

SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September 2007

Don't Give Up the Fight For St. Richard's Hospital!

Although this has been a long campaign, we need to keep up the pressure and ensure that those making the decision about St. Richard's know how strongly we feel. The other hospitals under threat are fighting hard, so it is vital for local residents who rely on St. Richard's or might need it in the future, to do everything possible to press for its selection as the major general hospital and avoid it being downgraded to a local general hospital. Please –

Attend one of the two remaining public meetings - 1 October at Chichester Festival Theatre or 10 October at The Grange, Midhurst, both from 7 to 9pm. The Primary Care Trust (PCT) will present its proposals at both meetings and take questions.

**Complete an on-line response by visiting the PCT consultation website
<http://www.southeastcoastfff.nhs.uk/Home/West-Sussex.aspx>**

Contact the PCT's Consultation Support Unit by letter, telephone, fax, e.mail or text:

**Creating an NHS Fit For the Future,
FREEPOST SEA 1064.
West Sussex PCT,
The Causeway,
GORING-BY-SEA,
Wes Sussex
BN12 6ZZ**

Tel: 0800 707 6975 (Freephone)

Fax: 01903 247591

E.mail: fitforthefuture@westsussexpct.nhs.uk

Text: 07824 499266

Quality Council

The Parish Council has decided to make a bid to become a Quality Council. It has been working towards this for some time, with the Clerk attaining the new CILCA qualification in 2004. Quality status will benefit the community by showing to local people that the council is well led and accountable, by enabling it to access more outside funds to spend on things in the parish and to work in closer partnership with the District and County Councils.

Completion of 2006/2007 Audit

The Parish Council has now completed its Audit procedure for the financial year ending 31 March 2007 with a completely clean bill of health from Mazars, the external auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. A copy of the appropriate sections of the Annual Return are currently on display on the Parish Council's notice boards. Copies of the accounts can be obtained from the Clerk at a cost of £1.50 per copy.

Parish Council Agendas and Minutes

Just to remind you that a full copy of all the Parish Council's agendas and minutes are always posted on the village website, as well as being displayed on the notice boards at Singleton and Charlton.

South East Planning Aid

This is a service covering East and West Sussex, Kent and Surrey, which offers free, independent and professional advice on town and country planning issues to community groups and people who cannot afford to pay for a planning consultant. South East Planning Aid will also work with communities to help them understand and play a role in the planning process. Although advice and support is free, planning consultants' fees are not included.

There may be a charge for such things as purchasing maps or documents, but there is no charge for their community planning programme. For further information contact:

South East Planning Aid, Kent Architecture Centre, 1st Floor, Admiral's Offices, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ. Tel: 01634 831167. E.mail: seco@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk Website: www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 October 2007 at 7pm at Singleton Village Hall**. If there is anything which interests you, or if you would like to make your feelings known, do come along – you will be very welcome.