



Milton Conservation Society

Representing Milton and Shorefields Conservation Areas



Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2017

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Welcome to this edition of our newsletter which heralds our AGM and Garden Party. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Society - that is 30 years of helping to protect our area from over development and changes which are unsympathetic to the area's heritage. 30 years ago the area faced the demolition of 5 Victorian houses and the erection of blocks of flats. The Society was formed to oppose this and eventually Park Gate was built instead. Since then there have been ups and downs but we strive to ensure good practice is followed and are heartened by the number of improvements we can see being made by owners restoring and improving their properties which benefits us all by helping make our streets desirable places to live.

We hope you will want to support us again this year by renewing your membership or join if you are not currently a member. Once again the cost is being held at just £8 per household - see back of this newsletter.

Notice of AGM and Garden Party.

This year's AGM will take place at 5.30pm on Sat July 15th at 15 Park Crescent.

Nominations are invited for officers and members of the Executive Committee and should be submitted in writing to The Secretary, 15 Park Terrace, Westcliff.

As in previous years, the AGM will be followed by our Garden Party and barbecue at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 for members, £10 for non-members. The price includes the barbecue and a welcome drink. Accompanied children are free. A vegetarian option will be available and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Tickets can be obtained from Julia @ 15 Park Terrace, Tony @ No 15 Park Crescent or let any committee member know or email us info@miltonconservationsociety.com and we will get tickets to you. It really helps if you are intending to come to order your tickets in advance so that we can arrange sufficient food.

Notice of proposed change to the Society's constitution

The Executive committee is proposing to change the constitution such that anyone is eligible to join the society by removing the requirement to be resident in the conservation area. Full wording will be provided at the AGM.

Farewell

The past year also sees the end of an era as Gavin closed his shop bringing to an end over 120 years of retail in the area. We wish him and his wife well and hope he gets the medical help he needs to enjoy a long and happy retirement.

This parade of shops, originally know as Victoria Terrace, has long been a



thriving retail area. This picture dates from approximately 1920. At no 2 was Arnolds the greengrocer on the corner just out of shot, Gavin's shop (no 4) was Martha Dowsett's confectionary shop (she was the niece of a previous Mayor of Southend Thomas Dowsett). This shop had previously been a shoemaker's. Next door at no 6 was a milliners shop run by the Porter sisters, no 8 was Abbots who ran a stationery shop, call office, the post office and library. No 10 housed the caretaker for the chapel opposite and no 12 was a grocer's shop. Up until about 1915 the post office was situated in Miss Dowsett's shop hence the location of the post box outside no 4. There were more shops opposite (where the block of flats now stands) as well as round the corner in Hamlet Road but that's another

story! Today, our changing retail habits mean that all properties in both roads are now, or soon will be, in residential use.

Conservation Area Responsibilities - A Regular Reminder.

Do not fit UPVC windows or doors to your property where they can be seen from the road or side road. As this is a Conservation Area any new windows or doors fitted should be in the style and material as originally fitted when the property was built. In nearly all cases that means timber.



There are many other types of work where additional planning controls apply and permission is normally only given if proposed development preserves or enhances the property's character. Demolition of buildings and work to trees are also controlled.

If in doubt, ask before you commit yourself so you don't have to pay twice. The council offers a simple guide available on its website www.southend.gov.uk - a link is also available from our website.

Contact Us

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Other Executive Members:

Jill Freeth (Park Crescent), Neil Lands (Avenue Terrace), Julie Lowe, (Park Road). Michael Mann, Eddie Cannon (Park Terrace)

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Join us

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter and will want to help us continue the work.

As a member you can (on production of your membership card) benefit from discounts at Celco Lighting and The Frame Shop, both on London Road. You can also apply for a free English Heritage day pass.

Please complete the application form and return it in an envelope with your subscription to The Hon Treasurer, No 1 Park Crescent.

Application for Membership

Name(s) of Adults	
Address	
Email (optional)	
Phone No	

I apply for membership of Milton Conservation Society and enclose £8.00 annual subscription for my household.

Signed.....

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Garden Party Tickets

Please supply Garden Party tickets as follows

..... members @ £7.50 each

.....non-members @£10.00

No of vegetarians