

# **Chesterton Community Association**

# The newsletter of your Community Anchor

# **Summer 2010**

# **Annual General Meeting Edition**

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You are invited to our first Annual General Meeting on 8 July 2010 7.15pm at St Andrew's Hall St Andrew's Road. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the Association. It isn't too late if you would like to join the Committee. Just email enquiries@mycca.org.uk or ring 01223 353202. By 8 July the Association expects to be a registered charity. Its role is to make things happen in Chesterton. We provided back-up for Chesterton Festival 2010 and have secured the renewal of the fence between Scotland Road Recreation Ground and Primary Court. Come and join us.

#### From the Chairman

It has been an exciting year getting the Community Association up and running. I have been heartened by the level of interest and support received.

It is my intention to stand down as Chairman at AGM, allowing someone else to take the reins. I am offering my continuing services as Treasurer, a role I fulfil for other local charities.

Michael Bond - Chairman

# **Housing & Residents Association News Hundred Houses Society - Freeman House, Inverness Close**



The development of the Elmfield site has turned a cul-de-sac of a number of ex council bungalows into 37 apartments and three bungalows for the over 55's. Kirsten Lavers was commissioned to develop the design for the shared areas.

Chris Woods' Optical Aggregates was

commissioned to provide a modern lighting system. His work brings a little 'magic' and the fascination of the ever changing 'delight of light'.

For the foyer, Julia Balls' painting lit by natural daylight from over head is visible through the entrance doors and continues the theme of 'delight in light'. To welcome the residents into their new homes, Hundred Houses Tenants Association organised a 'Welcome to your new home' get together at the end of June to allow everyone to introduce themselves and hopefully form long friendships and start to build a sense of community spirit.

#### **Old Chesterton Residents Association (OCRA)**

The OCRA AGM provided an example of the need for a group to defend the rights of local people. Council officers outlined their plans for the land that used to be part of the Pye/Philips/Simoco estate as football pitches and the preliminary work has started, with the cricket strip being ripped out. A strong plea was made at the meeting for continuing provision for cricket but officers seemed reluctant to accept that there is any demand.

Following the AGM Cambridge City Council have agreed that Active Communities will undertake a review of cricket need and provision together with Cambs Cricket Board and NCI.

# VIE Residents' Association - Ian Manning (Chair)



With summer in swing, and our estate being finally all sold, the VIE Residents' Association held a community BBQ (thanks to the Cantabrian's Boat club for the loan of their BBQ!) on the land at the front of our estate. It was well attended by residents from across the estate, despite the rather

windy weather! A number of people commented that it was a great chance to meet people they live next to!

# Friends of Stourbridge Common

The meeting on 16 April proved popular. Guy Belcher the City Council's Biodiversity officer gave a very informative talk on the Common and some of the issues relating to its management. On the following day FOSC organised a clean-up of the common which resulted in the removal of a large quantity of rubbish and the making of some new friendships as people came together in the common cause. The Friends next open meeting is at St Andrew's Hall on 7 September at 7pm.

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#### **North Area Committee**

If you have ever wanted to know what your councillors are doing for us locally or to spur them into action then the North Area Committee is a good place to start.

It comprises City Councillors from East and West Chesterton, Arbury and Kings Hedges Wards. County councillors often put in an appearance.

The meeting on 10 June had a report on new public access arrangements for planning and three planning applications prior to an open forum. Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods presented reports from the police and the opportunity to raise issues with them. Decisions on Community Development and Leisure grants for local groups and projects in the North Area were announced. A report on the Environment Improvement Programme for the North Area was given.

Meetings are held every eight weeks at Manor Community School, Arbury Road. Future meetings are on 15 July, 30 September, 25 November and 27 January 2011.

# Cambridge City Council - Area Committee Grants



Funded by Cambridge City Council these grants Cambridge are available for not-for-profit voluntary or City Council community organisations or groups of local residents in Cambridge City. The money is to Committee enable projects which provide services or activities to benefit people living in one of the four areas of the City.

Priority will be given to projects that are aimed at those people whose opportunities are restricted by disability, low income or discrimination.

Applications for 2010-11 funding are invited by 17 September 2010 to be presented to the appropriate area committee meeting in October/November. If you need funding before this timescale please ring and discuss your project with us.

Please contact Cambridgeshire Community Foundation on 01223 410535 or info@cambscf.org.uk for further details and information on how to make an application. You can also visit our website at www.cambscf.org.uk

# **Local Boy Makes Good**

Our congratulations go to Julian Huppert on his election as MP for Cambridge. Julian was brought up in West Chesterton and was County Councillor for East Chesterton for a number of years. Since standing down as a councillor he has been active in support of local activities, becoming the first chairman of the Friends of Stourbridge Common. He is a biological chemist and, as far as we know, is the only qualified scientist in the House of Commons.

# David Swann - Prince Chula's Memorial

David Swann died earlier this year after having been an active campaigner for older people in residential care, an active member of Cambridgeshire Older Peoples' Enterprise (COPE), and a founder member of OCRA.



