



# HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - Spring 2009

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## STOP PRESS

Police Bike Tagging will take place during Scout Celebrations – take your bike along to get it tagged

## 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 PM THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 09

THE HIGHFIELD SUITE, HIGHFIELD HOUSE HOTEL  
Highfield Lane

### Guest Speakers

Dr Alan Shrank of NORA - NORA and Government  
Sarah Clover of No 5 Chambers - Latest Planning Legislation  
ALAN WHITEHEAD MP- Progress on HMO Legislation

## REVIEW 08/09

Members and Residents,  
We will have what promises to be a very full and interesting AGM this year, with two speakers of national note plus our Member of Parliament. Do please attend if you can - details of the event above. In the meantime, amongst our activities and achievements during the year has been the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Brookvale and adjacent roads, an agreement with The Council over the treatment of the Little Common and most recently agreement for an Article 4.2 attachment for the Portswood Residents' Gardens Conservation Area. On planning matters, we again had a notable success in winning a second appeal regarding an illegal conversion of a property in Crofton Close which has now been incorporated into planning law. We continue to oppose unlawful development in our area and are currently supporting The Council in their refusal of a Lawful Development Certificate application and subsequent enforcement for a property in Brookvale Road, where lawful procedures have been ignored. In this respect, it has been necessary for your Association to obtain its own independent professional advice, so the creation of our contingency fund has been timely and without which, we would undoubtedly have lost both these cases. Any donations for this fund, which would be used for the engagement of professional services only, would be very welcome.

We have had several meetings with the Students Union and University throughout the year and are still hopeful of a reinstatement of the University Community Liaison Panel.

On the national front, we have again been active in pressing Government to introduce regulations for the control of HMOs and a

Parliamentary consultation plus Ministerial visit have both been promised shortly. We have also supported our national body, NORA, in other consultations with Government; see the article. We congratulate our colleagues in the Oakmount Triangle Residents' Association on the launch of their Character Appraisal and Management Plan in support of their Conservation status.

All of the foregoing, I submit, amply illustrates both the need and endeavour of maintaining a **pro-active** Residents' Association. We have reason to believe that our views are now taken seriously by both The Council and Government alike.

We cannot exist without the support of all our local residents, so please take a few moments to complete the application form at the back of the newsletter and join us in our efforts to preserve and protect Highfield as a wonderful place to live.

Finally, I will take this opportunity to thank all officers and members of the committee without whose support and hard work none of our successes would be possible.

We hold our meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Highfield House Hotel. All members are most welcome to attend as observers and if you wish to table an item please contact the secretary two weeks before the meeting so that it can be added to the agenda.

Conscious of the reduced financial circumstances of many of our members, don't forget to take advantage of our "Members' Offers", which provide generous discounts at a number of local businesses.

We are most grateful to the Grass Roots Grant Scheme for sponsorship of this newsletter.

*Jerry Gillen, Chairman*

## POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

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The Purpose of this article is to ensure your peace of mind and give you all some hints and tips to remain safe and free from crime.

### Houses:

In relation to your homes please when you go out always lock your doors and close the windows, even if you are just "popping out."

If your property has older windows, window locks are ideal to act as a deterrent. If the windows are newer and have deadlocks, please use them and make sure the keys are kept hidden away from the windows, so that if you are subject to a break in those responsible do not have an easy access route out of your house. This applies to front and back doors, this seems like obvious advice but in my travels I still see keys in doors or hung up by the door.

The use of timer switches for lights and radios is a must for this time of the year, plan ahead if you know your day will mean the house being unoccupied when it gets dark. When considering your garden and home have a look at it and ask yourself, "how would I break in?" Using this principle you should be able to identify areas where your property is open to possible crime. Fencing and walls alone are a good secure barrier however the addition of trellis and clever use of shrubs, especially with added thorny bits can help to send out the message, "my property is hard to get into."

Always check that you know who is at your door before you answer it. Make sure they are genuine and ask for ID: if they are from a genuine company they will be happy to wait on the doorstep while you check. If in doubt please check.

