

## EVENTS

**Thursday 26 NOVEMBER 2015**  
7 FOR 7.30pm

**TRAFFIC, TRAVEL & PARKING  
IN EDGBASTON**



**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**THE OCTAGON**  
Edgbaston High School  
Westbourne Road, B15 3TS

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Dr Ruth Weeks - Headmistress

**Thursday 24 MARCH 2016**  
7.45 for 8.00pm

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**  
FOLLOWED BY A TALK BY

Peter Wright  
BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL  
Development, Planning &  
Regional Manager, SW  
Birmingham

**"Planning Challenges facing  
Calthorpe Estate."**

**MEMBERS ONLY + ATTEND & JOIN**

Edgbaston Golf Club  
Church Road  
EDGBASTON  
B15 3TB  
Bar open from 7.00pm

**Thursday 23 June 2016**  
7.00 for 7.30pm

**SUMMER SOCIAL**  
We are hoping that this will  
include:

the launch of our booklet of  
walks around the Estate,  
Dr Ewan Hamnett,  
and time to socialise,  
Venue  
WALKER HALL  
[to be confirmed]

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FURTHER DETAILS IN CRS  
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Autumn/Winter Editor  
Pauline Luget Owen

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2015

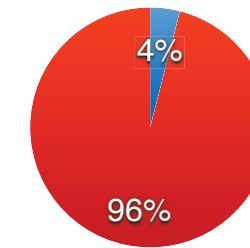
# Newsletter



## TRAFFIC & PARKING

CRS has collected Residents' views about traffic and  
problems on the Calthorpe Estate via

- \* survey on line
- \* observations on roads
- \* consultations with residents



**96% strongly agree that the  
problem has got much worse in  
the past 5 years and a holistic  
approach is needed.**

See our website:  
[www.calthorperesidents.org/trafficandparking](http://www.calthorperesidents.org/trafficandparking)  
for a full summary of the online survey.

**Do come to our follow up meeting:**

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From our Chairman:  
Dear Member



There has been an excellent response  
to our traffic and parking survey. Thank you to  
everyone who has contributed. This is being used to  
collect evidence following the receipt of an increasing  
number of reports, complaints and queries about the  
traffic and parking problems on the Calthorpe Estate.

This is not a problem unique to the Estate or even  
to the City of Birmingham. It is a national problem.  
What lessons can be learned from focusing on the  
problems which have developed on the Estate but  
are relevant to the city and the wider perspective? By  
bringing together a range of interested parties at our  
follow-up Open Meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November,  
we hope that ideas will emerge that will go some way  
to alleviating the problem.

On the social front, the Society is seeking to  
develop a greater sense of community. The Estate  
does not have a natural centre and meeting place, so  
we are endeavouring to strengthen communication  
between residents by encouraging a range of  
activities such as a series of walks through our  
beautiful Estate, and cycle rides using Roy Watson's  
marvellous map. With so many prestigious gardens,  
could we not have a Calthorpe Open Gardens  
weekend as they do in Moseley? We welcome your  
suggestions.

We see our role as essentially one of coordination-  
strengthening ties between residents and Calthorpe  
Estates, the Birmingham City Council and major  
institutions.

A strong society needs people who are willing to  
share the load with organizational tasks. Could you  
help with just a few minutes on a regular basis or a  
'one-off' input with an event?

Peter Arnold

**A NEW EXTENSION TO HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL** ( Reception to Year 6) is planned to be built  
on the grounds of Lordwood Girls' and Boys' Schools. Although it is accepted that the demand for places  
at Harborne Primary School justifies an extension, residents at Hagley Road Retirement Village are  
concerned that the building is planned to be tight against their rear boundary. Furthermore, residents in  
Woodbourne Road, Meadow Road and Lara Close are understandably opposed to the access which is  
planned to lead off the corner of Meadow Road and Woodbourne Road. This would inevitably cause traffic  
and parking chaos at the beginning and end of each school day. CRS is helping to coordinate a  
considered response to these proposals. Further information see article Page 2



# RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS & THE ESTATE

CRS continues to encourage all residents who live on developments where additional management charges are paid, to come together to form local Residents' Associations. These can then become an integral part of the Calthorpe Residents' Society.

