

North West Farnham Residents Association

Autumn Meeting and Talk

‘Exploring the Solar System’

By Dr. Penny Marriott

Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 8 pm, St Francis Hall (off Three Stiles Road)

Dear Members and Local Residents

This year the talk at our October meeting is given by myself, the chairman, Penny Marriott. I have worked in aerospace for many years, both in the UK and abroad in the US and guested on Woman’s Hour. Our view of the Solar system has changed a great deal in a very short space of time and I hope to give every one a personal view both backwards over the last 75 years of space exploration and forwards to the future of exploration of our own solar system.

As usual there will be an open session afterwards so that we can hear your views on other matters and discuss the latest news. This should start at around 8.45 – 9.00 pm. The cost is £2.00 per head including refreshments. Anyone who would like to come but needs some extra help or transport can phone the chairman, Penny Marriott, on 01252 714489.

Chair and Committee Report

Following the granting of outline planning permission to develop the ‘Greenfield’ site of the Beavers Road Hop Fields by Waverley Borough Council’s Joint Planning Committee, members of the North West Farnham Residents Association have continued to work to ensure that the key points of the permission are adhered to and that the greenspace left in the area is safeguarded. For years the Association has been pointing out the dangers of what can happen if there is no local plan in place at Waverley. What is happening now is exactly what we were worried about. If there were a plan in place then there would be a requirement that brown field sites or sites with low amenity value should be used first before any green field sites are used. With no plan then ANY green field site in Farnham can be the subject of an application despite the fact that there are more suitable sites which could be used. Given all the reasons why planning permission should not have been granted such as pollution, traffic management and infrastructure, we continue to press our case against the development of any green field sites. There is a huge Brownfield site at Dunsfold which could take a large number of new dwellings with none of these problems so why is this happening here in Farnham?

What should have happened is that the Joint Planning Committee should have rejected this and other speculative applications, until the local plan is in place so that the planners can actually plan. In our view, the situation is almost entirely due to Waverley’s incompetence and now the date for producing the plan has been put back for a further

time. The NWFRA has pointed out to both the Waverley Local Plan team and the Farnham Town Council Neighbourhood Plan team that the area North and West of the Hopfields is an Area of Great Landscape Value for good reason and that this area should be given similar protection from development in the future in the new plans.

I would like encourage all members to continue to write to our local government representatives to urge them to place some protection on all the areas of North West Farnham that are under threat under these new conditions. Our historic green spaces make Farnham and we must fight to keep it that way.

Penny Marriott

September 2015.

It continues to be important to make your feelings known to those you chose to represent you. The addresses are shown below.

If you have any other matters you would like to raise at the meeting please let us know and I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 22nd.

Penny Marriott

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