Please do not advertise what possessions you have in your home, I have walked past many a front room and seen the computer clearly on show giving our wannabe burglar the very information he/she needs.

### Property:

Please, if you can find the time mark all your valuable items such as TV's, computers and the like, an ultra violet pen costs little compared to the price of a replacement. Mark

them with a unique name/code that only you know and is relevant to you.

Police recover goods through various means and the frustration normally lies in not being able to prove they are stolen. I have had occasion when I have been able to return those goods to the owners, which gives me great satisfaction and I have been able to send someone to court as I can prove the goods are stolen.

Remember also you can register such items as electrical on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which is free of charge and will give the police a fighting chance of getting your property back to you.

Finally....your own safety please be aware when you are out on a night out, know your surroundings and plan your night, organise taxis and the like. Many a night I have seen people walking along either with Ipod in use or on the phone and blissfully unaware of who maybe watching them or even following them. It is advertising the fact you have goods which are desirable to steal. Think of your most treasured item, would you advertise it in the same way.

I will always say to anyone I meet, report everything and anything to police. If it is suspicious enough for you to comment on it, why not let us know. Without wishing to steal a quote, "but your call could count."

Hopefully the wish of the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Highfield will be granted, and there will be fewer incidents of theft and crime in general, if some of this advice is followed. If you need further advice on any of the subject please visit the Hampshire Constabulary website on [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) or call us on 0845 045 4545 or even call into Portwood police station during office hours where we will be happy to give you leaflets and information on these areas and more.

We will continue to drive down crime in the Highfield area and with your help we are already achieving this in some areas.

On behalf of the Beat team I wish you safe and happy 2009.

*PC 1544 Andy Alderson*

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## LITTLE COMMON PROGRESS

In January three well-attended working parties of local residents, guided by the Hawthorns' staff and blessed with excellent weather, made a good start on the Common Sense Action Plan to open up the Little Common. This followed the clearance by the Council at the beginning of the month of the large vegetation along the sides of the Carriage Drive to open it up, improve drainage and promote gorse and other indigenous heath land habitat along the edges.

At present one more working party is arranged for this winter. Clearance of saplings and shrubs along and behind the northern part of Highfield Road edge will be continued and hopefully largely completed. We would like more working parties before the growth season, but we are not the only call on the Council's finite resources for providing supervision and operation of the shredding machine. A start to making the southern part of the Little Common opposite the Avenue Campus more open will thus probably have to wait till next autumn/winter.

Next autumn/winter the Council intends to strengthen the defences against vehicle intrusion before completely removing the vegetation that has been lowered along the

edge to the northern part of Highfield Road. During the Spring, Common Sense will consider what form it would like those works to take along the whole of Highfield Road in order make the edge more open, attractive, secure from vehicles and safe and convenient for pedestrians and cyclists entering and leaving the Little Common. If you would like to comment on these please send Simon Hill your details.

Many people have said how much they prefer the more open aspect that has been created, reminding the older residents of how it used to be not that long ago. The Little Common will look even better once Spring growth has covered the unavoidable temporary effects of the tree machinery.

Next working party on **Wednesday 4 March, 13.30-16.00**, meet opposite end of Omdurman Road.

Let Common Sense have your views on what has gone on and is planned and/or if you need a copy of the Action Plan contact: [mail@southamptoncommon.org](mailto:mail@southamptoncommon.org) (or Simon Hill, at 33 Highfield Road, SO17 1PJ 023 8055 5394)

## MANAGEMENT TEAM BUYS FOLIO HOTELS FROM ADMINISTRATOR 34 JOBS TO BE SAVED AT LOCAL HOTEL



Highfield House in Southampton was one of the hotels bought out of administration following a management buy-out of 18\* Folio hotels. (Monday January 12)

A new company has been formed called Mulbourn Limited which will continue to trade under the Folio Hotels banner with funding provided by the hotel's landlords, the management team and private equity.

The deal, which will buy the company out of administration, is expected to save 1200 jobs in the 18 hotels around the country, including 34 at Highfield House.

