

Friends of the Tumbledown Dick Newsletter

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The Friends of the Tumbledown Dick would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy 2013.

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The heritage debate ...

Just days before Christmas, Rushmoor borough council published their heritage assessment of the Tumbledown Dick. The report, carried out by urban renewal development specialists Turley Associates concludes that in their view the building is of no historic or architectural significance.

The friends believe that this is a poorly executed, lazy and inaccurate investigation, which is contradictory and lacks substance. Furthermore we are angered that tax payers money has been used to pay for such a 'cut and paste' report.

Our own heritage team, a small group of dedicated volunteers, have worked tirelessly thorough Christmas and the new year to produce our counter-report.

Click [here](#) to read the full report.

We have sent this report to all 39 local councillors, Andrew Lloyd at RBC, Sir Gerald Howarth MP, local press, BBCs 'Inside out' and English Heritage.

In the press ...

Following the publication of Rushmoor borough councils 'independent' heritage report the campaign has featured in :

- [Get Hampshire](#)
- On the front page of Aldershot and farnborough news.
- On the 2nd of January our very own Fran appeared alongside Andrew Lloyd from Rushmoor borough council on BBC Radio Surrey's breakfast show:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0126ycf>

We have been working with BBC's 'Inside out', who are producing a short documentary about our campaign, due on your screens in February.

Please sign the petition and spread the word to reach our 5000 target

www.bit.ly/savetumbly

<p style="text-align: center;">Fundraising ...</p> <p>The Friends of the Tumbledown Dick are pleased to announce the line up for our marathon fundraising gig at the agincourt, Camberley on the 2nd of February.</p> <p>The gig will feature these local bands:</p> <p>Welcome the howling tones Sounds of the Suburbs Vibracore Tempus Fusion Spleact & The Effects J Daniels I Plead Irony The Joe Johnston Band</p> <p>Tickets are £7.50 in advance from</p> <p>www.wegotickets.com/event/200593</p> <p>or £10 on the door and include entrance to the rock club afterwards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for your diary.....</p> <p>2nd January - Fran will be on BBC Radio Surrey's Breakfast show talking about the Turley Report and reviewing our heritage report.</p> <p>4th January - Social Night, Tilly Shilling, 7.30pm.</p> <p>12th January - Street Team in Farnborough town centre.</p> <p>February 2nd - Save the Tumbly fundraiser gig, Agincourt , Camberley 15.30 - Late</p> <p>We are always looking for volunteers for our Street Team. If you can spare a few hours a week helping us collect petition signatures, or stewarding a demo please email: peta@friendsofthetumbledownDick.org.uk or go to www.facebook.com/groups/Streetteamtumbly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In other news...</p>	<p>their drive-thru, neither of which will be part of our future needs and will not be a factor in any new valuation.</p>

In the event there is any confusion or misunderstanding, let us clarify that Friends of the Tumbledown Dick has been formed as a Community Interest Group in order to enact our right to bid under the Localism Act to save a local treasured building for community use. We hope to obtain listing status of the building following our own application to English Heritage who are reviewing it now. We will also be submitting our report attached to English Heritage. We wish to see off the McDonald's bid and we have significant local population support for our campaign plus of course considerable press interest. We wish to acquire the building and if we are able to use our 'right to bid' we will be granted 6 months leeway to fund raise in order to buy the building, following a new district valuer valuation of the existing bricks and mortar value of the site. Please note, it is our view that McDonald's are offering to pay significantly more than the value of the site due to what they consider future value of the cinema complex and as they are intending to increase the boundaries of the site to accommodate

And Finally ...



(Picture from www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/20/civil-disobedience-sanchez-gordillo)

On August the 12th 1999 Jose Bove and 9 fellow sheep farmers in the French town Millau took a stand against McDonalds, showing that it only takes a few people to make a difference.

If you are not familiar with the story of the 'McDonalds Ten', its a good one. McDonalds restaurants were in the process of building their 851st french restaurant in Millau. Angered by this. Bove and the group of farmers led their 100's of supporters by tractor to the developing site. Once there they parked their tractors, forklifts and Citroens on the lot, and using chainsaws, hammers, and chisels they set about dismantling the half built building, and literally carried it away piece by piece.