

# **OLD CHESTERTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## **Newsletter – February 2013.**

### **New Station**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> January, the County Council Cabinet approved the submission of an application for planning permission for the new station. We shall let you know when it has been submitted and will comment on the detail at that stage.

### **Pubs**

OCRA joined with two other local residents associations (FENRA and RARA), and with ten other local interest groups to make a joint submission objecting to the appeal for leave to demolish the Penny Ferry (Pike and Eel). The document will shortly be available on our website. We shall let you have further news as the appeal progresses. The appeal by the owners of the former Dog and Pheasant is still progressing. There was a recent site visit by the Inspector, and it does not appear that there will be a public hearing.

There is good news that the Haymakers has apparently been bought by the Milton Brewery who intend to reopen it as a pub serving real ales along the lines of their other Cambridge pub, the Devonshire Arms. This will not be for some while as there is apparently a lot of work to do on the building..

### **Mitcham's Corner**

There is a new application to develop the Staples site at Mitcham's Corner. The closing date for comments is the 12<sup>th</sup> February. A copy of the notice giving brief details of the application is attached.

### **Cambridge City Football Club, Milton Road**

This application goes before the Planning Committee this week, meeting starts at 9.30 am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February in committee Rooms 1&2 at The Guildhall. OCRA's main concern has been to ensure proper use of Section 106 money from the development on sporting facilities in Chesterton. There have been discussions with the developer and City Council planning officers, and this has resulted in what we believe to be satisfactory proposals. In summary, the money will first provide a new community sports pavilion on the recreation/sports fields off Gilbert Road in West Chesterton, which are used by Chesterton Community College. The sports fields will then be available for community use. Secondly, money will be used to improve and extend the existing pavilion, changing facilities or pitch improvement at Chesterton Recreation Ground in East Chesterton.

On the basis of those proposals, we intend to support the application.

### **Library Protest**

The Friends of Arbury Library (FOAL) are organising a National Libraries Day protest against library cuts outside Arbury Library on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 am. Everyone is invited to join them.

To keep up to date with what we are doing, and for more detailed information,  
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