The new company will be led by Managing Director Matthew Welbourn and Finance Director Alan Murray, who held similar roles in the previous company. Thirteen former senior managers will also take a stake in the new company. The new company is forecasting a turnover of

£48 million in its first year of trading.

Despite the economic downturn the company says it is well placed to move forward and secure new business. Some £35 million has been invested recently in refurbishments throughout the estate including £1.1 million at Highfield House and the portfolio is looking in very good shape.

Commenting on the announcement, General Manager of Highfield House, Katie Garland said: "It's good news that an agreement has been reached and it is very much business as usual as far as we are concerned. We know that trading conditions will be tough over the next few months however we are sure that our customers will continue to support their local hotel. We will be honouring all the bookings that we have in the pipeline."

**Highfield House Hotel offers members of HRA a discount of 10% which has been increased to 15% until the end of March.**

## HIGHFIELD SCOUT GROUP CELEBRATES 100 YEARS 1909-2009



In 1907 Scouting's founder, Baden-Powell, held an experimental camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour. Scout Troops very quickly sprung up all over the country and patrols were meeting in Highfield from

the word go thanks to the leadership of Rev. Roach, senior curate at Highfield Church. The 14th Southampton

(Highfield) troop was officially registered in March 1909 and a century later, thanks to the continued efforts of local volunteers, the Highfield Scout Group is celebrating our centenary in style. Former Scouts and friends of the group are invited to join us any time between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 14th March 2009 for our Centennial Anniversary Party and Fayre at our Scout Hut in Brookvale Road. Further info: [www.highfieldscouts.hampshire.org.uk](http://www.highfieldscouts.hampshire.org.uk).

### OFFERS FOR MEMBERS

**Ceno's Restaurant & Wine Bar** 8055 4400

10% loyalty discount off food & drinks, when taken together (cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer)

**Kohinoor Indian Restaurant** 8058 2770

**Kuti's, Oxford Street** 8022 1585

**Noorani, Fair Oak** 8060 1901

**The Pier Thai Restaurant** 8033 9211

20% discount, on mid week, non anniversary days

**Sara's Thai Cuisine, 273 Portswood Road** 8067 6063

10% off all meals, including Takeaway

**Silver Horse Chinese Take Away** 8055 2127

10% off all food orders, with additional free dish to value of £5.00 on orders above £15.00 – deliver or collect.

**Portswood Computers** 8058 3001

10% discount

**Karen Holloway Beautician** 8063 4666

10% discount

**Rozie@47- florist** 8033 0749

10% discount on direct orders and shop purchases

**Innervisions** 8055 5165

10% discount

**Highfield House Hotel** 8055 4223

10% off published prices

All the above offers are conditional upon production of a current HRA membership card at the time.

### MANGO THAI TAPAS BAR,

This is the area's most recently opened bar and restaurant and has a wonderfully intimate Eurasian Bistro style atmosphere. It is a recent venture for the proprietors Nick and Jay who have wisely sought the technical expertise and assistance of Sara (of the excellent Sara's Thai Restaurant) for the Thai cuisine. There is also a small function room and overspill area at the rear and upstairs a wonderfully atmospheric additional Bar and Lounge area seating 30 – 40 people; ideal for private functions or if there are no seats left downstairs. A great fun venue, which is proving very popular with a variety of local customers of all ages. Certainly an "in" place to go.

There are a wide range of starters to sample at the Bar if you are unable to get a table and most dishes come in Starter or Main course size portions. The Chicken Panang, Lamb Massaman and Phad Thai are amongst my own personal favourites with a Tempura Prawn Starter which is quite outstanding.

Prices range from £4.95 for Starters with mains from £7.50.

There is a limited range of Wines, all of which are excellent value with House Wine at only £10.90 per bottle or a good Sauvignon Blanc at £13.50.

For those wishing to dine later, there is a 20% discount if you book your table for after 9.30 PM and there is a member's discount of 10% off food only, (not in addition!) This is a lively and fashionable venue where one is assured of having a great evening.

*Jerry Gillen*

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## HMO LEGISLATION: SLOW PROGRESS?

