

# PETERSFIELD AREA COMMUNITY TRUST NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016



Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tea Party**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00-5.00pm**  
Norfolk Street grassy area  
Come and join in our celebrations.  
*Tea, Cake, and Fun!*



**Petersfield Party on the Piece**  
After last year's resounding success,  
our summer event this year is  
planned for  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August 12.00-4.30pm,**  
**St Matthew's Piece, Sturton Street**  
*Food Stalls, Live Music,*  
*Bouncy Castle, Entertainment,*  
*Crafts, Beer Tent . . .*

**PACT Christmas on the Piece**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St Matthew's Piece,**  
**Sturton Street, 2.00-4.00pm**  
*Carols, Santa Claus, Mince Pies,*  
*Mulled Wine, and lots of*  
*Christmas Cheer*



## HOWARD MALLET SHOCK - ACT NOW . . .

We all value St Matthew's Piece, the treasured public open space between Sturton Street and York Street. Built on its corner is the Howard Mallett Centre, which was from 1968 to 1998 a wonderful youth and community centre - exactly what our area most needs! Despite being built by public money on land given to the people of Cambridge, this part of the common was scandalously leased away in 1998 by the County Council. Most recently, it was bought by property developers Chard Robinson. In 2014 they consulted widely on their intention to make this a home for Bodywork Company. This dance school does at least serve Cambridge and belong to a Cambridge family.

In January 2016, however, Chard Robinson put in a planning application to change the Howard Mallett Centre building to a general educational use. It appears they have been in negotiation with Cambridge Education Group, an international tutorial college, language-school and education business (they run "CATS"). They are the opposite of a local firm, recruiting and serving students from over 80 countries, particularly from emerging markets.

The 2006 Cambridge Local Plan has protections for existing community facilities and provisions against expanded language and tutorial schools, which are hugely relevant in Petersfield, given the existing pressure on accommodation, parking and facilities from Anglia Ruskin University and others (including Cambridge Islamic College, who bought the community space at Sturton St Methodist Chapel).

We encourage you to object to this, but there are only a couple of days left. For more details see our website [www.pactCambridge.org](http://www.pactCambridge.org) or email planning officer, Mairead O'Sullivan at [mairread.o'sullivan@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:mairread.o'sullivan@cambridge.gov.uk) referencing planning application 15/2372/FUL, Sturton Street, Cambridge. Sign with your full contact details. You can also copy us, [chair@pactCambridge.org](mailto:chair@pactCambridge.org) and local councillors, perhaps [kevin.blencowe@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.blencowe@cambridge.gov.uk)

## THE GENERATE PROJECT

The Generate Project is an exciting new collaborative venture between PACT and ELEVATION YOUTH DANCE COMPANY who are based in Petersfield. EYDC has gained 5\* reviews from its previous work at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and is now launching a project to create choreography and performance material based on the stories and memories of local residents. This intergenerational project needs dancers and performers, particularly those aged 11-18 years, to participate in the creation of the performance and also needs input from our older neighbours who would be happy to share a glimpse of their lives with us. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact:

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