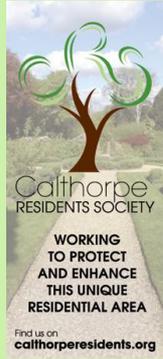


# Newsletter



## From our Chairman:

Dear Member,



This is my first newsletter as Chairman following the retirement of Mark Kenchington. I want to pay tribute to his work for the Society since its formation in 1971 and his chairmanship for the last 39 years. David Henson retired as Secretary but continues to serve on the committee. We are also grateful to him for his longstanding contribution. The society will

maintain the high standards that Mark and David sought and achieved.

Current changes make for challenging times for the Estate. There are developments planned and ongoing by the University of Birmingham, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and, in particular, Calthorpe Estates. The development of Edgbaston Village and the plans for the area around the Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society require careful scrutiny to ensure that the intrinsic nature of the Estate is preserved and at the same time sensible and well managed change goes ahead.

Some smaller developments can give rise to concern due to the government's relaxation of the planning rules. We are aware of a significant number of back garden building works which may not only cause anxiety to neighbouring householders but could have a negative impact upon the local amenity. The society aims to give support and guidance to residents without being seen to take sides.

We have made a positive contribution in a number of cases over the past few months. Our influence is relative to the size of our membership and therefore we need to increase this. We welcome anyone not already a member to join us.

Details can be found on our website.

Peter Arnold



## CREATING THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE & WORK

By Jayne Herritty, Sales & Marketing Director, Calthorpe Estates

When I joined Calthorpe Estates back in 2001, it was initially on a nine month contract to refresh and build the Calthorpe Estates brand. Thirteen years later and I am still here enjoying every day and striving to make a difference to people living and working across the Estate.

I introduced our mission statement that we continue to use today, 'creating and sustaining the best place to live and work'. It sums up what we aim to achieve and reflects the many positive improvements we have made over the years.

Calthorpe Estates takes the long term view and, as a team, we consider carefully how the Estate evolves. There have been many changes over the years, including the thriving healthcare and medical services that now form Edgbaston Medical Quarter.

Recently we have been involved in supporting the growing choice of retail and leisure facilities in the area. The High Field gastro pub that has just opened next to The Deli has been warmly received. This new restaurant and bar complements the world-famous Simpsons Restaurant and The Edgbaston boutique

hotel and cocktail bar just across the road.

Over the years we have actively engaged with customers on how the Estate could be even better if we had some outlets they can pop in to that were inkeeping with the quality and ethos of Edgbaston.

We are now at an exciting time when the plans to create The Village within the heart of Edgbaston are being revealed. It has taken some time planning all the detail with the help of Birmingham City Council, but from November you will be able to see the proposals on the council's website ([www.birmingham.gov.uk/EdgbastonDraftFramework](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/EdgbastonDraftFramework)) and have a chance to feedback through two drop in days that will be held in the foyer at Morrisons as part of a six week consultation process (see page 2 for details).

Our vision for The Village is to establish a vibrant urban village which boasts a mixture of high quality retail, leisure and commercial office space. One of the great things about working for Calthorpe Estates is our commitment to deliver, creating the best place to live, work and relax and sustainably developing the 610-hectare Estate.

*Before joining Calthorpe Estates, Jayne worked in a senior role for a PLC. She was born in Wales, but then grew up in Africa before setting down in the Midlands. She is married with a son, who is in primary school.*

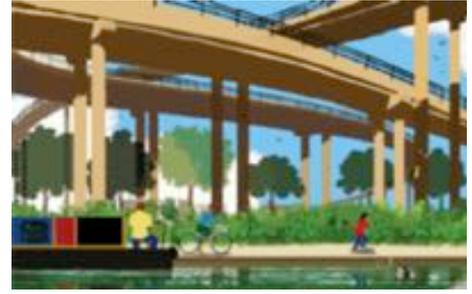




If Edgbaston residents have recently walked or cycled along local canal towpaths, they must have noticed the wider all-weather paths. New canal steps at University and Five Ways stations are due to be installed.

In 2013, Birmingham's City Council (BCC) was granted £17million by the coalition government. BCC added a further £6.3million to implement 'Birmingham's Cycling Revolution.' This is a 3 tiered strategy:

- 1 A network of family friendly, off-road routes, using canals, parks and tributaries of the River Tame for leisure cyclists and walkers
- 2 A number of parallel routes for less-confident 'utility' cyclists
- 3 Modification of major roads to improve safety for confident utility cyclists



Spaghetti Junction © Jan Bowman [www.janbow.com](http://www.janbow.com)

Additionally there is to be an extensive cycling safety programme in schools, cycle loan and hire schemes and the phased introduction of 20mph zones ( See our Traffic campaign). Roy Watson of Ampton Road has campaigned robustly to ensure that even the infirm can benefit from the grant by being able to take a leisurely stroll along the new paths. Dr Ewan Hamnett, formerly of the Lordwood Practice has taken up a new role as 'inactivity champion' for our city. There is much work to be done in Edgbaston! We are looking forward to enjoying this much improved facility.