It is almost two years now since I introduced a 'ten-minute rule Bill' into the house of Commons to make the changes in planning law that would enable local authorities to ensure that proper planning arrangements would have to be made if a house were to be purchased and rented out to a number of unrelated people (an 'HMO'). The present position is only a partial improvement on what went before. Larger HMOs must now be licenced by the Local Authority, and they can apply for special arrangements to licence all HMOs. This, though, only works for existing houses, and only if the Local Authority actually wants to go the extra mile in introducing universal licencing, which Southampton City Council at present seems not to want to do. Being able to have a say in what happens to a house when it is purchased, and in effect its use is completely changed still doesn't exist in planning law and urgently needs changing.

'Ten minute' rule bills in Parliament unfortunately never become law; but they are a good way of bringing an issue to Parliament's and the Government's attention. I think the bill succeeded in that respect. Subsequently there have been not one, but two reports commissioned by the Government on the problems of, and possible solutions for, areas with high numbers of HMOs, and a

promise, early last year, of consultations on mechanisms to change the law. One of the reports made very specific recommendations on how the law could be changed and it is this that I understand will be the basis for consultation and hopefully new legislation. Of course the Bill I put forward, the follow up correspondence and the subsequent meetings with Ministers (most recently before Christmas last year) has just been a part of the pressure to move the issue on. There has been a subsequent debate in the House on HMOs led by Andrew Smith the Oxford MP, in which I participated and the National HMO lobby, in which the Highfield Residents Association plays a very active role, has been important in keeping attention concentrated.

So where is the 'consultation'? I have been told that it is shortly to emerge, but it is proceeding far slower than I would have liked. I have recently put down some questions aiming to get a clear date established, in addition to the unofficial assurances that it is on its way. It is good that the focus still remains on how to change the law to better control HMOs rather than whether to. I hope to have news on this in the very near future. I will of course keep HRA posted!

*Dr Alan Whitehead MP.*

## NATIONAL ORGANISATION OF RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

### The Network

Our network of residents' associations was formed in January 2003 following a disastrous court case about a Special Hours Certificate in Shrewsbury. We had managed to obtain nation-wide exposure of the problems of UK residents associations in dealing with licensing matters just before the 2003 Licensing Act came into being, and within a short space of time organisations representing residents from all over England were keen to set up a national body.

In the six years since its inception we have gathered 45 members. They vary from associations with just a few hundred members to large federations of several residents associations. It is difficult to assess the total number of residents represented by our membership, but a conservative estimate would be over half-a-million. It may only be 5% of all residents but they are articulate, organised and prepared to state their case. Politicians have come to recognise us, because we have such a wide-spread membership, we can present a unified approach to problems and after all we also comprise the electorate.

### The method of operation

The system depends on the internet. Each member has to provide at least one email address for communication purposes. Members with a problem for which advice is sought send me an email. I email it all members for their experience and replies usually come within one or two days. From the responses best practice may emerge. All the responses are circulated not just to the original enquirer but to all members for their interest.

In the six years we have existed, we have built up a considerable database of experiences covering planning matters, licensing problems, right-to-manage for leaseholders, mobile phone masts, incinerators and new problems keep emerging.

### Our aims

- to promote the common interests of residents who live in towns and cities in the UK
- to provide a forum for member associations to exchange information and experience
- to draw attention to developments which may affect the quality of life in towns and cities
- to represent the interests of member associations collectively to regional and national authorities and other organisations
- to monitor and comment on major issues affecting the quality of life of residents in towns and cities, including planning, licensing, cultural activities, community safety and policing

### National involvement.

Our second important role is to represent the views of residents to central government. We started by responding to government consultation papers, and we are now on the list of those consulted by several government departments when the interests of residents are affected.

Members are alerted by email and their responses used to produce a draft response. This is circulated to all members for modifications, and then presented as our final response. In the past two years we have been invited to meet civil servants to discuss our concerns over intended legislation, and we have been able to persuade civil servants to change their proposals where they agreed with our concerns.