He unsuccessfully campaigned to have Prince Chula's memorial relocated from Mitcham's Corner to the National Motor Racing Museum at Donington Park.

Prince Chula of Siam (Thailand) studied at Trinity College Cambridge in the 1930's.

When his dog, Tony, died he dedicated a dogs' drinking fountain, outside Lloyds Bank, in his memory. The inscription reads "In memory of Tony, a dog who gave him friendship and happiness during his Cambridge years."

After college Prince Chula, along with his cousin Bira, ran the White Mouse Racing Car Team.

Happily this treasured piece of history remains with us

#### **Newsletter & Website**

Do you have a story about Chesterton, you would like to share? Please use the Contact Us page on the website or call 01223 353202.

Have you visited our website yet? www.mycca.org.uk.

#### Why not join us

Join CCA and get involved in the local area. Individual, Family, Junior, Affiliate and Associate Membership is free and easy. Just visit the website or call 01223 353202 for more details.

#### Do you own or run a local business?

As a business in Chesterton why not take the opportunity to support the local area and increase your visibility, not just locally but globally, at the same time. For a small annual tax deductible donation your business will be listed on the website and newsletter as a Sponsor.

#### **Community Volunteer Award**

If you know someone who works tirelessly for the Community and would like them to be considered for the award then please visit the website or call 01223 353202.

# St Andrew's Hall

St Andrew's Hall provides a marvellous location for a whole range of community activities.

Eleanor Whalley, 01223 306150 eleanor@standrews-hall.co.uk www.standrews-hall.co.uk

#### **Local Clubs & Groups**

Do you run any of these? Would you like to let more people know what you have to offer? Please tell us about yourself and your group. Just visit the website or call 01223 353202 for more details.

# 41st Cambridge Brownies

Brownie unit - girls aged 7-10 Jeanette Kusel 07894230310 jeanettekusel@googlemail.com

#### **Cambridge Online**

Access and FREE training on computers. Andrew Entecott 01223 300407 andrew@cambridgeonline.org.uk www.cambridgeonline.org.uk

### **East Chesterton Women's Institute**

A warm welcome awaits new members of this thriving group.
Ann Nicol 01223 361836 ann.nicol@tesco.net

# The Monday Club

A social club for visually impaired people. Julie or Alison Camsight 01223 420033 julie@camsight.org.uk

# **Thursdays Together**

Brown's Field Community Centre
A family support drop-in for parents
/guardians and children under 4 years.
Lynn Tumber Project Manager
07951 955371, 01223 508144
lynn@mcfw.freeserve.co.uk

# Forthcoming Events

If you would like free publicity for your event please go to the website or call 01223 353202

#### God and the Brain

Wednesday 7 July 7.30pm St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road Alasdair Coles, neuroscientist and priest, on how they might meet. All welcome

# **CCA Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 8 July 7.15pm St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road See above for details. All welcome.

# **North Area Committee**

Thursday 15 July, 18:30 – 20:30 Manor Community School, Arbury Road Meet with City Councillors from East and West Chesterton, Arbury and Kings Hedges Wards. See above for more details and dates.

# **FOSC Open Meeting**

Tuesday 7 September, 19:00 – 21:00 St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road Support for Stourbridge Common.

# **Camsight Low Vision Exhibition**

Tuesday, 10 August 10.00am – 4.00pm Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road An exhibition for visually impaired people, carers and professionals Gail Blackwell 01223 420033 gail@camsight.org.uk

# Junior Heroes' Holiday Club

23 - 27 August, 9.45am - 12.30pm St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road For 5 - 11-year-olds. The Club is run by a St Andrew's Church team. Booking essential. Caroline Lamaison 01223 361781

# Residents Associations Hundred Houses Tenants Association

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# **Old Chesterton Residents Association**

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# Victoria Park Residents Working Group

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#### **VIE Residents Association**

lan Manning 07931 958169 chair@vieresidents.org.uk www.vieresidents.org.uk

#### **Doctors**

Arbury Road Surgery

114 Arbury Road, 01223 364433 www.arburyroadsurgery.nhs.uk/

# **Nuffield Road Medical Centre**

Nuffield Road, 01223 423424 www.nrmc.nhs.uk

#### **Red House Surgery**

96 Chesterton Road, 0844 477 3124 www.redhousesurgery.nhs.uk/

For emergencies outside working hours ring your local surgery. You will be connected to a central service.

#### **Dentist**

If you are not registered with a dentist For urgent treatment during working hours 01223 723093

For urgent treatment outside working hours 01223 471798

# Local authorities Cambridge City Council

Main Switchboard 01223 457000 Out of Hours 01223 457457 or 358962 Textphone 01223 457050 www.cambridge.gov.uk/ Deals with leisure, amenity, planning, housing, refuse collection and street cleaning.

# **Cambridgeshire County Council**

Main switchboard 0345 045 5200 Out of hours social care 01733 234724 Deals with transport, highways, education and social services.

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