Initiatives are in place to encourage those in residential management schemes to follow the examples of Greville Lodge, Chancellor's Hall and Norfolk Park to form RA's and reap the benefits of taking control over their budgets and determining priorities as well as enforcing the Scheme of Management. All now have long term maintenance budgets in place to ensure provision for replacement of key infrastructure such as roads and lighting.

In the last newsletter we contacted residents of Queenscroft (Antringham Gardens), Kingsmead (Strutt Close, Don Close, Rodman Close), College Green (Gilchrist Drive and Christchurch Close) and Westfield/Chad Hill (Augustus Road (part), Balcaskie Close, Berrow Drive, Chancellors Close, Niall Close, Malcolmson Close, Oakhill Drive) and raised some interest but more residents need to come forward to enable a RA to get off the ground.

Residents' Associations play a key role in apartment complexes such as High Point and many others where the budget provision for long term expenditure is significantly higher and needs to be closely managed.

CRS is keen to promote the formation of RA's and residents interested are invited to contact committee members Hilarie Topping (apartment complexes) and Andy Taylor (residential developments) at [Ras@calthorperesidents.org](mailto:Ras@calthorperesidents.org) for advice and support.

## RESIDENTS SEEK RETHINKING OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW SCHOOL.

It was only two years ago, in October 2013, that retired people started buying apartments at **ExtraCare's Hagley Road Village**, just within the Calthorpe Estate to the north of the Lordswood schools' site. Many of the 300 residents paid a premium to buy homes that overlooked the greenery where the Chad Brook runs through the school grounds.

At a Village meeting on 26 September 2015 they were faced with a plan to put new school buildings on that very area, as an extension for **Harborne Primary School**, a plan that has been brewing since at least November 2013.

Other local residents predicted serious traffic problems along Woodbourne Road, Meadow Road and Hagley Road itself, while people with allotments on the Meadow Road Leisure Gardens (also within the Estate) learned that some of their land could be lost to provide access.

There's a clear need for more primary school places in Harborne, but as it stands the plan is a missed opportunity. With proper forethought and design the large area occupied by Lordswood Academies Trust] [leasehold land valued in their 2014 accounts at about £7m] could become a national example of how to provide schooling from reception to sixth form on a single site, with ample safe access of the kind demanded by 21st century parents and children. The quality of life for surrounding residents could actually be improved rather than made worse. There's even a way to create a new green walking or cycling route linking Harborne Walkway to Warley Woods.

We want to see proper thought and funding going into the problem of how to provide the additional places without damaging the City any further. The September meeting showed that some huge legal and ethical traps lie in the path of the current proposal.

## LET'S GET MOVING

Until a year ago, Calthorpe Estates' resident Ewan Hamnett was senior partner at Lordswood Medical Practice in Harborne. Prior to retirement he was approached by Birmingham City Council to champion physical activity and to coordinate a massive goodwill that exists to make this a fit and happy city. Ewan writes:

"Inactivity is often looked at through the lens of obesity. Being inactive is more dangerous than being fat. Getting your pulse rate up for 150 minutes a week in sessions of at least 10 minutes will get you an extra four and a half years of life and reduce your chance of developing many chronic diseases by 30-50%. Obesity is however a barrier to being active at all ages particularly children. The key to losing weight is not being active, it is reducing carbohydrates and not just simply sugars. It is so much easier to be active if you are thin!"

*Dr Ewan Hamnett has been invited to be our guest at our Summer Social, when we shall launch our booklet of walks through the estate.*

## COOL FOR CATS

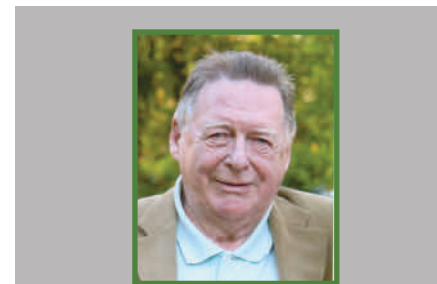
Message to cat lovers/owners. Please have your cat/kitten, neutered/spayed and micro chipped. There are very many unwanted cats in Edgbaston - caused by lost/stray/abandoned animals, who have kittens, in gardens, bushes, etc. They then become feral. [Females can reproduce every 16 weeks with the help of tom cats of course!] There is a lot of suffering. A small number of people are trying to find a long term solution - in the meantime, a resident continues to gain their trust with food, time and patience to have them neutered and find homes if possible. Near to 100 have been 'rescued' from the Wheeleys Road area, over a 5 year period.