**Website – [www.nora-uk.co.uk](http://www.nora-uk.co.uk)**

Finally we manage a website available for anyone to access. It contains factual data and easy hyperlink access to publications such as parliamentary acts and circulars that are in the public domain. Data about our members is also on the website and their newsletters and descriptions of their areas are also published.

*Dr Alan Shrank*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 8th December saw the, now, annual HRA Children's Christmas Party. This event, which is organised by Phil Banyard, is always a fun occasion for the children of Highfield. This year was no exception and the children really enjoyed themselves. The entertainment was provided by Crazy M and her assistant J. They catered for children of all ages with a lively show that incorporated magic, puppetry and audience participation, games and a disco dance competition which sadly saw Phil and his

daughter losing their unbroken record. There was a party tea, courtesy of Waitrose, and a visit from Father Christmas who gave all the children a small gift.

It was, thanks to the hard work of Phil and his helpers, a great afternoon for the youngsters and a chance to relax a bit for the parents. This year promises to be bigger and better, with additional sponsorship from HRA, so look out for the advertisement in the autumn edition of the Newsletter.



## THE HIGHFIELD WARTIME DANCE

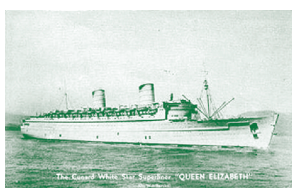
To commemorate the ninety years since the end of WW1 Highfield Church organised a wonderful event on November 8th 2008. Tickets were replicas of the old ration books and more than a hundred men women and children dressed up in Nineteen Forties fashions or in tin hats and military uniforms for a very successful wartime tea dance. The tea included spam and corned beef sandwiches, gingerbread and jam tarts as well as more exotic cakes. Old fashioned teapots adorned the tables laid out under the flags. A siren signalled the beginning of the dance proper as the High Life Big Band struck up with Glenn Miller. The hall had been transformed with parachutes, sandbags and wartime posters. A dance teacher instructed how to do the quickstep and the jive. The dance, organised by Fiona Mortimore and her team, was attended by many old timers including Fiona's mother Molly who remembered the Second World War. The most spectacular couple were Theya and Paul Ashman resplendent in fashions and uniform of the

period. This was a real Highfield event where everyone pulled together, reminiscent of the wartime spirit, to make the occasion really special.



## FIND THE LADY

A fictional account as to how the Cunard ship Queen Elizabeth's destination was hidden from the enemy on her voyage from the Clyde in 1940



John G. Avery  
Beech Books © 2009

The booklet interweaves fiction with historical fact and follows the story of the deception in 1940.

Profits from the sale to Seafarers UK [formerly King George Fund for Sailors] support the families of seafarers, fishermen, Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel facing hardship.

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Beech Avenue, Southampton SO18 4TS  
also on sale at the Echo shop Southampton and Local  
Studies, SCC Central Library, Witts Hill PO Midanbury

# WRITERS AND READERS IN HIGHFIELD

## BLUE ROOM WRITERS

Blue Room Writers have met on Saturday mornings in Highfield Church Centre since the Millennium. Instigated by Jenni Jacombs and Evelyn Harris, who met at an Adult-Ed class, a committed mix of published and not-yet-in-print writers bring work for constructive feedback. Recent manuscripts include novels, radio plays, short stories, a book in poem form about the Victorian artist Lord Frederick Leighton and a musical script.

Tessa Warburg sees the first of a trilogy "The Dohlen Inheritance" published in February. She recently updated a sci-fi novel by her late husband. "A Woman's World" is set in New Bristol, 2142. (The Thorn Press and both available on Amazon)

Deanna Dewey is in discussion with a film company. Her

screenplay is about a boy evacuated from Southampton during WW2.

Glen Jayson is developing a TV pilot into six episodes after interest shown by an independent television company.

Two new members are working on novels: historical fiction with a nautical tang and an Amazon Rain Forest adventure.

Whilst you're rummaging at a Bazaar or sipping coffee in the Centre on a Saturday, who knows - a best seller might be emerging upstairs!

