

## Paid up Member?

Of the 118 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 54 are current paid up members.

Life membership is £30 per household and annual membership is £5 per household. Payment of membership automatically includes your household as a member of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which may enable you to claim a discount on your household insurance.

To join the Association please contact the Treasurer and Membership Secretary:  
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## Historical Photographic Record – Future BSRA Project

We are currently looking at providing an online photographic record of our area. More details will be given in the coming months when we will be requesting any interesting historical photographs that you may have of the buildings, landscape, special events or previous neighbours. Watch this space...

## Forthcoming Events

Street Spring Clean 2017	Sunday & Monday 11 & 12 June
Summer Party 2017	Sunday 25 June at RGS Springfield
Annual General Meeting	Friday 10 November at United Reformed Church
Christmas Carols & Party	Sunday 10 December at RGS Springfield

*Wine Club meets 2 or 3 times a year. Details & reminders to be issued nearer the next event.*

# BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2017

## Street Spring Clean on Sunday 11 and Monday 12 June

Your help is needed to clear our streets of cars so that the Council can deep clean the pavements and gutters and give the drains a good clear out. Worcester City Council is once again supporting our award-winning street cleaning event with extra staff and equipment. Information and parking permits will be delivered through your doors three weeks beforehand.

On Sunday 11 June please join us from 3 pm at the United Reformed Church in Albany Terrace for the sweeping and weeding. Equipment will be provided and children are especially welcome.

## The Summer Party at RGS Springfield on Sunday 25 June

Everyone is welcome on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June between 12 noon and 6 pm. Bring a picnic, plus rugs and chairs. The party is free and everyone living in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace is invited. Thank you to RGS Springfield for letting us enjoy their huge garden and the school hall. There will be plenty of outdoor games and the party will take place whatever the weather. If you are able to help organise games and races, please let one of the committee know. Entrance is at the North Gate.

If you are new to the area, we all want to meet you. Please come and bring your family and friends. It's a great opportunity for neighbours to get together for a relaxing afternoon.

## Neighbourhood Watch – Lead Theft Alert!

There has been a spate of lead thefts in the past few weeks from roofs in Britannia Square. Please be extra vigilant about securing your own property, especially if you are having work carried out. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please report it to the Local Policing Team by calling them on 101. This will assist the Police in plotting and patterning the crime.

For more information about Neighbourhood Watch in our membership area go to: <http://britanniasquare.org/neighbourhoodwatch.aspx>

If you have any feedback, or would like to get involved, then please do get in touch.

BSRA Committee

# BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## House Histories Project Update

We have recently received the following email message from a former resident of Britannia Square, who now lives in Australia:

*"My name is Christopher Chalke and as a teenager, while at King's School, my family lived at No 10. My family was Jack and Iris Chalke (nee Greener) and my sister Jennifer, who at one stage lived at No 15 with her husband and children.*

*I was born in the building in the middle of the square (in August 1944), which had become the junior school of the Alice Otley School when we lived there, and St Oswald's House was the middle school boarding house. The senior boarding house was further away.*

*No 10 had three bedrooms on the top floor, one of which was mine looking out over the square, a master bedroom and lounge on the middle floor - the two large windows looked out over the square and the fireplace was by Adam. There was a mezzanine floor at the back which had the bathroom and a small room, which was my study. The ground floor consisted of a dining room at the front with a bow window and a fireplace, while the room behind that we called the breakfast room, and it was where we spent most time. Behind that was the pantry, kitchen, with an Aga stove, a coal hole and a second lavatory, which was a very cold place to be in winter. The small yard we used as a garage.*

*I was told also that Edward Elgar, when a struggling young musician, taught violin in No 11. The older daughter of the family who lived at No 9 married a painter and sculptor, who I believe made the statue of Elgar that stands opposite the Cathedral.*

*Our family's connection with the Square is quite extensive. My grandparents, Lieut CC Greener (RN) and Mrs Greener lived at No 2, which was believed to have been the original 18th century farmhouse. My great-grandmother, Mrs Fenn, lived at No 1 with her widowed daughter, Nell, whose husband died in the flu epidemic after World War One. Great-granny Fenn, whose family were farmers in the Shelsey Walsh area, lived to the age of 103 - I have the telegrams from the Queen, or it could still have been the King, and the Mayor of Worcester, here in Melbourne.*

*I was often looked after as a toddler by my grandmother at No 2, which I remember had a stable and loft for a horse and buggy. I spent many happy hours there as a child playing in the yard at the back. The garden of No 1 was a lovely walled garden with an apricot tree, although I only recall one apricot appearing on it in the 19 years before I left Worcester to undertake indentures as a journalist on the Hereford Times.*

*All the iron fencing of the houses around the square was removed during the second war to be melted down for manufacturing armaments. I hope this adds to the sum of knowledge about the Square."*

Kind regards Chris Chalke

For more House Histories, please visit: <http://britanniasquare.org/househistoriesproject.aspx>

## Recent Planning Applications -

Feb' 17 RGS Springfield – Replacement Play Equipment - Pending  
Feb' 17 51 Britannia Square – Gate Widening - Pending

## Footpath & Carriageway Update

A page has been added to the 'BSRA Initiatives' area of the website, containing information about the Footway and Carriageway works of last Summer.

<http://britanniasquare.org/footwayandcarriagewayimprovements.aspx>

In addition to the 'Footway and Carriageway Improvements' feature mentioned above, we have also added some handy links to information about parking. A particularly useful one links to details about Worcester City Council's parking dispensations for tradespeople. The page can be found at <http://britanniasquare.org/parking.aspx>

## Cathedral Ward PACT

The local PACT (Partners and Communities Together) brings together residents, councillors and the Police to find possible solutions to issues affecting the lives of those living and working in the area. Issues covered recently have included anti-social behaviour, residents' parking and speeding. BSRA is represented at the quarterly PACT meetings by newly co-opted Committee member, Carol Inman.

Please contact Carol if you would like her to raise an issue on your behalf.

## Website Update – visit

[www.britanniasquare.org](http://www.britanniasquare.org)

Please visit our website for more information, updates, events and much more...



Forthcoming Events	
2016	May 15 Street Festival 2016
Jun 26	Summer Party 2016
Nov 11	Annual General Meeting 2016

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- Andrew Grant
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