Look out for details of a CRS walk to be planned for the summer. For further information visit: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/BirminghamCycleRevolution](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/BirminghamCycleRevolution)



## LAUNCH OF NORFOLK PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Although Calthorpe Estate is under the one umbrella of the Scheme of Management, there are over 40 different developments on the Estate with their own idiosyncracies. Some have already formed their own formal or informal groups in which residents can discuss issues of mutual interest to do with the management of their development. This is a model which is supported by the Calthorpe Residents Society and by Mainstay Properties which has the responsibility of overseeing the management of the Estate.

**Norfolk Park** embraces Anstruther Road, Bishbury Close, Yelverton Drive, The Dree, Phoenix Green, Aston Bury and 17 to 21 Norfolk Road with a total of 120 houses. After canvassing local interest, an inaugural meeting was held at St George's Church on 5 Nov. There was enthusiastic support for the establishment of the **Norfolk Park Residents Association (NPRA)** which will affiliate to the Calthorpe Residents Society. The purpose of the NPRA is :

- To manage constructively the relationship with Mainstay Properties so that it reflects residents' priorities and achieves better value for money
- To press CE/Mainstay to enforce their own Scheme of Management to maintain the quality of the Estate
- To work with councillors, Mainstay, Birmingham City Council and other agencies to ensure high standards of service
- Work more closely with the Police and especially Community Police Support Officers to ensure a secure environment.

The Norfolk Park Residents Association will now move on to elect a committee, approve a Constitution and agree an Action Plan. 37 households were represented at the inaugural meeting and it is hoped that more will join once the benefits become more apparent.

**The Calthorpe Residents Society is encouraging the formation of these groups. A forum for Residents' Associations is planned for 2015 when experiences can be shared and we can work together for our mutual benefit.**

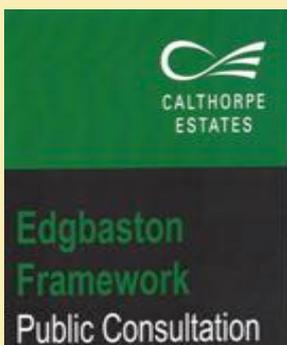
For further information please contact Andy Taylor: [info@calthorperesidents.org](mailto:info@calthorperesidents.org).

### DO NOT MISS Public Exhibition

Thursday 4th December 3-7pm  
First floor cafe, Morrisons  
Supermarket, Edgbaston  
You can also view the plan at  
**Harborne Library** or visit  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/  
edgbastondraftframework](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/edgbastondraftframework)

Or telephone Neil Vyse  
0121 303 2238

**This is your opportunity to  
comment**



## BADGERS find the best places to live and work

Badgers have been making good use of perfect weather conditions to carry out an energetic survey of our gardens. Michelin Stars seem to have been awarded to the lawns of Carpenter Road and Westfield Road, but evidence of hearty meals and reckless midnight feasts can be found throughout the Estate. Residents, upset by the devastation, have approached Birmingham City Council and Calthorpe Estates for advice with little success. Although sympathetic, the Protection of Badgers Act of 1992 makes it illegal to interfere with the sett. The problem is deemed to be cosmetic rather than serious. Residents have therefore had to resort to an informal exchange of views about what legal measures can be taken to prevent badgers from making snuffle holes in lawns in their search for worms and insect larvae. Some of the simple solutions being tried include sprinkling pepper and peanuts. More elaborate and potentially expensive options are the installation of floodlights and electric fencing. We should like to hear from anyone who finds a successful solution so that we can share the information with residents on our website.

Email: [info@calthorperesidents.org](mailto:info@calthorperesidents.org)



*The morning after the night before in Carpenter Road*

### DAVID & GOLIATH

Residents in Carpenter Road noticed earlier in 2014, huge 12 wheel dumper trucks travelling up/down their quiet residential road, heading to/from the University of Birmingham, Vale site on Church Road.

After many calls to the University, BCC and Balfour Beatty HQ and Birmingham office, contact was established with Balfour Beatty site foreman, a meeting held on site and mobile numbers happily exchanged.

Balfour Beatty immediately checked with and made it clear to their sub-contractors - they should not use residential roads. The status quo maintained.