*Glen Jayson*

Blue Room Writers has limited membership. Vacancies, when available, are advertised in Southampton libraries.

## WRITERS IN SOUTHAMPTON

"Writers in Southampton" is an organisation for published writers in the Southampton area.

In December, Shena Mackay, who has lived in Highfield for five years, delighted members with a reading from her latest book, a collection of short stories, "The Atmospheric Railway." Other members from Highfield include Rebecca Smith, Joan McGavin, Brian Hinton and Ray Monk who will be speaking in May about his biography on Oppenheimer.

February's speaker is Janet Owen, Arts & Heritage

Manager, Southampton City Council and in March Lucy Flannery hopes to visit and share her experiences of initiating the first Havant Literary Festival in September 2008.

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Fo'c'sle Room, Richmond Inn, Portswood. WiS members meet to socialise, network and raise the profile of local professional writers. Guests welcome.

For further details, please contact Lynda O'Neill, email [wordlush@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wordlush@yahoo.co.uk).

## BOOK TALK - READERS IN HIGHFIELD

In the summer of 2005 I was visiting a friend who lives in Devon and as her reading group was meeting during my visit I was invited to attend. Luckily, I had read the book they were discussing so I was able to participate in the very lively debate.

I had such a good time that I thought that I would like to belong to a reading group and so I decided to start one myself in Highfield. I spoke to a few friends to see if they would be interested in joining a group and so Book Talk was born. We meet roughly every six weeks which gives us plenty of time to read the chosen book. The format is that the person hosting the evening selects three books from which the rest of us make a choice. Southampton Library offers a service to reading groups and if you register your group with them and let them know the title of the book you want they will obtain enough copies for your group.

We usually combine the evening with a meal, although there is no pressure to do so. It is supposed to be a relaxed and fun evening and it invariably is. We have read a very wide selection of books and quite often books that would never have occurred to us to choose as individuals. Our first book was *The Kite Runner* which we all loved. Since then we have read 26 books including *The*

*Star's Tennis Balls* by Stephen Fry, which was universally hated, *The Highest Tide* a charming tale about a young boy who catches unusual fish for pocket money. *Vengeance is Mine* by Brandy Purdy a story based around the fall from grace of Ann Boleyn and *The Janissary Tree* by Jason Goodwin. We have also read some more current books such as *Gentlemen and Players* by Joanne Harris, *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka and *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon. We read *The Chameleon's Shadow* by Minette Walters and attended a talk that she gave at Southampton Solent University. We were all fascinated by Victoria Hislop's novel *The Island* and have been talking about making a Book Talk pilgrimage to Crete to see the leper colony at Spinalonga for ourselves. We are reading *An Act of Peace* by Ann Widdicombe and she has agreed to come and talk to us in March about that which will be interesting.

So if you enjoy reading and would like to add another dimension to your experience of this I would thoroughly recommend joining or starting a reading group yourself.

*Caroline Knight*

## SOUTHAMPTON SCRABBLE CLUB

Greetings to Highfield Residents from the Southampton Scrabble Club. I am grateful to your editor for this opportunity to tell you a bit about us.

Most people who play Scrabble at all do so in the privacy of their own homes, sometimes with consequences detrimental to domestic harmony. On the whole however it is a well-mannered hobby; frustrating at times perhaps, but not aggressive.

Well, you can take those frustrations out of the home and work them off on us! There are over 300 UK clubs formed by people just to play Scrabble, and one of them has been here in Southampton for over 20 years. We meet once a week for 3 hours. We play one against one

in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with a bit of light refreshment thrown in.

The best way to find out more and see whether it suits you is to come and try us out. We meet on all normal Wednesday evenings from 19.30 until 22.30 in Room 2 of the Hilldene Centre, High Street, West End, behind which there is car-parking space. You will be given a warm welcome and a free run, and whatever your standard of play you won't be out of your depth unless you are already too good for us.

Anybody who wants to know more or prearrange a visit is welcome to ring me, Alan Bailey, on (023) 9238 4360, or email me at [BailAll4@aol.com](mailto:BailAll4@aol.com).



