

## Are you a paid up member?

Of the 119 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 52 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 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## BSRA Committee currently in post

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## Forthcoming Events...

Summer Party 2014	Sunday 8 June 2014	at RGS Springfield
Street Spring Clean	Sunday 15 & Monday 16 June, details TBC	
Annual General Meeting	Friday 14 November	at United Reformed Church
Christmas Carols	Sunday 14 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 2014

## From the Chairman

Everyone is welcome to our Summer Party on Sunday 8 June from 12 noon to 6 pm in the garden at Springfield. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all ages.

We also invite you to **Bring Out Your Deeds!** In anticipation of the bicentenary of the first building plans in Britannia Square at the summer party we are planning in 2015, we intend to make this year's party an opportunity to start a neighbourhood project to document the history of all the homes in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace. Please bring a date and an anecdote about your house. We will have an exhibition of our history at the party and hope to develop it over the course of the coming year.

We will also have a huge bring and share picnic, games and races, a baking competition, a feast of live music and plenty of opportunity to socialise with your neighbours. Newcomers to the area are especially welcome and the party will take place whatever the weather. Thanks to RGS Springfield for letting us use the garden and the school hall too. The party is free and everyone in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace is invited along with any family and friends who may be with you on the day.

Details of participation and help required will be circulated soon, but please get the date in your diary now. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Summer Party on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 12.00pm to 18.00pm at  
RGS Springfield, Britannia Square.**

*Anna Hooper Chairman*

## Street Spring Clean - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Our short-notice street clean last year won us a City Council Pride in Worcester Award. This year the Council will support us again with staff, equipment and vehicles to give the area a good, deep clean. Everyone is invited to join in as much as they can on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

Volunteers of all ages will be needed to remind people to move their cars, weed, litter pick and provide cakes and refreshments for the workers. Details about times, meeting point and parking vehicles will be circulated before the event.

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## Spetchley Park Gardens Visit

Following his talk at our AGM, Mike Hasted would like to arrange a group tour of the gardens at Spetchley for our members. This will be in late summer. Details to follow.

## Sewer Repairs

Severn Trent Water are planning and carrying out, to repair sewers and help prevent burst water pipes, across your city. They've informed us that, as a follow on from recent emergency work in The Tything, there is further emergency work planned for our membership area. The work will begin on 7<sup>th</sup> April and last for approximately three weeks, with the majority of repair work at the junction of Back Walk with Upper Tything.

During the period of road closures, West Mercia Police will increase their surveillance of the One Way Street between Britannia Square and Hebb Street, to deter "rat-runners" travelling the wrong way.

## Polite Reminders...

Refuse Bins - Please can you ensure that your rubbish bins are cleared away, as quickly as possible from the pavements after collection. It can make it more obvious that you may be away on holiday if it's left out too long.

Dog Mess - Please clean up after your dog, as there appears to be a growing problem of dog mess around the square. Thank you.

## Superfast Broadband has Finally Arrived!

"Superfast" Broadband has arrived! After much lobbying by residents and your Committee and with the support of our Councillors, particularly Simon Geraghty, BT has installed the fibre optic broadband cabinets to serve our area.

They are located next to our existing telephone cabinets outside the St. Oswalds Almshouses on The Tything. So, if you pay BT for your broadband you can now order an upgrade to BT Infinity 1 which offers up to 38Mbps or BT Infinity 2 which is nominally 76Mbps - likely to be more than 10x faster than you get right now. Uploading could be up to 20x faster. If you buy your broadband from another supplier, like TalkTalk they should also be able to offer you an upgrade to similar speeds - BT are obligated to make these connections available to their competitors.

Broadband at these much faster rates will let you watch HD TV on BBC iPlayer or the other commercial services without stuttering screens, upload and download large files much more rapidly and use several devices concurrently without slowing each other down.

## Recent Planning Applications reviewed

Nov' 13 3 Stephenson Road - Rear Extension & Alterations - Approved

Oct' 13 52A Britannia Square - Conversion of Garage, etc - Approved

*Details of each application will be available for viewing at the November AGM.*

## Professorial Lecture Series at The Hive

These public lectures from The University of Worcester are open to all, are wide ranging in interest and take place monthly.

The next lecture is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Professor Nick Evans, Professor of Rural Geography and Director of the Centre of Rural Research will give his lecture Policy Persistence and Cultural Resistance: The re-development of horticulture in the Vale of Evesham.

Free tickets and information are available from the Hive, see: [www.thehiveworcester.org/events](http://www.thehiveworcester.org/events)

## Neighbourhood Watch Update

At least two cars were broken into within our area, in early March and during the night-time, mainly on the south side of Britannia Square. Police did arrest two suspects and inquiries are continuing. So please be extra vigilant.

Our new communication system worked as we had planned and we were able to alert all those neighbours who had offered email addresses.

If you would like to receive Neighbourhood Watch information relevant to our membership area, please contact Ian Terry by email. Confidentiality is strictly observed and your email address will only be passed to your neighbour responsible for the group of households that includes yours.

Important Numbers if needed are:

101 - Local Police - Non Emergencies

999 - Emergencies only

<http://www.police.uk/contact/>

<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/>