

BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2015

From the Chairman

We are having our Annual General Meeting on Friday 13th November 2015.

The meeting will be in the United Reformed Church, Albany Terrace. Drinks (donations by the glass) and free nibbles will be served from 7.00 pm so that we can start the meeting promptly at 7.30 pm. Agenda and reports will be available on our website www.britanniasquare.org from 6th November so please have a look at them in advance and download them for the meeting.

Our bicentenary year is coming to a close. It has been a year of great activity and huge change for our Residents' Association. Foremost in our transformation has been the setting up of our website by Robin Dallaway. This year has also been marked by the successful completion of our Street Sign Restoration Project masterminded by David Greenhill and our on-going House History Project devised by Ian Terry. Our Street Spring Clean on 14th and 15th of June in which so many of our you, especially our younger members, joined so cheerfully and effectively was highly successful and our 1815-2015 Summer Party was the highlight of our Residents' Association's year. Features about all of our recent projects and activities can now be found on our website in the 'Residents' Area' and 'BSRA Initiatives' sections at www.britanniasquare.org

Robin Dallaway will be talking about the new website at our AGM on 13th November and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and contributing ideas for development. This is your Residents' Association. We exist for the benefit and in the interests of everyone in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace. Our AGM allows you to express views, discuss matters of local interest and socialise with your neighbours. If you have recently moved to the area you are especially welcome. If you are not a member you can join when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you.

Finally, I would like to thank your wonderful committee for the expertise and enthusiasm they bring to the BSRA initiatives. I would also like to thank their spouses, partners and families who support us in our activities and the many other members of the BSRA who contribute so generously of their time and skill and make the Residents' Association such a pleasure to be part of.

**Annual General Meeting
on Friday 13th November 2015, from 7.00 for a start at 7.30 pm
at the United Reformed Church, Albany Terrace**

Anna Hooper Chairman

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Lampposts Re-painting Project

Following on from the successful cast iron street sign painting project, we have continued to lobby the Council for their support to get the existing cast-iron street lamps repainted, which hasn't happened for a number of years. We are pleased to report that **Phase One** – Britannia Square is now completed, and we would like to thank Simon Gerahty, Worcester City Council for his support and effort on this matter and we look forward to **Phase Two** – Albany Terrace & Stephenson Terrace hopefully starting soon.

Christmas Carol Singing & Party

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Party at Springfield on **Sunday 20 December**. We will get together at 6 pm to sing carols and share some Christmas food and drink. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

Christmas at the United Reformed Church

The United Reformed Church in Albany Terrace will be holding Christmas Services as follows and invite any residents who would like to join us.

On **Sunday, 20th. December at 10.30am** there will be a Carol Service led by our Singing Group (followed by coffee in the church hall) and a Family Service on **Christmas Morning at 10.30 am**.

For more information, please see the church notice board or contact Nicky Neville-Lee 01905 23569.

Maggs Christmas Boxes – Wrap & Pack Coffee Morning

Following the success of last year with the Christmas Boxes for Maggs and other organisations in Worcester, we are holding a Coffee Morning with a 'Box Wrap' theme on **Saturday, November 21st. from 10.30 am until about 12 noon** in the Hall at the United Reformed Church, Albany Terrace.

This is a joint effort with the church and is much appreciated by all who attend. Please bring shoe boxes, scissors, wrapping paper and sticky tape with you, if possible. We will supply what we can. We will be very happy to receive suitable items for the boxes or cash donations if you wish on the day but we will pack the boxes at a later date.

Contact for more details, either:
Liz Prosser, 32 Albany Terrace 01905 20387
or, Nicky Neville-Lee, 30 Albany Terrace 01905 23569

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Our Neighbourhood Watch team circulates information relevant to our neighbourhood by email. In the past year there have been two alerts: Christmas seasonal advice & car break-ins warning.

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Recent Planning Applications - Details at November AGM

Mar' 15	37 Albany Terrace – Change of Use to Guest House	- Approved
Mar' 15	RGS Springfield – Listed Building Repairs, etc	- Approved
June' 15	21 Britannia Square – Extension & Alterations	- Approved
Sept' 15	41 Britannia Square – Extension & Alterations	- Pending
Oct' 15	14 Albany Terrace – Extension & Alterations	- Pending

Website Update – visit www.britanniasquare.org

The launch of the BSRA website was announced at the Summer Party in June, as part of the bicentenary celebrations. Aiming to be a central resource of information about the Britannia Square area, the website now carries reports on events and initiatives, along with a calendar of forthcoming events. It also features the Britannia Square House Histories project, which contains fascinating pictures and stories about the houses in our area and their previous residents. Many of you have submitted items which have been featured and more are being prepared for publication. It is a wonderful community project; please feel free to send your house history to Ian Terry for inclusion.

Also available is an already growing library of documents. These include BSRA meeting agendas and minutes, along with key Worcester City Council documents regarding the Britannia Square Conservation Area. In addition, it includes links to online forms in order to report pot-holes and street light failures. With your help, our intention is to make www.britanniasquare.org a helpful resource for residents now and in the future.



Paid up Member?

Of the 119 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 53 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:
Ian Terry, 14 Albany Terrace or join us at the AGM on Friday 13th November.

BSRA Committee currently in post

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Forthcoming Campaigns – Road Surfacing

We are hoping to get County & City Councils' support for a future road resurfacing to our area. As you are aware, the existing road surface is in a poor state of repair and is constantly being patched up, and we think that this should have a more permanent solution, especially with winter approaching. Please help us, by reporting potholes and road repairs required quickly to the County Highways. Their online reporting system is quick and easy to use for reporting both street lighting issues and road repair issues.

Forthcoming Events

Annual General Meeting	Friday 13 November	at United Reformed Church
Wine Club	Saturday 14 November	TBC
Shoebox Coffee Morning	Saturday 21 November	at United Reformed Church
Christmas Carols & Party	Sunday 20 December	at RGS Springfield
Street Spring Clean 2016	Sunday & Monday 19-20 June 2016	
Summer Party 2016	Sunday 21 June 2016	at RGS Springfield

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