreed all round that it was an excellent event with good questions and plenty of interest. The evening resulted in one new member and £27 in the collection box. Two articles appeared in the News including a picture of the panel. More local politicians in the audience would have been welcomed.

Lethal plastic bags threaten wildlife!

Plastic Bag Free Emsworth?

Havant FOE members in Emsworth have joined forces with the town's Business Association to campaign for a ban on plastic shopping bags. The idea was given a boost after a small Devon town, Modbury, hit the headlines when all 43 of the town's traders called time on providing free plastic bags to customers.

The campaign owes much to a young BBC cameraman who had filmed the impact of plastic bag debris on sea birds in the Southern Ocean. The facts are truly shocking. In the marine environment plastic bag litter is lethal, killing at least 100,000 birds, whales, seals and turtles every year. After an animal is killed by plastic bags, its body decomposes and the plastic is released back into the environment where it can kill again. The world uses over 1.2 trillion plastic bags a year, about 300 bags for each adult on the planet or over one million bags per minute. They stay around for decades. 47% of wind borne litter escaping from landfills is plastic. And much of this is plastic bags.

local info: www.plasticbags.emsworth.org.uk/

worldwide info: www.messageinthewaves.com and/or www.planetark.com



Photo courtesy of Ron Prendergast, Melbourne Zoo

Planning and Design

Council re-think on flats plan



Proposed Park Road South development site

Earlier this year councillors threw out an application for a mixed residential and retail development in Park Road South. Havant FOE had strongly objected on the grounds of poor air quality and noise. The council has adopted a new procedure for dealing with major new building and invited the FOE to present its views on a revised application. In summary, the FoE told councillors that any new building should be of an appropriate quality standard worthy of the gateway position. It should be constructed to prevent noise and air pollution to residents, energy efficient, backed up with an independent audit. The developers should be required to offer a local environmental benefit.

New Urban Design Guide

Havant FOE has welcomed plans for an Urban Design Guide (UDG) to improve the quality of future development throughout the borough. The UDG is a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which provides design principles and standards for the whole of the borough. It aims to influence how buildings look and fit in with their setting, the layout and organization of public spaces and the appearance of street frontages. Urban design is about making better places. There are two underlying elements: places should be pleasing in appearance, and should function properly. Field work involving local FoE members and other groups is expected to begin in the Autumn.

Dates and Events

4 August (Sat) Solar Boat Trip from Emsworth Organised by Portsmouth FOE. Depart 3.30pm from the jetty at the bottom of South Street. Cost £5 adults, £2.50 children. There is no reservation so get there early !! Gather afterwards about 5pm in the beer garden of the Lord Raglan PH, at the bottom of Queen Street, Emsworth.

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9-11 September FOE Annual Conference: - Reading; contact Ray or see website.

16 September Beachwatch see below.

22 September peace Council event day at the Sustainability Centre East Meon.

30 September Stall at Friends of Park Wood, Cowplain, Woodland Fair - volunteers needed.

3 October presentation by Portsmouth Water on proposed new reservoir in Havant Thicket followed by questions. 7.30 at Portsmouth Water head office, West St, Havant.

Later in the year visit to Portsmouth Incinerator with Pompey and Fareham FOE groups.

More info on all of the above on our website

Meetings

Havant FOE meet on the third Wednesday of every month in Havant (**no meeting in August**). Our new venue is the new Nineveh, 11 The Pallant (round the corner from Waitrose). Thanks to Tim Dawes again.

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Beachwatch 2007

Join the biggest and most influential project in the fight against marine litter pollution in the UK. Participate at a beach near you. Register your own beach clean, or join someone else's at: www.adoptabeach.org.uk or email beachwatch@mcsuk.org or phone 01989 567807 and be part of this amazing event in 2007.

Why not request a fundraising pack and get sponsored for all the litter you pick up or the distance you clean?

Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 September.

Local Beachwatch event: **Sunday 16** in Emsworth. Contact Jennifer Rye: 01243 376926.

Tree Warden Update

Sue Holt and one other Havant FoE member have signed up to the Borough Tree Warden scheme. More tree wardens are still needed in many parts of the Borough., especially Leigh Park, Hayling Island and Bedhampton. Contact Frances Jannaway 01243 430314 if you are interested.

Fluoridation- the Current Position

The NHS has begun a new drive to extend the fluoridation programme throughout the UK. At present, pressure is centred primarily around Manchester and the North. Councils in Rotherham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford and Calderdale have all rejected the idea. The Isle of Man is also under threat. The procedure is to press Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to request their Strategic Health Authority (SHA) to carry out a fluoridation 'feasibility' study. If this study proves satisfactory, a 'Public Consultation' lasting 3 months should follow. The final decision whether or not to fluoridate lies solely with the SHA – the views of water companies, local councils or the public can be overridden.

On 2 October 2006, there was yet another NHS reorganisation so that a new SHA was created to cover Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. The PCTs were also reorganised and those that concern us are Southampton City, Portsmouth City, Isle of Wight and Hampshire.

Two of these PCTs have considered the fluoridating the water. Southampton City opted to ask for a 'feasibility' study, which has been done, but the SHA Board are not likely to consider the results before November 2007 or January 2008. We have been promised a copy of the results that will be presented to the Board.

Portsmouth City's Board voted against proceeding by a very narrow majority. They are hoping to target areas of deprivation and offer dental services to those most in need.

Hampshire's chairman, Dr Jonathan Montgomery, has confirmed verbally that fluoridation will not be on his agenda this year and that he personally does not think fluoridation is the way for Hampshire to go. However, he is promising nothing.

www.fluoridealert.org www.npwa.freesevice.co.uk www.idof.net



Fluorosis in children's teeth:

Normal

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Plastic water costs the Earth

Research by the University of Geneva for the WWF shows that bottled water sells for up to 1,000 times the price of tap water, but that the quality is often no better. In the UK, plastic bottles create ½ million tonnes of non biodegradable plastic. Distribution of bottled water adds on tens of thousands of 'water miles' to the environmental costs. While the WWF does acknowledge that bottled water is generally safer in areas where tap water is contaminated, it says boiling or filtering local water is a cheaper and more sustainable alternative. If tap water does get contaminated as in the recent flooding, then bottled water or other emergency supplies need to be available as a short-term solution.

American researchers say that 40% of bottled water is from a municipal source with added minerals in a market worth \$57 billion or seven times more than is spent on providing safe drinking water in developing countries. The bill for the crude oil required to produce the bottles is \$1.5 billion at 2006 prices. Some US cities are urging their residents to kick the mineral water habit but research by the Washington Earth Policy Institute last year shows a 57% increase in the consumption of mineral water.

Drink tap water and save cash and the planet.