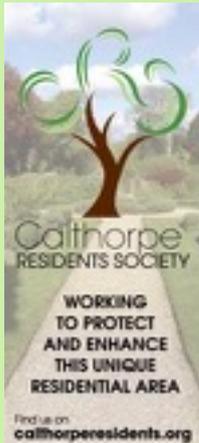


Newsletter



From our Chairman:

Dear Member,



Since the 2014 Autumn Newsletter, the Society has been busy on a number of fronts.

Over the Estate there are a large number of separate residents' associations or groups. Inevitably, these are small organisations often formed to deal with specific local issues. We have long felt that if we could bring these groups together under the umbrella of this Society, then we could provide a powerful united voice which would be influential in addressing the wider issues which affect the whole Estate. In

February, we held a successful forum where a significant number of groups attended and exchanged ideas and experiences. Leading on from that, we are now receiving affiliated memberships from such groups. We will continue to encourage affiliation and put in place a structure whereby we achieve a dialogue and put forward the views of our affiliation membership of this Society.

The Society will need to rely upon the widest possible constituency when approaching the two issues upon which we have called meetings later in the year. Firstly, in October we address the expansion of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and then in November 'traffic and travel in Edgbaston'.

Following on the travel theme, we support the work of Roy Watson, who almost single-handedly has successfully lobbied to obtain funding to build a safe cycling network across the Estate. Take your bicycle down to the canal and see the improvements that have taken place.

A report on the March AGM is found on page 4; I repeat my thanks to Peter Heath for his five year stewardship of our financial affairs.

Lastly, it is our aim to distribute this newsletter to every household on the Estate. If you can help to distribute in your local area then please contact us.



Peter Arnold

TO ALL RESIDENTS ON THE CALTHORPE ESTATE

Have your say about TRAFFIC & PARKING on the Estate

TAKE PART IN ON-LINE SURVEY FROM

1st JUNE 2015

calthorperesidents.org/survey

This is the first stage of our campaign to explore the problem holistically

Printed copies are also available

0121 684 1362

Pedestrian priority



RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

THE CALTHORPE RESIDENTS SOCIETY IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS WHO PAY ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES TO FORM LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS SO THAT OWNERS MAY HELP TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE AND ENSURE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF CRS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

At Walker Hall on Thursday 26 February over 60 residents attended our first forum. This included representatives of 9 established RA's and at least 9 other groups who are interested or in the process of forming an association. They fell into 3 groups – those living in residential management schemes (e.g. Greville Lodge), apartment complexes (e.g. High Point) and on public roads (e.g. Frederick Rd). Councillors Hutchings and Alden were also in attendance.

The major issue for those in management schemes was how to gain influence and control over the budgets controlled by their managing agent (predominantly Mainstay) to determine residents' priorities and ensure effective use of their funds. This was especially true when it came to long term maintenance provision for estate roads, footpaths and lighting. The budgets for apartment complexes were substantial and several groups had opted to go down the Right to Manage route – establishing their own managing board.

All residents had an interest in effective policing and implementation of the Calthorpe Estate Scheme of Management. It was recognised that CRS can provide an umbrella to coordinate major issues across the

Estate such as traffic and parking (see front page and Events.)

Calthorpe Estates and Mainstay wholeheartedly support the formation of RA's and encourage greater participation in decisions that affect their development.

We are therefore working energetically towards this goal. Help and advice is available on our website including affiliation of the group to CRS. The dedicated section for Residents' Groups encourages the inclusion of contact details to strengthen communication between groups and with CRS.



For further information and advice contact Committee members: Hilarie Topping (Apartments - High Point RA) and Andy Taylor (Housing developments - Norfolk Park RA). Email: ras@calthorperesidents.org or info@calthorperesidents.org.

ESTRIA ROAD



If there was an award for the best kept development on the Calthorpe Estate, then a strong contender must be Estria Road, a quiet development off Wheellys Road. It was only a few years ago that Estria Road was known as 'DSS Avenue' (for the Divorced, Single and Separated!) A mixture of houses and apartments, several of these modest properties have undergone transformations which have upgraded them to very smart, substantial homes.

Estria Road is a haven of tranquillity. Although most have private gardens to the rear, it is the communal gardens which attract attention. The generous and unselfish voluntary contributions made by a few residents set a wonderful example of what can be achieved. They take the time and trouble to add additional colour to the programme of maintenance provided by contractors.



