

Mytchett, Frimley Green & Deepcut Society

MINUTES of Half-yearly MEETING 30 October 2015

1. WELCOME

President Sue Cartwright welcomed the Guest Speakers, Local Officers and approx. 65 members and visitors.

2. SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION

Ken Clarke, Local Historian, gave a very interesting presentation entitled 'Gamberley Area Policing' with reference to the 1860 Prizefight Tom Sayers vs John C. Heenan+

The prizefight was a 'horrific' bare knuckle fight that lasted 42 rounds between an American, John Carmel Heenan, and Tom Sayers, the "English hope". It took place in 1860 on the borders of Surrey and Hampshire, near to where The Hatches are today, and two local roads off Henley Drive, Frimley Green, are named after the fighters.

The match took place before Queensbury Rules were introduced, and a round lasted until one of the men was knocked, pushed or was punched to the ground. The protagonists fought for over two hours until police stopped the match. Seven years later the Queensbury Rules were introduced, regulating many aspects of fighting, including rounds of three minutes

3. TEA & COFFEE BREAK

4. SECOND SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION

Geoff Marks of Farnborough Aerodrome Residents Association (FARA) gave a presentation entitled 'Farnborough Airport and Public Concerns'; it was followed by a Q & A session. He warned about the plans to increase flights across the area's airspace. Interested parties should follow developments via websites

<http://www.airportwatch.org.uk/uk-airports/farnborough-airport/> and/or
<http://www.facc.org.uk/>

5. QUESTION TIME WITH LOCAL OFFICERS, PAUL DEACH & CHRIS PITT

Two particular hot topics were 'The impact of the PRB development on local traffic, especially Lake Road' and 'The proposed four way traffic lights in Frimley Green'. Both are inter-linked and both are affected by a transport assessment carried out by the barracks developer. Many people believe that this was based on dubious and unrealistic data without the benefit of local knowledge. With respect to the traffic lights it may be prudent to either wait until the barracks have been redeveloped into the 1,200 homes to assess the real extent of extra traffic or to only put in temporary lights for the moment. It is also believed that the assessment was made BEFORE restrictions were put on the bridge at the end of Deepcut Bridge Road; there was no consideration for off-peak delays or the effect of 'rat-runs'.

Chris Pitt encouraged all of us to make more use of the bus routes.

6. RAFFLE and MEETING CLOSE.

Local Officers Present

Councillor Paul Deach Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut
Councillor Chris Pitt Surrey C.C. Frimley Green & Mytchett & Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green

Local Officers NOT Present

Councillor Max Nelson Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green (apologies sent)
Councillor Oliver Lewis Surrey Heath B.C. Frimley Green (apologies sent)
Councillor Joanne Potter Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut (apologies sent)
Councillor Craig Fennell Surrey Heath B.C. Mytchett/Deepcut (apologies sent)

MFGD Committee Members Present

Sue Cartwright (President) Carol Drew (Treasurer) Sarah Kingsley (Publicity Officer)
Chris Main Howard Hyde Duncan Clark Jacques Olmo
Rod Carroll (Website Administrator) David Brown (Minutes Secretary)