# MEMBERS' NEWS

## A NEW VICAR FOR OLD CHURCH

At the beginning of September, Old Church welcomed its new vicar, Nick Tucker, his wife, Sam, and their three young children. A graduate of the School of Biosciences at the University of Birmingham, where he met his future wife, Nick is very pleased to be returning to Birmingham and to Edgbaston in particular. He has received a warm and enthusiastic reception from the community. Although there has been a church on the same site since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, records of vicars have been kept for the past 400 years. These show that Nick will be formally listed as the 21<sup>st</sup> vicar. Calthorpe Residents' Society sends Nick and his family our very best wishes for a happy and rewarding incumbency.



DAVID HUBERT BLANTERN RADFORD

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David was a founder member of CRS when it was formed in 1971 and served on the committee until 2013. In his 42 years he had special responsibility for monitoring all planning applications on the Estate and became involved in making representations to BCC that resulted in its designation as a Conservation Area. In this role he made a major contribution to preserving the character of Old Edgbaston. Residents owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

He was a successful local architect and built the new Edgbaston Priory Club house after the fire in 1966. He was frequently to be found in the bar!

In our last Newsletter we congratulated CRS Member Roy Watson, on the production of 'Birmingham Greenways' - his map which shows the potential for cycling in the city.

Roy's contribution to cycling was recently acknowledged nationally when he was awarded the CTC national cycling charity award for Campaigning Achievement.

He is shown here receiving his award from Paul Tuohy, CEO Cycling & Touring Club. We have Roy to thank for our improved canal paths, the new entrance to the canal at Five Ways Station and for his superb communication skills which enable him to strengthen channels of communication between those with ideas and those who have the capacity to implement them. CONGRATULATIONS ROY.



## WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS

- Ashok and Rupa Kochhar
- Alnoor Kotadia & Zameera Kotadia
- Sandeep Krishan & Colette Gregory
- Michael and Sylvia Lee
- Christine Marshall
- Simon and Julie Olliff
- Hasmukh Patel
- Isabel Pilgrim
- Kenneth and Sylvia Porter
- Michael & Sheila Roper-Hall
- John and Patricia Sharpe
- Amarjit and Jasbir Sidhu
- Victor and Janet Twomlow
- Peter and Jenny Wall
- Richard and Yael Walsh
- Peter and Juliana Berck
- Anthony and Heather Blakemore
- Susan Booth
- Heather Cannon
- Anne Courbet
- Peter and Sheela Dass
- Martin and Céleste Davies
- Mary Eccleston
- Queenie Harris
- June Hemsworth
- David Henderson and Helen Fearn
- John and Marion Hilbourne
- Rizwan Javed
- Israr and Reana Khan
- Robert & Joanne Allen
- Balraj Bhalla & Deepak Bhalla
- Tracey Blunn
- Nick & Sheila Brown
- Joe Byrom
- Fran Hall & Kish Tura
- Philip & Carole Harding
- Heather Hockley
- Shirley Jervis
- Edward & Lesley Lambourne
- Andrew & Susan Mayor
- Veena Mohan-Roberts
- Andrew & Catherine Paton
- Caroline Shaw
- Ian & Charlotte Withers
- Jack Lee & Selina Yue

**YOUR COMMITTEE HOLDS REGULAR MEETINGS WITH CALTHORPE ESTATES' AGENT: MAINSTAY -** Our agenda with Stephen Richards, Director of Mainstay, covers planning issues [which are sometimes just rumours!] management charges and the enforcement of the Scheme of Management throughout the Estate.

Steve and his team also advise on the management of trees, Japanese Knotweed and badgers. If you cannot find the guidance you need in your household copy of the Calthorpe Estates' Scheme of Management Policy Guidelines, please send your queries to [planning@calthorperesidents.org](mailto:planning@calthorperesidents.org) or 0121 684 1362