Like other developments on the Calthorpe Estate, owners at Estria Road pay several £100s per annum development management charge for the external redecoration, maintenance of communal grounds, lighting and roads, in addition to the standard Calthorpe Estate Management charge. Residents are considering forming an association.

Keep WILDLIFE WILD

Please do not feed waterfowl.

Feeding waterfowl can:

- Create more pollution in Blacks Run
- Cause poor nutrition
- Spread and harbor diseases
- Overcrowd birds
- Delay or eliminate migration
- Weaken the goose pool



What will waterfowl eat?

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|--------------------|---------|
| Worms | Moths |
| Plant Matter | Flies |
| Roots | Seeds |
| Diagnosifles | Beetles |
| Crustaceans | Scums |
| Aquatic Vegetation | |

For more information on wildlife near Blacks Run, visit www.cleanstreams.org or call 540-820-0609

Amy Emm who is a resident of Norfolk Park is working with Mainstay to stop visitors to the pond between Norfolk Park and Chancellors Hall feeding the ducks with bread.

This is not good for ducks and attracts vermin. Mainstay will put up new signs – maybe on the following lines: **'NO CRACKERS FOR QUACKERS' !**

MEMBERS' NEWS

Bernadette Dawes

New member **Bernadette Dawes** is the Strategy and Policy Manager for Guide Dogs. 'My job takes me all over the UK but I am based in Harborne at the back of the Queen Alexandra College on Court Oak Road. The team in Birmingham is called the **Guide**



Dogs Birmingham Mobility team. It provides a coordinated service to support adults and children with sight loss in Birmingham and three counties. The service includes: **The Guide Dog Service** – transforming the lives of 30,000 people with sight loss. We support 85 in Birmingham alone.

Blind Children UK (formally known as the National Blind Children's Society).

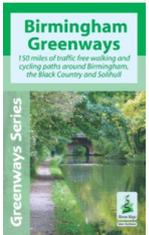
My Guide - a sighted guide service which aims to help people to engage with their community rebuilding their confidence and independence.

Buddy Dogs- which gives visually impaired children and young people a vital boost in confidence in a family or school environment, whilst learning the responsibility of dog ownership and how to care for them.'

Further information: www.guidedogs.org.uk 0845 372 7434

ROY WATSON

Two years of research by Roy has provided us with Birmingham Greenways, a wonderful map showing 150 miles of traffic free walking and cycle paths along canals and rivers and through 8000 acres of parks. This is a 'must' for the active and not-so-active of all ages. Published by Heron Maps **£5.99 with free delivery** via Guidepost Online Bookshop accessed via www.heronmaps.com or www.birminghamgreenways.co.uk or email info@calthorperesidents.org for further details.

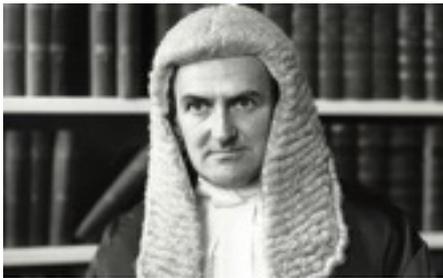


Lindsey Davis a CRS member was featured in this month's best historical fiction [The Times April 25]

Antonia Senior wrote "Deadly Election" heralds a welcome return of Flavia Albia, the adopted daughter of Falco, the hero of Lindsey Davis's long running and adored Roman mystery series.

Lindsey Davis blends wit and meticulous research with a cracking plot. Flavia is caustic and cynical making this a wonderful antidote to the general election ennui.'

Hodder & Staughton £16.99



Philip Cox DSC, Q.C.
(1922 - 2014)

A founding member and former committee and life member of CRS, died peacefully on 14 November 2014 age 92. Philip had lived with his family, on the Estate for over 60 years.

Giving distinguished wartime service as a naval radar operator, Philip contributed to the winning of the Battle of the Atlantic. For his gallantry, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) aged 21.

After the war Philip changed from an intended career in science, returning to Cambridge to read Law. As a barrister, he practised on the Midland Circuit, becoming its Leader. A distinguished QC, Philip took part in notable cases including the successful prosecution for murder of the notorious Donald Neilson (the Black Panther).

