

## ***September 2020***

### **St Andrew's Church Bulletin ....**

I received an email this week alerting me to the fact that the sender had video evidence of my visits to adult websites, but would destroy them if I were to send them a sum of money. You may be able to work out that since I am sharing this with you that I am not guilty as charged. I therefore deleted the email along with the scores of scam emails I get each week trying to extort money from me. This one, however, gave me more than usual pause for thought. I have never understood how anyone can possibly fall for the widow who needs an honest person to look after half a million \$US dollars which she needs to hide from a corrupt Nigerian government. This one was so plausible by comparison. What percentage of adult men receiving an email about their having visited an adult website would have their confidences pricked? And what percentage would rather pay out a considerable sum than risk even the 1% chance that it might not be a scam? People who make money in this horrible way appal me but they only thrive in the land of the guilty conscience. Let's watch out for the scammers, but let's also keep our consciences clear.

### **APCM**

Many thanks to all those who attended the first ever virtual APCM of St Andrews. Updated written reports of the church's life will be available from Julie upon her return from holiday (14<sup>th</sup> September)

We are pleased to report that Becky Crowe and Nick Tooby were re-elected as churchwardens for another year (well probably only six months till the next APCM). Jill Pinks, Charley Watts and Fran Smith were re-elected to Deanery Synod. The following were elected as PCC members: Jeremy Thomas, Diane Wilson, Hilary Wankling, Richard Marr, Trevor Hill, Clive Murden, Linda Chylinski, Rita Muir and Julia McNaney. Greg, Sue, Lesley and Phil continue as ex officio members by virtue of their roles.

We paid tribute to Dan Smith, Rosemarie Over and Kate Dagger who stood down. Do pray for our new PCC, which meets for the first time on Monday.

## **The Joy of Six**

Church services are not affected by the new rule limiting social gatherings to six. Although we much enjoy the social dimension of church, the primary purpose of coming together remains to worship God.

## **Building our Faith**

We are planning a Wednesday evening group for the Autumn which will be an opportunity to come together to look at the Bible, and to build our faith. There will be a brief talk and then space to discuss the topic for that evening, points raised in the talk and any related questions people have. It will be a place to explore, to learn and to build our faith together.

As we are not yet able to meet in groups, we will use Zoom to connect with each other. The group will start on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September for seven weeks and will cover topics including: Jesus his life and his death, The Bible, and prayer. You may have been involved in a small group before Covid and are missing that connection and space to explore, you may never have attended a small group but feel like you want to join with others at this time, you may want to think about and discuss some of the things listed. The group is open to everyone and we would love you to join us for some or all of the weeks. If you have never used Zoom I encourage you to think about it; we are able to help you to connect if you have the technology and would love you to be part of this group.

If you are interested, have questions, need more information please contact me, Sue Masters, 07958322026. [susanmasters@sky.com](mailto:susanmasters@sky.com)

**Weds Gathering:** Please note that the above group has taken the place of the Weds gathering.

**Please pray**

For Ted Drayton who continues to receive cancer treatment

“To whom else shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.”  
John 6.67

**From the Parish Registers**

**Funerals**

Guy Aspinall

**Weddings**

Laura Nye & Dean Lloyd

**Baptisms**

Oscar Devall

**Save Eastern Green and our Meriden Gap  
from Construction and Destruction! Action  
needed urgently**



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**Coventry Planning office reference: OUT/2018/3225**

If you feel as we do in the Allesley Green Residents Association (AGRA), as a resident of Allesley Green and Eastern Green, that this development is wholly inappropriate ... Then **PLEASE** make your feelings known by emailing Coventry planning office and registering your planning objections and requesting REFUSAL OF this planning application.

Please send your response to: [planning@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:planning@coventry.gov.uk) quoting this reference:

**OUT/2018/3225**

(if you wish to look at the planning documents, here is the link to the Coventry Council website to simply enter the above reference to search the applications:

<http://planning.coventry.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet>

Over the page you will find many of the issues you may wish to use, preferably in your own words, and you can use these points either from the Word document or from the body of the email and change them accordingly to include in your email response. If you are receiving this as a leaflet, then:

- Email [info@allesleygreenresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@allesleygreenresidentsassociation.co.uk) to request the text.
- We need to set an expectation that we may need to keep asking you to object each time an application changes, but we will provide the suggested responses you can make each time
- There may be spin-off applications to object to as Coventry City Council try to exhaust your enthusiasm for objecting. It is important to object against each application and change
- Could we ask you to email us if you have lodged an objection so we can test effectiveness of the campaign
- If you email us at the above address could we please keep in touch with you and provide you with updates and developments or you could join Allesley Green Residents Association (AGRA) which costs just £5 per household per year and they will keep you fully informed
- We may need to provide you with further leaflet updates in the future and we would urge you to respond to them accordingly
- There is a lot of activity at the moment and so for those residents who provide their email contact details, AGRA will keep them updated of any new developments

If you prefer you can send this document as your objection letter.  
Please print, sign, and send to:

Coventry Planning Department: *Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR*

**PRINT NAME:**

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**SIGN:** ..... **Date:**

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These are some of the points you may wish to include in your response:

- **Traffic:** As residents of Eastern Green and Allesley Green we know from experience that the local roads are already at or close to full capacity including Upper Eastern Green Lane, Pickford Green Lane, Hockley Lane, Parkhill Drive, Broad Lane etc. and that the 2 main routes with the City Centre, Holyhead Road and

Allesley Old Road are not capable to handle even existing traffic levels. Likewise, each of the A45 junctions create traffic congestion, and not only during the rush hours. Unfortunately, the Developers are claiming our road network does have capacity to take the additional traffic that this huge development will create, and the Council agree! The residents of Eastern Green and Allesley Green know that the traffic impact will be immense, and the planning application should be refused.

