



## Newsletter April 2016

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### Dear Reader

We wish to invite you to our next meeting of residents at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Park Hill School. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> AGM for the Association. The agenda will include;

- Police Crime Reporting and actions,
- A presentation and advice by Coventry City Council's Affordable Warmth Team on how people can reduce their energy bills and make their homes warmer.
- Update on the Coventry Local Plan.
- Ward Councillor Reports and Questions.
- AGRA Committee Update and election of Secretary and Committee Members.
- Association Plans for the coming year.

### Allesley Green Residents Website

The association now has its own website thanks to the help provided by one of our residents and association member, Sarah Cockrill. We will post key items of news that may affect residents of Allesley Green on the website. In addition, events, local services and contact details are featured. We would welcome feedback from residents on how you would wish to see the site developed in future.

The site can be viewed at <http://www.allesleygreenresidentsassociation.co.uk/>. Remember to bookmark the page and you won't need to type in the address every time you wish to visit the site.

### Energy Bills – Are you paying too much?

We have invited Coventry City Council's Affordable Warmth Team to present to residents how they may reduce their energy bills and also make their homes warmer.

The advice topics to be covered include how to check and switch your energy tariffs, how to check if you may be eligible for grants and support to help with paying for your energy bills, energy saving tips for your home and understanding your bills and meters. You will have the opportunity to ask questions.

### Election of Committee Members

Members are asked to consider if they would wish to consider joining the committee? Since January, Liliias Maddock has operated as interim secretary and Colin Smith as interim committee member. They both wish to continue in these positions if elected.

St Andrew's Vicar, Greg Smith had previously identified of his intention to stand down as a committee member this Easter but delayed his decision whilst we were in a period of transition. We have now agreed

to Greg's request and thank him for his considerable contribution to establishing the Association. We wish to replace him with a volunteer at our next meeting. Could this be you?

## **Coventry City Council Local Plan**

A public meeting was held at St Andrews Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at which the local plan was presented. The meeting was attended by more than 300 residents. Key points raised by attendees included;

- Objection to Green Belt development especially in the Eastern Green area
- Questions and concerns were raised regarding infrastructure delivery and the relationship of new homes to existing residential communities.
- Concerns were also raised about the consultation timeframe and the Councils refusal to extend the period beyond 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Following these meetings the Council received 4 petitions. Of these, some 1095 signatures were submitted objecting to the reclassification of Green Belt Land and the proposed development of the land to provide additional housing, retail and industrial buildings at Eastern Green.

The Council has confirmed that following the 6 weeks consultation period it will conclude its review and will present the plan and responses obtained to The Secretary of State for a period of Public Examination on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

## **Party in the Park**

The third Party in the Park will take place on Monday May 2nd, May Day Bank Holiday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Attractions to include Fairground rides; The Great Allesley Green Bake Off competition; bouncy castles, live music, stalls and donkey rides. For further information, please contact either Tony Simons, Chair of AGRA at [tonysimons31@gmail.com](mailto:tonysimons31@gmail.com) or the Vicar at [gregsmith31760@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gregsmith31760@tiscali.co.uk)

## **The Great Allesley Green Bake-Off ---Bake for the Queen**

Allesley Green is hosting its own Bake off competition. Your challenge is to bake a cake fit for the Queen, whose 90th birthday we will soon be celebrating. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: under 14 best taste; under 14 best presentation; over 14 best taste and over 14 best presentation. Judging will take place at Party in the Park on Monday May 2nd at 1.15 p.m. with international stars from the Wasps Rugby Club being the judges. Cakes must be delivered to the site by 12.30 to be eligible. Cakes will be sold afterwards to cover the cost of the event.

## **Dress for the Queen**

Also, in celebration of the Queen's birthday, at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday 2nd May at Party in the Park, there will be a fancy dress competition. You are invited to dress as a member of the Royal Family past or present, British or foreign. Prizes will be awarded in age categories. Enter on the day by presenting yourself to the stage.

## **Our Mission**

We live in a beautiful part of the city with the lowest crime figures in the area and we want to keep it that way, so let's be good neighbours' by looking out for and talking to each other. Active residents can ensure that we maintain and improve our environment and develop our community spirit.