He will be sadly missed.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S FIRST NOVEL

Brought up in London, and educated partly in Bristol, S R Nicholls [our member Sarah Bookey] has lived for many years in Edgbaston. She has family connections in Ireland through marriage and ancestry, and has also travelled in northern Europe. These locations have inspired her to publish her debut novel 'The Lion And The Loom', available on Amazon.co.uk, in print and ebook. Set in the turbulent last decade of the sixteenth century, the novel's plot follows the fortunes of a Dutch clothworker Susannah, as she attempts to return to her home after having been shipwrecked on an Irish shore.



OUR FIRST ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Founded in 1888, **CENTRAL EDGBASTON BOWLING CLUB** has been at 44a Harborne Road, since 1901, in premises leased from Birmingham City University. The current membership stands at 28 [male & female] who pay £30.00 p.a. and a green fee of £1.00 per game. Registered in various Bowling Leagues, there are a range of fixtures for mixed teams of 6, 8 and 10 players, between April and October. New members of all ages are welcome and coaching is available. Family membership is also welcome.

The Club has a fine history. The pavilion, maintained by volunteers was purchased from the Beaufort Lawn Tennis Club. Over the years the Club has reflected local businesses such as Sapcote, Davenport, Mitchell & Butler. During the world wars the Club held 'Wounded Soldiers' days and entertained returning soldiers and nurses from the Q.E.

For further information about membership contact Jeff Watts [President] 0121 601 1824 or Richard Finnimore [Treasurer] 07804 364 208.

Welcome to our New Members

Peter Adams
Roger Cobley
Bernadette Dawes
Mary Ferguson
Margarete Mitze and
Steven Walker
Dr R and Mr M Weeks
Carolyn Morgan
John and Sheila Proctor
Tim and Doreen Stannard
Anthony Steer
Allister and Elizabeth Vale
John and Sue Worwood
Alex and Susan Wright

EVENTS

Thursday 25 JUNE 2015

Summer Social

In secluded & leafy

EDGBASTON CROQUET CLUB

18, RICHMOND HILL ROAD
EDGBASTON B15 3RP
7.00pm - 9.30pm



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Bring your own picnic & wine.
*There will be the opportunity to try out
your mallet skills, learn some devious
tactics. Flat shoes, no heels.*
[Free event, donations welcomed]

Thursday 22 OCTOBER 2015

7 for 7.30pm

DEVELOPMENTS AT
QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Jacqui Smith

Chair of the University
Hospitals Birmingham NHS
Foundation Trust



ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND THE OCTAGON,

Edgbaston High School,
Westbourne Road, B15 3TS
By kind permission of
Dr Ruth Weeks, Headmistress

Thursday 26 NOVEMBER 2015

7 for 7.30pm

**TRAFFIC, TRAVEL & PARKING
IN EDGBASTON**



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CALTHORPE RESIDENTS' SOCIETY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 26th 2015

There was a healthy turnout (85 members) for the 44th Annual General Meeting of Calthorpe Residents Society at Edgbaston Golf Club. The Chairman, Peter Arnold, and retiring Treasurer, Peter Heath, reported to members (see front page) and the committee was elected for 2015 to 2016 as follows:

Chairman: Peter Arnold

Vice Chairman : Liz Dancey

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Treasurer: Peter Barnett

Secretary: Hilarie Topping

Email: events@calthorperesidents.org

Membership Secretary: Alison Wagstaff

Email: membership@calthorperesidents.org

0121 472 8109

COMMITTEE

Charles Barwell

Diane Bean

David Henson

Pauline Luget Owen

Andy Taylor

John Wagstaff

The meeting was followed by a talk from Duncan Cadbury. He presented an informative historical insight into the many Quaker families that rose to prominence during the Industrial Revolution to become the household names we are familiar with today.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, NEW CHAMBERLAIN HALL



CRS WAS
REPRESENTED
AT THE
TOPPING OUT
CEREMONY
TUESDAY
28 APRIL 2015

VIEW FROM THE TOP



BIG THANK YOU TO THE CO-OP TEMPLEFIELD SQUARE

who kindly donated tea, coffee
and biscuits for CRS Inaugural
Meeting of the
Residents' Associations Forum.
26 February 2015

Spring/Summer Editor
Pauline Luget Owen

Just £10 annually per household