## CENOS

Ceno Bar & Restaurant is a firm favourite for many of us in the Highfield area and Jamie and his team have been working hard for nearly 4 years to ensure we drink, dine and unwind.

In case you haven't had an opportunity to try Ceno's relaxed and informal style, you can expect to experience the best of modern British and European food, simple innovative dishes and exceptional value for money.

There are always plenty of great offers and the Ceno Sunday lunch set menu is the perfect way to finish off a weekend. Sunday roast with all the trimmings for only £14 for 2 courses - what more can you ask? Plus all HRA members receive a mouth-watering 10% discount off their

restaurant bill, which makes eating at Ceno even more delicious.

Ceno also run a loyalty card scheme that gives you points every time you eat or drink out. As a loyalty cardholder you will receive money off your bar and restaurant bill, special offers and promotions and a regular e-newsletter to keep you posted first on what events are coming up. It costs nothing to join the scheme so what are you waiting for?

There is always a warm welcome from the team so get down to Highfield's best eaterie and experience the Ceno 'drink, dine and unwind' way of life!

## ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU ADDRESSES SOCIETY'S PROBLEMS AT COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu drew a crowd of hundreds as he addressed students and special guests at a Community Festival, organised by the University of Southampton's Students' Union on Wednesday 11 February.

The Archbishop gave an emotional and inspiring talk about how to address societal problems in the 'Ubuntu' way. He covered a range of subjects from the success of young people and fighting the war on terrorism.

Ubuntu is an ethic or humanist philosophy focusing on people's allegiances and relations with each other and is seen as a traditional African concept.

The festival, organised by 'RAG' or 'Raise and Give' – the Students' Union's fundraising department, also featured a steel drum band, live music and dance performances and a number of stalls and displays. The event was in support of the Tutu Foundation (UK), one of Southampton's RAG charities this year.

In the evening, a fundraising dinner in honour of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu took place at the University.

The Tutu Foundation (UK) was launched in June 2007 to continue the inspiring and transforming work of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu in the United Kingdom. More information about the Tutu Foundation can be found at: [www.tutufoundationuk.org](http://www.tutufoundationuk.org)

*Desmond Tutu and Jerry Gillen*



*Desmond Tutu with Alex Tanfield SU President and Lucy Champion RAG President*

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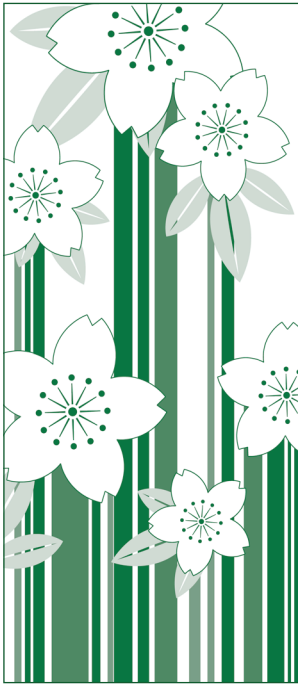
## Take to the Water

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# Springtime at Ceno!

Spring has finally sprung and we've got some great offers to put a spring in your step! All HRA members receive an ongoing 10% discount when dining out at the restaurant\* making eating out at Ceno even more delicious.

Relax on Sundays at Ceno with our fantastic set menu served from 12 noon - 9pm. Our Sunday roast is sensational and includes all the trimmings.

Treat your Mum this Mother's Day with a delicious 3 course lunch on Sunday 22nd March and book early for a cracking good Easter with all the family at Ceno.

\*This offer is only valid on production of a valid HRA membership card. 10% discount will be applied to your restaurant bill.

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Name(s) of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my membership fee of  and a voluntary donation of  Thank you!

Postcode (please include) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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This form, together with the subscription, should be sent to Membership Secretary, 5 Marlborough House, 2A Oakmount Ave, SO17 1BX (if by hand, before mid-day); or can be dropped into **Highfield News, 54 Highfield Lane**; or can be brought to any HRA social event or meeting. Cheques should be made payable to Highfield Residents' Association. Please do not send cash through the post as it may get lost.

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