**Thanks to Balfour Beatty for taking time to listen to local residents. - so far doing a grand job under extremely difficult access logistics.**

### Cooperative opens in Templefields

#### The co-operative good with food

After months without a shop, the Cooperative food store has opened in Templefield Square. The Calthorpe Residents Society is hopeful that the store will cater for the needs of all the local residents. However, it is also important to generate income from passing trade. If drivers cannot find a parking place outside the store, they are likely to go elsewhere. There are currently no parking restrictions in the bays or on the road frontage. During the week, these spaces are often taken by 8.30am as they are used as free 'Park and Ride' or 'Park and Walk' by workers in the city. Shopkeepers have all responded warmly to CRS's suggestion that a 2 hour parking restriction should be imposed on the bays. Our councillors have advised us to take this up with the leaseholders, Calthorpe Estates. This we have done.

### Doctor Susan Fiona Clarke (1958-2014)

A valued member of our committee lost her bravely fought battle with cancer on August 31<sup>st</sup>, in St Mary's Hospice. Formerly a Consultant Radiologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital, illness forced Fiona's early retirement. When in remission, Fiona joined the committee of CRS and set up our website. She energetically participated in the campaign to reduce the speeding on Wellington Road where she lived. She showed an intense interest in all our activities. We miss her.

### Artwork Cafe

Templefield Square, Wheeleys Road



Your Committee have been holding sub group meetings, at the Artwork Cafe, enjoying their delicious teas, coffees, cakes - even breakfasts. Proprietors Pat and Alison and staff offer a warm welcome.

Art Cafe is a Community Cafe, that encourages local artists to exhibit and sell their work. We highly recommend a visit!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Peter Adams

Sowsan Atabani and Ian Kidd  
Jerbinder Bansel and Mrs Bansel  
Michael and Rosemary Faulkes

Robert and Dorothy Griffiths

Bill Heath

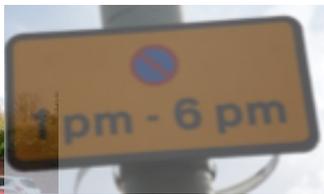
Harjinder Mann

Peter and Raili Marchant

Solinder Ram

John and Alison Wagstaff

And Richard Finnemore as an Associate member representing Central Edgbaston Bowling Club



website news [www.calthorperesidents.org](http://www.calthorperesidents.org)

## Have your say about traffic on the Estate

We shall be conducting our first Online Survey to ask your opinions on traffic behaviour. We need to know what you think about traffic speed and if daytime parking is an issue that we should lobby the Council and other stakeholders about more actively. Look out for the Survey which you can take part in online.

It will be simple to use and will give you a real voice.



## CRS EVENTS 2015

Further details will be sent out to members

**Thursday 26th February**  
**Residents' Associations Forum**  
Walker Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday 26th March**  
**AGM** followed by a talk by **Duncan Cadbury: Quakers in the Industrial Revolution**  
Edgbaston Golf Club 7.45pm

**Thursday 25th June**  
**Summer Social**  
Edgbaston Croquet Club 7pm

**Thursday 22nd October**  
**Jacqui Smith**  
Chair of the University Hospitals  
Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust  
**Developments at Queen Elizabeth Hospital**  
Edgbaston Golf Club 7 for 7.30pm

**Thursday 26 November**  
**Traffic & Travel in Edgbaston**  
Walker Hall 7 for 7.30pm

See events on website and details will be sent out by post to members with no email

## RECENT EVENTS

### A. G. M. MARCH 2014

It was standing room only at our AGM back in March. Members said goodbye to Mark Kenchington and welcomed the new Chair: Peter Arnold.

David Henson, who is remaining on the committee while stepping down as Hon Secretary, gave a short retrospective of the history of the society. Peter Heath presented a tight but balanced budget for 2014/15. Calthorpe Estates presented plans for 'The Village'; a commercial initiative which hopefully will bring desirable amenities to our neighbourhood. A lively Q&A forum followed.

By the generosity of Peter Arnold the evening ended with a champagne toast to a long and flourishing future for both the retiring officers and the society itself.

### WILD PICNIC JUNE 2014

The only wild thing about this event was the environment. Contrary to its name the evening held at Martineau Gardens on 19 June, passed in a charming atmosphere of congenial company, balmy weather and impressively elegant picnics. Picnickers were able to explore the gardens and to meet and mingle with their neighbours as well as enjoying a refreshing drink in the evening sunshine.



Fortunately a good number from the community forewent the opportunity of staying home to watch England lose to Uruguay and despite that, and a 20/20 game at Edgbaston and an event at the golf club, we had a healthy turnout. As a prototype this event looks like one to repeat in years to come.

**Update from Calthorpe Estates and Audley St George's Place**  
**November 2014** See report in next newsletter



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**Holidays to**  
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