

Are you a paid up member?

Of the 120 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 49 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 at our AGM on Friday 9th November.

BSRA Committee currently in post

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Forthcoming Events...

AGM	Friday 9 November 2012	at University City Campus
Wine Club	Friday 23 November 2012, at 7.00pm	at United Reformed Church Hall
Christmas Carols	Sunday 16 December 2012	at RGS Springfield
Wine Club	Thursday 28 February 2013	at Spires Restaurant (provisional)
2013 Summer Party	Sunday 2 June 2013	at RGS Springfield

Wine Club meets 2 or 3 times a year, 2013 TBC. Details & reminders to be issued nearer the event.

BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2012

From the Chairman

Welcome to our third newsletter and thank you all on the Committee for doing such a great job.

It seems a long time since our Jubilee Party in June and thank you to all of you who helped make it such a success. Despite the weather, we had all the fun we had planned and almost 200 people came on the day including lots of young families. Neighbours of all ages helped with the preparations and clearing up afterwards and friends from the wider community - our local Police and Community Support Officers, our City Councillors, the United Reformed Church and RGS Springfield - joined us as guests. Thanks to a grant from the City Council and the huge generosity of all of you, the party was completely free with loads of lovely rosettes, medals and prizes. Our tombola and raffle raised £316 for HomeStart Worcester. Photographs of the day, taken by talented photographer Guy Oddy, will be on display at our Annual General Meeting on Friday 9th November.

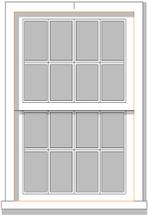
In July we said goodbye to Marion Lloyd, the retiring headmistress at Springfield who has been such a support to our organisation, and in September we extended a warm welcome to Laura Brown who is now happily settled in as the new headmistress. Mrs Brown has generously arranged for us to hold our Christmas carol party at Springfield on 16 December and has also invited us to have another summer party in 2013. This will take place on Sunday 2 June and we will keep our fingers crossed for a sunny day to enjoy the beautiful grounds and have outdoor games and races.

The Wine Club held its popular summer party in August. You have to apply early to be sure of getting a ticket to any Wine Club event!

John Kirwan, Conservation Officer to the City Council, led a Sunday walk round our Conservation Area in October and gave us an informative and entertaining afternoon. John helped us to view our homes in the context of their development and learn details of their history. To show our appreciation to John those attending donated £65 to the Bridge Counselling Service, a local charity of which John is a trustee. John also prepared a leaflet for us which is a summary of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Proposals adopted by the Planning Committee focusing on Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace. It includes a helpful map and illustrations. This can also be viewed on the Council's website and a hard copy may be ordered to purchase from the Customer Service Centre at Orchard House.

Our next opportunity to get together will be at our **AGM on Friday 9th November**. Please note it will be held at the University City Campus, Infirmary Walk, this year.

I look forward to seeing you there. *Anna Hooper* Chairman



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Welcome to New Neighbours

Our aim on the Committee is to visit newcomers to the area with a letter of welcome from the Residents' Association and, as from November, a copy of the Conservation Area leaflet designed for our Residents' Association by John Kirwan, Conservation Officer to the City Council.

Annual General Meeting

We are having our Annual General Meeting on Friday 9th November 2012. The University of Worcester has kindly invited us to hold our meeting at the University City Campus in the Jenny Lind Chapel.

Our speaker for the evening is Judith Keene, Deputy Director of Information and Learning Services at the Hive, who will tell us about the opportunities that new developments at the City Campus and the Hive offer to those of us who live close by.

Drinks (donations by the glass) and free nibbles will be served from 7.00 pm in the Board Room so that we can start the meeting promptly at 7.30 pm. The City Campus is in Infirmary Walk. Come to the main entrance of the Charles Hastings Building. The Board Room and the Jenny Lind Chapel are on the Ground Floor. There is Disability Parking at the City Campus but no regular parking. If you would like a lift to the meeting, please contact Ian Terry.

Please come if you can. We exist for the benefit and in the interests of all the residents in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace. This is an opportunity 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.

Christmas Carols – Musicians and Singers please

We will be holding our Christmas party at Springfield on Sunday 16 December.

We all enjoyed the dazzling array of musical talent of residents at our Jubilee party. If you would like to play an instrument or join in preparing some festive choral music, please contact Anna Hooper.

Recent Planning Applications reviewed

Sept '12	11 Albany Terrace –	Two storey Extension – Approved
June '12	Springfield RGS –	Alterations to Existing Entrance Gates – Approved
April '12	6 York Place –	Door & Window Replacement, Article 4 – Approved
Mar '12	7 Stephenson Terrace –	Garage Replacement – Resubmitted & Approved
Mar '12	Flat 2, 36B Britannia Sq –	Internal Modifications – Approved
Feb '12	49 Britannia Square –	Retrospective Approval for Internal Mods - Approved
Jan '12	49 Britannia Square –	Tree Works to TPOs - Approved

Neighbourhood Watch

Our thanks to Michael Hudson and Nicky Neville-Lee for all they do for Neighbourhood Watch and our community generally.

Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the Police and by fostering a community spirit. It involves Police, Community Safety Departments and, above all, individuals and families who want to come together to make their neighbourhoods safer places to live.

We need everyone to report thefts, break-ins and damage to property to the Police. If you see anything suspicious please telephone the non-emergency line 101. For emergencies it is 999. Neighbourhood Watch can only be effective if we have a crime number.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Liz Prosser has been collecting small gifts from all of us in the Residents' Association to make up Christmas Shoe Boxes for homeless people. The appeal has snowballed year on year and last year she filled over 60 gift boxes to take to St Paul's Hostel and Magg's Day Centre to be distributed in time for Christmas.

On behalf of Liz at 32 Albany Terrace, thank you for your generosity and we hope you can help to fill even more boxes for Christmas 2012. Donations to Liz by Sunday 9 December please.