- **COVID-19 Local Plan implications:** The Economy in Coventry and Warwickshire will not return to pre-pandemic levels until at least 2023 according to the Coventry Chamber of Commerce, Therefore, the economic assumptions for jobs and economic growth that underpin the Local Plan that was approved in 2017 are no longer valid. The Council have said that they are not required to review the Local Plan until at least March 2021, but we urge this is both necessary and cannot be delayed.
- **The NHS Planning Objections:** The NHS and UHCW have objected to planning applications for Eastern Green by saying that capacity does not exist to be able to treat the additional patients that would flow from large population expansion. The NHS reports there will be a backlog of 8 million operations in the country following the pandemic. Infrastructure planning for the NHS is needed before any more major planning applications are considered.
- **Local Health Facilities:** Local GP surgeries are already bursting. No one has consulted the ambulance service or the mental health service regarding the growth in patient numbers. The pandemic shows us that having overloaded services, without spare capacity, is reckless and dangerous. The local health facilities cannot cope, and a fundamental review of the Coventry Local Plan is required.
- **Climate Emergency:** The climate emergency that has been recognised since 2017 means that the housing proposals outlined are no longer fit for purpose and would exacerbate the problems. During the COVID lockdown the vital role that Green spaces and Trees have played in our physical and mental wellbeing has been immense. These Green spaces must be maintained and expanded, and the Council should be planning for many more cycle ways and walkways, not more cars and

more roads through unnecessary development. This area of farmland should be reinstated as greenbelt land.

- **Climate Change:** This proposal is in the wrong location, on the periphery of Coventry, for climate change. Research shows that suburban developments have 2 to 4 times the carbon footprint/person as more central sites. According to the most recent published Brownfield Land Register published in 2017 there are alternative sites sufficient for more than 8000 homes on brownfield land and there is no need to build in Eastern Green.
- **Demography:** Building on former greenbelt is not necessary. The Council's huge housebuilding proposals rely entirely on the Office of National Statistics forecast in 2011 that population growth of Coventry would be three times that of the West Midlands region. However, since 2011, there has been no sign of a spike confirmed by a wide range of indicators, and the Council must stop using out of date data to determine the numbers of dwellings to build? It is a case of bad data leading to bad decisions by the Council.
- **Cycling/Sustainability:** The development does not present a comprehensive master plan as required in the adopted Coventry local plan and national planning policy in respect of sustainability. There are paltry provisions for cycling – there is no acceptable cycle route from the development to the centre of town, the universities, hospitals, or JLR.
- **Air Quality:** These major developments will have a highly adverse effect on air pollution. Already Coventry is one of the 30 worst cities in the country for air quality and Holyhead Road is the most polluted road in Coventry. No air quality monitoring has been carried out on currently congested junctions along Holyhead Road and Allesley Old Road for instance.
- **Infrastructure:** there is no assurance that schools and GP surgeries will be built in time, if ever. At Banner Lane, 10 years ago, a surgery and a primary school were promised but they are still not built.
- **Additional Grounds of Objection:** There will be other reasons why you oppose the development proposals and please include these in your objection to the Council.

**Eastern Green History Group  
Memories, Sheila Beck (nee Tracey) from 2009**

“Though I now live in Eastern Green and have lived here for 37 years, I was brought up in Oldfield Road, Chapelfields, so most of these Eastern Green memories are my mother's. She was born Hilda May Kimberley [known to her family as Bobbie] in 1914 in Walsall. Later she and her parents and her two older sisters and brother lived in Moseley, Birmingham.

When she was about 10, she and her family came to live in Harvest Hill, which was part of the parish of Allesley, as also was Eastern Green, so I understand. She went to Allesley village school and attended both Allesley and Eastern Green churches, singing in the choirs. Both churches would have been a long walk across fields, especially on dark winter evenings. The vicar at Eastern Green church at one time was Reverend Despard, know irreverently by the children as Daddy Despard!

Bobbie's father Charlie Kimberley, was a blacksmith, possibly working at a forge on the Packington estate and also at the reservoir in Meriden, also shoeing local farmer' horses. I think Kimberley Close is named after one of Charlie's relatives. Charlie's wife, Bobbie's mother, was Emma who was a tailoress.

My mother remembered the families of the local farmers, Faulconbridge and the Neales. When I was a little girl living in Oldfield Road in the 1950s, one of the Neales [Walter, I think] used to deliver milk, sadly not with a horse and cart, though I think other milkmen still used this method. We used to visit an elderly lady called Daisy Russell in an old cottage at the far end of Upper Eastern Green Lane. She was the mother of a school-friend of my mother's called Gwen Russell who had died young. I can also remember visiting another friend of my mother's from her Harvest Hill days who lived in Dial House Farm and had an organ, like a proper church organ in the front room.

Hilda (Bobbie) and her family left Harvest Hill when she was about 15 or 16 to live nearer the city in Allesley Old Road. She married her first husband, Norman Stringer, in 1933 but sadly

he was killed in an air-raid shelter in Oldfield Road in the blitz of April 1941 and she was badly injured. However she remarried in 1944 to Thomas Tracey and I was born in 1947. She continued living in the house she had first owned with her first husband in Oldfield Road until 2002 when she moved to a Care home in Burton Green. She died in 2006.”

***For more information regarding Eastern Green History Group please contact Jenny on 02476 403372***